

# Springfield Reporter

## President's Corner

Springfielders, things are beginning to percolate in our area. A new Panda Express has opened in the Springfield Plaza. Close by, three new restaurants are slated to start operations near the site of the former "Al's Place." Also, construction is beginning in earnest at the Backlick Shopping Center across from Brookfield Plaza; Chik fil-A is a possible tenant.

On a bike ride around the neighborhood I saw that 7302 Grace Street is fitting out, now with windows and doors, with work ongoing inside the house. The property was recently sold. We'll provide what details we can learn at the November 15th meeting. Hope to see you there.

### Nov. 15 Meeting

- Main topic is Springfield Development with special guest Mr. Scott Sizer; Revitalization Program Manager; Office of Community Revitalization & Reinvestment.
- Briefing about the Nov. 4th Code Compliance meeting with Rachael Perrott to coordinate and maximize our mutual efforts.

### Prizes and Raffles

- From now on, door prizes will be open to SCA members only.
- Conceptually, the SCA Board is considering a raffle for items that are valued at \$100 or higher, such as hotel weekend packages, etc. If you are interested in being a part of this fundraising effort, or have ideas for other fundraisers, please contact the SCA Board at [springfieldcivic@yahoo.com](mailto:springfieldcivic@yahoo.com).
  - Ticket prices would be modest.

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- Proceeds would go to the SCA treasury.
- Raffle winners would not need to be present to win.

Volunteer for SCA committees or let the SCA know your volunteer passion and tap our deep pool of skills, talent, and experience. Please contact Bonnie Pritchard via [springfieldcivic@yahoo.com](mailto:springfieldcivic@yahoo.com).

My best regards,

Bruce Waggoner  
President, Springfield Civic Association



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# Springfield Civic Association

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## Neighborhood Watch

Interested in joining the Neighborhood Watch? One hour a month is all it takes to be part of the solution. Contact the Crime Prevention Officer at 703-922-8263 or SCA at [springfieldcivic@yahoo.com](mailto:springfieldcivic@yahoo.com).

Anyone with information on crimes described below is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

## Trash Dumped at Monticello and Julian



In October, an alert neighbor found 4 bursting trash bags full of kitchen garbage on the side yard of a neighbor's house. Bravely probing the contents, he located an address amid all the contents. The policeman said this is not an uncommon occurrence. He did promise to drop by the address, Southampton Drive (near Rolling and Braddock Roads) and see what he might turn up (e.g., folks leaving). The neighbors kept the trash.

## Happy Ending in Kidnapping/Car Theft

A kidnapping and car theft incident took place in the 7500 block of Murillo Street on Sunday, October 23 around 4 pm.

A 2006 Honda Pilot left with its engine running and a sleeping two-year-old boy in the back seat, was stolen while his mother briefly stepped inside a home. As she returned to the car, she saw it being driven down the street. Neighbors and police found the car and the unharmed child abandoned nearby at the intersection of Backlick Road and Leesville Boulevard within minutes of the report.

The suspect is described as a white male wearing a dark hooded sweatshirt.

## Bank Robbery in Springfield

Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred Tuesday, Sept. 27. Around 12:05 pm a man entered the Suntrust Bank located at 7205 Commerce Street. The suspect passed a note to the teller demanding money, however the suspect fled without receiving any cash. There were no injuries.

The suspect is described as black, in his 40s, around 6 feet tall and wearing black clothing.

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## UPDATE: Arrest made in Abduction/Assault

In the last issue of the *Springfield Reporter*, we reported that a 5-year-old girl was abducted from her home in the 7000 block of Brocton Court and assaulted on Aug. 27.

A 16-year-old Springfield area male has been arrested in this case and charged with burglary with intent to commit a felony, abduction with the intent to defile, aggravated malicious wounding and object sexual penetration. The 16-year-old is being held on a detention order at the Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center.

The 16-year-old had been previously arrested on Aug. 31 for a burglary committed on Aug. 24 in the 5800 block of Accomac Street.

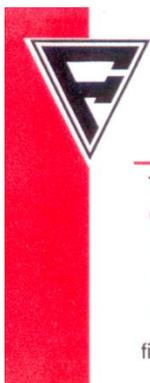
## Commuter Lot Thefts

On Thursday, Sept. 22 between the hours of 7 am and 5 pm several vehicles had their catalytic converters removed. All the vehicles were parked at the commuter lot in the 7000 block of Old Keene Mill Road. This commuter lot is co-located with Bob's Slug-line. There were no injuries and no suspect information.

## Police Launch Online Financial Crime Reporting

Phony checks, embezzlement, skimmed credit cards and identity theft are among the fastest growing and most prevalent crimes in Fairfax County. Since 2009, detectives have investigated over 2,500 cases of ID theft alone. To help streamline these complex financial investigations, detectives and technical staff worked together to create a new Financial Crime Online Reporting

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FiCOR went “live” in Sept. and police have received more than 300 reports from residents who’ve been victimized. Lieutenant Bob Blakley, former Financial Crimes Unit supervisor who helped establish the program, isn’t surprised. “This new system increases the efficiency of our financial crime investigations. Victims are already understandably upset and angry when they’ve lost money; they don’t know where to turn; we think this new system will help.” Previously, residents called police and messages were left on a phone line, but due to staffing, holidays and weekends, victims may have perceived delays in response. The new system is much closer to real-time response.

“Our strategic plan calls us to enhance our services and use manpower more effectively and the FiCOR system does this,” Blakley adds.

The system is one-of-a-kind. When detectives researched various online reporting systems, they didn’t find what they wanted, so they built it from scratch. Seasoned detectives and officers, who have investigated these sorts of cases for many years, helped build the educational component of the site. Officers found many people aren’t aware of what constitutes a crime, when police should investigate and what constitutes a civil matter rather than a law enforcement issue. Residents can learn about common fraud scams, construction fraud, credit card/check theft and fraud, and vital prevention steps. The new web feature clarifies these issues for the public; it’s a one-stop shopping area for vital information concerning all aspects of financial crimes.

The FiCOR section can be reached by visiting the Fairfax County home page, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police) and clicking on financial crimes reporting.



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## Community Calendar

How can you get involved in your community? There's something on the calendar for everyone. All events are open to the public unless noted otherwise.

Mon., Nov. 14, 7 pm - **Lee District Land Use Committee**, Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Rd.

Tues., Nov. 15, 7 pm - **SCA Meeting** at Crestwood Elementary, 6010 Hanover Ave.

Weds., Nov. 16, 7:30 pm - **Citizen's Advisory Committee**, Franconia District Police Station, 6121 Franconia Rd.

Sun., Nov. 20, 10 am-3 pm - **Electric Sunday**. Bring your electronics for recycling to the I-66 Complex, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA.

Dec. 1-4 - **Huge December Book Sale**, Friends of Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St. Where can \$5 get you an arm full of books and solve your winter and holiday woes? Your favorite books, many in pristine condition, plus media offerings galore are waiting for you. Your purchases will help fund valuable library children's programs.

- Thurs., Dec. 1, 1-3 pm Members Only, 3-9 pm General Public
- Fri., Dec. 2, 10 am-6 pm General Public
- Sat., Dec. 3, 10 am-5 pm General Public
- Sun., Dec. 4, 12-3 pm - BAG SALE!!

Mon., Dec. 5, 7 pm - **Lee District Land Use Committee**, Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Rd.

Weds., Dec. 7, 6:30 pm - **56th Annual Holiday Banquet**, Lee District Association of Civic Organizations, Springfield Hilton. Featuring speakers on the Civil War History of Lee District. \$51 per person. Contact 703-780-6245 or [vickimcleod@live.com](mailto:vickimcleod@live.com) by Nov. 30.

Tues, Dec. 20, 2-7 pm - **Blood drive** at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave. Contact Joe Finch at 703-569-1552 or [seppl1552@aol.com](mailto:seppl1552@aol.com).

Tues., Dec. 20, 7 pm - **SCA Board Meeting**, Lake Accotink Park office.

Weds., Dec. 28, 2:30 pm - **The Magic of a Book with Magician Mike Rose**. Magician Mike Rose will amaze and entertain the audience as he shares magic tricks from a 100-year-old book given to him by his grandfather. Tickets distributed 30 minutes prior to start of program.

Tues., Jan. 17, 7 pm - **SCA Meeting** at Crestwood Elementary, 6010 Hanover Ave.



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## Streetlight Outages

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As it gets dark earlier, streetlights become even more important. Streetlights in Fairfax County are maintained by either Dominion Virginia Power or Northern Virginia Electric Cooperative (NOVEC). The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) operates the streetlights along interstates and at major interchanges.

- Dominion Virginia Power, call 1-888-667-3000, TTY 711. Select option 1.
- NOVEC, report the outage online or call 1-888-335-0500, TTY 711.
- To report a streetlight outage at major interchanges or a traffic light problem, call VDOT at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (1-800-367-7623), TTY 711.

When reporting an outage, you will need to have the location of the pole and the pole number. To assist you in locating the number, a map of streetlights is available at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/streetlights/light\\_out.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/construction/streetlights/light_out.htm).

## Supervisor McKay on Deer

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Sometimes I think we might as well post signs declaring Lee District a deer salad bar.

Deer are beautiful creatures in the right setting and in sustainable numbers. Unfortunately, we have herds that far surpass the ability of the environment to feed and shelter them. Deer browsing their way through newly planted landscaping are an annoyance and an expense. Deer as a hazard to humans, habitat, and other species are in another category entirely.

In 2009, Virginia ranked 5th in the nation for deer-vehicle collisions with estimates that 1 in every 138 residents would be involved in a deer-vehicle

collision. Only a year earlier, Virginia ranked 8th in the nation for such collisions.

There are health concerns associated with a high deer population. These include tick-borne pathogens such as Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever with deer serving as hosts to these ticks. Additionally, deer in Virginia have tested positive for serious wildlife diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease and Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease.

Walk through any of our parks and you'll see that there is little or no remaining vegetation from the ground up to five feet. Both native plants and the wildlife that depend on those plants have been harmed by this damage to habitat.

Fairfax County has a deer management program and the Park Authority works in cooperation with the County's wildlife biologist to implement it. The most effective, safe, and sustainable deer population controls currently permitted by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries are archery, managed hunts, and sharpshooting.

This year's archery program in Huntley Meadows Park runs from Sept. 24 through Feb. 11, 2012. During this time, a qualified archery group will work from elevated tree stands located at least 100 feet from park property lines and 50 feet from established park trails. (Parks will be open during these times.)

Qualified archery groups consist of experienced hunters who have demonstrated superior marksmanship. Archery groups are closely monitored by the County's wildlife biologist office, part of Animal Control in the police department.

You can find more information about County wildlife management programs at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/management/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/management/).

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## SCA Needs You

We're highlighting just a few of the ways you could help the Springfield Civic Association. Please contact SCA at [springfieldcivic@yahoo.com](mailto:springfieldcivic@yahoo.com) if you are interested in these opportunities or have ideas of your own!

1. Recruit neighbors to become SCA members. Time: 5 minutes.
2. Take photos of neighborhood events for the newsletter. Time: 1 hour every 2 months.
3. Put out signs for SCA meetings. Time: 1 hour every 2 months.
4. Work with the existing Transportation Committee. Time: 1 hour every month.
5. Post updates to the SCA website and Facebook page. Time: 1 hour every two weeks.

## Personalized Computer Tutoring

Get one-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Call the library at 703-451-8055 to schedule an appointment.

### Share This Form with a Neighbor! - Join SCA

Annual dues of \$15 cover all adults in a household. Membership is open to all residents and non-resident property owners in the boundaries. Mail this form with your check to PO Box 842, Springfield, VA 22150 or bring it with you to the Nov. 15th meeting. Please print clearly.

Join SCA  Renew my membership  Add or change contact information

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## SCA Meeting: Springfield Development

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Tuesday, Nov. 15, 7:00 pm, Crestwood  
Elementary School, 6010 Hanover Avenue

The social begins at 7 pm with the business  
portion kicking-off promptly at 7:30. The main  
topic of the evening is Springfield Development.  
Special guest Scott Sizer is with the Fairfax County  
Office of Community Revitalization &  
Reinvestment. Topics will include:

- Current and potential redevelopment opportunities, both smaller scale (the new hotels, Noodles, etc.) and larger/longer term (Springfield Mall, Liberty View office park).
- New plans approved for the central business district and Springfield Gardens.
- The County's long-term growth strategy, Transit Oriented Development in areas such as Tysons and Springfield.

The drawing for door prizes, including gas cards from Backlick/Bland Sunoco, is promptly at 9 pm. Pay your dues to be a member-in-good-standing for the drawing!

## Queridos miembros de la comunidad hispana:

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De la Asociación Civica de Springfield quisieramos invitarles a una reunión el día 15 de Noviembre que tendra como objetivo el de ilegar a conocernos mayor y será una oportunidad en la que podamos escuchar sus opiniones. Esta reunión será en la escuela elementaria de Crestwood a las 7:00 de la tarde. Esperamos contar con su valiosa presencia.

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