

**Minutes**  
**Springfield Civic Association Meeting**  
**January 17, 2012**  
**Crestwood Elementary School**

**OPENING.** President Bruce Waggoner opened the meeting at 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Scoutmaster Joe Silver.

**Executive Committee Members Present (Board of Directors, Committee Chairs and Two Immediate Past Presidents):**

President Bruce Waggoner	Treasurer Rich Duffy
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President Michele Duell	Director at Large Gail Nittle
2d Vice President Merry Macke	Director at Large Bonnie Pritchard
Secretary Alice Merrill	Hospitality Chair Sandy Frieswyk

**ATTENDANCE.** Treasurer's count: 50

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

By President Bruce Waggoner:

- **CAC meeting:** Tomorrow night at Richard Byrd Library, presentation at 6:30, Q&A with police command and staff at 7:30.
- **Lee District Supervisor's Open House:** Franconia Government Center on Saturday, Jan 21<sup>st</sup> from 1-3 PM.
- **Land Use News:**
  - **Springfield Mall:** SCA Past President Tawny Hammond was told that the carnival for Springfield Days in June may not be located at the mall since it will be under construction.
  - **Former Chi-Chi's site:** A crane is working the site for construction of a Hilton Homewood Suites hotel.
  - **Former Hunter Motel site:** Motel has been razed; construction of a Hilton Embassy Suites hotel to follow.
  - **Springfield Metro Station:** WMATA is working with the county to add a police substation there in the next couple years.
- **Park News:**
  - **Brookfield Park:** Work will begin this winter or spring to repair the pond's dam and spillway.
  - **Lake Accotink Park:**
    - The county is planning to improve the road and possibly the spillway.
    - Because of staff cuts due to budget constraints, the county is planning to leave the park's gate open 24/7 for eight weeks from Jan 23 – mid-March. SCA has opposed this plan by emailed letter to County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Bulova and to Supervisors McKay, Herrity and Cook whose districts adjoin the park. **Bruce asked members to contact officials** at the following addresses to strengthen SCA's opposition to this plan that invites unsavory and illegal activity in the park.
- [Jeff.Mckay@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Jeff.Mckay@fairfaxcounty.gov) (Lee District Supervisor)
- [Sharon.Bulova@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Sharon.Bulova@fairfaxcounty.gov) or [sharonbulova@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbulova@gmail.com) (Board Chairwoman)
- [Jimhickey12@gmail.com](mailto:Jimhickey12@gmail.com) (President, Friends of Lake Accotink Park)
- [ER\\_Batten@verizon.net](mailto:ER_Batten@verizon.net) (Appointed to Lee District Park Authority Board by Supervisor McKay)

By member Joe Silver: Springfield's Cub Scout Pack 691's Pinewood Derby will be held January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to noon at Grace Presbyterian Church. He invited all to bring neighbors, families and friends to cheer the 6 -10 year old boys on as they race their creations. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. All donations go to Pack 691 for camping needs this Spring.

By Joe Milligan, President of the Springfield Swimming and Racquet Club: There are 130 days left till the club's opening for the season in May. He'd appreciate our efforts in the community to increase club membership.

By a member: All are invited to "Broadway Desserts", a musical revue by the Lee HS choir department, presented this Saturday evening. Adult tickets at \$8 each include a pre-show dessert.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Rich Duffy gave the report, copy at Encl 1.

**GUEST VENDOR:** Bruce Waggoner invited **Carla Bury, an independent business owner with GO Foods Global**, to come forward from her business promotion table to tell us about her business that dovetails nicely with tonight's topic. Ms. Bury related that:

- It's a Utah-based company that, in partnership with US farmers certified as following good practices, produces food for meals that can be prepared quickly, is easily packed for camping, and is economical. With a shelf life of 25 years (best within 15 yr, 3 yr for baked goods), they can be kept long-term for emergencies. Products include entrées, soups, breakfast items, baked goods and beverages. Some products are kosher certified, low sodium or gluten free. Though the packages may resemble military MREs, the meals do not. She serves them to her family when pinched for time and offered us packages to take home to sample the quality.

- Visit her website [www.911meals.com](http://www.911meals.com) to purchase selections or to order a free sample package for just the \$9.95 shipping/handling cost.
- For questions, or to schedule a tasting demonstration, or if interested in earning extra income by becoming one of the company's independent business owners, she welcomes email at [Carla@911meals.com](mailto:Carla@911meals.com) and calls at 703-307-8229.

**NEW BUSINESS.** Bruce Waggoner introduced David McKernan, Director of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management since Oct. 2009. Prior to that, he served 30+ years in the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, retiring as the department's Deputy Chief of Operations and the Code Enforcement Strike Teams' Chief of Operations. In Mr. McKernan's briefing and responses to members' questions, he provided the information that follows.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) title is a bit of a misnomer since his office doesn't "manage" emergency incidents, it supports those who do. For example, one of his office's missions is to manage the Emergency Operations Center that coordinates across federal, state and local government and other agencies to tap whatever resources are needed (police, fire and rescue, transportation, Red Cross, etc.) to get the right people with the right tools to the right place at the right time in response to emergency conditions. Such conditions might be caused by weather, traffic, natural disasters, terrorism, or some other catastrophe.

The DC area has lots of resources to draw upon, so covering what's needed is not a problem, e.g., he can call up services from Loudon County and direct them wherever needed. But right here in Fairfax County, there are only 350 firefighters on duty daily to serve more than 1,000,000 people which means that YOU need to be prepared.

For example, in a terrorist attack involving an improvised nuclear device (IND) bomb blast, it's very important that you do the right things in order to reduce fatalities. The right things are:

- Immediately seek shelter. If you don't, you may be exposed to radiation. The shelter should protect you from most of the harmful radioactive rays.
  - When inside, go to the innermost part of the building, e.g., the center stairs, to put mass between you and the outside.
  - Check for information on the radio, Fairfax County Government's cable TV channel 16, and social media if they're working.
- Be sure to have a functional alternate source of power available to receive information, e.g., a battery-powered radio, since electricity may be cut off. He showed us another source of alternate power, a battery-operated flashlight, and demonstrated how it can be recharged by hand-cranking it. He invited members to take one home after the meeting.

In any emergency, communication is critical, so the county's OEM and Office of Public Affairs have joined forces to distribute information on emergency events as well as on everyday operations. You can register on the Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean) to have notifications on the kinds of events you choose to be notified about delivered to any of your devices that you designate. Be judicious about your choices or you could be inundated with notifications. Someone who can't evacuate by him/herself due to a medical or other reason can register (or be registered by another) as needing help. When an area needs to be evacuated, OEM checks the area register and sends firefighters to help those so listed.

In most cases, people will be notified to shelter in place. Sometimes a certain area may be evacuated while others outside the immediate threat area shelter in place. To be prepared to shelter in place, it's important to keep at least a three-day supply of food, water, medical supplies and other necessities both at home and at work. The three-day period is based on FEMA's ability to be at the site of a catastrophe within three days, whereas local resources may be unable to get to your particular area within that time.

The public schools are prepared to protect your kids from events occurring during school hours. During after school/after work hours, those with family members who might be located in different places when a disaster occurs should make sure their kids understand what to do under varying circumstances, e.g., where your alternate meeting spot is and how you'll communicate (by text or landline, by everyone calling a designated party in another state, etc). Planning suggestions are on the [www.fairfaxcounty/oem](http://www.fairfaxcounty/oem) website and in copies of a pamphlet he offered for our takeaway. Be sure to keep cash and change with you at home, at work, in the car. In an emergency, the ability to make change may be impossible so, if you're without it, a necessary small purchase could cost you your \$50 bill.

It's also important that you cooperate with the Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) if one is deployed to your area. These volunteers first take care of their own families during major disasters, then go out to help others by organizing neighborhoods and addressing their needs when professional responders are not immediately available. While people without the benefit of CERT training will offer to help others, trained CERT volunteers will help them do it more effectively and efficiently.

His office has a staff of 15 to oversee and activate the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). It's equipped to receive and transmit Homeland Security and emergency information to state, regional and federal partners. Its EOC has 100 seats with computers to be filled by experts to cover all manner of needs under emergency conditions. The 911 Center, State Police and VDOT staff are all co-located with the EOC. This is a state of the art operation with amazing means of communication.

It's the primary EOC for this entire region and he's very proud of it. Officials from all over come to see it. The requests he gets to deploy Fairfax County's emergency operations resources to sites of major disasters around the country and the world proves that it's one of the pre-eminent emergency response operations in the world. He invited SCA to come out to see it and take the tour.

To get the word out to the public, everything he covered tonight and more is available in greater detail on his office's website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem). In addition, people from his office are available to brief community groups as he's doing tonight. And despite OEM's budget cut of 25%, it has the support of the Board of Supervisors, and there's a media campaign about to start.

#### **CLOSING.**

Bruce Waggoner thanked Mr. McKernan for his excellent briefing, his takeaway gifts, and his invitation to tour the EOC, saying he'll be in touch to arrange that, and he thanked members for coming out to hear Mr. McKernan and for the good questions they asked.

Mr. McKernan agreed to draw the names of tonight's door prize winners to close out the meeting. The September meeting's winner of a complimentary weekend stay at the Marriott TownePlace Suites hotel returned it for re-award, and the winning name drawn was Alice M. The remaining six door prizes and winners were:

Two tickets to a Choralis concert in May - winner Sue S.

Two \$34.95 gift certificates from Virginia Tire and Auto – winners Merry M. and Bonnie P.

Two \$20 gift certificates from Metro Run & Walk – winners Michele D. and Kim S.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Bruce Waggoner adjourned the meeting at 9:00PM. Next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2012.

Respectfully,

/s/

Alice Merrill  
Secretary

Encl:

Treasurer's Report

Springfield Civic Association

Treasurer Report

11/16/2011 through 01/17/2012

<b>Starting Balance</b>		<b>\$5,435.83</b>
INCOME		
SCA Member Dues	435.00	
Donations	5.00	
Business Income	98.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>538.00</b>
EXPENSES		
Hospitality	25.79	
Gift – Community Development	100.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>125.79</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$5,848.04</b>

Dues Paying Members – 122 Households, 55 new households, 67 renewals