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West Springfield Village News . . .

From the President - John Cooley - Thank goodness spring has arrived. We had quite the winter with two extraordinarily large snow storms and record-setting snow amounts. It brought out the best in us as neighbors and may have shown the worst of Virginia's ability to plow our residential streets or at least to get it done in a timely manner. It could have been worse, but it did illustrate the need for us to plan to do more for ourselves.

A lot of folks with four-wheel- or all-wheel drive vehicles drove to help their neighbors get groceries, get to work, visit doctors and even get to hospitals. We had some stay on the job serving as hospital nurses, police and firemen and other critical service positions. Below, you'll see those who were acknowledged for their willingness to help others. It's a long list and certainly doesn't include all, but there are enough to make me happy to live in West Springfield Village.

At least once each week, we send out an e-mail with current news, announcements, items for sale, lost pets and articles we believe may interest you. Please get your input to me no later than Wednesday evening each week so we have a chance to get the news out on Thursdays.

If you are not receiving that email, let me (john.t.cooley@verizon.net) know so I can verify that we have your e-mail address. Too often, our e-news messages end up in your suspected spam folders. Check that folder and if you find West

Springfield Village News there, you'll need to "whitelist" my e-mail address. I blind carbon copy (BCC) all who provided their e-mail addresses to me to protect the confidentiality of that list, but that may also contribute to the e-news being tagged as spam.

If you have ideas to improve our Village, let me or anyone on the Board of Directors or the Executive Council know and we'll consider it. These folks are listed in your community directory.

Your Board voted to allow Printing Ideas to sell ad space in the Village Crier to help offset the cost of printing. If you want to advertise your business or the one you work for in future Criers, contact Steve at Printing Ideas (steve@printingideas.com or 703-591-1708).

Upcoming Activities:

- CPR Class - late April/May, look for specifics in the e-news
- General Membership Meeting - May 20, 7:30 until no later than 9 p.m. in the POD at Rolling Valley Elementary School (RVES)
- Community Yard Sale - May 22, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.; rain date is June 5
- Village Clean-Up - June 19 from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at RVES parking lot
- 4th of July Parade, Pool Party and Barbeque

May General Membership Meeting - May 20, 7:30 until no later than 9:00 p.m. in Rolling Valley

Elementary School. Signs will be posted in the school to guide you to the assigned room. We only have two scheduled meetings during the year. Each October, you'll be asked to vote to approve the proposed budget for the next fiscal year; vote to ratify this year's audit report; and vote to elect the next Board of Directors. During the May meetings, we ask the membership to vote to determine the amount of dues for the next membership year. We recommend the dollar amount based upon projected membership numbers and the cost of our operations. Come join us at these meetings and cast your vote to help guide the direction of our Civic Association.

This May meeting, we'll also have a presentation from Evan Braff, the Division Supervisor for Senior Services within the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services about the Burke/Springfield Senior Center Without Walls (BSSCWoW), a public-private partnership that supports activities for older adults in our community. Look for updates in the weekly e-news, but the following activities are open to Fairfax County residents, particularly those in the Burke/Springfield/Fairfax Station area, age 55 and over: Coffee Companions and Connections, Yoga, Tai Chi Exploration, Line Dancing (all levels) and a

Running/Walking Club. Registration is first-come, first-served. To learn more about any of the 2010 Spring Class Offerings or to obtain a registration for a specific class, contact 703-324-5544 or click on the following links:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/senior_ctr/cfw.htm or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/senior_ctr/spring2010info.htm.

Community Yard Sale - May 22, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., with a rain date of June 5. Your Civic Association will place ads in the Washington Post and in the Fairfax Times. We have found that we can get good attendance on the primary and again on the rain date with one set of ads. Your Association will also put out signs along Rolling Road and on some side streets plus prepare a list of participants attached to a Village map to be provided participants to distribute to their customers. If you want to participate, submit your intent to john.t.cooley@verizon.net with a general list of items you want to sell. You should also plan to make and post a sign at the last turn to your home. We are looking for someone to run these yard sales.

It isn't difficult and will take about two, maybe three hours of your time. If interested, call or e-mail John Cooley (703-451-7055).

We also discovered that we can get rid of a lot of useful items we no longer want by putting them curbside during the yard sale, but those items need to be clearly marked "Free" and separated to prevent confusion. Look to the e-news for updated information about the Yard Sale and "Free-for-All."

Village Clean-Up - June 19 from 8 - 11:30 a.m. at Rolling Valley Elementary School parking lot. This may be the last one until our economy rights itself, but this will be a great opportunity to get rid of items your trash service will not pick up curbside. Old appliances, sheds, lawnmowers, bicycles, tires and furniture are welcome, but hazardous material, tree trunks/roots, mortar, stone and masonry items are not. Household trash and anything that can be picked up curbside by your trash company will be turned away. Under our Association's agreement with AAA Trash & Recycling, large, non-metal items will be collected curbside at no extra charge to residents following your coordination call to AAA (703-818-8222).

The clean-up is limited to Civic Association members, but application forms will be on site for those who still need to join. More specific instructions will be included in the e-news as we get closer to June 19.

Independence Day Parade, Pool Party and Backyard Barbeque - July 4 and open to all Village residents. Our Civic Association co-hosts this event with the Village West Pool. The festivities kick off at 1 p.m. with a patriotic parade from Rolling Valley Elementary School and then the pool is open and the grill chefs commence cooking. Food is sold to help raise money for pool operations, but we have found that you can feed a family of four for less than \$20. Look for specifics in e-news as we get closer to the event.

Community Parking District - The County Board of Supervisors voted on Feb. 23 to make the Springfield Magisterial District a Community Parking District (CPD). Mount Vernon District already is a CPD and it seems as though all of the districts will follow suit. The effective date per county code was March 25; police will issue

warnings until April 25. At that time, they will start ticketing the following if found parked curbside:

- ❖ Boat Trailers
- ❖ Watercraft
- ❖ Motor Homes
- ❖ Camping Trailers
- ❖ Trailers or Semi-trailers, even if attached to a vehicle
- ❖ Vehicles with three or more axles
- ❖ Vehicles with a gross vehicle weighted rating of 12,000 lbs. or more

Vehicles temporarily parked for up to 48 hours for the purpose of loading, unloading or preparing for a trip are exempt. More information is available at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm#cpd.

The Village West Pool does offer off-swim season parking for these type of vehicles at very reasonable rates. For more information, contact [Kerri Henry](#) or by phone at 703-866-1071.

Village Website (www.westspringfieldvillage.org) - Russ Hilliard continues his efforts to update our website. We need many more of us to provide guidance on how to make it a better marketing tool for people who may want to rent or buy in our community. Please take 15 minutes to rumble through it while asking yourself “what would it take for me to want to visit this site again?” Also, many of you who are listed on the website will hopefully verify your information. Take a look and offer Russ your input.

Criers and Directories - Thanks to all who volunteered to brave the cold to deliver the January Crier and our 2010 Village Directories door-to-door: Lisa Gibson (Springfield Village Drive); Kathleen Cheney (Brisbane Street); Kathy D’Amato (Barnack Drive); Ed Wyse and Mark Lord (Loudoun Lane); Julia Hale (Wythe Lane); the Warrington’s (Landor Lane); Larry & Mary Mark and the Greene family (Vancouver Road); Walter Lin and Sarah Carter (Ontario Street); Charles Young (Rolling Road); and Dick Denny (Edmonton Court). Special thanks to Anne Gray (Ontario street) who not only coordinates the distribution, but also walks a route herself. We were lucky to have

had more volunteers than we had routes, but still want to thank those who offered their time.

Random acts of Kindness - In addition to those who delivered the January Crier, we want to recognize the following residents since the last Crier for their unselfish help offered to their neighbors: Stephen Johnson, Clark Saunders, Paul Von Hoene, Clyde Hilliard, Bill Wilson, Nelson Ovelar, Jason Henry, Bernie Koehle, Donnie & Kristy Walker plus their children (Jordan & Dani), Bob Lomax, Dick Denny, Robert Lutrell, Jeff Carter, Becky Hatcher, John Smith, Akash & Brighesh Amin, Jae Chang, Fred Sanborn, Leah Deniston, Jerry Penn, Rick Haupt, Todd & Dillon Serres, Chris Pappas, Don Bristol, Jessie Buker, Tara Purdham, Jimmy Tucker, Edie Moore, Calista, Christopher & Charles Scharf, Marin & Avery Henry, and the Chang-An Wang family.

Also, Paul & Amy Taylor, Chuck & Lisa & Scott Gibson, Julien Bois, the Mark Anderson family (all of them), Richard Dexter and his three children, The Nguyen and his son, John Brown, Jesus Flores, Dan Ward, Bill Harley, Ken Burkman, Brian & Jeanne & Nick Jones, John Boynton, Mike Mundell, Aman & Tahir & Yahiya Zamani, Bryan Wood, Carl Van Doren, Chuck & Julie Cook plus Billy & Charlie (their children), Dave & Emily Branch, Sam & Hee Darko, Max Pastor, Kathy D’Amato, Dale Marhanka, and Jay Lin

Plus, Mike & Laura Bentley, Paul Dorey, Derek & Eric Skahen (Rolling Valley neighbors), Tom Bolt (Rolling Valley subdivision), Joe Callahan, Paige & Amit Khosla, John Brown, Gerald Skretny, Greg Drummond, David Kirk, Andy Wasilisin, Amelia & Grace Wheaton and Susan Burkhalter. We also had several unidentified residents who received praise from thankful neighbors and certainly many more who were not included above. Also add to this list all who took their time to request public recognition of their neighbors’ good deeds.

Pohick Steam Valley Park Clean-Up - And we need to recognize those who gave their free time to help clean our water sources and our environment. On the morning of Saturday, March 27, 19 volunteers removed trash from Pohick Stream Valley Park. In two hours they filled 13 large garbage bags with litter and also removed one broken basketball backstop! This year the clean-up concentrated on

the area of the park from our neighborhood streets of Barnack Drive, Springfield Village Drive, Elkton Drive and Smyth Street to Pohick Stream. Another area that our volunteers have cleaned in the past – the valley bottom from Smyth Street and Loudoun Lane upstream to Hidden Pond Park’s marked trails – remains clean since our prior clean-ups.

Many thanks to volunteers Ted, Issac, Eliza & Rachel Burkhalter; Katrina Cooley; Tyler Hilliard; Steve Johnson; Shawn, Cora, Celia & Lily Klimek; Mark Lord; Suzanne McCormick; Mike, Ashley & Andrew Petrus; Ellie & Gracie Sexton (Winter Forest subdivision); and Ed Wyse.

A note on the sources of the trash: Some was left by walkers in the woods and some floated down Pohick Stream from upstream, but some blew out of our neighborhood and some flushed into the park through the storm drain intakes on our village streets. One particularly onerous type of trash found in the park’s rivulets was plastic bags filled with dog poop that had probably been dropped into the street storm drains. We all need to remember that the storm water system drains into the same water that will later flow from our taps into our drinking glasses.

2010 Census Cautions - Fill out the form and return it to keep the door-to-door census workers from knocking on your door. If they do have to come to your door to obtain the census information, the Better Business Bureau advises us to be cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. U.S. census workers are expected to gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data. But you should first verify that the person at your door is a U.S. census worker and not a con artist. U.S. census workers will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering any questions.

Legitimate census workers will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will they solicit donations. Do not answer any question about your financial situation.

Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail or in person at home. They will not contact

you by e-mail, so be on the lookout for e-mail scams impersonating the census. And, as Bob Havey (Rolling Road) has often told us, never click on a link or open any attachments in an e-mail that is supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Green Weekends - The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program has brought together two popular recycling programs to create “Green Weekends” for county residents. During one weekend each month, Fairfax County will host a document-shredding event and also an Electric Sunday Recycling event.

Complete details on these events and other recycling opportunities planned for 2010 can be found on the Solid Waste Management Program’s web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling, or by calling the Recycling InfoLine at 703-324-5052.

Electric Sundays - These events allow us an opportunity to recycle fluorescent light bulbs and tubes in addition to televisions, computers and peripheral electronic devices including keyboards, speakers, keyboards, printers, scanners, etc. We just had this event at the I-95 Landfill Complex (9850 Furnace Road in Lorton); the next one scheduled there will be on July 25 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The April, May and June events will be at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax.

Document Shredding - At that same website, you'll also find the schedule for document-shredding events. Fairfax County will sponsor one secure document-shredding event in each supervisory district during 2010. Our Springfield District shredding event is scheduled for Aug. 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road. Residents are limited to shredding a maximum of five medium-sized packing boxes of paper per household. This service is intended for shredding documents of a personal or sensitive nature such as tax documents and medical or financial records. Junk mail, newspapers, magazines and other forms of paper can and should be recycled through your normal recycling collection service. This event is for paper document shredding only; information stored on film or computer discs will not be accepted. Paper documents are shredded on location by a private company and then transported to a local recycling center.

Recreation Vouchers for Children of Deployed Parent(s) - Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services (CRS) and the Park Authority allow children whose parent(s) are deployed to participate in a variety of recreational activities for free through a voucher program, administered by CRS. Vouchers valued up to \$250 per child (depending on the chosen activity) may be used for camps; a variety of CRS and Park Authority recreational activities; and for registration in various independently funded sports leagues in the county. More information can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/pdf/kidsserve2/kidsserv09rev3.pdf. The voucher application is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/pdf/kidsserve2/applic09.pdf. Or you can contact CRS (Katina Matthews) at 703-326-6564.

Crime in the Village - We have not had much incidence of crime lately, but a parked Suburban vehicle was vandalized twice recently along Barnack Drive. Someone smashed the driver side glass. Both incidents were reported to the police, but if possible park your vehicles in street light or house light illumination.

Storm Water Drain Intakes - Before the spring rains begin, please check to see if the storm water intake on your property or curbside in front of your home is full of debris that may cause it to become plugged. Report storm water drain problems to the Maintenance & Stormwater Management Division at 703-877-2800.

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Village People News . . .

Promotion - John Cooley's son, USAF Captain Glenn Cooley was promoted to Major, effective 1 April this year. He and his wife Kerry and son Brendan along with their wonder dog Max live in Las Vegas, Nev.

New Granddaughter - Mary & Larry Mark happily welcomed Teagan (Irish name for "beautiful") Elise Mark on Feb. 17 to their extended family. Teagan weighed in at 8 lbs., 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Teagan's mother Jenny and father Steve are well in Poquoson, Va..

Tiernan Avery Greanya joined his family and our Village on Feb. 1. Jason & Viktoria Greanya reported that he weighed in at 8 lbs. and measured **19 ½ inches long. Tiernan and mom are doing very well.**

Village Home For Sale/Rent - check out this Edmonton Court listing at: www.militarybyowner.com/listings/tourplus.asp?F_BASE_ID=263&F_STATE=VA&LISTING_ID=68496.

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