

**Special Announcements from the SCA President, Tawny Hammond**  
(Excerpts from the May 2006 SCA Newsletter)

**1. Block Captains:**

We are excited to announce that we are looking for **Block Captains** for each block of the Springfield Civic Association area. The block captain's duties might be passing along information in the event of an emergency or notifying the residents of your street about celebrations and festivities. The block captain would help get flyers and information into the hands of the residents on their street. Many people want to help make the community a better place to be, but they do not have a lot of free time. This is a way to do something without overextending yourself. People become connected on a face-to-face basis and not by e-mails or mailings from strangers. Are you willing to serve as a captain on your block? Please contact 703-569-0923 if you are willing and able to do this important job for your block. Thank you!

**2. Voting Registration Information:**

**Please exercise your right to vote** at every opportunity afforded to us. If we do nothing else civically we should be exercising this important right and privilege. So many people in this wonderful country take for granted what many fought so hard for and so many other people in the world do not have. If you are not registered please register at your earliest opportunity.

You can register to vote by getting a registration form at any Fairfax County Library and mail it in a pre-printed envelope. You will receive a card when your registration request is received and approved. Or visit the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway and register there.

It is recommended that you call 703-222-0776, State Board of Elections, to find out what documentation you will be asked to present when you register to vote. You can also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb) and obtain necessary information.

**3. Announcement of Non-profit Status:**

**Your donations and contributions can be tax deductible now!** The Springfield Civic Association has created an educational arm of the organization known as the Springfield Civic Education Alliance (SCEA). This non-profit 501(c)3 organization is set up specifically to offer educational programs and workshops related to civic engagement, voter education, home maintenance, preparation for the citizenship exam, accessing resource services and programs in the county, and much more! So, you can invest in your community and get tax deductions, too! Checks must be made out to the Springfield Civic Education Alliance.