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## Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter May 2014

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Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 7 - 7pm at NCA pool House.

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Mike Smith, NCA President

This month I am pleased to welcome Kevin Benore to the board. He and his family have recently moved to our community. He attended our April meeting and expressed an interest in serving as a director. He has experience serving on a board outside of Virginia so his ideas will be welcome. Also, that fact made the board's decision to appoint him easy. I hope that after he has time to get acquainted with everyone and familiar with NCA we will be able to encourage him to serve on a committee.

I also would like to take this opportunity to encourage other owners in this community to come forward and serve on the

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## April 26th 9:00 am—12:00pm



## Spring Clean Up Day -Newington Community!

We will supply:

- Trash Bags
- Gloves (if you need them)
- Muffins
- Water

Please meet at the pool to get supplies and bring yourself and a friend to help! Please call or e-mail with questions.

Guthrie 25@gmail.com; 703-455-6506

#### **NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY**

http://www.newingtoncommunity.org

#### NCA COMMUNITY OFFICE

703-455-3606 Fax: 703-455-0013

#### **Hours:**

Monday / Wednesday /Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday / Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Community Manager: Lori Randall Assistant Community Manager: Tina Queen Email: manager@newingtoncommunity.org

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

President - Mike Smith (Aug '16)
Email: <a href="mailto:NCApresident@cox.net">NCApresident@cox.net</a>
V. President - Beth Rodriguez (Aug '15)

Secretary/Treasurer - Louise Whitt (Aug '14)

Member - Chris Hammel (Aug '16) Member - Kevin Benore (Aug '14)

Member - Vacant (Aug '15) Member - Vacant (Aug '16)

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chair - Cameron Mulloy

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Chair—Louise Whitt

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair—Lou Tobat Liaison - TBN

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair - Volunteer Needed

Liaison—TBN

#### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chairs—Sarah Jernigan and Lori Randall

#### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency	911					
Non-Emergency (Police & Fire)	703-691-2131					
Including barking dog complaints						
American Disposal Services	703-368-0500					
Animal Control/Shelter	703-830-1100					
Cox Cable	703-378-8422					
Domestic Violence Hotline	800-838-8238					
Dominion Towing	703-730-1177					
Dominion Virginia Power	1-888-667-3000					
Fairfax Connector	703-339-7200					
www.fairf	axconnector.com					
Fairfax County <u>www.f</u>	airfaxcounty.gov					
Fairfax County Housing Authority						
Selena Davis	703-704-6758					
Fairfax County Storm Water						

 Management (not State streets)
 703-934-2800

 Fairfax Water
 703-698-5600

 Key Middle School
 703-313-3900

 Lee High School
 703-924-8300

 Lorton Fire and Rescue
 703-339-5141

 Lorton Landfill
 703-690-1703

Poison Control 202-625-3333

Pool (emergencies only) 703-455-9873

Saratoga Elementary School 703-440-2600

Streetlights 1-888-667-3000

Summit Management 703-360-0904

Supervisor Gerald Hyland 703-780-7518

Virginia Highway Department (Snow—State Roads Only) 703-383-8368 Virginia Railway Express 1-800-RIDE VRE

Voter Information 703-222-0776 West Springfield District Police 703-644-7377

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- ⇒ Laura is diligent in ensuring that the many concurrent action items do not fall through the cracks, as they easily may
- $\Rightarrow$  Laura is solution-oriented; she is forward thinking when obstacles arise
- ⇒ Laura offers her support beyond the typical constraints of an agent

Resident of "our" Newington community for 20+ years!

**HABLO ESPAÑOL** 

#### NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS'

MEETING - April 2, 2014

#### Draft Minutes of the Meeting – NCA Pool House Meeting Room

At 7:00 pm President Smith called the meeting to order. Board members present were President Mike Smith, Vice President Beth Rodriguez, Treasurer and Secretary Louise Whitt and Director Chris Hammel. Director Charles Thomas was not in attendance.

#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

President Smith stated that his work arrangement has changed and he has committed to a long term, part time position which will enable him to continue to serve on the Board for longer than originally expected.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Smith made a motion to accept the March 5th monthly Board meeting minutes as prepared. Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

#### **COMMITTEE/BUSINESS REPORTS**

Treasurer's Report, Louise Whitt

No one has volunteered to join the Budget Committee.

#### Community Manager (CM) Report, Lori Randall General

- NCA Vehicle Tickets: 0
- Disclosure Packets: 7840 Godolphin Drive, 8430 Kitchener, 7713 Brandeis, 8451 Brainerd, 7842 Godolphin, 7717 Matisse, 8331 Moline
- Asphalt paths/stream crossing update: bridge drawings done. Permit filed with county. Asphalt replacement of path and stream crossing 2 should start first week of April.
- All phone problems have been fixed.
- Snow 3/17. County plowed a three foot wall of snow at yellow gate and broke lock. Contractor came out to move snow. Above ground FIOS line broken. FIOS line buried and everything connected again.
- Approved five tree replacements on Gwynedd after five trees removed last year. Smaller trees will be installed instead of Pin Oaks.
- Pool contractor is very worried about condition of white coat. He was told to look at patching problem areas this Spring when it is drained and cleaned in hopes of a full white coat replacement next year.
- Grounds contractor informed us that they are very far behind because of the weather. Usually they have started bed mulching/edging and spring cleanups by now. Working to meet all expectations.
- Getting quotes to clean tennis courts.
- Vandalism throughout Saratoga of truck driving on snow filled common grounds. Terra Grande soccer filed, behind Saratoga

- pool, under power lines on Northumberland and at corner of Euclid and Northumberland.
- Clean Up Day has a coordinator but Egg Hunt does not. Egg Hunt cancelled.
- CM on vacation next month.

#### Resident Complaints/Issues/Comments

- Trash left behind by trash company. (Note: Complaint came in the week of the snow storm that resulted in recycling being cancelled. People left their recycling out and never brought it back in. When trash company came through on Friday, they did not put recyclables in with trash. They are not allowed to or can get in trouble at landfill.)
- Residents are putting trash out early, not securing bags property, and not securing their recyclables by putting heaviest items on top. Need to enforce trash rules and get residents to take pride in their community.
- County is following up on a resident's concern and code compliance about a retaining wall between her property and her neighbors. Wall is probably owned by person who had the concerns.
- NCA should not tow for expired registrations.
- Compliments on snow plow operators.
- Poor drainage in low spot of common grounds on Moline. (pics)
- Resident on LeMoyne had packages stolen from her front stoop and reported to police. Neighbor took notes of type of car but was unable to get plates. Two days later another resident on LeMoyne saw someone trying to get into the back of her truck.
- Branches fell out of common ground tree from heavy snow into her back yard and branches are impeding on property.
- Disclosure packet receipt (\$125) does not include \$100 inspection fee associated with the resale packet.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS - Old**

Commercial Vehicle (ladder rack, appearance, towing practices) -- The Board reviewed the commercial vehicle policy revisions. The CM will revise the weight limit, include a statement on truck plates and a statement on ladders. The Board will review next month.

Maintenance Plans for 2014 – (Table until Spring), Pool Repairs -- The pool was drained and the pool contractor expressed concern with the pool's white coat. Options include patching problem areas, white coat the diving well only, or white coat the entire pool. Vice President Rodriguez made a motion to white coat both pools and replace the vacuum fittings at a maximum cost of \$37,000. Director Hammel seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes. After the planned path, stream crossing repairs and pool white coat, the common ground reserves will have a projected year end balance of \$118,753. The Board will look at purchasing a pool cover in the Fall to preserve the white coat longer.

## **Budget Committee Forming**

The Committee will be looking at the 2014 budget information to generate the draft 2015 budget with recommended dues amounts for presentation to the Board.

If you would like to be part of this effort, contact NCA office at (703) 455-3606 or Treasurer at:

<u>louisewhitt@earthlink.net</u> or <u>manager@newingtoncommunity.org</u>.

## NCA's Annual Egg Hunt



# Cancelled due to lack of volunteers.

If you can volunteer for 2015, please contact NCA Manager.

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## Newington Station Update - Pam Boe & Jim Fox



#### Available for Sale:

- Two townhomes listed at \$329,990 & \$398,900
- Two single family homes listed at \$475,000 & \$585,000

#### **Under Contract:**

- Four townhomes with list prices ranging from \$269,000 to \$350,000
- Two single family homes with list prices of \$499,900 & \$509,900

#### For Rent:

· One single family for \$2,900/month

#### Coming Soon!

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Nice 3-level townhome backing to common area



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Joining forces with 50+ years of experience!

Review of Governing Documents –A bill was introduced in the current session of the State legislature that would have been a benefit to older associations whose governing documents are difficult to amend. After going through the House and Senate, the bill was revised so that it no longer helps the association. The Board

discussed if they should have an attorney review their documents regarding violations. The CM informed the Board that NCA has an attorney's opinion on this matter. The Board will table this subject indefinitely.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS – New**

Office of Secretary (Tabled from August Board Meeting for Election of Officers) – The office of Secretary and Treasurer are shared by one individual. President Smith asked Director Hammel if he had any interest in being the Secretary now that he has been on the Board for six months. Everyone agreed to continue with officer positions as they are.

Board Vacancy - President Smith asked the Board if they felt Charles Thomas's Board position should be declared vacant due to his inability to attend meetings after his medical emergency in September. There would only be a benefit if another resident were to step forward and serve on the Board. Mr. Kevin Benore is a new owner in the community, was in attendance at the meeting, and would like to serve on the Board. Mr. Benore was asked some questions about his interest in serving. President Smith made a motion for Mr. Benore to fill the Board vacancy that expires August, 2014. Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes. To avoid problems that could arise from achieving quorum with the existing count of Board members. Vice President



Rodriguez made a motion to declare Charles Thomas's Board position vacant. Director Hammel seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes. President Smith will send a letter to Mr. Thomas thanking him for his willingness to serve and leaving open the opportunity to return when he is fully recovered.

Draft Minutes in Newsletter – There was discussion on if draft minutes in the newsletter were in conflict with State statutes. The concern was that residents were seeing a draft before the Board. Draft minutes are available to everyone simultaneously when the newsletter is added to the website which is in conjunction with the newsletter being sent to the printer. Draft minutes in the newsletter encourages transparency in what the Board is doing. There was concern that amendments are made to the minutes that are not published. Going forward if there are amendments to the minutes, those amendments will be included, in more detail, in the

Approval of Minutes section. After minutes are approved, final minutes are always placed on the website under the Minutes tab.

Tree Pruning #3 Priority – There are three more recommendations on the annual tree assessment for pruning which were rated a priority #3. Director Hammel made a motion to spend \$1020 on tree pruning per the annual tree report. President Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

Brainstorming - None

At 8:47 pm President Smith made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss a delinquency settlement proposal, ascertain if there is probable cause for a hearing for two architectural violations and one trash violation hearing. Director Hammel seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes

At 9:30 pm President Smith made a motion to reconvene to the regular meeting. Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

Regarding Lot 605, Vice President Rodriguez made a motion to charge \$50 for an early trash violation.

Director Hammel seconded the motion. Vote: 3 yes, 1 no.

Regarding Lot 72, Vice President Rodriguez made a motion that probable cause exists for a hearing on an architectural violation. President Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

Regarding Lot 265, Director Hammel made a motion that probable cause exists for a hearing on an architectural violation. Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes

NCA's collection attorney prepared for the Board a summary of a settlement proposal on a foreclosed property, Lot#488. President Smith made a motion to accept the settlement proposal as recommended by the attorney. Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Vote: 4 yes.

<u>NEXT MEETING</u>: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 - 7pm at NCA Pool House. All residents encouraged to attend.

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## **Community Yard Sale!**

Looking for an opportunity to clean out those closets and sell those unused toys, clothes, furniture, and other items taking up space around the house?

Pool Parking Lot Saturday, May 17, 2014 (rain date Sunday, May 18)

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Cost \$5 per numbered parking spot or two spots for \$8.



Sign up with the Community Office today! Reservations can be made up until, Friday, May 16. Spaces assigned as requests/payment come in. Minimum of 12 participants needed to ensure this event is not cancelled.

All participants are responsible for cleaning up the parking lot after the yard sale.



#### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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board. We still have two vacant seats that we can appoint someone to serve the remaining term. We need more input from other owners. NCA is only as good as we make it. Even if you can't commit to being a board member start coming to the meetings and give us some fresh ideas. Also consider volunteering to be on a committee. The only requirement is that you must be an NCA owner.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Two incidents have been reported in our community of packages being stolen from front porches. Please stay alert to unusual vehicles in our community. A light green Acura was seen in the first situation. Report all incidents to the police using the non-emergency number (703-691-2131).

### **FOR SALE**

MTD – Chipper Shredder 10HP OHV Briggs & Stratton 3" Chipping Capacity w/all manuals - \$100 (CASH)

Call 703.455.2996 between 8:00AM – 6:00PM

#### **POOL PASSES**

Pool passes will be available for pick up on the following dates:

May 14 (7-9pm), May 17 (10am-12pm) May 22 and 29 (7-9 pm)

Plus passes may be picked up during regular office hours.

# Farmer's Markets Opening in May 2014

Friday, May 2 - October 31, 4 to 7pm KINGSTOWNE: Giant parking lot, 5935 Kingstown Towne Center

Saturday, May 3 - Nov 22, 8am to 12 Noon BURKE: VRE Parking Lot, 5671 Robetrs Parkway

Sunday, May 4 - November 2, 9am to 1pm LORTON: VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.

For more info & listings go to: <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm</a>



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#### NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

\*\*\* At Newington Station \*\*\*
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## **EXTERIOR PROJECT REQUEST FORM**Submit form for any exterior addition, alteration, modification or change

			Date:			
	SS:					
				Lot #:		
Teleph	none #: Home:		Work:	Cell:		
Owner	's Signature (or authorized agent)	·				
Type o	of Project (check one)					
0	Addition	0	<b>Gutters/Downspouts</b>	<ul> <li>Shutters</li> </ul>		
0	Deck or Patio Enclosure		Landscaping	<ul><li>Siding</li></ul>		
0	Door		Other	O Walkway		
0	Exterior Painting Project	0	T	O Windows		
0	Fence	0	a	O Windows		
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	Description of Above Project:					
	Colors			(sample required for all request	s)	
	Size					
	Style			(pictures preferred)	)	
	Materials			etch or site plan with home location	-	
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	Chairperson:Comments:			(NCA Board Secretary) (c	late)	
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## Newington Community Association

## May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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4	5	6 Trash & Recycling	7 Yard Debris pick-up* 7:00pm NCA Board Mtg (pool house)**	8 White Good Removal <sup>1</sup>	9 Trash & Bulk pick-up	10
11 Happy Mother's Day	12	13 Trash & Recycling	14 Yard Debris pick-up*	15 White Good Removal <sup>1</sup> NCA Article Deadline	16 Trash & Bulk pick-up	Armed Forces Day  Armed Forces Day  Armed Forces Day  Armed Forces Day  Lot
18	19	20 Trash & Recycling	21 Yard Debris pick-up*	<b>22</b> White Good Removal <sup>1</sup>	23 Trash & Bulk pick-up	24 11:00 AM POOL OPENS
25	NO SCHOOL	27 Trash & Recycling	28 Yard Debris pick-up*	29 White Good Removal <sup>1</sup>	30 Trash & Bulk pick-up	31

<sup>\*\*</sup> Board meetings are open to all NCA residents.

<sup>\*</sup> For Single Family Homes Only

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Contact American Disposal Customer Service at 703-368-0500 24 hours in advance of pick-up. There is an additional cost to resident for this service.