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NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

October 6 November 3 December 1 January 5, 2022 February 2

President's Corner

By Debby Ramirez

It's officially Fall, and after a very HOT summer this cooler weather has been most enjoyable.

This is the time of year to give your lawn some extra TLC. If you haven't already, consider aerating, reseeding, and fertilizing your grass (the weather is cool, the ground is moist, and the soil is still warm). Trim back some of your perennials before the first frost and if you enjoy the beauty of tulips and daffodils in the Spring this is the time to plant those bulbs. The recommendation is to plant them six inches deep and six inches apart.

On Tuesday, November 2nd, voting for the General Elections will take place. If you haven't registered to vote already, the deadline is October 12th. For more information on this upcoming election visit this link.

https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/calendars-schedules/upcoming-elections.html

For those who will be participating in Trick-or-Treating this Halloween please stay safe by practicing social distancing, wear a Halloween Coronavirus face mask (if possible) and keep hand sanitizer readily available! If you do not plan to participate or run out of candy, please turn off your porch light.

Have fun and stay safe!

Available NCA Board Position

One position on the Newington Community Association Board has opened up. If you would like to serve on the Board, please email the Board@newingtoncommunity.org for more information.

NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY

http://www.newingtoncommunity.org

NCA COMMUNITY OFFICE

P. O. Box 351 Springfield, VA 22150 703-455-3606 / Fax 703-455-0013

Tuesdays 9:30 am - 2:30 pm Fridays 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

** Call first before heading to the office**

Community Manager: Stephanie Reed with Summit Management (703-945-1428)

Assistant Community Manager: Tina Queen Email: <u>manager@newingtoncommunity.org</u>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Debby Ramirez Term–elected 8-19 thru 8-22

Email: president@newingtoncommunity.org

Note: Email to NCA President is private and only read by the President.

Vice President – Bobby Royal (Term: 8-21 thru 8-22)

Treasurer – Phil Space (Term: 8-21 thru 8-24)

Secretary – John Kylis (Term: 8-20 thru 8-23)

Director – Vacant (Term: 8-19 thru 8-24)

To send an email to the above Board members, use <u>Board@newingtoncommunity.org</u> (this includes a copy to the Community Manager).

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chair - TBN

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Chair - John Kylis

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair - Phil Space

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair - Lou Tobat

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chair - Beth Rodriguez

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair - TBN

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

Chair - Regina Watson

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 Energy	1-888-667-3000					
Fairfax Connector	703-339-7200					
<u>www.fair</u>	faxconnector.com					
Fairfax County <u>www.</u>	fairfaxcounty.gov					
Fairfax County Housing Author	rity					
Selena Davis	703-704-6758					
Fairfax County Storm Water						
Management (not State streets)	703-877-2800					
Fairfax Water	703-698-5600					
Key Middle School	703-313-3900					
Lewis 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 Dan Storck	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	e 703-644-7377					

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Crystal Coleman	Perritt Kids		

Newington Station Update - Jim Fox & The Mason Group



Active:

3 townhomes priced from \$424,999-449,977 1 detached home priced @ \$639,500

Under Contract:

3 townhomes with list prices from \$354,900-499,900

Sold:

2 townhomes from \$455,000-460,000





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Call Sarah at 703-338-1706 or email at sarah@sarahjernigan.com with questions





"If your property is currently listed with another broker, please disregard this notice. It is not our intention to solicit the offerings of other brokerages.

Draft NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Video Conference Call, Meeting ID: 145 225 9182 September 1, 2021 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Ramirez The meeting was virtual and recorded.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Debby Ramirez, Vice President Bobby Royal, Treasurer Phil Space, Secretary John Kylis, and Director Milbert Dacayana

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Stephanie Reed

OTHER ATTENDEES: 4 residents

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Ramirez welcomed the new board members and thanked Bobby for accepting to fill in for the remaining term of the former VP. Welcome "back" Bobby.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

A resident thanked the Board for their work.

HEARINGS:

No hearings were scheduled

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting Minutes passes by acclimation

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee – Treasurer Phil Space

- o CPI increase and possible further increase
- o 10% increase in trash contract increase due to county fees and other price adjustments
- o Sierra Pool Contractor proposed to replaced Titan

Welcoming Committee - Chairperson: Regina Watson

- First meeting held Aug 24th, meeting was virtual.
- o Thank you, John, Debby, and Tina, with assisting with welcome packet distribution
- o Future meetings to be held the last Tuesday of the month at 7pm every quarterly
- o Packet distribution efficiency suggestions received
- Suggestion to host meet and greet sessions/gatherings with new residents

Environmental Committee – Chairperson: John Kylis

- o Japanese Stilt grass possible grants from the county for maintenance, research to be conducted.
- o Stray cats webinar to become a volunteer for Fairfax County TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) Sept 21st
- o Dog curbing: it's the law to curb your dog. Anyone who witnesses otherwise is urged to call Animal Control.

Planning & Development – Lou Tobat No report.

Reserves & Maintenance – Chairperson: Beth Rodriguez No Report.

Recreation Committee - Vacant

GENERAL BUSINESS-MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Votes Held Between Meetings – Stephanie Reed, Management

- o Bobby Royal was voted in, to fill the former's Vice President remaining term
- Policy Resolution for Electronic Meeting Means
- President Ramirez made the motion, Treasurer Space second the motion. Vote: 5 yes 0 No.

Homeowner's Communications - Stephanie Reed, Management

- Tree removal request on Luce Court. [Contractor inspected, but doesn't warrant removal at this time.]
- o Two cars on Kitchener Dr. and Matisse Way were towed by management.
- Request for removal of uprooted tree on Jenner Court. [Reported to contractor and tree has been removed.]
- Homeowner request for removal of tree on Brandeis Way. [Added to list.]
- Resident asked for tree overhanging his back yard to be pruned. [It is a very small tree that is partly under his fence. Any resident may trim a tree that crosses their property line.]
- Resident complained about trash cans and various items left in common area on Matisse Way. [Contractor removed items.]

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- o Trash left on common grounds behind fence on Kitchener Dr. [Sent violation letter to homeowner.]
- Trash being thrown down sewer drain at the intersection of Brandeis Way and Lodge Court. [Informed homeowner to call police.]
- Request for overgrown bushes that were blocking sidewalk on Euclid Way to be trimmed back. [Contractor trimmed them significantly.]
- Washer, dryer and lawnmower left on Euclid Way. [Had contractor remove them.]
- Request to trim both sides of the walking path that connects Moline Place and Euclid Way. [Does not warrant trimming at this time as it is a naturalized area.-not on list.]
- o Complaint about feral cats in the community.
- Water heater and old wood left on Kitchener. [Had contractor remove them.]
- Recycling not picked up on 7/20/21. [It was picked up the morning of 7/21/21.]
- Received a couple of complaints about parking becoming an issue on Lodge Court between Jenner Court and Brandeis Way. [Lodge is a State maintained street and NCA has no authority.]
- Request for tree on Moline Place to be pruned back because the tree draws a lot of ants on car. [On list to be pruned. Offered homeowner a new parking spot.]
- Complaint about vehicles that keep switching to the guest spots. Requested that a friendly reminder be put in newsletter to keep guest spots for guests and not permanent residents and if you have more than 2 cars, to park at the pool or on the public streets. [Reminder has been in newsletter recently.]
- Tree down in ballfield. [Contacted contractor for removal.]
- o Trash not being picked up at two tot lots and ball field. [This is a repeat issue for trash company.]
- o Football being thrown at pool. [Addressed this along with other issues with Titan.]
- Snow and pool contract expiring.
- July financials have not been received.
- Draft budget provided to the Board.
- Brandeis Way property overgrowth to be sent violation letter.

OLD BUSINESS

- Tentative start date of September 7th for Euclid Getty Lemoyne same with path work.
- Mailbox cleaning to start Sept 7th
- Review of grounds projects to start mid-September.
- President Ramirez to split up the Architectural Violation List among the board members for re-inspection. List to be distributed by Labor Day and reports due back to President Ramirez by September 20th.
- 3 pool contractor bids
 - Budget committee to review before asking for best and final offers

NEW BUSINESS

- Winterize Pool-Board to review bid from Titan
- Write off's assessment fees which cannot be collected.
- Snow removal Contract
 - Slight increase in task rates
- Board to consider funding for Stephanie to obtain her notary license.
- Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations tabled for Oct. Environmental Committee to research further.
- Townhome common ground maintenance possible new budget line.
- Memorial to those who have served "The Fallen". Management to research some options/prices.
- Ring Camera Promo period tentatively scheduled for the first 2 weeks of November
- The Board convened into Executive Session at 9:05 pm to discuss Late Fee Waiver Request.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: The Board Convened into Open Session at 9:12 pm

MEETING Motions:

- 1. Motion to approve \$2185.00 for Titan to winterize the pool. Made by Treasurer Space, Seconded by Vice President Royal. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No
- 2. Motion to accept assessment write off's totaling \$973.03, Made by Treasurer Space, Seconded by Secretary Kylis. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No
- 3. Motion to accept the snow removal contract. Made by Treasurer Space, Seconded by President Ramirez. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No
- 4. Motion to pay for notary license not to exceed \$150.00. Made by Vice President Royal, Seconded by Secretary Kylis. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No
- 5. Motion to not waive the late fee. Made by Secretary Kylis, Seconded by Director Dacayana. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:13 pm

Community News & Reminders

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTS - YARD DEBRIS PICK-UP

Place yard debris, in paper bags or dedicated bins, with the regular Friday trash pick-up. This is a temporary change, per American Disposal, due to a national labor shortage. We will update single family residents in mid-late October of any changes. Thank you for your understanding.

FARMER MARKETS ARE STILL OPEN

Most Fairfax County Farmer Markets will stay open through mid-late November or even early December. To see the schedule and market locations, visit: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets

Friendly Reminder

Quarterly homeowner assessment (HOA) fees are due by October 1. For questions, please contact Summit Management at 703-360-0904

Towing Enforced on NCA Private Streets



- Never park on a yellow curb or double park.
- Commercial vehicles are prohibited.
- Vehicles must be in running condition and display current safety inspections and registrations.

SAFETY TIP!

Remember to turn your front porch lights on each night for safety...

PARKING LOT REGISTRATION REMINDER

If you are interested in placing your boat, camper, RV, or trailer in the pool parking lot, you must submit an application. One application will be accepted per property. Deadline to renew existing space is September 30. Refer to the website (http://newingtoncommunity.org/forms/) for details.

NCA SIGN POLICY REMINDER

REMINDER: If you are tempted to put up a sign in your yard for your political candidate, remember NO SIGNS! Other than For Sale signs are allowed in NCA.

Per NCA Covenants, page 7: "No sign of any kind larger than one foot square shall be displayed to the public view on any lot, except temporary signs of more than four square feet advertising the said lot for sale or rent and except for temporary signs erected by the Declarant in connection with the construction, lease, or sale of buildings and lots or other parcels of The Properties."

Exclusive Offer for Newington Community Residents

The following program will be available November 1 through November 14 for all NCA Residents. The promo code has not been provided. Visit the NCA website in mid-to late October for complete details.

<u>Reminder</u>: Check the NCA Architectural Standards for acceptable styles and sizes <u>before</u> you buy! **And** don't forget to submit your Architectural Request Form with the location before installing on your house.



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How the program works:

 Visit <u>www.ring.com</u> and choose from the following eligible products

> Video Doorbell 4, Ring Doorbell Pro & Pro 2, Spotlight Cams, Flood Light Cams, Stick up cam Elite/Solar, and Alarm Security Kit 5-piece.

- Ship to your address using your5 digit zip code
- 3) Use the following code while checking out on Ring.com

XXX-XXXXX-Neighborhood

Any order created outside of the 22153 Neighborhood zip code may be delayed or declined.

Election Day is November 2!

On November 2, Virginia elects its Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, and House of Delegates. Reminder: NCA votes in the **ALBAN Precinct** at Saratoga Elementary School. Polls are open from 6:00am to 7:00pm.

Become an Officer of Election and lend a hand for democracy! And get paid! For more information and to apply online, see this link. https://www.elections.virginia.gov/officer-of-elections/





Newsletter Distributors Needed

Volunteers needed to deliver newsletters once a month to the residents on Godolphin Drive.

Teens can earn volunteer hours. Great exercise and you can meet some of your neighbors!

Please contact the NCA Office for details.

NCA Calendar

OCTOBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Trash & Recycling	6 7pm NCA Board Mtg (see website for location/details)	7 White Goods Pickup ¹	8 NO RECYCLING Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (All Homes)	9
10	PEOPLES DAY Student Holiday (FCPS)	12 Trash & Recycling	13	14 White Goods Pickup ¹	15 NO RECYCLING Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (All Homes) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16
17	18	19 Trash & Recycling	20	21 White Goods Pickup ¹	22 NO RECYCLING Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (All Homes)	23
24 31	25	26 Trash & Recycling	27	28 White Goods Pickup ¹	29 NO RECYCLING Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (All Homes)	30

NOTE: White Goods pick-up, for a cost to residents, on Thursdays (i.e., refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.). Contact American Disposal 24 hours in advance at 703-368-055. See NCA Trash Policy at: http://newingtoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Trash-Policy-Final-Revised-1-8-20-1.pdf.