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Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter
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NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

April 1
May 6

No More Plastic Yard Waste Bags!

The single family section is obligated by law to have a special yard waste. Fairfax County is phasing out the use of plastic bags for yard waste collection. This will reduce the amount of plastic in our natural environment. When yard waste – brush, leaves, and grass – is processed into compost, small pieces of shredded plastic end up in the organic material spread in gardens, yards, etc. Even the best screening systems don't remove all the plastic shreds.

Instead of plastic bags, residents should use compostable paper bags or a rigid container clearly marked yard waste. Other options include composting and mulching at home and grasscycling (leaving mowed grass clippings on the lawn).

Acceptable yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, straw, brush, small prunings, branches, and flowers. Unacceptable material includes tree stumps, food waste, lumber, treated wood, pallets, sawdust, dirt, mulch, and sod.

For more information, see this link <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/news/fairfax-county-begins-transition-plastic-yard-waste-bags>

Quarterly Assessments Due - April 1, 2020

Quarterly homeowner assessment (HOA) fees are due by April 1, 2020. For questions, contact Summit Management at 703-360-0904 with questions.



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

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: Lori Randall, CMCA, AMS
with Summit Management (703-945-1425)
Assistant Community Manager: Tina Queen
Email: manager@newingtoncommunity.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President – Amber Cerchione
Appointed 2/6/19; Original Term – elected 8-17 thru 8-20

Email: president@newingtoncommunity.org

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

Vice President – Regina Watson (Elected 8-19 thru 8-22)

Treasurer – Bobby Royal (Elected 8-19 thru 8-21)

Secretary – Karen Chauvin (Elected 8-18 thru 8-21)

Director – Debby Ramirez (Elected 8-19 thru 8-22)

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

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
	www.fairfaxconnector.com
Fairfax County	www.fairfaxcounty.gov
Fairfax County Housing Authority	
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
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 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	703-644-7377

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chair - TBN

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair—Bobby Royal

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair—Lou Tobat

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chair - Beth Rodriguez

RECREATION/SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Chair - Pam Rodriguez

Newsletter Distributors

Kathy Anderson	Fulcar Family	Roche Family
Lindsay Andrews	Donna Hunholt	Spinelli Family
Amanda Baird	Zinta Michael	Regina Watson
Cyrille Barr	Al Owens	
Abdul Berlas	Perritt Kids	
Cerchione Family	Ramirez Family	
Karen Chauvin	Lisa Robbins	

FERAL CAT COMMUNITY

Hello Neighbors,

It has been a couple of years since we have addressed our feral cats in the community. A couple of years ago we did a sweep through the Newington community and had all the cats spayed/neutered and shots. Since then, we have not been aware of any new cats. If you see a cat on our streets that is not an "owned" cat (usually wears a collar) or does not have their "left" ear tipped, please let us know so we can have that cat or cats taken care of. We are also in the beginning of kitten season, so please let us know if you see any kittens so we can also have those trapped and hopefully re-homed.

This brings me to our next dilemma with the feral cats. We had a wonderful lady in our community that had lived here for 20 years. She was feeding 15 feral cats daily. Yes, that is a lot. She was feeding the cats with her own money. After 20 years, the landlord decided to do something new with the townhouse and she had to move. This has left 15 cats that still need to be fed. Her neighbor has offered to put food out for the cats, but he cannot afford to feed those "15" plus the "5" cats he already feeds. We are hoping our community can come together with donations to help feed these kitties. They eat both wet and dry cat food.

I am willing to accept donations at my house to distribute to any of our feral kitty feeders. If you would like to make a donation, either monetarily or by dropping off food, please email me at ahome4kitty@gmail.com. Any help is much appreciated.

Thank you to all those who feed the cats. I know it can be a financial burden, not to mention the time you take to feed. If we can get enough community support, we can also assist you with feeding the cats.

If anyone in the community has any questions regarding the cats, please do not hesitate to email me. I will do my best to answer your questions.

Thanks again,
Your neighbor, Janet

Free No obligation Home Valuation



Who do you know that is looking to buy or sell?

I am always happy to sit down with people to chat about what their home is worth, how much work to get it on the market and what is involved in the buying and selling process. Give me a call at 703-338-1706 and I am happy to answer any real estate questions you have.

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

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*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.

**NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
DRAFT
Minutes of the Meeting of The Board of Directors
John Nolan Meeting Room
March 4, 2020 - 7:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Cerchione.

The meeting was recorded.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Amber Cerchione, Vice President Regina Watson, Treasurer Bobby Royal, Secretary Karen Chauvin, and Director Debby Ramirez.

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Lori Randall

OTHER ATTENDEES: 6 residents

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: With warmer weather, there are lots of children playing outside, so everyone needs to watch their speed on NCA streets.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

- A resident commented that children should not be playing in the streets. Streets are for cars, and yards are for children. [A reminder will be put in the NCA newsletter.]
- A resident stated that there are several feral cats on Matisse that have been neutered and have had their shots, but the person who took care of the feeding station has moved. The resident would like to ask for assistance/donations to help with feeding the cats so they do not tear up trash bags looking for food. [The resident may put an article in the NCA Newsletter.]
- A resident commented that there is a lot of trash by the wooded area on Matisse and on Euclid Way. [NCA needs a volunteer to organize "Clean Up Day" in April around Earth Day.]

HEARINGS:

Lot 340 was in attendance and has replaced a portion of the fence that was not in compliance, but another portion of the fence is still not in compliance. Lot 342 was not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE/BUSINESS REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Royal
NCA is on target for the budget. Signature authority needs to be updated for Eagle Bank and Charles

Schwab. Summitt needs online access to the Schwab accounts in order to prepare financial statements in a timely manner. Also need to be able to move money (and verification of transfer) electronically from savings to checking at Eagle Bank, in order to pay bills in a timely manner.

Planning & Development – Lou Tobat
Work is progressing on cleaning up the de-commissioned power plant at Fort Belvoir. The National Army Museum is opening in June. Starbucks at Saratoga Shopping Center is opening March 26. The Liberty Shopping Center by Silverbrook is progressing and some shops may start to open end of spring/summer.

Reserves & Maintenance Planning Committee – Beth Rodriguez
No report.

Recreation Committee – Pam Rodriguez
No report.

Environment Committee – Timothy Helferstay
No report.

Votes Held Between Meetings – Lori Randall, Management
None.

Homeowner Communications – Lori Randall, Management

- Dog poop everywhere. Request for signs about fines for not picking up after your dog. [NCA has no authority for fines related to not picking up after your dog.]
- Watchlight out at Marconi. [Management reported it.]
- Marconi baby swing set used as a jungle gym. [Article prepared for newsletter and a flyer for distribution.]
- Large pile of boxes put out on a Friday. [Picture taken and notice sent to resident.]
- Resident considers newsletters on her door garbage. [Board reviewed email exchange.]
- Abandoned cars in parallel spaces on Moline. [Management is watching and will tow if necessary.]
- Phone call from resident on Moline on morning of rain regarding puddles on the ground. [Management went out 4 hours after rain stopped to take pictures. One corner did have a puddle, but other areas were clear.]
- Resident email regarding feral cats on Matisse no longer being fed.
- Resident email regarding parking lot obstruction.
- Resident email regarding bag worms hanging from

Article V of the Architectural Standards

The Board has revised all of Article V of the draft Architectural Standards included in the February newsletter. The proposed new Article V, in its entirety, is as written below.

All recent updates to the Standards will be on the agenda of the April Board meeting. Anyone who would like to share their comments may do so during the Homeowner Forum section of the April meeting or by email to the NCA office.

ARTICLE V – SCREENED PATIO ENCLOSURES AND DECKS FOR HOUSES (11/93, 8/07, 8/17, xx20)

Section 1. Definition: (8/07,xx/20) A patio and/or deck enclosure is an add-on structure permanently attached to the house with screened sides and a roof. Fairfax County classifies screened porches as additions. A patio enclosure would be a ground level structure. A deck enclosure may be first level or second level. Enclosures are not intended for year-round use and are not connected to the central air conditioning or heating system of the primary structure. A second level deck floor may not be a first level enclosure roof.

Refer to Article IV – Decks, Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 for information on Notification of Neighbors, Requests for Approval, Materials, and Overall Requirements.

Refer to Article III – Additions, Sections 5 and 7 for information on the roof, windows, or doors.

Newington Station Update - Jim Fox & The Mason Group



UNDER CONTRACT:

1 single family home priced @ \$555,000
3 townhomes priced from \$310,000 to \$400,000

SOLD:

1 townhome @ \$390,000

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light posts. [NCA does not handle pests, wild life, etc.]

OLD BUSINESS

- Maintenance – Reserve Funds
Streets
 - Lower Matisse/Red Ash street renovations – Awaiting a contract from Fairfax Paving.
 - Concrete Stairs behind 8411 Red Ash Ct. Motion made on the matter.
 - Engineering specifications for Euclid/Getty/LeMoyne street renovations in 2021. Contract with GJB for \$4,950 signed.
 - Common Grounds
 - Peeling, crumbling parged cinder block retaining wall near Matisse – Manager to get another quote to re-parge the wall.
 - Pool deck repairs – Contract signed and deposit provided to contractor. Work to begin within a month.
 - Clean and re-surface basketball court – One proposal received. Manager to get another quote.
- Maintenance – Operating Funds
 - Common Grounds: Bare Ground and wooden stairs near 8412 Dampier Ct. Motion made on the matter.
- ARC Standards – Based on comments received at the February meeting, and subsequent information received from Fairfax County Zoning Administration Division, changes were made to Article V. The proposed changes will be published in the April newsletter.

The Board reviewed stain color samples. Motion made on the matter.

- Board Orientation – Handbook will be given to future Board members.
- Cell Tower – Treasurer Royal has a list of questions and will send them to Verizon's contact person. Any rental income received would be taxed as income. Management will contact NCA's insurance agency for information. Research is continuing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Parking Policy – Proposed revisions to the policy will be published in the April Newsletter.
- Widening of Rolling Road – Based on a comment received at the February meeting, the Board contacted the Fairfax County Department of Transportation regarding the status of the project to widen Rolling Road. The project to widen Rolling Road

from Fullerton Road to Delong Drive is still on the plan, but it has been on hold since 2012 due to funding.

- Power Wash Office Siding – Treasurer Royal will try to find a volunteer to wash the siding.

Board convened into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discussed violations of rules.

Board reconvened into Open Session.

MEETING MOTIONS

1. Minutes of the February 5, 2020 Board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
2. Motion: To accept the proposal from Fairfax Paving and Concrete for \$2,560 to replace the concrete stairs behind 8411 Red Ash Court.
Made by Treasurer Royal, Seconded by Director Ramirez.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
3. Motion: To approve proposals from Springfield Lawn for \$15,660 to improve 7 common ground areas, DCP Tree Service for \$1,750 to remove 2 trees and shrubs by the wooden stairs near 8412 Dampier Ct., and Corner Engineers \$1,200 to repair the wooden stairs near 8412 Dampier Ct.
4. Motion: Made by, Treasurer Royal, Seconded by President Cerchione.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
5. Motion: To approve colors for staining decks and fences.
Made by Director Ramirez, Seconded by Treasurer Royal.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
6. Motion: To assess Lot #340 \$10.00 a day, starting April 5, 2020, for up to 90 days, if the violation has not been corrected.
Made by President Cerchione, Seconded by Treasurer Royal.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
7. Motion: To assess Lot 342 \$10.00 a day, starting April 5, 2020, for up to 90 days, if the violation has not been corrected.
Made by President Cerchione, Seconded by Treasurer Royal.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Chauvin

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Resident of "our" Newington community for 25+ years!

HABLO ESPAÑOL

Changes Proposed to Parking Policy

Due to concerns about the enforcement ability of item 7 in the NCA Parking Policy, the Board, after serious consideration, has determined that it would be prudent to remove this section from the Policy.

No other change to the Parking Policy is being considered at this time.

The Board would greatly appreciate receiving comments on this proposed policy change at or prior to the April 1st Board meeting!! You may also email comments to manager@newingtoncommunity.org.

The following is an excerpt from the NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PARKING AND TOWING POLICIES dated March 6, 2019 that would be removed by this proposed change:

~~7. Must not obstruct the view of drivers while they are exiting their parking space or attempting to navigate the street. Vehicles not meeting this requirement will be issued a warning ticket and towed after 10 days. If the same vehicle is found to be in violation again, it will be towed without another warning.~~

CHILDREN AT PLAY

The weather has been getting warmer and more children are heading outside to play. That is a wonderful sign of Spring. Drivers, please be aware of increased outdoor activities and slow down. Parents and Guardians, please discourage children from playing in the streets and remind them to move when cars are approaching.



This Photo by Unknown

Climbing to the top of NCA swing sets is extremely dangerous! Standing on baby bucket seats can result in damage to the play structure. Supervision is needed to ensure NCA's play equipment is used properly to avoid accidents and injury. Thank you and be safe.

Community News & Reminders

REMINDER: 2020 Pool Procedures

Please be sure to read this year's pool rules (attached to this newsletter) as some have changed.

Passes will be available in the office before opening day as long as the Registration Forms were completed properly, old passes returned, pictures provided, assessments are current and everything turned in by **May 4**. **RESIDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PICK UP THEIR ANNUAL POOL PASSES IN THE COMMUNITY OFFICE** and proof of residency will be required. The office will have a few evening and weekend hours in May to accommodate picking up the passes. Dates and times will be posted in the May issue of the NCA newsletter.

Drop all completed forms in the red drop box at the base of the NCA office steps. Fees have gone up. Lost passes are \$10 each to replace. Late registrations should be accompanied by a \$20 check. **Early Bird Special:** Get everything returned before April 6, 2020 to earn 5 free guest credits.

Questions? Contact the NCA Office at 703-455-3606.

Kids at home?

Grab a trash bag and clean the woods! Give back to the community.



REMEMBER TO SCOOP THE POOP!

LOOKING FOR BABY/PET SITTING?

Teen sitter, with references, looking to babysit, be a mother's helper, or pet sit. **Call:** Spinelli residence @ 703-451-1779

Local Community Mowing Services By Jayden

\$20 minimum - Call: 703-337-4626

Need Childcare or Pet-Sitting?


Red Cross-Advanced Childcare Certified teen sitter is available for after-school care, weekends, evenings/summer days. Liv: 571-888-6532

Newsletter Delivery Persons Needed for Durer, Gwynedd and Marconi Courts

Please volunteer your time. Only takes 30 minutes each month. If two people share the court, should only take about 15 minutes. Students could use the hours toward school volunteer credits. The exercise is great!!!!

Email manager@newingtoncommunity.org or call us at 703-455-3606 if you can help.

AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Bill Loy on Gwynedd who has been delivering the newsletter to the entire street for the past 17 years! Bill, your volunteerism and dedication to Newington Community are more appreciated than words can express. Thank you!

<i>NCA Calendar</i>				<i>April 2020</i>		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Trash & Recycling	1 7pm NCA Board Mtg** (Pool House) yard debris (single family)	2 White Goods Pickup ¹	3 Trash & Bulk pick-up	4
Fairfax County Public Schools - closed due to coronavirus						
5	6	7 Trash & Recycling	8 Yard Debris (single family)	9 White Goods Pickup ¹	10 Trash & Bulk pick-up	11
Fairfax County Public Schools - closed due to coronavirus						
12 	13	14 Trash & Recycling	15  Newsletter Deadline Yard Debris (single family)	16 White Goods Pickup ¹	17 Trash & Bulk pick-up	18
19	20	21 Trash & Recycling	22  Yard Debris (single family)	23 White Goods Pickup ¹	24 Trash & Bulk pick-up	25
26	27	28 Trash & Recycling	29 Yard Debris (single family)	30 White Goods Pickup ¹		

Trash Timing: Monday & Thursday- Placed out for pick-up NO EARLIER than 5pm
Tuesday & Friday - Placed out for pick-up NO LATER than 6am

NOTE: ¹White Goods pick-up on Thursdays (i.e., refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.). Contact American Disposal at 703-368-0500 24 hours in advance. There is an additional cost to residents for this service. For more details, refer to NCA trash policy at:

<http://www.newingtoncommunity.org/NCA%20Documents/TrashPolicy.pdf>