

# Inside Newington Station

# Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter **JULY 2021**

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#### NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

July 7
August 4
Thursday, August 12 \*\*

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# **President's Corner**

By Debby Ramirez

Summer is officially here, and school is out!

Our neighborhood children will be more present on our streets these days as they will be playing outdoors and making their way to the pool. So, I ask for us all to be mindful of them by obeying our community's speed limits. In turn, I ask parents to help keep the children safe by discouraging them from playing on the streets as this is a danger for all, and as always, helmets and bike riding are the safest pair

We welcome our new community manager Stephanie Reed. Over the next several weeks she will be working closely with Lori as she transitions into this role. Let's all make her feel welcomed!

On a separate note, I would like to provide a friendly reminder that assessments are due on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The assessment amount for townhouses is \$266.12 and for single-family homes is \$215.90. Payments can be directly mailed or paid online, visit our websites for instructions on paying online.

Continue to check our website for the latest news and updates!

# **Quarterly Assessment Reminder**

Quarterly homeowner assessment (HOA) fees are due by July 1, 2021. For questions, please contact Summit Management at 703-360-0904.

## **Newsletter Distributors Needed**

Volunteers needed to deliver newsletters once a month to the residents on parts of Godolphin, Matisse Courts, or all of Dampier Court. Please contact the NCA Office for details.

If interested, please call 703-455-3606.

## **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: manager@newingtoncommunity.org

#### **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 – Regina Watson (Term: 8-19 thru 8-22)

Treasurer – Bobby Royal (Term: 8-19 thru 8-21)

Secretary – Karen Chauvin (Term: 8-18 thru 8-21)

Director - John Kylis (Term: 8-20 thru 8-23)

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 - Bobby Royal

#### 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 compl	aints
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.fairj	faxconnector.com
Fairfax County <u>www.j</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
	1-800-RIDE VRE
Voter Information	703-222-0776
West Springfield District Police	703-644-7377

### **Newsletter Distributors**

Kathy Anderson	Crystal Coleman	Perritt Kids
Lindsay Andrews	Mike Ferraris	Ramirez Family
Amanda Baird	Donna Hunholt	Lisa Robbins
Blake Carpenter	Jeffrey Notestine	Roche Family
Cerchione Family	Al Owens	Tom Rowder
Karen Chauvin	Kelly Paul	Regina Watson

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Written by Craig Nedrow

I have seen the proposed changes to the NCA architectural guidelines regarding small security camera. As I have stated in the board meeting, I strongly disagree with the NCA board involvement in this issue.

In the April 2021 board meeting I asked why this issue was even of concern- what problem was being addressed. I was told that there was no problem, only that some residents were putting up cameras and that the board felt it needed to create rules. There are no situations, actual or proposed, where such cameras would detract from the appearance of the community.

The necessary number and placement of small cameras is dependent on each individual home - based on the home's architecture, obstructions, foliage, and camera field-of-view. Rules such as those being proposed limit what homeowners can do to be secure in their persons and property. Does this open the NCA for liability if a crime occurs to a resident's home?

The board should never limit what people can reasonably do to secure their homes. If there isn't a problem, then the board should focus on other matters.

#### NCA ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

NCA's Annual Meeting will take place Thursday, August 12th.

The Annual Meeting of the Members starts at 8:00 pm with a regular meeting preceding it at 7:30 pm. Come early to check in and pick up your ballot before the meeting starts.

Harvester Church 7800 Rolling Road Springfield, VA 22153

(across from the McDonalds near Fullerton & Rolling)

Letters will be mailed to all homeowners with additional details.

We have two Board positions that are open for election, so if you are interested please fill out the nomination form found in this newsletter.

# **Newington Station Update - Jim Fox & The Mason Group**



#### Active:

- 3 townhomes priced from \$369,000-450,000 1 detached home priced at \$664,888
- Under Contract:
- 3 townhomes priced from \$425,000-455,000 1 detached home priced at \$664,888
- 3 townhomes with sold prices of \$433,000-465,000

**Happy Summer!** 





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# NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# PROXY for the Annual Meeting of the Members August 12, 2021

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(Name)	
being a legal owner of	
(Newington	,
Lot #, being a member in go	ood standing of the Newington Community Association
under the provisions of the duly record	led legal instruments governing said Association, do gran
my proxy for voting at the Annual Me	eeting on August 12, 2021 as follows. One, and only one
option must be marked for the proxy	form to be valid. If no option is marked, the proxy form
is not valid.	
( ) for the purpose of establishing a	quorum only
( ) to	This individual will use your proxy for
the purpose of establishing a quorum	and/or to vote on your behalf as they see fit, unless
otherwise noted below:	united of the transfer of the
other wise noted selow.	
(Signature, member)	(Signature, proxy)
(date)	(date)

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS — NOMINATION FORM**

Newington Community Association

Nominations are being accepted for two positions on the Newington Community Association Board of Directors. Terms are for three years (August 2021 – August 2024).

Name:

Elections will be held at the Annual Community Meeting August 12, 2021. If you are interested in serving your community as a member of the Board, please complete this nomination form.

Address:						
Telephone:	Telephone:					
Background:						
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	n to: Newington Community As r email to: manager@newington	ssociation, P.O. Box 351, Springfield, VA 22150, fax community.org				
NOTE: Budgets		NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION e on NCA's website: www.newingtoncommunity.org				
Justification (why	do we need it, how will it be	enefit the community, why do we not need it):				
Cost (include actu	al costs or qualified estimate	es if possible):				
Name	Address	Phone				
P.O. Box 35 Springfield, Drop-off: m	Community Association I VA 22150, Or ailbox at base of Community ager@newingtoncommunity.o					

Budget Call – Your recommendations are Needed!

#### Draft

NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors Video Conference Call, Meeting ID: 149 375 2705 June 9, 2021 7:00 pm

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

The meeting was recorded.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** President Debby Ramirez, Vice President Regina Watson, Secretary Karen Chauvin, and Director John Kylis. Treasurer Bobby Royal arrived at 7:34.

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Lori Randall

**OTHER ATTENDEES: 4** residents

#### PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:

President Ramirez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### **COMMUNITY FORUM:**

• A resident inquired about the architectural inspections, whether they are completed, who does them, and the plans for future years. [Both the townhouses and the single family homes have been completed. This year the inspections were done by the Community Manager through a contract with Summit Management. In 2019, NCA also had a contract with Summit Management to perform the inspections which were done by a student. About 6 years ago the inspections were done by volunteers. The Board needs to decide the frequency of the inspections in the future.]

#### **HEARINGS:**

No hearings were scheduled.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** See meeting motions.

#### **OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

# <u>Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee</u> – Treasurer Royal

March Financials will be sent to the Board when they are complete. The Eagle Bank account was closed and \$100,000 from operating was transferred to Charles Schwab and reserve contributions were set up. Summit is in the process of transferring funds for the assessments.

The Finance/Budget Committee will make a recommendation to add a line item to the 2022 budget for townhouse Common Area Maintenance including tree trimming, mulch, and flowers.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### **Environmental Committee** – John Kylis

There is still a lot of litter and dog waste in the community. Dog waste has bacteria, which ends up in the streams and kids play in that water. Director Kylis received 2 copies of the newsletter on his door. In mid-July, the Committee will hold a meeting to share information and answer questions on lawn care, as about 300 residents received letters regarding needed lawn maintenance. In August, the Committee plans to cut down the Japanese stilt grass in the common areas to control the spread of this invasive plant.

#### **Planning & Development** – Lou Tobat

An Amazon Fresh grocery store is coming to the Lorton Market St shopping center and a Lidl grocery store is coming to the Liberty Market shopping center also in Lorton. Submitted via written report.

#### Reserves & Maintenance Planning Committee -

Beth Rodriguez No report.

#### **Recreation Committee** – Vacant

No report.

Welcoming Committee - Regina Watson

Magnets will be ordered. Committee meetings will be held in the fall.

#### GENERAL BUSINESS – MANAGEMENT RE-PORT:

<u>Votes Held Between Meetings</u> – Lori Randall, Management

None.

# <u>Homeowner Communications</u> – Lori Randall, Management

- Records request for pool contract, grounds contract, and management MOU on annual architectural inspections. [Request fulfilled electronically.]
- Trash can missed on Kitchener. [Owner called American Disposal directly.]
- Picture of water spouting from possible drain in front yard. [Management to look at it.]
- Dead tree behind house on Godolphin. [Management inspected area and will confer with tree contractor.]
- Worked with webmaster to have problem fixed with Board@ email distribution.
- Resident on 8568 Gwynedd leaves their trash can out all the time. [Management has not had a chance to be on the property on a non-trash day, Wednesday or Saturday.]
- Resident sent pictures of above ground cables.

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[Management needs to send violation letters to homeowners for above ground cables to get corrected, as Verizon is difficult to reach if an account # is not provided.]

- Resident offered to Chair the Maintenance Committee if needed. [B. Rodriquez confirmed she would continue, and no replacement is needed.]
- Resident noted that American Disposal does pick up furniture that is placed out and picks up what drops on ground.
- Records request for Dominion Towing contract. [Request fulfilled. Management offered to help with questions.]
- Resident reported two trees on Moline that are dead. [Management to look at.]
- Resident reported trees leaning toward rear fence on Moline. [Trees have been removed.]
- Porch pirates have been reported on Matisse.
- There was a wash machine left out on Jenner. [Private hauler was called to remove it.]
- Received a request to remove overgrown bushes at the end of Euclid. [Added to grounds maintenance list.]
- Report that downspout from shed gutter is on common ground. [Management to inspect to determine if there is a violation.]
- Received a budget request to clean out the underbrush behind 7719 Durer. [Added to budget request and to grounds maintenance list.]
- Received a complaint that a pool guard was wearing ear phones, other guards were talking to the guard who was in the chair, the chlorine numbers were not updated on the outside Board, and the guard room was messy. [Complaint was sent to Titan. On-site pool manager is a returning guard, but many of the other guards are new. Pool has been very crowded on warm days, but there is no indication of a staffing shortage.]
- Request from homeowner that the next trash contract should include trash cans for all townhomes. [Added note in file to include in next contract and in the 2022 budget.]

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Maintenance Reserve Funds Streets
  - Awaiting receipt of signed contract for repaying Euclid and Getty. Sidewalk repairs and painting of One Way arrows on Durer are being added to the contract on a time and materials basis.
  - Path repair Will be done with the street repav-
- Maintenance 2021 Operating Funds
  - Common grounds maintenance Signed contract sent to contractor. Work is tabled to fall.
  - Cluster Mailbox cleaning Proposal received for

- powerwashing 48 mailboxes (22 plastic and 26 metal) and painting the 26 metal mailboxes. NCA will request more information on costs for powerwashing only, and clarification on whether the mailbox pedestals are included in the painting estimate. Need information from USPS on whether they would install new decals for the mailboxes after the powerwashing and painting. Tabled to July.
- Tree pruning Work has started.
- Security Cameras/Ring Cameras Secretary Chauvin will make revisions. Tabled to July.
- Annual ARC Inspections for 2021 Inspections have been completed. Letters were sent to 470 owners who had at least one violation. Re-inspections will be conducted in the fall.
- 2021 Pool Season The pool is open. Community Manager authorized the purchase of 3 umbrellas at a cost of \$175 each. Pool staff washed some of the chairs which have been in storage. Current pool contract expires in 2021. Bids for the 2022 season and beyond will be requested. Tabled to July.
- Monument Lights Motion made on the matter.
- Management Contract: The Board reviewed Legal Counsel's response regarding the difference between site visits and inspections. Director Kylis will prepare a proposal on how NCA should proceed in conducting/paying for Covenant violation inspections in future years.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Association Policy ground cover. In response to homeowner questions regarding clarification of ground cover, a revision to Architectural Standards Article VI – Section 9 was reviewed and will be included in the July Newsletter.
- Maintenance Operating: There is a dead tree behind Kitchener on common ground. Motion made on the matter.
- Future Board Meetings There is a new Virginia law effective July 1, 2021 which allows associations to hold virtual meetings, electronic voting, and electronic communication. To hold virtual meetings, the Board must adopt guidelines. Director Kylis will write a draft of NCA Guidelines for the Board's review.
- The Annual meeting in August will be held in-
- Committees Committee charters were approved, but the charters have not been signed. The Secretary will sign them. Committee members need to sign the NCA Code of Conduct. Committee email addresses will be activated for the active Committees and the Committee Chair names and the Committee email addresses will be listed on the NCA website.

Vantaca System – Summit is prepared to give home-

# Community News & Reminders

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owners their portal login credentials via an email broadcast message to those homeowners (about 115) who provided an email address to Summit. Homeowners who did not provide an email address will receive a letter with their portal login credentials.

#### **MEETING MOTIONS**

- 1. The April 7, 2021, May 5, 2021, and May 19, 2021 meeting minutes were approved by unanimous consent
- 2. Motion to approve not to exceed \$350 for the purchase of solar lights for the NCA monument signs. Made by Director Kylis, Seconded by Treasurer Royal.

Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.

3. Motion to approve not to exceed \$250 for the removal of a fallen tree on common ground behind Kitchener.

Made by Director Kylis, Seconded by Vice President Watson.

Vote: 4 Yes 1 Abstain (President Ramirez).

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Board adjourned at 10:49 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Chauvin.

# Pool Hours for July 2021



- Daily pool hours: 11am to 9pm
- Pool will close at 8pm on July 4

# Is Your Trash Can or Recycle Bin Missing??

Was your can or bin still at the curb or in your front yard the day AFTER trash pickup or recycling pick up?? Before you think someone stole your can or bin, check at the NCA Office. NCA has the right to impound any trash can or garbage receptacle which is in violation and to enter onto any lot for this purpose.

To avoid the hassle of going to the Office to pick up your can or bin, just return them to your back yard or garage by the evening of pickup day. Simple. Not going to be home that evening?? Ask your neighbor to help. You can return the favor when your neighbor needs help.

Please see the NCA Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Article VIII - Protective Covenants and Restrictions, Section 13 for more information

http://www.newingtoncommunity.org/NCA% 20Documents/Covenants.pdf

# Is Your Car Locked??

School is out and summer is here, which leads to an increase in thieves searching through cars and stealing things. This has happened in previous years, so better to be safe than sorry. Lock your car! If you have any crime prevention questions, contact the Crime Prevention Officer at the West Springfield Station, 703-277-2363, or send an email to:

anthony.capizzi@fairfaxcounty.gov.

"Lock it or Lose it!!!"

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE**: Epson Stylus Photo R800 color printer. Still in original box. Never opened. Will print 4x6, 5x7, and 8x10 pictures. Perfect opportunity to print all those summer photos for a great price. \$25. 00. Cash only. Call 571-999-4661.

#### **Revision to the Architectural Standards**

The Board is proposing the following revision to **ARTICLE VI – OTHER PROJECTS Section 9.** The update to the Standards will be on the agenda of the July Board meeting. Anyone who would like to share comments may do so via email before the meeting or during the Homeowner Forum section of the July meeting. If the Board approves the revision, the final copy will be posted on the website.

Only the Section Title and the second paragraph are revised as written below.

**Section 9. Landscaping, Ground Cover and Yards:** (9/74, 4/89, 4/96, 8/07, 7/08, 12/09, 8/17, xx/21)

The yards of all townhouses and detached houses must be well maintained so as not to detract from the overall appearance of the community. Well maintained means no bare ground, no weeds in the flower beds, mulch, or pavers and, if the yard contains grass, a predominance of grass. Grass height must not exceed 6 inches, but this does not pertain to ornamental grasses used in landscaped gardens. An ornamental hedge may be grown along the perimeter of the front yard of any lot, provided that the hedge is kept neatly trimmed to a height of not more than 3 feet. Garden bed edging must not be more than 8 inches in height and does not require prior approval. Plants exceeding 18 inches in height, including (but not limited to) ornamental grasses, flowers, shrubs, edging, and container plantings, cannot encompass more than 50% of a front yard.



# 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







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

# NCA Calendar

# JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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**NOTE:** \*Yard Debris for single family homes resumes on Wednesdays starting April 7, 2021. ¹White 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: <a href="http://newingtoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Trash-Policy-Final-Revised-1-8-20-1.pdf">http://newingtoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Trash-Policy-Final-Revised-1-8-20-1.pdf</a>.