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Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter MARCH 2021

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NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

March 3
April 7
May 5

President's Corner

By Debby Ramirez

As we have experienced a few days of snow during this past month, I want to say a THANK YOU to those considerate neighbors that stepped up and helped shovel the sidewalk of others on their street. I extend much GRATITUDE to the residents in our community whom during their walks take the time to pick up litter that is left behind throughout the common grounds. And of course, we cannot forget our community volunteers, that month after month take the time to deliver the newsletter to our doorsteps; they too deserve a heartfelt APPRECIATION.

With all considered, I would like to bring attention to an ongoing community complaint and urge all to practice being good neighbors by being mindful not to abuse visitor spaces. Accordingly, I would like to remind everyone of both, the NCA trash policy, which is to not take out the trash before 5pm on the day before the schedule pick up days and to pick up after your dogs. No one likes to see doggie doo-doo on common grounds. These topics carry a violation, so a little consideration speaks to the community we live in.

These kind acts truly go a long way and help make our community a great place to live. Let's all lead by example and next time an opportunity arises, don't hesitate, and just offer your assistance.

Upcoming Environmental Committee Event

Please join the Environmental Committee for a Spring Community Clean-Up event to be held on the first day of Spring, **Saturday, March 20th, 2021 at 10:00am EST**. Kindly meet at the ball field if you wish to receive some provided supplies, otherwise, feel free to pick up any litter around your own property. Every piece counts!

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

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

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 703-644-7377

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
board@newingtoncommunity.org (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 - Pam Rodriguez

Newsletter Distributors

Kathy Anderson	Crystal Coleman	Kelly Paul
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Amanda Baird	Fulcar Family	Ramirez Family
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Blake Carpenter	Zinta Michael	Roche Family
Cerchione Family	Jeffrey Notestine	Regina Watson
Karen Chauvin	Al Owens	

Newington Station Update - Jim Fox & The Mason Group



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Communications - Did You Know...

That the NCA newsletter is a good way for residents to communicate with each other? You can write a letter to the editor or an article and have it published in the NCA newsletter to inform other residents about any matter of interest concerning the Association. You may also list items for sale, advertise for babysitting, teens looking for work, etc., and it's free! This is your newsletter! To submit a letter, article, or ad (teens only), send an email to manager@newingtoncommunity.org.

While the newsletter seems to offer a great means of communication, to ensure compliance with state laws, the Association will be installing a bulletin board at the pool house. Anyone may post or respond to a post by placing their contact information on this board. The Association will continue to research other means that are more efficient to meet state requirements of providing a method for homeowners to communicate among themselves.

Finally, the Association continues to develop a means of communicating to residents from the Board regarding reminders of routine dates, plus potentially more urgent matters. If you sign up for the distribution list, which currently has approximately 110 email addresses, you will receive notices of recreation/community events and meeting reminders. Additionally, this distribution list could be used for such things as unexpected changes to the trash schedule or pool issues. To sign up, send an email to announcement@newingtoncommunity.org.

Spring is Here -Time for Cleanup and Fix Up!

Winter weather, wind, rain and sun can soil, fade and damage parts of your home and property. Spring is the perfect time to do those repairs to keep your home and NCA looking its best. Be ready as Annual inspections will be conducted this year on all 609 homes. For yards, add dirt and seed. In gardens, remove weeds. Soiled gutters, siding, and sidewalks? Get out those power washers!

Please refer to the Architectural Standards on the NCA website, ([http:// newingtoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Arch-Standards-Dec2018-APPROVED.pdf](http://newingtoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Arch-Standards-Dec2018-APPROVED.pdf)) Article II, Section 2. Maintenance, for more info. And remember, "An Exterior Project Request Form must ALWAYS be submitted AND approval received before the installation and/or total replacement of any of the following major home improvements: roof, siding, brick or stone work, windows (one or more), deck, patio, porch, screened in porch, addition, enclosure, fence, and/or sidewalk." Questions?? Please contact the NCA office.

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NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Video Conference Call, Meeting ID: 149 375 2705
February 3, 2021 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Ramirez.

The meeting was recorded.

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

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Lori Randall

OTHER ATTENDEES: 4 residents

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: President Ramirez
President Ramirez welcomed everyone to the meeting.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

- A resident had concerns that people are putting trash out before 5:00pm on trash days and/or putting trash out on the wrong days. [It is hard to know who put the trash out. An article was in the February newsletter reminding residents that a violation of the trash policy can result in a \$50 charge. Article will be placed in newsletter again and on the letter boards.]
- A resident had concerns that neighbors are parking in visitor spaces and leaving one of their assigned parking spaces empty and/or they are parking a car parallel behind their two parking spaces. [Be considerate of your neighbors and park in your assigned space. Cars that park in the street and block the traffic lane may be towed without warning.]
- A resident had concerns about people who have requested special pickups for bulk items or donations e.g., Goodwill, Salvation Army, etc. that are not on a regular trash day. There is no NCA guidance on where and when to put out these items. [Item will be put on agenda for March Board meeting.]
- A resident gave a big thank you to neighbors who are picking up trash on streets and sidewalks.

HEARINGS:

No hearings were scheduled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: See Meeting Motions.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee – Treasurer Royal

Work is continuing with Eagle Bank to gain online access to the account. There will be a Budget Finance Committee meeting the end of March to do a 1st quarter review of the budget and the Committee will look

at maintenance funding. A motion was made out of Committee.

Committee Reports

Environmental Committee – John Kylis

A Committee meeting was held February 1, 2021 and a full report will be provided in March. Clean-Up day is tentatively scheduled for March 20, 2021.

Planning & Development – Lou Tobat

Snow plowing looked good and many neighbors helped shovel sidewalks.

Reserves & Maintenance Planning Committee –

Beth Rodriguez

No report.

Recreation Committee – Pam Rodriguez

No report.

GENERAL BUSINESS – MANAGEMENT REPORT:

This is the last year of the current pool contract and the final year of the audit contract. NCA will need to address both this year.

Votes Held Between Meetings – Lori Randall, Management

None.

Homeowner Communications – Lori Randall, Management

- Broken bench seat at Brandeis/Lemoyne tot lot. [All wood on bench was replaced at a cost of \$125.]
- Standing puddle near 8332 Moline after rain. [Asst. Manager will get pictures.]
- Vehicle on Moline that does not move for months. [Management will monitor.] Also, a resident parks his car in a visitor space and leaves his assigned space vacant. [Violation letter will be sent. A reminder about the Parking Policy will be put in the newsletter and the topic will be added to the March Board agenda.]
- Trash left behind on common grounds after trash pickup and animals are going through the trash.
- Lights out at end of Euclid. [Reported a second time.]
- Neighbor has a sign in front yard. [Sign says “private property” and is less than one square foot.]
- Resident parks over the line of their parking space. [A vehicle that encroaches on another person's space may be towed immediately.]
- Trash was put out on Kitchener at 4 pm two times. [Trash may be put out at 5 pm the night before pickup.]
- Broken branch in tree. [Management inspected and tree is not over a sidewalk, home or vehicle. High

winds did not bring it down.]

- Trash and recycling bags were left out at corner of Brandeis and Lodge, not in a receptacle, and animals get into it every time.

OLD BUSINESS

- Maintenance – Reserve Funds
Streets
 - Engineering specifications for Euclid/Getty/LeMoyné street renovations in 2021. Contract with GJB for \$4,950 signed. Specifications report has been received. Management will request that GJB solicit bids.
- Maintenance 2021 – Operating Funds
 - The Board reviewed 30+ common ground areas and identified 8 priority locations to request bids. The Budget Finance Committee will assess splitting the Maintenance budget line into two line items, for example turf maintenance in the townhouses and beautification.
 - Community Survey – Six priority areas were identified: NCA signage, dog waste, trash, newsletters, pool access in 2021, and violations. NCA has purchased 3 letter board signs and they are now in use. Motion made on materials for signs. When the trash contract is due for renewal, the option of providing trash cans for the townhouses will be considered. The pool contractor will be contacted regarding procedures for the 2021 season. The remaining 3 priority items, dog waste, newsletters, and violations will be added to the agenda in future Board meetings.
 - Email Distribution List – The Board reviewed a draft procedure, made edits, and the procedure is now final. An article will be placed in the NCA newsletter informing residents of the Distribution List and how to sign up.
 - Use of Association Email by Committees – Implementation is pending the development of procedures. Secretary Chauvin will write procedures for Board review at the March meeting.
 - Welcoming Committee Charter – Motion made on the matter.
 - Security Cameras/Ring Cameras – The Board reviewed a draft standard and discussed requirements. More research will be done. Tabled to March.

NEW BUSINESS

- Formal Complaint – The Board received a letter from the Commonwealth of Virginia's Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman informing NCA that it did not have a method of communication for owners to communicate among themselves regarding matters concerning the Association, as is required by common interest community law. Motion made on the matter, which will

provide an acceptable solution to meet the requirements of the law. Further research will be conducted by Treasurer Royal and Director Kyllis to identify other options. An article will be included in the NCA newsletter reminding residents that they may use the newsletter to communicate with other residents by submitting articles, ads, etc.

- 2021 Pool Rules – Motion made on the matter.
- Architectural Standards (Porticos) – The Board reviewed a draft standard on installing porticos in NCA. The draft will be published in the March newsletter.
- 2021 Pool Season – NCA will contact Titan to discuss lessons learned from last season from those pools that did open, any changes in scheduling of appointments online, completion of forms online, etc.
- Annual Architectural Inspections for 2021 – Community Manager will get a Memorandum of Understanding from Summit to obtain summer help to perform the inspections and prepare letters.

MEETING MOTIONS

1. Minutes of the January 6, 2021 Board meeting as published in the February 2021 newsletter were approved by unanimous consent.
2. Motion out of the Budget Finance Committee to re-invest \$100,000 of Operating Reserves in 2 CD's of \$50,000 each for 12 months at a rate of 0.45%. Made by Treasurer Royal.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
3. Motion to approve not to exceed \$20 for stakes and materials for the 3 letter board signs. Made by Director Kyllis, Seconded by Vice President Watson.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
4. Motion to approve the charter for the Welcoming Committee. Made by President Ramirez, Seconded by Director Kyllis.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
5. Motion to approve no more than \$250 to purchase a bulletin board for exterior use. Made by Vice President Watson, Seconded by Director Kyllis.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
6. Motion: To approve the 2021 Pool Rules. Made by President Ramirez, Seconded by Director Kyllis.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 10:35 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Chauvin.

Community News & Reminders

2021 Pool Procedures

The Newington Community hopes to open the pool in 2021. Discussions have already started with the pool contractor to make sure plans are in place to accomplish this goal.

Passes will be available in the office starting in May (check April and May newsletter for dates and times) as long as the Registration Forms were completed properly, old passes returned, pictures provided, assessments are current and everything turned in by May 10. **REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED IN 2021** even if the 2020 registration form was completed.

The NCA office has your pool passes for everyone who submitted the registration last year. You will need to drop off pictures if your pass has expired. Please be sure to include your phone number on the registration so we can contact you if there are any issues with creating your pass. WE will call YOU if we need that picture. Please get your registration forms in as quickly as possible.

Drop all completed forms in the drop box at the base of the NCA office steps or submit by email if your passes are here from last year. A PDF fillable form is on the website. Do not submit pictures of applications. Lost passes are \$10 each to replace. Late registrations should be accompanied by a \$20 check. Early Bird Special: Get everything returned by April 12, 2021 to earn free guest credits.

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 future NCA newsletters. Passes will NOT be ready for pick up prior to Tuesday, May 18th.

Pooper Scooper Law Reminder

Here in Fairfax County and NCA, we love our dogs and clean water, too. We can have both if dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets.

Pet waste contains fecal coliform bacteria and can transmit diseases and parasites such as salmonellosis, cryptosporidiosis, and hookworm – just to name a few. These can make both humans and pets sick. Decaying pet waste can also contribute to fish kills in local streams and the Potomac River.

Many of Fairfax County's streams are currently polluted with fecal coliform bacteria. By picking up after our pets, together we can improve our local water quality and the health of the Chesapeake Bay.

http://www.ebmcdn.net/fairfax/fairfax-cable-viewer.php?w=768&h=432&viewnode=dog_waste_psa
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater

Newsletter Distributors Needed

If you are interested in delivering newsletters once a month to the residents on Godolphin, part of Matisse, or Dampier Courts, please contact the Community Manager for details.
Call 703-455-3606.

Are You Hogging the Blank Parking Spaces??

The Board continues to receive complaints about residents abusing the use of the blank parking spaces: parking their car in a blank space and leaving their numbered spot vacant; leaving their car for days on end in a blank space without moving it, etc. This is extremely disrespectful to your neighbors, and they know who you are!

Section 8 of the April 2020 Parking Policy states, “Blank Parking Spaces are for the purpose of providing extra parking for residents’ additional vehicles or their guest’s vehicles. Blank spaces are not to be used for long-term parking (i.e. no more than 7 days).” If you violate this policy, your car may be towed IMMEDIATELY with no warning.

If you notice a vehicle parked in a blank space for longer than 7 days, please contact NCA Management. Be a good neighbor, share the blank parking spaces.

What is “Early Trash?”

No, this is not the latest singing group! The NCA Trash Policy states that “Trash put out earlier than 5:00 p.m. of the day before trash collection day is considered early trash.” Noon is not 5:00 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. is not 5:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. is 5:00 p.m. Failure to follow this policy may result in a special assessment of \$50 for Rules Violation.

Also, in the townhouses, please put your cans and trash in the grass, not on the curb, so you do not block the street. In the single family section, make sure your cans do not block the mailbox. For more information, please check out the Trash Policy on the NCA website.

<http://newingtoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Trash-Policy-Final-Revised-1-8-20-1.pdf>

The Board is proposing the following **ADDITION of a new Section 28 to Article VI of the Architectural Standards**. The update to the Standards will be on the agenda of the March Board meeting. Anyone who would like to share comments may do so during the Homeowner Forum section of the March meeting. If the Board approves this amendment, the final copy will be posted on the website.

Article VI – OTHER PROJECTS

Section 28. Porticos

A portico is a structure consisting essentially of a roof, which is usually supported by columns leading to an entrance of a house. Porticos may be installed over the front or back door of houses, with the exception of those in Newington Glen. Porticos may not exceed the height of the top of the first floor and must not block any window. Shingles, colors, moldings, etc. must match existing on the house.

In the front of the house, the portico may be no larger than the width and depth of the stoop. In the rear of the house, the portico may not extend more than 6 inches on either side of the door frame and may not be more than 4 feet in depth. The portico may include columns and railings, which may be round or square, but they must be consistent with the colonial esthetics of the community. In the front of the house, the columns and railings, if used, must be installed on the stoop.

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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.

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NCA Calendar

MARCH 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <div><div>Yard debris is on Fridays for all NCA homes.</div></div>	2 Trash & Recycling	3 7PM NCA Board Mtg (see website for location/details)	4 White Goods Pickup ¹	5 Trash & Bulk pick-up <div>NO RECYCLING</div> <div>FCPS 2-Hour Early Release</div>	6
7	8 <div>Student Holiday (FCPS)</div>	9 Trash & Recycling	10	11 White Goods Pickup ¹	12 Trash & Bulk pick-up <div>NO RECYCLING</div>	13
14 Spring forward Don't forget to set clocks ahead one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday. 	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Trash & Recycling	17  Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18 White Goods Pickup ¹	19 Trash & Bulk pick-up <div>NO RECYCLING</div>	20  10am NCA Spring Clean Up Event - see page 1
21	22	23 Trash & Recycling	24	25 White Goods Pickup ¹	26 Trash & Bulk pick-up <div>NO RECYCLING</div> <div>FCPS 2-Hour Early Release</div>	27
28	29	30 Trash & Recycling	31	<div>Trash Timing: Monday & Thursday - Placed out for pick-up NO EARLIER than 5pm. Tuesday & Friday - Placed out for pick-up NO LATER than 6am. Bulk pick-up must be pre-arranged due to COVID-19 restrictions. Call 703-368-0500 to schedule bulk items.</div>		
FCPS SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL						

NOTE: *Yard Debris for single family homes occurs on Fridays with regular trash. 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: <http://newingtoncommunity.org/wp-content/uploads/Trash-Policy-Final-Revised-1-8-20-1.pdf>.