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Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter OCTOBER 2020

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NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

October 7
November 4
December 2

President's Corner By Debby Ramirez

As we welcome the month of October, which we recognize as fire prevention month it's a great reminder to test your smoke detector and change the batteries as necessary. One could go the extra step by investing in carbon monoxide alarms and/or fire extinguishers. Fall also comes with the joy of fall cleanup for your home. Prepping for the cold winter includes trimming back some of your perennials well before the first frost so that fresh blooms will grow in the spring. This is also a great time to reseed & fertilize your grass and plant spring blooming bulbs so that those beautiful tulips and hyacinths beautify our community in the Spring.

As a reminder, Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd. If you haven't registered to vote already, the deadline is October 13th. The option to request a ballot by mail is being provided at the following link. Every vote counts!
<https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/Registration/DmvLookup>

In closing, we know families have been concerned with the evolving COVID-19 situation and how Halloween will play out. As a priority, the safety of our community families is a top concern. We are happy to provide you with suggestions of fall activities taking place for the month of October which includes Halloween. These options can be a nice treat for families and especially children. <https://www.fxva.com/things-to-do/seasonal-holidays/fairs-festivals/fall-festivals/>

Have fun and be safe!

Friendly Reminder

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

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
Selenia 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	Karen Chauvin	Kelly Paul
Lindsay Andrews	Mike Ferraris	Perritt Kids
Amanda Baird	Fulcar Family	Ramirez Family
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Blake Carpenter	Jeffrey Notestine	Regina Watson
Cerchione Family	Al Owens	

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NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
Video Conference Call, Meeting ID: 149 375 2705
September 2, 2020 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President Ramirez.

The meeting was recorded.

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

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Lori Randall

OTHER ATTENDEES: 5 residents

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: The President welcomed John Kylis as a new Board member.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

A resident stated that he would be holding an Architectural Advisory Committee meeting on September 14, 2020 on Zoom. He had additional concerns regarding the Finance Committee not accepting new members.

A resident expressed concerns that there was not enough time for residents to make comments during the Community Forum part of the meeting. [Residents are encouraged to submit comments via email as well.]

HEARINGS:

No hearings were scheduled.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of the August 5, 2020 Board meeting were approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of the August 13, 2020 Annual meeting were provisionally accepted by unanimous consent. The minutes of the August 13, 2020 Board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE/BUSINESS REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Royal

NCA is on track with the budget. Delinquencies in 2020 are higher currently than in 2019 for the 30 day delinquencies, but about the same as in 2019 for the 60 day and 90 day delinquencies.

The draft 2019 audit has been received and there are no concerns. After the Board accepts the audit, the Representation Letter will be signed and returned to the auditor, who will then issue the final audit.

The first draft of the 2021 budget has no increase in assessments. At this time, any assessment increase would be limited to 0.7%.

The 2019 Tax Returns have been signed and submitted

to Accounting.

The Finance Committee will hold a meeting on September 23, 2020.

Environment Committee – John Kylis

About half of the ballfield fence was cleared of vegetation with the help of 3 volunteers, who did a great job! The vegetation overgrowth on the sidewalk leading to the basketball court from Red Ash Ct. was trimmed back.

Front yard lawn maintenance is a concern in some areas, and will be added as an agenda topic for October. Six areas behind townhouses have been identified as needing work and will be added to the maintenance list. Director Kylis will look at a few additional areas, including Luce Ct and Matisse, and will rank the areas in priority order. The final list will be ready for the Finance Committee meeting on Sept 23, 2020.

Remaining “green initiatives” have been added as agenda items and are being worked on.

Reserves & Maintenance Planning Committee –

Beth Rodriguez

No report.

Planning & Development – Lou Tobat

This year, National Night Out is October 6th. It is an opportunity for residents to meet their neighbors and local Public Safety Officers to promote safety, awareness, and neighborhood unity. An article will be placed in the newsletter.

Recreation Committee – Pam Rodriguez

No report.

Votes Held Between Meetings – Lori Randall, Management

None.

Homeowner Communications – Lori Randall, Management

- Resident has water damage in basement from neighbor's broken downspout. [Neighbor agreed to fix downspout, but interior damage is a between-unit issue.]
- Watchlight out on Gwynedd. [Reported to Dominion.]
- Resident drove on common ground and severely damaged grounds. [Police report filed. Blade Runners will provide a quote to repair. Letter was sent to vehicle owner asking that he repair the damage. Board to decide in October whether to press charges.]
- Budget request received to power wash office siding and clean gutters. [Added to maintenance list.]
- Request for Board member election results. [Completed.]
- Complaint that trash cans on Durer are put out and never brought back in. [Trash cans will be added as

a topic on October agenda. Director Kylis will prepare an article for the newsletter re: the types and sizes of recycle and trash cans/bins/totes available from American Disposal and the costs of each.]

- Resident very angry and sent email about tree that hit home on Euclid. [Board will review letter.]
- Trash cans on Marconi are left in the street, which blocks cars on the end. [Flyer distributed reminding residents in this area of the problem those cans create for parking cars.]
- Tires left out on Durer and LeMoyne. [Environmental Committee moved them to the pool house. Community Manager will write an article for the newsletter re: tires, paint, etc. to take these items to the office for disposal.]
- Trash can keeps disappearing on Marconi Court. [NCA has not picked up any cans recently.]
- Request to prune tree branches that hang over parking spaces. Additional request to check license plates of cars on Brandeis. [NCA is not able to remove every branch that hangs over a parking space. NCA cannot run plates on a vehicle parked on NCA streets. Board reviewed the emails.]
- Multiple architectural questions sent to Board regarding grandfathering and paint versus stain. [Subject was also brought up at Annual Meeting. Board President responded by email.]

OLD BUSINESS

- Maintenance – Reserve Funds
Streets
- Engineering specifications for Euclid/Getty/LeMoyne street renovations in 2021. Contract with GJB for \$4,950 signed. Tabled until specifications report is received (tentative Oct).
- Maintenance – Operating Funds
- Common Grounds: Remaining bare ground areas previously approved will be completed in September.
- Community Survey – Board to provide comments on draft survey to Vice President Watson by September 4th. The goal is to publish the survey in the November newsletter. Need to decide if names are required on the survey.
- Exterior Project Forms – Summit Management will be changing to a new database software starting November 1st. Residents will have the ability to upload their applications and then Committee members can sign to approve. An email or letter can be generated. Topic tabled until January 2021 to allow time for the software to be installed and to learn how to use it and any additional features.
- Email Distribution List – Need to determine what documents, newsletters, correspondence, etc. would be appropriate for email vs. mailing. Tabled to January 2021.
- Use of Association Email by Committees – Treasur-

er Royal and Director Kylis to identify a platform and recommendations for October meeting. Decision tabled until January 2021.

- Website Streamlining – Tabled to January 2021.
- Insurance Coverage – President Ramirez will review the insurance policies and will provide recommendations in October.

NEW BUSINESS

- Maintenance – Operating Funds
- Abandoned basketball court – Removing the asphalt from the old abandoned basketball court was added to the maintenance list as a low priority.
- Architectural – Board to assist in conducting follow up inspections to determine if violations have been corrected.
- Committees – Community Manager will prepare charters for each NCA approved Committee.
- Pool – Refund from pool closure was used for needed repairs and maintenance on the pool. Two motions were made on pool maintenance projects.

Board convened into Executive Session at 10:52pm to discuss employee compensation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:27 pm.

MEETING MOTIONS

1. Minutes of the August 5, 2020 Board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
2. Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Board Meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
3. Minutes of the August 13, 2020 Annual Meeting were provisionally accepted by unanimous consent.
4. Motion: To accept the 2019 audit as presented by the auditor.
Made by Treasurer Royal, Seconded by Director Kylis.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
5. Motion: To approve a proposal from Titan for \$2,185 to winterize the pool.
Made by Treasurer Royal, Seconded by President Ramirez.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.
6. Motion: To approve a proposal from Titan not to exceed \$8,000 to make repairs to the cracks in the pool.
Made by Treasurer Royal, Seconded by President Ramirez.
Vote: 5 Yes 0 No.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 11:27 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Chauvin.

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NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Video Conference Call, Meeting ID: 149 918 4209 | September 8, 2020 8:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 8:05 pm by President Ramirez.

The meeting was recorded.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: President Debby Ramirez, Secretary Karen Chauvin, Treasurer Bobby Royal, and Director John Kylis. Vice President Regina Watson joined the meeting at 8:40 pm.

MANAGEMENT PRESENT: Lori Randall

OTHER ATTENDEES: 2 residents

HEARINGS:

An oral hearing was conducted regarding the Architectural Control Committee's denial of a homeowner's request regarding the brick on the front of the house.

Board convened into Executive Session at 8:30 pm to discuss the appeal.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Board reconvened into Open Session 9:00 pm.

MEETING MOTIONS

Motion: To uphold the August 16, 2020 decision of the Architectural Control Committee for Lot #221 regarding the brick on the front of the house. Made by Treasurer Royal, Seconded by President Ramirez.

Vote: 4 Yes 1 No Director Kylis

The Board will add clarification of the language in the Architectural Standards regarding the staining of brick to the October agenda.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Chauvin.

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
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Community News & Reminders

NCA Environmental Committee

The next NCA Environmental Committee virtual meeting to be held at the date and time below. The discussion will pertain to the remaining vegetation to be cleared from the ballfield fence.

Date: October 5th

Time: 7pm

Media: Zoom (details to be provided for posting on the website)

John Kylis, Chair
Environmental Committee

New Pick-Up Day—Yard Debris For Single Family Homes

Starting the week of September 7, NCA's new permanent yard debris pick-up day will be on SATURDAYS moving forward. This only impacts the **single family home residents**.

For townhome residents: place your yard debris out with your regular trash on Fridays.

To ensure collection, please make sure all items are curbside the night before.

We thank you for your cooperation.

National Night Out

National Night Out is normally held on the first Tuesday in August. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the celebration was postponed to October 6.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement, while bringing back a true sense of community. It provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances to promote safety, awareness, and neighborhood unity.

Although NCA will not be holding an event this year, we urge everyone to say "Hello" or give a friendly wave to your neighbor (from a social distance, of course!). Simple friendliness builds a community.

For more info, <https://natw.org/>.

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. Forms must be submitted by the first week of September. Refer to the NCA website for the form.

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."



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

NCA Trash Cans

Notice to all residents, a kind reminder to do your part in keeping our community beautiful, healthy, and litter free. Please see the NCA website for the current trash policies. Additionally, if anyone in the community has not done so already, be sure to redeem your free 64-gallon recycling bin (townhomes) or 96-gallon recycling bin *and* 96-gallon trash bin (single family homes). American Disposal will send these bins to your home without charge. Additional bins may be purchased. Pictured are the 64-gallon recycling bin (complementary per the NCA Contract with American Disposal) and trash bin (purchased for \$75).

Website: <https://americandisposal.com/>. Phone: 703-368-0500



Newington Station Update - Jim Fox & The Mason Group



Active:

3 townhomes priced from \$319,990-435,000

Sold:

1 detached home with sold price of \$601,500

**Please stay safe and healthy during the pandemic.
We have extra masks and gloves for anyone in need~**



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Additional Trash Reminders

NO TIRES and NO PAINT CANS



AND

The trash contract with American Disposal prohibits paint cans and tires. No one wants to see them for weeks out on common grounds. Please deposit these items at the NCA office, between the bike rack and pool fence, so they can be properly discarded.

Reminder: Thin Grocery Bags May Not Be Used for Trash!

In January 2020, NCA approved the following change to the Trash Policy:

"All trash must be properly secured in tied heavy duty plastic bags or in a trash can when placed out for pick up. Thin grocery bags are never acceptable."

Lightweight bags can tear easily, which leaves an unsightly mess on the common grounds due to foraging by animals. Please be considerate of your neighbors and use a can or a heavy duty bag. For the complete NCA Trash Policy, please visit this link: <http://www.newingtoncommunity.org/NCA%20Documents/TrashPolicy.pdf>

NCA Calendar

OCTOBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.				1 White Goods Pickup ¹	2 Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (Townhomes) NO RECYCLING	3 Yard Debris*
4	5 7pm Environmental Committee Meeting (see website for Zoom details)	6 Trash & Recycling	7 7pm NCA Board Mtg (see website for location/details)	8 White Goods Pickup ¹	9 Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (Townhomes) NO RECYCLING	10 Yard Debris*
11	12 Columbus Day Student Holiday (FCPS)	13 Trash & Recycling	14	15 Newsletter Deadline White Goods Pickup ¹	16 Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (Townhomes) NO RECYCLING	17 Yard Debris*
18	19	20 Trash & Recycling	21	22 White Goods Pickup ¹	23 Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (Townhomes) NO RECYCLING	24 Yard Debris*
25	26	27 Trash & Recycling	28	29 White Goods Pickup ¹	30 Trash & Bulk pick-up** Yard Debris (Townhomes) NO RECYCLING	31

NOTE: *Yard Debris (Wednesdays) for single family homes. 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. See NCA trash policy at: <http://www.newingtoncommunity.org/NCA%20Documents/TrashPolicy.pdf> for details.