

# Inside Newington Station

Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter September 2017

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## NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS September 6th October 4th

November 1st First Wednesday of every month, 7pm @ NCA John Nolan Meeting Room

# **President's Corner**

By Kevin Benore

Happy September everyone! I hope everyone enjoyed August, which saw the return of kids to school, a partial eclipse, and of course the NCA annual meeting. Speaking of the Annual Meeting, it was great to see a large number of residents coming to participate. We elected Parker Watson and I was also re-elected. As far as officers, the same team officers were voted to fill the roles. I will continue to serve as president, Sarah Jernigan will continue to serve as our vice president, Dennis Kruse will continue to serve as our treasurer and Beth Rodriguez will continue to serve as our secretary. No other big news for this month, so have a safe and happy Labor Day.

# **Quarterly Assessments Due October 1, 2017**

Quarterly homeowner assessment (HOA) fees are due by July 1, 2017. For questions, please contact Summit Management at 703-360-0904.

#### Aviso de cortesía

El cargo de la Asociación de la Comunidad de Newington debe ser pagado en o antes del 1 de julio de 2017. Agradecemos su atención a este aviso.

# **NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY**

http://www.newingtoncommunity.org

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### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- President Kevin Benore (Aug '20) Email: <u>president@newingtoncommunity.org</u> Note: Email to NCA President is private and only read by the President.
- Vice President Sarah Jernigan (Aug '19)
- Treasurer Dennis Kruse (Aug '19)
- Secretary Elizabeth Rodriguez (Aug '18)
- Director Florence Smoczynski (Aug '18)
- Director Stacey Perritt (Aug '19)
- Director Parker Watson (Aug '20)

# ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chair - Stacey Perritt

FINANCE COMMITTEE Chair—Dennis Kruse

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair—Lou Tobat

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE Chair - Sara Jernigan

Social Committee Empty

#### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

USEF UL TELETHON	EIUNIDERS
Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (Police & Fire	e) 703-691-2131
barking dog complaints include	ed
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
fairfaxconnector.com	
Fairfax County	
fairfaxcounty.gov	
Fairfax County Housing Autho	5
Selena Davis 703-704-67	758
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

#### **Newsletter Distributors**

Kathy Anderson	Patrick Lent	Lori Randall
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Karen Chauvin	Sharoyn Marshall	
Gladys Diaz	Emily Mishoe	
Nicole Drummond	Al Owens	
Jennifer Firman	Perritt Kids	

#### Newington Community Association Board Meeting August 2, 2017

Call to Order: President Kevin Benore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Members Present</u>: President Kevin Benore, Vice President Sarah Jernigan, Treasurer Dennis Kruse, Secretary Beth Rodriguez, Director Flo Smoczynski and Director Stacy Perrit.

#### Approval of Minutes:

As there were issues with the Treasurer's report and the recording of a motion under new business, Director Kruse suggested the approval of the July Board meeting minutes be deferred until the September meeting. President Benore motioned that the approval of the July minutes be tabled until the September meeting. Motion was seconded by Director Smoczynski. Vote was 6 yes 0 no. All concerns are to be funneled to Secretary Rodriguez.

#### Community Forum:

- A resident brought up that he had not received a newsletter and wanted to know if there was a change in the newsletter procedure. He was told there was no change in the newsletter procedure and the delay was due to delays getting the newsletter to the printer and the delivery people.
- A resident brought up that one of her neighbors had put bricks out for trash pickup. When there were not picked up this person placed them neatly around the garden on common ground. Children have been playing with these bricks. She was concerned about the children's safety and asked if the community would make arrangements for the bricks to be picked up. Another resident in the meeting volunteered to pick up the bricks by the weekend coming up.
- A resident stated that she was sponsoring a Dive in Movie Night at the pool for the entire community. As she is using this as a business expense, she was wondering if she posted signs or handouts advertising the event with her business information would there be a conflict of interest. After a discussion the Board could not find any objections or conflicts of interest.

#### Management Report:

Conferred with Treasurer Kruse \_bout software for data storage. Treasurer Kruse talked about software for data storage and data storage and services that Summit offers.

There was a discussion of whether or not if we left Summit could we retrieve any data stored with Summit. Two inspections done. She stated that she was planning on doing architectural inspections every Tuesday. Walked the community trails with a community member to become acquainted with the trails and any issues regarding the trails. A discussion ensued regarding Fairfax County repairing the trails they dam-

aged while doing repair to water pipes.

Work on getting quote for a water heater for the office.

Work on getting an assessment and quote on security system for the office.

Working on signage replacement issues. President Benore brought up the broken signage issues on Kitchener.

- He also mentioned 3 random basketball courts on state property around the community. Discussion ensued on the issue of basketball hoops on the streets. The one on Delong has a broken back board a board member stated that she was 99% sure who owned this basketball hoop and that the previous community manager had told them they could not store the basketball hoop on community property but we have no say if they put it on state property. She will give the Community Manager the address of the resident in question and the Community Manager as suggested will use a door hanger to bring up the issue to the owner.
- Canvassed the community for trash containers being left out after they should have been brought in. Picked up 5 trash cans. Will be doing this bi-monthly or monthly unless the issue becomes larger.

#### HearCommunity Reports:

#### Planning and Development – Lou Tobat – no report

Architectural Advisory – Stacy Perrit – Tried to have a meeting but no one came so meeting did not come. Would like to reschedule the meeting for August 22, 2017 (Tuesday) at 7:30 pm. She asked that a sign be put up advertising the meeting by the Friday before the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report/Budget Committee** – Dennis Kruse - He gave the board information on work done on the budget and where we are in our current year. <u>ings</u>: NoneNewington Community Association

Treasurer's Report for Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, August 2, 2017

Half way through the fiscal year, our financial statements demonstrate that NCA expenses continue to track below budget and are somewhat lower than the same time last year. The total number of delinquent accounts and the total amount of all delinquent payments declined further in June to the lowest level in the 38 months for which records are readily available. However, the amount overdue more than 90 days remained essentially unchanged. The total overdue more than 90 days now constitutes 92% of all overdue payments.

Reserve Fund status: Repaving of Kitchener and Brainerd is essentially complete pending resolution of identified deficiencies. A reserve will be held to cover those deficiencies and the balance of the invoice will be paid. The plan is for Fairfax Paving to complete the correction of deficiencies when they are here to accomplish the repaving of Gwynedd Way. We have obtained a contract from Fairfax Paving for Gwynedd Way per Board approval in June, but the work has not yet been scheduled. Based on this, I can provide the following projection of Streets & Curbs Reserve Funds for 2017.

Balance, end of 2016	\$503,290
Kitchener/Brainerd repaving	-\$181,532

Projected Gwynedd Way repaving	-\$150,656
Projected 2017 revenue (assessments)	+ 78,950
Projected balance end of 2017	\$250,052

We have no projected Common Area reserve expenses planned for 2017. Projected balance at end of 2017 is \$139,044.

- NCA Policy on Provisions for Doubtful Accounts requires a report to the Board at the August meeting based on June data with follow up report at the November Board meeting based on September data. A calculation based on June 2017 data indicates the allowance for doubtful accounts should be in the range of \$14,000 to \$15,000. We have it currently set at \$16,000 and I recommend no change at this time.
- I am separately providing a preliminary FY 2018 budget as a starting point leading to budget approval in November. One of the key considerations is calculation of the allowed increase in assessments. The allowed increase is capped at the percent increase in CPI-U relative to the previous October. Currently, using June 2017 data, the max increase would be 1.33%.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Kruse Treasurer

Financial Summary on Reverse

#### FINANCIAL STATUS (6/30/17):

Total Assets: Operating Funds - Checking: Operating Reserves – CDs: Members Equity Reserves:	\$ 787,232.59 \$ 82,338.46 \$ 92,678.89 \$ 95,583.76	\$ 119,878.52 in common area (5001) \$ 465,520.13 in townhouse/streets (5002)*
* prior to payment for repaving 1112 United Bank Checking Reserves		100.00
1113 United Bank Savings Account		169,273.67
1100 Charles Schwab Money Market		3,412.33

1209 US Treasury NT 4/15/18 0.75%	208,000.00
1210 Eagle Bank Money Market	204,183.69
250 Discount on T-Notes 1299	(147.24)
Accrued Interest Receivable	328.20

Maintenance Committee – Sarah Jernigan – No meeting held. Meeting scheduled for Saturday, August 26, 2018 at 9:00 am. She has 2 volunteers and will be emailing them. She also asked that a sign be put up to announce the meeting to the community.

#### Old Business:

- Community Manager stated that the water heater is leaking. She presented bids to replace the water heater. Vice President Jernigan made the motion to contract with Anton's Contracting for \$850.00 to replace the 30 gallon water heater. Director Smoczynski seconded the motion. Vote 6 yes 0 no.
- The Community Manager presented bids for painting/power washing and correcting rotting wood on the pool house/community building. Vice President Jernigan made the motion to contract with Anton's Contracting for \$2,850.00 to paint, power wash and correct any rotten wood on the pool house/ community building. Vote 6 yes 0 no.
- The Community Manager presented a report from talking to the security company, Bosch. Our current equipment is out of date it is analog and the security company monitoring it is not getting a signal because its equipment is digital. They need an email to stop monitoring of pool area and parking lot. (This would be until equipment is updated.) Secretary Rodriguez made the motion to contract with Bosch for \$1,612.00 to upgrade our security system. Director Perrett seconded the motion. Treasurer Kruse asked up where in the Budget this expense would come from. After discussion it was decided that it would come from Common Area Improvements. Vote 6 Yes 0 No.
- The Community Manager reported that the Baby Pool had 2 issues. The first issue was the gate is broken. The second issue was that the Baby Pool has a leak. Discussion was held and as a result it was decided that the gate issue was a top priority issue. The Community Manager should talk with the pool equipment/supply company or a fencing company to get a price to fix the gate. If the price is within the Community Manager's spending limit, she should just take care of it. If it is over her spending limit she will contact President Benore. Regarding the leak it was decided to to table this for the September meeting. Get a justification statement and a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion.
- Code of Conduct President Benore made the motion that we adopt the Code of Conduct Meeting rules as outlined in last month's meeting... Director Smoczynski seconded the motion. Vote 6 yes 0 no,
- Architectural Standards Reporting out of committee, Director Perrett made the motion that we accept the Architectural Guidelines as amended to be effective August 3, 2017 as posted on the website and in the newsletter. Vote 6 yes 0 no.

#### New Business:

Fairfax Paving Contract: for Gwynedd Way. Note if use of Cal on the streets will void the warranty. We need to note our snow plowing contractor is aware of this.

2018 Budget – Copy was handed out. Pointed out that our expenses are higher. Our assessments are limited by CPI. We are constrained by the CPI but we have somethings that increase more than CPI. Trash contractor is our biggest expense. Discussion was on whether to put out the bid. It was also brought up that we will need to increase the Community Manager line to accommodate increase in hours.

Signs – Damaged Street signs to replace or repair. Should consider having no trespassing signs in parking lot so police can arrest people doing questionable activity in our parking lot. Meeting signs – Community Manager does not think the sandwich board kind are the way to go at this time. She made 2 recommendations. Discussion was conducted. Cost estimated is \$250.00. She also talked about what Vista Print offered. Decided that keep it within her spending limit.

Brick Signs – All 3 are missing one brick. Repair and replacement is tabled for now. Discussion on how these signs are decorated.

Finalize Annual; meeting preparation – discussion on what has been done to double check if everything was ready.

#### Executive Session

President Benore made a motion at 9:15 pm to convene in to executive session to discuss a legal matter, An architectural matter and a personnel matter. Director Perrett seconded Vote – 6 yes 0 no.

President Benore made a motion at 9:51 pm to come out of Executive Session. Director Smoczynski Seconded Vote 6 yes 0 no.

President Benore made a motion that we give Rees and Broome room to negotiate increase in attorney fees amounts regarding a settlement offer for lot # 67 Director Smoczynski seconded. Vote 6 yes 0 no.

President Benore adjourned the meeting at 9:59 pm.



# NCA Dive In Movie MOANA

Saturday September 2nd



Sponsored by Sarah Jernigan NCA Vice President Keller Williams Realty

## RECOMMENDED BUDGET ITEM FOR NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

NOTE: Current budget actuals from prior years is available on NCA's website: www.newingtoncommunity.org

**Budget Item** (identify/describe the item needed or not needed):

Justification (why do we need it, how will it benefit the community, why do we not need it):

Cost (include actual costs or qualified estimates if possible):

Name

Address

Phone

Submit to:

Newington Community Association P.O. Box 351 Springfield, VA 22150, Or

Drop-off: mailbox at base of Community Office steps, Or,

# LOOKING FOR BABYSITTING/ PETSITTING?

Teen sitter, with references, looking to babysit, be a mother's helper, or pet sit.

# Call: Spinelli residence @ 703-451-1779

## From the NCA Community Manager

Dear Residents, Just a few friendly reminders to help keep NCA at it's best.

Please be mindful of the trash schedule. Not only place your trash out at the correct time but PLEASE take the can in.

Remember that inoperable vehicles are not allowed to be parked in the community. ( This includes flat tires, broken windows, dead stickers and expired tags.)

If you are making changes to your home/ property please fill out the architectural modification application that is posted on the web site.

> <u>Newingtoncommunity.org</u> <u>Thank you</u>





# Your Neighborhood Real Estate Expert! 703-338-1706 or sarah@sarahjernigan.com

Helpful Tip of the Month: Dominion Power offers insurance for the water and sewer lines from your sidewalk to your home! The life expectancy of these 2 items is about 40 to 50 years and repairs can cost thousands- be prepared and checked out https://

www.dominionenergysolutions.com/en/home-protection for details!



\*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.



KELLERWILLIAMS, CAPITAL PROPERTIES

# **Budget & Finance**

The Finance Committee will be looking at the 2017 budget information to generate the draft 2018 budget with recommended dues amounts for presentation to the Board. If you would like to be part of this effort, contact NCA Office email: manager@newingtoncommunity.org. or phone: 703-455-3606.

## **NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED**

For part of Durer Court and Godolphin Drive. Call NCA Office: 703-455-3606 for more information.

A special thanks to the volunteers that deliver the NCA newsletter!

# **Treasurer Brief for 2017 NCA Annual Meeting**

#### Prepared by NCA Treasurer, Dennis Kruse

<ul> <li>Authority and Requirements Virginia Property Owners A Virginia Nonstock Corpora</li> <li>NCA Article of Incorporation</li> <li>NCA Covenants</li> <li>NCA Bylaws (revised 08/1) Generally Accepted Account</li> </ul>	tion Act (Title 13.1, Chapter on with Amendments 1/2016)	<b>-</b> <i>i</i>
Budget Schedule July - Assess Performance & Initial Draft Budget to Boar Update and Discuss at Sept Provisional Approval at Oc Update Assessments per Oc Approve Assessment Letter Mail Assessment Letters by Implement Budget Effective Monitor Performance and R	d at August Meeting ember Meeting tober Meeting to Publish in tober CPI-U for Final App at November Meeting December 1 <sup>st</sup> e January 1 <sup>st</sup>	n November Newsletter proval at November Meeting
Budget Structure Two Types of Expenses – C Two Categories of Revenue Assessment Calculations an	E/Expenses – Common Are	
Operating Expenses per 2017 E Swimming Pool - \$65,600 Common Area Maintenance Street Lights, Snow Remov Committee Expenses - \$6,7 Administrative Expenses - \$	e - \$141,450 al, Trash - \$124,300 comm 00	non & \$19,250 town houses
Reserve Contributions Common Area - \$38,450 Town House Area - \$78,950	0	
Quarterly Assessments	Single Family	Town Houses

Single Family	Town House
\$185.63	\$185.63
\$15.78	\$15.78
n/a	\$37.67
n/a	\$9.18
\$201.42	\$248.27
	\$185.63 \$15.78 n/a n/a

#### Constraints & Concerns

Annual Assessment increases limited to CPI-U Some Expense Increases Exceed CPI-U, e.g. trash collection increase is approximately twice CPI-U Constraints & Concerns

Annual Assessment increases limited to CPI-U Investment limited to U.S. Treasury Obligations or FDIC insured Bank Accounts Some Expense Increases Exceed CPI-U, e.g. trash collection increase is approximately twice CPI-U Projected Reserve Contributions don't fully support Projected Long-Term Requirements Need Improved Reserve Fund Projection and Reporting Next Reserve Study Required in 2019 – \$4,650 in 2014 Rate of Delinquent Assessments is 5% to 9%

NCA Financial Status and Oversight

NCA Finances are sound and projections are acceptable Member Equity increased annually since 2011 from (\$25,000) to \$95,000 Annual Audit by CPA Accounting by Independent Management Firm Finance/Budget Committee and Monthly Treasurer Reports to Board Report to Member at Annual Meeting Information published Board Minutes and Annual Budget in Newsletter Board Members and CM are Fiduciaries – annual Conflict of Interest Certification Evaluation and Oversight of Reserves being increased – special software Need Members for Finance/Budget Committee

# COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

# **BUDGET & FINANCE**

# **ARCHITECTUAL CONTROL**

# **RESERVE STUDY MAINTENANCE**

## SOCIAL/RECREATION

# Please contact the Community Manager Carla Lillie for details 703-455-3606

# **FARMER'S MARKETS NOW OPEN!!**

Sunday

Lorton: May 7 - November 12, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd.)

Wednesday

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon: May 3 - December 13, 8 a.m. - 12pm (Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Ln)

\*Wakefield: May 3 - October 25, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. (Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Road)

### <u>Thursday</u>

Annandale: May 4 - November 16, 8 a.m. - Noon (Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike)

<u>Friday</u>

Kingstowne: May 5 - October 27, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. (5870 Kingstowne Towne Center)

<u>Saturday</u>

Burke: April 29 - December 16, 8 a.m. - Noon (VRE parking Lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway)

For more information, directions and more go to: <u>http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/</u>.



# September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pool 10-8	Pool 4-8	Pool 4-8	Pool 4-8	Pool 4-8	<b>1</b> Pool 11 –8	<b>2</b> Pool 11-8
		Trash/Recycling	Single Family yard debris pick up	*White Goods*	Trash/Bulk pick up	NCA POOL Dive In Movie MOANA 7:45 PM
<b>3</b> Pool 10-8 (10-11 Adults Only)	<b>4</b> Labor Day Pool hours 11-6	5 Trash/Recycling	<b>6</b> SF Yard Debris NCA Board Meeting 7pm Pool meeting room	7 *White Goods*	<b>8</b> Trash/Bulk pick up	9
10	<b>11</b> Confirm and distribute paving schedule for Gwynedd Way	12 Trash/Recycling	<b>13</b> Single Family Yard debris pick up	14 *White Goods*	15 Trash/Bulk pick up	16
17	18	19 Trash/Recycling	<b>20</b> Single Family Yard debris pick up	21 *White Goods*	<b>22</b> Trash/Bulk pick up	23
24	25	<b>26</b> T Trash/Recycling	27 Single Family Yard debris pick up	28 *White Goods*	<b>29</b> Trash/Bulk pick up	30

NOTES: Trash Collection - \* \* White Goods examples of white goods are washer/dryers, refrigerators and other large appliances. There is a cost for this special pickup and you must call American Disposal Service to arrange a Thursday pick up. 703-368-0500.