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The Monthly Newsletter of the Newington Community Association
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NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Tuesday, June 12, 2007

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Woodrow Dick

Clean = safe. For a couple of years now, your Board has made a very special effort to clean up the community. Some of you may have felt that this was purely a matter of esthetics - that perhaps we cared only about the way Newington looked. Well, that is a reasonable thing to believe but it is not strictly true. Your Board was concerned about safety above all else. Cleaner neighborhoods are safer neighborhoods. No one completely understands this relationship but everyone - researcher and layman alike - knows that it is true. Since everyone knows this is true, everyone has a responsibility to clean up their act.

Do your part! Mow that grass. Stow that hose. Trim those bushes. Mulch that bare area. Get those toys and bicycles out of the front yard. Clean up that stuff behind your fence. While you are back there, fix the fence. And chop down the weeds and saplings growing out of it. Do this - not just because you agreed to do it when you bought your property - but because you want your family to live in a clean, safe community!

Best = worst. The best job I ever had is also the worst job I ever had. What job is that? Being a Board member in Newington Station! Being a Board member in Newington is the best job I ever had because I have worked *for* and *with* the finest people I have ever met. It is also the worst job I ever had because it seems like someone is always very angry with you.

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IMPORTANT REMINDER:

NCA CLEAN UP DAY — April 28, 2007 (*see page 8 for more details*)

NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY

<http://www.newingtoncommunity.org>

NCA COMMUNITY OFFICE

703-455-3606

Hours:

Monday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community Managers:

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(please do not call after 9:00 p.m.)

President - Woodrow Dick (Aug '07) 703-455-6277

V. President - Elisabeth Carroll (Aug '07)

Treasurer - John Nagel (Aug '07)

Secretary - Al Roy (Aug '07) 703-455-0145

Member - John Nolan (Aug '09) 703-569-0531

Member - Chip Catherine (Aug '09)

Member - Vacant (Aug '09)

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Board Liaison—Elisabeth Carroll

Alternate—John Nolan

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

Liaison—Woodrow Dick

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Liaison—Woodrow Dick

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Liaison—John Nolan

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair—Lori Randall 703-451-7332

Liaison—Elisabeth Carroll

MAINTENANCE TEAM

Al Roy (lawns, trees, paths and tot lots)

John Nagel (streets, curbs, fences, and road signs)

Chip Catherine (pool)

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Newsletter Deadline

Items for the June monthly newsletter should be submitted to the NCA Office by **May 15**. Please contact the NCA office if you have questions.

I exaggerate only slightly when I say that it seems that if you do anything - *anything* - someone will be very angry because you did it. On the other hand, if you do *nothing*, someone will be very angry because you did nothing. Usually only a very few people are angry but - like all jobs - voices of approval are rare so it seems that all you ever do is make someone very angry. The plain truth is that sometimes it seems like you just can't win.

Okay, so why am I telling you all this? *Because we need people to do this job!*

If you are thinking that this is not much of a sales job, you are correct. I am afraid that anyone who must be sold on becoming a Board member is probably not right for the job. Stated from the opposite angle, Newington needs someone with a vision of what the community should be; the willingness to put a little of their heart and soul into making that vision a reality; and, above all else, someone who can take the heat of loud and angry disagreement - as will inevitably happen. Maybe that is not you - but maybe you know someone who fills the bill. If so, let us hear from you!

End = here. I have rattled on far too long again. I will end by saying that I appreciate the folks who loudly and angrily disagree. I have to appreciate them because I once was one of them! True, things look totally different now that I am on the other side of the table but that is always the case. One final comment: if you are still reading, count yourself as one of Newington's finest. We depend heavily upon our faithful newsletter readers; without you, we would have no hope of getting the word out. Please accept my sincere thanks for all you do to make Newington a better place. Until next month!

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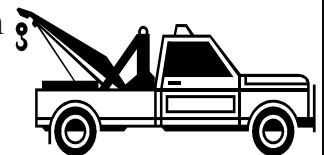
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**NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’
PROPOSED MEETING
MINUTES
April 10, 2007
NCA Meeting Room — Pool House**

Meeting started at 7:00 pm. President Woodrow Dick presided. Board members in attendance included Secretary Al Roy, Director Liz Carroll, and Director Chip Catherine.

COMMUNITY FORUM

A resident from Godolphin Drive believed that his trailer would be discussed at this Board meeting and was present to give a summary of the situation. He stated that his snowmobile trailer in the storage lot was towed because he had erroneously put the wrong address on the payment envelope. He travels a lot and was unable to get it back into the lot. President Dick told him that there was no plan to discuss the trailer at this meeting but that leaving it in front of the house is a violation of NCA covenants. The resident said he was a lawyer and knows his neighbors have been complaining to the police but it is legally parked according to Fairfax County laws and he made a point of not moving it because of the complaints of the neighbors. The resident said the trailer is now in the storage lot.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS

A resident wanted to appeal her trash violation. President Dick explained that she could appeal her trash violation, but the Board would not vote on it until the end of the meeting. She said she has lived in this community for 12 years and that she put it out in the middle of the day because she wouldn’t be returning that evening. She said she is not aware that there is a fine for putting the trash out early with no warning. Another resident stated that she is a good neighbor. President Dick thanked her for coming.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to accept minutes of the March 14, 2007, Board of Directors meeting was made by Secretary Roy and seconded by Director Catherine. The Board discussed the comments made by a resident regarding the Community Forum section of last month’s minutes. The resident felt there were some inaccuracies and the CM asked her to email her version of how the minutes could have been written. Secretary Roy stated that the changes

were minimal, but he disagreed with the last sentence. Director Catherine stated the Board could accept the changes provided leaving out the last sentence. President Dick asked Secretary Roy if there was a reason to change the proposed minutes and if anything was actually wrong. After discussion among the members, there was a consensus that there was nothing wrong with the wording of the minutes as written in the newsletter. Vote to accept minutes of March 14, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting: 4 (yes) – 0 (no).

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

President Dick said that he noticed that the community is showing signs of being cleaned up and that it makes the homes that are not being well maintained and kept clean stand out more. The community needs to be diligent with placing hang tags and noting covenant and architectural violations. President Dick wanted to stress that enforcing the trash policy is never about the person, what a good neighbor they are or how long they have lived in the community, it is only about the fact that rules are broken and there is a policy in place to deal with the breaking of those rules.

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GENERAL

Office Insulation and Roof Repair – The CM informed the Board that the representative of the company that had built the office confirmed that there is no insulation in the walls. He said he will make arrangements to rectify the situation. The Board agreed that if he did not schedule the repair in the next two weeks, this issue should be added to the agenda of the next Board meeting. The CM also informed the Board that the office had no heat last week and that we were told that the wrong type of thermostat had been installed. There was also a comment on the repair receipt that there is no return duct in the office which could be contributing to the problems of heating and cooling the office. The CM will get a quote to find out what it would cost to install one. The CM has also contacted the County to have the office reinspected and expressed concern to the County that the building shouldn't have passed inspection without insulation.

Community Yard Sale - The CM has said she will coordinate a community yard sale on Saturday, May 19th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. She will place a flyer in the newsletter. The flyer needs to state that everyone will be responsible for clean up. Coffee and donuts will be given to the residents participating in the yard sale. Cost will be \$5 per parking spot or \$8 for two spots. The money will be used to cover the cost of signs and advertising. Any money left over will go back into the budget.

COMMON GROUNDS

Community Clean Up Day will be held on Saturday April 28th. Director Carroll and the CM will coordinate the effort. There was discussion of whether it would be best to have a trash truck go through or have a roll off brought into the parking lot. It was mentioned that NCA should consider having a roll off brought into the parking lot in the Fall to give people an opportunity once a year to dump large items. The notice in the newsletter should give a rain date.

Director Carroll told the Board that the NCA storm drain marking project is still expected to happen. There is an Eagle Scout who has offered to lead the event and it should happen by early summer.

Pool - Director Catherine was able to find replacement globes that fit the pool lights and has gone ahead and ordered 6 of them. This will be a temporary fix until we can find newer, more improved lighting for a complete replacement.

Ball field – The Board has contacted Long Fence to get a quote to fully fence in the ball field. It is believed that doing this will deter people from using the ball field without authorization.

Mowing – Secretary Roy stated that the common grounds were scheduled to be mowed Wednesday or Thursday. Secretary Roy asked the CM to follow up with Blade Runners on their comments about providing NCA with recommendations and a 5-year plan of priorities for the community. It should include recommendations for areas where seed won't work.

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Community Yard Sale!

Looking for an opportunity to clean out those closets and sell those unused toys, clothes, furniture, and other items taking up space around the house?

Pool Parking Lot
Saturday, May 19, 2007

(rain date Sunday, May 20th)

8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost \$5 per numbered parking spot or two spots for \$8.

Sign up with the Community Office before Wednesday, May 16th. Spaces assigned as requests/payment come in.

All participants are responsible for cleaning up the parking lot after the yard sale.

Pam Boe's Newington Station Update

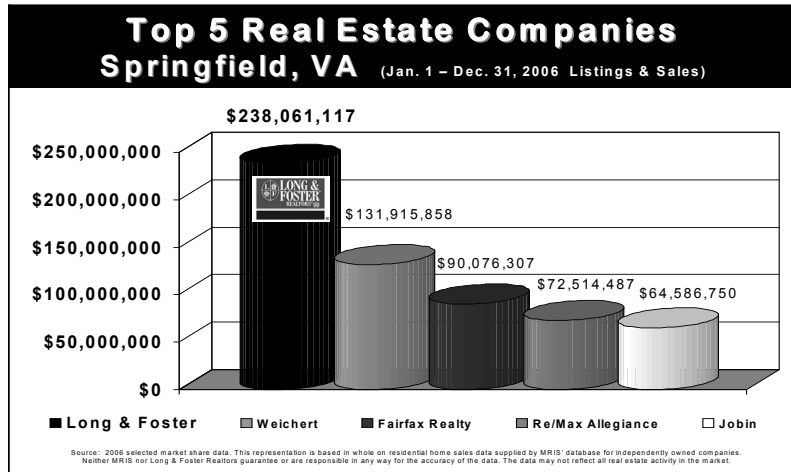


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1 single family home listed at \$574,888



From Proposed Meeting Minutes on page 5

MAINTENANCE

Streets -- President Dick discussed the proposal that GJB had given NCA at the last meeting. GJB was authorized to perform the priority review piece of the proposal. The Board was asked if they agreed that NCA should go forward with approving the rest of the proposal to have GJB review all of NCA's streets. Director Catherine made a motion to accept GJB's proposal to perform a Phase 1 review of NCA. Secretary Roy seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) – 0 (no).

Immediately prior to the meeting, GJB sent the Board a memorandum stating that Moline Place is clearly in worse condition than any other street. They have an interim recommendation that NCA hire a contractor to excavate six test holes on Moline. These test holes will give GJB an opportunity to provide NCA with a more informed recommendation. The cost would be approximately \$1,850. Secretary Roy made a motion to perform the test hole excavation as preliminary work in repairing Moline Place. Director Catherine seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) – 0 (no).

Secretary Roy made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the trash appeal heard at the beginning of the meeting. Director Catherine seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) – 0 (no).

OPEN SESSION

Director Catherine made a motion to deny the trash appeal. Secretary Roy seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) – 0 (no).

Secretary Roy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. Director Catherine seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) – 0 (no).

For NCA's,

- ◆ Architectural Standards, Covenants and Bylaws, and
- ◆ Exterior Project Form
- ◆ Trash Policy

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Las reglas de NCA establecen que todo articulo de propiedad personal debe estar guardado en el patio trasero, no frente a la casa. Esto incluye: palas para la nieve, basureros y recipientes de reciclaje, juguetes, articulos de jardineria, bicicletas. No es permitido guardar ningun articulo de propiedad personal detras de las rejas o en espacios comunes pertenecientes a la comunidad.

Todos los carros deben tener placas e inspeccion validas. Los carros que no tengan estos requisitos, o se encuentren estacionados en los lugares no permitidos marcados con pintura amarilla o representen un peligro para la seguridad, seran remolcados.

NCA Clean Up Day

Saturday, April 28, 2007
(rain date Saturday, May 5th)

Volunteer your time to keep NCA clean. Students looking for community service credits are encouraged to participate.

Meet at NCA Pool Parking Lot between 9 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. to receive bags and area assignments.

Bring work gloves and sunscreen.

Water will be provided!

NOTICES

LOST KEYS. Keys found on Moline Place. Call the NCA office to claim. 703-455-3606

POOL REGISTRATION. NCA Pool will open Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 11 a.m. Pool passes will be available for pick up at that time. Pool registrations must be dropped off at the community office by 12 Noon - Monday, May 12, 2007 in order to guarantee they are available by Memorial Day weekend and to avoid a \$12 late processing fee.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR needed for Marconi Court. Call Community Office to volunteer your time. 703-455-3606

FOR SALE — SLEEPER SOFA (38 x 78). Light in color, with two accent pillows. Sleeps 2 comfortably. Great for rec room! \$150. 703-644-1204

2007 Annual NCA Easter Egg Hunt, March 31, 2007



Special thanks to Denise Baird and her family for coordinating the Egg Hunt this year!!!

Pictures with the bunny.

Patently waiting for the start of the hunt.



The Hunt is On!



Lots of fun and great prizes!

May 2007

Newington Community Association

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	POOL HOURS
		1	2 Yard Debris pickup*	3	4 Trash and bulk pickup	5	May: Weekends and Holidays 11 am to 8 pm
6	7	8 Trash & recycling pickup 7:00 pm NCA Board Meeting in Pool House	9 Yard Debris pickup*	10	11 Trash and bulk pickup	12	Weekdays 3 pm to 8pm
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Trash & recycling pickup Submissions for June Newsletter Due	16 Yard Debris pickup*	17	18 Trash and bulk pickup	19 Community Yard Sale (8am-12pm) - Pool Parking Lot**	June: Weekends 11 am to 8 pm Weekdays before school closes 3 pm to 8 pm
20 **Rain Date for Community Yard Sale	21	22 Trash & recycling pickup	23 Yard Debris pickup*	24	25 Trash and bulk pickup	26	July: Hours are extended to 9 pm August: 11 am to 8 pm
27	28 Memorial Day No School	29 Trash & recycling pickup	30 Yard Debris pickup*	31			

* For Single Family Homes Only