



# Inside Newington Station

## Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter February 2010

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### Why Bring Your Water With You?

- Up to 40% of bottled water in the U.S. and Canada is sourced from municipal tap water!
- Over 17 billion barrels of oil or enough to fuel 100,000 cars are used each year to produce plastic water bottles.
- Water bottle production creates over 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide each year.
- Each gallon of bottled water takes two gallons of water to produce. By using a refillable container, you can save almost 200 gallons of water in a year.
- Plastic beverage containers end up in our waterways. In Virginia last fall, plastic beverage containers were among the top three items collected by stream cleanup volunteers. During the spring 2009 cleanup, volunteers collected over 180,000 beverage containers in the Potomac River watershed alone.

### NCA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- ♦ Maintenance Committee will meet again on Saturday, February 6th at 11:00 a.m. in the NCA Pool House.
- ♦ Nominating and Bylaws Committee Meetings to be scheduled. Check NCA website for further details.



### 2010 NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

Wednesday, February 3  
 Wednesday, March 3  
 Wednesday, April 7

*All residents encouraged to attend!!!*

# NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY

<http://www.newingtoncommunity.org>

## NCA COMMUNITY OFFICE

703-455-3606

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### Hours:

Monday through Friday

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Community Manager: Lori Randall

Email: [manager@newingtoncommunity.org](mailto:manager@newingtoncommunity.org)

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - John Peirce (Aug '12)  
V. President - Liz Fernandez (Aug '12)  
Treasurer - Chip Catherine (Aug '12) 703-343-5487  
Secretary - Sarah Jernigan (Aug '10)  
Member - Al Roy (Aug '11)  
Member - John Nolan (Aug '10) 703-569-0531  
Member - Nestor Fernandez (Aug '10)  
Member - Louise Whitt (Aug '11)  
Member - Bob Fasick (Aug '10)

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Board Liaison - John Nolan

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Chair—Liz Fernandez  
Liaison—Chip Catherine

## LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE

Chair—Nestor Fernandez

## PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair—Lou Tobat

## RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair - Volunteer Needed  
Liaison—TBN

## MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chairs—Sara Jernigan & Lori Randall

## 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 Virginia Power 1-888-667-3000  
Fairfax Connector 703-339-7200  
[www.fairfaxconnector.com](http://www.fairfaxconnector.com)  
Fairfax County [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov)  
Fairfax County Housing Authority  
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Fairfax County Storm Water  
Management (not State streets) 703-934-2800  
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 Gerald Hyland 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

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**NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING—  
January 6, 2010  
Draft Summary Minutes of the Meeting  
Pending Approval**

At 7:00 pm President John Peirce called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance included Vice President Liz Fernandez, Secretary Sarah Jernigan, Director Nestor Fernandez, Director John Nolan, Director Louise Whitt, Director Bob Fasick, and Director Al Roy. Treasurer Chip Catherine was not in attendance.

President Peirce discussed with the audience the most recent snow storm and the NCA snow removal contract. There was discussion on the difference between being a priority customer and an 'on call' customer. A committee will review the different rates and services for the community. During Community Forum a resident apologized for his comments to certain Board members at the last meeting, and there was discussion on the trash service and opportunities for the community to go more 'green'.

No residents were in attendance for hearings.

Committee and management reports were presented to the Board. The Maintenance Committee will have its first meeting Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at the pool meeting room.

The Board voted to accept the meeting minutes of the November 11, 2009 special Board meeting and the December 2, 2009 monthly Board meeting with a vote of 6 yes and 2 abstentions. They voted to pay a legal services invoice that was not previously authorized with a vote of 5 yes and 3 no. Additionally, they voted unanimously to send a violation letter to the resident who parked on common grounds, assess Lot 526 \$50 for a trash violation, assess Lot 530 \$50 for a trash violation, accept the attorney's recommendation to not waive legal fees on a delinquency matter, and give the Community Manager a holiday bonus.

Old business discussed included the reinvestment of \$190,000 in T-bills that will expire in February including other investment options, and legal counsel's review of the governing documents as it pertains to voting and membership rights.

New Business discussed included the development of an ad hoc Bylaws Committee chaired by Tom Queen, the reestablishment of the Nominating Committee with Bob Fasick as the Board Chairman, reconsideration of using Lot

numbers to identify hearing matters on the agenda and in the newsletter, an architectural violation that is effecting a next door neighbor's property, and the Assistant Community Manager position. The Board agreed to continue to use Lot numbers and that the architectural violation that was causing a problem for one neighbor was related to a party wall and is not a matter for NCA to be involved in. Secretary Jernigan will prepare documents that define employee and Board members roles and responsibilities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, February 3, 2010 - 7:00pm in NCA Pool House. All residents are welcome to attend.

Comprehensive Minutes can be found on the NCA website at [www.newingtoncommunity.org](http://www.newingtoncommunity.org).



**Open House and Puppet Show**  
Wed. Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Thurs. Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 10:15 a.m.  
**ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PRESCHOOL**  
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Morning Preschool (9:30 - 12:30) Ages: 2½ to 4½  
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\*Resident of Newington Station for over 25 Years

# COMMUNITY NEWS AND INFORMATION

## For Sale

For Sale: 15" Philips LCD color HDTV. Flat screen. Model # 15PF5120/28. Works fine. Perfect for kitchen counter. \$25, includes Manual, remote & all cords. Call Karen. 703 455-2996 evenings & weekends.

## Reminders

- ◆ Snow shovels should not be left on front porches
- ◆ Do not put trash out before 5pm the night prior to pick-up
- ◆ Vehicles with expired registration, safety stickers or parked on yellow curbs will be towed

## INDEPENDENT AVON REPRESENTATIVE

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## WINTER TRASH SERVICE

It's that time again and we need all residents to be aware of the effect of weather on the trash pick up schedule.

All early trash could result in a violation notice.

**Inclement weather** could result in the cancellation of trash service. If this should occur, trash (or recycling) must be brought back in. Service resumes on the next regularly scheduled collection day.

**NOTE:** For single family homes, no yard debris pick up for January, February and March.

## IT IS FAIRFAX COUNTY LAW. SCOOP THE POOP!

Report violators to the Fairfax County Police. Call 703-691-2131.

Report back yards filled with dog poop to the Fairfax County Health Department at 703-246-8422.

## HOLIDAY LIGHTS



Thank you for the Holiday decorations. The neighborhood looked beautiful!

Now it's time to undeck the halls. Just a friendly reminder that the Architectural Standards state "holiday decorations are permitted on the exterior of a home 30 days prior and 30 days after a major holiday".

## Sylvia Ezell

Entrepreneur

## Helping Hand

Additional Special Request Considered

Domestic Assistance  
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Serving at Parties

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English Speaking



# Saratoga Elementary School

## JANUARY / FEBRUARY NEWS

### Saratoga School 20th Anniversary Celebration

On Friday February 5 the Saratoga PTA will sponsor a 20th anniversary celebration at the school from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The evening will include a basket raffle and silent auction, refreshments, musical entertainment by Saratoga students and a student art work display. Each grade level is preparing baskets with specific themes. Raffle items include Disney World Hopper Passes, an American Girl doll, a 2-day cabin getaway trip, and local restaurant dining. Come and meet some of Saratoga's original teachers and watch a slideshow of Saratoga's first 20 years.

Do you own a business that can donate an item or service to our Basket Raffle or Silent Auction? If so, please contact PTA President Allyson Harasimowicz at [mchalh@verizon.net](mailto:mchalh@verizon.net)

### February

February 1: Student Holiday - No School

February 15: President's Day - No School

### Pam Boe's Newington Station—2009 Year in Review

Address	Sale Price	Date
8340 Moline Pl	\$245,000	01/16/09
8451 Kitchener Dr	\$194,900	01/29/09
7742 Brandeis Wy	\$304,000	02/23/09
7760 Durer Ct	\$250,000	02/27/09
8358 Moline Pl	\$175,000	03/06/09
7812 Marconi Ct	\$245,000	03/30/09
7771 Durer Ct	\$317,500	04/01/09
8327 Moline Pl	\$291,100	04/08/09
7802 Marconi Ct	\$200,000	04/22/09
8404 Red Ash Ct	\$176,000	04/28/09
7775 Durer Ct	\$279,500	05/01/09
7752 LeMoyné Ln	\$285,000	05/25/09
8413 Eucalyptus Ct	\$124,950	05/29/09
7745 Matisse Wy	\$ 97,650	06/03/09
7735 Matisse Wy	\$160,000	06/15/09
8385 Luce Ct	\$212,000	06/22/09
7772 Euclid Wy	\$172,500	07/22/09
8416 Red Ash Ct	\$170,000	07/24/09

Address	Sale Price	Date
8455 Kitchener Dr	\$270,000	06/30/09
7745 Matisse Wy	\$190,000	08/14/09
8527 Jenner Ct	\$324,900	08/27/09
7745 Durer Ct	\$220,000	08/31/09
8258 Getty Ct	\$300,000	08/31/09
7748 Matisse Wy	\$175,000	09/10/09
7757 Euclid Wy	\$240,000	09/15/09
8540 Gwynedd Wy	\$215,000	09/26/09
8385 Luce Ct	\$285,000	10/09/09
7772 Euclid Wy	\$298,000	10/19/09
8483 Kitchener Dr	\$277,000	10/27/09
8471 Brainerd Ct	\$242,000	10/27/09
7745 Durer Ct	\$299,900	11/02/09
7713 Brandeis Wy	\$270,000	11/06/09
7744 Matisse Wy	\$180,900	11/23/09
7820 Marconi Ct	\$273,000	11/24/09
8456 Kitchener Dr	\$235,000	11/25/09
7753 Durer Ct	\$258,000	12/22/09

#### Coming Soon!

Lakewood Hills-Great 4 bedroom 3 bath home with fireplace and 2-car garage!

Daventry-Lovely 3-level townhome with lots of upgrades including brand new carpet, fresh paint and newly finished basement!

Kingstowne-Great mid level 2 bedroom 2 bath condo with fireplace and balcony overlooking trees!

**Pam Boe, CRS 703-503-1888**

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**Long & Foster**

# SNOW

## 2010 Native Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale From Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District

Tree and Shrub Packages. Available Now.

2 Northern Red Oak, 2 Black Gum, 2 Yellow Poplar for \$10.95.

2 Arrowwood viburnum, 2 Gray dogwood, 2 Red chokeberry, 2 Eastern redbud, 2 Smooth sumac for \$15.95.

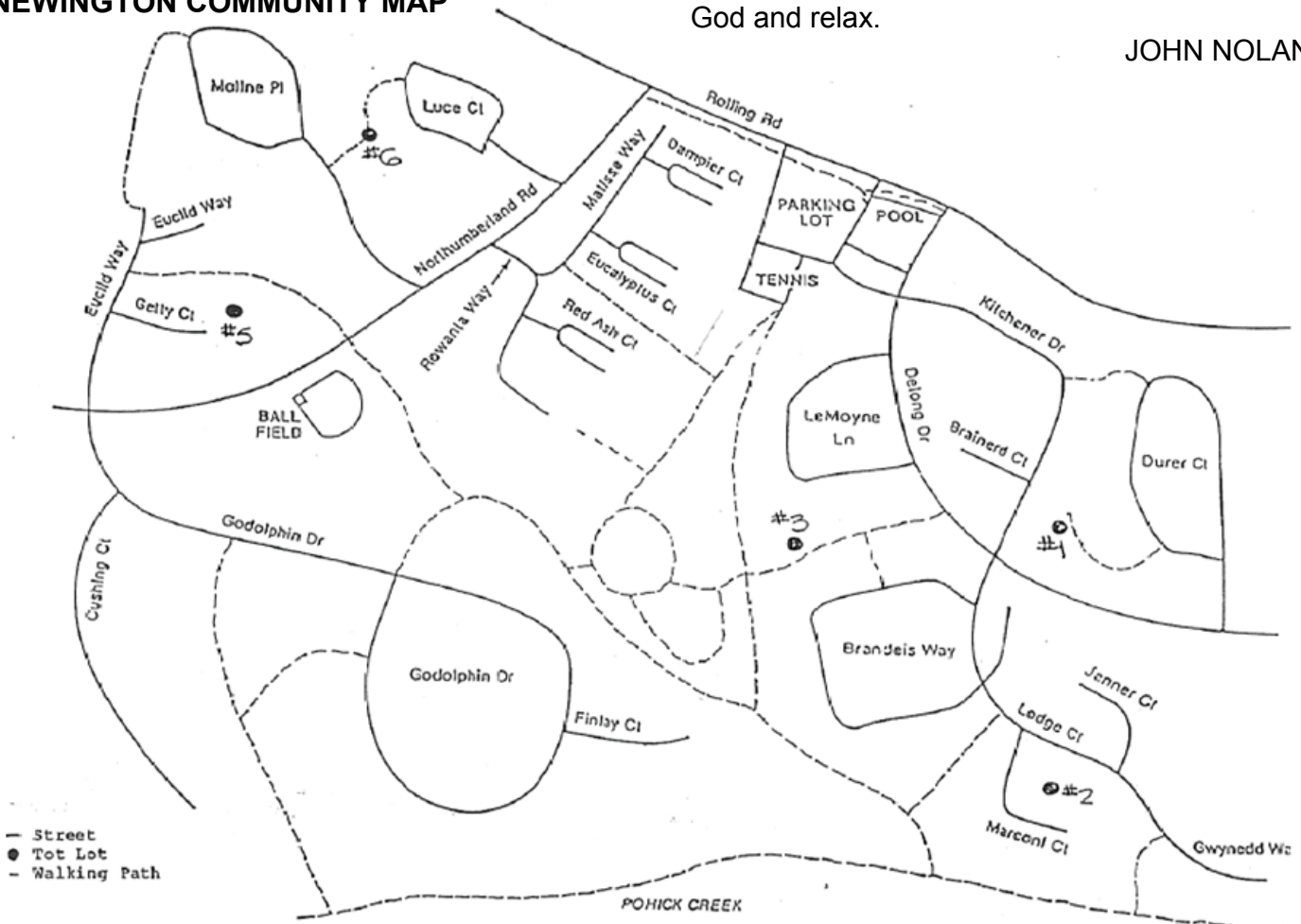
To order, send payment by April 12, 2010 to NVSWCD Seedling Sale; 12055 Government Center Parkway; Suite 905; Fairfax, VA 22035

To see images of this year's plants, visit [www.fairfaxcounty/nvswcd/seedingsale.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty/nvswcd/seedingsale.htm)

On the day of the big snow I discovered why some Board members do not publish their phone numbers. I answered eight or nine calls, most of them blaming the Board for the snow and it's slow removal. Some thought it was my fault personally and I should get my shovel (purchased at Hechingers) and get to work. One resident at 9 PM suggested that she could no longer be patient and the company, corporation or branch of government she worked for would shut down putting thousands out of work if she didn't get to work and on time. At the time it didn't feel like an exaggeration. All I can do is offer my apologies to President Obama. Gee folks, get a grip on yourselves and relax. Read a book, write a letter home to mom, paint a room, have a snowball fight with your neighbor, go sledding, cook a gourmet meal. Don't call me. I have lived in this community for thirty seven years and we have in that time had three eventful snow falls. 1979 - 19", 1996 - 16", 2009 - 24". The point being we are still here, along with the government. I have yet to hear of any company shutting down due to an excess of snow. Look upon it as a gift from God and relax.

JOHN NOLAN

### NEWINGTON COMMUNITY MAP



## Ways to Reduce Your Energy Bill

Last year in January, our energy bill was close to \$400.00, and I knew at that point I needed to make a change. I did a little research and found that by installing new insulation into your attic right on top of the existing insulation will decrease your energy bills by 30%- 50% in the winter. The installation pays for itself in less than 18 months in most cases. Insulation was originally installed into our homes in 1970 - 1975. Insulation does not last forever, and eventually needs to be replenished. The recommended R value for insulation would be R-38 or above, and this equates to 12 inches of insulation or more. It is very simple to just take a look in your attic to see what you have currently have. We actually noticed bare spots when we went up in the attic.

I thought many residents may be interested in the same savings that I have found in my own home. We have noticed a huge drop in our bill. Our last bill was around \$220.00 rather than \$400.00 from last year.

We could use our buying power as a community to purchase the services to install new insulation in several homes instead of one. I would be happy to reach out to a few local companies to see if we could get a better deal if we have more homeowners interested in these services. Please just send me an e-mail if you are interested in this idea. When I spoke to Lori about it, she also mentioned other services such as painting and power washing. I think those services would also be worth looking into during the spring and summer months.

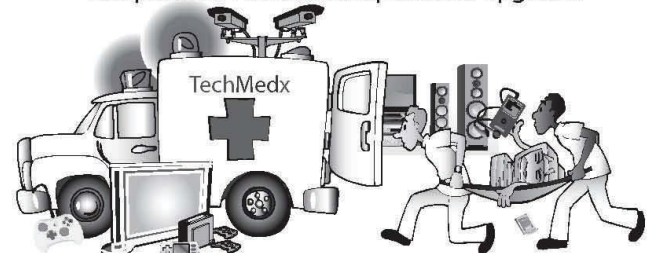
Please send me an e-mail if you are interested in pursuing this idea of group purchases. I am willing to reach out to the companies to get a price for service, and then the individual homeowner could reach out to schedule their installation. My e-mail is [guthrie25@gmail.com](mailto:guthrie25@gmail.com) or if you have any questions, my phone number is 703-635-4033.

Thanks for your interest,  
Tina Guthrie



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## NCA e-Announcements




To receive community announcements (e.g., community events, change notices for board meetings, etc.), please send your email address to [announcement@newingtoncommunity.org](mailto:announcement@newingtoncommunity.org)

You can also stay tuned by visiting the NCA website at

[www.newingtoncommunity.org](http://www.newingtoncommunity.org)

# Newington Community Association

## February 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <b>Student Holiday</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	2 Trash & recycling pickup  <b>Groundhog Day</b>	3 <b>7:00 pm NCA Board Mtg (pool house)**</b>	4 White Goods Removal <sup>1</sup>	5 Trash & bulk pickup	6 <b>Maintenance Committee Mtg: 11:00 am NCA Pool House</b>
7	8	9 Trash & recycling pickup	10	11 White Goods Removal <sup>1</sup>	12 Trash & bulk pickup	13
14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 	15 <b>President's Day—No School</b>  <b>Articles due for NCA newsletter</b>	16 Trash & recycling pickup	17	18 White Goods Removal <sup>1</sup>	19 Trash & bulk pickup	20
21	22	23 Trash & recycling pickup	24	25 White Goods Removal <sup>1</sup>	26 Trash & bulk pickup	27
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**\*\* Board meetings are open to all NCA residents.**

<sup>1</sup>Contact American Disposal Customer Service at 703-368-0500 24 hours in advance of pick-up