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The Monthly Newsletter of the Newington Community Association June 2007

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NCA BOARD OF **DIRECTORS' MEETINGS**

Tuesday, July 10, 2007 Thursday, August 9, 2007* Tuesday, August 14, 2007

PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Woodrow Dick

As I write, it is Sunday morning – Mother's Day. It is one of the most beautiful spring mornings in recent memory. The sky is clear and blue and there is just a faint hint of a breeze. In the backyard, squirrels are busily searching for their breakfast and birds of all sorts are chirping and hopping about cheerily in the same pursuit. All seems well with the world. Maybe there are a couple of things, however, that could be just a little bit better.

NEIGHBORS. I had the opportunity recently to meet many of you as I walked door-to-door collecting signatures. As I did so, I was impressed by how many of us seem to be truly nice people. It was a bit disconcerting, then, to realize how few of us seem to know that about ourselves. I had the opportunity to meet one fellow, for example, about whom I had heard many, many things most of which were not very complimentary. I expected trouble but I desperately needed another signature so I knocked on the door anyway. Imagine my surprise when a very polite and very friendly young man answered the door.

This young man signed the petition immediately and then engaged me in discussions about the community. He seemed to want nothing more than to improve his property and the appearance of the neighborhood - the same thing his neighbors wanted. I came away believing that this young man's worst sin has been that, like the rest of us, he cannot read his neighbor's minds. I

*Annual Meeting *IMPORTANT REMINDER* Station common grounds.

NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY

http://www.newingtoncommunity.org

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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: Lori Randall, Rosemary Gil Email: manager@newingtoncommunity.org

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

<u>NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE</u> Liaison—Woodrow Dick

<u>NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE</u> Liaison—Woodrow Dick

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE Chair—Lou Tobat 703-455-0169 Liaison—John Nolan

<u>RECREATION COMMITTEE</u> Chair—Lori Randall Liaison—Elisabeth Carroll

703-451-7332

<u>MAINTENANCE TEAM</u> Al Roy (lawns, trees, paths and tot lots) John Nagel (streets, curbs, fences, and road signs) Chip Catherine (pool)

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (Police & Fire)	703-691-2131
American Disposal Services	703-368-0500
Animal Control/Shelter	703-830-1110
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

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Fairfax County Housing Authority				
Van Saunders	703-704-6758			
Fairfax Water	703-698-5600			
Key Middle School	703-313-3900			
Kim, Conway & Associa	ates 703-360-0904			
Lee High School	703-924-8300			
Lorton Fire and Rescue	703-339-5141			
Lorton Landfill	703-690-1703			
Poison Control	703-625-3333			
Pool (emergencies only)	703-455-9873			
Saratoga Elementary Sch	nool 703-440-2600			
Streetlights	1-888-667-3000			
Supervisor Gerald Hylan	nd 703-780-7518			
Virginia Highway Depar	tment			
(Snow—State Roads O	nly) 703-339-5556			
Virginia Railway Expres	s 1-800-RIDE VRE			
Voter Information	703-222-0776			
West Springfield District Police 703-644-7377				
Zoning Office (Barking Dog Complaints)				
MonFri., 8am—4:30 j	pm 703-324-1300			

July Newsletter Deadline: June 15, 2007

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also came away believing that people who want better neighbors can probably have them for the price of a "hello, how's it going?" and an occasional wave. Put another way, maybe the best way to have better neighbors is to become better neighbors. We are all in this together, after all – which brings me to my next point.

RESERVES. A few months back, I explained that reserves were the dues monies we collected in advance for large expenditures such as street repairs. I also explained that we might have a problem with our reserves for streets and that we might have to raise townhouse dues significantly. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since then.

The most important thing that has happened is that we have hired a new paving engineer whose qualifications and references are excellent. Our new engineer has done a preliminary study of our streets. The good news is that our new engineer has given us a preliminary report stating that most of our streets are in very good shape and need only normal maintenance. The bad news is that the engineer tells us that one of our worst problems may be even worse than we thought.

If I have my history correct, Moline Place has always been a problem street. Since my earliest days on the Board, I have heard that one day this street would require major repairs. What no one seemed to know, however, was that the problems might go far deeper – quite literally than most of us suspected.

At this point, we are merely raising the warning flag. We do not know yet just how bad the problem really is and we do not know all our options. We only know that Moline Place seems to have been improperly engineered from the beginning some thirty-odd years ago. Apparently, this street sits on what was once a lowland creek-bed area that the original contractor filled with dirt up to fourteen feet in some places. To build a street on top of that requires a special care that apparently was neither required nor taken back in the 1970's when the street was built.

That, it seems, is why the street has had so many problems over the years.

Now, you may be saying to yourself, "What do I care about Moline Place? I live on XYZ street, not Moline Place. I don't want my dues increased to fix someone else's street." This makes considerable sense. Maybe you should know, however, that there is one other street in need of major repairs. This street will require a lesser but still considerable sum of money to put it back in shape. For the moment, let us just call that street XYZ Street – your street. Do you still feel the same way?

OFF THE SOAPBOX. I end where I started; it is a beautiful Sunday morning. The squirrels are having brunch and socializing and so are the birds. It is too beautiful a day to spend inside so I think I will go out and do a bit of socializing myself; maybe I will find the nerve to say "hello" to a neighbor I have not yet met. I am sure this neighbor has even wilder ideas about me than the ones I have about him so it should be interesting! Until next time!



NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' PROPOSED MEETING MINUTES May 8, 2007 NCA Meeting Room — Pool House

Meeting started at 7:00 pm. President Woodrow Dick presided. Board members in attendance included Treasurer John Nagel, Director John Nolan, and Vice President Liz Carroll. Secretary Al Roy and Director Chip Catherine were not in attendance.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS

A resident was in attendance for a hearing regarding the bags of soil that were behind his fence. He stated that he thought the bags were his neighbors and were moved after the first letter. When he received the second letter, his neighbor told him that the soil and seed were left by a company that had done some ground repair work. President Dick thanked him for coming. He said that the Board would discuss his situation in Executive Session and come back to open session at the end of the meeting to vote on it.

A second resident was in attendance for a hearing on his trash violation. He stated that he never takes the trash out early. He has been living here for 20 years and he believes in cleanliness. He stated the winds have been a problem.

COMMUNITY FORUM

A resident stated that there is always mail flying around when the wind picks up. He also wanted to make the Board aware of his concerns about people going the wrong way on one way streets. Board members agree that this is occurring on other streets as well. It was mentioned that the signs are not obvious. He also mentioned there is a child that has moved in to a home on Moline that steals from other people's front yards and he witnessed him urinating in the street.

A resident thanked the Board for the work they do.

Another resident asked if there was a plan for dealing with some bare grounds on common areas. President Dick stated that the board member responsible for the common grounds was not in attendance but that there is a plan. The Community Manager mentioned that our grounds contractor has provided NCA a map of the community that is available in the office. The map shows areas of common ground with strong turf, areas that could be improved upon and areas where grass shouldn't be expected to grow.

John Nolan wanted to recognize some individuals in our community that he sees cleaning trash from NCA property on a frequent basis. Thank you to Mike Williams, Mary Loy and Abdul Berlas for their hard work. Another resident said that Leo and Al on Moline were frequently seen doing the same thing and should be recognized.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

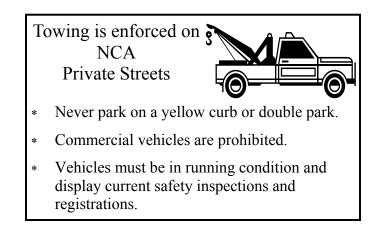
Director Nolan made a motion to accept minutes of the April 10, 2007, Board of Directors meeting. Vice President Carroll seconded the motion. Vote: 3 (yes) - 1 (abstain).

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President Dick was pleased to see people attending the NCA Clean Up Day. He thanked Vice President Carroll for organizing the event. He saw a lot get done. He had people approach him about being on the board. He intends to follow up with them and will hopefully have an additional board member soon.

Newington Station is improving and people are showing pride in their properties. He mentioned it would be nice to see hang tags thanking people for making their homes look nice. Some areas of the community still need a lot of work. If residents don't clean up, NCA won't attract new people with the same values.

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GENERAL

Policy on Assessment of Charges – President Dick stated that he was not ready to discuss this agenda item. He thought he would have a draft policy to present to the Board but it has taken longer than he thought. In summary, he doesn't think our current rules assessment policies address procedure from start to finish of a violation. He will finish it and present to the Board shortly.

HEARINGS AND APPEALS

A resident showed up to attend a hearing on his trash violation. He said that he had been to the emergency room that week and doesn't remember if he put it out early or not.

GENERAL

Community Yard Sale - The CM let the Board know that as of the meeting there were only 4 residents signed up. She will put signs out to remind people to sign up. If there aren't at least 12 residents signed up, it won't be worth having it. A board member mentioned that we could put signs on the mailboxes.

Community Parking District – The petition to get the North side of the community designated a Community Parking District has been completed. The forms and fee have been sent back to Supervisor Hyland's office for processing. The petition for the South side of the community has not been completed. There are specific houses that need to sign. President Dick said people don't have any problems signing, the problem is many people aren't at home to get signatures from. He stated that if we don't get this complete, the problem will be that boats and trailers from Northumberland will now park on Delong.

BOD meetings – It is undecided if the Board meetings will move back to Wednesdays or not. The change was made to accommodate Secretary Roy, but he was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Office Insulation – The contractor that built the office has had insulation blown into the walls. The holes were patched but the paint used doesn't match the old color. The CM will follow up on this matter. A Fairfax County inspector told the CM that they will not come out and do a re-inspection. If we believe a code violation exists we can have them come out to inspect that violation. She believed that insulation was not required by code for a commercial building but would call back on that question. If this is true, President Dick said that there probably wasn't any gross negligence on the part of the contractor.

Neighborhood Watch – Treasurer Nagel attended the West Springfield District neighborhood watch meeting. The reports provided showed many police calls coming from Moline but mostly just suspicious behavior. President Dick said this was a good sign that people were calling. Treasurer Nagel was asked if the crime reports were electronic. At this time, they can only be picked up at the meetings. Treasurer Nagel offered to organize a Neighborhood Watch training session. We could pick a date and advertise in the newsletter. If even a few people were interested it would be beneficial.

COMMON GROUNDS

Clean Up Day – Vice President Carroll stated that 20 people had signed up. Everyone stopped in for their donuts and waters. There was a huge pile of trash pulled from the woods. The CM will give small gifts to the volunteers.

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Tree work – Between the April and May board meeting the Board was asked to vote on removing deadwood from pine trees located on common grounds on Finlay Court at a cost of \$750. The vote was 6 (yes) – 0 (no). The resident closest to this property has now asked if she can remove the pine trees at her expense. The Board would like Secretary Roy to look at the situation and give feedback to the Board. The CM asked the Board if she should cancel the deadwood removal. The Board agreed that it was a separate issue and the work request shouldn't be cancelled.

Between the April and May board meeting the Board was asked to vote on removing a large pine tree next to Lot 50 on Moline. The grounds contractor was concerned that it had decay at the base and was leaning. The Board voted 6 (yes) - 0(no) to have the tree and stump removed at a cost of \$1540.

NCA lost three trees on Northumberland last month. Two were from the high winds. The trees will be replaced with trees that look like Bradford Pears but don't break as easily.

FINANCE

Analysis Work – Between the April and May board meetings, the Board was asked to vote on spending \$850 to have the accountant perform an analysis of Koger's owner history reports to deposit records. This analysis will help provide information the auditors need to unqualify the 2005 audit. Vote: 6 (yes) – 0 (no). The other option was to write off the \$11,000 discrepancy but no one thought that was a good idea.

2008 Budget – Treasurer Nagel's goal is to present a draft budget at the annual meeting in August. He is looking for input. He is concerned about our snow plowing budget since we don't have enough money to cover snow removal needs in December. The CM stated that there is a form that can be placed in the newsletter so that residents can provide input. Treasurer Nagel has reviewed April's financial reports from the accountant. He would like to see a percentage listed next to yearto-date budget numbers. President Dick asked if they looked reasonable. Treasurer Nagel asked for some clarification on the payment schedule for the pool contract. Also, he was wondering why we have not used the pool lot storage lights line item. The CM thinks that bill is tied into the pool electricity but

will look into it. The CM noted that we have two water bills that only are getting administrative charges at this point. One is for the pool but she isn't sure what the second one is for. One possibility is the second one is for the office but uses so little water that we don't meet the minimum for a charge. If it is not used for the office, we should close that account. The question was raised, do we want to put the monthly financials on our web page. President Dick asked the CM to find out what other communities do.

Our trash contractor has passed on to NCA a 6.4% increase from Fairfax County. This will put NCA over budget on that line item. President Dick asked the CM to find out how much we will be over.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Vice President Carroll said more walkthroughs will be done now that the weather is getting nicer. Newington Glen, Newington Place and Woodmere are next on the list. She noted that some homes have gas grills on their decks and wondered what fire code was in that situation. Treasurer Nagel would look into this question.

For all architectural letters sent July, 2006 through December, 2006, a follow up was completed. Now the board needs to decide if they want hearings to continue at the monthly meetings or have a special meeting for all the hearings. President Dick asked the CM to take pictures of all the violations that still exist and present the worst for the next meeting.

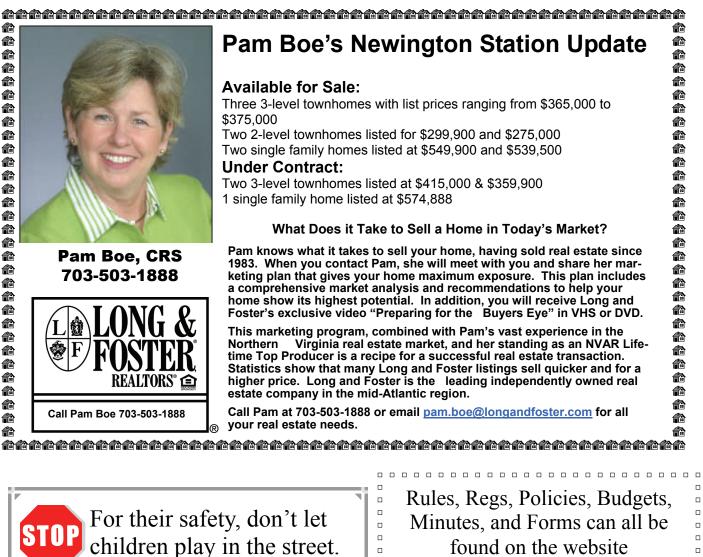
NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Carroll noted that there are two dead trees in the common ground area across from 7820 Moline. The CM will follow up on this.

Director Nolan stated that himself and Director Catherine had discussed getting a pod for the stuff in the pool area (benches, extra tot lot fixtures, sign poles). He believed it would cost about \$2500. Director Nagel asked where it would come from in the budget. After some discussion it was believed that a lot of that stuff could be thrown out. President Dick would like Director Catherine to present a purpose and plan if he feels this pod is needed.

Vice President Carroll stated that the Marconi tot lot needed mulch. The tot lots are scheduled for mulch in June.

Vice President Carroll stated that the Storm Drain marking project will be on Saturday June 9. The Eagle Scout in charge of this project has 15



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Public Hearing for Newington Petition

Recently a petition was circulated on the north side of the Newington Station Community. This petition was signed by 61 of the 59 residents who were asked to sign. The purpose of the petition is to get Northumberland Road from the power lines to Rolling Rd, Godolphin Drive, Cushing Court and Finlay Court designated a Community Parking District by Fairfax County. With this

designation, watercraft, trailers and mobile homes will not be allowed on these streets except for a 48 hour period for loading and unloading. The community is encouraged to express their opinions to the Board of Supervisors, whether by contacting the clerk to the board via email or by actually speaking at the public hearing. This is the link to the website to do that: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speaker bos.htm and clerk's email address is ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov. The hearing is scheduled for July 9, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

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volunteers but additional help from the community is needed. The lions club will provide water and NCA will run a notice in the orange juice. newsletter.

Director Nolan made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the trash and covenant hearings. Vice President Carroll seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) - 0 (no).

OPEN SESSION

Two residents had hearings on covenant violations. The CM will look at the violations on Wednesday to see if they still exist. If the violations still exists, Director Nolan made a motion to give the resident of Lot 54 10 days to fix the violation. If the violation is not fixed after ten days the resident will be assessed \$10 per day for each day the violation exists starting with the eleventh day. Vice President Carroll seconded the vote. Vote: 4 (yes) - 0 (no).

If the violation still exists on Wednesday morning, Director Nolan made a motion to give the resident of Lot 424 10 days to fix the violation. If the violation is not fixed after ten days the resident will be assessed \$10 per day for each day the violation exists starting with the eleventh day. Treasurer Nagel seconded the vote. Vote: 4 (yes) -0 (no).

Regarding Lot 2, Director Nolan made a motion to deny the trash appeal. Treasurer Nagel seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) - 0 (no).

Regarding Lot 443, Director Nolan made a motion to deny the trash appeal. Vice President Carroll seconded the motion. Vote: 3 (yes) - 1(no).

After some discussion, it was decided that there would be a home of the month placed in the newsletter recognizing a home that stands out for its appearance. The CM will get three pictures on each street and the Board will vote for their favorite.

Director Nolan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Vice President Carroll seconded the motion. Vote: 4 (yes) - 0 (no).

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT IN

NEWINGTON STATION

With the support of the lions club, an Eagle Scout will be performing a storm drain marking project. All storm drains in Newington Station will have an insignia glued on to the top reminding people that anything that flows into the storm drain flows into our rivers and drinking water. The project will be done on <u>Saturday, June 9th—9:00 a.m</u>. starting at the **pool parking lot**. Additional help community from the would be appreciated.

Anyone interested in contributing their time to this great project should contact the Community office.

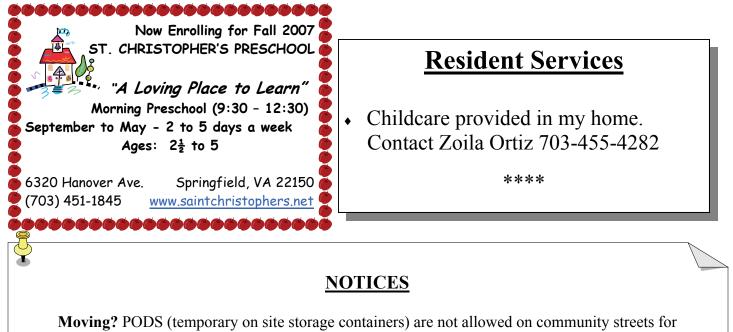


NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH TRAINING June 14, 2007

June 14, 2007 7:00 p.m. NCA Office The Fairfax County PD West Springfield District Station will be conducting a Neighborhood Watch training session. Officer Dave Yoon of the Crime Prevention office will provide information on what Neighborhood Watch is, how it is run, and what we as residents of the community can do to make it successful. make it successful.

As the summer approaches, now is the time to be aware of how we can assist in safeguarding our community.





more than 4 days

NCA Pool will open Saturday, May 26, 2007 at 11 a.m.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTOR needed for <u>Durer Court and Marconi Court</u>. Please call the Community Office to volunteer your time. 703-455-3606

NCA Clean Up Day, Saturday, April 28, 2007

Thank you to all NCA residents who came out to help on Clean-Up Day, including the Douthwaite Family, Myra, John Morton, the Boyd Family, the Taphanel Family, Karen Chauvin, Serdar, Woody and John Nolan. *A special thank you to Liz Carroll for organizing this important NCA event!*



Look at what our resident volunteers retrieved from our woods. Please do not dump anything in our woods. If you notice any dumping in the woods, please contact the Community Office immediately.



One family of four hauled this trash from the creek starting at the ball field and didn't even reach the half way point to Pohick Creek. Just think what 10 families can do!

Even though Clean Up Day is over, it's never too late to contribute and help keep our community beautiful!

RECOMMENDED BUDGET ITEM FOR NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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 (deadline July 1, 2007):

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

Or,

Red drop box at base of Community Office steps

Or,

manager@newingtoncommunity.org

Budget Call – Your recommendations are Needed!

NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION *** At Newington Station *** P.O. Box 351, Springfield, VA 22150 703-455-3606; www.newingtoncommunity.org

EXTERIOR PROJECT REQUEST FORM Submit form for any exterior addition, alteration, modification or change

Na	ime:	Date:						
Ac	ldress:							
Pro	operty Address:		Lot #:					
Te	lephone #: Home:	Work:	Cell:					
Ov	wner's Signature (or authorized agent)	Work:						
Ту	pe of Project (check one)							
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	What is to be painted?							
	Type/brand name/color of paint	(include paint chart/sample)						
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	Style: Straight-top louver, Arch	-top louver, or Solid panel? Circle One.						
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	rials will be used and where the proj	ect will be located on the property. If necess						
	and indicate where the alteration will be located on the property.							
	Estimated Start Date:	Estimated Start Date: Estimated Completion Date:						
	Consult NCA Architectural Guidelines for existing policies. Applicant is solely responsible for obtaining Fairfax							
	County building permits.							
	Please mail this request to the above address. Enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. A copy of this request will							
	be returned to you within 30 days of NCA receiving this form. Wait for a reply before buying materials or starting any project.							
		office use only						
	ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW ACTION							
	Advisory Committee:	Control Committee:	Board Action:					
	Date received:	Date received:						
	Date of action:	Date of action:	(NCA Board President) (date)					
	Holding for additional info.:	Date returned:						
	Forwarded date:	Request is:	(NCA Board Vice Pres.) (date)					
	Recommendation:	Approved/Disapproved*	AIGA Boond Boonds (1)					
	Chairperson:		(NCA Board Secretary) (date)					
	*Comments:							

Newington Community Association

June 2007

POOL HOURS	June: Weekends 11 am to 8 pm	Weekdays before school closes 3 pm to 8 pm Weekdays after	11 am to 8 pm	July: Hours are extended to 9 pm	August: 11 am to 8 pm		
SATURDAY	2	9 9am Eagle Scout Project at pool lot		16		23	30
FRIDAY	1 Trash and bulk pickup	8 Trash and bulk pickup		15 Trash and bulk pickup	Submissions for July Newsletter Due	22 Trash and bulk pickup	29
THURSDAY		7			Flag Day	21 First Day of Summer	28
WEDNESDAY		6 Yard Debris pickup*		13 Yard Debris pickup*	Graduation (Farrtax County)	20 Yard Debris pickup*	27 Yard Debris pickup*
TUESDAY		5 Trash & recycling pickup		12 Trash & recycling pickup	7:00 pm NCA Board Meeting in Pool House	19 Trash & recycling pickup	26 Trash & recycling pickup
MONDAY		4		11		18 Last Day of School (Fairfax County)	25
SUNDAY		÷		10		17 Father's Day	24

* For Single Family Homes Only