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Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter January 2014

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2013-14 NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

December 4 January 8* February 5 March 5

*Holiday on Jan 1 - Board meeting will be held Jan 8

PRESIDENT'S CORNER By Mike Smith, NCA President

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy holiday season. One of the founding principles of this country is the freedom of religion and it is my belief that this extends to freedom from religion. Another thing that makes this country great is the fact that it is a great melting pot and as a result we have a very diverse population. This diversity is reflected in the population of Newington Station. We certainly have many racial, ethnic, and cultural groups represented here. There also are many varied religious affiliations. Let's all be respectful of each others' beliefs and traditions during this season.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to travel extensively. One of my trips took me to Israel to visit my Christian missionary friend and his wife. They were missionaries to the Palestinians in Israel. I visited many of the Palestinian people and had the opportunity to attend a feast in my honor and also attend a wedding feast which is quite a celebration. My memories of sitting around after a sumptuous meal laughing and joking with people of a very different background are still vivid. I and a group of my Christian friends once observed the Passover. I found it very interesting and informative.

During this season while we are celebrating let's all celebrate our diversity and reach out to those of other backgrounds.

<u>REMINDER</u>

Quarterly Assessments Due January 1, 2014

NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY

http://www.newingtoncommunity.org

NCA COMMUNITY OFFICE

703-455-3606 Fax: 703-455-0013

Hours:

Monday / Wednesday /Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tuesday / Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Community Manager: Lori Randall Assistant Community Manager: Tina Queen Email: <u>manager@newingtoncommunity.org</u>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Mike Smith (Aug '16) Email: <u>NCApresident@cox.net</u>
V. President - Beth Rodriguez (Aug '15)
Secretary/Treasurer - Louise Whitt (Aug '14)
Member - Chis Hammel (Aug '16)
Member - Charles Thomas (Aug '16)
Member - Vacant (Aug '15)
Member - Vacant (Aug '14)

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chair - Cameron Mulloy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair—Louise Whitt

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair—Lou Tobat Liaison - TBN

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair - Volunteer Needed Liaison—TBN

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chairs—Sarah Jernigan and Lori Randall

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (Police & Fire)) 703-691-2131
Including barking dog compl	aints
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
<u>www.fairf</u>	axconnector.com
-	fairfaxcounty.gov
Fairfax County Housing Author	ity
Selena Davis	703-704-6758
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
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NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – November 6, 2013 Draft Minutes of the Meeting – NCA Pool House Meeting Room

At 7:00 pm President Smith called the meeting to order. Board members present were President Mike Smith, Vice President Beth Rodriguez, Treasurer and Secretary Louise Whitt and Director Chris Hammel. Director Charles Thomas was not in attendance.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Smith stated he hoped his articles and his desire for a sense of community is catching on. He participated in a neighbor's Turkey Trot 5K run/walk that started on Godolphin. The event was well attended and he hopes other areas of the community have similar activities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Smith made a motion to accept the November 6th monthly Board meeting minutes with amendments to one sentence. Director Hammel seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

COMMITTEE/BUSINESS REPORTS

Treasurer's Report, Louise Whitt

Treasurer Whitt had no report. All Treasurer related topics will be discussed as part of the agenda.

Community Manager (CM) Report, Lori Randall General

- NCA Vehicle Tickets: 1
- Asphalt paths: No report
- Audit Update: Draft received and letter of representation sent back.
- Called FCWA on plan for finishing Brandeis. Wanted to investigate on getting a credit for milling/paving. Base asphalt after construction then milling later.
- Quote on elevating pears on Delong and Northumberland medians
- Tree removal on Brandeis
- Purchased laptop
- Annual assessment letters went out

Dominion began work on bringing new electrical cable to pool. Broke FIOS line. Working with Verizon to get FIOS back.

Resident Complaints/Issues/Comments

• FCWA may have done good job on replacing pipes but road is in bad condition.

- Investigate violation charges on an account. Erroneously carried over after sale from previous owner.
- Motorcycle parking space still being used by cars.
- Vehicles in unmarked spaces and out of state tags still a problem on Kitchener.
- Concern with towing of van.
- *Concern with fixing architectural violation window replacement.*
- A neighbor moves this person's recycle bin to front stoop or in parking space after trash is picked up. Wanted office to put something in newsletter to not touch other people's property.
- Annual notice of assessment's letter has a typo for Summit's phone number. Number in newsletter and on web are correct.
- Has NCA looked at creating a fenced in dog park? Fairfax County offers these facilities so NCA has not pursued due to concerns about clean up and liability.

The stream crossing repairs have not started yet but could still be done in the winter months. The RFP to repair and replace Red Ash Court and parts of Matisse is still expected from the engineer and the engineer continues to pursue getting a permit for a bridge over the stream crossing closest to the ball field. The next monthly Board meeting is New Year's Day and the CM is on vacation. She asked the Board if they would like to move it or keep it on the 1st. There are not scheduled hearings to interfere with moving it. The Board agreed to hold the monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 8th. In addition, she reminded the Board of the annual holiday party on Friday, December 13th.

GENERAL BUSINESS – Old

Pruning of Bradford Pears – The CM provided the Board a quote to elevate eleven pear trees on the medians on Delong and Northumberland. Director Hammel made a motion to accept the proposal of \$675. Vice President Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

GENERAL BUSINESS – New

Political Signage – Last month a resident asked the Board to reconsider enforcement of the rule on signs in the community. Virginia State law allows homeowner associations to regulate the display of signs. NCA's covenants prohibit any sign for public display, other than 'for sale' signs, larger than one square foot. The policy is enforced for all signs, not just political signs. It would be very difficult to get the mandated signatures to revise the covenants but

NCA Annual Holiday Party Friday, December 13

No bad luck at this event, lots of smiles, presents, games and good food. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make this NCA event another success.

If we took a picture of your child and you would like us to email it to you, please email: <u>manager@newingtoncommunity.org</u>



Story time.



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any homeowner may start the process if they choose. The CM will run an article in the September newsletter reminding residents of the policy.

High School Donation – Lee High School is starting its annual campaign to raise funds for the high school senior's All Night Grad Party. Vice President Rodriguez made a motion to send \$125 towards Lee's ANGC from the Youth Activities line in the 2014 budget. Director Hammel seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

Reserve Account Status – Treasurer Whitt reviewed the quarterly Reserve Account Status report with the Board.

Annual Employee Bonuses – Vice President made a motion to extend annual bonuses to the Community Manager and Assistant Community Manager for a total of \$1,500. President Smith seconded the motion. Vote: 4 yes.

Brainstorming –

- With regard to the tennis courts, Vice President Rodriguez asked that since the tennis court's base is asphalt, if we should inquire on whether our street contractor resurfaces tennis courts. The CM will speak to Tibbs Paving and to our engineer.
- As follow up to a conversation last month on use of lot numbers in the minutes, Vice President Rodriguez stated that NCA's covenants address following Robert's Rules of Conduct which state motions made must be written as said. Per Virginia State Law all motions must be made in open session.
- President Smith asked if there was a plan for backing up of documents in the office. The CM copies all computer documents on a disk. She will look in to the cost of having a service do the same.
- Director Hammel asked if there was a reason NCA used a collection's attorney as opposed to a collection agency to collect bad debt. Agencies can be more aggressive and harass people. Also, they focus on the easier collection issues, not the more difficult cases.

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At 8 pm the Board convened to Executive Session to discuss a violation.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:10 pm.

The Board provided some suggestions on fixing a violation that will be passed on to the resident.

There was a discussion on if general counsel should review NCA governing documents regarding assessing violation charges.

The Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

<u>NEXT MEETING</u>: Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at 7:00 PM—NCA Pool House. All residents encouraged to attend.





Inclement Weather – If roads are deemed unsafe due to snow or ice, trash collection will be suspended until <u>next regularly scheduled</u> <u>collection day</u>. Trash MUST be brought back in!

NCA DISTRIBUTION LIST

If you are new to NCA or your e-mail address recently changed, don't forget to sign up for the NCA Distribution list.

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Please call Nick at (703)-531-8176, or email: hlaphoenix@gmail.com

Save Your NCA Pool Passes



Be sure to keep track of your

pool passes from last summer. Lost pass fees are \$10 per pass. Look for pool registration form in the March newsletter.

NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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

Address:		
		Lot #:
		Cell:
Owner's Signature (or authorized agent):		
Type of Project (check one)		
O Addition	 Gutters/Downspouts 	• Shutters
 Deck or Patio Enclosure 	• Landscaping	• Siding
○ Door	• Other	0 Walkway
• Exterior Painting Project	○ Roof	• Windows
• Fence	• Shed	
	e bieu	
Description of Above Project:		
		(sample required for all requests)
Size		
		(pictures preferred)
Materials		a sketch or site plan with home location and
indicate where the alteration will be l		
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SUNDA	AY MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<u>Trash Timing</u> Monday & Thursday – Placed out for pick (Tuesday & Friday – Placed out for pick up 1		1 Xmas Tree Pick-Up	2 White Good Removal ¹	3 Trash & Bulk pick-up	4
			and the second	Winter Bre	ak - No School	
5	6	7 Trash & Recycling pick-up		9 White Good Removal ¹	10 Trash & Bulk pick-up	11
			7:00pm NCA Board Mtg (pool house)**			
12	13	14 Trash & Recycling pick-up	15	16 White Good Removal ¹	17 Trash & Bulk pick-up	18
			Newsletter Deadline			
19	20	21 Trash & Recycling Martin Luther King Jr BD No School	22	23 White Good Removal ¹	24 Trash & Bulk pick-up	25
26	27	28 Trash & Recycling pick-up	29	30 White Goods ¹	31 Trash & Bulk p/u	

** Board meetings are open to all NCA residents.

¹Contact American Disposal Customer Service at 703-368-0500 24 hours in advance of pick-up. There is an additional cost to resident for this service.