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# Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter **August 2016**

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#### NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Wednesday, August 3 Thursday, August 11

Annual Meeting, Pohick Church 9301 Richmond Highway

# BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, July 25, 2016 7:00 PM NCA Pool House in John Nolan Meeting Room

# **President's Corner**By Beth Rodriguez

Ah the Dog Days of Summer are upon us! Welcome to Northern Virginia heat and humidity. How to escape—go swimming at the NCA pool! Many of you have already done just that. It is wonderful to see so many enjoying the pool.

On behalf of the Board and the community of Newington Community Association, I would like to apologize to anyone who, because of something someone said or did, intentional or not, that has made any homeowner or renter feel unwelcome in our community or on our common grounds. Newington Community Association is a very diverse community in race, ethnic group, gender, religion, national origin and just about any other category people place themselves in. We, as a community, value that diversity and want to welcome everyone here.

To that end, a Code of Conduct has been in effect for many years. This Code applies not only to the behavior of the Board members and community employees, but also to the behavior of everyone while on community common grounds. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to promote civil behavior between Board members; between the Board and community members; between community employees and community members while they are on common grounds. When I say community members that term includes renters as well as homeowners. Basically, the Code of Conduct codifies the expectation of civil behavior. However, the easiest definition would be to follow "the golden rule" which is "treat others as you want to be treated." The Code of Conduct is online at <a href="https://www.newingtoncommunity.org">www.newingtoncommunity.org</a>. Click on Community Information and look under Policies/Rules to find the Code of Conduct.

This August 11<sup>th</sup> is the 2016 Annual Meeting. It will be held at Pohick Church, which is located on Route 1 south of Ft. Belvoir. By the time you get this newsletter, you should have received your letter notifying you of the meeting, the meeting agenda and a proxy. You are certainly free to send a proxy appointing someone to vote for you. I urge you to make every effort to come to the meeting. This is one meeting that every homeowner is needed because not only will we be voting for three board positions but we will be also voting on

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## **NEWINGTON STATION DIRECTORY**

http://www.newingtoncommunity.org

#### NCA COMMUNITY OFFICE

P. O. Box 351 Springfield, VA 22150 703-455-3606 / Fax: 703-455-0013

Monday through Friday 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

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

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**President** - Beth Rodriguez (Aug '18)

Email: <u>president@newingtoncommunity.org</u>
Note: Email to NCA President is private and only read by the President.

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Vice President - Kevin Benore (Aug '17)

Treasurer - Louise Whitt (Aug '17)

Secretary - Sarah Jernigan (Aug '16)

Director - Florence Smoczynski (Aug '18)

Member - Mark Polansky (Aug '16)

Member - Vacant (Aug '16)

To send an email to the above Board members, use board@newingtoncommunity.org (this includes a copy to the Community Manager).

#### ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chair - Sarah Jernigan

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair—Louise Whitt

#### PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair—Lou Tobat Liaison - TBN

#### RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair - Volunteer Needed

Liaison—TBN

#### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Chair - Sarah Jernigan

#### **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Emergency	911
Non-Emergency (Police & Fir	re) 703-691-2131
Including barking dog com	plaints
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.fai	irfaxconnector.com
Fairfax County <u>www</u>	v.fairfaxcounty.gov
Fairfax County Housing Auth	
Selena Davis 703-704-6	5758
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	t
(Snow—State Roads Only)	703-383-8368
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Voter Information	703-222-0776

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#### **Newington Community Association Annual Meeting**

Thursday, August 11, 2016
Pohick Church Meeting Room
9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton, Virginia 22079
8:00 P.M. (Regular meeting starts at 7:30 pm)

The annual meeting will include elections for three positions on the Board of Directors. One candidate's statement:

#### **Stacey Perritt, Kitchener Drive**

As a mom of three children (now in Saratoga Elementary, Key Middle, and Lee High) I am invested in our community's future. I work as an IT project manager and am the founder of a non-profit peace advocacy organization. I am the VP of the Lee HS Athletic Boosters, a resident homeowner in Newington Station for over three years, and former DOD paramedic and EMS educator. I appreciate your vote as we look to a safe, fun, bright future in our community.

#### DOOR PRIZES AT MEETING

Nominations will continue to be accepted at the community office or by any Board member. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting.

Your attendance is *valued* at these meetings.

#### \$50 cash!

You are eligible to win *only* if you complete and return your proxy (see next page) to the community office before 12:00 PM Wednesday, August 10th (limit of one proxy per NCA owner)

#### \$100 cash!

You are eligible only if you attend the annual meeting on Thursday, August 11th and register by 8pm.

(limit of one per NCA owner)

You must be a member in good standing for either prize.

# A special message from the NCA Bylaws Committee

In January of this year, the Bylaws Committee began a review of the NCA Bylaws. We have 11 recommended changes that will be voted on at the upcoming annual meeting. For your convenience, the proposed changes can be found at the end of this newsletter. Or, you may view them on the NCA website homepage at <a href="https://www.newingtoncommunity.org">www.newingtoncommunity.org</a>.

# 2016 Proxy Form

August 11, 2016

# PROXY For Election of NCA Board of Directors

I,	being legal
(Name)	
Owners of	
	(Newington address) member(s) in good standing of the Newington Community
,	sions of the duly recorded legal instruments governing said
Association, do grant my pro	oxy for voting at the Annual Meeting on August 11, 2016 as
follows, only one option belo	w must be marked for proxy to be valid. (Must be complete to
be considered valid).	
( ) for the purpose of	f establishing a quorum only
( ) to be distributed in	randomly to any member in good standing in attendance at the
annual meeting.	
( ) to	This individual will use your proxy
for the purpose of estal	blishing a quorum and to vote on your behalf as they see fit,
unless otherwise noted	below:
(Signature, member)	(Signature, proxy)
(date)	(date)

All proxies must be complete and accurate information must be supplied to consider valid. Proxies not signed and dated are not valid. You may delivery proxies in the following manner: (1) mail completed proxy to NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 351, Springfield, Virginia 22150, (2) deliver to the NCA office during normal business hours, or (3) give to a homeowner to deliver on your behalf at the annual meeting. Should you decide after you have executed your proxy that you choose to attend the annual meeting and exercise your own vote, you must indicate in writing that your proxy is null and void and that you wish to vote your own ballot.

#### NEWINGTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING – July 6, 2016 Draft Minutes of Meeting – NCA Pool House Meeting Room

At 7:05 PM President Elizabeth Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Board members present were President Elizabeth Rodriguez, Vice President Kevin Benore, Secretary Sarah Jernigan, Director Florence Smoczynski. Treasurer Louise Whitt and Director Mark Polansky were not in attendance.

#### **President Comments**

Welcome to the meeting, glad everyone could come.

#### **Community Forum**

A couple of underpasses in the woods behind Godolphin are completely blocked. If not cleared out some of the new paths could get washed away.

A resident wanted to discuss the architectural review on his property. He has replaced the storm door, landscaping and two sides of his fence are both completed. He feels his house looks 50% better than the other houses on his street. The Board had granted him another month in the last Board meeting. The CM will review property and verify to the Board if the list is complete.

A resident is requesting permission to park his  $\sim$ 25 ft. RV trailer in the pool parking lot. Secretary Jernigan mentioned a  $\sim$ 22` boat plus trailer that used to be parked in the parking lot, therefore it might fit.

A resident wanted to know if NCA receives any money for the cars towed in the community. She feels NCA should benefit from Dominion towing all these vehicles. It was explained that it would be a conflict of interest to receive a profit from Dominion. Another resident commented that it's an enforcement of the rules benefit for the whole community not a fiduciary benefit. It was also discussed that numbered parking spots are not deeded to the property, parking spaces belong to NCA. A resident mentioned that the CCRs state 1 parking space per unit, however,

the Board several years ago decided to grant two spaces to each unit.

A resident wanted to know why there was an extra fee if you don't get your pool pass turned in by certain date. The resident does not feel she should have to pay a fee on top of HOA dues. The CM explained the process involved to prepare the pool passes. To help avoid the fee, pool registration begins in March with an incentive to get them in early. If there was no deadline penalty then it would be impossible to try to process all pool passes in May and have them ready in time for the pool opening.

A resident on Marconi wanted to know who to talk to about getting trees cut down in front of home where roots are about to invade her property and pushing up her sidewalk. The Board asked if the tree was on her property, but she did not know. Secretary Jernigan stated she will review during architectural reviews on her street.

A resident commented that he has spent the last 4 months volunteering on the Newsletter Policy Committee. He has concerns about what ended up printed in the July newsletter. First, on page 10, he is concerned that the Board is calling the minutes "Special Board Meetings" and providing minutes but no recorded votes. The minutes just state "the Board agreed" with no recorded vote. Secondly, per the newly written Newsletter Policy, a letter to the Editor releases information that was discussed in an Executive Session meeting. Secretary Jernigan states that the letter in question is a clear violation of our NCA Code of Conduct. Vice President Benore stated point of order that this discussion was out of turn. The resident wanted to state in Community Forum his level of disappointment at the Board and how they've conducted business, and what was published in the newsletter.

#### **Approval of Draft Minutes**

Secretary Jernigan made a motion to accept the draft June 1, 2016 Board meeting minutes as written. Vice President Benore seconded the motion. Vote 4 yes. Continued on Next Page

# Newington Station—2016 Mid-Year Review

Address	<b>Sold Price</b>	Subsidy	<u>Date</u>
8325 Moline Pl	\$342,900	\$7,000	01/11/16
8491 Kitchener Dr	\$355,000	\$5,000	02/08/16
7725 Durer Ct	\$337,000	\$10,000	02/16/16
8323 Cushing Ct	\$499,500	\$17,000	02/19/16
7824 Marconi Ct	\$345,000	\$8,500	02/29/16
8568 Gwynedd Way	\$338,000	\$0	03/11/16
8365 Luce Ct	\$314,000	\$0	03/21/16
8409 Eucalyptus Ct	\$276,000	\$1,000	03/30/16
8453 Brainerd Ct	\$347,000	\$7,000	05/04/16
8558 Gwynedd Way	\$349,900	\$7,000	05/27/16
7820 Marconi Ct	\$365,000	\$3,000	06/02/16
8451 Brainerd Ct	\$350,000	\$2,300	06/27/16
8366 Luce Ct	\$345,000	\$7,500	06/28/16

#### Available for Sale:

 Four townhomes w/list prices ranging from \$339,900 to \$357,000

#### Under Contract:

 Five townhomes w/list prices ranging from \$309,900 to \$359,000

#### For Rent:

· One townhome w/rent of \$1,950/month

#### New Listing—7700 Lemoyne Ln

Gorgeous end unit with tons of updates!



Pam Boe 703-909-1663 (cell) Life Member, NVAR Top Producer Email: boe.pam@gmail.com



Jim Fox ABR, CRS, GRI 703-755-0296 (cell) 800-382-2345 (toll-free & fax) Email: jim@masongroup.com

Joining forces with 50+ years of experience!

#### **Email Votes**

President Rodriguez made a motion to hold an email vote on proposed proxy policy. Vote 7 yes.

President Rodriguez made a motion to accept the proposed proxy policy and proxy form. Discussion was held via email. Vice President Kevin Benore amended the motion. President Rodriguez withdrew her motion and stated the proposed proxy and form will be discussed at the July 6, 2016 Board of Director's meeting.

The email vote held above is null and void as no one seconded either vote above.

#### **General Business - Old**

Proxy for the annual meetings has been updated with all comments. Clarification has been made on the word "randomly". Secretary Jernigan made a motion to accept the proxy policy for the annual meeting as written. Director Smoczynski seconded the motion. Discussion was held on a resident's email question on why we are restricting proxies to only other NCA members. The proxy in the past states "I do hereby grant my proxy to...." and does not specify it has to be an owner. A resident asked about the Fairfax County proxies and it was stated that they will be marked for quorum purposes only. It was decided to strike the "member in good standing" in option #3. Vice President Benore requested to amend the motion to remove "a member in good standing in #3". Secretary Jernigan seconded. Vote 4 yes.

It was discussed and clarified that if an attorney or other non-community member is representing a member in good standing, they will not receive additional proxies. The proxies being distributed at the annual meeting will only be given to other community members. Discussion was held on clarifying the form to stress that only one of the options on the proxy form can be selected.

Secretary Jernigan requested to amend her motion to add a statement "a member may only select one option to be valid". Vice President Benore seconded. Vote 4 yes.

Secretary Jernigan made a motion accept the proxy form with added language of previously adopted amendment. Vice President Benore seconded. Vote 4 yes.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Treasurer Whitt not in attendance.

#### <u>Community Manager's Report</u> - Cheryl Austin **General**

- Disclosure Packets: 8451 Brainerd; 8414 Dampier, 7762 Euclid
- Charles Schwab account update
- American disposal and yard debris baggage changing next year
- · Insurance claim with State Farm now closed
- Stop sign at Euclid has been replaced
- Annual meeting letter drafted, need approval to issue in the mail on or about July 12, 2016
- Envelopes, mailing labels and stamps ordered
- Fire extinguishers in pool office/pump room are out of date, CM is requesting updating immediately
- · Tree arborist has reviewed NCA trees
- Grill in pool grassy area rusted out, removed broken grill in process of looking into a replacement
- Playgrounds repairs started Wednesday, today and expected to be completed by Friday 7/8/16

#### **Resident Complaints/Issues/Comments**

 Resident concerned that photos are being taken of property during Architectural reviews, concerned about privacy, wanted to know if this was standard practice

- Resident complained that dead branches are hanging over sidewalk and parking spaces on Brandeis
- · Power outages on Brandeis repaired
- Residents on Luce have complained feral/wild cats are getting into trash, defecating in front yards
- Resident on NCA path near Godolphin was confronted by an unleashed medium sized black dog. A man in mid-20's appeared after a while. Resident reminded him of Fairfax County leash law, man was very abusive in response.
- Another resident complained of a lot of feral cats on Red Ash Court how can we get rid of them?
- Resident wanted to know policy on storing a dumpster in front of home for interior work
- Another RV parking lot request
- Resident complained that neighbor's front and backyard is a mess; uses their trash can to throw trash away in lieu of buying their own
- A resident's taxi was towed, he doesn't think a taxi should fall under the definition of commercial vehicle
- Trees down at Northumberland and Rolling Road, Brandeis, Moline and Gwenydd
- New residents seeking general information about the community, use of pool, exterior forms, etc.
- Insurance company called regarding their clients car being towed, what is our towing policy
- Broken mailbox key, spare key not working
- Visitor parking shortage on Moline, residents who **do not** live on Moline are using visitor spaces
- Visitor parking shortage on Luce, residents parking their all the extra vehicles in visitor spaces which does not leave spaces for actual visitors
- Kids riding in streets on Kitchener, asked to put a reminder in newsletter
- A tire left out on Brandeis
- A resident complained that the grounds crew blew debris and rock(s) hit their vehicle
- A dog on Kitchener left a mess on the sidewalk, resident did not bother to pick it up, asked for reminder in the newsletter
- A resident complemented the grounds crew says they do a nice job and offers them water
- Residents on Godolphin and Finlay reported men walking around who claimed to be inspecting tree
- A resident inquired if we could inquire about a reciprocity with pool passes between the Saratoga pool and the NCA pool.

CM had a new business item that came in after meeting agenda had been finalized. A common ground tree came down on Brandeis Way. Blade Runners tree report was provided to the Board, however, it was stated the review of the Blade Runners tree report should be under New Business for next month's meeting. Secretary Jernigan made a motion to remove the partially fallen tree on Brandeis common ground for no more than \$1,650.00. Vice President Benore seconded. Vote 4 yes.

#### <u>Planning and Development</u> – Lou Tobat

Mr. Tobat attended a VDOT meeting where they reviewed a study on the 31 miles of Fairfax County Parkway. Issues include signs that are not visible at night and exits. The long term plan is to upgrade parkway to six lanes with HOV. There was discussion of widening Rolling Road at parkway towards Old Keene Mill Road into 4 lanes with bike lanes. A resident who also attended the VDOT meeting said that this side of Rolling Road south of the parkway is not on the 6 year plan. The comment period ended today. The focus will be from Greely to Old Keene Mill Rd first with a traffic light. They will eventually have two left lanes turning from Rolling onto Old Keene Mill and extend the right turning lane from Rolling onto Old Keene Mill.

<u>Newsletter Committee</u> – President Rodriguez handed out a draft newsletter packet to the NCA Board and community members. Discussion was held on whether this should be a policy or a procedure. It was discussed about including website and social media and calling this a Communication procedure. At the August meeting, the Board can vote on this.

Bylaws Committee – Secretary and Committee Chair Jernigan requested a committee meeting and is waiting for response. Secretary and Committee Jernigan was unable to complete review of the attorney's comments in time for the July newsletter and apologized to the community for the confusion. The Bylaws will be printed in the August newsletter, available online, and a special notice will be included with the Annual meeting letter.

Vice President Benore asked and it was confirmed that the Bylaw changes will be voted on one-by-one.

#### <u>General Business – New</u>

2015 Draft Audit – was emailed separately to the Board for advance review due to the size of the package. Treasurer Whitt replied via email that she had no comments on the Audit. Secretary Jernigan made a motion to accept the draft audit as written. Vice President Benore seconded the motion. Vote 4 yes.

NCA Employee Evaluations – President Rodriguez stated that she is starting the annual employee evaluation. She suggested that the Assistant CM be completed now and that the CM will be reviewed when she has been employed for six months. President Rodriguez will ask for input from the Board during the evaluations.

<u>Architectural Guidelines</u> – NCA Board received an exterior project form to concrete entire backyard of a townhome. Secretary Jernigan has an issue due to storm water management issues for neighbor's backyards. She tried to deny this recent request, but Fairfax County does not require a permit to extend just a patio. She would like to propose updating NCA Architectural Guidelines to not allow this going forward.

Secretary Jernigan made a motion to update the Architectural Guidelines for patio enclosure to include total area of patio enclosure, patio, decks, sheds must not encompass more than 50% of the established yard. Vice President Benore seconded. Vote 4 yes.

Annual meeting agenda – The Bylaws presentation needs to be added to the agenda before elections. Discussion was held when the newly voted Bylaws changes will take affect at the meeting. There will be two elections. No motion required to approve the agenda.

Meeting Room – tabled until August meeting.

Newsletter Printing – NCA newsletter printing company had a suggestion to save us money. If the number of pages are divisible by 4 then it can be printed booklet style. Otherwise printed as usual (stapled in the upper left corner). This could potentially save ~\$40/month when printed booklet style. Board agreed to use this process when it makes sense.

<u>Traffic Calming Measurers</u> – discussion was held on Saratoga's recent efforts to deal with speeding on their residential streets. NCA Board decided that these measures do not impact NCA directly, Northumberland is a state street. The community and Board felt it was more effective when a police officer sits on this street.

<u>Code of Conduct Discussion</u> – Secretary Jernigan commented as a Board member Treasurer Whitt should not have written the Letter to the Editor in the July newsletter. Per Section II of the Code of Conduct, Duty for Respect of Board, it clearly states that once the Board formally votes on a matter no member of the Board shall engage in an unauthorized activity which undermines the Board. Vice President Benore wanted to clarify that the Board voted for a reprimand however the letter written to her used the word admonishment. There is no definition of admonishment in the Code of Conduct. Therefore, her Letter to the Editor was making a clarity to the community that was technically correct.

A resident commented that the September minutes do not reflect her letter. There is no vote in the September minutes and if there was, it should be recorded. If the Board votes to do something, it's a public record. She is stating something in the Letter to the Editor that no one in the community is aware of.

Vice President Benore wanted to make a couple of statements that the Board has corrected the September minutes to call them Special Board Meetings. He continued that the Board did move into Executive Session in error and that the letter of reprimand was mislabeled as admonishment, however, the resulting document is what came out of Executive Session and that was not privileged information. He stated that if she chose to share that letter. that's her decision. If the Board would have shared it, the Board would have been in violation. Vice President Benore does not feel she is in violation of the Code of Conduct for sharing the result of something. He continued to state that Treasurer Whitt did not mention names and did not 'disagree' with the Board's decision. Vice President Benore stated that no formal complaint has been done in writing via a certified letter. Vice President Benore mentioned that if there is a question about a Board member or their ability to serve, there is an appropriate action for the community to remove a Board member. There is not an appropriate action for the Board to remove a Board member. The Board has the ability to do a private reprimand all the way up to a suspension of the Board member for two months.

A resident stated that from an HR perspective you don't put it out in public that you have done something wrong and that her Letter to the Editor should have been written from her as a community member, not as a Board member.

Another resident mentioned that he was reprimanded at work once, the HR department could not share what was in his letter. However, he had every right to share that with his co-workers if he wanted to.

Vice President Benore commented that if there are Code of Conduct violations they should be addressed every single time.

A resident commented that the September 30 minutes do not reflect a vote and also requested to make an appointment with CM to review the HR file to see the grievance file.

Secretary Jernigan stated that per page 2 of the Complaint Policy, Section C, the fully completed sign and dated complaint should be mailed or otherwise delivered. If it was delivered to the Board via email, why would that not be a recorded complaint? Vice President Benore stated that the Policy should be updated to include email communications.

A resident wanted clarification on the HR file in the NCA office and if he can have access to it. Vice President Benore stated that on page 2 of the June minutes (in Board meeting packet), the Board voted that the HR file would only be accessible by the sitting Board. The resident wanted to know if the Board received a legal opinion on the HR file and Vice President Benore stated no. There was discussion on the purpose of an HR file since there is a distinction between an employee and a volunteer. Vice President Benore stated that it's to protect the employee. A resident commented the letter to the Board member should not include the name of the employee, it was a Board action against a Board member, and does not feel it's part of the HR file and should be a

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President's Corner, continued from page 1

#### Bylaw changes and removal of a Board member.

If you cannot attend, please fill out your proxy carefully and either give it to a neighbor who will be attending, mail it to the community manager's office or bring it by the office no later than noon, Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone will be there or will send a proxy. The proxy is located on page 4 of this newsletter and also on the NCA website home page.

Have a great rest of the summer!

#### **Pool Hours for August 2016**

Pool Hours for August will be 11am to 8pm daily



#### PARKING LOT REGISTRATION REMINDER

For those interested in placing their boats, campers, RVs or trailers at the pool parking lot must submit an application. One application will be accepted per property. Forms must be submitted by the first week of September. Refer to the NCA website for the form.

## TRASH REMINDERS

- Recycling days are on Tuesdays only. Do not place cardboard and other recyclables out with Friday's trash, it will not be picked up.
- Yard debris for single family homes is on Wednesdays only. For townhomes, place yard debris with your regular trash on Fridays.
- For large items, such as dishwashers, washers, refrigerators, etc. there is a White Goods service **on Thursdays**, for an additional cost to residents. You FRIDAYS! must call American Disposal (703-368-0500) 24 hours in advance. Go to http://www.newingtoncommunity.org/NCA%20Documents/TrashPolicy.pdf for more info.
- DO NOT PLACE TRASH OUT BEFORE 5PM ON MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS. TRASH MUST BE PLACED OUT NO LATER THAN 6AM ON TUESDAYS & FRIDAYS.

#### Local Farmer's Market Schedule

Fridays, May 6 - October 28, 4-7 pm, Giant parking lot, 5935 Kingstowne Towne Center

Saturdays, May 7 - December 17, 8 am-12 pm, Burke VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway

Sundays, May 1 - November 13, 9 am-1 pm, ton VRE parking lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd



For more dates and locations, go to: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/

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- Sidings
- Driveways
- Spring & Fall Clean ups
- General repairs

Could your yard use some care and maintenance? If so call me, I am a current resident of Newington Station with over 20 years of experience!

**ERICK NICARAGUA @ 703-953-5005** LOVEBUGLANDSCAPING@GMAIL.COM





public record as it relates to the vote taken. A resident said it is hard to dispute her facts if the community can't see it and feels it's a one-sided story.

Vice President Benore stated his opinion that if a private reprimand option causes too much grief in the community, and that the community always wants to know if there is an issue with a Board member then the private reprimand should be removed from the Code of Conduct policy. That is a future action they can take, but it is a separate issue.

Secretary Jernigan quoted the Bylaws, section 3 removal of a Board member. There must be written notice to the Board member 15 days in advance of the meeting. A community member has requested the Board send written notice to Treasurer Whitt that her removal has been proposed for the upcoming annual meeting. Vice President Benore stated that this item will need to be added to the annual meeting agenda.

Vice President Benore made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss an attorney and financial matter at 10:00 PM. Director Smoczynski seconded. Vote 4 yes.

Vice President Benore made a motion return to open meeting at 10:19pm. Secretary Jernigan seconded the motion. Vote 4 yes.

Vice President Benore made a motion to amend the September 30, 2015 minutes to change the third paragraph to "The Board voted for a private written reprimand per Section V - Enforcement of NCA Code of Conduct. Vote 5 yes." President Rodriguez seconded the motion. Vote 3 yes, 1 abstain (Jernigan).

Vice President Benore made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:24 pm. Director Smoczynski seconded. Vote 4 yes.

**NEXT MEETING**: Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Pool House Meeting Room. All residents welcome to attend.

#### LOOKING FOR BABYSITTING/ PETSITTING?

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

Call the Spinelli residence @ 703-451-1779

#### Yard Services for Hire

Available experienced teen, who regularly contributes to NCA, available to cut grass or other needed yard work? Price: \$20/hr. (min. 1 hour)

<u>Contact</u>: John Paul Spinelli, 703-451-1779



# \$35 Dental Cleaning

+ \$2/hour parking

314.660.1209



I am a student; therefore, there will be multiple appointments, all supervised by a dentist and dental hygiene instructors. All ages & teeth welcome. Call or text; questions are welcome.

- X-rays
- Cleanings
- Polishing
- Sealants
- Fluoride

Located @ NOVA Community College 6699 Springfield Center Dr.

Springfield, VA 22153

Recordatorio de reglas:

Dia de recojo de basura es Martes y Viernes. La multa por colocar la basura la noche anterior antes de las 6:00 PM es de \$50.

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 recipients 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 inspección 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.

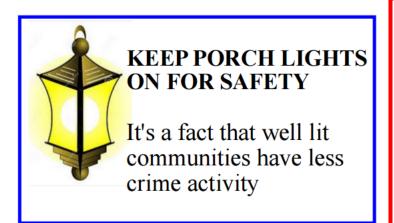
## **New Playgrounds Open for Play!!**

A special thank you to Lori Randall who volunteered to complete the following playground replacements in our community. The three sites below have been installed and inspected. Please remember to never allow your child to play on any recreational equipment if you are concerned they are not safe for your child.



Playground - Lemoyne / Brandeis

Playground - Kitchener / Durer



#### **Fun Part Time Job for Moms**

Local dog walking and pet sitting company is currently seeking fit adults for **permanent year round positions**. Ready to become part of a fun dynamic team? We have been successfully taking care of local pets since 2007. The perfect job for stay at home moms, or retirees! Cell phone, internet, reliable vehicle, and flexibility are a necessity. Competitive pay and fun work environment! Call Abbie at (703) 473-9768.

## NCA Calendar

# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Trash & Recycling	3 7PM NCA Board Mtg**(Pool House)	4	5	6
	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Yard Debris pick-up* Pool Hours 11am-8pm	White Goods pick-up <sup>1</sup> Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Trash & Bulk pick-up Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm
7	8	9 Trash & Recycling	10 Proxies due by 12Noon	Annual Meeting Pohick Church 7:30 PM	12	13
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14	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 Trash & Recycling	17	18	19	20
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		Trash & Recycling	Yard Debris pick-up*	White Goods pick-up <sup>1</sup>	Trash & Bulk pick-up	
Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm
28	29	30 Trash & Recycling	31 Yard Debris pick-up*	Trash Timing: Monday & Thursday- Placed for pick-up NO EARLIER than 5PM Tuesday & Friday - Placed out for pick-up NO LATER than 6AM		
Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm	Pool Hours 11am-8pm			

#### **Footnotes:**

\* Yard Debris on Wednesdays are for single family homes only.

<sup>\*\*</sup> NCA Board meetings are open to <u>all</u> NCA residents

White Goods pick-up on Thursdays (i.e., refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.). Contact American Disposal at 703-368-0500 24 hours in ad-

# **Proposed Bylaw Changes**

To conserve paper, the slides are displayed in <u>outline view</u> below. For your convenience, you may print the slides from the NCA website: <u>www.newingtoncommunity.org</u>.

1 🔲	By Law Changes
	April 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
	7:30pm
2	Article V Board of Directors; Selection ; Term of Office Section 1. Number
	Purpose: To establish a residency requirement to be part of the board
	• Current Wording: The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a board not to exceed nine (9) directors, who must all be members of the Association.
	• Suggested Wording: The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a board not to exceed nine (9) directors, who must a be members of the Association <u>and must dwell in Newington Station as their primary residence.</u>
3	Article V
	Section 3: Removal
	Purpose to update wording of bylaw based on definitions within Article 1 Section 1
	• Current Wording: Any director may be removed from the board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members or their proxies during the annual meeting or a special meeting of the association
	<ul> <li>Suggested Wording: Any director may be removed from the board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members or their proxies during the annual meeting or a special meeting of the <u>members</u>.</li> </ul>
4	Article VI Section 1. Regular Meetings
	Purpose: To update the wording to match wording of POA Act 55-510.1.B
	• Current Wording: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly <u>without notice</u> , at such a place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.
	Suggested Wording: Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held monthly at such a place and hour as may be
	fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. Notice of the the time, date and place of each meeting of the board of
	directors or of any subcommittee or other committee therefore shall be published where it is reasonably calculated to be available to a majority of the lot owners. Should said meeting fall upon a legal holiday, then that meeting shall be held at the
	same time on the next day which is not a legal holiday.
5	Article VII- Nomination and Election of Directors
	Section 1. Nomination
	Purpose: To remove the requirement of a nominating committee providing a set number of nominees.
	<ul> <li>Current Wording: Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made up by a Nominating Committee.</li> <li>Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of a chairman who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of each</li> </ul>

Such nominations may be made from among the members of the Association.

annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment make as many nominations for election to the board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine, <u>but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled</u>.

#### Article VII- Nomination and Election of Directors Continued from previous page **Section 1. Nomination** • Suggested Wording: Nomination for election to the Board of Directors shall be made up by a Nominating Committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of a chairman, who shall be a member of the Board of Directors, and two or more members of the association. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors prior to each annual meeting of the members, to serve from the close of each annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment make as many nominations for election to the board of Directors as it shall in its discretion determine. Such nominations may be made from among the members of the Association. 6 Article VII- Nomination and Election of Directors Section 2- Elections Purpose: To update wording to the Virginia Non-stock Corporation Act Article 7, 13.1-849 · Current Wording: Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot. At such election the members or their proxies may cast as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The person receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. Each lot may hold only one seat on the board of Directors. Suggested Wording: : Election to the Board of Directors shall be by secret ballot. At such election the members or their proxies may cast, in respect to each end-of-term vacancy, as many votes as they are entitled to exercise under the provisions of the Declaration. The vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the members present or represented by a proxy at a meeting which a quorum is present shall be necessary for the adoption of any matter voted upon by the members. Cumulative voting is not permitted. Each lot may hold only one seat on the board of Directors. No lot may be represented for more than 2 consecutive three year terms without an 11 month break of representation and no individual may remain on the board for more than 2 consecutive three year terms without an 11 month break of representation regardless of number of lots owned. 7 Article X- Meetings of Members Section 1. Annual Meeting Purpose: to clarify and specify the day of the week the annual meeting is to be held. · Current Wording: The first annual meeting of the members shall be held within one year from the date of incorporation, and each subsequent regular annual meeting of the members shall be held on the same day as the regularly scheduled Community Meeting which shall be on a weekday in August at the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday. • Purposed Wording: <u>Each Annual Meeting of the members shall be held on the on the second Thursday</u> in August at the hour of 8:00 o'clock P.M. If the day for the annual meeting of the members is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held at the same hour on the first day following which is not a legal holiday.

8 Article X- Meeting of Members Section 5. Proxies

Purpose: To clarify the requirements of proxies

Current Wording: At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his lot.

Suggested Wording: At all meetings of members, each member may vote in person or by proxy <u>except as otherwise provided in the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration or these By-law.</u> All proxies shall be in writing, <u>on a form provided by the board, signed by the member</u> and filed with the secretary. Every proxy shall be revocable and shall automatically cease upon conveyance by the member of his lot.

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# 9 Article XI- Officers and their dutiesSection 5. Resignation and Removal

Purpose: To clarify that officer positions and board members are different roles

- Current Wording: Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.
- Suggested Wording: Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of the receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. Such resignation/removal from the office shall not constitute resignation/removal from the Board unless the resignee specifies he is also resigning from the Board, or in case of removal, the procedure under Article V, Section 3 are followed.

# 10 Article XI- Officers and their Duties Section 6. Vacancies

Purpose: To clarify the election of officers may take place at any point.

- Current Wording: A vacancy in any office may be filled in the manner prescribed for a regular election. The officer may be elected to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the the office term of the officer he replaced.
- Suggested Wording: A vacancy in any office may be filled by an election to be held at the first board meeting after the
   vacancy occurs. The officer may be elected to such vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the the office term of the officer
   he replaced.

# 11 Article XI- Officers and Their Duties Section 8. Duties

Purpose: to update wording to match Article VIII, Section 1 that allows for paid individuals to assume some duties. Secretary

- Current Wording: The secretary shall record and keep the minutes of all meetings and proceedings of the board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of members; keep appropriate current records showing the members of the association together with addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board.
- Suggested Wording: The secretary, <u>an employee, or a management company</u> shall record and keep the minutes of all
  meetings and proceedings of the board and of the members; keep the corporate seal of the Association and affix it on all
  papers requiring said seal; serve notice of meetings of the Board and of members; keep appropriate current records showing
  the members of the association together with addresses, and shall perform such other duties as required by the Board. <u>Per Article VIII, Section 1, (d) The board may employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe some or all duties of the Secretary.</u>

# 12 Article XI- Officers and Their Duties Section 8. Duties

Purpose: to update wording to match Article VIII, Section 1 that allows for paid individuals to assume some duties. Treasurer

- Current Wording: The treasurer shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall
  disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the
  Association; keep Association books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public
  accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and
  expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a of each to the members.
- Suggested Wording: The treasurer, employee, or a management company shall receive and deposit in appropriate bank accounts all monies of the Association and shall disburse such funds as directed by resolution of the Board of Directors; shall sign all checks and promissory notes of the Association; keep Association books of account; cause an annual audit of the Association books to be made by a public accountant at the completion of each fiscal year; and shall prepare an annual budget and a statement of income and expenditures to be presented to the membership at its regular annual meeting, and deliver a of each to the members. Per Article VIII, Section 1, (d) The board may employ a manager, an independent contractor, or such other employees as they deem necessary, and to prescribe some or all duties of the Treasure.