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Newington Community Association Monthly Newsletter
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NCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

February 1
March 1
April 5

*First Wednesday of every month, 7pm @
NCA John Nolan Meeting Room*

President's Corner

By Kevin Benore

Happy February everyone! As we continue to be vigilant about this winter season, remember to be patient in the event of inclement weather. Stay home if you can during major snow and remember that Delong, Lodge and Northumberland Road are public streets and are not plowed by NCA's snow contractor. For plowing updates you can visit the NCA website at www.newingtoncommunity.org. Please remember that you should not store items on your front porch, i.e., shovels, brooms, etc.

Please remember to adhere to our trash during the winter too! There seem to be a few instances of people putting out trash early or putting out recycling on the wrong day. **Recycling** is only picked up on **Tuesdays**. Residents should bring in trash and recycling receptacles as soon as they return home on trash days. NCA management has recently picked up several abandoned trash cans and recycling bins left out on curbs on Wednesday morning. Trash should not be placed outside earlier than 5PM on Mondays and Thursdays.

Starting in March, yard waste will need to be placed in a reusable container or paper bags. PLASTIC BAGS will no longer be acceptable. See page 3 of this newsletter for complete details. Townhomes need to place yard waste out on Fridays with their regular trash. Also in March, start looking for your pool passes as registration cards will be sent out with the March newsletter.

Finally, Exterior Project Forms should be submitted in advance of doing any exterior work in the front or back of your home. This is to protect you, the homeowner, for any planned projects to ensure that all changes or updates are meeting NCA architectural guidelines.

AMERICAN DISPOSAL - YARD WASTE CHANGES

EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2017 - YARD DEBRIS MUST BE DISCARDED
WITH THE USE OF **PAPER BAGS OR A REUSABLE TRASH CAN(S)!**

NO PLASTIC BAGS WILL BE ALLOWED!! See page 3 for details...

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: manager@newingtoncommunity.org

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

Fairfax County www.fairfaxcounty.gov

Fairfax County Housing Authority

Selena Davis 703-704-6758

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

(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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President - Kevin Benore (Aug '17)

Email: president@newingtoncommunity.org

Note: Email to NCA President is private and only read by the President.

Vice President - Sarah Jernigan (Aug '19)

Treasurer - Dennis Kruse (Aug '17)

Secretary - Elizabeth Rodriguez (Aug '18)

Director - Florence Smoczynski (Aug '18)

Director - Stacey Perritt (Aug '19)

Director - Vacant (Aug '17)

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—Dennis Kruse

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Chair—Lou Tobat

Liaison - TBN

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chair - Volunteer Needed

Liaison—TBN

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

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FOCUS ON: Yard Waste

(Article from American Disposal Website)

Effective, March 1, 2017 American Disposal will no longer collect yard debris in plastic bags. Please see the below link to the Fairfax County website for an overview of all changes. Go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/yardwaste.htm>.

(FOR NCA: Townhouse residents: yard waste days are Fridays. **Single family residents:** yard waste days will resume Wednesdays, effective March 1, 2017)

For your convenience, yard waste may be collected in biodegradable paper bags, available at major grocery stores, big-box home improvement retailers and most hardware stores. Yard debris can also be collected loose, in 30 gallon or larger reusable containers marked "Yard Waste".

Fairfax County and American Disposal encourages you to consider grasscycling, mulching and on site composting as other options for your yard debris. See the information below on how to start grasscycling in your yard.

As winter ends, and the thaw begins you will find yourself with what we call "Yard Waste" in the form of organic matter cluttering your yard; do you know the best way to dispose of your Yard Debris to keep your lawn and the environment green?

Whether its lawn clippings or a barrage of unsightly leaves seemingly dumped onto your lawn; some of us wonder the best way to collect and prepare them for fast, easy and green pickup. Many people do not realize that yard debris collection is actually considered to be a form of recycling. This can be somewhat confusing as yard debris is not picked up with your Single Stream recyclables.

Instead, brush, branches, grass clippings and tree limbs are broken down organically by a bio-chemical reaction known as composting. Once collected and taken to a special facility, over time, these materials become a new product called compost.

Although we may not think of it in the literal term, composting is still, very much, a form of recycling. In fact, it is possibly the most organic form of recycling, since all material is returned directly to the earth through various applications to aid in new growth.

But how can you assure that the unsightly organic clutter on your lawn is properly disposed of to ensure it helps the growth of new leaves and blossoms in the spring?! The first step is to ensure the correct preparation of your Yard Waste for pick-up.

Defining 'Debris'

First, let's define the FULL list of all accepted yard debris items accepted at your curb.

- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Tree limbs and brush (bundled and tied)

- Christmas Trees
- Pumpkins

Proper Preparation for Pick-Up (see example image)

The most preferred method of collecting your yard clippings, leaves, and small branches is loose in a container (s) that can be lifted and dumped into our truck. Yard debris that is collected in plastic bags must be broken open before the composting process can begin, and for that reason, we recommend that you simply collect it in a "yard debris" labeled reusable container. (Did we mention that you'll be saving on all of those yard debris collection bags by investing in a few sturdy compost collection containers?)



Bundling Methods

In order for us to collect all of the homes on any given route, tree limbs and brush must be no longer than 4 feet in length and 3 inches thick in diameter. These items must be tied with rope or twine so that one man may easily pick-up. American Disposal

Services will collect a maximum of 10 bags of grass clippings and or leaves, and 10 bundles of brush per pick-up. (There will be an extra charge for additional removal of larger amounts of yard debris that must be scheduled in advance through our customer service center.)

Try Grasscycling!

Grasscycling is the "green" way to keep your lawn beautiful and healthy, and entails leaving the grassclippings ON your lawn after you mow, instead of bagging them. When clippings stay on the lawn they release important nutrients into the soil, act as mulch and promote natural aeration by earthworms. Clippings decompose and feed the soil the nutrients it needs.

Grasscycling and leaving the clippings on the ground also slows waterloss and reduces the needs for fertilization. Just remember to cut the grass only when it's dry and to always check to make sure your mower blades are sharp before you start you implement this technique.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Items that are either bagged OR bundled should not exceed 50 lbs.
- Bundles should not exceed arm length. If you cannot wrap your arms around the bundle limbs, break it down into multiple bundles.
- The following items are not acceptable for yard debris collection: mulch, dirt, rock, shrubs, trees, tree stumps, and sod

Newington Community Association
Board of Directors' Meeting—January 4, 2016
Draft Minutes of the Meeting—NCA Pool House Meeting Room

Meeting was canceled, no minutes.



Streets and Kids Don't Go Together. NCA discourages children from being allowed to play in the street.

ALWAYS Drive Slowly where children are at play!



FIND YOUR POOL PASSES

The March newsletter will contain the updated pool rules and 2017 registration card. All residents must complete a new registration card to send in with existing pool passes to be updated. Stay tuned for details in the next issue.

Attention: NCA Owners & Residents

You are strongly encouraged to attend the next:

Architectural Advisory Committee Meeting

Saturday, February 11 at 10am
Pool House Meeting Room

We are currently discussing:

- *Revisions to the Architectural Standards to be recommended to the NCA Board*
- *Electric Vehicle Charging in the NCA townhome areas*

ELECTRIC – VEHICLE OWNERS:
Your input is critical!

Newington Station Update - Jim Fox & The Mason Group



Available for Rent:

- *One townhome with list price of \$1,900
- *One single family home with list price of \$2,775

Available for Sale:

- * Two townhomes with list prices of \$369,000 & \$389,900

Under Contract:

- *One townhome with list price of \$309,900



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Community News & Reminders

NOTICE: **Townhome Residents**

NCA office receives periodic complaints about not enough visitor parking in the townhomes. Below is the section regarding Blank Parking Spaces from the **Newington Community Association Parking and Towing Policies** document. The full policy can be found on the NCA website under the Community Info tab: www.newingtoncommunity.org.

Blank Parking Spaces are for the purpose of providing extra parking for residents' additional vehicles or their guest's vehicles. **Blank spaces are not to be used for long-term parking** (i.e. more than 14 days). Residents, who need additional parking for vehicles such as collector cars, etc, can refer to the Pool Lot Parking and Policy Procedures. Any resident suspected of abusing the use of NCA spaces, whether reserved or blank, can expect one or all of the following: 1) Receive a notice on the car explaining the parking policy, 2) Tires being chalked and picture taken, 3) Car being towed, and/or 4) Receive a request to present proof of ownership to the community office during regular office hours.

Questions? Call NCA Office @ 703-455-3606. Thank you.

Notice: **Single Family Residents**

Yard debris collection ended Wednesday, January 11. Yard debris can be placed out with Friday's trash. This service will resume in March and the date will be published in the March newsletter.

NCA Common Grounds

- Do not store personal items on common grounds. Trash cans must be stored in back of home on personal property or inside the fence, if applicable.
- Forts, hideouts, etc. on NCA common grounds, including NCA wooded areas are not allowed. If found, they will be removed.
- Parties, moon bounces or yard sales are prohibited on NCA common grounds.
- Please keep NCA looking beautiful. If you see debris on common grounds, please help pick up the trash. Let's not wait for NCA clean-up day.

ONE DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED

For Godolphin Drive.

Call NCA Office: 703-455-3606 for details.

LOOKING FOR BABYSITTING/ PETSITTING?

Tween sitter, with references, looking to babysit, be a mother's helper, or pet sit.
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Contact: John Paul Spinelli, 703-451-1779






Community Cats

A volunteer in our community has offered to help with feral cats in our community. With the assistance of a local animal shelter, they have trapped 5 feral cats to date and arranged for them to be spayed/neutered. They have worked with our residents with indoor/outdoor cats to help get their cats spayed/neutered, too. In addition, a feral kitten has been captured and will be rehabilitated and eventually adopted into their forever home.

NCA will host a community meeting on this topic (**Wednesday, February 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM NCA Pool House Meeting Room**). This meeting is open to all residents. If you feed outdoor cats, this volunteer group is asking that you **don't feed outdoor cats on Sundays!** This will help the volunteers with their efforts to trap and neuter any feral cats in our community. **NOTE:** they will only trap feral cats on Sundays.

If you see kittens in the neighborhood, please contact the NCA office. The goal will be to get the kittens while they are young, rehabilitate them and get them adopted. Also contact the office if you would like to assist in the TNR program.

You may email ahome4kitty@gmail.com or call 703-455-3606.

NCA Calendar			February 2017			
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Recycling on FRIDAYS!		Trash & Recycling	1 7pm NCA Board Mtg**(Pool House)	2 White Goods Pickup ¹ 	3 Trash & Bulk 2 hour early release for FCPS	4
	5 	6 Student Holiday - No School (FCPS)	7 Trash & Recycling	8	9 White Goods Pickup ¹	10 Trash & Bulk
11 10:00am Architectural Advisory Committee (Pool House)						
12	13	14 Trash & Recycling Happy Valentine's Day	15 Newsletter Deadline	16 White Goods Pickup ¹	17 Trash & Bulk	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL 	21 Trash & Recycling	22 7pm Community Cats Meeting (Pool House)	23 White Goods Pickup ¹	24 Trash & Bulk	25
26	27	28 Trash & Recycling	Trash Timing: Monday & Thursday- Placed out for pick-up NO EARLIER than 5PM Tuesday & Friday - Placed out for pick-up NO LATER than 6AM			

Footnotes:

** NCA Board meetings are open to all NCA residents | ¹ White Goods pick-up on Thursdays (i.e., refrigerators, dishwashers, etc.). Contact American Disposal at 703-368-0500 24 hours in advance. There is an additional cost to residents for this service. For more details, refer to NCA trash policy at: <http://www.newingtoncommunity.org/NCA%20Documents/TrashPolicy.pdf>