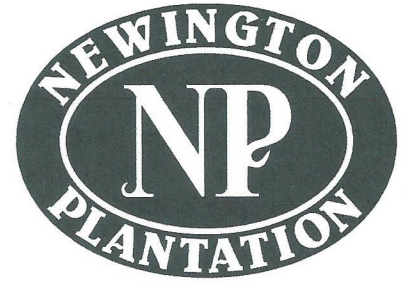


Newington News

Spring 2023

Words from our HOA President



NPEA Meeting. Please mark **May 15** on your calendar. On Monday night, May 15, from 7:00 pm to about 8:45 pm, the Newington Plantation Estates Association will hold its Spring homeowners meeting at the Newington School cafeteria. All Newington residents and property owners are encouraged to attend. One of the agenda items will be a presentation of preliminary ideas to improve our pool facility. Your Association is extremely interested in receiving thoughts and feedback from those in the Newington community.

Pool. The start of the 2023 Newington pool season is right around the corner. With a big pool, a diving board, a kiddie pool, a snack bar, and lifeguards, the Newington pool is the perfect summer hangout. The pool is a great place for families to enjoy getting together with neighbors. I encourage everyone to read the pool sign-up information in this newsletter and to take advantage of the Newington Pool. The Association will sponsor a pool party for all residents on opening day on May 27 (10-6). After that, the pool will be open to all members who have paid their 2023 pool fees. Beginning June 2, the pool will be open daily throughout the summer. At Pool sign-ups, information will be available on the pool schedule, private pool parties, swim lessons, lap swim and pool rules. For questions, you can send an e-mail to newingtonpool@gmail.com or you can leave a message for the pool committee at 843-871-1787.

Website. Thanks go to Newington homeowner Larry Collett, who has created a very professional-looking NPEA website. It has now been up and running for a couple of months and it has been very well-received. The website incorporates a method to make electronic payments directly to NPEA, and, so far, over 150 Newington homeowners have used this method to pay HOA dues in 2023.

By-Laws. A complete set of new NPEA bylaws was overwhelmingly approved by members at the Fall 2022 NPEA Meeting. They were filed and recorded on 11-9-2022 and they can be viewed and downloaded at www.npeasc.com

Reader Board. A new reader board has been installed at the Lee Street entrance. Thanks go to Thom Nolan and all the other neighborhood volunteers who removed the old sign and mounted the new, larger one. Daniel Williamson hooked up the wiring for the sign's internal lights.

Speed Bumps. Speeding and running stop signs continue to be a major problem in our neighborhood. Newington has requested speed bumps in the past and the request has been denied because they did not meet speed warrants. If they do meet warrants, the HOA will have to file a petition, and (if approved), pay to have speed bumps installed and maintained. We would likely need a significant number of speed bumps to be an effective deterrent. Kima Garten-Schmidt (our Town Council Representative) has said if NPEA provides a location of where we are requesting them, she is willing to pursue another speed study to see if they meet warrants. However, Kima feels not much has changed in Newington since the last study, so it's unlikely the study results would change. Thom has sent a request to AWP Safety on costs and timing of a traffic study from 100 KC to 550 KC.

HOA Dues. I want to thank all property owners who paid their 2023 NPEA dues on time (by Feb. 1, 2023). The cost of dues is \$100.00. It's a one-time annual fee that covers an entire year! For those Newington homeowners who have not paid their 2023 dues, your Association encourages you pay them now to avoid accruing additional overdue fees and collection costs. To obtain your NPEA dues balance, you can contact Mike Gobin at newingtonmanager@gmail.com.

Mischief. We continually get reports of thieves taking advantage of unlocked car doors and stealing property left out in the open. Neighbors have provided police with videos taken from home security cameras of thieves going from house to house, checking porches and car doors. Please stay alert and report suspicious activity to the police at 843-871-2463 (Note: This is a non-emergency number. In the event of an emergency dial 9-1-1).

Mailbox Posts. Our Newington covenants contain standards for uniform mailbox posts. The approved design for Phases 2 and 3 is the tall wooden post, with the scrolled diagonal brace. These custom-made posts are available from Berlin Myers Lumber and the cost is \$383 plus tax. However, we are fortunate to have a neighbor who is willing to make these posts with the approved design at a substantial savings. If you want to purchase one of these, call Mark Bacher at 843-810-8443. His current price is \$90 for a single post or \$110 for a post that can hold 2 mailboxes. Installations are also available. Mark has made many of these for neighbors, and the distinctive Newington posts really help make the neighborhood look special.

Pond. The ten neighbors who jointly own the pond have put a lot of effort and money into improving its appearance and viability. They are happy to show off their pond but, keep in mind, the pond is private property. If visitors wish to visit the pond, they should first contact one of the pond's owners.

Newsletter. Lastly, on behalf of the Association, I want to thank Emily Vick for her efforts in putting together another well-designed, informative issue of the "Newington News."

I look forward to seeing everyone at the NPEA Homeowners Meeting on May 15, and please don't forget to visit the Newington Pool when it opens on Saturday, May 27!

Randy Sadler, NPEA President, 843-875-7440, rsadler17@gmail.com

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HOA MEETING

May 15, 2023

7:00pm

Newington

Here Comes Summer!



The Newington Pool will be opening for the 2023 season on May 27 (10-6). Beginning June 2, the pool will be open daily, seven days a week, during the summer. At pool sign-ups, information will be available on the pool season schedule, private pool parties, swim lessons, lap swim and pool rules. For questions, contact the pool committee at 843-871-1787 or send an e-mail to newingtonpool@gmail.com.

You do not have to live in Newington to become a member; however, all new pool members must pay a one-time \$60 initiation membership fee along with the pool membership fee. You must be at least 18 years old to purchase the single membership. To help alleviate crowding, guest fees will be \$4 per guest - max of 5 guests per family per day. All guests must be accompanied by a pool member. Newington residents cannot be guests at the pool – residents must purchase a membership.

New and returning members may sign up at the pool on: Saturday April 29 10am- 12pm.

An additional sign up will be held at the HOA General meeting on May 15.

Cash and check payments are accepted. We will accept memberships daily when the pool opens. The attendants will have membership forms available or you can download forms from the npeasc.com website.

We are very pleased to keep Pool membership rates the same. 2023 Pool season rates are:

<u>Newington Resident</u> (must be current on HOA dues)	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Family: \$265.00	Family: \$350.00
Couple: \$215.00	Couple: \$290.00
Single: \$190.00	Single: \$265.00

You may request a pool party through the pool manger. The forms will be located at the pool and can be reviewed or obtained during operational pool hours. The pool rules are also posted at the pool, and they will be available at the pool sign up times shown above. The pool is a valuable community asset, and all members and visitors are expected to be respectful and treat this facility as if it were their own property. The Newington pool is a great way to enjoy (and survive!) the long, hot Lowcountry summer! We'll see you soon at the pool!

Kelly Roberts, *Pool Committee Chair*, 843-532-5159 klaroberts1960@gmail.com



Pool Improvements

Randy Sadler met with Gene Brislin on March 5, 2023, to discuss preliminary ideas to improve our pool facility. The goal is to improve its appearance and function. Besides Gene and Randy, the initial planning group also includes Ed Kirsch and Mark LaVigne. Gene and Ed are engineers who live in Newington, and Randy and Mark are the NPEA's current president and vice-president. These four Newington homeowners will get together periodically to further develop ideas. Some of the possible enhancements contemplated so far are:

- (1) Enclose the pool building by installing exterior siding, putting up interior wallboard, and insulating the main area and the bathroom areas. A HVAC unit could be installed to heat and cool these areas. Bathrooms could also be renovated.
- (2) Remove the lifeguard office from main area and relocate it to a new, small lifeguard office building near the corner gazebo.
- (3) Expand the main pool house area from 24'x36' to 24'x46' or 24'x56' by adding 10 to 20 feet onto the end of the pool house. (the exact size of this proposal will depend on setback requirements).
- (4) Build a Snack Bar annex that could be attached to the main building near the kiddie pool area.
- (5) Install aluminum bleachers to provide additional seating. These could be used for meetings, swim meets, and by pool members.
- (6) Repair drainage ditches to dry the soil around the pool's concrete deck area. (Gene will check with the Town about this problem).
- (7) Improve ventilation in storage & pump rooms. Vent fans and wiring need to be replaced. (Mark will follow up this fix).

Obviously, more work needs to be done to flush out information and to obtain cost estimates. Any major proposals that are forwarded by the planning group will be submitted to the Board. If the Board endorses them, they will be publicized to Newington homeowners in a newsletter and discussed (and approved or disapproved) by members at a future HOA meeting. Please contact any of the planning group members if you have suggestions that could improve our pool facility.



Here's What's Coming Up

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8th 10 am
Neighborhood-wide

We will be having a neighborhood-wide egg hunt. Eggs will be hidden throughout the entire neighborhood and park so all kids can join in on the fun! Volunteers will be needed to help hide eggs. More info will be coming so make sure to follow our Facebook page.



Spring Shopping Event

April 29th 11-3 pm
Pool Parking Lot

This is an opportunity to see how amazing our neighbors are. 20 vendors will be there selling all sorts of things. Crosswind Farm Mobil Petting Zoo will be there so bring your cash to enjoy the petting zoo, feed cups, lemonade and snow cones. Food trucks Burgers 'N Freys and Papas Peanuts. All funds raised will be used to support Hearts for Summerville.



Free Swim Day at the Pool

May 27th 10am-6pm



Newington homeowners are invited to swim for free this day. Free pizza will be available from 12-2. Come see how amazing and fun joining the pool can be. You will be able to purchase memberships on this day.



Meet Your HOA Board

Larry Collette

Board Position: Member at Large

How long have you lived in Newington: A little over 2 years

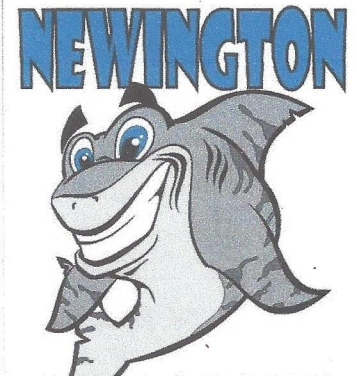
Occupation: CEO of netGAL-AXY Holdings, an investment / development firm, and Co-founder + Director of the Larry & Rebecca Collett Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

Family: Married to Rebecca Collett and we have three boys age seven and under, Naaman, Beaudrot, and Ryan.

Favorite Thing About Newington: The people and kindness of the community.

Tigersharks Take a Bite out of the Competition

The Tigersharks are ready for another great CCAA swim season- full of fun and fast, competitive swimming. The head coach is Victoria Merritt with assistant coaches Ryan Fischer, Madelyn Routhier, Justin Fischer, Tyler Briggs, Kennedy Elwood and Helen Hamilton. All coaches are competitive swimmers who have grown up swimming at the Newington pool and are proud to be a part of the Newington swim team. Whether gearing up for the high school varsity swim team or having a social summer while staying healthy, the Newington swim team provides a fun activity for kids ages 4-18. Many of our pool lifeguards, concessions attendants, and swim lesson instructors are current or former swimmers on the team. **Last year, the Tigersharks finished 6th of 19 teams in the Charleston area and were crowned white league champions in the dual meet season.**



New and returning swimmers who are interested in joining the team can sign up at the Newington pool on this date:

April 29, 10am-12pm

Practices are held on weekday afternoons, Monday through Friday beginning in May through the remainder of the school year, and prior to the pool opening once summer begins. Meets are traditionally held on Tuesday afternoons throughout the month of June. Once the schedule is made available by the CCAA, it will be posted at the pool for patrons to be aware of. Please come out and cheer for our Tigersharks and enjoy the best concessions in town.

Food Truck Thursdays

April 20 City Sliders
May 4 Lost Boys
May 18 Lola's Lumpia



What's Next - Social Events

June	Movie Night @ Pool
September	Corn Hole Games
October	Halloween Event/Parade
November	Fall Shopping Event w/Santa
January	Polar Plunge

Contact the Social Committee

npeasocial@gmail.com



Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Monday, April 17
Monday, May 15

Meet Your HOA Board

Kelly Roberts

Board Position: Secretary

How long have you lived in Newington: 27 Years

Occupation: Data Analyst

Family: Ray, Joel and Rebecca (2 legged children) Winnie and Millie (4 legged children)

Favorite Thing About Newington: Newington is a fabulous place to raise a family, we have it all! Neighborhood school/sidewalks/swimming pool and close to town.

Yard of the Month

Each yard receives the YOM sign to display, a \$25 ACE gift card and is acknowledged on the Lee Street reader board.

2023 Winners

80 King Charles Circle
509 King Charles Circle
220 King Charles Circle
502 King Charles Circle
316 King Charles Circle
115 Proprietors

Please contact Veronica Graham with any nominations at grahambria@bellsouth.net.



Restrictive Covenants

Newington Plantation has had restrictive covenants in place since the subdivision was first developed in 1969. The most current copy of the covenants can be downloaded by residents, real estate agents, and others at the document library at www.npeasc.com.

Your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is presently made up of six members. Committee members include: Thom Nolan, Randy Sadler, Fred Gleffe, Mark LaVigne, John DuBose, and Larry Collett. Some of the more common complaints from your neighbors are cars parked on the street for more than two days, boats and RVs parked long-term in driveways, excessive trash or debris accumulating in front yards, and dogs becoming a nuisance (due to loud barking or not being on a leash). In some cases, ARC members see covenant problems themselves, and in others they are reported to the ARC by e-mail or a telephone call. The ARC tries to be fair and reasonable with the neighbors who have issues, but some just do not care. When we run into those members, we are often left with no choice but to work with our attorney to obtain compliance (which often becomes an expensive and time-consuming process for all involved!).

The whole purpose of restrictive covenants is to keep our neighborhood looking nice, thus protecting our property values. You can't expect to get top dollar for your home when those near you have curb appeal problems, or park cars, boats, or RVs improperly, or just do not maintain their property. We are proud to have an attractive neighborhood that is respected as the best place to live in Summerville. And we certainly want to keep it that way.

We do not employ a full-time paid covenant enforcement person who routinely patrols the neighborhood. The ARC takes the view that we expect that our neighbors will be responsible and abide by the covenants. However, if you do see a problem, please send an e-mail with your concern to npeanolan@aol.com. Any plans requiring HOA approval for exterior changes or additions should also be sent to this address.

Thom Nolan, ARC Chairman, 843-693-7604, npeanolan@aol.com

NPEA Board of Directors

The NPEA Board is comprised of seven directors who are elected in the Fall during odd-numbered years. The by-laws used to conduct Association business and the minutes of meetings can all be downloaded from the document library at www.npeasc.com. Current Board members are:

President	Randy Sadler	843--875-7440	rsadler17@gmail.com
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Treasurer	Jennifer Roberts	843-607-8821	tgrlily38@gmail.com
Secretary	Kelly Roberts	843-532-5159	klaroberts1960@gmail.com
Mbr. At Large	Larry Collett	843-323-2935	lcollett@collettfoundation.org
Mbr. At Large	John DuBose	843-870-5338	vmee@aol.com
Past Pres	Thom Nolan	843-693-7604	npeanolan@aol.com

Social Media Links

Newington Plantation Estates

For Newington homeowners & residents

Newington Plantation Buy Sell Trade

Post items to sell or look for items to buy

Newington Plantation Summerville, SC

Public page that ANYONE can like. Posts here impact our wider community.

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