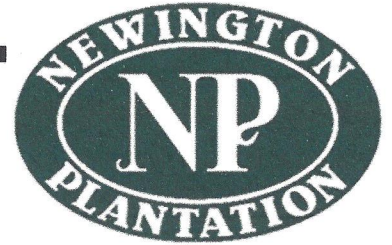


Newington NEWS

Fall 2023



News from your HOA President

Fall NPEA Meeting. The next Newington Plantation Estates Association meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 23, 2023, at 7 pm, at the Newington school cafeteria. This will be a very important meeting where homeowners will be asked to vote for new NPEA Board officers.

Speeding in Newington. Town speed studies requested by NPEA were completed by the Town on the two long Newington straight ways (313-411 King Charles Circle and 449-523 King Charles Circle). The study results did not show that the problem met the criteria for speed humps. We are looking into other options such as additional stop signs.

Police Patrols. I contacted Chief Doug Wright, the head of the Summerville Police Department, about concerns over drivers exceeding the speed limit and ignoring stop signs in the neighborhood. I added that we have had incidents of late-night trespassing at our neighborhood pool, attempts to kick in front doors at night, and homeowners have seen people wandering through their yards or checking for open car doors on their security cameras. Chief Wright assured me he would step up his department's traffic enforcement efforts in our neighborhood and he will address our concerns. I told him that any increase in patrols within the neighborhood would be appreciated by Newington residents. Since then, we have seen increased police patrols on our pool security cameras. I have also found out that the late-night door-kicking resulted from a "challenge" on Tik-Tok. Front doors were kicked and some damaged all over town! It was a dangerous and thoughtless act, to say the least!

Lee Street Sidewalk Update. Our Town Council representative, Kima Garten-Schmidt, has confirmed that the funds have been allocated for new sidewalks in the upcoming budget. This includes the Lee Street sidewalk (along the left side of the street as you face Newington). Town staff will soon begin developing bid documents, and construction should begin in late 2023 or no later than the first half of 2024.

Drainage ditch. I told the Town that the ditch next to the Newington Pool was no longer functioning, and the saturated soil had the potential to affect our pool deck. The Town promptly cleaned the ditch and agreed to include it in their regular ditch cleaning program.

Play Equipment. I asked Kima if the Town could add an additional children's play feature to the NP Park. While the big slide is outstanding, the tire swing set and the metal twisted climber set are rarely used. Unlike a traditional swing, the tire swing needs assistance from another person to use. The odd metal climbing feature is virtually unusable. When the Town first built the park, the intention was to add some additional features down the road, however, nothing has been added since the park was first constructed in 2011. Kima has agreed to help us pursue this.

NPEA ARC. Until the ARC can obtain new members and a new chairman, the Board has assumed all ARC responsibilities. Until further notice, contact the HOA president if you have a plan that needs NPEA approval, or if you have any covenant concern that needs to be addressed.

HOA dues. A quick reminder about annual HOA dues. They are still only \$100 per year, and they are mandatory for all Newington homeowners (except for Duchess & Princess Ct.). To avoid late fees, 2024 HOA dues are payable no later than the end of January 2024. For more information, contact Mike Gobin at 843-475-1066 or send an email to: newingtonmanager@gmail.com.

I have made the decision not to run for another term as your HOA President. Current Board members have made my last two years as your Board President a pleasure, and they have my sincere thanks for their help. My family and I have loved this neighborhood ever since the Air Force brought us here in the summer of 1992. As some of you may know, I have served in every NPEA Board position, and, when I wasn't on the Board, I worked on committees such as the pool committee and the ARC. I have seen good things happen to Newington because of the HOA, and I've met some wonderful people who have made huge contributions to the HOA and to the neighborhood (many of whom still live here, I'm happy to say!). For the next two years I will remain on the Board as past president, and I'll help the new Board in any way I can. If any homeowner wants to run for any position, or if you have questions about running, please give me a call or send me an email.

I'll post a preliminary agenda on www.npeasc.com before the meeting. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm, on October 23, at the Newington School Cafeteria. Mark it in your calendar, and I hope to see you there!

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

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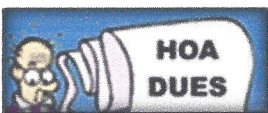
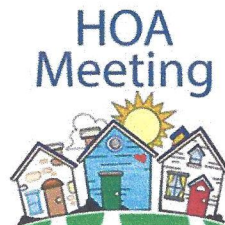
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HOA MEETING

Oct. 23, 2023

7:00pm

Newington Elementary Cafeteria



Board Elections

On Monday night, October 23, Newington homeowners at the homeowners' meeting will elect a new HOA Board of Directors to a two-year term. Our current president and vice-president, Randy Sadler and Mark LaVigne, are not running for reelection, so we will definitely need people to step up and run for those offices. The current Treasurer, Secretary and both Members-At-Large have volunteered to remain on the Board (if they are reelected). Randy will continue to serve on the Board as the past president. To date, the following Newington homeowners have indicated an interest in a Board position:

- President: none
- Vice-President: none
- Secretary: Kelly Roberts
- Treasurer: Jennifer Lea Roberts
- Mbr-at-Large: John DuBose
- Mbr-at-Large: Larry Collett
- (NOTE: Two Mbr-at-Large positions)

If you would like to run for any of the six

elected Board positions, contact any Board member before the meeting and your name will be included in a slate of candidates presented at the meeting. As a second option, you can have your name nominated from the floor at the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, and you still want to cast a vote, a proxy vote from a member in good standing must be dated and signed, and it must meet the following requirements:

- (1) This signature must be notarized, or witnessed and co-signed by a board member.
- (2) It must reference the meeting that it will apply to.
- (3) It must specify who will vote in the absence of the signatory.
- (4) It may contain restrictions on how this individual can vote.
- (5) A completed proxy must be received by the Secretary or by the President at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

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Your Association has been around for a long time (since 1976), and it has been an important reason for Newington's reputation as the "Best Place to Live in Summerville." The organization maintains our pool, our street signs, our entrances, and our common areas. It arranges neighborhood meetings, special social events, and it provides a community voice with local governments. Also, it enforces deed restrictions that protect your home's value and the quality of your neighborhood. If you have some extra time and want to help serve your community, please volunteer to run for a Board position.



NPEA Board



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

President	Randy Sadler	843--875-7440	rsadler17@gmail.com
Vice President	Mark LaVigne	843-875-9988	lavigma@aol.com
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

Stay Informed with Facebook

Newington Plantation Estates

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/newingtonplantation>

This is where important information is that pertains to those who own houses and live in the neighborhood. Lost dogs, curb alerts and information that impacts us as a community. There are many albums under this page: Pool, Pets, Recommendations, etc.

Newington Plantation Buy Sell Trade

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/newingtonplantationbst>

This is where you can post items to sell or find items you are looking to buy. This is also a perfect place to advertise your business!

Newington Plantation Summerville, SC

<https://www.facebook.com/NewingtonPlantation/>

This is a public FB page. ANYONE can like this page. Events and offerings that impact our wider community can be posted here. Garage Sales, Food Trucks and open events. This provides an easier way to share things that can not be shared easily from a private group.

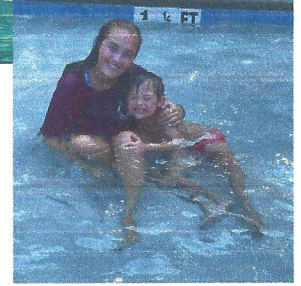
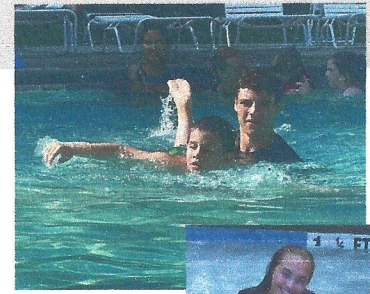
NPEA Website

www.npeasc.com

(Non-FB) This is the official neighborhood website maintained by NPEA. It includes important info for Newington homeowners such as upcoming events, a document library, and contact info. There is even info on Newington history.

Swimming With The Sharks

Members of the Newington Tiger Sharks and Ashley Ridge High School swim teams held a "Swimming with the Sharks" Camp at the Newington Pool on July 5-7. Volunteer swimmers and coaches from the two youth teams provided swimming lessons and some general pool fun for young individuals with special needs. The camp was founded in 2017, but it missed a few years due to COVID. It was resumed this year, and Victoria Merritt, swim coach for both Newington and Ashley Ridge, hopes this will continue as an annual event for the community

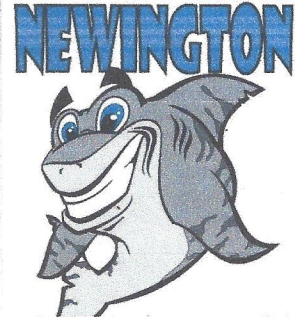


Tigersharks Chomp the Competition

This summer, the Newington Tiger Sharks competed in swim meets against other Charleston area teams from May 30 through June 29. Their season concluded with the 2023 CCAA Championship Meet (also called the City Meet), which was held at the North Charleston Aquatic Center on July 8-9.

At this year's City Meet, the overall champion was Daniel Island. The Newington Tiger Sharks had a fantastic meet, finishing 8th out of 18 teams. Newington swimmers Parker Azevedo, Will Gross, Carson Owens, and Jack Jonas set a City Meet record in the 15-18 boys freestyle relay event. The Newington's 13-14 Girls won the overall championship for their age group. Newington also had a winner in two individual events when Marlie Crosby placed first in the 13-14 girls' freestyle and breaststroke.

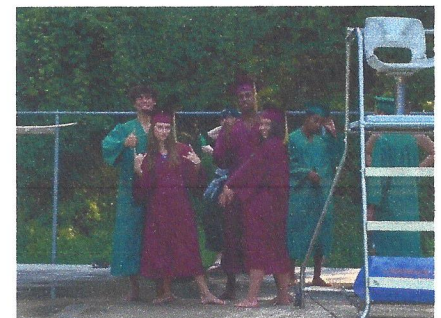
In 2024, the Tiger Sharks are looking forward to another summer of fun, competitive swimming, and representing our neighborhood. Information on the 2024 CCAA season should be available in April, and sign-ups will take place at the same time as pool sign-ups.



Way To Go Swimmers!

Many Newington swimmers join the team at a young age and compete through their high school years. Following is a list of the Newington swimmers who competed for their final year on the swim team this summer along with where they plan to attend college and how long they were in the youth swim program:

Parker Azevedo	University of South Carolina	12 years
Bethany Baroody	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College	8 years
Andrew Coppedge	Enlisting in the United States Navy	3 years
Kennedy Elwood	University of South Carolina	10 years
Will Gross	University of South Carolina Honors College	10 years
Bella Grossman	Clemson University	8 years
Jalil Harris	Clemson University	7 years
Carson Owens	University of South Carolina	12 years



Social Committee Chair Needed

Jessica Toolin has had to step down as the Social Committee chairperson due to family reasons. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work planning and organizing some amazing neighborhood activities. The committee is looking for a new chairperson. If you are willing to head up this committee, contact the NPEA president. We need to have a chairperson in place soon so the fall and winter social events can occur.

Pool Wrap-Up

The 2023 pool season was another successful one with over 160 members enjoying the pool. We purchased a new diving board base, new tables, umbrellas, and much needed refrigerators this year.

The diving board is so popular and it is so much fun to watch the young swimmers getting their nerve to jump from the board for the first time .

In addition to our returning lifeguards, we added new guards who stepped in doing an amazing job from day one! We really appreciate our guards and their commitment to the safety of our members. Lifeguards save lives.

Most of our pool attendants live in the neighborhood and did an awesome job greeting our members and selling the snacks. Who doesn't want a cold freeze pop on a crazy hot day?

Our swimming pool is a wonderful asset for our community. The Newington pool offers a safe, family friendly atmosphere, a diving board, concessions, pool party rentals, and swim lessons. Join the pool next summer so you don't miss out on the fun! All pool information will be available in spring 2024 on the NPEA website and in the spring newsletter.

A big shout out to our pool committee members: Nancy, Natalie, Victoria, Sarah, Jena, Rob, Rick and Kelly. The pool committee works on pricing, season opening/closing dates, daily hours and handles membership sign ups. Looking forward to a great 2024 season!

Bulk Trash Pick-Up

Monday, Oct. 16
Monday, Nov. 20
Monday, Dec. 18

Newington Community

Yard Sale

Saturday Oct. 14
Get money for your old stuff!



Yard of the Month

The Yard of the Month (YOM) committee would like to thank our Newington neighbors for making NPEA's YOM selection such a difficult and challenging task. We also appreciate those neighbors who reach out with nominations to help us with the decision each month. We continue to have deserving yards and may be knocking on your door soon. **Main criteria for YOM** is curb appeal, which includes a yard that is consistently mowed, pruned and edged.

Each winner displays the YOM sign, receives a \$25 Ace Hardware Gift Card (supporting a local business) and is acknowledged on the Lee Street announcement board.

Recent winners:

502 King Charles Circle
316 King Charles Circle
627 King Charles Circle
110 Whitehall Road
429 King Charles Circle



Please notify the following with YOM nominations :

Veronica at Grahambria@bellsouth.net or Kelly at: Klaroberts1960@gmail.com

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