

HOA Meeting Monday, October 15
7:00 p.m. at Newington Elem. Cafeteria



HOA dues increase to \$100 in 2019

A Message from Thom Nolan, NPEA President

Neighbors, our next General Meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. in the Newington School cafeteria. There will be no board elections, but we do have NPEA business to discuss and your input is important.

Please be considerate of your neighbors by keeping all boats, trailers, utility vehicles, recreational vehicles, and unlicensed vehicles out of the view from the road. Please do not park on sidewalks and consider parking in the driveway instead of the yards whenever possible. Please notify the ARC of any planned construction work on your property so we can help you with the permitting process. If you have an issue with any of the covenants, please contact the ARC Committee Chairperson, Lisa Andrews at 843-442-7955, for help.

When considering replacing mailbox posts, the approved post is available at Berlin G. Myers Lumber on Main Street. They are nice but pricey, so you can cut your own or share the cost with a neighbor.

The approved repairs to our pool were made this past spring, however, it delayed our pool opening by two months, impacting our membership and our budget this year. The pool was able to generate enough income to make it to the end of the year. Any funds needed for pool start-up will likely have to be repaid with pool membership dues collected in 2019.

Your HOA board has decided to work on a 5-year financial plan, with the goal of adding a modest clubhouse to the neighborhood. It will be located on land next to the pool and this additional asset can serve a variety of purposes and enhance the neighborhood.

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WHAT A MESS – This is how the HOA swimming pool looked this spring when the drain lines needed to be dug up and replaced.

Crime Watch needed

There have been too many incidents recently of car and home break-ins, pool trespassing, and speeding. If you are seriously concerned with these issues in our neighborhood, please contact NPEA HOA Vice President Marty Boyle, who wants to

help organize a neighborhood crime watch group. He is looking for volunteers, including someone to chair the committee. Contact him at 817-716-5551 or email Martin.boyle5551@gmail.com. Always lock the vehicles in your driveway.



Yard of the Month winners announced

The natural character of our tree-lined streets plus so many neighbors going the extra mile to display amazing curb appeal, makes this friendly YOM competition so rewarding. Winners display a sign plus receive a \$25 gift card to Home Depot.

May	520 King Charles Circle
June	122 Plantation Drive
July	15 Plantation Circle
Aug.	303 King Charles Circle

Yards are awarded during the months of May through October. The committee appreciates your recommendations.

President's report cont.

Your HOA board has had a significant increase in the cost of doing business. Necessities such as insurance, utilities and outsourced services and repairs are becoming more costly. We do not want the NPEA in a position where we do not have sufficient funds to cover the monthly expenses or for emergencies. Therefore, the board has decided to increase the yearly HOA fee to \$100, effective January 1, 2019. This is the maximum allowed by the By-laws, so this fee will not go up in the future. It is the HOA board's intent to try to apply some of the funding towards the five-year plan and to build up our current accounts. Considering other HOA fees in adjacent neighborhoods, our dues are still the lowest.

We want to thank all the volunteers who worked for days on end to get the pool ready for the swim team and regular season. Having a pool is a significant benefit to the community and keeping it maintained is a year-round job. One of the items we will need to tackle for next season is NPEA's pool furniture, which was purchased several years ago and is showing wear. The pool committee will work to repair what is still usable, but we will need to purchase some new items. The long, plastic, 1-inch deck drainage strips are cracked and will need to be replaced next year.

At the October 15 General Meeting, we are going to ask NPEA members to vote and approve investing \$7,000 to replace furniture, repair pool drains, and make other necessary pool repairs. As with the past pool renovations, it will be the intent to keep the expenditures as low as possible, but we also want to make sure NPEA maintains our pool in excellent shape so we can encourage more members to join the pool next year.

HOA Manager Mike Gobin has been able to reduce our property tax burden significantly. This could be a savings of over \$2,500 a year. He will provide details on this savings at the October General Meeting.

The sign at Wannamaker and Axtell was stolen. We do not have an easement or own the land on the property where the sign was located, so for now, we are not going to replace the sign. The lights at Axtell and Lee have once again been vandalized. The Board plans to invest in new, protected commercial lights for both areas.



COMPLETING THE JOB of replacing the drain pipes at the pool this past spring are these workers whose job it was to fill the trenches with cement.

We have not invested in any beautification related work in the neighborhood over the last several months. The board has no current request for such work so we plan to take it up in 2019. If you have any suggestions, please notify the Board.

Speeding and other traffic related issues continue to plague our community. King Charles, Axtell and Smythe seem to be the roads on which most speeding occurs. If you see this activity, please contact the town or county and ask them to patrol the area.

The NPEA financial review is on the website

under the documents tab. Additional details are available to any member in good standing. Simply notify the Board and you will be allowed reasonable access to review this information.

Hope to see you at the meeting on Monday, Oct. 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the NES cafeteria.

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NPEA Pool Report

by Rick Leinster
Pool Committee Chairman

Once again 2018 was a very successful Newington swim season. Over 150 families enjoyed the opportunity to cool off on our hot, humidity filled days. Newington's pool provides a safe, family-friendly environment for members to enjoy. Members also enjoyed a diving board, lifeguards, swim lessons, and a concession stand.

The Newington Tiger Sharks represented our neighborhood in the CCAA summer league with great success. Swimmers age 4-18 practiced all summer and the Tigersharks had an undefeated season within their league. Each swim season there are four home swim meets which allows our pool and neighborhood to be showcased as one of the best in the area.

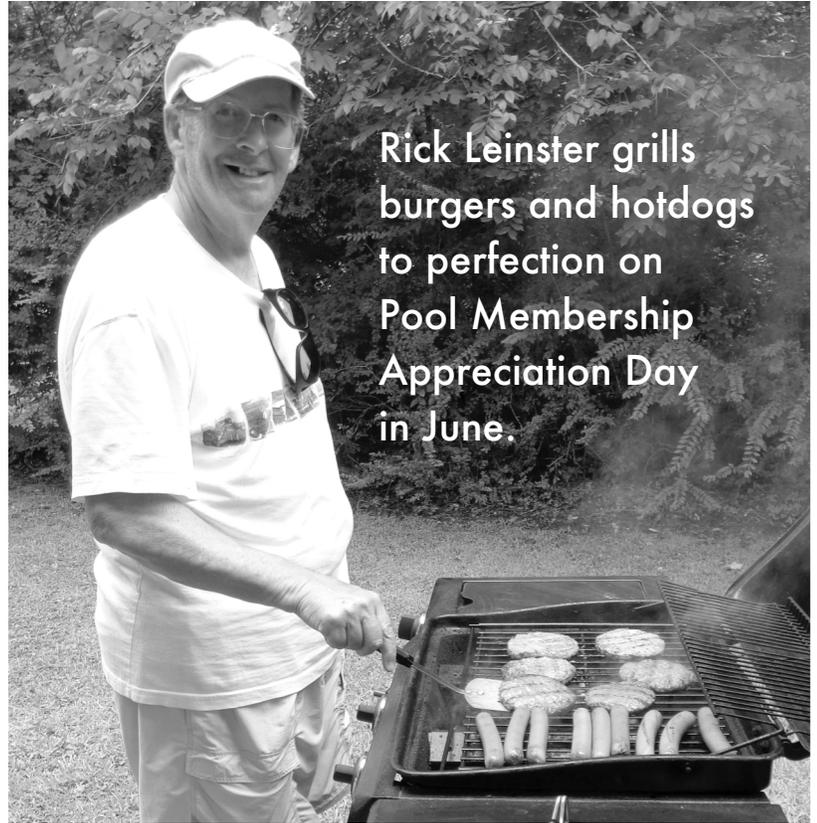
The Tiger Sharks shared their talents as hosts of the second annual Swimming with the Sharks Special Needs Swim Camp. The camp is a free swim lesson camp for swimmers with special needs. It is an excellent opportunity for our youth and a great representation of the Newington pool.

A huge thanks to our outgoing Pool Committee Chair, Jamie McKanna. Jamie has spent countless hours making the Newington Pool the very best it can be. Jamie will continue to serve on and be actively involved with the pool committee and will be helping our new chairman Rick Leinster with the transition. Rick has donated his time this spring and summer in repairing piping and lighting around the pool so he is familiar with the operation. He and his daughter, Charlotte, are regular fixtures at the pool.

The pool committee would like to thank all of our lifeguards and concession stand operators for your excellent service this summer. While sitting in the hot weather keeping our children safe may not be a stepping stone to your career, we appreciate it.

Thanks also to board members Thom Nolan and Marty Boyle as well as other

volunteers and pool committee members who pitched in at the beginning of the season to get the pool ready to open after the piping repair job was completed. What looked like at least a week's worth of cleanup was accomplished in a weekend so that we were able to open with minimum delay.



Rick Leinster grills burgers and hotdogs to perfection on Pool Membership Appreciation Day in June.



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Carolina Waste now servicing Newington

After numerous complaints about trash pick up service, Waste Pro was replaced with Carolina Waste in July. Newington residents were issued two carts: a smaller one with a blue lid for recycling paper and cardboard and a larger one for other garbage.

Both are collected on the same day, which is Wednesday for most of Newington. Go to the services tab on the HOA website for a link to the Town of Summerville's street-by-street schedule of services. Place your carts curbside the

night before pick up.

Carts should be placed at least 3 feet apart with the handle side towards your house. Lids must be closed with no additional bags on top.



NEW TRASH CARTS include the smaller paper recycling cart shown on the left.



HURRICANE FLORENCE had us on alert for over a week in early September. Most residents did not evacuate but preparations were made in case the Category 4 storm hit our area. Fortunately, it was downgraded to a tropical storm by the time it reached Summerville and the worst damage was downed tree limbs in our neighborhood.



NPEA HOA Dues reminder

Your HOA Dues are due on or before January 31, 2019 to avoid late charges. Newington has the lowest HOA dues around: only \$100 per household. This applies to all Newington property owners except for the 16 small patio homes on Duchess and Princess Courts. Direct questions to Mike Gobin at 843-875-1066 or newingtonmanager@gmail.com.

Sand Bags Wanted

I need about 25 good condition full sand bags for a perputal flooding issue in my garage. Please call me to pick yours up when you no longer want them cluttering up your garage. Thank you. Charles Smith 843-224-7616



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Community Yard sale

Newington Plantation will have a community yard sale on Saturday, October 6 starting at 7 a.m. Homeowners can sell from their yard, driveway or garage. The more the merrier! Buy or sell, the choice is yours.

Watch out for snakes

Cooler weather makes wildlife more active and there have been many sightings of snakes recently. Although snakes are beneficial to our ecology, water moccasins, rattlers and copperheads can kill our pets, so be aware when outside in your yard.

Best advice: leave snakes alone. If unprovoked, they will slither away. Most people are bit when trying to catch, pick up or kill snakes. Snakes are faster than we are and can strike half their body length, so even when taking photos, keep your distance. They will move on and so should you.



Cock-a-doodle-doo was an uninvited neighborhood guest for a month this past spring. He lived in the pool/park area making sure neighbors woke up at 4 a.m., 5 a.m., and 6 a.m. until someone in Newington Gardens captured him and released him to a farm in Ridgeville where he is now happily in charge of 8 hens.

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ANOTHER LITTLE LIBRARY is located on Plantation Drive near the circle. Like the one at the corner of Smythe and KCC, it is for children's books. You are welcome to take or leave books at your leisure. A Little Library for all ages is also located next to the pool house by the park.