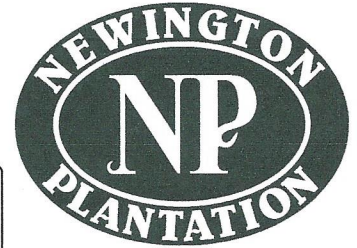


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NEWINGTON NEWS



**JOIN THE NEWINGTON POOL--
Sign-up on APRIL 1 at the HOA
Meeting, Newington Cafeteria**

Newington Plantation Estates Association, PO Box 654, Summerville, SC 29484

March 2019

*** SPRING NPEA MEETING ***

Please mark April 1 on your calendar!

On Monday, April 1, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm, the Newington Plantation Estates Association will hold its spring meeting at the Newington Elementary School cafeteria. All Newington residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

FROM THE NPEA PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great 2018 and are looking forward to 2019. In preparation for summer, I urge everyone to read the pool sign-up information in this newsletter and to take advantage of our neighborhood's most valuable asset. We've invested a lot of time and effort to maintain a top-notch pool facility and we hope to see a big increase in memberships from Newington homeowners. Pool members will sponsor a pool party for all residents on May 18, which is the pool's opening day.

In January, we had our required backflow testing done on Newington's three water services (at the pool, at the entrance to Newington Gardens, and at the Lee Street entrance). To our surprise, the test at the pool failed, and the company doing the test offered to repair our backflow device for a cost of about \$1,200. We had the device re-tested by a second company, and it passed. It cost us another \$45 for the second test, but it was obviously well worth it.

So far, this off-season, the pool has not required any significant facility investments. We will need help with clean up, painting, and minor maintenance-related work to open this season, but volunteers are expected to be able to do most of that work.

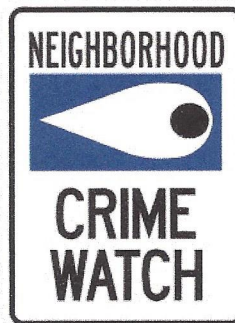
As always, I thank all property owners who have paid their 2019 NPEA dues on time (before 2/1/19). The cost of dues is \$100, and this covers the entire year. The community mail box located at the Lee Street entrance has been used by over 100 NPEA members since 1/1/2019. Payments collected from the box as of 10:00 pm on 2/1/19 were marked as on time. As of 2/3/19, we had about 83% of the NPEA membership fully paid up. However, for those neighbors who have not yet paid their 2019 dues, your NPEA asks that you pay them now to avoid accumulating more overdue fees and collection costs. To obtain your dues balance, you can contact newingtonmanager@gmail.com.

Speeding and running stop signs in our neighborhood continue to be major problems. Unfortunately, many of the speeders actually live in the neighborhood. Installing speed reducing humps are not a feasible solution for Newington Plantation. Even if we could get their approval from the emergency services, we would still need to fund a traffic study, file a petition, and (if approved), pay to have them installed and maintained. We would likely need a significant number of speed bumps to be effective. I urge our neighbors to observe the posted traffic signs and to report violators to the police.

NPEA would like to circle back and try to reenergize the Neighborhood Watch Committee. I have ordered 5 new crime watch signs. I intend to install one on King Charles between the back road of Flowertown and Axtel. I would like 4 neighbors to volunteer to have them installed on their property. I would like to see them at or near the following locations:

Plantation and Smythe on King Charles
Between Birdcage Walk and Sheffield
Between Boone and Blake on Smythe
On Plantation Circle

It would be great if those same sign volunteers would serve on the Neighborhood Watch Committee. One sign already exists at 106 King Charles, so I'd be happy to be a committee member. If you can help, contact me at npeanolan@aol.com, or 843- 693-7604.



Many neighbors have the latest and greatest security systems and cameras that are positioned to watch over their homes. If any of those neighbors are willing to make it known to the crime watch committee, this might be a good way to help the police track down law violators. If you have such a system pointed at any street or common area, let me know so we can pass it along to the police when needed.

Recently, a member of a committee was sent a fake e-mail as if it was from a member of the board. They were instructed to buy some gift cards to give out to other neighbors. We have also seen thieves go door to door, or drop off official looking notices regarding painting street numbers and other property modifications, as if the HOA requires them. The NPEA would not handle HOA

business in that way. Those, along with flyers posted on mail boxes, rock-filled bags with business cards, and deceptive door to door sales are all prohibited within the NPEA. These types of frauds go on all the time, so please be wary of suspicious activity and report it to the police at **843-871-2463** (Note: This number is for non-emergency use. In the event of an emergency dial 9-1-1).



We have also had more thieves taking advantage of open car doors and property left out in the open. This combined with actual B & E crimes impact us all. If this happens to you, please report it to the police so they can put some extra attention onto the problem. Also, notify someone on the board, or post it on the Newington Facebook page for others to look out for nefarious activities.

The neighbors who jointly own the pond have put a great deal of effort and money into improving the pond's appearance and stability. They are happy to show off their beautiful pond, but please keep in mind that the pond is private property. If you wish to visit the pond, contact one of the pond owners for permission.

Please do not put anything (nails, screws, tape, etc.) into our street and entrance signs. Driving a nail into or affixing tape onto a neighborhood sign will cost you a \$25 fine plus any additional repair or replacement costs.



The wood Newington mail post is available at the Berlin Myers Lumber store at 350 North Main Street. This is the same mailbox post that is used in Ashborough. The price of this post now exceeds \$200, so we'd like to develop a second source. If you're a wood worker and can make these, please contact me.

The lights on our Lee and Axtell entrances have been a constant source of wasted time making repairs, replacing bulbs and or redirecting the light. We have already approved replacing them, but we are now looking at other options such as painting them with reflective materials like our street signs.

You may have noticed additional plants and new Windsor Stone landscape edging at the Lee Street entrance and the Axtell Court common area. The work was completed by landscaper Richard Danielson. Additional proposals to renovate the Gardens entrance area and the Thames Court common are being explored, and may be discussed and voted on at the next NPEA meeting.

If any NPEA member has a beautification request for any of the NPEA-maintained common areas, please direct it to me so I can have the Board consider it.

If you wish to advertise on the website, the cost is \$20 for four months. Contact me for further details on this opportunity.

For the past several years, our newsletters have been produced with the enormous efforts of Jane and Brian Hough. They deserve our big thanks for volunteering their time and energy in producing the newsletter and handling the website. They have stepped aside from this work and we are looking for a volunteer(s) to take over the task. If you are interested, please contact me.

In several replies to a Facebook posting, neighbors have expressed an interest in a community yard sale. At last year's yard sale, we had about 24 families participate. This year, we will have a



Newington Yard Sale on March 23, 2019. The community yard sale signs will go out on 3/18/19. It will also be posted in the paper.

I look forward to seeing you at the Spring NPEA Meeting, and please don't forget to attend and enjoy the Pool Party!

Thom Nolan, NPEA President, 843-693-7604 npeanolan@aol.com

NEWINGTON POOL

Summer is just around the corner and the Newington Pool will soon be open for use. With a diving board, a snack bar, and lifeguards, it's a great way to enjoy the long, hot summer. The pool is also a great place to see your neighbors and friends. At the pool sign-up sessions, information will be available for 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 pool member; however, all new pool members must pay a one-time \$60 initiation membership fee along with the pool membership fee. You have to be at least 18 years old to purchase the single membership.

To help alleviate crowding, guest fees will be \$4 per guest - with a max of 5 guests per family per day (Out of town guests are no longer free). All guests must be accompanied by a pool member. Newington residents cannot be guests at the pool - residents must purchase a membership.

Sign up dates and times:

Special Early Bird Rates are as follows:

Family - NPEA \$265; Non-Resident \$350

Couple - NPEA \$215; Non-Resident \$290

Single - NPEA \$190; Non-Resident \$265

Early Bird price is available on the following sign up dates:

4/1/2019 7-8 pm at the NPEA Meeting

4/6/2019 10-2 at the pool

4/7/2019 2-4 pm at the pool

4/19/2019 6-8 pm at the pool

4/20/2019 1-4 pm at the pool

Price after 4/20/2019:

Family - NPEA \$280; Non-Resident \$375

Couple - NPEA \$230; Non-Resident \$315

Single - NPEA \$205; Non-Resident \$290



Pool Will Be Open:

May 18-19 (Note: Opening Day, May 18, will be an open swim day for all Newington residents)

May 25-27 (Memorial Day Weekend)

June 1-2 (First Weekend in June)

Beginning June 6, the pool will be open all summer.

Special Notes:

Cash and checks are accepted, but we do not take credit cards.

You may request a pool party through the pool manger. The forms are located at the pool and can be reviewed or obtained during operating hours.

The operating hours for the pool will be available at sign-ups. Swim Team activities, pool parties can impact the operating hours.

Lap swim has not been considered for the 2019 swim season.

The pool rules are posted at the pool and will be available at any of the pool sign up times shown above. Forms needed for the sign ups are available on the newingtonplantation.com website.

The pool is the most valuable asset of the community. All members and visitors must be respectful and treat this facility as if it were your own property.

Kelly Roberts will serve as the pool manager. Although this is a paid position, it also includes a lot of volunteer time. Kelly also handles the snack bar, which not only creates income for the pool, it is enjoyed by members, and attendants can be used to help check memberships. You can contact Kelly at klaroberts1960@gmail.com.



YARD OF THE MONTH

Kelly Roberts is handling the yard of the month awards for the NPEA. We are going to try to do this 6 times over the summer. Each winner gets a \$25.00 gift card and will be recognized on the sign on Lee Street. If you wish to make a recommendation, or volunteer for the committee, please contact Kelly Roberts at klaroberts1960@gmail.com.



NEWINGTON TIGERSHARKS

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 Ethan Brown, Rebecca Roberts, Donovan O'Dea, JB Haffner, and Brenna Freer. All coaches were former Newington Tigershark swimmers. 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 swimmers on the team. Last year, not only were the Tigersharks undefeated in their league but, at the CCAA Championship City Meet, they placed sixth out of 19 teams in the Charleston area.

In addition to competing, the swim team hosts a free annual swim lesson camp for swimmers with special needs. It is volunteer-run by lifeguard certified swimmers who teach water safety and stroke technique. The Swimming with the Sharks Swim Camp will be held July 8-10 from 9-10 am. This is a great way for our community to emphasize competition, sportsmanship, and unselfish service.

New swimmers who are interested in joining the team should plan to sign up at the Newington Pool on one of these dates:

4/6/2019	10-2
4/7/2019	2-4 pm
4/19/2019	6-8 pm
4/20/2019	1-4 pm



Practices will be held on weekday afternoons beginning on May 5 for the remainder of the school year.

Practice sessions are split by ages:

Ages 8 and under: 4-5:00 p.m.

Ages 9-12: 5-6 p.m.

Ages 13 and up: 6-7 p.m.

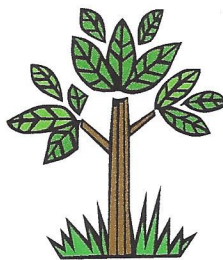
From June 7 to July 12 practices will be:

Ages 8 and under: 9-10 am

Ages 9-12: 8-9 am

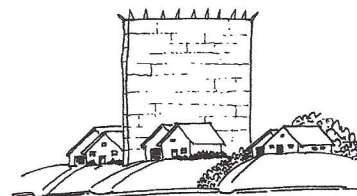
Ages 13 and up: 7-8 am

COVENANTS & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW (CAR)



We have had restrictive covenants in our subdivision since it was first developed in 1969. Some believe they are too restrictive, some believe they should be more restrictive, and some pay little attention to the covenants even when they are told they exist. The most common complaints from your neighbors are improperly parked cars, boats, trailers parked within sight of the neighbors, and excess trash or debris.

Your CAR committee currently has only three active members. The task of trying to deal with every complaint is a problem. In some cases, we see the issues ourselves, and in others they are reported to us by e-mail or telephone call. We try to be fair and reasonable with neighbors who have issues, but some just do not care. When we run into those members, we have no choice but to strictly follow the covenants. We urge all our NPEA neighbors to download the covenants at www.newingtonplantation.com.



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 just do not maintain their property. We are proud to have one of the most desirable family neighborhoods in the area, and we certainly want to keep it that way. We do not employ (and cannot afford) a full-time covenant enforcement person to routinely patrol the neighborhood. The CAR committee takes the view that we expect that our neighbors will be responsible and we expect them to abide by the covenants. However, if you do see a problem, give the CAR committee a call or send an e-mail.

If you wish to volunteer to serve as a member of the committee, please contact Lisa Andrews or any member.

Chairperson: Lisa Andrews, lisaandrewsarc@gmail.com

Member: Fred Gleffe, fgleffe@sc.rr.com,

Member: Thom Nolan, npeanolan@aol.com



TRASH

Yard debris (in town limits) will be picked up on Wednesdays if it is in an open pile. Tree limbs must be no longer than four feet. Boards, construction material, and/or plastic cannot be mixed in with yard debris. If these items are included in debris piles, it will not be picked up. Yard debris that is set out in plastic bins/cans/roll carts will not be emptied. Within the county, companies require yard debris to be bagged in recyclable paper bags.

Carolina Waste has resumed recycling (paper and cardboard only). You can contact them at 843-567-1000.

BEAUTIFICATION

It has been suggested that we invest into some benches for the historic marker located on Plantation Circle. This area is not one of our common areas, but it actually belongs to the town of Summerville. They maintain the grass and land (The tax map number is 1520411001000). Putting a bench at the marker might be something they would consider (especially if NPEA paid for it). So we will ask the question.

Another suggestion was to clean up and install some fencing around the pool trash container. This would be a rather simple installation, but would likely need to be somewhat permeable so as not to provide a hiding spot for the criminal element.

Each spring, we normally add new plants and bedding to the Lee Street, Axtell, and Newington Gardens entrances. Any volunteers for the work (and what to install) would be welcomed.

Our sign at Wannamaker was stolen in 2018. The brick structure belongs to the property owner. At present, we do not intend to do anything with that entry.



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NPEA COMMITTEES

Volunteers are needed for a variety of neighborhood committees. Any NPEA member in good standing can serve on a committee. If you can help, please contact the NPEA President, Thom Nolan. If you need information on the committee, feel free to contact the respective committee chairmen.

CAR Chairperson: Lisa Andrews, lisaandrewsarc@gmail.com

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Pool Chair: Rick Leinster 843-343-6179

Pool Manager: Kelly Roberts 843-532-5159

YOM Coordinator: Kelly Roberts 843-532-5159

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Newsletter Editor: OPEN. Need a volunteer

Website Coordinator: OPEN. Need a volunteer



YOUR ASSOCIATION

Newington's homeowners association was originally formed in January 1976. The association was incorporated as a non-profit organization to promote the safety, recreation, and general welfare of the Newington Plantation community. In an initial letter sent to all residents, your first NPEA president, B.J. Wallace, said, "If you like the things you see in this community help us continue to improve it. If you don't like what you see, help us correct the problems and make Newington a better place for all." This statement still applies to each and every homeowner today.

Your HOA uses your homeowner's fee to accomplish many purposes. Your HOA maintains your pool facility, your entrances, your common areas, and your street signs. Your HOA seeks additional neighborhood enhancements, such as the park developed jointly by NPEA and the town, or it pursues improvements such as a possible future Newington clubhouse. Your HOA arranges events and meetings for neighborhood functions. It provides a strong neighborhood voice with local governments. And, it enforces the important deed restrictions that protect your home's value and the quality of your neighborhood.

Your HOA is operated only by volunteers who come from throughout the Newington community. During the 42 years of its existence, NPEA has been blessed with many selfless members who have been willing to work amicably and constructively with each other to "make Newington a better place for all."

While serving as a volunteer for the HOA can sometimes be a time-consuming and thankless endeavor, making the HOA work is necessary for the health and vitality of our neighborhood. NPEA can always use additional help. So, please consider providing some of your time and assistance to help out with a committee, or, later this fall, please consider running for a board position.

Randy Sadler, 843-875-7440, rsadler@sc.rr.com

