

## A Word from our HOA President

Dear Neighbors,

As we embrace the spirit of Spring and all the opportunities it brings, I'd like to take the time to fill you in on what's been happening since our last meeting.

Over the past few months, we've been diligently working to enhance the homeowner experience in our beloved community. From the launch of a responsive chatbot on our website to facilitate quick and easy access to neighborhood information, to the restructuring of our website to provide each homeowner with a personalized dashboard for account management, we've aimed to streamline communication and accessibility for all.

Another milestone I'm happy to share is the approval of a new stop sign for King Charles Circle, contributing to the safety and well-being of our residents. We are also working on other traffic calming measures.

Furthermore, the establishment of various committees, such as the social committee, pool committee, and community center design committee, reflects our commitment to effective governance and community engagement.

Looking ahead, we're excited to embark on ambitious initiatives, including the revitalization of our community center. While this is a long-term vision for Newington Plantation, we aim to create a vibrant hub that enriches the lives of all homeowners.

Furthermore, improvements to the pool area, including power washing, painting, and a new fence around the kid pool area, underscore our dedication to providing exceptional amenities for everyone to enjoy.

If you have the desire to serve, I strongly encourage you to join of our committees as together we can continue to build upon the strong foundation of our community making Newington Plantation a place we're all proud to call home.

Sincerely,

Larry Collett  
President, Newington Plantation Homeowners Association

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### HOA Meeting

April 15 7:00pm

### NES Cafeteria

Join us for the spring HOA meeting.  
Enter the cafeteria behind the school.  
Make sure your dues are paid in full so that  
you can vote on neighborhood issues. Pay  
online at [npeasc.com](https://npeasc.com).

Dr. Shane Robbins, Superintendent  
Dorchester School District 2, will be our  
guest speaker.

### Neighborhood Yard Sale

April 13

A neighborhood-wide yard sale will be  
Saturday, April 13. Neighbors hold sales in  
their own yards, but it will be  
advertised as a community sale.

A volunteer is needed to help coordinate  
the sale. They will be responsible for  
advertising, placing signs out the night  
before and coordinating pickup of unsold  
items at the pool parking

lot that  
afternoon.  
Use the QR code to  
volunteer.



### Food Truck Thursdays

4:30-8:00pm

### Pool Area Parking Lot

March 28	Lason
April 11	Burges-n-Freys
April 25	Cubans & Reubens
May 9	Yummy Tummy Thai
May 23	Chi-Town Chow
June 6	El Kiosko
June 20	Don Sazon
July 4	NONE
July 18	Tamashii

# Summer Fun!



The Newington pool is a great way to enjoy (and survive) the long, hot Lowcountry summer! An oasis in our own neighborhood, the pool is a valuable community asset and will open weekends May 11th (10-6). Full time pool hours follow the DD2 calendar, so the pool will open 7 days a week beginning June 7<sup>th</sup>. All pool information, including hours, private pool parties, swim lessons, lap swim and pool rules will be available at Pool sign-ups and posted on HOA web-site.

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. Newington residents cannot be guests at the pool – residents must purchase a membership.

The Pool Committee is very pleased to keep membership rates the same for another year. This decision is based on the DD2 School year, which is a shorter summer.

## Newington Resident (must be current on HOA dues)

Family: \$265.00

Couple: \$215.00

Single: \$190.00

## Non-Resident

Family: \$350.00

Couple: \$290.00

Single: \$265.00

Only cash and check payments  
are accepted at sign-up.

## Pool sign-ups:

Saturday, March 23 10am-12pm

Thursday, April 4 6pm-8pm

Monday, April 15 7pm

Saturday, April 27 10am- 12pm

If you purchase your 2024 membership prior to opening day, you will be included in a raffle to win a 2 hour pool rental this 2024 season. You will be responsible for the lifeguard fee. 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](http://npeasc.com) website.

For questions, contact the pool committee at 843-532-5159 or send an e-mail to [newingtonpool2022@gmail.com](mailto:newingtonpool2022@gmail.com).

# 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 meetings can be downloaded from the document library at [www.npeasc.com](http://www.npeasc.com).

President	Larry Collett	843-323-2935	<a href="mailto:president@npeasc.com">president@npeasc.com</a>
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Past Pres	Randy Sadler	843-875-7440	<a href="mailto:pastpresident@npeasc.com">pastpresident@npeasc.com</a>

# Email Newsletter

In an effort to be better informed about what is happening in Newington, we are creating an email database of homeowners and residents. This will only be for people who own property or currently live in Newington. An email newsletter will be sent out once per month, or on an as needed basis (i.e. an event is cancelled). This will be in addition to our Social Media page and the paper newsletter that is distributed twice per year. If you would like to be included in the monthly electronic newsletter, please subscribe on the [website](#)..

# Social Media Pages

## 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

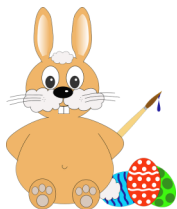
Public page that ANYONE can like. Events and offerings that impact our wider community will be posted here.

# Here's What's Coming Up

## Easter Egg Hunt

**March 30 10 am**

**Neighborhood-wide**



Eggs will be hidden throughout the entire neighborhood and park so all kids can join in on the fun!

Volunteers are needed to help hide eggs beginning at 9am.

Eggs will be hidden on King Charles Circle (from Smythe to Smythe), in the playground area, the four streets leading to Plantation Circle and in the circle. Eggs will be hidden along the sidewalk, not far into anyone's yard. Complete the [form](#) online to sign-up to help. Or scan the QR code.

We will also be accepting donations of eggs at 400 King Charles Cir, Summerville, SC 29485. Please contact us at [npeasocial@gmail.com](mailto:npeasocial@gmail.com) about



## Memorial Day Flags

Once again, flags will be placed along sidewalks in remembrance of those who died in service to our country. Help is needed to help repair some flags, and prep flags for placement. With over 700 flags to place, people are also needed to help put them out. Contact Carolyn Gardner at [memberatlarge@npeasc.com](mailto:memberatlarge@npeasc.com) if you would like to help out.



## Meet Your HOA Board

**Carolyn Gardner**

Board Position: Member at Large

How long have you lived in Newington: 13 Years

Occupation: Realtor & Flag Lady

Family: Husband Dave, an air craft mechanic, daughter Julie in college, son Tommy & his wife Kelsey, 2 grandsons, lab Izzy, 2 cats & a Koi pond

Favorite Thing About Newington: The pride of ownership, the friendliness and activities of the community. We are a true community—not just a subdivision.

## Tigersharks Ready to Chomp the Competition

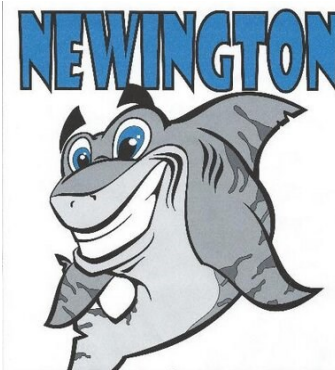
The Newington Tigersharks Swim Team is gearing up for another great summer of swimming in the CCAA. The Tigersharks are led by former Newington swimmer, Victoria Merritt and all coaches are competitive swimmers who have grown up swimming at the Newington pool. The

Newington swim team is a fun and competitive community based program that promotes sportsmanship and teamwork while also strengthening swim skills. The team is a fun opportunity for kids ages 4-18 who are already able to swim the length of the pool. Many swimmers on the team serve as Newington lifeguards, concessions attendants, and swim lesson instructors.

Last year, the Tigersharks finished 8th out of 18 teams in the Charleston area.

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.

The Tigersharks will also host their annual Swimming with the Sharks Special Needs Swim Camp June 26-28. This is a free event sponsored by Newington Swim Team and Ashley Ridge HS to promote water safety and swim skills. For additional questions, please contact Victoria Merritt at [victoriagmerritt@gmail.com](mailto:victoriagmerritt@gmail.com).



## 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. Criteria for YOM is curb appeal, which includes: consistently mowed, pruned and edged. Each winner displays the YOM sign, receives a \$25 ACE gift card (supporting a local business), and is acknowledged on the Lee Street board.

**Recent winners:** 214 Smythe 104 Smythe To nominate a yard, please complete the YOM [form](#) on the website.

The HOA sponsored the 2023 Holiday Yard contest and it was fun to see the participating yards. The winners received a \$25 ACE gift card for their contribution to the Holiday neighborhood spirit.

**Griswold Lights - 203 Downing Traditional Display - 231 Smythe Most Festive - 122 Plantation**

## Meet Your HOA Board

Emily Vick

**Board Position:** Vice President

**How long have you lived in Newington:** 21 years

**Occupation:** Director of Christian Education, Bethany UMC

**Family:** My family includes my husband of 31 years David and my two children: Will (26) and Page (23). We also have two cats, Binx & Dexter.

**Favorite Thing About Newington:** I love the beautiful trees & homes, the friendliness of our neighbors and the convenience of the location.

## Covenants

The main purpose of restrictive covenants is to preserve a neighborhood's attractiveness and livability. Unlike some HOAs, NPEA does not hire a full-time covenant enforcement person to patrol the neighborhood. Instead, an ARC made up of Newington homeowners volunteer to help maintain Newington's character and standards.

The Association takes the view that neighbors should be responsible and abide by the covenants. If residents see a covenant problem, the suspected violation should be reported to the ARC for their investigation. Please remember that the ARC is a volunteer committee, so be patient in waiting for a response.

Any violation that the ARC is unable to resolve is to forward to the Dorchester County Magistrate's Court. The judge will issue a decision, and even has the authority to impose property liens. So far, the court has ruled in the NPEA's favor for every case we have filed.

**One ongoing area of concern: front yards and driveways should not be used as long-term parking areas for their trailers, campers, boats, buses, and RVs.**

Also, remember that no outside structure (additions, buildings, sheds, fences, in-ground pools, etc.) can be constructed unless construction plans are pre-approved by NPEA. **This requirement applies even if a permit is not needed.** Plans can be submitted to any ARC member or through the website, [www.npeasc.com](http://www.npeasc.com). Please include a drawing or plot plan showing existing structures and paved areas plus the proposed structure. If a recorded plat plan is not available, you can provide a hand-drawn sketch. Specify as many measurements as possible, including measurements from property lines to the proposed structure. Structures cannot be placed within any easement on the property (drainage, utility, etc.).

### Current ARC Members:

Randy Sadler      Larry Collett      John DuBose  
Jennifer Roberts      Carolyn Garner

NPEA neighbors can view or download their covenants at: [www.npeasc.com](http://www.npeasc.com).

If you would like to be part of the ARC Committee, please complete the volunteer form on the [website](http://www.npeasc.com).

## What Requires a Permit

Making any major change that alters the footprint of your home requires a Town or County permit, including: additions, decks, certain plumbing, and electrical work, and siding projects. A failure to obtain permits, even if you hire a contractor, can stall your project or complicate the sale of your home.

If a permit is required, the Town uses a free online permitting service called CitizenServe. Also, a letter of approval from your HOA is required to permit a project.

Permits are not required for the following:

1. One- story detached accessory structures used as tool and storage sheds, playhouses, and similar uses, provided the floor area is not greater than 120 square feet.
2. Fences not over 7 feet high.
3. Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall.
4. Sidewalks and driveways not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade, and not over any basement or story below and are not part of an accessible route.
5. Painting, papering, tiling, carpeting, cabinets, counter tops, and similar finish work.
6. Temporary motion picture, television and theater stage sets and scenery.

