



NorthEast Civic Association

Meeting: Wednesday, 21 Mar '01

Meet your neighbors and new friends.

Join us in making
the NorthEast a better place to live.

The NorthEast Civic Association will meet at:

Charles Houston Recreation Center 901 Wythe St.

- 7:30 PM Wednesday, March 21st, 2001 -

Old business / updates

Old Colony Update

The developer is redesigning the development. Two main features to this are.

1. City staff insists on the elimination of the pool and placement of townhouses there. NECA has strongly encouraged them to keep the pool. The northern area of the City does not have that many public and recreational amenities. (The least in the city) We must therefore keep the pool to alleviate the problem.
2. They have given the buildings a new facade, which is a vast improvement over the previous design and much more in keeping with the Washington Street Standards. Furthermore, the design now varies so that the buildings do not appear as a big block. So the delays have really paid off and Alexandria and the George Washington Memorial Parkway will be much better of for it. The project will go before the Board of Architectural Review April 18.

Park? State property on the corner of Bashford and Powhatan

The green space in front of Curry printing along Bashford Lane, that we have used as an open park, really belongs to the state of Virginia. At one time, a major interchange was supposed to traverse our neighborhood and the state acquired the property for that purpose. Thanks to Jean Caldwell that project was defeated in the 70's, but the state still owns the property. NECA requested that it be turned into permanent open space and is actively pursuing this venue both in Richmond and City Hall. Developers have expressed interest in using it for development or as a parking lot. Keeping the lot as open space is important because The Northeast is one of the areas in Alexandria with the least open space.

Mary Jane Kramer has developed a comprehensive plan for the park that the land-use committee endorses. She will give a presentation for the whole association on the proposal.

Powhatan Park

This evening will be dedicated to issues relating to Powhatan Park. Thanks to the many devoted volunteers who take care of the park, they again maintained it as one of the cleanest in the city during the past year. Powhatan Park is a functional one with a tremendous amount of traffic and use. Cleaning it is no small feat. We have every reason to be proud of the park, but there is always room for improvement.

Safety; On March 7 several shots were fired in the park around 4 a.m. The Police will be present to discuss the case and other concerns about the park.

Park & Recreation Director Sandra Whitmore will be present to listen to concerns present possible remedies and discuss the future of the park.

Earth Day / Neighborhood clean up

There will be a sign up list for anyone interested in joining our annual earth day celebration with a neighborhood beautification and clean up effort followed by a potluck. See our web site for pictures from past.

Northeast Neighborhood Watch News

Check the web site for the whole new section started by our police liaison officer Carol Duncan. It has our crime statistics, phone number and web addresses for many city services. Plus information on lots of civic issues, like parking, trash pick up and more.

Remember the neighborhood (and property value) you save is your own.

For information on your Civic Association call Poul Hertel 684-5375 or Mariella Posey 549-5842
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