



NorthEast Civic Association

Meeting: Wednesday, 16 May'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, May 16th, 2001 -

Old business / updates

Old Colony Update:

The Alexandria Board of Architecture Review voted 7 to 0 to approve the concept plans for the old colony. This Plan consist of 3 twenty unit residential buildings and retains the serpentine wall and the manor house (all of which NECA had voted to support). But, at the city's request, it replaces the pool with two more town houses (something we don't agree with).

The next stop for the plan is the planning commission for site plan approval, where NECA representatives will again raise issue of retaining open space and amenities by keeping the pool.

Northeast Neighborhood Watch News:

Our police liaison officer Carol Duncan., will be there to address your concerns. Check our web site for the whole new section started by her. It has our crime statistics, phone number, web addresses for many city services and more.

The City's Health department:

You may have noticed there is a new female in town. A smaller, quieter and more prolific version of mosquito. It is very bad because it can carry some new diseases. Joseph Fiander will offer suggestions on how you can deal with this new pest. We all need to work on reducing all standing water from bottle caps to the water retention pools like the one behind Old Town Greens. Check the web site for more.

Neighborhood Parks:

Sandra Whitmore Director of Parks and Recreation will be there to listen to our concerns and offer insights on what can and be done.

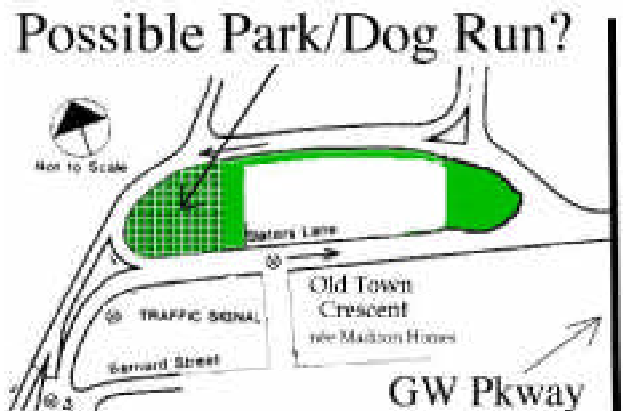
- Powhatan Park: Hopefully, she will have an update on the status of the swing equipment, that NECA offered to pay for.

- Chetworth Park: Once again the over use of this park is being manifested in excessive wear and tear. Many times in the past we have worked with the City Staff to restore this park to a good condition that met the needs of the diverse groups that use this area. But, as before, overuse has turned it from a gem to a sore.

Before the last renewal, a committee was formed by NorthEast Citizens' Association to look for solutions to this park. Since one reason for the problem is over use, the committee looked for other opportunities for open space, including some place for a real dog run. This produced a request to the city to make the fenced area around city's under used traffic building #151 on Benard Street and Slaters Ave available as a dog run. They decided not to open this additional area, as a dog run, but instead to sold it. While the city did a great job upgrading and making Chetworth beautiful, the continued over use wore it out, again.

Today, our Park committee is again looking to improve Chetworth Park. They are considering; an automated watering system, ground covering for bare areas, replacement benches, tables, refurbishment of play equipment, adding a double gate, publishing a guide for park users, making below ground feces storage and more. But there is concern that without more open space and a better facility for dogs, an enduring solution is not possible. We are, again, looking for additional open space and a better dog run. Our search has found :

- the area along the rail road tracks north of Slaters Lane is available, and
- Commonwealth Atlantic Properties (CAP) offered the end of the Slaters Lane island to the city as open space, which could be made into a dog run. NECA requests that the City explore the possibility using this land for the above purpose.



We would also like to work with the Department of Parks and Recreation staff to see this project completed.

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

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