



# NEWTOWN NEWS

## Newtown Neighborhood Association

Staunton, Virginia

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### Join the NNA

We welcome everyone to join the Newtown Neighborhood Association. Regular membership is open to all those who live in or own property in Staunton's Historic Newtown District. The NNA sponsors social gatherings and educational programs, takes on projects such as neighborhood clean-ups and beautification. The NNA offers a loose network for meeting neighbors, trading rehab tips, and finding out what's going on the neighborhood. We also represent Newtown interests to City of Staunton officials.

Members receive the announcements and newsletters. They also are invited to attend our members only functions, such as the annual Christmas Tree and Garden Walks, the Winter Social, the Autumn Block Party, and the Summer Ice Cream Social. Associate members are those who support the goals of the NNA, even though they do not live or own property in our area. Although Associate members cannot not hold office or vote, they are otherwise regular members.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Membership dues are only \$5 per year, extra donations are always welcome.

You can sign up at the Block Party or send your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address plus *five bucks* to Ed Pickett, NNA Treasurer, P. O. Box 1386, Staunton, VA 24402



The NNA mission is to promote the social and economic vitality, architectural integrity, public safety, and community spirit of Staunton's Historic Newtown Neighborhood.

### We love your dogs but...

It's never pleasant to step in doggie doo or to have to clean it up off of one's yard. When you choose to have a dog you not only assume the responsibility to love, nourish, and keep it healthy you also need to keep it from becoming other peoples' problems. So, when you walk your dogs please remember to carry a baggie to clean up after them. It's the neighborly thing to do.

#### *From the presidents corner:*

As summer nears its end, we start to conjure up thoughts of pleasant days and cool nights. Yes, Autumn! A welcome relief from the often oppressive heat and humidity that is a part of summer.

Next month we will again renew old acquaintances when the annual NNA block party takes place on September 10th on Church street. I am hopeful that the weather will be cooperative! This gathering gives us another opportunity to reflect on our neighborhood and the many good things that take place here... George Bowers' new establishment for one, not to mention the several new houses that have been or are in the process of being refurbished. And of course the latest news about the many interesting people who live here. There is a multitude of not yet met friends that call Newtown their home, and this is a great time to meet them. Hopefully, they will come and enjoy the food and drink with the rest of their neighbors! Newtown is a great place to live and it can only get better.

I'll bet there are those who live here who might have some suggestions concerning Newtown and its future. New ideas are always welcomed and all are invited to become involved in the NNA, either by becoming a board member, or by attending meetings and voicing their concerns/ideas. At the block party, there will be a suggestion box available for anyone wishing to address an issue or simply to comment on something they have observed or think needs to be taken under consideration by the association.

The NNA sponsors a variety of community oriented activities such as the February Soup Social, always a hit with some great recipes! Along with the good eats, we have speakers that always captivate us with their presentations! And the July Ice Cream Social is, to say the least, a time to forget the diet and enjoy the best ice cream around! And of course, the reason for these and other activities, is to further the sense of community in Newtown. The more participation the better. People get to know each other and in turn that helps facilitate discussions on ways to help Newtown remain as one of the best places to live in Staunton.

We have wonderful establishments in Staunton, and I encourage all to support them, from food to entertainment, it's all here and usually just a short walk. Walking around Staunton is a great way to see the city and its hidden beauty. Not to mention good exercise! You meet a lot of nice people, too. In fact, just about anywhere you go, you meet nice people! The more you get out and experience the downtown businesses, the more you get a sense of community and that this city is YOUR city. Try it, you'll like it!

As long as I'm talking about walking, our annual Christmas Tree Walk is in December, and we would love to meet some new neighbors and share a cup of cheer! More information will be available at the block party. Well, I've said enough! See you at the party on the 10th!

*John Jones, NNA President*

# NEWTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



✧ Come see what you've been missing. ✧  
NNA invites *all* Newtown neighbors to cook up  
a favorite appetizer, covered dish or dessert  
and bring it to our annual

## POT LUCK & BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, September 10th  
Church Street between Beverley and Johnson Streets  
Socializing from 5 - 8 p.m. Food will be ready at 6 p.m.

Rain location: Trinity Church Parish Hall. ✧ Bring folding chairs if  
you have them. ✧ If you haven't paid your dues since last year, bring  
an extra five bucks or so (additional donations are always welcome).  
✧ For information or to offer help, call Shirley Masters at 887-6186 ✧

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