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Area Zoning Regs Give Go-Ahead to X-Rated Video Store

By Deborah Broderick, HOA Board President, 703-8360

Shortly before press time, I received a call from a concerned Armfield resident. She informed me that an adult video store was planned in the area. I made contact with Supervisor Frey's office where a staff member gave me the following information:

Jong Kwon, landlord and owner of the Lee Jackson Shopping Center on Route 50, has signed a lease with MVC Video to place an adult video store in the center. Kwon reviewed complaints from other tenants and attempted to get out of the lease agreement. An exit clause allows MVC to set a reasonable fee for the contract's termination. MVC determined that a fee in the order of \$60,000-\$70,000 would be appropriate. Kwon elected not to terminate the contract. The video store is set to open any day.

According to the Fairfax Zoning Ordinance, an adult video store is a retail use no different to any other retail use, and therefore requires no special permit. Many other communities identify this type of store as one requiring a special permit, but this county does not.

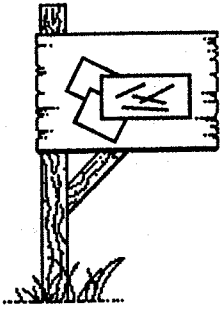
MVC Video opened a store in Springfield recently. The Zoning Administrator and the County Attorney reviewed and presented the material to a Fairfax County Judge. The Judge's ruling was that the video content did not rise to the "level of obscene" defined by the Supreme Court. MVC also won a case against Prince William County. So far, the law supports their claim to open shop wherever they see fit.

Concerned homeowners should make their collective voices heard by writing to the Zoning Administrator, Jane Gwinn, at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Va., 22035, to express their displeasure at the Ordinance. Homeowners may also write to Jong Kwon, owner of the Lee Jackson Station Shopping Center. His address is 8739 Shadow Lawn Court, Annandale, Va., 22003.

The HOA Board will continue to monitor this situation and keep you informed of any new developments.

Pictures! Pictures! Pictures!

Pictures from some of the recent social events organized by our fabulous Social Committee are on pages 4 and 5. Next on the agenda is an Easter Egg Hunt, see page 2!



Community Update

Thanks to Armfield Volunteers

By Dan Gordon, HOA Board Secretary, 709-8237

A community is only as strong as the people who emerge to lead it. This community is no exception. We have a committed Board of Directors, most of whom have been involved in the running of our Association for years. We have a number of active committees staffed by able, enthusiastic residents whose goal is to secure the value of our property at large, to keep us safe, to keep us informed, to entertain our children, and so much more. On behalf of the Board, I would like to extend a big "Thank you!" to all of our volunteers. Your efforts are so very appreciated.

On the night of December 18, 1998, HOA Board President Deborah Broderick hosted a wonderful party in her home for all Armfield volunteers. The sizeable crowd was proof that this is a community in which people step up to the plate to control the future of the property. Thanks to Deborah for a lovely evening!

Once again, I call on each and every Armfield resident to participate at any level that feels comfortable. You don't have to be interested in politics. You don't have to be a public speaker. Just offer a couple of hours of your time to help plan the annual pool party. Or, if you have artistic leanings, lend a hand to committees needing signs to advertise events. Have your nose to the news? Contribute a news story or story ideas to our newsletter editors once in a while. Find yourself complaining about development around us? Join forces with the Land Use Committee to fight for our peace and tranquillity.

To each of you who has made a contribution to the life and strength of Armfield, thanks!

Architectural Review Committee needs help

Although Winter is upon us Spring still right around the corner and the Architectural Review Committee is expecting the yearly onslaught for home improvement requests that will need approval. If you are interested in donating a few hours a month to help with the committee, please call Charlie Dutton at 787-8324, or e-mail at cdutton@erols.com

Editors' Notes

The holiday period is usually a slow news period, but things have been hopping around here. Read our cover story for evidence that Armfield is not isolated from big city issues. The other notable headline is that our community is now officially sited on the World Wide Web, an important means of communication as we approach the 21st century. See page 8 for details.

Our neighborhood has been festive with signs of Christmas, Hannukah and Kwanza celebrations, and the Armfield Social Committee has been extremely busy. Its latest offerings were a super Halloween Parade (see photos on page 4), and a visit from Santa on his fire truck (see photos on page 5). The neighborhood's children thoroughly enjoyed these events.

We wish all Armfield residents a very happy, healthy and safe 1999!

Spring Social

The Social Committee is planning an Easter Egg Hunt at the Clary Sage Drive tot lot on March 20 at 4:00pm. Face painting, a chalk walk and kite flying are all on the agenda for the kids who attend. All children who attend will need to bring a basket for their eggs and a kite, if they wish to fly one.

The Social committee is asking anyone who could help out with setup or cleanup to please contact either co-chair Annette Rhoads, 471-6895 or Mary Swanberry, 435-8207.

Armfield Community Web Site

by Tom Polivka, 742-6121

At long last, the Armfield community is launching into the information age. A prototype of the Armfield web site is currently being reviewed by the board and is expected to be available by mid-January. This web site is a very exciting new way for the Armfield community to communicate that will only enhance our current methods – not replace them.

Ultimately, the main objective is to provide a new method to deliver important information around the neighborhood quickly. Interactive calendars, neighborhood news, and an online survey and forum features are some of the items planned for this new site. Neighborhood socials, swim practices/meets and neighborhood watch meetings may soon be simpler to organize. Car pooling, babysitting, and garage sales are some other possible activities for the web site.

The company that will host our web site, e-Neighbors, was formed to provide local area neighborhoods with a presence on the World Wide Web. The goal of e-Neighbors is to link multiple adjacent communities into virtual ones that can share information and benefit from combined influences over merchants and politicians. The centralized e-Neighbors site will provide important local area information, shopping tips and help organize co-ops between neighborhoods to give virtual neighbors a better deal on big-ticket products and services - from cars and appliances to roofing and deck cleaning.

A flyer will be sent to all homeowners with more detailed information once the site has been approved by the board. Stay tuned and Happy Surfing!!

County Meetings

Please make a note of the following Sully District Council Meetings in 1999:

January 27 - Topic: The Fairfax County GIS system and information and technology

February 24 - Topic: The Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2000 Budget

Also March 24, April 28, May 26, and June 23

All meetings are at 7:30 PM in Conference Room 7 of the Fairfax County Government Center and are open to all citizens.

Protecting Children Via the Internet

By Jo Gordon, 769-8237

Violent sex offenders are required by law to register their whereabouts every 90 days with the Virginia State Police. A registry of violent sex offenders is available, for those with Internet access, at <http://www.vsp.state.va.us>

As of January 8, 1999, six names were listed within the 20151 zip code. Of these six, one has failed to re-register, and one has been committed to the Department of Corrections. None of these pedophiles reside in Armfield Farm.

This registry process is a product of Megan's Law, the point of which is to inform communities when convicted sex offenders live in their midst. Sex offenders have been found to be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to rehabilitate. This gives parents and community leaders a means to protect their children.

The *Armfield Advocate* will visit this Web site on a quarterly basis to keep you informed.

Home Sales

Here follows a list of recent home sales in our community. This is not intended to be a comprehensive listing. It is gleaned from area newspapers.

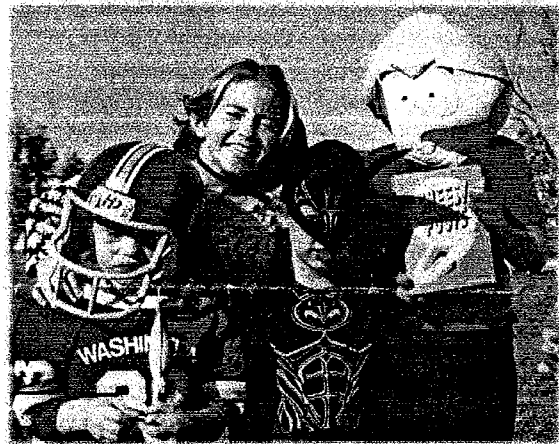
- 13711 Southernwood Court was purchased by Michelle Erdmann from Patrick Mazzola for \$191,000.
- 3566 Armfield Farm Drive was purchased by Jon Moulthrop from Robert Miranda for \$250,000.
- 3841 Beech Down Drive was purchased by Iraj Gharavinia from Bruce Philips for \$194,000.
- 13608 Brockmeyer Court was purchased by Household Bank from Oh Hong Lee for \$242,000.
- 13608 Bromall Court was purchased by Daniel Hough from Iraj Gharavinia for \$179,990.
- 13604 Clary Sage Drive was purchased by Thomas Cook from Bahram Pourmomen for \$291,125.

Halloween Parade



Heroes, goblins, princesses and fairies came out en masse for the Armfield Halloween Parade in late October. A sunny day showed off those costumes to perfection and trick-or-treaters got an early-bird taste of the goodies to follow October 31. Hats off to the Armfield Social Committee for putting the show on the road and three cheers to all the kids (big and small) who participated. Here are some candid shots of our neighborhood children in their ghoulliest garb.

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Winter Holiday Festivities

by Mary Swanbery and Annette Rhoads

Ho! Ho! Ho! - We hope all of you got to see Santa when he came to the Armfield Farm Neighborhood on December 12. Lots of kids turned out to get candy and tell Santa their Christmas lists (lots of parents were there too). Thank you to the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Company for doing a great job!

Volunteer Needed - Are you handy at building things out of wood? We need a volunteer to build two new signboards for the community. The Social Committee will pay for supplies if you can give us your help. These signboards are key to notifying the community of upcoming events. Please call Annette Rhoads at 471-6895 or Mary Swanbery at 435-8207 if you can volunteer.

Future Events - The social committee will be planning additional events for the spring. Please watch for information on notices posted at the entrances to the community.

Wrap Up - The committee would like to thank Rhonda Blankenship for making all the signs for our signboards this past year. Her festive posters have done a great job notifying everyone of upcoming events. We'd also like to welcome two new committee members, Dawn Donnelly and Kim Reardon - they've already been a big help for some of our events. Again, we'd like to extend an invitation to those of you in the community who may be interested in joining us or giving us suggestions. If you are interested, please call Annette Rhoads at 471-6895 or Mary Swanbery at 435-8207.



More Community News

Board Notes

Dan Gordon, Armfield HOA Secretary, 703-8237

Here follows a summary of Board activities from September through December. If you have any questions about anything mentioned below, please contact me or one of the Board members.

Administrative: A hearing for a house in violation of having junk and debris in the front and side of the home was held. The owners did not show up. A statement of the charge and notice of findings and penalties by the Board were sent to the homeowners. The problems were corrected by the homeowner, on the day that they received the aforementioned letter.

A resignation letter from the chair of the ARC was presented. A new chair and vice-chair person were elected. Other members of the committee were ratified. An updated application form has been approved.

A house with a converted garage was deemed not in violation. A violation letter regarding a commercial vehicle was presented. A letter requesting permission to place trash cans on the side of the house was presented. Permission was granted, but with caveats included.

A letter to the Montessori School of Fairfax, was presented in regards to the rooster(s) on their property. A letter will be sent to Supervisor Michael Frey, detailing concerns that the Association has with the school. A letter from the school was subsequently presented which outlined their concerns. No further complaints from homeowners have been received since.

A letter to Virginia Pool Management was presented. The information detailed the problems that we had experienced during the past pool season, such as identification of non-residential attendance and cleanliness of the locker rooms, and the surrounding areas. A representative from Virginia Pool will come to the earliest possible Board meeting.

A letter to Supervisor Michael Frey, regarding the widening of Lees Corner Road and the continuation of Springhaven Drive, was presented. According to information provided by Supervisor Frey and the Fairfax County Office of Transportation, Lees Corner road will

stay a 2-lane road, but with improvements such as turn lanes at various points. Springhaven Drive is a more complicated issue. There is conflicting information on the Comprehensive Plan regarding whether or not this street will stay a cul-de-sac or become a through street. This also depends on the density of development of the adjacent tract of land.

Information from Centreville.com regarding setting up a Web site for the community, was presented. Tom Polivka will be the contact for this project, and should we should be on line by February 1999.

A violation letter was sent to a homeowner regarding lawn maintenance, pet problems and other assorted violations. The violations have been noted, but with caution. Some violations/ allegations can't be acted on by the Board, because of their personal nature and because of ongoing possible disputes involving other homeowners.

Operations: A proposal from American Exteriors to repaint the damaged floors and other surfaces was presented. Only a partial payment to them has been approved until further information is received by the Board.

Proposals will be gathered to determine the cost and feasibility of installing a sprinkler system within the grassy area in front of the pool-house.

Financial: Financial statements for the period ending October 31, 1998 were presented and approved. A debtor status report from the Association's attorney was presented. A memo from Jim Armstrong regarding a change in lockbox services beginning in 1999 was presented. A request for a waiver of late fees from a homeowner was presented and approved. The Association's reserve funds have been moved to an IDA account, with the Board's approval, to take advantage of better interest rates.

Neighborhood Watch Training

by Richard Borneman, Chair, 707-0394

At long last, the Neighborhood Watch Training has been rescheduled after several disappointing postponements. This crucial meeting with the Fairfax County Crime Prevention unit is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9 at 7:00 pm in Lee's Corner Elementary School Auditorium. No special skills are required other than a strong interest in protecting our homes and community. A cooperative program like this with the police gives us more information about crime and prevention. If you have signed up or are interested in this important committee you are earnestly urged to attend. Reminder phone calls will be made the day before. If you can not attend, please contact Richard Borneman, 707-0394.

Safety Found in Numbers

The Fairfax County Code requires that all street addresses be clearly visible and readable from the street. In an emergency, precious seconds or minutes could be lost if police, fire or rescue personnel are unable to identify an address promptly. Each home or business in the County must have an address clearly marked at the front entrance. If a building is occupied by more than one business or family dwelling unit, each separate front entrance must have a separate number.

The Fire and Rescue Department has several recommendations to aid in prompt identification:

- Be sure that shrubbery or long driveways do not obscure numbers.
- Use block letters rather than script lettering.
- While painting address numerals on curbs is a useful means of identification, your primary means of posting addresses should be on your home, because parked cars can block curb numbers.
- Make sure numbers are large enough and contrast sharply with their background.
- Illuminate numbers or find other ways to make them visible from the street at night, such as using reflective numbers.
- Be sure all numbers are posted at all times.
- If you live on a corner lot, be sure numbers are visible from the street named in your address.
- If you share a private pipestem driveway, be sure to post numbers at the front entrance of the home in addition to those posted at the drive-way entrance. To order a private pipestem driveway sign or replacement, call 324-1515. To request a public street name sign replacement, contact the County Sign Shop at 934-2840, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Resource Guide for Women Available

The 4th edition of the Commission For Women's resource guide identifies information and resources available to women in Northern Virginia. Many of the programs and services are free or low-cost.

New to the 1997 revision is the entrepreneurial section, which lists organizations offering assistance to prospective or established women business owners.

So far, 3,000 copies of this free guide have been distributed. A Spanish version, "Guia De Recursos Para Mujeres," is now available.

To receive a free copy of the Resource Guide visit the Office For Women or call 324-5730, TTY 222-3504.

County Operates Audit Hotline

Fairfax County citizens have a convenient way to voice their suggestions and concerns about their County government directly to that government. The County operates an audit hotline for citizens' use in suggesting ways to increase County government efficiency and improve services. Citizens also may report any instances they perceive of alleged waste, fraud or mismanagement in County government.

The hotline, available 24 hours a day, can be reached by calling 876-0526. Calls are answered by an operator trained and experienced in handling such hotline calls. The audit hotline was established at the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Citizen reports go directly to the Board's Financial and Programs Auditor for assessment and investigation and are kept in strict confidence.

Odds & Ends

Armfield Advocate Submissions

The next issue of the *Armfield Advocate* will be published in early April 1999. Editorial submissions must be received by no later than March 15, 1999. Your submissions are most welcome. They may be made electronically to jogordon@erols.com, or by fax to 709-1497. Interested advertisers should contact Valerie Hockensmith at 385-1133 for advertising information. The deadline for advertisements is March 15 as well.

Have a gripe or a compliment? Write a letter to the editors and we'll include it in the next issue. Planning a yard sale, seeking a baby sitter or play group? Let us know. Are you new to the neighborhood or have you had a new baby? Share your news and we'll pass it on.

Armfield Directory

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On the Calendar...

Board meetings are held on every third Tuesday of the month and are open to all residents. Meetings are held at the pool house during the Summer and at Armstrong Management Services' offices, located at 3959 Pender Drive, Suite 205, Fairfax, at 7:30 p.m.

HOA Board Meetings	Easter Egg Hunt	Neighborhood Watch
Jan 19	Mar 20	Mar 9
Feb 16		
Mar 16		

BEECH DOWN DRIVE
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Welcomes

Armfield Farm and Saville Chase

Your neighborhood has a new Web Site that is linked into the fastest growing electronic community in the area.

eNeighbors was established to unite individual neighborhoods and link adjacent neighborhoods to form a virtual community that shares advice and information to improve the overall quality of life.

eNeighbors is still expanding, but you'll already find a number of useful features and facilities ready to use. If you have access to the Internet, please connect to the web address shown below as soon as possible.

Let us know what you think by filling out the 10 second survey, as your feedback will help us improve. Your contribution and participation are the ingredients that will improve your neighborhood site!



Community Calendar

Neighborhood Discussion Forums

Kid's Games



Local Information

Community Surveys/Polls

Local Classified Ads

Neighborhood Phonebook

Savvy Shoppers Guides

Much more to Come!!

www.eneighbors.com/afarms

