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Letter From the President

I would like to express my sadness in light of the horrendous events that have shaken our nation since 11 September. All of us have been affected in some way. We all knew a family member, friend, acquaintance or colleague who was impacted by the events of that unforgettable, tragic day. Events around the world may get worse before they get better, but the approach of the holiday season reminds us to count our blessings and think of the less fortunate.

I also encourage you to become involved in our neighborhood homeowner's association and/or volunteer your time and expertise in any other positive and constructive way. I spent many years living overseas and have personally seen the poverty and hopelessness in which many refugees and people in third world countries live. I am sincerely thankful for what my family has here. I am sure that we all feel blessed in our own ways. Let us always strive to be a community of good neighbors.

Dan

Family Pool Party

This year Mother Nature didn't cooperate for our annual Family Pool Party. The party, originally scheduled for Saturday, August 11th, was postponed due to a torrential rainstorm. The party was held on Sunday, August 12th, and nearly 200 people still attended. After dinner and dessert had been served, it again began to rain. Unfortunately, most of the planned games were cancelled, but most of the door prizes were awarded. Although things didn't go exactly as planned, the social committee is made up of optimists, so listed below are some good things about the family pool party.

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- None of the tents collapsed even with the heavy rain.
- Most of the food got eaten and what was left was too soggy to have to worry about trying to save it (less work)
- Nobody got stuck in the mud.
- The volunteers that helped each looked as bedraggled as one another after setting up and cleaning up in the rain.
- On the more serious side, many of the planned events that were cancelled (moon bounce, cotton candy, free throw game) will now be used at the Halloween Celebration. Look for our best Halloween Party ever!

As always, thanks to our many volunteers who give of their time to help our community! And a big thank you goes out to the many area businesses who donated prizes for our Pool Parties.

Pre-Teen Pool Party

This year, thanks to some tireless volunteers, we had our first ever Pre-Teen Pool Party on September 1st. The party was the last summer blast and was complete with pizza, music, sodas and door prizes. Ellen Smyth and Mariann Gonzalez coordinated the event and many volunteered as chaperones. Thank you to all who volunteered.

The Social Committee would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the Board for your continued support of our committee and all our events. A special thanks is given for the new funding this year, which allowed us to have both the Pre-teen and Teen Pool Parties.

Adult Pool Party

The second annual adult pool party was held on Saturday, July 14th from 7:30-11:30 P.M. Participants enjoyed lots of munchies and music. There were also several trivia questions with great prizes. Although most of the men had to be "dragged" to the dance floor, there was a lot of dancing by the end of the evening. Some of the women even got over their sense of embarrassment and joined in dancing to the "Electric Slide" and the "Macarena" (Unfortunately our photographer was banned by the dancers from taking photos, so there are none to share). Overall, it was a fun and a relaxing evening spent with friends and neighbors.

Maintaining Your Smoke Detectors

Q: How many smoke detectors do I need?

A: For minimum protection, smoke detectors must be placed near bedrooms and in all basements, either in the middle of the ceiling or six to twelve inches below the ceiling on the wall. This placement enables the detector to sense the smoke as it approaches the sleeping area. Smoke, heated air and toxic gases will rise to the ceiling and begin to mushroom down.

Additionally, it is recommended that there be at least one smoke detector on every level of the home. For individuals who are difficult to awaken, it may be necessary to install an additional smoke detector inside the bedroom.

Q: What routine maintenance does a smoke detector need?

A: Routine maintenance includes three basic steps: vacuum, test and change the battery.

- Clean the smoke detector monthly by gently vacuuming to remove dust and cobwebs, allowing proper air flow through the vents.
- Test the smoke detector every month following the procedures recommended by the manufacturer.
- Replace the battery annually. An easy way to remember this is to change the battery every fall at the same time that you change your clock back from daylight savings time.

Finally, smoke detectors do not last forever. It is a good idea to replace any smoke detector that is more than 10 years old.

A big THANK YOU

... to the following local merchants for contributing door prizes for our summer pool parties! They are very much appreciated by the entire community.

Backyard Steakhouse
Bungalow Billiards
Burger King
China Café
Dan's Golf Shop
Franklin Farm Subway
Giant Food
Golden China
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Milwaukee Frozen Custard
Papa John's Pizza
Shiang Yu Chinese Restaurant
Video Warehouse

NEW BABY

The Brannock Family, on Malin Court, has a new little member! Chase Joseph Brannock arrived on July 14, 2001, weighing 8 lbs, 12 oz. He is welcomed by parents Keith & Lucille and by big brothers and sister, Quest, Kyle, and Erin.



Congratulations to all!

LIGHTS PLEASE

The streetlights in Armfield are maintained by Virginia Power. If you see a light out, please call Virginia Power at 1-888-667-3000. If a light is on during the daylight hours, it may indicate a bad photocell and they will take care of this as well. Just give them the address closest to the light and it will usually be fixed in three or four business days.



The lights around the pool, pool house and tennis courts are a different story. We have had several problems with the tennis court lights in recent months and thought we had the situation resolved, when the tennis court lights started tripping the main breaker at the pool. An electrician has been investigating and finally resolved the problem.

We apologize to our evening tennis players for the inconvenience and appreciate their patience.

Your Pets and the Law

Excerpted from the Spring 2001 issue of Community Association Mailing

Licenses and Vaccinations

Dogs over four months old must be licensed annually and vaccinated against rabies. A dog license can only be obtained after proof of inoculation by a licensed veterinarian. Dog licenses cost \$5.00 per year for spayed/neutered animals and \$10.00 for fertile animals. All dogs must have the license tag securely attached to a collar and worn whenever the dog is off the owner's property.

Cats are not required to be licensed; however, they also must be inoculated against rabies annually if they are over four months old. It is recommended that an identification tag be worn on a safety collar.

To obtain a license, call 703.222.8234.

Animals Creating Nuisance

Animals are not allowed to trespass on, destroy or damage another person's property. They are also prohibited from habitually making loud and objectionable noises. Nuisance noises may be reported to Animal Control at 703.830.3310 or the Police Department at 703.691.2131.

Animals Running Loose

Animals are forbidden to run loose on public property (except certain designated dog run areas) or the private property of others. Animals at large will be picked up by Animal Control Officers and taken to the Shelter. If your animal has been impounded, you

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Treasurer's Report

By Charlie Dutton

When I was first asked to serve as Treasurer for the Armfield Board, I agreed to do so with some reluctance, knowing that I had some big shoes to fill. Under Mauricio Herman's stewardship, the Armfield Board accomplished a great deal while maintaining the financial integrity of the association. Looking ahead, the challenge will be to continue community beautification and other improvement projects, while at the same time meeting repair and replacement needs.

As you know, this year the Board has invested a significant amount in repairs and upgrades to the pool, including refurbishment of the light poles, and replacement of the pump motor and water heater. Additionally, the entrance signs in the development were replaced to further enhance the community. These expenditures were drawn from the Replacement and Reserve fund, which was created for the purpose of maintaining the pool facility, basketball and tennis courts, playgrounds, asphalt paths, and entrance features.

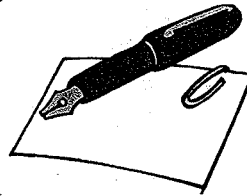
The last Replacement and Reserve study was performed in 1998 by an architectural firm. The reserve study found that the current Reserve account was under funded, based on cash flow projections for future major repairs. Primary areas of concern that were noted in the study included the pool and pool building, and the tennis courts. As a result of the study, the annual contribution to the Reserve account was increased as recommended, and the repairs to the pool and tennis courts were completed on schedule.

In an effort to keep the community informed, the financial condition of the Association as of August 31 is as follows:

Assets		
Total Operating Cash	2,677.22	
Total Cash Investments	106,342.74	
Other Current Assets	3,903.48	
Total Assets		112,923.44
Liabilities and Owners Equity		
Current Liabilities	14,892.95	
Long Term Liabilities	14,640.00	
Owners Equity	83,390.49	
Total Liabilities and Owners Equity		112,923.44

Architectural Committee News

Homeowners submitting applications to the ARC are reminded of their responsibility to obtain the **REQUIRED SIGNATURES OF THEIR ADJACENT NEIGHBORS**. The neighbor's signature does not mean they approve or disapprove of the changes to your property. Their signature does let the ARC know that your adjacent neighbors have been informed of your proposed changes. The ARC either approves or disapproves your request. These signatures are extremely important and failure to comply may result in a delay in acting on your request until the required signatures are obtained.



The ARC wants to act on all applications and hopefully approve them at the initial presentation. Please cooperate with us on this matter. The ARC members live in this community and all of us had to go through the same procedures regarding changes to our own homes. We know that busy life styles make it difficult to get in touch with neighbors at times, but the "acknowledgement of adjacent property owners" signatures are required. We want to expedite your applications and support improvements to the community but we need your help in providing a complete and detailed application.

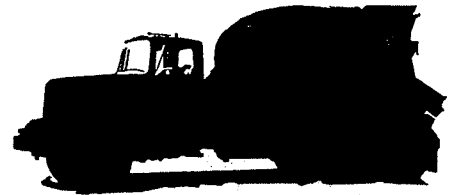
Thank you for your cooperation. ARC meetings are currently held on the first Tuesday of the month.

Margaret Goldman
Architectural Review Committee Chairperson



TRUCK TRAFFIC

Some residents near the Saville Chase entrance have expressed concern about truck traffic coming from the Chantilly Green development. Although we could not stop them from coming into Armfield Farm Drive, since it is a state maintained street, the developer cooperated by instructing the drivers to take another route. This seems to have improved the situation.



ADVERTISING

Are you interested in advertising your business in the Armfield Advocate? Contact Marieann Machida at (703) 708-7194 if you are interested in information about how to purchase space in the Armfield Advocate.

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may pick up your pet after you have shown a valid rabies certificate and a current license (if it's a dog), and pay a \$15.00 fee plus \$8.00 boarding fee for each day the pet was impounded.

Cruelty to Animals

It is unlawful to maliciously kill, disfigure, or poison animals. All pets must be provided adequate food, water, shelter, and exercise. Violations should be reported to Animal Control at 703.830.3310.



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