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Fire At Tot Lot

Puts Community On Alert

On Saturday evening, June 28, the community's large tot lot off of Springhaven and Beech Down Drives burned to the ground in a suspicious fire. The fire brought the community's attention to nearby benches with freshly spraypainted graffiti. Although it is not yet known when the spraypaint first appeared or if it is related to the fire. The tree line behind the houses on Springhaven Drive blocks a clear view to the tot lot so, under cover of darkness, vandals might have gone unnoticed.

Management estimates that it will cost approximately \$15,000 to replace the tot lot structure.

Until the fire marshal and police investigations are complete and a contractor hired to clear out the area, parents should caution children against playing on or around the burned structures. The area was immediately roped off with hazard tape by a contractor, but children in the vicinity must be supervised at all times.

Armfield home owners should be on the alert for any suspicious activity at or close to tot lots and other community facilities. Please don't hesitate to report any suspicious behavior to the authorities immediately. Incidents like this can have tragic consequences and every resident needs to send a zero-tolerance message to potential vandals in our midst: "We're watching you!" The HOA Board has indicated that it will pursue this matter, if deemed to be criminal, with urgency and strength. The Board is offering a \$250.00 reward to any information that leads to the conviction of the person(s) responsible.

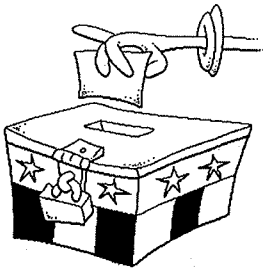
Any resident who has information that might assist the authorities investigating the fire is asked to contact a Board member. All calls will be treated with confidence. Please see the back page of this newsletter for a full list of telephone numbers.

Board Officers Elected

At the May HOA Board meeting, 1997 officers were elected. The new officers are as follows:

President:	Deborah Broderick
Vice President:	Ann Meier
Secretary:	Dan Gordon
Treasurer:	Mauricio Herman
At Large:	Rob Strupp

On behalf of the community, the Board extends its thanks to Rob Strupp who ably held the presidency for four years. Congratulations to Deborah Broderick on her appointment to the helm.



Community Update

Green Thumbs Up To Garden Contest Winners

The first-ever annual Armfield Garden Contest was a winner all round. The aim of the contest was to promote the benefits of beautifying this community. We all benefit from a well-kept community landscape in which individual home owners play their part. Maintaining a lovely garden is hard work. If you walk around our streets, you will always see home owners out there mowing, seeding, planting, pruning. It just never ends, but the sweat equity pays off for all of us.

Eighteen individual gardens were nominated. On Saturday, June 28, co-organizers **Jo Gordon** and **Rhea Boudaoud**, both of Beech Down Drive, escorted the judge, designer **Lee Ann Woodcock** from Merrifield Garden Center, to all nominated homes.

It was no surprise to anyone who has witnessed the time and effort that **Timothy and Laura Whitridge** of 3620 Beech Down Drive put into their garden that this meticulous property should be crowned the contest's winner. Lee Ann said this garden had year-round interest, was meticulously edged, and exhibited excellent balance and contrast in foliage. She also liked the way the utility box on this property had been camouflaged with one's eye drawn to the island rather than the box, but without falling into the trap of over planting. The Whitridges were awarded a \$50 gift certificate from Chantilly Farms.

In second place were **Eric and Margaret Hoierman** of 13701 Southernwood Court. Lee Ann said a lot had been done here with a small space. She loved the arbor, statue, bench and wrought-iron trellis, all of which added year-round interest to this lovely garden. The Hoiermans won a \$25 gift certificate from Merrifield Garden Center.

Third place went to **Robert Odenheimer** of 3509 Armfield Farm Drive, whose beautifully created front garden is a wonderful palette of greens, blues and burgundy, all in meticulously kept beds. The British Pantry provided a \$20 gift certificate for third prize.

Some of the Finest Homes in Armfield

The following homes were nominated in the first community garden contest.

3511 Armfield Farm Drive
3509 Armfield Farm Drive
3612 Beech Down Drive
3616 Beech Down Drive
3618 Beech Down Drive
3620 Beech Down Drive
3649 Beech Down Drive
3669 Beech Down Drive
3826 Beech Down Drive
13602 Brockmeyer Court
13607 Hampstead Court
3661 Malin Court
3665 Malin Court
13707 Rosetree Court
13600 Old Chatwood Place
13605 Old Chatwood Place
13701 Southernwood Court
13721 Southernwood Court

Properties that Lee Ann believed deserved special mentions were 13607 Hampstead Court, whose very pretty front lawn creatively joins its neighboring property. Also, 3617 Beech Down (not nominated) attracted Lee Ann's eye with unique, curving beds stretching all the way from front to back.

A big thank you to **Chantilly Farms, Merrifield Garden Center** and **The British Pantry** for their generous prize donations, as well as to **Merrifield Garden Center** for agreeing to provide a judge for the competition. Their donations were a show of support for efforts made by residents to uplift the appearance and value of their homes and community.

Finally, Jo and Rhea extend heartfelt thank yous to all the residents who took the time to submit nominations, giving neighbors deserved kudos for playing their part in beautifying this community. Too often, we hear only about the things people are doing wrong. This was a wonderful change.

Congratulations to all owners of the gardens nominated.

From Our New President

Ahh! Summer at last! It is wonderful to see so many of our friends and neighbors at the pool, tending to their gardens and walking the paths. As many of you have noticed, all of our pool chairs and chaises have been restrapped (half this year and half last year); we've added some new umbrellas and a few new tables too. The grassy area between the tennis courts and the pool was fenced off from Lees Corner Road to make it more secure and usable for pool events. And a baseball backstop will soon be placed at the Clary Sage playground. The Board is investigating new playground equipment at the Beech Down Drive tot lot in the hopes of installation taking place by next spring, and will either be repairing or replacing the pool house siding this fall and winter. As our community ages, repairs and replacements have increased. To date, the budgeted reserves have been sufficient to cover all expenses, with some left over for new items as well.

I hope all of our residents read **Steve Spero's** article (see page 8) addressing Neighborhood Watch. We are very fortunate to have Steve spearheading this essential crime prevention activity. As with anything else, Steve needs all of our support. Please be generous with your time and assistance in helping Steve get this endeavor off the ground.

Over the years, the Board has had to allocate significant funds to repairing or replacing vandalized community property. Just this year, we have had to re-key all the locks to the pool house, sand wash graffiti from the brick at the pool house and, most recently, remove and possibly replace the charred remains of the tot lot at Springhaven Drive after it burned down Saturday evening, June 28.

The police suspect that many of these acts of vandalism are committed by juveniles who reside in our community. Although the Board is committed to prosecuting whoever is responsible for these acts, we cannot do it without the involvement of the community. We need residents to come forward and report all suspicious activity and certainly all acts of vandalism to the police and to the Board. If residents won't come forward, the remaining options will either be to ignore the offenders and allow them to prey on us, or to employ some type of private surveillance to protect our community which will be very costly to all of us. If the offenders are found to be residents here, the Board is prepared to institute civil action against those homeowners for complete restitution of all damages, in addition to the criminal charges that will be filed against them. We hope we can count on your support.

The community turnout at this year's annual meeting was terrific. We had more than enough for a quorum and our election went smoothly. The Board extends a big thank you to all of you who attended and/or sent in proxies. It is encouraging to see a cohesive community—there is simply no substitute for community support. Remember, there is no need to wait until next year to communicate with the Board. If you have any interests, ideas, concerns or suggestions, call us (telephone numbers are on the back cover of this newsletter). We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great summer!

Deborah Broderick
President: Armfield HOA

Annual HOA Meeting Resounding Success

Attendance at this year's annual general meeting of the Association in April was excellent and the necessary quorum was easily reached. This meeting represents an annual opportunity for Armfield homeowners to gather together to discuss issues that affect our home values, management operations, community concerns and the Board's leadership.

Board Elections: **Deborah Broderick** and **Ann Meier** were re-elected to the Board in a four-way contest.

Congratulations: **Beth Pyne** of Rosetree Court won the annual meeting's door prize, a check to the value of one quarter's assessments. **Charles Beatty**

of Old Chatwood Place won the opportunity to advertise his business card in the Armfield Advocate for one year, free of charge.

Guest Speaker: An officer with the Fairfax County Police Department addressed the community on the subject of recent gang activity in the Chantilly area and outlined practical steps homeowners here could take to recognize and combat this growing problem. Questions elicited from the floor clearly indicated that gang activity is a concern for all of us. It's no longer someone else's problem.

More Community News...

Financial Highlights

Accounting firm Ahlberg & Company, P.C., McLean, Va., recently completed its audit of the HOA's balance sheets for 1996. Comprised of 470 units, the Association is a non-stock, non-profit corporation formed for the purpose of providing maintenance, preservation, and architectural control of residential lots.

David Bremer, CPA, told the Board at its May meeting that the financial standing of this community is sound, in spite of dues having remained unchanged for years. "This is a very healthy Association from an operating and a capital fund point of view," he said, adding that Armfield HOA members have an excellent record of keeping up to date with their quarterly assessments. Legal fees have also been kept low as the Board has successfully and consistently managed to negotiate appropriately with violating home owners.

To the Board's credit, its fiscal decisions have gone a long way toward maintaining a solid reserve for repairs and replacements and have contributed to maintaining an excess of revenue over expenses.

Armfield HOA Financial Summary

	1996	1995
Total assets:	\$254,581	\$236,597
Total liabilities:	\$29,525	\$22,491
Total members' equity:	\$225,056	\$214,106
Total operating revenue:	\$166,197	\$165,872
Total operating expenses:	\$141,211	\$150,279
Excess revenue over expenses:	\$18,209	\$15,593

Community Buzzes With Yard Sale Activity

Well over 50 individual homes in Armfield participated in the first-ever community yard sale on Saturday, May 10. Early in the morning, home owners were out there setting up their tables and preparing for the onslaught. They were not disappointed. Many streets, particularly the main drags, were jammed with cars as bargain hunters in their droves descended on the neighborhood in search of inexpensive treasures. From toys and clothes to furniture and yard equipment, there really was something for everyone.

Being the first-time our community has tried this activity the turnout from the community and buyers was very good. Some of the disappointments included the sign boards at the community entrances that kept blowing down during the rainy weeks before the event and the hot sun that faded the ink within two days. Still it was nothing that a little perseverance could not remedy, but most importantly the weather was sunny and fine.

Those residents who called in advance of the sale got the extra tip to put up extra direction signs around the community to lead people to their homes, especially if they lived off a cul de sac not easily seen from the main roads.

Some residents suggested advertising in the local papers, which had been considered, but shelved since the community response and overall success was truly unknown and the last thing your organizer wanted was several hundred cars rolling through a community with just a couple of sales—yikes!

Another tip for the community to glean for next year is to get more of the kids involved with refreshment stands for the "weary buyers" to enjoy!

All suggestions are welcome and should be forwarded to **Jeannette Borneman** at 707-0394.

Summer Pool Party

It's that time of year again and community volunteers are already busily preparing for the 1997 Annual Summer Pool Party, to be held at the poolhouse **Saturday, August 16, from 5 p.m.-10 p.m.**

This year's organizer, **Ann Meier** says Armfield residents can once again expect lots of good food, fun, games for the kids, and a host of door prizes. Of course, the party is always a great opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and new residents.

A sign-up sheet has been posted at the pool and residents planning to attend should indicate the expected number in their party. No door fees will be charged this year. However, to adequately cater for the hundreds of revelers, Ann needs a good fix on how many to expect.

Anyone willing to donate door prizes or volunteer their time to assist with the party (or both!) should contact **Ann Meier** at **478-3490**. This is a mammoth undertaking and Ann can use all the help she can get. Please note the date and be sure to sign up in good time. See you there!

Earn Technology Products For Lees Corner Elementary

Lees Corner Elementary School recently enrolled in two new programs designed to earn its students access to free technology. The AT&T Learning Points Program and Sprint's A+ America Technology for Schools Program allow their residential long distance service customers to earn software and hardware for our school.

To participate, residents should call one of the numbers below and cite the appropriate ID number. Once you are registered, the school automatically earns points for every dollar spent on long-distance calls. These points are then redeemed for products. Both existing and new customers are eligible to register. Spread the word, since callers anywhere in the United States may participate. The programs run year round and points are cumulative.

To support our elementary school children, call **1-800-354-8800** for AT&T customers; ID # **02164453**. Sprint customers should call **1-800-268-9849** or **1-800-233-6080**; ID # **22033011**.

Stingrays Swimming Strong

When you see all the cars at the pool on Wednesday nights or Saturday mornings, you can be certain that the Armfield Farm Stingrays are out there swimming their hearts out! With 98 swimmers ranging in age from five to 18, the Stingrays pull together every week to cheer their teammates on.

All Armfield residents are invited to come cheer the Stingrays. If you're not a swimming fan, then come for the concessions! Saturday morning meets feature bagels, donuts, special entrees like breakfast burritos, coffee, and more. Wednesday meets offer up hot dogs, burgers, and a variety of goodies, all reasonably priced.

The Stingrays swim in the Colonial League. In Division 2, they swim against four other teams. At press time, they had won one and lost two. The remaining meets are:

Wednesday, July 16, home meet against Cascades

Saturday, July 19, away meet at Burke Centre

Wednesday, July 23, home meet against Hayden Village

Saturday, July 26, away meet at Burke Centre

Saturday, August 2, League All-Stars at Fort Myer

Two pool records have been broken so far this year. **Allison Mathey** broke the backstroke record and the 11-12 girls broke the relay record. All team members times are showing great improvement. Will there be more records broken?

Coaching the kids on to victory is head coach **Elisa Hillery**, who was assistant coach last year. She swam for York Swim Club and Oakton High School, and helped coach the Team Gold winter swim team in 1996. She will be a sophomore at Utah State this fall. **Kevin Sonnhalter**, who swam for the Stingrays last year, is assistant coach. He attends the University of Virginia. **Michele Kovalcik**, a longtime member of the Stingrays, is junior coach. She attends Chantilly High School.



Community Regulations

From Our Property Manager Resale Disclosure Packages Now Mandatory

Are you planning on selling your home soon? Beginning July 1, 1997, it will be mandatory in the Commonwealth of Virginia for home owners to provide a resale disclosure package to potential purchasers of their home (in the past, a purchaser could waive their right to this package, but new legislation enacted by the State Senate eliminates the right to waiver beginning July 1.)

The resale package contains several pieces of important information that purchasers need to have. It includes the documents of the Association (i.e., Bylaws, Declaration, Articles of Incorporation, etc.), all rules, regulations and resolutions passed by the Board, the Association's most recent audited financial statement, the Association's most recent unaudited financial statements, the Association's current budget, and any deeds of conveyance or easement agreements the Association may have with third parties (e.g., pipeline companies, utilities, etc.) In addition, the resale package includes information specific to your home: an accounting of your assessment balance, which shows any unpaid assessments or liens the purchaser may need to be aware of, an exterior inspection of your home to determine if any violations exist that the purchaser may be responsible for if not corrected prior to settlement; and information regarding insurance, signage and other matters which are required to be included by state law.

Remember to have all exterior modifications approved by the Association's Architectural Review Committee before you consider selling your home. If any modifications are not approved, they will be cited as violations in the resale disclosure package.

State law allows no more than two weeks from the date of receipt of a written request for a resale package to be prepared by Management.

Armstrong Management always tries to prepare a resale in one week, whenever possible, and depending upon current demand. If you need to request a resale, most Realtors have request forms that you can use. Otherwise, just provide us with a written request, including your name, the property address, and how you would like to receive the package (i.e., call for pick-up at our office, etc.—we can mail a resale, but we must mail it certified, since a signature is required to show receipt.) The fee for a resale is \$100, and must be submitted with the written request. If you have any questions about resale packages, please call Carol Hanas at 385-1133, extension 3235.

Real Estate Taxes Due July 28

The first installment of 1997 real estate taxes is due Monday, July 28. Most homeowners in Fairfax County pay one-twelfth of their bill directly to a mortgage holder each month as part of their monthly mortgage payment. However, those who pay the county directly are reminded that failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the payment. There is a 10 percent penalty for late payment, plus interest at 10 percent per year.

Taxes can be paid by computer, by phone via the county's automated information system, by mail, at banks and in person at the main tax office near Fair Oaks Mall. For further information, call 222-8234.

Where Does All the Money Go?

To help members of our Association understand where all the quarterly dues go to in our community the Board has decided to publish more of their financial decisions. Some recent expenses the Board has reviewed and decided upon have focused on maintenance and general improvements to the community grounds. Maintenance and repairs eat up most of our expenses and usually take priority over new improvements.

Improvements Improvements to look forward to include a new baseball backstop in the open field off of Clary Sage Drive. The trapezoid-style unit should be installed over the next couple of months.

The Board is also entertaining bids on improvements around the Pool House. As the community's one and only center for gatherings the Board would like improvements to really count here. So while no decision has been made, these are ideas they are hoping to afford: an awning on the back of the Pool House to provide more shade, as well as more shade trees in the back perimeter of the lawn, and water lines to keep plantings healthy.

Maintenance Some of the things that are being fixed and repaired include the tot-lots around the community. The Board is currently reviewing several bids on replacing the pea-gravel that has been long overdue for replacement. Additionally, the fence at the Bellerose entrance has recently been replaced. New sod was ordered to fill in where the pipeline behind the pool house grounds had been laid.

Some big ticket items included filling and reseeding the field off of Clary Sage Drive. During the Spring, large, awful tineruts appeared throughout the field and needed to be fixed. Cost = \$1,065.00.

The walking path behind Clary Sage Drive was recently turned over to the Association and as such became our responsibility to clean up and trim back brush after years of neglect. Cost = \$975.00.

The asphalt path behind Clary Sage Drive will also be repaired. Additionally, two new drain inlets will be installed to prevent creek run off from damaging the path again. Cost = \$1,014.00

Editors' Notes

Summer is always busy. It doesn't matter how well you plan or how many times you promise yourself some time off, these balmy months run away from us all too quickly. However, the old adage that the more you do, the more you have time for really is true.

Our point: This community needs active volunteers. Right now, there is no Social Committee and therefore no social agenda. In a busy community whose fabric is comprised of hundreds of families and many, many children, social events are essential. They give us a reason to get together, to meet new home owners, to know our childrens' friends and meet their parents, and to celebrate our beautiful lifestyle.

There are many ways to get involved. If fun is your thing, then climb on the Social Committee bandwagon. If your blood boils when our community is vandalized, join the Neighborhood Watch. If you are in regular contact with neighbors on your street, volunteer to be a street representative. If you have a nose for news, contribute to this newsletter. If you're interested in architecture, make your mark on the Architectural Review Committee. The beauty of volunteering is that you give what you can. Even a couple of hours a month is worth its weight in gold!

We encourage you to join the team!

Volunteers Needed

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) gives Eric Hansen and his household a warm goodbye and thank you as he is leaving the community and his post as ARC Chair. Consequently, the committee has openings for a new chair and members at large.

Additionally, the defunct Social Committee is sorely in need of volunteers and a leader to organize activities such as the Annual Pool Party, Winter Holiday Fire Engine Ride for kids, Halloween Parades, etc. This committee does have an active and healthy budget to support these and other activities the committee might come up with—all we need are some volunteers.

If you are interested in participating on these committees or any other, please, contact **Toni Koch** at Armstrong Management at 385-1133, ext. 3228.

GET involved or BE involved!



On Patrol!

Neighborhood Watch Revived

The Watch is Back!

8 *After several years of dormancy, the Armfield Neighborhood Watch is back in business. At last April's annual general HOA meeting, ideas, thoughts, and requests for crime prevention in our neighborhood were made. Steve Spero generously offered to work with county police and lead the community in this effort. Cooperation and communication are key to success: Look forward to regular updates and tips for residents to keep their families, properties and the community safe in this newsletter.*

Getting Organized The Neighborhood Watch Program is currently in a planning phase. Most of us interested in the Neighborhood Watch program will be motivated to participate by the potential for preventing crime, but confusion about how to organize and what kind of results our community needs can get in the way.

Therefore, it is critical that careful consideration be given to establishing a solid foundation with specific goals to ensure effectiveness and program longevity. A general meeting will be organized to discuss and determine benefits and objectives of our Neighborhood Watch. This first organizational meeting will take place sometime late this summer (keep a look out for the community sandwich boards.)

What We Can Do Now As a community, we need to encourage residents to interact with each other. Exchange information about work schedules, vacation plans, type of vehicles belonging to households, etc. This also encourages neighbors to observe the properties of others and occasionally attend meetings designed to strengthen neighborhood safety and security.

As the Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, Steve has spoken with the Fairfax Crime Prevention Office at the Fair Oaks Substation. Together they are setting up a game-plan to reinstate the Neighborhood Watch Program. Steve has collected over thirty names of people interested in assisting in the program (most of whom signed up at the annual meeting in April) and will be contacting everyone. If you are

Crime is rarely stationary and often moves from one neighborhood to another.

interested and want to participate in the program please contact **Steve Spero** at 437-4006. Last, but not least, notify the police of any suspicious people, trucks, or cars in the neighborhood—don't worry about being a nuisance.

Police Non-Emergency: 691-2131

Emergencies, Life Threatening Situations, or an Immediate Danger: 911

Hint for the Quarter

Make your home look like you're there—lights turned off and on by timers give your home a "lived in look" when your are away. (Cost \$5.00.)

No Tree-Houses!

Recently, a tree-house behind the basketball courts off of Beech Down Drive had been reported to Management. Since the natural trees and brush behind the basketball field has never been cleared or intended for residents to visit, the tree-house was considered unsafe and a liability on the part of the Association.

Management tore down the structure in the late Spring at the Association's expense, but unfortunately the tree-house reappeared within weeks. The tree-house will be torn down again, and residents need to understand that this recurring expense and responsibility will force the Board to take legal steps should those responsible be identified. Charges of destruction of property will be pressed and any relative homeowner will be assessed and billed for related expenses.

Street Reps Coordinate Communication Efforts

At the annual general meeting, the Armfield community expressed an interest in developing an organized group of street representatives. Chaired by **Terri Donovan**, the Street Rep Committee will act as the street's eyes and ears, collecting information from neighbors about issues concerning that pocket of the community to pass on to the Board and/or management company.

"This committee is not designed to be a policing body," says Terri. "What it does is open the lines of communication between smaller neighborhoods and Armstrong Management and the Board so that all issues are brought to the table and addressed in a regular, systematic way."

Concerns about violations of the community's covenants will be given real attention, such as poor lawn maintenance and trash left in view for example. Street reps would use a form designed by Armstrong Management on which notes can be officially made and then passed along to Terri and forwarded to the Board and/or Armstrong Management for action.

A number of residents signed up for street rep responsibilities at the annual meeting and additional volunteers are needed. Volunteers can contact **Terri** at **834-1136** to sign up or to pass on complaints and suggestions.

1997 Citizens Handbook Available Electronically

Everything you ever wanted to know about Fairfax County is summarized in the 1997 Citizens Handbook and now you can review it electronically from the following sources:

Fairfax County's home page on the Internet, www.co.fairfax.va.us. Citizens may read the handbook online or download the file to a personal computer.

The County's Computer Bulletin Board System (802-3270). The handbook is available for downloading. (Using a modem, access the bulletin board, go to the Files Listing area and choose General Information Files. Download CTZHBK.ZIP.)

For additional information, call **324-3187**, **TTY 324-2935**.

24-Hour Traffic Status

Now you can use the Internet to see the same live camera action that the local television networks use to report to traffic reports. Simply use the address, **www.psrw.com/~jedwards/tnvt.html** and select the roads you will be traveling. You will see a live camera snapshot of the road you've chosen.

So if you missed the radio report, check out the roads yourself without actually traveling on them and beat the rush.

Anti-Carjacking Tips

Because of the continuing danger of the crime of carjacking, citizens are advised to take extra precautions when entering, parking, and driving their vehicles, and to modify their driving habits in order to make it more difficult for would-be carjackers to succeed.

The following are some measures suggested by the County Police Department to reduce your chances of becoming a victim of carjacking.

- Do not walk alone to your car at night.
- Drive with locked doors and the windows up.
- If suspicious of loiterers, remain in your car, lock the doors, and close the windows.
- Drive when possible on well-lit and much traveled roads.
- Park in well-lit parking areas and avoid remote locations, especially in shopping malls.
- Do not stop for suspicious pedestrians.

Additional driver safety tips:

- Separate house keys from car keys.
- Keep your vehicle registration in your wallet or purse, not in your car.



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County Web Site Offers

24-Hour Access to Information, Services

The convenience of round-the-clock access from their home computers is leading more and more county residents to click on

www.co.fairfax.va.us to tap into this new, expanding information resource. For those without home or office access, Internet-equipped PCs are available in all county libraries. The site is available to others, too, of course and benefits those planning travel, those attending the 1998 "World Congress on Information Technology" or those with a special interest such as a web surfer from Papua, New Guinea, who followed his interest in law enforcement to the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department section of the county site.

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The county's web site has nearly tripled in size over its 10 months of operation and is still expanding. It has grown from 600 to more than 1,600 pages of information. Its audience has also tripled.

Among the many items citizens can access are current news releases, Board of Supervisors meeting summaries, the latest Weekly Agenda newsletter, and information about parks and recreation, county job openings, the proposed FY98 budget, demographics, libraries, animal control and other public safety areas, and an A-to-Z of county services and programs in the continuously updated Citizens Handbook.

Increasingly citizens can communicate with the county via the web site. They can:

- give their views on issues and policies to the Board of Supervisors through the new constituent feedback form;

- Apply for a library card; ask a librarian a research question and get a response; and apply to be a library volunteer;

- report a lost pet to Animal Control at any time, including nights and weekends.

Soon visitors to the site will be able to:

- enter resume information for a county job application;

- order a Weekly Agenda newsletter subscription.

In addition, many agencies and offices on the site have E-mail capabilities for citizen communication. Also, this summer the county Library plans to launch a series of "Good Reading Discussion Groups" for youngsters (great idea for those too-hot-to-go-out days,) grades K-12. They can exchange ideas on books on their summer reading lists. Following this pilot program, the library also plans to provide a discussion forum for adults with special reading interests. County resident can expect more and more options for information and for interactive communication as other county agencies add material to the web site and current sections add new features.

Other sample highlights of the county web site:

- Companies wanting to do business with the county can find out what opportunities are available and even request a specific RFP/IFB packet on-line or download packets directly to a PC;

- Visitors can view various county maps with a zoom-in feature to see selected areas close up. To find the nearest school or recreation area, all a viewer needs to do is pick a residential area and zoom in to find what's closest to his or her address;

- Those looking for statistical information can find a broad array in the demographics section, which includes a slide show of charts of various data and answers questions about the numbers of county residents and how they range in age, education, income and residence.

For more information, call the Office of Public Affairs at 324-3187.

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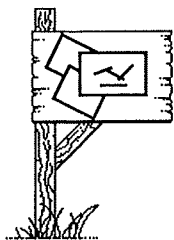
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Services and Resources

Congrats & Welcome

Congratulations to Armfield Farm Drive's **Kim and Patrick Reardon** on the recent arrival of baby **Collin**. The Reardons moved into our community in November. They are looking for an experienced live-out nanny, with references, to take care of six-month-old Collin Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Anyone interested should call 707-9317.

Many Thanks!

Many thanks to local Girl Scout Troop #236. This past Spring, they voluntarily cleaned-up the tot-lot off of Armfield Farm Drive. The activity was apparently part of a service project the young women were working on.

Also, thanks to the neighbor who noticed the troop and took the time to call and share it with the community.

2 The community really appreciates the positive spirit and philanthropy.

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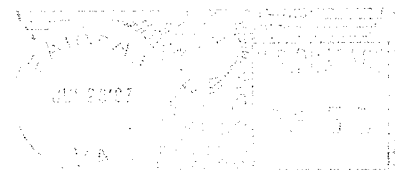
Pool House

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