



# Armfield Farm Connection

Newsletter - Summer 2004

## President's Message

By Tim Murray



This is my first message to you as the new President of Armfield Farm Homeowners Association. Thanks to Dan Gordon for his tireless efforts as your President over the last two years as well as his 9 dedicated years as a board member. Dan, we all appreciate your commitment to your community!

My primary goal as President this year is to dramatically increase communication throughout our community. The first step toward that goal is what you are reading right now. We have reestablished the Armfield Farm newsletter and will initially publish it quarterly, with monthly distribution being possible at a later date. The newsletter will be financially self-sufficient as a result of the newsletter committee's advertisement income. To save on the hefty postage costs of delivering a newsletter, we are establishing a team of block captains. Each block captain will ensure the prompt delivery of the newsletter (and directory, see below) as well as be an advocate for that area of our community. By receiving reports from the board and the committees as well as articles on other areas of interest, a newsletter is a great way to stay on top of what is going on in the community.

In addition to the newsletter, we have launched Armfield Farm's first official website: [www.ArmfieldFarm.org](http://www.ArmfieldFarm.org). It is still in its infancy as we need to add scores of content, but our hope is that this website will be a fabulous source of information about current events in our community as well as pertinent information like ARC regulations, a map of the community, and specific contact information. When our build-out is complete, this website will be a valuable resource for all homeowners.

The last of the major communications efforts is to develop and publish a community directory. Plans are in process to begin the data collection for this fairly ambitious project. (Please see the related article in this newsletter). It is my hope that a directory will allow us to communicate more easily with our neighbors and

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## Upcoming Events

August 7th	Area Garage Sale 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
August 14th	Family Pool Party 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
TBD	Tween Pool Party
4th Thursday every month	HOA Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Pool House

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**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**

**[www.armfieldfarm.org](http://www.armfieldfarm.org)**

**Keep Armfield Farm  
looking beautiful!**

**Please mow and weed your lawn**

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## Social Committee News

Your community is alive with wonderful summer events planned! Mark your calendar now to ensure you don't miss them. These events offer a great opportunity to meet new neighbors or visit with neighbors you have known for years. All of the details of the events have not been worked out yet, so look for flyers closer to the event to be posted at the pool. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer to help out with an event, call Peggy Cook (703) 318-7261 or Kim Reardon (703) 707-9317. Volunteering to help out even for a half hour during the event really helps. It allows the people who have planned the event to also be able to spend time enjoying the event and visiting with neighbors. Please consider volunteering just a half hour.

**Neighborhood Garage Sale** – On Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Neighborhood Garage Sale. The event will run from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We will be running advertising in the local papers to promote this event, so clean out those closets and sell sell sell.

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## Pool Committee News

The newly resurrected pool committee has been busy preparing the pool to open this season. We had an extremely successful pool clean-up weekend in May that brought many families together to help reorganize and clean the pool house. The dridek flooring was removed, power washed and reinstalled, so that the bathhouses look much better and are easier to keep clean. Thanks to the following families for their assistance in pool clean-up: the Murrays, the Peretins, the Sherriers, the Jeffersons, the Prices, the Tiss', the Spears, the Mantellis and the Sanfords.

You may also notice some new paint on the walls and benches and some new plants in the foyer and office. We have asked the guards to put up two new temporary shelters every day, so there should be a bit more shade on the pool deck. All in all, the place looks wonderful!



The pool is extremely well managed this year by Lindsay Giel, working with NV Pools, and her hardworking staff. One of the pool committee's responsibilities is to work with the pool staff to make the summer run smoothly and to keep the homeowners happy with how the pool is being run. Make sure you compliment the pool staff for the great job they are doing this year the next time you're at the pool!

The AFHOA Board would like to recognize North Shore Design, LLC for their excellent work on a project for the poolhouse. They constructed a much needed, secure storage closet in the main room. They handled all aspects of its construction and worked closely with the AFHOA Board to make sure it was completed on time and within budget. The Board would certainly consider them for other projects as well as supplying a referral for any homeowner interested in using them for their own projects. They can be reached at: Office 703-281-6286 or Cell 703-369-5841.

The Pool Committee is always looking for suggestions for improving the grounds and operation of the pool. If you have a suggestion, or would like to join the committee, please call or email Catie Price at (703) 471-1872 or [pool@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:pool@armfieldfarm.org).

## Swim Team News

The Stingrays are off to a great start this season! The team has a new coaching staff, consisting of Head Coach Marya Meraw, and her four Assistant Coaches, Jenna Weaver, Ryan Spears, Phil Caslavka and Keith Broderick, as well as Junior Coach, Erin Price. The team currently is about 95 swimmers strong, and so far has a 2-1 record with two more competitive meets to swim. Of course, on Wednesday nights all the swimmers get a chance to race and those meets are a great opportunity to have a hamburger or hot dog and watch some great swimming events!

The Stingrays always welcome new swimmers—as well as families new to summer swim teams. The team is run entirely by volunteers here in the neighborhood, but we also welcome members from other neighborhoods that don't have a community swim team of their own.

The Stingrays compete with other teams in the Colonial Swim League on Saturday mornings during the swim season (June and July). However, the main focus of our team is the fostering of sportsmanship and team spirit, as well as providing fun social and athletic events for the kids to enjoy during their summer.

If you have any questions about the Stingrays, or are interested in joining next season, call or email Catie Price at (703) 471-1872 or [pool@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:pool@armfieldfarm.org).

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## Social Committee Continued

**Family Pool Party-** On Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> the Social committee will host the biggest event of the year: The Family Pool Party!! The event will be from 5-10 p.m. The pool will be closing that day at 3:00 p.m. for set up. Although all the details of the party are not set yet, we have typically had a moonbounce, pizza, subs, snow cones, other games, pool activities, dancing, hula hoop contests and limbo contests. This is an event the whole family can enjoy. Each family is asked to bring their own drinks.

**“Tween Pool Party”** - Discussions are underway to determine if there is enough interest, support and volunteers available to host a “Tween Pool Party” for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. If you are interested and/or could help chaperone or plan the event, please contact Beth Brummett at (703) 318-7839.

## Communication Committee

Several enthusiastic volunteers signed up at this year's HOA meeting to form a new Armfield Farm Communications Committee. Our goal is to foster a greater sense of community within the neighborhood by increasing communication using the following means:

**The Armfield Farm Connection Newsletter** – It's back and will be published quarterly! **Rob Shear** is chairing this sub-committee. He feels strongly that our neighborhood needs information to foster our sense of community. Our goal is to sell advertisements to offset the printing costs. *If you are interested in placing an ad, please see our advertising policy on the new website or contact Mary Swanbery at [Communication@ArmfieldFarm.org](mailto:Communication@ArmfieldFarm.org).*

**Website** – Hooray! We have a website! Visit our website at [www.ArmfieldFarm.org](http://www.ArmfieldFarm.org). **James Murray** is our webmaster. Our website was created by an outside consultant and was just recently turned over to James. Check out our new website for governing documents, ARC forms, newsletter advertising policies, calendar of events, board meeting minutes, and more. We will be adding more content over time so be sure to keep checking back. Mark it as a favorite!

**Block Captains** – This is a new and really easy way to become involved in your community. A block captain will be responsible for distributing newsletters or the directory or social committee flyers to about **20 houses**. This quarterly effort gives you the chance to get out, walk around and meet your neighbors with very little time committed and **no meetings required**. If you'd like to learn more about this opportunity, please checkout our website or contact Mary Swanbery at [Communication@ArmfieldFarm.org](mailto:Communication@ArmfieldFarm.org).

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## Common Questions

**Q: What are the most common ARC violations in the neighborhood?**

- A:**
1. Trash cans in the front or side yard
  2. Unkempt yards
  3. Homes in disrepair (peeling paint, broken railings)

Contact Jay Morrell at Armstrong Management, (703) 385-1133 or [jmorrell@armstrong.net](mailto:jmorrell@armstrong.net) to report violations.

## Kids at Work

Armfield Farm is happy to provide free space for residents under the age of 18 to promote their services for things like baby-sitting and mowing lawns.

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Nicole Kazuba, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-904-0845	Baby-sitting
Kelsey Beckwith, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-435-1440	Baby-sitting
Danielle Bailey, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-437-6108	Baby-sitting/Mother's Helper
Stephanie Stricker age 12	703-961-9130	Mow lawns, wash cars, baby-sitting
Christopher Stricker age 14	703-961-9130	Mow lawns, wash cars, baby-sitting
Harrison Smyth, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-471-9324	Tutoring
Tara Smyth, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-471-9324	Baby-sitting
Kristen Duffy 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-437-7114	Baby-sitting, Mother's Helper
Corryn Mullins 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-787-8714	Baby-sitting
Karly Beckwith 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-435-1440	Baby-sitting, Mother's Helper
Sharese Jefferson 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-478-0054	Baby-sitting
Deanna Jefferson 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-478-0054	Baby-sitting

**Parents:** Please be sure to discuss wages, responsibilities and availability. Make sure you know when your teen is working and for whom. You may want to speak to potential clients before your teen begins working for them.

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provide a handy list of important community contact names and numbers. It will help you remember the names of those neighbors that you've seen 200 times over the last 5 years, but are too embarrassed to ask their names again! I'm sure you've experienced what I'm talking about.

In addition to the improved communications, we have established several new committees and are in the process of improving others. The new committees and its chairperson are: Pool (Catie Price), Safety (Joe Sherrier), Roads & Grounds (Dave Tenny), and Communication (Mary Swanbery). Our established committees, ARC - Architectural Review Committee (Harry Furney) and Social Committee (Peggy Cook & Kim Reardon), have been running well. However, we would like to expand the ARC's role beyond reviewing home improvements to become a stronger advocate in assisting Armstrong Management in the enforcement of HOA guidelines for house and yard appearance. One of the primary complaints at the annual meeting was how our neighborhood is on a slippery slope of allowing houses to be in disrepair and yards and landscaping to



Mara Sherrier after a blistering lap at swimteam practice.

All of these committees need more volunteers, so if you have an interest in making our community a better place to live, please contact one of the committee chairpersons (a list of their names and email addresses can be found in this newsletter) or feel free to contact me at [president@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:president@armfieldfarm.org). Polly, our three kids, and I very much enjoy living in this community and plan on living here for the foreseeable future. I appreciate the honor of being the President of the Armfield Farm Homeowners Association and look forward to a great year of increased community involvement and communication.

Tim Murray  
13603 Gladwyn Court  
(703) 925-9244

# *Past President's Message*

By Dan Gordon

Spring signals another seasonal change and the arrival of the Annual Meeting which was recently held at Franklin Middle School. I noticed quite a few new faces in attendance this year. My words this year are about the relentless march of change, but I thought I would look back and share some history regarding our neighborhood, Armfield Farm. Mr. Lockhart, a gentleman whom I met about six years ago, grew up on a few acres of land that sits adjacent to our community. In fact, he still lives on the same land, now enjoying his retirement years. He actually knew and worked as a teenager for the Armfields, the previous owners of the land on which our homeowner association now resides. I thought that I would share some of the tid-bits that he has told me in our several conversations over the years...

- ❖ The old house on Lees Corner Road, now part of the community off of Roger Mack Court and Lees Corner Road, was the original farmhouse of the Armfield Farm estate.
- ❖ The patriarch was J.B. Armfield.
- ❖ He had a daughter named Elizabeth Bokel, namesake of a street in our community.
- ❖ J.B. Armfields' grand-daughter also lived in that original farmhouse.
- ❖ The farm grew corn, hay, and red clover and had lots of cows.
- ❖ There were two tenement houses for the farm workers, near where the tennis courts are now located.
- ❖ The Virginia Beef Corporation rented this land from the Armfields for several years before the land was sold to developers.

My own personal memories of living here at Armfield Farm during these many years allow me to recall when the original Armfield Farm homestead had horses grazing on its property, when Beech Down Drive was originally a dead-end just south of Rosetree Court before Saville Chase was developed, when we used to have a guard's shack at the Springhaven Drive entrance, and when practically the only developments on Centreville Road between Rt. 50 and Frying Pan Road were Floris Elementary, the fire station, and the Frying Pan Meeting House.

I could elaborate more, but change and more change is inevitable. The only question is how fast it will come. Construction of another new residential development adjacent to our neighborhood will be commencing soon. The Ox Hill Development of Lowe Street has been 96% consolidated and, within the next year or so, yet another subdivision will be created that will share a property line with Armfield Farm.

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## *Centreville Road Update*

There will be a road improvement bond up for a vote during this November's election. Fairfax County hopes to raise \$50 million and match that with \$50 million in Federal funding. If the bond passes they will expand Centreville Road to four lanes starting at Metrotech drive and continuing up to McLaren Road, where it ties into an existing four lane roadway. There is no timeline for beginning the construction if the bond passes. The original plans for widening Centreville Road were drawn up many years ago and would need to be redone before any construction could begin.

## *Past President's Message Continued*

Our HOA has been busy. Here are some of the many items that have been on our agenda the past two years:

- ❖ Design and creation of our new website! - [www.armfieldfarm.org](http://www.armfieldfarm.org)
- ❖ The Architectural Review Committee standards for sheds have been revised significantly.
- ❖ We are now in the process of revising and updating and improving the entire set of HOA Architectural standards.
- ❖ New park benches have been installed at our various tot-lots and the tennis courts.
- ❖ Additional wood carpet has been installed at tot-lots.
- ❖ Tennis courts have been completely resurfaced and painted.
- ❖ Basketball courts have been completely resurfaced and painted.
- ❖ A newly improved tennis court lock has been installed (so that you can't get locked in the tennis courts anymore!)
- ❖ Our pool parking lot has been re-sealed, re-striped and curbs painted.
- ❖ A new sign light was installed at the Bokel entrance sign.
- ❖ New ceiling fans, lights, and additional decorative painting have been installed throughout the pool house.
- ❖ Interior construction of a new 6x10 ft. storage room in the pool house is complete.
- ❖ A new audio PA system and speakers have been installed for the pool and volleyball court grounds.
- ❖ A monitored alarm system will soon be installed at the pool house.

I have thoroughly enjoyed making Armfield Farm my home and contributing to its future. I urge you to get involved in one of our several committees and to give your contribution of time and expertise, no matter how big or small, so that we continually improve our neighborhood.

Take care and have a great summer!

Dan Gordon

## *Safety Committee*

Thursday, July 8th, 2004

Attendees: Joe Sherrier (Chair Person), Manny Pimentel,  
Sky Dantine



Polly Murray, Catie Price, and Pam Peretin  
at swimteam pizza party.

### **Goals of Committee:**

- ❖ Build pride in the community by being visible to our neighbors.
- ❖ Keep residents abreast of local crime situations.
- ❖ Help neighbors get to know one another - if you know your neighbors, you'll be more vigilant and be better able to recognize potential problems coming into the community.

### **Future Actions of Committee:**

- ❖ Create Neighborhood Watch Program.
- ❖ Create a solid email network to communicate to residents, and to have resident communicate problems to the HOA.
- ❖ Partner with Social Committee to put community Safety and Security front and center for residents whenever we gather together.

Any and all interested homeowners are welcome to participate in the Safety Committee by contacting Joe Sherrier at [safety@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:safety@armfieldfarm.org).

# *Armfield Farm Directory Kickoff!!*

Have you ever met a neighbor, walked away, and forgotten their name? Or ... wished that you could find other families in the neighborhood with children the same ages as yours, especially during the preschool years? Maybe you'd like to find a new babysitter. Wouldn't it be great if there were someplace you could look up this information? An Armfield Farm Neighborhood Directory is the answer! A directory can contain all this information and more!

The Armfield Farm Communications Committee is kicking off the creation of a new neighborhood directory. The directory will be distributed to neighborhood residents and will also be available on the neighborhood password-protected website, [www.armfieldfarm.org](http://www.armfieldfarm.org). The printed directory will be published every 2 to 3 years, while the website will be updated on a continuous basis.

In order for the directory to be most useful and complete, we would like to include the following information about each household:



- First and last names of adult residents
- Street Address
- Phone number
- Children's names and birth years
- Email address

The directory will also include a great deal of handy information such as:

- ❖ Listing of residents organized by Street
- ❖ Board member names and e-mail addresses
- ❖ Committee chairpersons and e-mail addresses
- ❖ Block Captains and contact information
- ❖ Area merchants
- ❖ Local churches
- ❖ Protective Covenants and Restrictions
- ❖ Neighborhood map
- ❖ Advertisements

With all that said, here's what you need to do. On the reverse side is the Armfield Directory Form that will be used to gather information for each household. Please read it over and include as much of the information as you choose. As a minimum, each resident's name and address will be printed in the directory - whether we receive a Directory Form or not. If you choose not to include any information about your household, you must opt out of the directory by signing and dating in the appropriate block on the Directory Form.

**All forms must be submitted before October 30, 2004, for the proper information to be included in the first issue of the directory. For your convenience two collection boxes for the forms will be available; one at the pool (until Labor Day) and one at 13621 Clary Sage Drive. Forms can also be mailed to Annette Rhoads at 13621 Clary Sage Drive.**

**Please complete and submit your Directory Form as soon as possible. We are excited about putting together a directory that will be a valuable resource to our residents as well as a handy way for residents to get to know each other better!**

# *Armfield Farm Directory Form*

Please return forms to the collection boxes at the pool (until Labor Day) or 13621 Clary Sage Drive. Forms can also be mailed to Annette Rhoads at 13621 Clary Sage Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151.

**All forms must be submitted by October 30, 2004.**

All residents please complete:

Last Name(s):
<b><u>Adult First Name(s):</u></b>
Street Address:
Please provide your phone number for possible clarification issues:
<small><u>_____</u> Your phone number will <u>not</u> be included in the directory unless you opt to include it as indicated below.</small>

Please fill in the following information if you would like it to be included in the directory:

Phone number:	
Email Address:	
Children's Names: <small>(Attach any additional names)</small>	Year Born:
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

I give permission for my directory information to be included on the Armfield Farm password-protected website directory.	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
Would you like to be notified by email of any neighborhood announcements?	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
If yes, Email address:		

I choose to <b><u>opt out</u></b> . Do not include my name and address in the Armfield Farm Neighborhood Directory:	
Signature:	Date:

The sole purpose of the neighborhood directory is for residential use only. The directory will be distributed only to residents within the Armfield Farm Community. The information included in the directory will also be available through the password-protected Armfield Farm Website. Questions? Call Annette Rhoads at 703-471-6895 or email at [directory@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:directory@armfieldfarm.org).

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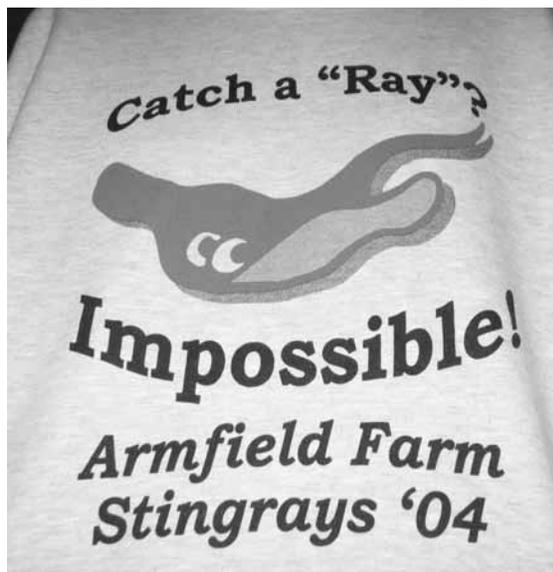
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