

Armfield Farm Connection

SUMMER 2009

President's Message



Happy Summer everyone! We have had a great start to the pool season this year. We completed a major renovation project in the pool house just in time for opening day. The HOA replaced the old floor decking that had many spots missing with one that fits perfectly, tiled the men's and women's shower area, painted the entire interior, replaced rotting wood on the rear of the pool house, and painted the exterior. We still have a few tiles to place in the men's shower and we will install shower dividers. In addition to that, there will be new benches inside both bathrooms.

I am very excited to announce that we have a new chairman for the communications committee. Michael and Susan Hanson have agreed to take over the position and are coordinating the creation and delivery of this issue. They are also looking into keeping our web presence more up to date and discussing new ways to reach out to the community. Michael recently created an Armfield Farm Homeowners Association group on Facebook. We hope that the group can become an easy way to foster dialogue in the community.

The HOA has recently been getting a number of complaints about the appearance of properties in the neighborhood. Please see page 7 for some of these concerns.

Finally, I hope to see everyone at the pool and at our July 4th event and the August 8th family pool party.

Rob Shear
President
Armfield Farm HOA

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Upcoming Events At A Glance

JULY

- 4 - Independence Day Pool Party, Community Pool, 3-5pm
- 8 - Swim meet, Community Pool, 6pm
- 11 - Swim meet, Community Pool, 8am
- 12 - TV & Computer Recycling, I-66 Transfer Station, 10am-3pm
- 18 - Swim meet, Community Pool, 8am
- 30 - HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Management, 7pm

AUGUST

- 1-2 - DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center
- 8 - Family Pool Party, Time TBD
- 14-16 - International Gem & Jewelry Show, Dulles Expo Center
- 16 - TV & Computer Recycling, I-66 Transfer Station, 10am-3pm
- 22-23 - Greenberg Train & Toy Show, Dulles Expo Center
- 27 - HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Management, 7pm

SEPTEMBER

- 19-20 - DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center
- 19 - Document Shredding & Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling, Sully District Gov't Center, 9am-2pm
- 20 - TV & Computer Recycling, I-66 Transfer Station, 10am-3pm
- 24 - HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Management, 7pm

Have suggestions for an event? Want to see something posted in the newsletter?

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Things to do in the region

Looking for things to do or events in the area? Here are a few ideas to get you going.

Farmers markets are open almost every day of the week in our area. They bring in fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and dairy products. Friday night outdoor concerts on the Herndon Green are popular for all age groups - and best of all they are free! Hit movies like STAR TREK and TRANSFORMERS will be playing in IMAX at the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum. Wegman's grocery store shows children's movies for free on Friday nights, and there are always new events at Wolf Trap and the Dulles Expo Center.



For the young adult / young professional crowd: Zip Line adventures, cooking classes, intro's to horseback riding / flying / archery and other events are offered at: www.thingstododc.com

For more great ideas check out these sites:

www.fxva.com/seedoplan/events

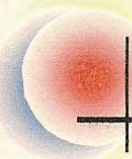
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Community Pool Update

The pool has now switched over to non-school hours and is open every day from 11am to 9pm. To accommodate the swim meets, the pool will close early (4pm) on July 8th. Opening times for the 11th and 18th are pending.

Since we have had a lot of thunderstorms recently, we would like to remind the community that the pool will remain closed until 45 minutes after the last thunder and/or lightning has passed.

"A family photo (on file) or a picture ID is required to use the pool."



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Swim Team Notes

If you missed it in the last newsletter, the Armfield Farm Stingrays are gearing up for another great season! They have already started practicing hard for their first meets of the summer. Congratulations go out to the first “swimmers of the week” Alexa King and Noah Dantine.



Practices will be held on mornings 7:45-9am for 11 and older and 8:45-11 for 10 & under, and afternoons 4:15-5:30pm for 10 and under and 5:15-6:30pm for 11 and older. Home swim meets will be held Wed July 8th at 6pm, Sat July 11th at 8am, and Sat July 18th at 8am.

For more information email armfieldfarmswimteam@verizon.net or check out their website at: http://csl.nvblu.com/plasma/core/site/csl/grp/csl_armfield/

Kids @ Work

Armfield Farms is happy to once again present Kids @ Work — space for youth under the age of 18 to promote their services within the neighborhood.

Kendall Dovel	703/389-9749	Babysitting
Cassie Morton	703/282-7582	Swim Lessons*
Wes Kerbuski	703/850-6810	Swim Lessons
Sharese Jefferson (17)	703/478-0054	Babysitting
Deanna Jefferson (16)	703/478-0054	Babysitting
Thelma Jefferson (13)	703/478-0054	Babysitting
Lauren Kessler (17)	571/234-2555	Babysitting / Nanny
Lauren Phillips (15)	703/785-8916	Babysitting
Nicole Mastracchio (13)	703/391-0821	Swim Lessons
Christina Mastracchio (10)	703/391-0821	Mother's Helper
Josh Gordon	703/709-8237	Babysitting, Swim Lessons*, Lawn Mowing, House/Pet Watcher
Aimee Giel	703/344-6183	Swim Lessons
Nick Gashel	703/867-5242	Babysitting, Swim Lessons*
Whitney Blankenship	703/419-0170	Swim Lessons*

* CPR Certified

Parents please discuss who your teen is working for and when. They should be in Armfield. It would be great to discuss wages, responsibilities and availability as well. Please contact Mariann Gonzalez at m.gonzalez@cox.net to be added or removed from the list .

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Spring Fling

This year's Spring Fling was another great success. The kids had lot of fun being entertained by the magician, icing cupcakes with way too many toppings, and jumping in the moon bounces. It was a wonderful way to kick start the 2009 activities.



Think Before You Text

The Fairfax County Police Department urges motorists to pay full time and attention when driving and reminds them that House Bill 1876 goes into effect on Wednesday, July 1. The new law prohibits drivers from sending or reading text messages and is punishable by a fine of \$20.00 for the first offense and \$50.00 for additional infractions. Virginia is the ninth state in the nation to ban text messaging while driving.

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*Thank you
to all who
attended the
May Annual
Association
Meeting and to
those who
turned in their
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Electric Sundays at the I-66 Transfer Station

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and electronic peripherals at the I-66 Transfer Station from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at upcoming Electric Sunday events. The Transfer Station is located at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. There is no cost to Fairfax County residents for this service. This event is sponsored in part by Covanta Fairfax, LLC.

Electric Sundays are limited to the collection of central processing units (CPU), computer monitors, computer peripherals, laptops, desktop computers, televisions, console TVs, projector TVs, flatscreen TVs, consumer electronics containing circuit boards, stereos, video cassette recorders, CD/DVD players, telephones, cell phones, printers, scanners, copiers, fax machines, computer parts and accessories, keyboards and mice. Equipment brought to these events **does not** need to be in working order.

Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Recycling

Home Depot is accepting compact fluorescent light bulbs for recycling, free of charge. Take the unbroken, expired bulbs to the returns desk of any store. CF light bulbs will also be accepted for recycling on September 12th at Navy FCU at 820 Follin Lane, Vienna from 9am to 2pm and on September 19th at the Sully District Government Center (4900 Stonecroft Blvd, Chantilly) from 9am to 2pm. For more Sully District news visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sully/

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Recent Home Sales (courtesy of Rosemary Graham)

13624 Clary Sage Drive	\$590,000	Belgrave	March 31, 2009
3606 Windmoore Court	\$425,000	Cavendish	April 6, 2009
3829 Beech Down Drive	\$270,000	Dover	May 21, 2009
3832 Beech Down Drive	\$416,000	Augusta	May 29, 2009
13604 Hampstead Court	\$465,000	Falmouth	June 16, 2009

Community Connection (Website and Facebook)

Over the new few months, the Armfield Farm website (armfieldfarm.org) will undergo some revisions and updating to continue to provide important information between the publications of this newsletter. To additionally increase the sense of community, earlier this month, the Homeowners Association created a social networking group for the community on the popular website Facebook.com.



Facebook is a social utility that connects people and groups to advertise events and exchange information. There are already a dozen members as of this printing. To join, please search for "Armfield Farm Homeowners Association" on the www.facebook.com webpage. Terms of use will be posted shortly.

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Please be a Good Neighbor - From the President

It has been a very rainy start to the summer this year. While we are certainly beginning to tire of it, the lawns in our neighborhood are very happy. Overall, most homeowners are doing a great job keeping their lawns at a reasonable length.

Please be sure to remove the weeds from your flowerbeds and use the weed-whacker around posts. A good-looking lawn can really be brought down by a small section of 12-inch weeds or grass.

*"Please do not place
yard debris or
clippings out on the
curb before 6pm
Tuesdays"*

Unfortunately, the HOA has recently been getting a number of complaints about people who either store their trashcans on the side of their home or put their grass/yard debris out too early. Please do NOT place your trash bags with grass in them at the curb before Tuesday at 6:00pm. Many people are placing them at the curb right after they mow the lawn on the weekend.

*"Trash cans should not be
visible from the street. They
should be stored in the garage
or behind your home"*

The prevalence of these bags really brings down the look of our neighborhood and affects everyone's home value. The Homeowners Association will be sending out violation notices on this issue and repeat offenders may be assessed a charge of \$50 per incident. We really hope we do not have to assess any charges.

And, as always, Gas Mantels are for sale at the Capitol Property Management Office 3914 Centreville Road, Chantilly, VA 20172 (703-707-6404). Please bring a check for \$5, as they do not accept cash or credit cards.



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Wondering about that work going on at the power lines & Lees Corner Road?

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Water Line & Sump Pump Notices

Did you know that the water line that runs from the street to your home is your responsibility? We have had a number of people in our community who have needed to get this line replaced during the past year. Dominion Virginia Power has an insurance plan you can add to your power bill for about \$3 per month to cover this risk that could cost you as much as \$4,500.

You can find out more information about the program at:

<http://retail.dom.com/products/warranty/waterline.jsp>

Due to the rain we have also had several people with flooding problems, so please test your sump pumps. They generally need to be replaced every eight years.



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HOA Annual Meeting Highlights

On May 28th Armfield Farms held the annual Homeowners meeting at Franklin Middle School. Michael Frey, Sully District Supervisor, spoke about the reduction in County road repairs for 2009, cutbacks on median mowing, the widening of Route 50 west of Route 28, and about other community concerns.

Vice-President Steve Snyder and Secretary Greg Seiler were successfully re-elected. Thank you to all of the members that voted through the proxy and a special thank you to all the in-person attendees.

A petition for re-zoning our neighborhood streets as a Community Parking District was passed around and discussed. Hopefully you have been contacted by one or more of the community members about signing the petition. UPDATE: in recent news, Fairfax County is considering making all residential streets Community Parking zones restricting vehicles over 12,000 pounds. For more details see: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm#cpd.

Please see the President's note on Page 7 for the most commonly raised concerns by homeowners, and remember that you are always welcome to join us and be heard on the last Thursday of each month at our monthly HOA meetings.

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