

Armfield Farm Connection

SUMMER 2012

President's Message



Summer has certainly made its entrance known this year! After an initial survey, it seems that most homes were very lucky with minimal property damage and power quickly restored from the June 29th derecho storm. Our guards did a great job getting the pool up and running so we could beat the heat. The tennis court fencing took a beating and we will look into getting it repaired or replaced.

We are continuing to work on other capital improvements this year. We should be contracting the first set of walking path replacements, kicking off a multiyear process. We are also still trying to get the Springhaven basketball court re-finished and are looking into adding some new shade trees to the new tot lot next it. We have ordered a new garbage

can to be installed at the dragon (north of Springhaven) playground.

I want to thank everyone who came out to our annual meeting and welcome our newest member, Galileo Lopez, as Armfield Farm's incoming Vice-President.

Our outgoing VP, Steve Snyder, did a wonderful job over his term and was instrumental in getting the parking district enacted. We wish him well and thank him for his service. We had an excellent e-voting turnout with 50% of the total votes coming that way, and will continue to work out the kinks for next years' annual meeting.

We have had a few incidents of items being stolen from people's lawns, cars, and garages. Please be sure to lock your cars and keep your garage doors closed. If you see anything suspicious please call the non-emergency number for the Fairfax County Police at 703- 691-2131.

Our social committee and homeowners have been very busy scheduling events: Wednesdays there is a pick up basketball game at 6:30pm at the central courts on Beech Down, Thursdays is ever popular raft night at 6pm and volleyball game at 6:30pm. The pool party has been scheduled for August 12th. Hope to see you there!

Rob Shear
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Armfield HOA
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Upcoming Events At A Glance

THURSDAYS

Farmers Market at Frying Pan Park, 3:30-7pm

JULY

7, 18, 21 Home Swim Team Meets
21-22 DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center
22 Electronics Recycling,
I-66 Transfer Station, 10-3pm
25 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

AUGUST

4-5 LEGO Brick Fair, Dulles Expo Center
12 Annual Pool Party, 5pm-9pm
23 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm
26 Electronics Recycling,
I-66 Transfer Station, 10-3pm

SEPTEMBER

6-9 Dani's Duds Consignment Sale, Dulles Expo
21-23 Capital Home Show, Dulles Expo Center
22 Document Shredding, Sully Gov't Center, 8am-Noon
27 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

Annual Pool Party - August 12th from 5-9pm

Mark your calendars now! Sunday, August 12th from 5 pm to 9 pm will be the Annual Family Pool Party. The DJ and boat races will be back, to bring more silliness and fun. President Rob has already challenged Newsletter Editor Michael to a one length boat race (I know who you'll be rooting for!) We will be serving Dave's barbeque, Subway sandwiches and there will be fruit and desserts. Please bring your own drinks (no glass bottles, please). The waterproof, glitter tattoos were a hit last year, and they will be back. Snow cones will return as well, to cool off. We have great prizes planned for all those who come out to participate in the games this year. An email will be coming out to organize volunteers soon. If you would like to help out, please send your email address to social@armfieldfarm.org. We lots of hands to make this event happen!

Community Yard Sale Recap

On June 2nd, almost 20 residents packed up their wares and headed to the pool grounds or set up shop in their driveways. Due to requests from members on some of the smaller courts and drives, we held our third centralized group sale to draw in potential buyers. And come in they did, as several hundred cars of shoppers made their way to the pool and through the neighborhood. We look forward to doing it again next June.

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Recent Home Sales (courtesy of Rosemary Graham)

Street	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy *	Model	Closing Date
Beech Down	\$399,900	\$400,000	\$0	Madison	April 19th
Old Chatwood	\$525,000	\$515,750	\$10,500	Cavendish	April 30th
Southernwood	\$499,000	\$477,000	\$4,000	Devonshire	May 31st
Armfield Farm	\$545,000	\$545,000	\$6,000	Avon	June 15th

Annual Meeting Recap

For those who weren't able to attend the HOA Annual Meeting on May 24th, here are some of the important pieces of information you missed:

Our keynote guest speaker, State Senator Janet Howell who represents the Reston area district in the General Assembly, reported on a number of issues:

- Howell noted that 40% of her district (including Armfield Farm) are new constituents as a result of redistricting after the 2010 Census.
- The recent session was very unusual, starting off-track and ending off-track. Due to a 20-20 split between the politi-

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***Want to know more? Meeting minutes available at
www.armfieldfarm.org***

Community Connection

Three years ago, to increase the sense of community, the Homeowners Association created a social networking group for the community on the popular website Facebook.com. Last year, the HOA started a presence on Twitter with our Communications Chair serving as lead "twit".



Recent discussion topics and event alerts have included extended pool hours, opinions of home improvement vendors, and police activity. Armfield Farm residents are truly working to put the "social" in "social networking."

To join, please click on the links at the left side of the www.armfieldfarm.org home page.



SCHEDULE

A Meets

**June 23rd — Burke Centre 290
— Stingrays 153**

June 30th — Ashburn Village 288—Stingrays 155

**July 7th — vs Chantilly
Highlands**

July 14th — at Franklin Glen

July 21st — vs Barrington

**July 28th — Divisionals at
Ashburn Village**

**August 4th — All Stars at
Countryside**

B Meets

June 21st — at Franklin Farm

June 27th — vs Chantilly National and Sequoia Farm

July 3rd — at Hayden Village

July 11th — at Burke Center

July 18th—vs Franklin Farm

Saturday meets start at 8am

Weekday meets start at 6pm

Pool Hours

June 16th to Aug 17th —11am-9pm

Aug 18th to Sept 2nd —11am-8:30pm

Sept 3rd —11am-6pm, END OF SEASON

Swim Team Use Before Opening

Practices — 7:30am-10am

Swim Team Use During General Hours

Evening Meets — June 29th and July 18th

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Swimtastic Stingrays

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The rapid pace of summer swim team has begun and we are well into our season. The Stingrays made their first splash on May 29 with afternoon practices and switched to morning practices on June 18. Those practices will continue through the first week of August.

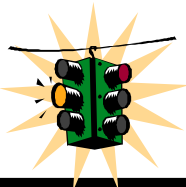
The Stingrays continue to compete this season in the White Division with some very large teams in the surrounding neighborhoods. "Our team to date has 106 swimmers. We are young and rebuilding, but strong and capable of swimming with the best," said Beverly Himm, President, Armfield Farm Swim Team.

Other activities during the remainder of the season include the Aquathon Fund-raiser (sponsor a swimmer doing laps and support your neighborhood team), King's Dominion CSL Day, Splashdown Waterpark, Friday night Pasta Parties, the IM Tough Meet, and the fun Relay Carnival.

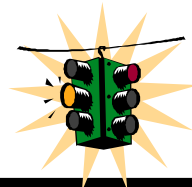
A fresh look has been added to the swim staff this year with Head Coach

Nawal Kassem, Assistant Coaches Alex Becampis and Josh Gordon, Junior Assistant Coach Anna Tiss, and JRays Marra Sherrier, Newton Himm and Jake Tiss.

We invite you to come out to cheer on the Stingrays at the pool during the remaining HOME meets on Saturday, July 7; Wednesday, July 18; and Saturday, July 21. Feel free to grab something from our concession stand and enjoy the fun! If you think your child would like to join the swim team, or for up-to-date results on our season, please visit our website at: www.armfieldfarmswim.com



Watch for Kids at Play
Put down your phone and slow down while
driving in Armfield Farm



Kids @ Work

Armfield Farm presents Kids @ Work — space for youth in high school or younger to promote their services within the neighborhood. Please e-mail **communication@armfieldfarm.org** to update your information and/or confirm your listing. The deadline for the Fall issue (the last Kids at Work for the year) is September 10th. Our Facebook Group is also a resource for those wishing to advertise their entrepreneurial spirit.

Andrew DeLeon (15)	703-464-5192	Pet Sitting/Walking; Lawn Mowing; Babysitting
Michael DeLeon (13)	703-464-5192	Pet Sitting/Walking
Heather Donnelly (12)	703-435-8278	Pet Sitting; Mothers Helper; Babysitting
Shoshana Gordon (14)	703-709-8237	Pet Sitting; Babysitting*
Elena Grimm (12)	703-464-0712	Mothers Helper; Baby*, Plant & Pet sitting
Bryanna Kerbuski (18)	703-850-3487	Pet Sitting; Babysitting
Casie Morton (19)	703-282-7582	Babysitting*, Pet sitting, Lifeguard
Collin Reardon (15)	703-707-9317	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking
Nick Reardon (13)	703-707-9317	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking
Jeffrey Rhoads (13)	703-471-6895	Pet Sitting/Walking
Megan Rhoads (16)	703-471-6895	Babysitting, Pet Sitting/Walking
Nicole Rhoads (17)	703-471-6895	Babysitting

* CPR and/or Red Cross Certified

Parents please discuss who your teen is working for and when, wages, responsibilities, and availability. The Armfield Farm HOA encourages staying within the community, but assumes no responsibility for any activities that result from Kids @ Work.

Virginia Senate Primary

On June 12th, a primary elections were held for Congressional races across the state of Virginia. However, due to many of these contests being unopposed, only the Republican US Senate race covered our (Lees Corner #1) precinct. The results were:

George F. Allen 72.72%
 Jamie L. Radtke 15.90%
 E. W. Jackson 6.81%
 R. G. "Bob" Marshall 4.54%



An election guide covering the November federal races and local referendum issues will be posted in the next newsletter.

Shed Guidelines Updated

In the June Board of Directors meeting, an update to the Architectural Design and Maintenance Standards was approved regarding storage sheds. A new size limit was put in place to accommodate those houses that do not have a garage and provides specific guidance on height, length, and width limits for the shed walls.



Any storage shed has an aesthetic impact on neighbors. Inconsiderately placed or poorly designed sheds can visually and functionally negate an otherwise desirable residential area. Therefore, it is important to remember when choosing and locating a shed there are needs other than storage that must be considered.

All storage sheds need to have an application submitted to and approved by the Architectural Review Board before construction begins. Most common pitfalls include requesting sheds that are oversized or requesting to place the shed on property not owned by the homeowner. For these reasons, applications should have appropriate plans and drawings.

The new Guidelines will be posted on the website soon and are available in the interim from president@armfieldfarm.org.

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cal parties, there was great difficulty in sharing power between the committees where most of the work gets done.

- As such, the state suffered embarrassments with gun control, voter identification, and abortion legislation that made national news and late night comedy shows.
- Sen. Howell fielded questions for residents concerning transportation funding, school calendar, taxation, and standardized testing.

Pool rules are now available on the website. Raft night is back by popular demand on Thursdays from 6pm-8pm.

This was the first year the HOA used electronic voting, with 54 households taking advantage of the new service. Next year the voter code will be on the letter and not the envelope and it may be used as a survey tool for future questions.

The walking paths will be repaved in sections, with the first portion along Lees Corner from Springhaven to Roger Mack being done this summer. More will be completed in 2013 and 2014, but prices have significantly increased since the paths were first put in.

As mentioned in the last issue, two tot lots were installed near Springhaven. A plan for increasing shade is being considered. The basketball court near Springhaven is tentatively scheduled for resurfacing shortly. The two courts behind 3628 Beech Down are being budgeted for next year.

Pet owners are subject to Fairfax County leash laws in the community. Additionally, please pick up any waste. Reports of violations can be reported to the police non-

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Keeping a Watchful Eye

As the temperature increases, so frequently does crime. This hit home for one resident of the 3800 block of Beech Down Drive in particular in June. Fortunately only property was taken—no humans were at home and no pets were injured. It serves as a good reminder to lock your doors, arm your alarm systems if you have them, and be attentive

to anyone who approaches your door as they may be looking to see if someone is home.

Some residents have called for the re-creation of a neighborhood watch program. The HOA sponsored one some years ago, but participation fell off and the effort was discontinued. If you are interested in serving on a watch, please contact our property manager, Dan Gordon at 703-707-6404.

If you see something going on in the neighborhood that just doesn't look right, make use of the Fair Oaks Police District non-emergency number, 703-691-2131. One tip may be all it takes to crack the case.

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In February, Commonwealth Transportation Board approved a designation transfer of three major Northern Virginia roads into primary roads, meaning they may be eligible for new funding and maintenance priorities. The routes will be able to receive federal funding for paving, guardrail and bridge improvements, along with other projects. The feds typically cover 80 percent of the cost to maintain interstates and primary roads. The state would pay the remaining 20 percent.

The change means the Fairfax County Park-

way/Route 7100 will be renamed Route 286. The Virginia Department of Transportation will put up signs that call the road "Old Route 7100."

The 32-mile Fairfax County Parkway runs from Route 1 to Route 7 and carries between 22,000 and 75,000 vehicles per day.

The signs will be replaced over the next three months. VDOT says drivers will see the old route number alongside the new route number for about a year in order for hotels, businesses and map companies to have enough time to update their materials.



***Thanks to everyone who
attended or sent their proxy
for the annual meeting!***

HOA Leadership

As mentioned in the recap from the Annual Meeting, Greg Seiler and Galileo Lopez were elected to the HOA Board of Directors for three year terms. Greg moved into the community in 2001 and has been the HOA Secretary since 2006. He works at Verizon and has four children. Galileo is an entertainment entrepreneur and has two children.

The Board wishes to give its thanks to Steve Snyder, our departing Vice President and former Treasurer for his six years of service on the Board. Steve was instrumental in getting the regional parking district that Armfield Farm falls under to completion.

Additionally, John Prowell has been named

as the Chair of the Architectural Review Board (ARB). Thanks to Chris Neubert for your leadership this past year.

It is with regret that we share that former HOA Vice President and long time resident Dennis Kazuba died on March 28th in South Carolina. He was 67. Dennis worked as a physical education teacher who spent much of his career at Greenbriar East Elementary School in Chantilly before retiring in 1996. In after-school programs, he coached gymnastics at Greenbriar East and swimming at Chantilly High School. He also coached his children's softball and basketball leagues. In addition to his teaching work, he was a driving instructor and disc jockey under the name of DJ Kaz. He will be missed.



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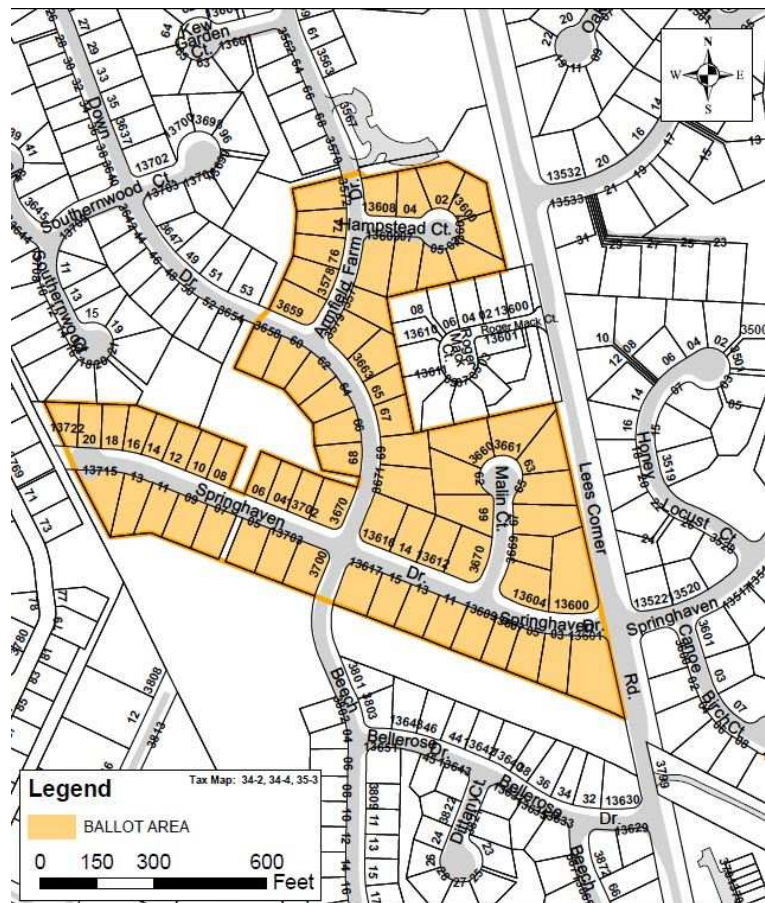
In June, new sign boards were put up at the community entrances to remind residents of the regulation that yard waste must be kept out of view from the street until the night before pick up. Already in the first two weeks, violations dropped in half from 31 to 16. While it may be more personally convenient to leave your bags on the street for up to six days, it limits parking, impacts mail/package delivery, and is unsightly. Thank you to all residents who have and are now following our ARB guidelines. It is a big help to insuring increased property values and the attractiveness of the community to potential new residents.

Please note that enforcement was temporarily suspended for storm clean up.

Traffic Calming

Late last year, a traffic study was conducted by Fairfax County's Department of Transportation to look at the intersection of Beech Down and Springhaven. The study concluded that the intersection could be eligible for a four-way stop sign due to the excessive speed on the road. 15% of traffic is travelling at or greater than 35 miles per hour (10 miles per hour over the speed limit).

In order for the County Board of Supervisors to approve any new traffic calming device, a petition must be submitted from the affected area, or in this case 70 houses from Springhaven, Beech Down, Malin, Hampstead, and Armfield Farm. Additionally, a community meeting may be held to gather resident input and address any concerns in the affected area. To learn more, contact Galileo at vicepresident@armfieldfarm.org.



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emergency number (703-691-2131) who will forward the concern to the Animal Control Section.

The Board is considering new monument entry signs, but there is not consensus on the priority and how much should be budgeted.

Election

Gregory Seiler was re-elected to and Galileo Lopez was elected to three year terms on the Board of Directors. Steve Snyder departed after serving six years on the Board. See Page 10 for more information on the new leadership of the HOA.

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