

Armfield Farm Connection

SUMMER 2014

President's Message



Happy Summer everyone! I really appreciate all of you who took the time to attend the annual meeting and/or return your proxy. We had a 123 proxies returned and met our quorum requirement with some room to spare.

A number of capital projects are moving along this summer. We replaced the roof on the well at the entrance to Bokel Drive, installed new mulch at the Clary Sage playground, resealed the pool parking lot and removed the old tot-lot near Kew Garden

Court. We are still waiting on permits from the County to install the new shade structure at the pool. We are also waiting on a final design for the new entrance sign at Lees Corner Road and Springhaven Drive. We hope to have both of these projects done soon. In addition to these projects we plan to install soccer goals on the Clary Sage field and are considering adding sand and/or rebuilding the volleyball courts by the pool. We added recycling to the pool this season. You will see a large blue and green recycling bin by the fence on the volleyball side of the pool. Please deposit your cans, bottles, cardboard, and mixed paper there.

The storm water pond retrofit by Springhaven and Beech Down Drives is moving along. The county should complete the work within the month. They will return in the fall to plant a large number of trees in and around the ponds.

As we work to improve the common areas, please take a few moments and be sure you are keeping up with personal maintenance on your own home. Have a great summer and I hope to see many of you at the annual pool party.

Rob Shear

President, Armfield HOA

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Upcoming Events At A Glance

THURSDAY FARMERS MARKETS

Old Town Herndon, 8a-12:30pm

Fairfax County Government Center, 3-7pm

St. Veronica Catholic Church, 3pm

JULY

5, 9, 19 Home Swim Team Meets

19-20 DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center

24 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

AUGUST

2 Annual Pool Party, 4-8pm

28 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

SEPTEMBER

19-21 Capital Home Show, Dulles Expo Center

25 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

Social Committee Update

Pool Party - August 2nd

Practice your hula hooping and limbo and join us at the pool for our biggest party of the year on Saturday, August 2nd, from 4:00-8:00pm! There will be music, food and fun for all ages. And of course some sweet treats to help you beat the heat!

Friday Night Social

Formerly "Recipe Club", this is a fun night to meet new neighbors and catch up with old ones! Residents volunteer to host in their home and guests bring a drink or snack to share. Event details are posted on Facebook each month!

Interested in more social events?

Let us know! We can organize anything from playgroups to bunko to kickball. The only requirement is a common interest!

To contact us - Find our "Armfield Farm Homeowners Association" group on Facebook. You can post a question/comment there or message social co-chairs Amber & Ryan Laughton. Or you can email us at social@armfieldfarm.org.

To join in - Click the "Events" link on our Facebook page to see what's coming up! Full details will be posted here and your RSVP is a click away! Not on Facebook?: Email us and we'll notify you about upcoming events!

Community Yard Sale Recap

On June 7th, we had a great turnout for the community yard sale with over a dozen residents setting up in their driveway and many more combining their wares at the pool grounds. Over \$1,000 was made with the sale sponsored by the Armfield Farm Stingrays Swim Team and the other residents at the pool grounds. Following the sale, the HOA contracted with the National Children's Center to pick up items for donation (pictured) and through this, the community filled half of a box truck. We are declaring the sale to be a success and we look forward to doing it again next June.



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Street	Sold Price	Subsidy*	Model	Date of Sale
Old Chatwood	\$590,000	\$0	Cavendish	March 24
Paoli	\$529,000	\$0	Devonshire	April 2
Malin	\$503,000	\$0	Alexander	April 25
Old Chatwood	\$631,000	\$0	Belgrave	May 23
Beech Down	\$509,000	\$7,500	Augusta	May 28
Armfield Farm	\$594,000	\$0	Meade	May 29

* Seller payment on behalf of the purchaser

HOA Did You Know?

According to Community Associations Institute, there were 328,500 associations serving 65.7 million residents in the United States in 2013. For the 24% of US homes, that means more the 2 million board and committee members completing 76.3 million hours of service (or \$1.7 billion for the value of time). Thank you to all of our volunteers who provide events, distribute information, welcome neighbors, and make Armfield Farm a great place to call home.

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

Community Connection

Five 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. The HOA also dabbles with 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 21st — Stingrays 310 -
Saratoga 120**

June 28th — vs Sugarland Run

July 5th — vs Glen Cove

July 12th — at Barrington

**July 13th—Relay Carnival at
Sugarland Run**

**July 19th — at Chantilly Na-
tional GCC**

**July 26th — Divisionals at
Saratoga**

**August 2nd — All Stars at
Countryside**

B Meets

**June 25th — vs Chantilly High-
lands**

July 2nd — at South Riding

July 9th — vs Franklin Farm

July 16th — at Manorgate

Saturday meets start at 8am

Weekday meets start at 6pm

Pool Hours

Now to Aug 15th —11am-9pm

Aug 16th to Aug 31st —11am-8:30pm

Sept 1st —11am-5pm, 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

The Stingrays have already started off their season with an impressive opening meet with a 310-120 over Gold Division rival Saratoga on June 21st. Event winners included Solomon Blackmon, Anya Blinova, Karina Castillo, Kenzie Conner, Joseph Crowder, Caitlin Crump, Samuel Earle, Maxwell Himm, Newton Himm, Vivek Iyer, Hannah King, David Li, Andy Liang, Michael Liang, Tony Liang, Grace Mak, Isaac Mantelli Andrew Neubauer, Emma Rowson, Mary-Jean Rowson, Haitham Sakallah, Edward Shen, Caitlin Sims, Justin Sims, Jacob Tiss, Walter Tiss, Kaitlyn Tsai, Connor VanRafelghem, and Sarah Yao. Look for more coverage in next issue on the rest of the season.

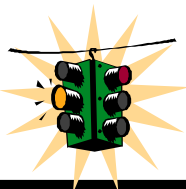
Centennial Celebration

On June 1st, the community celebrated the 100th anniversary of our namesake J.B. Armfield purchasing the Armfield Farm on which our community sits. As Mr. Armfield was a dairy farmer, we hosted an ice cream social (attempts to obtain a milking cow were unsuccessful) and unveiled a commemorative plaque (at right) mounted to the pool house building. If you want to learn of the history of this area, a binder of information is available for review at the pool on the table at the door. Please return when done. Thanks to all who came out for the event.

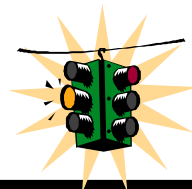


Spring Fling

The April Spring Fling was another great success. Children were enthusiastically running around playing with the toys, games, and equipment brought by this year's clown entertainer, fueled by some great cookies and frosting toppings.



***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 add your listing. The deadline for the Fall issue is September 10th. Our Facebook Group is also a resource for those wishing to advertise their entrepreneurial spirit.

Anthony Berry (11)	703-657-2791	Pet Sitting/Walking
Dominic Berry (13)	703-657-2791	Babysitting; Pet Sitting/Walking
Juliana Berry (15)	703-657-2791	Babysitting*
Andrew DeLeon (17)	703-464-5192	Babysitting; Pet Sitting/Walking; Lawn Mowing; Leaf Removal
Michael DeLeon (15)	703-464-5192	Pet Sitting/Walking; Lawn Mowing; Leaf Removal
Mary-Kathryn Dodson (10)	571-203-9620	Pet Sitting
Heather Donnelly (14)	703 435 8278	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting; Mother's Helper
Shoshana Gordon (16)	703-709-8237	Babysitting*; Pet/House Sitting
Elena Grimm (13)	703-464-0712	Babysitting*; Pet/Plant Sitting; Mother's Helper
Benjamin Jones (16)	703-435-2527	Lawn Mowing; Pet Sitting
Samantha Jones (18)	703-435-2527	Babysitting; Pet Sitting
Jeffrey Rhoads (15)	703-471-6895	Lawn Mowing, Pet Sitting/Walking
Megan Rhoads (18)	703-471-6895	Babysitting*
Molly Shear (10)	703-796-0556	Cat Sitting
Jack Thompson (15)	571-203-7997	Lawn Mowing; Pet Sitting; General Cleanup
Karen Xia (18)	703-435-2355	Academic Tutoring

* 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.

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 Delegate Tom Rust who represents the Herndon/Chantilly area district in the General Assembly, reviewed the 2014 session specifically highlighting transportation and budget topics of interest.

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Virginia Congressional Primary

On April 26th, the Republican Party held a firehouse primary (a primary election run by the party at limited polling locations) to select their nominee for the 10th US Congressional District seat being vacated by Rep. Frank Wolf. Centreville High School hosted the balloting for the Sully and Springfield area precincts (including Armfield Farm). Virginia Delegate Barbara Comstock won the primary and will face off against Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (who was the Democratic Party nominee without contest) in November, along with possible other challengers. The results from Centreville were:



Barbara Comstock	1514	61.7%
Bob Marshall	388	15.8%
Howie Lind	255	10.4%
Rob Wasinger	162	6.6%
Stephen Hollingshead	128	5.2%
Marc Savitt	4	0.1%

Total Votes Cast 2451

Annual Meeting (cont)

Rob Shear provided a review of the capital projects and the community budget. A copy of his presentation is available on the HOA website.

The Social Committee highlighted a number of activities scheduled for the summer and is interested organizing more based on community interest.

The Communications Committee updated their work on the Armfield Farm history.

In supplemental events after the meeting, the HOA put forth a grant application to the County for additional funding to support more walking path replacement. Additionally, we have joined as members of the Sully District Council to get additional information about area activities and distribute them via Facebook and the newsletter.

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If you have any suggestions or events you want to see posted to the newsletter, Armfield Farm website, or to the Facebook website, please email us at communication@armfield.org

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