

Armfield Farm Connection

SUMMER 2015

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 159 proxies returned and met our quorum requirement with lots of room to spare. This was the first time in many years we had a contested election. I want to thank all three candidates who ran for office. Galileo Lopez and Greg Seiler were both re-elected to a three-year term. The ballot initiative to lower the requirement for quorum at future annual meetings from 25% of homes down to 15% of homes also passed.

We have already started on most of our major capital improvement projects this summer. Three sections of paths have been repaved and the volleyball courts are in the process of being totally rebuilt. If you have been to the pool this season you can also enjoy the new shade structures that have been a big hit. We are considering our capital improvement plans for next year, so please let me know your suggestions. High on the list of possible improvements are new furniture at the pool, new lights at the tennis courts and of course, more path repaving.

I hope everyone has a great summer and I look forward to seeing many of you at the family pool party on August 15th (details to be posted on the signboards and on Facebook soon)!

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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

4, 15, 25 Home Swim Team Meets
18-19 DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center
30 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

AUGUST

15 Annual Pool Party
27 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

SEPTEMBER

24 HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm
25-27 Capital Home Show, Dulles Expo Center

Social Committee Update

On April 11th, 21 volunteers helped clear 28 bags (or 187 pounds) of trash and recyclables from Lees Corner Road, the two streams running through our community, and surrounding areas as part of the Potomac Watershed Cleanup. Thanks to everyone who supported this effort.

The Social Committee hosted the Spring Fling celebration on April 18th with a number of games including kickball and human foosball, along with great quantities of food. We got to take advantage of the extra space at the Clary Sage fields and were glad to see so many neighbors pop in between their family sporting events.

This year, the Social Committee assisted with two, that's right, two yard sales. The first Saturday in June (6th) sale went off as it normally does, but due to a ground swell of support, neighbors organized a second sale for April 25th. The Committee is always interested in hearing new ideas and gaining new volunteers. Please contact Amber at social@armfieldfarm.org.

The next event is the Annual Pool Party on August 15th. Details to be posted soon.



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Recent Home Sales (courtesy of Rosemary Graham)

Street	Sold Price	Subsidy*	Model	Date of Sale
Bromall Ct	\$449,999	\$0	Newberry	April 7, 2015
Malin Ct	\$585,000	\$4,500	Mosby	May 19, 2015
Southernwood Ct	\$520,000	\$10,000	Chesterfield	May 29, 2015

* Seller payment on behalf of the purchaser

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www.armfieldfarm.org***

Swimtastic Stingrays

Armfield Farm will host Divisionals on July 25th, the first time in almost a decade. There will be a large number of visitors using on street parking for that morning. Residents are encouraged to park on their driveways for that morning and use caution in the area of the pool.

Though fewer cars, expect that there will be parking impacts on July 4th and 15th. For those without swimmers in the meet, we encourage our residents to support your Stingrays, enjoy some concessions, and learn a little bit about the swim league. Perhaps your children will be interested in participating in the future.



SCHEDULE

A Meets

**June 20th — Countryside 242 -
Armfield Farm 195**

June 27th — vs Chinquapin

July 4th — vs Franklin Glen

July 11th — at Hayden Village

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

July 18th — at Sugarland Run

**July 25th — Divisionals at
Armfield Farm**

**August 1st — All Stars at
Countryside**

B Meets

June 24th — vs South Riding

**July 1st — at Chantilly High-
lands**

July 8th — at Cascades

**July 15th — vs Chantilly Na-
tional GCC**

Saturday meets start at 8am

Weekday meets start at 6pm

Pool Hours

Now to Aug 15th —11am-9pm

Aug 16th to Sept 6th —11am-8:30pm

Sept 7th —11am-5pm, END OF SEASON

Swim Team Use Before Opening

Practices — 7:30am-10am

Swim Team Use During General Hours

Throughout the Meet Season

Lawn Care

\$25 mow + \$5 bagging

Chantilly Highlands resident

Lawn care since '06

Dependable - No Contracts

References available

Call/Text Corey 703-399-1559

Police Blotter

In the past three months, there have been four area burglaries reported by the Fairfax County Police Department.

- April 14th in the 3900 block of Chantilly Road
- April 30th in the 3500 block of Armfield Farm Drive
- May 1st in the 13800 block of Rembrant Way
- June 1st in the 13800 block of Rembrant Way

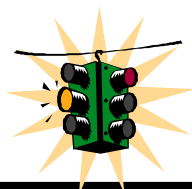
Residents are encouraged to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities to police at 703-691-2131. If any residents wish to volunteer for additional safety and security activity, please contact Rob at president@armfieldfarm.org.

Assisted Care Facility

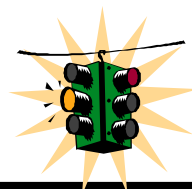
In a follow up to our Spring 2014 article, the Arbors of Chantilly, a proposed assisted/memory care facility sent notices through their engineer about upcoming construction in the vicinity of Route 50 and Downs Drive. The HOA Board has been actively monitoring this project through the developer, the Sully District Council of Citizens Associations, and the Fairfax Board of Supervisors. The construction should not cause any logistical concerns and noise is unlikely to be significant. It is possible that the most western edge of Leith Court will hear some activity, but the number of trees between them and the construction site should absorb most noise.

Neighbor Spotlight

The HOA Board would like to extend its thanks to neighbor Jon Hill for helping to clear the Cain Branch pathway north of Clary Sage Road. On June 18th, severe weather caused a tree to fall blocking the pathway. Jon, with a little help from a chain saw, took the initiative to help his neighborhood to make the path passable once again. From all of us in the community, thanks Jon!



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



Capital Improvements in Armfield Farm

Spring has been a great month for construction and community improvement. The HOA Board goes through extensive efforts to balance the community interests (per your previous survey responses and direct feedback), competitive bids, and seeking the best value in using your assessment fees.

Two new shade structures along the south side of the pool.



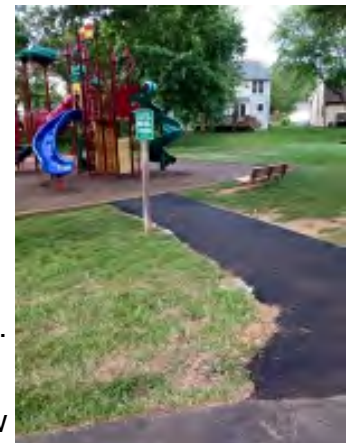
Fresh mulch at the pool grounds tot lot.

Renovated volleyball court with proper sand and drainage.



Pathway replacement along the Spinami playground.

Direct path access to Dragon playground.



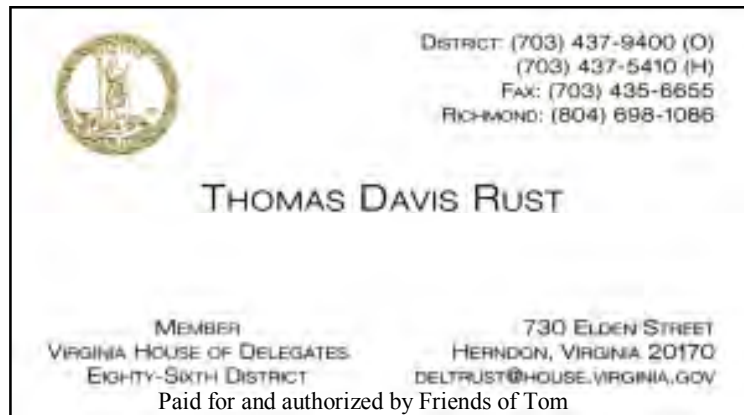
Not pictured—Pathway replacement from Beech Down Dr to Kew Garden Court and Springhaven basketball court fencing

Letter from Delegate Tom Rust on Road Paving

As you recall, VDOT was not able to fulfill its commitment to repave the roads in Armfield Farm subdivision in 2014 due to excessive costs of removing snow due in the winter of 2014, among other things. I met with VDOT representatives last fall and explained that the roads in Armfield Farm were my highest priority because of the overall deterioration. I am pleased to inform you these roads have been added to the tentative paving schedule for 2015. The roads which are included in the list: Armfield Farm Drive, Clary Sage Drive, Angelica Court, Old Chatwood Place, Gladwyn Court, Haverford Court, Kew Garden Court, Hampstead Court, Beech Down Drive, Windmoore Court, Rosetree Court, Brockmeyer Court, Southernwood Court, Paoli Court, Springhaven Drive, Malin Court, Bellerose Drive, Dittany Court, Bromall Court, King Charles Drive, Chevy Chase Court, Carroll Court and Lees Corner Road.



VDOT cannot give me an exact time-frame when these streets will be repaved in 2015 because the contracts are written such that the contractor chooses his order of routes and VDOT does not dictate the order. The order of routes to be paved is normally based on what is most efficient to the contractor. This method of contracting allows VDOT to get the best price and enables them to pave more routes for the citizens they serve. In the interim, should you notice potholes, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or VDOT to report the pothole.



As you know, this will be my final year serving as your delegate in the Virginia General Assembly; it has been an honor and a privilege to serve...Please keep in touch and thanks for your service to the community.

Best regards,
Tom

2015 Election Information



The 2015 State Assembly and County elections picture is coming more into focus. On April 25th, three Republican candidates faced off in a primary. John Guevara won that race for the opportunity to run against Democratic party nominee Kathy Smith and possible other candidates still being determined.

More detailed election information will be provided in the Fall newsletter.

Helpful Numbers

Emergency Numbers

Public Safety Non-Emergency
703-691-2131

Emergency Information 703-817-7771

Poison Control 800-222-1222

National Weather Service
703-652-1210

Virginia Dept of Transportation
800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623)

Mental Health 703-573-5679

Basic Needs 703-222-0880

Adult Protective Services
703-324-7450

Child Protective Services
703-324-7400

Red Cross 703-584-8700

Utilities

Washington Gas 703-750-1400

Dominion Virginia Power
866-DOM-HELP (866-366-4357)

Fairfax Water 703-698-5800

Storm Flooding 703-877-2800

Sanitary Sewer Flooding, Breaks, Back-Ups
703-323-1211

Cox Cable 703-378-8422

Comcast
800-COMCAST (800-266-2278)

Verizon 888-553-1555

American Trash 703-368-0500

AAA Trash 703-818-8222

Schools

Lees Corner Elementary 703-227-3500

Franklin Middle 703-904-5100

Chantilly High 703-222-8100

Government Services

Fairfax County
703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329)

Tax Administration 703-222-8234

Construction Permits 703-222-0801

District & Circuit Courts 703-691-7320

Juvenile/Domestic Relations Court
703-246-3367

Voter Services/Office of Elections
703-222-0766

Board of Supervisors 703-324-3151

Sully District, Michael Frey
703-814-7100

86th State House District, Tom Rust
703-437-9400

32nd State Senate District, Janet Howell
703-709-8283

10th US Congressional District, Barbara Comstock
703-404-6903

US Senator, Mark Warner
703-442-0670

US Senator, Tim Kaine 703-361-3192

Homeowners Association

Capitol Property Management
703-707-6404

What is the cheapest, single thing that
you can do to help your home value?

**Please only put out your garbage cans
and yard waste on collection night.**



Visible trash cans and lawn bags are a necessary occurrence on collection days, but an eyesore at other times. Neighborhood appearance can affect sale prices which will be future comparative values.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



Water Line Insurance

Another neighbor met with the unexpected issue of having the water line that goes from the street to his house fail. Did you know that the line is the homeowner's responsibility? Repairs can run in excess of \$6,000. Homeowners insurance is unlikely to cover this expense. However, Dominion Power does have a separate insurance that you can add to your bill for just a few dollars a month. To contact them, call 1-866-DOM-HELP.

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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 Summer issue is September 10th. Our Facebook Group is also a resource for those wishing to advertise their entrepreneurial spirit.

Hilary Anderson (16)	703-478-0987	Babysitting*; Pet Care
Anthony Berry (12)	703-657-2791	Pet Sitting/Walking; Yard work
Dominic Berry (14)	703-657-2791	Babysitting; Pet sitting; Yard work
Juliana Berry (16)	703-657-2791	Babysitting
Andrew DeLeon (18)	703-464-5192	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking; Lawn/Leaf mowing
Michael DeLeon (16)	703-464-5192	Pet Sitting/Walking; Lawn/Leaf mowing
Heather Donnelly (15)	703-435-8278	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting
Michael Donnelly (12)	703-435-8278	Mother's helper; Pet sitting
Caitlyn Fitzgerald (12)	703-456-0456	Babysitting
Shoshana Gordon (17)	703-709-8237	Babysitting*; Pet/House Sitting
Elena Grimm (15)	703-464-0712	Babysitting*; Pet/Plant Sitting; Mother's Helper
Benjamin Jones (17)	703-435-2527	Pet sitting; Lawn mowing
Colby LaGrange (12)	703-328-4868	Pet walking; Yard cleanup/Shoveling/Helping
Emma Rowson (14)	703-689-4512	Babysitting; Mother's Helper; Swim Lessons
MaryJean Rowson (14)	703-689-4512	Babysitting; Mother's Helper
Andres Sagastume (12)	703-987-1569	Pet Sitting/Walking
Gustavo Sagastume (16)	703-987-1569	Pet Sitting/Walking; Math Tutoring; Babysitting*
Molly Shear (11)	703-796-0556	Cat sitting
Thomas Sherrier (16)	703-742-7748	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking; Plant/Grass care
Taye Sidberry (15)	703-707-0605	Babysitting; Pet sitting; Yard work
Serena Xia (14)	703-435-2355	Babysitting; 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.

Tree Pruning

There are a number of neighbors doing tree work this year. To encourage the development of a strong, healthy tree, consider the following guidelines when pruning.

General:

- Prune first for safety, next for health, and finally for aesthetics.
- Avoid pruning trees when you might increase susceptibility to important pests (e.g., in areas where oak wilt exists, avoid pruning oaks in the spring and early summer; prune trees susceptible to fireblight only during the dormant season).
- Use the following decision guide for size of branches to be removed: 1) under 5cm diameter - go ahead, 2) between 5 and 10cm diameter - think twice, and 3) greater than 10cm diameter - have a good reason.

Crown Thinning:

- Assess how a tree will be pruned from the top down.
- Favor branches with strong, U-shaped angles of attachment. Remove branches with weak, V-shaped angles of attachment and/or included bark.
- Ideally, lateral branches should be evenly spaced on the main stem of young trees.
- Remove any branches that rub or cross another branch.
- Make sure that lateral branches are no more than one-half to three-quarters of the diameter of the stem to discourage the development of co-dominant stems.
- Do not remove more than one-quarter of the living crown of a tree at one time. If it is necessary to remove more, do it over successive years.

Crown Raising:

- Always maintain live branches on at least two-thirds of a tree's total height. Removing too many lower branches will hinder the development of a strong stem.
- Remove basal sprouts and vigorous epicormic sprouts.

Crown Reduction:

- Use crown reduction pruning only when absolutely necessary. Make the pruning cut at a lateral branch that is at least one-third the diameter of the stem to be removed.
- If it is necessary to remove more than half of the foliage from a branch, remove the entire branch.



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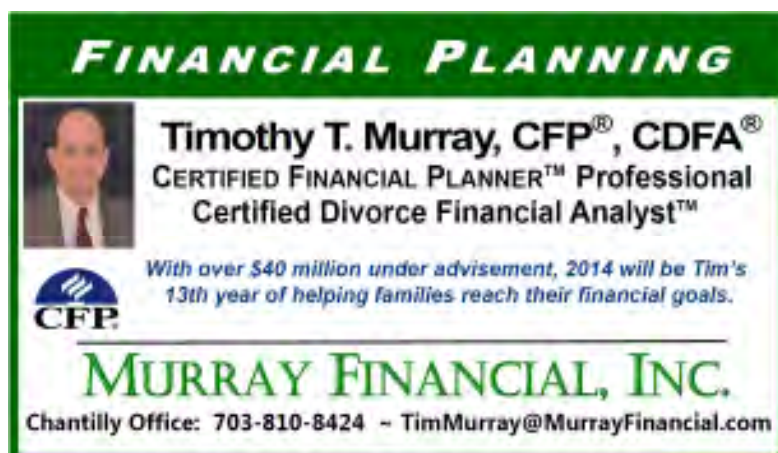
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Summer Fitness Activities

Would you like to tone up and meet some of your friendly neighbors? Last spring/summer, resident Amy Fitzgerald taught a boot camp at 6am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the neighborhood tennis courts/pool parking lot. Fees were not charged but donations were appreciated! Amy is an ultra marathon runner and currently in the process to take the NASM test to become a certified personal trainer. Please email her if you are interested in meeting up this Spring/Summer for boot camp at vtkd@yahoo.com. We can figure out a schedule that works best for those interested! I hope to help you...Find Your Strong!

Also, Galileo Lopez has organized a weekly soccer game at the Clary Sage fields every Saturday morning. If there is continued interest, these events will carry on and may expand to include using the new volleyball court or a pickup game of basketball. Young guns to old guys and gals welcome.



How are we doing?

If you know a neighbor who missed out on this issue, direct them to our website: www.armfieldfarm.org. This and other recent issues are there.

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

Would you like notification of future issues via e-mail?

Contact communication@armfieldfarm.org