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Annual Armfield Garden Competition Gears Up

Spring has almost sprung and the time has come to give credit to those Armfield home owners whose gardens add color and inspiration to our community. On **Saturday, June 28**, (in time for your gardens to grow in nicely, but before the searing Summer heat does its damage) a representative from Merrifield Garden Center will judge Armfield's finest gardens.

Nominations Nominations are invited from the community between Monday, June 2 and Thursday, June 19. For this contest, only members of the Armfield HOA community and their front yard gardens are eligible for entry. You may nominate yourself, a neighbor, or a friend. If you do not know the name of a resident whose front-garden you wish to nominate, you may enter them by supplying their address only. Finalists will be notified by Friday, June 20 that their gardens are in the running.

Please use the nomination form on page 10 or a reasonable copy thereof. Nominations should be mailed or faxed to **Jo Gordon** at **3644 Beech Down Drive, Chantilly, Virginia 20151**; or fax to **709-1497**, by no later than **Thursday, June 19**.

Judging The judge will be looking for overall quality appearance and creativity. She will select a grand prize winner, the most colorful display, and the garden sporting the finest lawn. We also hope to provide each garden owner who participates some helpful comments from the judge at the conclusion of the contest.

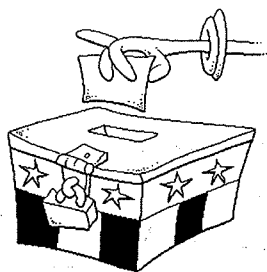
Prizes Prizes are still being collected, but so far we are excited to announce that they will include gift certificates. This is a great opportunity for any local business to advertise and support the community since all winners and sponsors will be announced in the next issue of *The Armfield Advocate*. Anyone who wishes to donate a prize should notify **Jo Gordon** at **709-8237** as soon as possible. Prizes need not be grand or expensive.

If you'd like to donate a couple of dollars, please include a check with your nomination form (no cash, please!) made out to Armfield HOA. All donations will be used to purchase gift certificates from Merrifield Garden Center.

Good luck (or should that be "break a thumb"?!)

Spring Flower Sale!

Get a head start on the contest and support the Armfield Swim Team at the same time! Details on page 3.



Community Update

Annual General Meeting Coming Up

On the Agenda What do gang prevention, elections, pool and swim team registration, and even raffles have in common? They're all happening at this year's Armfield Annual General Meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, April 15 in the Lee's Corner Elementary School cafeteria. By now, Armfield residents will have received their meeting information and proxy forms from Armstrong Management. For this meeting to be held and for new officers to be elected, a community quorum must be reached.

This year's agenda includes some very interesting speakers. Officer Aniello DeSantis of the Fair Oaks District Station has agreed to address the community on growing gang activity in the area (see the related story on page 1 of the Winter issue of *The Armfield Advocate*). This is a concern for all of us. Officer DeSantis will be available to answer parents' questions and offer sound advice for steering kids away from gangs.

Raffle A raffle will be held at the meeting for all attending residents. The winner will receive a free quarter's HOA assessments. Residents who represent, own, or operate a local business and attend the meeting are also invited to bring along their business cards to be placed in a second drawing. One card will be selected and printed in this newsletter, free of charge, for a full year.

In 1996, some residents at the annual meeting had to go from door to door, hunting down proxies to attain a quorum so that the meeting could go forward. Please make a special effort to attend this year's meeting. It promises to be interesting and valuable and a great way to meet your neighbors. Remember, issues discussed here affect you directly. Your voice should be heard!

Editors' Notes

The Armfield HOA Board has generously agreed to increase its budget for *The Armfield Advocate* so that we are able to bring you an expanded issue on a quarterly basis. Feedback from the community following this newsletter's relaunch last year has been very favorable, so we are responding with more news and views to keep you informed and involved.

Please keep in touch with us. Your views are our news. Call, mail, fax or e-mail your thoughts to either of us. We welcome your comments.

Jo Gordon and Jeannette Borneman

Grounds Committee

Terri Donovan, Grounds Committee Chair reports receiving numerous complaints from Armfield residents trying to sell their homes. They claim that the neighborhood's value has deteriorated, citing poor home maintenance as the cause, specifically peeling paint, broken garage doors, visible trash cans, poorly tended lawns, rusted mail boxes and Christmas decorations still hanging months after they should have been removed.

Terri invites home owners who are tired of these problems to volunteer their time to the Grounds Committee, assessing problem areas so that they can be dealt with, speedily. "Maybe if we had volunteers in certain sections of the community, we would be a stronger family, enforcing our covenants for the benefit of all," says Terri. "It takes just five minutes for smaller areas to be assessed and notice of violations to be reported to me so that I can take them up with our management company."

If you are able to assist in any way, contact **Terri Donovan** at 834-1136.

The Stork Visits

Congratulations to Carey and Debbie Stephens of Beech Down Drive on the birth of their first child, Rachel. She was born on December 1, 1996, and weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs., 5oz.

Community Yard Sale

Mark your calendars for the First Armfield Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 10**, from **7:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Sandwich boards with signs advertising our community sale will be up at the community entrances at least 2 weeks prior to the sale to draw in the masses.

A yard sale is a great way to clear out stuff you have collected and no longer need and by combining our efforts into one big community sale we can attract many potential buyers. It's also a great way to get out and say "Hi!" to your neighbors.

So, start preparing. All residents are invited to participate. Simply get your things ready in advance and put them out in your driveway or yard on May 10. It helps to price things before the sale and have some cash on hand to make change with your buyers. Have your things out early. Hard-core bargain hunters will be at your door, if they spy something they like.

If you only have a few items for sale, talk with your neighbor and see if you can move your things to their yard instead. Passersby are more likely to stop at a sale with lots of things for sale instead of a home with only a few things.

Contact **Jeannette Borneman** at 707-0394, if you would like to help post signs or have any questions.

Spring Flower Sale!

Support the Armfield Farm Swim Team by purchasing your garden flowers from them.

To place your order, contact **Marie Vanderhoof** at 471-4906 by **Monday, April 14**. Payments will be collected at 13624 Clary Sage Drive. Make all checks out to the Armfield Farm Swim Team.

All flowers may be picked up at the pool house on Saturday, May 3 between 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Thank you for your support!

Hanging Baskets of Ivy Geraniums, \$12.00 ea.
(Prefers sun) Pink or Red only

Geraniums in 4 1/2" pots, \$4.00 ea.
(Prefers sun) White, Red, or Pink

Begonias, Impatiens, and Petunias in flats (32 plants) \$14.00 ea.

Begonias (Prefers Sun):

Bronze leaf in white, red, or pink

Green leaf in white, red or pink

Impatiens (Prefers shade to partial sun):

Red, White, Orange, or Lilac

Petunia (Prefer sun to partial shade):

Pink, Red, or Purple

The Board's Soapbox

Come one, come all, to our Annual Homeowners Association Meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 1997 at Lees Corner Elementary School. Win a door prize, register for pool membership, learn something.

Will your child attend Franklin Middle School or be shipped to the area's new school? Do you know that there are plans to build a church on Centreville Road? What's on the Board's agenda for 1997? Whatever happened to the Neighborhood Watch? For information about these and other issues, to tell us what's bothering you, or to sign up for the swim team, be there!

Two board members' terms expire this year, namely myself and Ann Meier. Are you interested in running for the Board? Know anyone who might be interested? Your vote means a lot to us, so even if you can't be present at the meeting, please don't forget to send in your proxy.

We look forward to seeing you April 15th!

Deborah Broderick

Vice President, Armfield HOA

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Multi-way Stop Signs

I was disappointed to see the (first) Multi-Way Stop Sign Ballot did not receive enough response and that a repeat effort was needed. I would hope that more parents would look out for their kids' well being and not wait until some unfortunate tragic accident. Act now! I do hope more residents will take the time to show their support for a safer community. I value and appreciate this effort to try to accomplish something that is so important in our community.

Bonnie Sung

Paoli Court

Any Tennis Teachers?

I am seeking nearby tennis lessons for my ten-year old daughter for the Spring and was hoping to find an instructor in our development so we could utilize Armfield's tennis courts. Perhaps a high school or college tennis player would be interested in teaching her? Anyone interested can contact me at 318-7514.

Cathy DeCenzo

Beech Down Drive

More Community News...

Property Manager's Message

Pool Registration

Hard to believe we're hardly over winter, and it's time for pool registration! Pool Registration Packets were mailed to all owners (not tenants) on April 1, 1997. Please read your entire packet very carefully when you receive it and do not throw it away. The registration procedures, instructions on how to fill out the forms, and which forms you need to fill out, are clearly explained in your registration packet. The packet also explains pool entry procedures and the 1997 pool rules, so hold on to your packet throughout the season for ready reference.

Even if you registered for the pool last year, you still must submit a 1996 registration form to enter the pool this year.

The pool opens Saturday, May 24, 1997. To guarantee that your pool registration is processed in time for opening day, you should have your form returned by no later than May 1. Registrations which are returned after the pool has opened for the season will be processed as quickly as possible. However, you may not be able to enter the pool on the same day that you turn in your registration.

As always, your assessment account must be current before your registration can be processed. This includes any late fees, legal fees, or miscellaneous fees which may be on your account.

You may mail your registration in, drop it off at the Annual Meeting on April 15, 1997, or fax it to our office. E-mail registrations will not be permitted because we must have the signature of the owner (and sometimes the tenant) on file.

Spring Inspections

Armstrong Management is gearing up to begin spring inspections of the community. Every spring, as part of our contracted services to the Association, we begin property inspections of each home in the community. Our priority is to check for maintenance issues, but we also look for architectural violations.

Please take a look at the outside of your home. Is there painting that needs to be done? Are your shingles and gutters in place? Do you have missing siding, or any warped trim boards? Are all of your exterior modifications approved by the Association? These are the types of items we will be checking on every home. If your home needs extra attention, please prepare for it now.

If you have exterior modifications (such as decks, fences, patios, storm doors, sheds, etc.) which have not been approved by the Architectural Review Committee, please contact Management for the appropriate forms for approval.

Throughout the summer, we will also be noting any homes which require lawn maintenance. Your lawn should not be higher than three and half to four inches at any time, weeds must be removed regularly, edges must be trimmed, and the lawn should be maintained in a generally neat fashion.

Everyone's cooperation and understanding during this season-long project will be appreciated. Remember, we want your community to look its best!

Wanted: Social Committee Chair

The Social Committee needs a chairperson and volunteers willing to keep Armfield abuzz. Our annual pool party is the committee's chief responsibility, but there are a wealth of activities the committee could pioneer including Easter egg hunts, Halloween parades, and welcoming gestures for new residents. Anyone up to the challenge and game for a lot of fun should call Toni Koch at Armstrong Management, 385-1133.



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Swim Team News

Stingrays Gear Up

Registration for the Stingrays, the Armfield swim team will take place at the Annual Homeowners Association Meeting on April 15 at 7.30 pm. in the Lees Corner Elementary School's cafeteria. For those who are unable to attend this meeting, another sign up will be held Saturday, May 3 at the pool from 1 to 3 p.m.

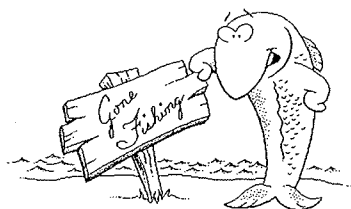
Swim practice takes place every weekday from Memorial Day through July. Any child between the ages of five through 18 and able to swim one length of the pool is welcome to join the team. This is great fun for children and their parents.

Costs Registration fees include \$50 per child, with discounts for siblings within the same family—\$40 for a second child and \$15 for each subsequent child. Additionally, a \$20 concession contribution will be asked for each swim team family to off set the confusion and disappointment when parents forget to bring goodies to sell. (Last season, Cheryl Caslavka did a great job running concessions and we even made a profit!)

Volunteers With 90 swimmers and only two paid positions, volunteers are essential. To eliminate duplication of effort and ensure adequate coverage, each family is asked to volunteer for three events throughout the season. For example, a parent could volunteer to be a timer at three separate meets or a parent supervisor at three swim practices. When you sign up your children, please designate which positions you prefer.

Mary Giel, committee chairperson, has organized several committees—membership, volunteer, social, news page and coach selection. To serve on these or volunteer in any capacity, call **Maureen Polivka** at 742-6121 for more information.

Finally, the team is actively looking for students, high school sophomores and up to assist younger children in learning all aspects of competitive swimming. If you are interested, call **Deborah Broderick** at 709-8360.



Unwelcome Pool House Guests

In mid-February, Armstrong Management discovered that the community pool house had been the site of an unauthorized party. An indication of drug-related activity, cigarette tobacco had been emptied onto a table. The few large window panes in the pool house had been barricaded to prevent passersby from detecting the party. There also was evidence of alcohol use.

Mold growing in the trash suggested the party had taken place about a month before its discovery. Heaters had been plugged in and left running, posing a clear safety hazard and pushing the community's electric bill up for the month. Fortunately, nothing appeared to be stolen, broken, or otherwise vandalized.

No evidence of a forced entry was found, suggesting that someone in the party had a key or access to a key. At the February Board meeting, it was decided that the management company will have new locks and non-duplicating keys made for the pool house. This effort should help curb repeat occurrences.

Parents are reminded to warn their older children that unlawfully gaining access to the community pool house is a punishable offence. The community pool will be under more careful surveillance from now on.

Pool Opens

On Saturday, May 24 the Pool will be opening on a limited basis until school breaks for Summer recess. Below is a schedule of operating hours.

Pool Hours:

Mon-Fri 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Sat/Sun 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Beginning June 18:

Mon-Fri 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sat/Sun 11:00 am to 8:00 pm

Pool House Phone: 689-9831



Community Regulations

Home Improvement Time!

It's that time of the year again! As the weather warms, thoughts turn from inside to outside projects. Members of the Armfield HOA Architectural Review Committee (ARC) see the change with an increase in the number of applications for exterior home improvements such as fences, new paint colors, decks, and additions.

Homeowners who are thinking about making an exterior change or addition to their home should review the Architectural Standards (General Resolution I.C. 1-1996) prior to submitting an Exterior Alteration Application. This four page resolution describes the basic covenants and standards the ARC uses to review and assess all applications. Some of the standards are fairly general, such as "design compatibility," while others are more specific, as in "no chain link fences."

Here are a few tips on completing an application ensuring the ARC has all the information needed to review your application.

1) Make sure information is legible, especially if handwritten. Submit the form and one copy (two total) to Armstrong Management. Photocopies are fine, as long as one has an original signature. Armstrong Management will notify all applicants of approvals.

2) Describe the change and provide an exterior sketch. Briefly and clearly describe the change(s) you intend to make using written descriptions, drawings, pictures, photos, or any other information that accurately describes each change. Copies of the builder's drawings, sales brochures, etc., are all helpful and welcome. The ARC must be able to understand what you want to do and how it will look.

3) Make every effort to obtain signatures from each of your neighbors who will be able to see the change(s) you are making—across the street, behind, or beside you. Applications may be

returned if no signatures are provided or if we believe more are required. Signatures do not signify "approval" from your neighbors—they simply let the ARC know you have notified them, in case they wish to contact us about the change.

4) Items frequently omitted are copies of the lot survey (plat) (all applications) and copies of the Fairfax County Builder's Permit (if the change requires a permit). The ARC needs both of them to properly review the change. The plat allows us to assess the change with respect to the house and property lines. The builder's permit shows Fairfax County is satisfied with the "code" aspects of the change. Another item occasionally missing is an "elevation" or side view of the change, including the house, which is important for us to understand the scale of a major renovation (deck or addition).

The ARC meets monthly, usually the first Wednesday of the month. Occasionally "emergency" sessions are held, usually for property owners who are selling their homes and need to document unapproved changes prior to the completion of sale. Home sales can be held up if you change the exterior appearance of your property without an approved ARC application!

The goal of the ARC is to keep the community appearance pleasant for all residents. So plan accordingly and get your applications in so we can get your approval back to you. The ARC does not want to prevent improvements, slow down projects, or limit creativity. Applications for architectural changes demonstrate courtesy to neighbors and assurance in the "curb appeal" of the neighborhood.

For more information, questions, or an application contact **Eric Hansen**, ARC Chairman at 437-1524. To obtain a copy of the Architectural Standards contact our property manager, **Toni Koch** at 385-1133, x3228.

Have You Seen The Signs?

Everywhere one drives or walks these days seems to be a mass of signage, advertising everything from open homes to carpet cleaning services. While it is a necessary part of anyone's business to advertise his or her services, there are county regulations governing the posting of temporary off-site signs, including those regarding yard sales, lost pets and real estate information.

Regardless of its subject, a sign may not be placed in median strips or attached to utility poles, traffic control signs, trees or rocks and highway rights-of-way. Signs may not exceed three square feet in area or four feet in height and must be placed at least 500 feet apart on a street, with no more than five signs per property or sale being advertised.

Signs should be constructed of permanent material such as wood or metal, rather than cardboard or paper, and fastened to their own stakes.

Signs must be removed promptly after sale.

The County code was established to protect property values and maintain the community's appearance, as well as protect public safety and avoid potential traffic hazards. Illegal sign posting is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000.

Questions relating to the correct posting of signs can be directed to **Fairfax County's Zoning Enforcement Branch** at 691-2215.

Your Pets And The Law

Dogs over four months old must be licensed annually and vaccinated against rabies. License tags are sold on presentation of an inoculation certificate and cost \$5 per year for neutered animals, \$10 for fertile animals. Cats over four months old must also be inoculated against rabies but are not required to be licensed.

Dogs and cats are available for adoption to county residents at the **Animal Shelter at 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax**, for a small adoption fee. A legally binding adoption contract must be signed agreeing to humanely house and treat the animal, have the animal neutered and other reasonable rules concerning the animal's welfare.

Impounded dogs can be redeemed within five days of impoundment at the animal shelter by presenting the dog's valid rabies certificate and a current dog license. Payment of a \$12 fee plus \$4 board fee per day is required as well.

A driver who strikes a domestic animal is required to stop, unless doing so would endanger human life. If possible, assistance should be rendered and the injury or death reported to the animal's owner. If the owner can't be identified, report the accident to the **Department of Animal Control** or to the **Police Department**.

Pet owners are responsible for having the body cremated or buried. The **State Highway Department** is responsible for pick-up of dead animals on state rights-of-way and can be reached at **273-0660**. Citizens may bring deceased pets to the animal shelter for disposal at no charge.

For more information, call the **Fairfax County Animal Shelter** at 830-1100.



Fairfax County News

Homeowner Advocacy Groups Watch Our Pocketbooks

The metro area is home to three homeowner advocacy groups, United Homeowners Association (UHA) in Washington, D.C., American Homeowners Foundation (AHF) in Arlington and American Homeowners Association (AHA) in Alexandria. All three groups strive to serve the interests of homeowners by making available a wealth of relevant information.

A strong lobbying group, UHA sells itself on representation; AHA offers a myriad services for buying, maintaining and selling a home; and AHF is an excellent source of research information.

Each of these organizations offers specialized services. AHF provides dispute resolution services as well as a no-risk ARM overpayment recovery program. ARMs need complicated annual calculations and lenders sometimes get these wrong. The unsuspecting homeowner can pay thousands of dollars too much. Recovered funds are split between the Foundation and the homeowner. If no funds are recovered, the homeowner does not pay anything. To put home buyers on an equal footing with sellers, the group's free Buyers Power! program matches buyers with exclusive buyer agents who are duty bound to secure for buyers the lowest prices and best terms.

AHA has a subsidiary called Mortgage Monitor that will audit mortgages and escrows for a fee of \$219. For members, the fee is \$169.

UHA offers Smart Consumer Services which reviews builder and contractor contracts and relays to homeowners the pros and cons contained in these contracts. For \$19.95, UHA will look over a home sale contract to see if the right protections are in place.

All homeowners are eligible to join these groups and annual membership fees are very reasonable. For more information, contact these organizations for a full list of their services.

American Homeowners Association

3801 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Va.
22305

(703) 548-2662

E-mail: AHAHOME@aol.com

Web Site: <http://www.ahahome.com>

Cost of Annual Membership: \$49; AHA-Plus \$89

United Homeowners Association

1511 K St, NW, Suite 326, Washington, D.C.
20005

(202) 408-8842

E-mail: ACLARK@uha.org

Web Site: <http://www.uha.org>

Cost of Annual Membership: \$18

American Homeowners Foundation

6776 Little Falls Road, Arlington, Va. 22213
(703) 536-7776

E-mail: AMERHOME@aol.com

Cost of Annual Membership: \$19.95 for homeowners; \$29.95 for businesses

New Sully Teen Center Opens

How often have you heard your teens lament that they don't have anything to do Saturday nights and wished there were a place they could hang out with their friends, without the threat of drugs and alcohol being part of the agenda?

Answering the call of both parents and their teens, **The Basement** is open Friday and Saturday nights at **Rocky Run Middle School** at **4400 Stringfellow Road**. On Friday nights, the center is open 6:00 pm-11:00 pm; on Saturdays the hours are 7:00 pm-12:00 am.

The school location is temporary, according to Michael Frey, Supervisor for the Sully District, who is currently working with the Department of Community and Recreational Services to locate a permanent home for the facility.

The Basement is open to all kids from 7th through 12th grades and membership is free. The center has a zero tolerance policy for drugs, alcohol, and weapons. Entrance is by pre-sale ticket only. Wrist bands are issued and no one is permitted to enter without one.

Recent activities hosted by the center have included an X-file-a-thon, a Soccer Goal Slam Jam, indoor soccer, and a parent/youth pool tournament. The center promotes character building, focusing on caring, responsibility, citizenship, fairness, respect and trustworthiness. A very worthy program for Sully teens, parents are urged to support it. The center's director, **Jayne Kannan**, can be reached at 324-5555.

Rabies Alert

The Fairfax County Health Department has issued an alert that animal rabies are on the rise. Most cases involve raccoons, but there have been reports of rabid foxes, skunks, bats, and cats. Home owners can do the following to reduce the risk of exposure.

Secure trash cans and do not leave trash bags outside. Don't feed stray animals or leave pet food outdoors. Inoculate pets against rabies. If your cat or dog is bitten by or exposed to a potentially rabid animal, contact **Animal Control** at 830-3310 and the **Health Department** at 246-2433 for advice.

Report animal bites, altercations between animals and animals behaving strangely to Animal Control. If you are bitten by an animal, wild or domestic, immediately wash the area with warm, soapy water, soaking for ten minutes, if possible. Contact your doctor for treatment.

In Brief...

Speeding: The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently adopted amendments to the County Code making violators of speed limits in residential areas subject to a fine of \$200. This action reflects changes made to the state law by the 1996 General Assembly, effective October 1, 1996.

County News: Fairfax County's Office of Public Affairs posts current news releases and the most recent issue of the Board of Supervisors' Weekly Agenda on the Internet. To access this information, connect to the County's home page at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us>, or call 324-3187. Citizens may subscribe to the Weekly Agenda by calling 324-3185. This subscription is free.

County Executive: Anthony H. Griffin was appointed Acting County Executive in late October. Previously Falls Church's City Manager, Griffin will serve as chief administrative officer while the Board of Supervisors seeks a successor to William J. Leidinger whose employment ended last year. Griffin's salary will be \$120,000.

Grass recycling: There is a nine-month seasonal requirement for the separate collection of grass clippings and leaves in Fairfax County, from April 1 through December 31. This coincides with the active grass and leaf drop seasons.

Drawbridges: The county has endorsed a design alternative for improvement of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and I-95/I-495 Corridor from west of Telegraph Road in Virginia to east of Indian Head Highway in Maryland. The Board endorsed side-by-side drawbridges, providing 12 lanes of traffic, including HOV. For further information, call the Fairfax County Office of Transportation at 324-1100.

Home Occupation: Home occupations permitted in this county include artists and sculptors, authors and composers, dressmakers and tailors, and special education schools with classes of no more than four pupils at any given time. Not permitted are antique shops, barbershops or beauty parlors, eating establishments, gift shops, repair service or personal service establishments. Applications for home occupations can be obtained through the Zoning office at 222-1082. Armfield applicants should ensure that their plans comply with community regulations as well.

Worth Noting

Prioritizing Child Safety

Parents can safety-proof their children by taking common sense steps such as sewing their names into their clothes, discouraging shortcuts through deserted or secluded areas, and accompanying them to public restrooms.

Familiarize your kids with this neighborhood and show them places to go if they need help such as a neighbor's home or a friend's house. Teach your children their full names, addresses and telephone numbers. Also instruct them on the correct and appropriate uses of the phone so that they know what to do in an emergency situation.

Fairfax County's Police Department offers voluntary fingerprinting for children to provide a means for identifying missing children. These fingerprints are not used for criminal identification purposes. Immediately after the prints are taken, the card is returned to the parent or guardian for safekeeping.

Fairfax County has no required waiting period before a missing child report will be accepted by the police. If your child is missing, call the police right away. Remain calm as you locate a recent photograph of your child and make a list of his friends, play areas, the clothes she was wearing, and any other information that might be helpful. To report a missing child, call 691-2131.

What Every Young Child Should Know*

Before I leave the house, I always tell my parents who I am with and where I am going.

I never talk to strangers and I will never be tricked into going anywhere with someone my parents don't know.

I can say no, even to an adult, if they try to touch me in a way I don't like.

I will quickly get away from someone who tries to touch me or take me away.

I will yell, "This is not my Daddy or Mommy," and "Help!"

I will tell my parents if someone tries to touch me in a way I don't like.

I don't have to keep a secret from my parents. I will tell them about things or people that scare me.

My parents love me. They will listen and help me if I feel troubled. If someone tries to touch me or threatens me, my rules are: Say no! Get away! Tell someone!

**Source: Fairfax County Police Department*

Keep these rules in an accessible place so you can remind your kids about them regularly.

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Nomination Form for the Annual Armfield Garden Competition

All nominations must be received by Jo Gordon at 3644 Beech Down Drive, Chantilly, Virginia 20151, by June 19. Mail or drop-off nominations at the above address or fax them to Jo at 709-1497. Owners of competing gardens will be notified by June 20 and judging will take place on June 28.

There is no limit to how many gardens may be nominated. To qualify for entry, nominated gardens must be found to fall within the Armfield community's boundaries. The judges decisions are final.

I _____, of _____ hereby nominate the following
(Name) (Street Address)

gardens for entry into the 1997 Annual Armfield Garden Competition:

Garden Address: _____

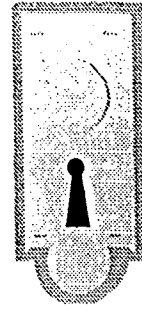
Resident's Name: _____

Garden Address: _____

Resident's Name: _____

(Signature)

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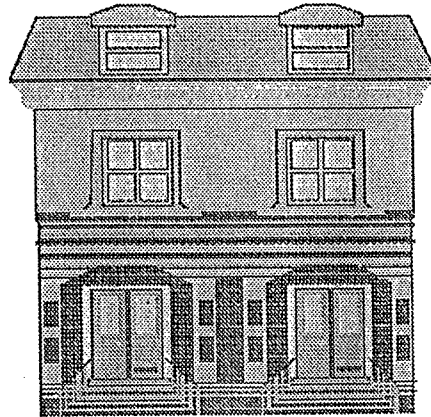
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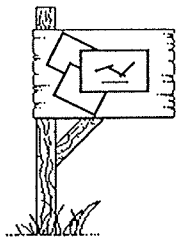
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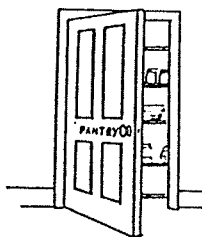
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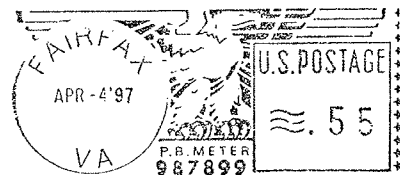
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On the Calendar...

Board meetings are held on every third Tuesday of the month and open to all residents. During the summer, meetings are held at the pool house; otherwise, at Armstrong Management Services' offices, located at 3959 Pender Drive, Suite 205, Fairfax, in the conference room.

HOA Board Meetings

April 15 — General Elections
May 20
June 17

Flower Orders Due April 14
Community Yard Sale May 10
Pool Opens May 24
Garden Nominations Due June 19
Garden Contest Judging June 28

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