# Armfield Farm Connection

#### President's Message



Happy Spring everyone! Your homeowners association has been busy this winter. The new playground at the Clary Sage field is in and the kids have been having a great time playing on it. We added eight tons of sand to the volleyball court. A new and

stronger net is on the way. The new shade structures are up at the pool and they look fantastic. We hope they make visiting the pool a much cooler experience all summer long. We also approved a number of repairs at the pool including a new white coat, a new filter system, an automatic chlorination system, and a pool cover for the winter.

In addition to the pool repairs, we selected a new pool company to manage our pool. Crystal Aquatics is a locally owned company based in Burke, VA. They `ave been managing pools since 1974 and take an approach that smaller is better. They limit the number of pools they manage to about 25-30 per season. This allows them to focus on every pool. We are very excited about working with them.

We recently settled with the Virginia Department of Transportation over the land they are annexing adjacent to Centreville Road. The board accepted their offer of \$41,612. We expect to receive the funds in the next month or two.

Our annual homeowners' meeting is coming up on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the small auditorium of Franklin
Middle School. When you receive your proxy form in the mail please sign and return it the same day.
We have two open slots for board positions and only one person has applied. If you would like to run please contact me immediately at president@armfieldfarm.org

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**Upcoming events:** 

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Swim Team

May 2nd - Swim Team Parents Meeting 7:30 pm at Chantilly HS May 6th - Swim Team Registration K 1:00 -3:00 p.m. at the pool May 12th - Swim Team Registration 1:00 -3:00 p.m. at the pool × May 24th - Armfield Annual Meeting \* 6:30 p.m. at the Franklin MS × In this Issue: **Contact Information** Page 2 ARC Update Page 4 -K Gas Mantle info Page 5 Page 5 Social Committee -₩ Kids at Work Page 6



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Kids line up for the Spring Egg Hunt!

Please RETURN your Annual Meeting Proxy Form the same day you recieve it.

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#### President's Message Continued

In a more serious note, many of you noticed the graffiti on the new playground at Clary Sage. The playground had only been up for a few weeks before the vandals struck. I am sad to report that many of the vandals are from our own community. Please take the time to remind your children that they need to respect our common areas.

Rob Shear President Armfield Farm Homeowners Association <u>President@armfieldfarm.org</u>



#### 5K Fun Run for Charity

Armfield Farm Neighbor Hosts 5K Run for Charity

This June 16<sup>th</sup> marks the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Tim Harmon 5K run/walk held at the Fairfax County Government Center at 8:30 am. Tom Cook, of Clary Sage Drive, began this event after his friend, Tim Harmon, died of Hepatitis C in 1999. The event draws nearly 900 people and all proceeds go to charity. (Hepatitis Foundation, Friends of Sunrise, Friends of Crossroads and Crossroads Alumni). Anyone interested in participating in the event can get more information at <u>www.timharmon5k.org</u> or register online at <u>www.racepacket.com</u>.





### Fairfax County Phone #'s

Fairfax County Police (non-emergency)	703-691-2131			
Fairfax County Animal Control	703-691-2131			
Fairfax County Public Works	703-324-2000			
Fairfax County Government	703-324-4636			
Fairfax County Street Signs	703-934-2840			
Fairfax County Water Authority				
Fairfax County Zoning Office (noise)				
Fairfax County Maintenance & Stormwater				
Management Division	703-934-2800			
Dominion/Virignia Power	888-667-3000			
Miss Utility - Call before you dig				
Office of Consumer Affairs				
Washington Gas (non-emergency)				
Washington Gas				
(emergency if you smell gas)	703-750-1400			
Wildlife Hotline				

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#### Architectural Standards Common ARC Violations

Most of our homeowners do a great job maintaining thier homes. We don't have very many problems, but we do see some more than others. Here are some of the more common Architctural Review Committee violations. If you recieve a notice, please act quickly to resolve it.

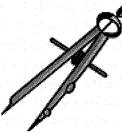
**ARC Application** - Remember you must fill out an ARC application BEFORE you start any work on your home. You can find a copy on our website: www.armfieldfarm.org

**Garage Doors** - If you replace or repaint your garage door, the color MUST match either your front door, the siding or the trim on your house.

**Storm Doors** - Only full view storm doors may be installed.

**Fences** - Like all changes to the outside of your home, they must be pre-approved using the ARC Application.

**Gas Lamps** - If you own a home with a gas lamp, please make sure it is lit. There is an article on page 5 about how to obtain mantles.



Mailboxes - We do NOT allow the Rubbermaid all-

plastic mailboxes. If you are replacing your mailbox with a different one, plese fill out an ARB application. They are available at our website www.armfieldfarm.org/committees\_architectual.asp

Windows and Mullions- All windows in a home need to either have mullions or not. A mullion is the vertial/horizontal bar on a window. If you are installing replacement windows, please make sure they all match.

If you have any questions, you can send an email to arc@armfieldfarm.org

## ARC Needs Volunteers

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) is looking for new members. If you have an interest in preserving our community and home values, and if you can spare one hour or less per month, please contact Charlie at arc@armfieldfarm.org. The ARB Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month to review applications. In addition, we maintain the Architectural Guidelines and Maintenance Standards.



### Screen Repair

I have been a resident of the Armfield Community for seventeen years. Over those years, the window screens or parts of the screens in my home broke in various ways. I had looked in the phone book for anyone that would replace all the screens in my home. I had no luck. I noticed a billboard outside Sears Hardware advertising screen repair. I spoke to a manager about my issue and he referred me the contractor that does all their work. It is a locally owned business. I contacted the company and had all the screens in home either repaired or totally replaced. They are professional, polite and the price was very reasonable. The main contractor was very flexible and used whatever existing hardware he could to keep the price down.

I would highly recommend this company to anyone in need of multiple screen repairs. The company's name is THE SCREEN MAN. Their website is thescreenman.com. Their phone numbers are: Office, 703-709-9810 and Cell, 704-447-4188.

George Hess 13602 Old Chatwood Place Chantilly, VA 20151

#### Gas Mantles

uny of the gas lamp posts in our neighborhood have one or more of the mantles missing. Our new ARB guidelines require them either to be lit or the light be converted to electricy with a sensor to turn it on automatically at night.

In order to help residents obtain the mantles, we have purchased a stock of them and our managment company will resell them at cost for \$5.00 a set. You can pick them up at: Capital Property Management 3914 Centreville Road Chantilly, VA 20172 703-707-6404

Please bring a check made out to Armfield Farm HOA for \$5.00 as they do not accept cash or credit cards at the office. They are open Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

You can also purchase them yourself at

Commerce Street
J26 Commerce Street
Springfield VA 22150
703-644-2288
www.acmestove.com



The manufacturer is Modern Home Products (www.mhpgrills.com/lamps.html).

If you need help getting them installed or have a mechanical problem with the lamp, you can contact: Buck Riley at 703-670-8622. He charges about \$57.50 to clean the lamp and install new mantles. He is certified by Washington Gas to repair the lamps.

### Community Corner

Do you have a community group you want to promote? \* ooking for a tennis partner? We now offer free space .n our newsletter for these types of activities. Please send an email to communication@armfieldfarm.org with your ad of less than 45 words.

#### Social Committee News

By Peggy Cook

#### **Spring Egg Hunt**

The annual Armfield Farm Spring Egg hunt was held March 31<sup>st</sup> at the pool. Little ones and big ones alike enjoyed the festivities. The day was wonderful and the event included moonbounces, a jelly bean guessing contest, a chalk walk, and of course the big event, the egg hunt. Special thanks go out to Dawn Donnelly, chairperson. Other awesome helpers included: Mariann Gonzalez, Jeanette Castillo, Judy Dutton, Courtney Mountcastle, Melissa DeLeon, Chris Dunne, Julie Kim, Beth Brummett, Pat Reardon, Michelle Hoffman, Rob Shear, Collin Reardon and Nicky Reardon. You helped make this event a success. Thank you!

#### Get to Know your Neighbors Afternoon Tea

Start your summer off with some new friends. We are all very busy, but knowing your neighbors brings a sense of community. The Social committee invites you to a Get to Know your Neighbor Afternoon Tea at the home of Dawn Donnelly, 3534 Armfield Farm Drive. May 20, 1:30-3:30. Please come for all or part of the time...whatever works for you.

#### **Summer Events**

Summer is the busiest time in Armfield Farm. Typical summer events include an ice cream social, adult pool party, and family pool party. In years past, we have also hosted a pre-teen pool party. Please look for signs about upcoming events at the entrances to the community and at the pool. If you can dedicate just a little time to help out at one of the events that would be appreciated. Many hands make light work. A half hour of help at an event allows event planners to enjoy the festivities themselves as well. Email <u>social@armfieldfarm.org</u>.

#### **New Members Needed**

Many of the members of the Social Committee have children that are beginning to "age out" of some of the typical events. We need new blood and new ideas. We need you! Soon it will be time to "pass the baton" to other neighbors to make sure this important community activity continues. Please consider becoming part of the committee. It is very rewarding and a lot of fun. Contact Peggy Cook 703-318-7261.

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## Kids at Work

Armfield Farm is happy to provide FREE space for youth under the age of 18 to promote their services within the neighborhood. Please contact Mariann Gonzalez at m.gonzalez@cox.net to be added the list. Parents please discuss who your teen is working for and when. They should be in Armfield Farm. It would be gre to discuss wages, responsibilities and availability as well.

Name	Grade	Phone	Job
Bart Gonzalez	10	703-437-5156	Math tutor/ boy sitter incorporates sports Fun/ Great with Babies too/ Babysitter
Christina Gonzalez	7	703-437-5156	
Erika Gramstad	12	703-378-1449	Private Swim Lessons
Marissa Gonzalez	5	703-437-5156	Experienced Mother's helper
Shannon Romulus	7	703-787-9309	Fun/ loves kids/ Sitter
Katie Kelly	10	703-631-0009	Babysitter
Ashley Romulus	10	703-787-9309	Babysitter/dog sitter
Karly Beckwith	10	703-435-1440	Babysitter
Sharese Jefferson	11	703-478-0054	Babysitter / Dog-sitter
Deanna Jefferson	10	703-478-0054	Babysitter / Dog-sitter
Kendal Douel	10	703-471-4595	Baby-sitter/great with little ones.
Jarrod Parson	10	703-736-2847	Mow lawns, Yard work/Dog-sitter
Aditi Srivastava	8	703-736-9335	Babysitter/Homework Helper/Dog-sitter
Rachelle Roberson	8	703-263-7376	Babysitter/Homework Helper/Dog-sitter
Danny Duttron	7	703-787-8329	Mow lawns / Dog-sitter / Sports Tutor-Lx
Melissa Fairbank	9	703-812-0289	Experienced Baby-sitter / Dog-sitter
Nicole Rhoads	8	703-471-6895	Baby- sitter
Brandon Smyth	8	703-471-9324	Dog-sitter/babysitter
Mary Meier	7	703-478-3490	Dog Walker
Lauren Erdmann	11	703-966-1994	Baby sitter
Kyle Sherwood	10	703-478-6089	Mow Lawns, Dog Walker
Chris Karrot	10	703-435-9298	Mow Lawns, Dog Walker
Brandon Garcia	10	703-709-7417	Babysitter/ Dog Sitter
Lark Sine	7	703-803-9722	Certtified/Experienced Baby-sitter
Correen Lumiaco	7	703-378-1008	Baby sitter/ Great singer/ sing with kids
Isaac Sine	11	703-803-9722	Yard Work/ Father's Helper
Megan Rhoads	6	703-471-6895	Mother's Helper
Jennifer Levin	9	703-709-7709	Tutor/Babysitter
Stephanie Levin	7	703-709-7709	Daytime sitter/mother's helpr
Shayna Ferreira	7	703-378-2763	Baby sitter/Dog Sitter

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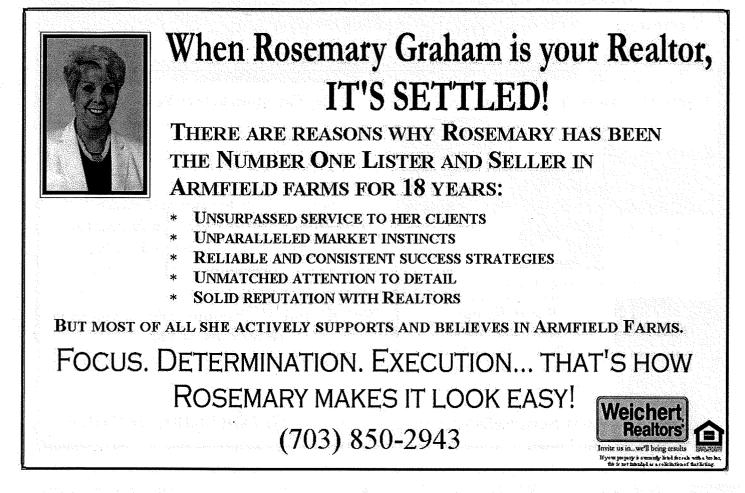
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### Swim Team Registration Info

Last year the Armfield Farm Stingrays introduced a new early registration incentive program. Due to the program's success, we will once again be offering an early registration discount this year. Registrations returned prior to May 14th will receive the discount. To help in this effort, we are emailing registration packets to past team members and to others who have expressed an interest in joining the team. Forms can be completed and returned via mail or dropped off at 3608 Beech Down Dr, Chantilly, VA 20151. Forms can also be obtained and/or returned during the parent meeting or at one of the two registrations events mentioned below.

The Armfield Farm Stingrays will be holding a preseason Parents Meeting on Wednesday, May 2nd starting at 7:30pm at Chantilly High School. This is a great opportunity to come out and hear about the plans for this summer's swim season, meet the coaches and board members, ask questions, register your swimmers, sign up for a volunteer committee, and get a good general overview of what the team is all about. Even if you have been a swim team member for several years, your attendance is encouraged and it's a great way to get first pick at volunteer positions!

We will also be holding the traditional registration sign ups at the pool on Sunday, May 6th from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm and on Saturday, May 12th from Noon to 2:00 pm. Even though the deadline for the early registration discount ends on May 13th, registrations will still be accepted up to and past the official start of the season on May 29th.

<sup>c</sup> you have any questions about the Stingrays, please email <u>armfieldfarmswimteam@verizon.net</u>.



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