

Armfield Farm Connection

SPRING 2013

President's Message



Happy Spring everyone! Our annual community meeting will be held on Thursday May 23rd at 6:45 pm at Franklin Middle School. We will use electronic voting again this year. You will receive information in the regular proxy mailing with the link and code to eVote. You will still be able to return a paper ballot if you prefer, but eVoting will hopefully increase the number of homes that participate. If you eVoted last year you will get an automatic email reminder from the system when the election goes live.

As many of you know, we were contacted recently by the Fairfax County Storm Water Planning Division about the large storm water pond at the corner of Bellerose Drive and Beech Down Drive. The County would like to modify the pond to allow it to better clean the water before it is released into the Chesapeake Bay watershed. After reviewing the feedback from the community, the board voted to approve the change to our storm water pond. The County will be providing us detailed drawings in the coming months and the board will be able to provide input into the final design.

It's hard to believe the grass has already started growing again. Most homeowners do a great job keeping their lawns mowed and beds cleared, but we do have some who owners do not take pride in maintaining their property. It only takes a few lawns with tall grass and weeds to make the whole block look bad. Please take the time to mow your lawns and remove weeds from flowerbeds.

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Kindergarten Registration

Lees Corner Elementary School is gathering information on children who will be five years old by September 30, 2013 and live within the school's boundaries. Boundary information can be accessed at www.fcps.edu/boundary/. Please call Mrs. Nolan at 703-227-3500 if you have a child who meets these requirements. Registration packets will be mailed home in early April.

There will be two opportunities for parents to register their children on a first-come first-serve basis: Monday, April 15th from 9am-4pm and Thursday, April 18th from 4-7pm.

Children who are registered during these times will receive an invitation to the Kindergarten Orientation to be held on May 6th. For more information about starting school in FCPS please access <http://www.fcps.edu/start.htm>

Upcoming Events At A Glance

APRIL

- 15 - Income Tax Filing Deadline
- 25 - HOA Directors Meeting, 7pm

MAY

- 1 - Swim Team registration begins
- 23 - Annual HOA Meeting, Franklin Middle School, 6:45pm
- 25 - Pool Opens

JUNE

- 1 - Garage Sale, Pool, 8-Noon
- 8-10 - Celebrate Fairfax!, Govt Center
- 27 - HOA Directors Meeting, 7pm

Local Farmers Markets

Thursdays

Frying Pan Park at the Country Store, 3:30-7 pm, May 2 - Oct 24

Thursdays

Herndon, Time TBA, May 2 - Oct 24
Old Town Herndon, 777 Lynn Street

Saturdays

Reston, 8:00 am - Noon, May 4 - Oct 26
Lake Anne Village Center



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Swim Team Starts Season

The Armfield Farm Stingrays Swim team is a great activity for kids during the summertime. It is a positive, safe environment that leads to everlasting friendships, team building, and advancing individual swimming skills. If your child is age 5* – 18, and would like to join in the fun, the Stingrays look forward to meeting you! Participants must be able to swim at least one length of the pool in order to join.



Our first practice for NEW swimmers is Tuesday, May 28 from 5-6:15pm. During this time we ask parents to attend a MANDATORY meeting, as well. At this first practice, you and your child(ren) will be able to meet and get acquainted with our Coaching staff (Co-Head Coaches Nawal Kassem and Alex Bekampis will return for the summer 2013 season), meet and ask questions of our Board members, learn how to use our website to register and get information, sign-up for volunteer positions, and get a general overview of our team. We rely on our parent-volunteers and seek your full participation and support in order to be able to run our team effectively. We have a number of activities you can volunteer for- from picking up donuts to serving as a timer at meets - there is something that fits everyone's skill set and schedule. (Little known fact – it takes over 50 parent volunteers to run a swim meet!) Parent volunteers are an integral part of the success of our swim team.

For further details, visit our website at www.armfieldfarmswim.com.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Online Registration Opens - May 1st

Mandatory first day of practice for new swimmers and families - May 28th at 5pm

Evening practices - May 29th to June 18th at 4:15pm or 5:15pm

Time Trials - June 15th at 7am

First A Meet - June 22nd at 7am

First B Meet - June 26th at 6pm

Morning practices - June 19th to end of season at 7:30am or 8:45am

BECOME A STINGRAY SPONSOR

If you or someone you know would like to become a Stingray sponsor, please contact Jeanette Castillo at Jeanette@armfieldfarmswim.com. Sponsor names are proudly displayed on our website and announced at every home meet. Sponsorship is \$250.

INVITE A FRIEND!

Armfield is one of the few teams that allow non-residents to join their swim team. If you know a family that is interested, encourage them to visit our website and send us an email using Contact Us from the home page.

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

Hilary Anderson (14)	703-478-0987	Babysitting; Pet Sitting
Anthony Berry (10)	703-657-2791	Pet Sitting/Walking; Yard/Housework; Helper
Dominic Berry (12)	703-657-2791	Pet Sitting/Walking; Yard/Housework; Helper
Juliana Berry (14)	703-657-2791	Babysitting*
Andrew DeLeon (16)	703-464-5192	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking; Yard Work
Michael DeLeon (13)	703-464-5192	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking; Yard Work
Heather Donnelly (13)	703-435-8278	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking; Helper
Benjamin Jones (15)	703-435-2527	Pet Sitting; Yard Work
Samantha Jones (17)	703-435-2527	Babysitting; Pet Sitting
Savannah Pettigrew (12)	703-220-3300	Babysitting; Pet Walking
Collin Reardon (16)	703-707-9317	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking
Nick Reardon (14)	703-707-9317	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking
Thomas Sherrier (14)	703-742-7748	Babysitting; Pet Sitting; Plant Sitting
Jack Thompson (14)	571-203-7997	Pet Sitting; Yard Work; Helper

* 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.

Storm Water Ponds

On a cold January 24th, representatives from the Fairfax County Storm Water Planning Division held an information session to discuss modifications to the storm water detention pond at the intersection of Bellerose Drive and Beech Down Drive. Currently, this is a catch basin for excess rain water so that it does not overflow the nearby creek. However, as currently designed, it does not allow water to seep into the ground leaving it stagnant or muddy for extra days or weeks.

The County made a proposal to redesign the flow pattern into a number of small pools, versus one large pool, and plant native grasses and trees to absorb excess water. During the meeting residents provided feedback on design to best accommodate the nearest homes and preserve the maximum open space available. Details about the proposal can be found on www.armfieldfarm.org. (continued on page 6)

Potomac Watershed Clean Up - April 6th

As part of the 25th Annual Potomac Watershed Clean Up where hundreds of events will be taking place across a four state area, the Social Committee is spearheading a clean up of the Flatlick Branch on April 6th from 9am-noon. This creek across from Lees Corner Elementary School flows into Cub Run, then to Bull Run before reaching the Occoquan and Potomac Rivers. Volunteers should meet on Lees Corner Road at the creek near Bokel Drive in proper attire. Gloves and bags will be provided. Service hours certification is available.

Contact Kay at social@armfieldfarm.org



Spring Fling - April 7th

The Social Committee is hosting the Spring Fling on April 7th from 2 to 4 pm. This year's event will include a safari show, giant bubbles, face painting, a moon bounce obstacle course, cookies, and spring herb planting. Additionally the widely popular fun run will be back for a second year for runners / walkers / bikers for all ages around the community to encourage exercise, being outdoors and neighborhood togetherness. Be on the look out for opportunities to volunteer! Students needing community service hours may work this event for credit.

The summer will bring a 4th of July party and, of course, the annual Family Picnic near the end of August. Good times will be had by all!

Questions? Comments? Want to help out? Contact Kay at social@armfieldfarm.org

Delegate Tom Rust to Keynote May 23rd Annual Meeting



Tom Rust was the mayor of Herndon for 19 years before being elected to the House of Delegates in 2001. He has served part of Armfield Farm since that time and took constituency of the remainder of the community in 2011. Delegate Rust will speak about events in Richmond and other topics. The Annual Meeting will take place at Franklin Middle School at 6:45pm on May 23rd.

Spring Community Yard Sale - June 1st

The 2013 Armfield Farm Community Yard Sale will be held on June 1st from 8am to noon in the parking lot of the community pool. This will be the fourth year that the pool parking lot will be cordoned off for sellers and shoppers. However, due to a reduced number of residents coming to the pool, spaces will not be assigned in advance. Depending upon the number of sellers at the pool, please expect that the sale location will be closest to the tennis courts and then expanded if necessary. As before, the HOA will advertise in local newspapers and social media websites.



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Recent Home Sales (courtesy of Rosemary Graham)

There were no home sales reported in the most recent quarter per the realtor listing. However, with the grantors tax and sales tax increasing, she expects that there will be more closings this quarter before the taxes take effect.

Storm Water Ponds (continued)

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Following the meeting, the Board of Directors sent mailings to the 21 most affected owners. Of those, two voiced significant objections or concerns. After much discussion, the Board decided at their February meeting to move forward to the design step with the County. The Board affirmed that they would attempt to mitigate the objections as best as possible. For additional information, contact Rob at president@armfieldfarm.org.

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2013 Election Information

Just as the memories of last November begin to fade away, the political calendar has fired up once again. Virginia and New Jersey are unique in that many of their state and municipal races take place as off-off year elections. For the races of concern to Armfield Farm, the political parties have decided to hold conventions or are waiving primaries in the event of only one candidate running for a particular office.

On June 11th, the Democratic Party will be holding an open primary for the 86th District House of Delegates seat. Our precinct is at Lees Corner Elementary School. As of the writing of this article, two candidates - Jennifer Boysko and Herb Kemp are facing off for the party's nomination. The winner will face incumbent Delegate Tom Rust.



**Democratic
Primary Election
June 11th
6am-7pm**

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Volunteer Opportunities Available

If you've ever wanted to give back to your community, there are a number of ways to get involved, from as simple as posting a comment on our Facebook page, voicing a concern to our property manager, or welcoming a neighbor to planning a social event or serving on the Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rob at president@armfieldfarm.org.

Architectural Review Board Guidance

Very few people like to be told 'no' when they are designing a project for their own house, but even fewer like to be told 'no' after construction has already begun. Unfortunately, some owner choices in the past year have left them in violation of the community guidelines and having to take additional steps out of pocket to correct the problem. The ARB has seen a few concerns more frequently than others.

- 1) If the work is going to change the outside look of your house, an application is needed. This includes changes of color for siding, garage doors, and trim. Most violations result from perfectly approvable changes that never were requested. These requests stay in your ownership file and can be helpful in documenting what was done should you sell your property.
- 2) Storage Sheds. There is a limit of 80 square feet of surface area and no more than seven feet tall. It should aesthetically blend in with the house and though it should be obvious, sheds can only be installed on the owner's property.
- 3) Driveways. If you have a one car garage and a one car apron, your driveway should not be able to park two cars side by side.
- 4) Trash Cans. With multiple service providers, there seems to be a can on the street every day, however when not in use, cans need to be stored out of sight. In front of your garage or along a visible side of the house is not permitted. Recurrent violators may face a hearing.

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