

Armfield Farm Connection

SPRING 2014

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of J.B. Armfield's Farm Purchase



Photo from *Washington Star Magazine*, 23 April 1953, titled "Joseph Beard and J.B. Armfield (left) examine a mole mound." Courtesy of Library of Virginia. See Article on page 7.

President's Message



Happy Spring everyone! Our annual community meeting will be held on Thursday May 22nd 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. Please take the time to

vote. We have had great success making quorum in the past few meetings and I would like to keep our streak going!

We have a number of capitol improvements and repairs planned for this year, but I am already thinking about what we would like to improve and repair in 2015. Please let me know if you have any suggestions.

Now that the snow has finally melted 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 and lower home values. Please take the time to mow your lawns and remove weeds from flowerbeds. Further helpful information is available on page 10.

Rob Shear
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Armfield HOA
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Kindergarten Registration

Lees Corner Elementary School is gathering information on children who will be five years old by September 30, 2014 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 21st from 2:00 – 7:00PM

Thursday, April 24th from 4:00 – 7:00PM

Children who are registered during these times will receive an invitation to our Kindergarten Orientation to be held on May 5th. For more information about starting school in FCPS please access <http://www.fcps.edu/parents/start/kindergarten.shtml>

Upcoming Events At A Glance

APRIL

- 15 Income Tax Filing Deadline
- 24 HOA Directors Meeting, 7pm
- 26 Republican Congressional Primary, Centreville HS, 10a-3p
- 27 Electric Sunday, I-66 Transfer Station, 10a-3p

MAY

- 1 Swim Team registration begins
- 17 Chantilly Day, Sully Plaza, 11a-5p
- 18 Electric Sunday, I-66 Transfer Station, 10a-3p
- 22 Annual HOA Meeting, Franklin Middle School, 6:45pm
- 24 Pool Opens, 11am

JUNE

- 1 Centennial Celebration, 2pm
- 7 Garage Sale, Pool, 8-Noon
- 6-8 Celebrate Fairfax!, Govt Center
- 26 HOA Directors Meeting, 7pm

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Spring Fling - April 27th

The Social Committee is hosting the Spring Fling on April 27th 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

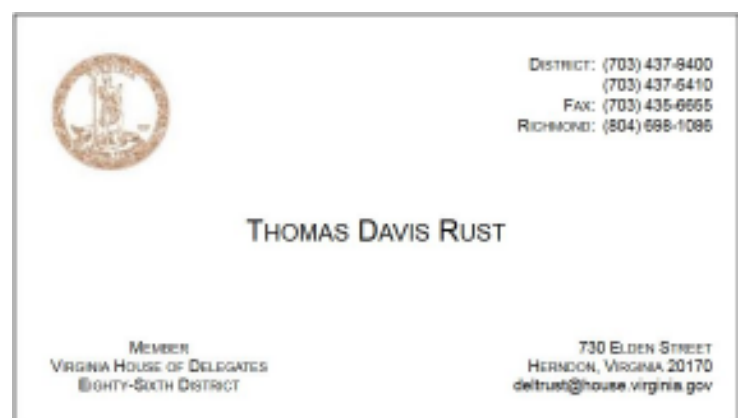
Community Yard Sale - June 7th

The 2014 Armfield Farm Community Yard Sale will be held on June 7th from 8am to noon in the parking lot of the community pool. This will be the fifth 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.

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.

Want to advertise?
Contact:
communication@
armfieldfarm.org



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 27th 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, 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 only and parents - May 27th at 5pm

Evening practices for everyone - May 28th to June 24th at 4:15pm or 5:15pm

Time Trials - June 14th at 7am

First A Meet - June 21st at 7am


First B Meet - June 26th at 6pm


Morning practices - June 25th 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.

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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 add 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.

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*
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.

Area Development

There are four significant area development projects that the Board of Directors have been monitoring or been actively participating in getting information to share with the community.

As you have likely seen, the Dulles Discovery office complex and Discovery Square mixed commercial/residential space along Centreville Road are in full swing. The third building of the office complex is expected to start being populated over the summer with the new tenants. Developers anticipate that most traffic will use Route 28, but there will inevitably be some impact to Centreville Road. The residential and retail spaces are starting to take form with townhomes, multi-family units, and shopping. Along Air and Space Museum Parkway, there is expected to be a Primrose daycare, Chik-fil-A, Wawa gas station, and bank.

At the January meeting, the Board of Directors were briefed by the developers for The Arbors of Chantilly, a proposed Alzheimer's disease focused assisted living facility to be built on Route 50 at Downs Drive. Construction noise is not expected to be significant, but may mini-

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Armfield Centennial Celebration

Armfield Farm traces its routes to June 1, 1914, when John Bynum Armfield bought 154 acres of farm land in sparsely developed western Fairfax County. Things were quite a bit different from the suburbia of Washington that we see today. Route 50 was named Little River Turnpike—the name didn't change until the 1930s. Dulles Airport was still 40 years away from being designed. And instead of 470 houses making up the community, replace them with a herd of dairy cows. Over the past year, the Board of Directors have been re-researching the history of the Armfield family and our land. We've traced back title to the original patents from Thomas Lord Fairfax in the 1700s to when J.B.'s children sold the land in 1973 to development. Thanks to support from local historians, librarians, and court record clerks, we now have a written history to share with all of our residents.

On Sunday, June 1, 2014 at 2pm, the Board of Directors will dedicate a monument and host a party to honor this anniversary and the Armfield family at the community pool house. More details will be posted on the HOA website and announced at the Annual Meeting.

Recent Home Sales (courtesy of Rosemary Graham)

Street	Sold Price	Subsidy *	Model	Date of Sale
Armfield Farm	\$578,000	\$0	Cavendish	March 11
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* Seller payment on behalf of the purchaser



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Price based on a minimum of 10 participating homeowners and includes labor, parts & tax

Local Farmers Markets

Courtesy of the Fairfax County Park Authority—only those within 10 miles listed. For additional details, consult fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Wednesdays - 8 a.m. - Noon; Oak Marr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton

Thursday - 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Old Town Herndon, 700 Lynn St., By the Red Caboose

Thursdays - 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Fairfax County Gov't Ctr, 12011 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax

Saturdays - 8 a.m. - Noon; Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston



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2014 Election Information

Just as the memories of last November begin to fade away, the political calendar has fired up once again. Due to the retirement of Representative Frank Wolf, the 10th Congressional District contest is up for grabs. Drainsville Supervisor John Foust will be the Democratic Party candidate after all other candidates withdrew.

The Republican Party is hosting a firehouse primary, a primary organized by the party with limited polling places. Their candidates are: Barbara Comstock, Stephen Hollingshead, Howie Lind, Bob Marshall, Marc Savitt, and Rob Wasinger.

Armfield Farm residents can vote at Centreville HS, 6001 Union Mill Road in Clifton. The election will be held April 26th from 10am - 3pm.



Area Development

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mally affect the residents on the most southwestern end of Leith Court. Additional details are posted on the armfieldfarm.org website.

Closer to home, expect that there will be work starting on the cell phone tower along Lees Corner Road between Bellerose and Springhaven Drives. AT&T is expanding their footprint at the existing site to the rear of the current equipment. In favorable news, this will result in additional revenue for capital improvements.

Also, the County has advised that they will start work on the retention pond on Beech Down near Bellerose Drives shortly, though not more specific. The updated plans are on the armfieldfarm.org website.

Save the date:

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Memorial Day weekend
(May 24th)!

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Area Events

The 3rd annual Chantilly Day will be hosted on May 17th from 11am - 5pm in the Sully Center parking lots in front of Babies R Us and K-Mart and hopes to create a sense of community and promote hands-on participation of its residents, businesses, schools, and organizations. More information is available at www.chantillyday.com.



Celebrate Fairfax runs from June 6th-8th featuring national headliners The All-American Rejects, Cheap Trick & The Hunts; an expansive carnival and children's area; and nightly fireworks. Additional information will be published at www.celebratefairfax.com.

If you can not make the annual meeting, please go online, mail, or deliver your proxy vote before the meeting begins.

There will be a drawing for both for those who come in person and those who send proxies.

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.

CAPITOL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
Armfield Farm Homeowners Association

To our Armfield Farm neighbors,

The *Armfield Farm Homeowners Association (HOA) Architectural Design & Maintenance Standards* have been written with the intent of assuring homeowners that the character and appeal of the neighborhood is maintained. This in turn, protects property values and enhances the community's overall environment.

We remind homeowners & renters that any **architectural and/or exterior changes require an application and approval**. To gain approval for changes, submit an application to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) using the ***Armfield Farm Homeowners Association Exterior Alterations Application*** (related changes can be included on the same form).

The *Armfield Farm HOA Board* and *Capitol Property Management* are committed to ensuring that residents remain compliant with the standards set forth in the Association's *Architectural Design & Maintenance Standards*. If/when compliance is not followed, applicable penalties can be applied to homeowners who violate the standards.

For complete details of the **HOA Architectural Design & Maintenance Standards** go to: www.armfieldfarm.org. The *Application for Exterior Alterations* form is located within the HOA standards, page 36, or contact the property management office at:

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Thank you for complying with these guidelines and regulations set forth by the
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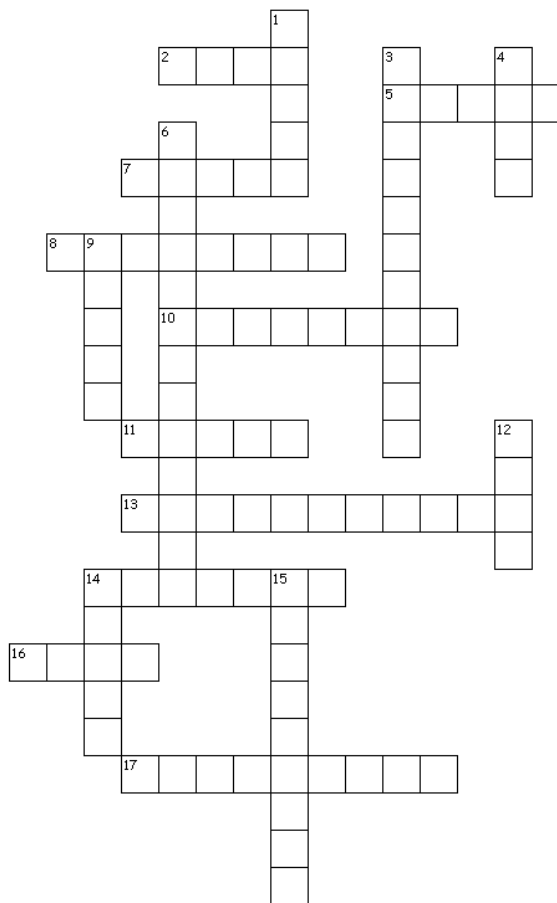
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Centennial History Criss-Cross, Clues Available on Website



Across

2. J.B.'s wife
5. Troops who set fire to Chantilly mansion
7. Confederate Captain famous for raids
8. River run that bisects farm
10. First name of owner from 1817-1883
11. Married name of Elizabeth Armfield
13. Route 50's original turnpike name (2 words)
14. Elizabeth Armfield's profession
16. One of J.B.'s daughters
17. Full name of J.B. Armfield (2 words)

Down

1. Type of farming done by J.B.
3. Received patent from Lord Fairfax
4. Number of years to pay off farm mortgage
6. State where Armfield family moved from (2 words)
9. Married name of Mary Armfield
12. Sellers of land to J.B.
14. Number of children J.B. had
15. One of J.B.'s daughters

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