

Armfield Farm Connection

SPRING 2015

President's Message



Happy Spring everyone! Our annual community meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28th 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!

In addition to our standard election we will be voting on two changes to our by-laws. The first will allow us to reduce the quorum for our annual meeting from 25% down to 15%. This will ensure we hit quorum every year. The second will specifically add eVoting to our by-laws. The State of Virginia gave this power to HOA's a few years ago, but our lawyer felt that a specific mention in our by-laws would protect the community if the state law ever changes.

Now that the snow has melted it's time to start thinking about getting our lawns ready for the season. Most homeowners in our community take a lot of pride in their lawns, but it only takes a few to make a whole street look shabby. Please take the time to keep your beds weeded and lawns mowed. We have a number of lawn companies listed in this newsletter if you are too busy to handle it yourself.

Pool season is right around the corner. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Rob Shear
President, Armfield HOA
president@armfieldfarm.org

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Our annual community meeting will be held on May 28th at 6:45pm at Franklin Middle School.

Kindergarten Registration

Lees Corner Elementary School is gathering information on children who will be five years old by September 30, 2015 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 at the end of March. Our **Kindergarten Orientation will be held on Thursday, April 16th at 2:30PM.**

There will be three opportunities for parents to register their children on a first-come first-serve basis: Monday, April 6^h from noon-4pm, Wednesday, April 8th from 4-7pm, and Friday, April 17^h from 8am-noon.

For more information about starting school in FCPS please access <http://www.fcps.edu/parents/start/kindergarten.shtml>

Upcoming Events At A Glance

MARCH

25-May 2- GOP Sully political signs display period

APRIL

11 - Community Cleanup, 9-Noon

15 - Income Tax Filing Deadline

23 - HOA Directors Meeting, 7pm

MAY

1 - Swim Team registration begins

9-Jun 16 - State Assembly political signs display period

16 - Chantilly Day, 11am-5pm

23 - Pool Opens

28 - Annual HOA Meeting, Franklin Middle School, 6:45pm

JUNE

5-7 - Celebrate Fairfax!, Govt Center

6 - Garage Sale, Pool, 8-Noon

25 - HOA Directors Meeting, 7pm

Local Farmers Markets

Thursdays

Old Town Herndon, 5/7-11/12, 8a-12:30pm

Gov't Center, 5/7-10/23, 3-7pm

Saturdays

Lake Anne Village Center Reston, 5/2-11/14, 8am - Noon

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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!



Our first practice for NEW swimmers is Tuesday, May 26 from 5-6:15 PM. During this time we ask parents to attend a MANDATORY meeting 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.

*Participants must be able to swim at least one length of the pool in order to join.

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

Event	Date	Time
Online Registration Opens	May 1	
Mandatory first day of practice for NEW SWIMMERS/NEW FAMILIES:	May 26	5-6:15 PM
First day of practice for everyone including returning and new swimmers	May 29 – June 18	TBD – Between 4:00 and 7:00 weekdays
Time Trials	June 13	8:00 AM
First A meet	June 20	8:00 AM
First B meet	June 24	6:00 PM
Morning Practice Schedule	June 19 through the end of the season	7:30–8:45 AM (Ages 11-18) 8:45–10:00 AM (Ages 10–Under)

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

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.

Head Coach Nawal Kassem will return for the summer 2015 season.

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 (16)	703-478-0987	Babysitting*; Pet Care
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
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.

Potomac Watershed Clean Up - April 11th

As part of the 27th 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 the neighborhood on April 11th from 9am-noon. We have two creeks that run through our Association, that empty into the Potomac River. Volunteers should meet at the pool in proper attire. We will have some donuts for energy. Gloves and bags will be provided. Service hours certification is available.

Contact Amber at **social@armfieldfarm.org**



Spring Fling - April 18th at Clary Sage Field

This year's event will consist of game time fun for all ages throughout the day!

10:30 – Family kickball (recommended for ages 6+)

12:00 – Picnic lunch – bring blankets and packed lunches to eat on the grass!

1:00 – Organized field games begin. Potato sack, 3-legged, and egg relay races!
Games will be broken up by age groups. Prizes for everyone who participates!

We will also have various lawn games around the perimeter of the activities, and inflatable human foosball starting at 1pm!

Details and updates on these events will be posted on Facebook. Please join our page for access to the most up-to-date information. We will also have several smaller events that will be posted to Facebook as they are scheduled. These include our Friday night and play-ground socials, as well as more games of family kickball and soccer.

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

Spring Community Yard Sale - June 6th

The 2015 Armfield Farm Community Yard Sale will be held on June 6th from 8am to noon in the parking lot of the community pool. This will be the sixth 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)

Street	Sold Price	Subsidy	Model	Date of Sale
Bellerose	\$459,000	\$2,500	Madison	March 6th

Sully Supervisor Michael Frey Retires

From Supervisor Frey's Facebook page: For the past 24 years I have had the honor and privilege of representing the Sully District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. During that time we have grown and developed into one of the most amazing places to live, work and raise a family not just in Northern Virginia but the entire country. We have an active and engaged community of citizens who work cooperatively to make this an even better place. We have outstanding schools, active recreation and passive open space parkland, and a solid economic base providing job opportunities for our residents. And we have safe, beautiful neighborhoods that provide housing for our residents. It is truly a wonderful place to live. To have had some small part in this evolution is something that I am proud of.

As with all things, however, there comes a time when change is appropriate. I believe that time has come for me, and I am announcing that I will not seek re-election to a seventh term. I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the citizens of Sully District and Fairfax County, and I want to thank all those I have worked with and who have contributed their time and energy to our community. It has been a truly wonderful 24 years.

2015 Election Information



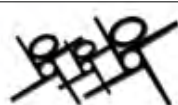
Just as the memories of last November's Congressional elections begin to fade away, the political calendar has fired up once again. State Assembly and County races are up for grabs again. The year, the vacancies of Tom Rust in the House of Delegates and Sully District Supervisor Mike Frey may lead to some highly contested races.

Three Republican candidates, John Guevara, John Litzenberger and Brian Schoeneman, will square off in a primary held on April 25th at Westfields HS. The sole Democratic candidate to date is Kathy Smith, so if no one else runs, she will be their nominee.

As of printing, only Democratic candidate Jennifer Boysko has voiced interest in the 86th District House seat and only Democratic incumbent Janet Howell has voiced interest in the 32nd District Senate seat. Should additional candidates declare, party primaries will be held on June 9th at Lees Corner Elementary School.

More detailed election information will be posted to the Armfield Farm HOA Facebook page as it becomes available.

***Sully District
Republican Firehouse
Primary Election
April 25th, 10am-3pm
Westfields HS***



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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 be invited for a hearing.

During a neighborhood review, 1 out of 6 homes had their garbage or recycling cans visible on non-collection days. Please keep them out of sight but for that night.

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Lees Corner Trail Extension on Schedule

As of the last project status report, the \$1.4 million effort to add 900 feet of trail/bike path from Bokel Drive to Route 50 along Lees Corner Road is on schedule. Construction began January and may last until August 2015. You will encounter intermittent lane closures with flagman and alternating one-way traffic during this time.

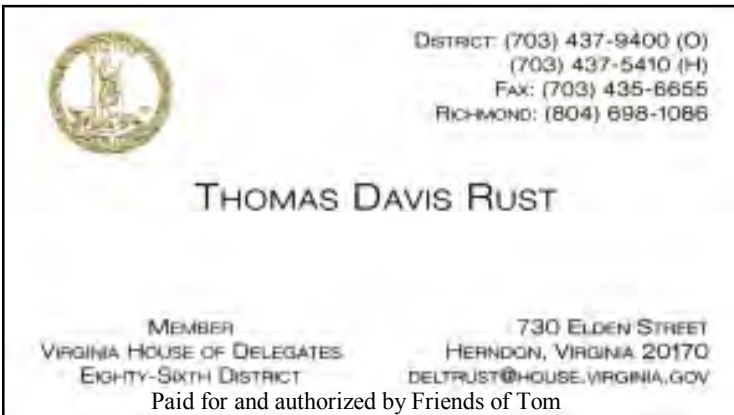


Delegate Tom Rust Announces His Retirement

Delegate Tom Rust announced on February 25th from the floor of the General Assembly that he will not seek an eighth term in the House of Delegates. From his newsletter, Rust writes: After spending fourteen sessions in Richmond, I feel like I've achieved what I came here to do. This announcement does not by any means end my commitment to public service, but it's also time to spend a few more holidays with my family, which have been so supportive of my career and all the sacrifices that has entailed. It certainly won't hurt to have a little more time to tinker with my old pickup truck or take a few more walks along the beach with [my wife] Ann either.



I want to thank the voters of the 86th district for placing their faith in me on seven separate occasions to serve as their representative in the House of Delegates. I also could not have done this without all of my supporters who have given so generously of their time and talents. While I will not seek re-election in November, I will continue to serve the rest of my term until January 13, 2016, so please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of service to you.



A family of deer visited one of our residents on February 25th. Photo courtesy of Eda Engman.

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

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866-DOM-HELP (866-366-4357)

Fairfax Water 703-698-5800

Storm Flooding 703-877-2800

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Lees Corner Elementary 703-227-3500

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Chantilly High 703-222-8100

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District & Circuit Courts 703-691-7320

Juvenile/Domestic Relations Court
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Voter Services/Office of Elections
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Board of Supervisors 703-324-3151

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703-814-7100

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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
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Homeowners Association

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Slow Down Campaign Coming to Armfield Farm

Slow down! You live here. We live here.

As we know, speeding is a major issue in our neighborhoods. A recent Fairfax County survey showed that 80 percent of respondents believe speeding is a problem, and Fairfax County police have found that on certain roads, 82 percent of motorists travel 10+ mph over the posted limit. What if children, pets or bicyclists suddenly dart in your path?



That's why Fairfax County and the Board of Supervisors has created new public awareness campaign called "Slow down! You live here. We live here." The initiative is comprised of a vigorous awareness campaign asking drivers to voluntarily slow down in neighborhoods and includes community education events throughout the fall. Look for signs and increased police presence over the next few months.

Find Your Strong

It's been a tough winter but Spring is in sight! Can you believe that bathing suit season is right around the corner? 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!

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Air and Space Museum Events

Tuesdays and Wednesdays in April, the Udvar-Hazy Center will be sponsoring "Flights of Fancy" - Stories for Children featuring the selection *Rosie Revere, Engineer* by Andrea Beaty. Readings will take place in the Boeing Aviation Hanger from 11-11:30am.



April will be the 25th anniversary of the Hubble Space Telescope. To celebrate, the National Air and Space Museum will host presentations and panels from NASA astronauts who worked on Hubble Space Telescope on April 25th from 10am-3pm. Learn about the astronomical advances made possible by Hubble and participate in educational activities for all ages.

Udvar-Hazy Center on 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway. Admission is free, parking is \$15 per car.

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

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