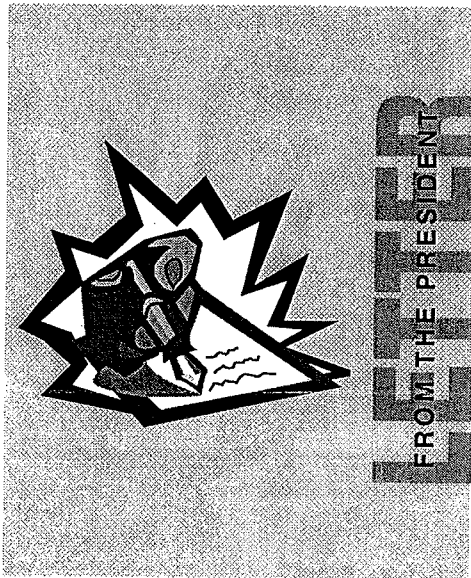


ARMFIELD ADVOCATE

A Newsletter for the Armfield Farm Community in Chantilly, Virginia
MAY 2002



Spring signals the arrival of the Annual Meeting, which will be held next month on the 16th of May at Franklin Middle School. Sign in starts at 6:30 pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. There is one seat up for election this year. Any interested candidates should please forward their interest and a brief bio to Michael Meagher at Armstrong Management.

We will discuss any pertinent issues regarding our neighborhood and will have Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey as a guest speaker. This is an important opportunity to raise any issues of concern with the Board and with Mr. Frey. Our by-laws require a 25% quorum, either by proxy or in person, in order to hold elections. If a quorum is not reached, then we are required to try again. I strongly encourage you to attend. We will be offering two \$50 gift certificates to Home Depot as door prizes.

A couple of points that tend to arise fairly frequently that I would like to mention:

- Our streets are maintained by VDOT, so any snow plowing issues should be directed to VDOT or Supervisor Michael Frey.

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OUTSIDE POOL MEMBERSHIPS OUTSIDE POOL MEMBERSHIPS OUTSIDE POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Again this year, there is a limited number of outside pool memberships available. If you know a friend, family member or colleague who would like to be considered for membership, please have them send an email with their name, address and phone numbers to: michaelmeagher@armstrong.net. "Armfield Pool Membership" should be the subject line. We will mail out the information and registration form. The cost is \$375 for a family.

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- The Board gets queries regarding the difference in the signage at all four of our entrances. Basically, it would be impossible to make everyone happy by either standardizing our entrances and/or making all the entrance signs have the official name of our Association on them.
- The consolidation of the garbage collection pick-up dates was actually attempted via a survey that was sent to all homeowners via a newsletter several years ago. At the time, in order to take advantage of any reduction in rates and less frequent garbage truck routes, the entire community would have had to agree to sign on to a particular company. There was very little response to this and thus it was deemed unfeasible to implement.
- Please remember that an application is required to be filed with the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and an approval given, before any major changes to the exterior of your property can be undertaken. This includes changes to the exterior paint colors, siding or roofing color, fencing, additions, enclosing decks, sheds, etc. Contact Michael Meagher at Armstrong Management with any queries you may have.

I hope that as many people as possible attend and thoroughly enjoy the upcoming events that the Social Committee has planned for this spring and summer. We owe them a big thanks for taking the time to plan for and “work” these events. Be sure to notice our new and improved sign holders coming soon to an entrance near you! Lastly I would like to thank Armstrong Management’s Michael Meagher for the excellent work, creative solutions, enthusiasm and expertise he has provided to this community the last couple of years.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting and around the neighborhood!

MAY 16TH ANNUAL MEETING MAY 16TH

The Association's Annual Meeting will take place Thursday, May 16th, 2002, at Franklin Middle School, with sign-in at 6:30 p.m. and call to order at 7:00 p.m. You will receive more information, an official notice, a proxy and a ballot about two weeks before the meeting.

Fairfax County Supervisor, Michael Frey is expected and board members will address the gathering, giving residents important information about:

- the Association's financial health
- the Board's accomplishments during the past year
- past and proposed social activities
- swim team news
- current and future planned projects

Please remember that the association needs a quorum in order to hold its Annual Meeting, so your presence is essential. If there is no quorum, then everybody's time and effort will have been wasted and another meeting will have to be scheduled. This is our neighborhood, so be part of the process. Please be sure to send in your proxy to Armstrong Management Services or come and participate at the meeting. Be informed about the future of Armfield.

If all this wasn't enough enticement, we are offering another incentive for your participation. Door prizes will be awarded by a drawing from all those who send in their proxy or attend the meeting. Two winners will each receive a \$50 gift certificate to Home Depot. You have to send in your proxy or attend the meeting to be eligible.

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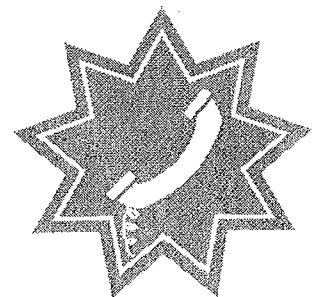
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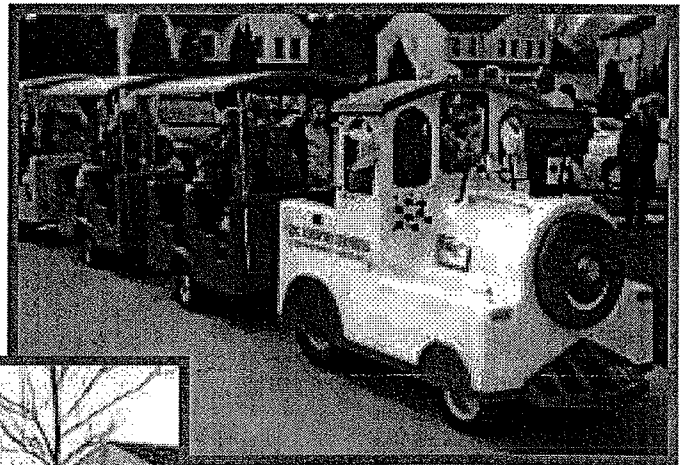


Social Committee News

On December 8th Santa traveled the streets of Armfield Farm on his fire engine. Santa passed out chocolate candy and candy canes. Many children came out in the rainy weather just to let Santa know what they wanted for Christmas and perhaps to get a photo with Santa. Many thanks to the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Department for their help this year as well as many other years. Their presence helps give Armfield residents a festive holiday season.



The annual Armfield Farm spring egg hunt and celebration was held at the pool on March 24th from 2-4 p.m. Mother Nature provided a beautiful spring day with sunshine and a gentle warm breeze. The festivities included egg hunts for three different age groups, a moonbounce, bubbles, sidewalk chalk, and, new this year, a train ride. Over 150 people participated and the warm weather had people wishing it wasn't time to leave. All children went home with plenty of goody filled eggs smiles on their faces.



EVENTS UPCOMING

The summer is always a busy and fun filled one for the social committee. Plans are underway for an ice cream social and the annual family pool party. We are in the process of determining if other events are possible and could use YOUR help. Please call Peggy Cook at 703-318-7261 or Kim Reardon at 703-707-9317 with suggestions on events, or if you can volunteer any of your time to help at one of the events. Keep your eyes open for notices of upcoming events posted at community entrances.

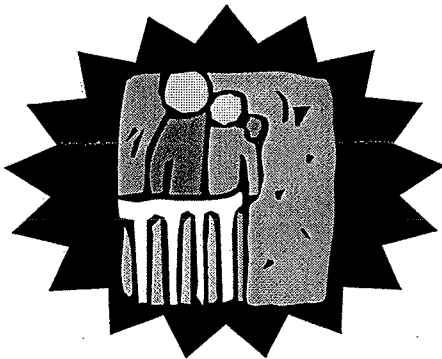
Current Real Estate: 13615
Springhaven Drive - \$295,000

Did you know? ...

- That more than half of the 12th graders in Fairfax County reported alcohol use in the past 30 days. One out of five students reported binge drinking in the past two weeks.
- One in five Fairfax County 8th-12th graders indicate they have used marijuana and 1 in 7 report using it within the last 30 days.
- 6,427 8th -12th grade Fairfax County students reported being drunk or high at school.
- One in every 100 youth reported using inhalants at some point in their life. One episode of inhalant use can be deadly or cause significant physical damage.
- 34.9% (19,009 students) of Fairfax County 8th-12th grade students stated that they had felt sad or hopeless for days or weeks at a time during the past 12 months.
- 18.5% (10,076 students) indicated that they had seriously considered suicide during the past year.
- 34% of youth spend time at least once a week at a friends house when no parents are present.
- 11.1% (6046 students) report attacking someone with the intent to hurt them.
- 6% of students (3268) have taken a handgun to school.



Although Fairfax County is close to the national average on most of these items, these statistics can be very alarming. Some parents that have thought "not my child" are re-looking at things based on the statistics. This information, which is only a small portion of the results, comes from the Communities that Care Survey administered in January 2000 in Fairfax County Public Schools. Survey respondents included 40% of the 8th (4047), 33% of the 10th (3832) and 33% of the 12th (3453) grade youth. The survey results can be generalized to within $\pm 10\%$ of the 8th through 12th grade population, which totals 54,469 students.



What can be done? ...

- Talk to your child about alcohol and drugs. Don't assume your child is too young to have tried drugs or alcohol.
- Get involved in your community. Advocate programs that protect our youth.
- Ask your child directly about his or her drug and alcohol use. Make sure your child knows your views on alcohol and drugs. Saying nothing can be seen as permission.
- Make sure your child knows that inhaling chemicals, paint, cleaners etc. is a form of drug use and it can be deadly.
- Be informed and watchful. Ask questions about who, where, when and how. Know where your child is at all times and with whom.
- Be alert to signs of drug use, including changes in appearance, behavior, school performance, sleeping patterns, and attitudes.
- Be alert to signs of gang involvement, including wearing the same sport team cap or jacket, same color shoelaces, bandanna or jewelry as other friends; getting or wanting body tattoos that are the same as friends; drawing symbols on books, clothing or property; marking territory and sending messages with graffiti.
- Keep communication open and ongoing even when your child says things that hurt you. LISTEN to your child.
- Meet the parents of your child's friends and find ways to communicate with them and support each other.
- Give children support and guidance combined with clear, enforceable limits.
- Encourage involvement in healthful activities. Become involved in your child's outside activities by attending sporting events or volunteering in some capacity.
- Don't hesitate to ask for help or guidance. We are very lucky to have many community resources including professionals who are very talented with youth and will talk with you for free.

For more information...

- More information can be obtained by calling the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, Director of Prevention Services at 703-934-8774.
- A wonderful publication is available through the School System's Safe and Drug-Free Youth Office (703-876-5246) entitled, *Everyone's Child*. This publication has more information on the survey results, offers helpful tips and lists community resources.
- If a number of Armfield Farm residents are interested in attending a presentation regarding this information, one can be organized for our neighborhood. Please contact Michael Meagher (michaelmeagher@armstrong.net) at Armstrong Management to indicate your interest. Please include your phone number and times that would be best to attend a presentation.
- Presentations to other groups that you may be involved with (church groups, PTA's, civic groups etc.) can also be organized free of charge by calling the Director of Prevention Services at 703-934-8774.

POOL MATTERS

AS ALWAYS, YOUR ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT MUST BE CURRENT IF YOU WANT TO USE THE POOL.

A computer check-in system will be used at the pool again this year, which will require an identification (such as a driver license) that shows your home address. The lifeguards will quickly verify your eligibility. For household members who do not have a photo ID, a household registration form will be available at your first pool visit. This will be filled out by an owner with proper identification. For new owners, alternative proof of residence will be considered.

For pool purposes, a household is defined as follows: A household may consist of persons living in a dwelling for more than six months of the year, or of children who are college students or are from a previous marriage and will be residing with you for the summer. All will be considered part of the household. Grandchildren or other children who do not reside in the home may not be considered part of the household, and will instead be required to enter the pool as guests.

Lifeguards are trained to ensure a safe, fun pool experience for every eligible owner. They will be required to comply strictly with the established procedures. They will not know why any particular individual is shown as "ineligible." They will simply be told to have those persons contact management. Anyone with a question or problem with the process should contact Armstrong Management Services.

OFF-SITE OWNER/TENANT - REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

1. If your home is leased and you desire pool privileges for your tenant(s), a Non-Resident Homeowner Statement must be completed by the owner and signed by both the owner and tenant. The owner will be transferring his pool privileges to his tenant, and the owner will not be able to use the pool. Non-resident homeowner statements and copies of the pool rules will be mailed out to those homeowners soon.
2. The completed and signed Non-Resident Statement and Pool Rules should be forwarded by the owner to the tenant. The tenant must then fill out the pool registration form, and the form must be returned in order for the tenant to be registered for the pool.
3. If the owner's assessment account is not current, the tenant will not be registered for the pool.

CHILD CARE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

The association will allow residents providing childcare for children who do not live in Armfield to purchase pool memberships for these kids in lieu of buying a guest pass every day. A \$35 membership fee must be paid for each child (12 and under) and written permission must be obtained from the parents stating permission to use the pool and that they will hold Armfield Homeowners Association harmless in the event of an accident/injury to the child. This type of membership is good only on weekdays until 5:00 p.m.

FREE GUEST PASSES:

Again this year, we will issue each household one free guest card with ten punches. This guest card will be issued to all those eligible to use the pool. It will be issued at your first visit and should be kept with you for the remainder of the season. Additional cards may be purchased at the pool. Checks only - no cash.



Fourth Grade Colonial Studies

Fairfax County fourth grade students studied Colonial Day events, and created many authentic garments. Parents got involved by volunteering time for Colonial Day. The best part for the children, as well as the parents, had to be dressing up. Parents who could not volunteer stopped by to see the children reenacting Colonial Day traditions and games.

The children made dolls, candles, silhouettes, wigs and more. They walked in small groups to each activity with their wicker baskets to carry their goodies. Then, they moved onto a gathering for a colonial picnic lunch. After lunch, they played colonial games.

Later, the children got a chance to dance with their parents as well as their peers. They danced to the traditional Colonial Day's ensembles. I am sure the day will be treasured by many.

The fourth graders have a great advantage living in this area. In addition to performing colonial day activities, they were able to visit the home of George Mason. His home is located in Gunston Hall Plantation on the south end of Fairfax County. Fourth graders showed great interest and excitement in learning more about our Country's Colonial Days.

Our Daisies are now first-year Brownies!

Brownie Troop 138 follows the Girl Scout program closely. The program blends 60-year time-honored traditions with current trends. It encourages girls to not only grow and develop to their own potential, but to think outside themselves, and provide service to the world around them. This year our service projects focus on our immediate community, our meeting place, Lees Corner Elementary. Activities so far include donating gift baskets to the Fun Fair and staff members, and we plan to plant and tend a "freedom garden." Next year we will widen our service area.

We use fun and interesting activities to foster development in cognitive abilities, and fine and gross motor skills. We had a birthday party for Girl Scout Founder Juliette Low, and learned about her life history. We made our own sit-upons, and used yarn painting to make a card, among other arts and crafts activities that encourage creativity. We saw a live performance of "The Nutcracker," hosted a Dance Party, baked cookies, went ice skating, and went to Thinking Day. Thinking Day is a worldwide celebration of the scouting movement. Our troop learned about Japan and its traditions and customs, then made Japanese origami pins to swap with other international "swaps" made by girls from other troops (it seemed like everyone in our neighborhood was there).

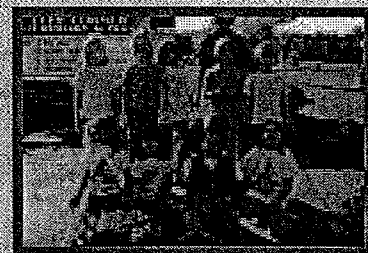
At our Investiture and Rededication Ceremony, Daisies who "bridged up" were rededicated, and girls new to the program were officially inducted. We also awarded "Try-its" (three-sided patches) that the girls have earned so far to adorn their vests or sashes.

Future plans include:

- an overnight Brownie Encampment in April,
- going to a "Mommy and Me" Tea Party later in April,
- going to the Father-Daughter Dinner Dance in May,
- and going to the 90th Anniversary Sing-along on the Capitol Mall in June.

It has been very exciting starting a new troop and we hope the enthusiasm will continue as the troop matures.

By Sarah Paul



Brownie Troop 62

Troop 62 planted flowers at Lee's Corner elementary as a service project in October 2001. Several of the members are residents of Armfield. Other projects have included donating toys to children who have been in a disaster and making Christmas stockings for the Salvation Army to give to underprivileged children.

We also have fun at Bingo Night, Thinking Day, Encampment at Camp Friendship and Father-Daughter Dance. The leaders are Diana Dahlgren and Melissa Dicker.

"I would love to have a few baby-sitters to call." "I need someone to cut the grass." "We just do not have the time." "I need a Mother's helper so I can catch up on things." We're listening...

The teens in this neighborhood work for your neighbors. Who are they? Do you know their parents?

Teens: We will run your name, job preference, grade and phone number free of charge in our newsletter every quarter. Please submit that information to Mariann DiMattina - Gonzalez. Place that information in her mailbox or mail it to 13600 Springhaven Drive, Chantilly, Virginia 20151. Please ask your parents permission first.

Parents: Please be sure to discuss wages, responsibilities and availability. Make sure you know when your teen is working and for whom. You may want to speak to potential clients before your teen begins working for them.

The Armfield Advocate is proud to present: **Youth at Work** Baby Sitting Services, etc.

Lauren Duffy 8th Grade	703-437-4714	Baby-sitting Baby-sitting Course
Tara Smyth 7th Grade	703-471-9324	Baby-sitter / Pet Walker
Harrison Smyth 9th Grade	703-471-9324	Baby-sitter / Homework Tutor
Kylee Douel 9th Grade	703-471-4595	Baby-sitter
Carol Johnson 9th Grade	703-471-6350	Baby-sitter Baby-sitting Course
Quest Brannock 9th Grade	703-904-9719	Yard work / Pet sitting
Pat King 9th Grade	703-742-0481	Baby-sitter / Yard work / Home work & Sports Tutor
Nicole Kazuba 8th grade	703-904-0845	One year or older, \$5.00 per hour. Red Cross Certified

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WORK AT YOUTH

Board's Notes

Here follows a summary of Board activities for the latter part of 2001 and early 2002. Homeowners interested in viewing complete minutes should contact Armstrong Management Services where these will be made available.

Administrative

- Violation letters were sent to homeowners for the following reasons:
 - 6 x Christmas lights need to be removed.
 - 4 x Rotted wood trim and/or garage doors.
 - 8 x Peeling exterior paint.
 - 2 x Mildew growing on siding.
 - 4 x Siding missing and/or in need of repair.
 - 5 x Debris/storage in front and/or back of house.
 - 2 x Car parked on grass and/or expired tags.
 - 2 x Dog not leashed and intimidating adults and children.
 - 1 x Dog Barking.
 - 1 x Closed in deck constructed without necessary ARC approval.
 - 3 x Fence in need of repair.
 - 1 x Vandalism to association property.
 - 5 x Yard maintenance issues.
- Because of complaints regarding the trucks making U-turns on Armfield Farm Drive, Management discussed this with Supervisor Frey's office. They confirmed that because the streets are maintained by VDOT, the trucks are entitled to do this.
- The Board approved a mid-year increase to the Social Committee budget to cover the costs of the pre-teen party.

Operations

- Regarding many complaints about the performance of the pool staff, including insufficient coverage of the pool itself, the Board approved an additional 20 hours of lifeguard coverage for each week of the pool season.
- The Board approved a proposal from Montgomery Irrigation to have the water supply for the irrigation system at the pool house grounds isolated from the pool house water supply. This is so that irrigation could be started before and used after the official pool season.
- All Recreation removed the tetherball pole because of continual vandalism issues. Two new benches were installed in its place.
- Management received approval from Fairfax County to proceed with the buffer planting along Centreville Road.
- The Board approved a proposal from Kolb Electric for replacement and upgrade of the lighting at the Bokel Drive entrance. All the fixtures on top of the masonry posts will be replaced and a new light will be installed to illuminate the new Lees Crossing entrance sign.
- The Board approved a proposal from Certa ProPainters for the replacement of the exterior rotted wood on the pool house and exterior painting.
- The Board approved a proposal from Bishop's Tennis to resurface all the basketball courts in August.
- The Board approved a proposal from Kompan, Inc. for preventative maintenance on the original tot-lots.
- The Board approved in concurrence with the Social Committee, the construction of four new Social Committee message sign holders.
- The Board approved a proposal from STM to do renovational pruning of the landscaping at the community entrances and the pool house.
- The Board voted to remove the guardhouse from the entrance at Springhaven Drive, due to its deteriorating condition.
- The Board approved a proposal from Splash Aquatics to replace all the exterior doors and doorframes at the pool house.
- The Board approved a proposal from TBH Improvements to repair the split rail fence along the stream behind Clary Sage Drive.
- The board approved a proposal from Chantilly International Tennis to offer tennis lessons at the community tennis courts.
- The Board approved a proposal from Certa ProPainters for the painting of the Bellerose entrance fence.

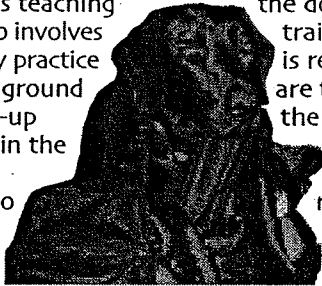
Financial

- Financial statements and a debtor history report for the above-mentioned months were approved.
- The board approved a 5% assessment increase for 2002.

JET

Jet is a 2-year old Black Labrador Retriever. He was a stray found in West Virginia and was adopted by the Fouses from Lab Rescue of Potomac in November 2000. Upon completion of Obedience Training at Commonwealth Dog Training, it was recommended that Jet might enjoy Search and Rescue (SAR) Training.

On September 10th Jet and Mary Claire started SAR Training for rural live rescue. Training involves teaching the dog two skills, tracking and air scenting. Tracking also involves training the dog to locate a scent on command. Daily practice is required to acquire the skills. Dogs sniffing along the ground are tracking. Air scenting requires the dog to pick-up the scent of a victim in the air. Dogs lifting their noses in the air with their heads back are air scenting. In addition to the dog's training, the handler also receives first-aid training for the dog. In an actual search, the handler is given a 160 acre area to marked off and the dog and handler criss-cross the 160 acres scenting for a victim.



Formal SAR teams train a minimum of every other weekend. SAR team members normally have also had survival and EMT training. Jet and Mary Claire are not part of a team, but did enjoy learning about SAR. Jet has also helped track a few lost pets in the neighborhood for neighbors.

By the Fouse Family

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

By popular demand, the annual spring community garage sale has been scheduled for Saturday, June 8th from 8:00 AM until noon. Gather up all those priceless items you don't want, put a price on them and open your garage door that morning. The association will place ads in the *Washington Post* and *Washington Times* and signs will be posted at the community entrances.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

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