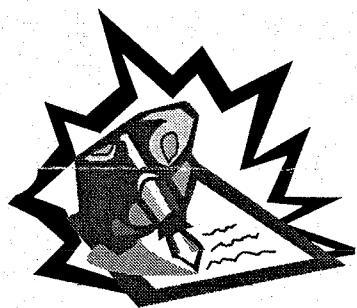


# ARMFIELD ADVOCATED

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



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the summer comes to a close and the school year gets off to a flying leap, we all find ourselves busier than ever. I sincerely hope that everyone had a wonderful summer.

Let me begin by saying a big thank you to all members of the Social Committee who worked so hard this summer to make life fun for residents of this community. Also, thank you to the ARC for their efforts over the spring/summer, a time when applications soar as homeowners take on more projects than at any other time of year.

While thanking old volunteers, it's a good time to let you know how much we need new volunteers to come on board and help out in any way they are able. The strength of this community is measured in volunteer efforts. Armfield Farm needs you! If you happen to bump into any of our volunteers, please don't hesitate to thank them personally and/or give constructive input. Also, please take notice of the sponsors that have generously donated services and merchandise to the lucky winners at our various community social functions.

You will soon notice that our basketball courts have been completely refurbished, so please make use of this great amenity. For newcomers to our community, end of pool season does not mean that the fun is over. Between our basketball, tennis and volleyball facilities, tot lots and walking trails, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

We are in the process of re-establishing a Pool Committee. This committee would be our on-site "eyes and ears" during the pool season. If anyone is

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interested in participating in the committee, or if you have suggestions to make, please let Michael Meagher at Armstrong Management Services (mmeagher@armstrong.net) know.

On a serious note, I'd like to address the issue of property maintenance. After a hot, dry season, many homes and yards are looking worse for wear. It is not the job of the Board to tell residents how to spend their hard-earned money, and we all have different approaches to home maintenance. Some of us love to be outside, mowing and weeding, painting and fixing. Others don't have the time or the inclination. But, at the end of the day, we all share a concern that our property values stay as stable and positive as they have been. One can also see it as a matter of personal pride. It is incumbent on each of us to do our part to make Armfield Farm the most attractive place to live.

Our property manager does a good job of fulfilling his responsibility by following up on covenant violations, but we could make the process much less painful by being proactive ourselves. Take a good, hard look at your home. Appraise it as a would-be purchaser might. Our community is getting older and our homes are starting to need more work. Please do your part to keep your home and our community beautiful.

Since we have had many trees fall down, in part or in full, this past summer, (usually a Bradford Pear is the victim) please note that if the remainder of the tree is cut down, the stump(s) also needs to be removed.

Please stay tuned for further notices of social committee activities that will be posted on our new sandwich boards located at our entrances. Again, if you ever have a concern and/or compliment, do not hesitate to contact myself and/or management.

Dan Gordon



## Ice Cream Social

The end of the school year was marked by an ice cream social held at the pool. Children and adults alike piled their bowls high with the ice cream and toppings. Children played on the playground and talked about their plans for the upcoming summer. Adults relaxed and enjoyed the sweet summer treat while visiting with neighbors. All in all, over 120 people attended.

The social committee planned all 3 events. In addition, most of the Volunteers working at the party were social committee members. The community response for volunteers was at an all time low this year. Workers for the Ice Cream Social and Adult Pool Party were provided by the social committee.

# CONTACTS

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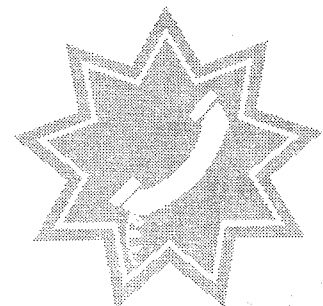
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# ARMFIELD

## Youth at Work

<b>Alexis Bailey</b>	7th Grade	(703) 437-6108		Babysitter Mother's Helper
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<b>Alyssa Curry</b>	7th Grade	(703) 467-0978		Babysitter Mother's Helper
<b>Amanda DeCenzo</b>	10th grade	(703) 318-7514		Babysitter
<b>Kristen Duffy</b>	10years old	(703) 437-4714		Mother's Helper
<b>Jenna Fraser</b>	7th Grade	(703) 499-8908		Babysitter
<b>Marine Herodet</b>	7th Grade	(703) 689-3472		Babysitter w/experience
<b>Poonam Kaur</b>	7th Grade	703) 435-3048		Babysitter Mother's Helper
<b>Annie Kazuba</b>	7th Grade	(703) 904-0845		Mother's Helper Babysitting course 1+ years
<b>Nicole Kazuba</b>	9th Grade	(703) 904-0845	Red Cross Certified	Babysitter
<b>Nitu Lahar</b>	7th Grade	(703) 968 - 7523		Babysitter

To get on the list, please send your name, number, age and job preference to Mrs. Gonzalez at: gonzo981@yahoo.com. To delete your name, please follow the same steps.

**The teens have been receiving endless calls for baby-sitting.  
Please get your name and information in before the next newsletter.**

Please discuss wages with the sitter before she starts.

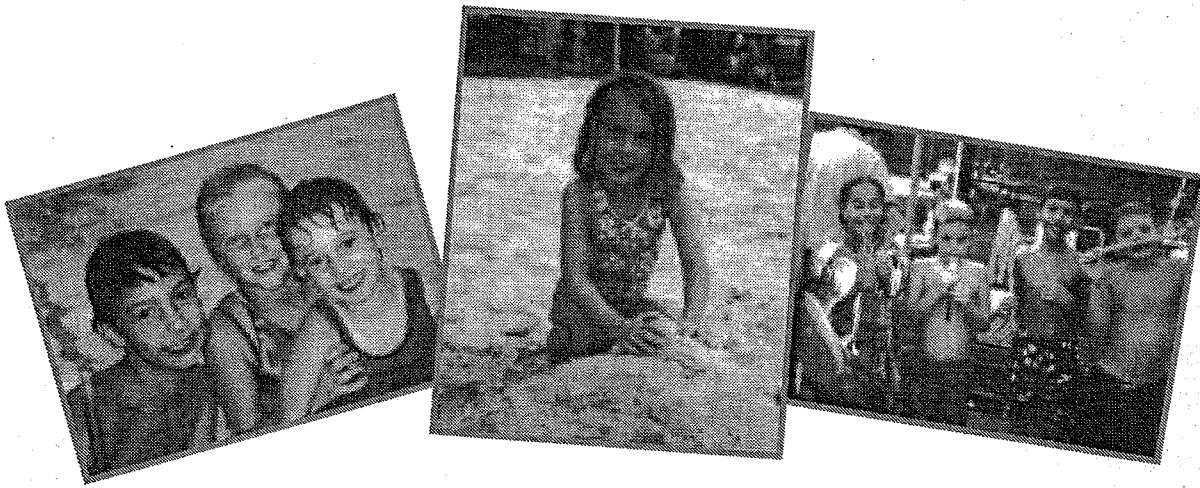
## Ride the Bus Party

On August 28, twelve excited kindergartners stood with a parent at several different bus stops throughout the neighborhood, waiting for the school bus for the first time. After the disappointment of the bus that did not arrive, they went to Open House to meet their teachers and see their new classrooms...at least they got to ride the bus home! Afterwards, they headed to Julia Golden's house for a "Ride the Bus Party". They had fun getting to know their future classmates better during the afternoon. They played a relay game of packing their team backpack with school supplies, made a craft to hold their artwork and ate lots of goodies, including a School Bus cake. Before anyone was ready, the games were over, the food was eaten and it was time to head home. It was a fun way to get ready to start an exciting year.

by Melinda Golden, Rosetree Court



# Family Pool Party



The annual family pool party was held on August 3rd. Although Mother Nature again threatened to disturb the festivities, the weather cleared up and partygoers had a wonderful time. This year, the main dinner was catered by a local barbecue company, Capital Q. The party included a moonbounce and some new amusements. Golf enthusiasts had an opportunity to try their swing and hope for a hole in one at the Golf Challenge. Adults and children also enjoyed kicking the ball and making goals at the Soccer Challenge game. Door prizes were awarded and included dinners, ice cream and lots of other goodies. Armfield children participated in several relay races in the pool.

The seal relay had participants swimming while pushing a ball with their nose. In the noodle relay, participants raced across the pool while riding horse style on a swim noodle. Again this year, there were hula-hoop, limbo and dance contests. Throughout the party, (except during the short rainstorm) there were many smiles and a lot of laughter. Congratulations to all the winners. We definitely have talented Armfield residents. Thank you to all the volunteers and especially to the social committee members who give their time each year to ensure our neighborhood can enjoy this wonderful annual event.

**We want to thank all who volunteered to make this event a reality  
(and we hope we didn't forget anyone)!**

Kim Reardon

Chere Pfeifle

Larry Pfeifle

Julie Kim

Beth Brummett

Peggy Cook

Dawn Donnelly

Erica Fairbanks

Caren Martin

Pam Peretin

Jeanette Costillo

George Gonzalez

Melissa DeLeon

Rita Curtis

Annette Rhoads

Ellen Smyth

Mary Swanbery

Cherie Sherrier

Polly Murray

Jana Robinson

# ADULT

## DOOR PRIZES

Backyard Grill and Bar	\$15 Gift certificate	Annette Rhoads
Bungalow Billiards	Dinner for 4 and 1 hour free pool	Mary Kesser
China Café	\$20 Gift Certificate	Charlie Price
Clay Café Studios	\$35 Gift Certificate	Cherie Sherrier
Coyote Grill and Cantina	\$25 Gift Certificate	Lynne Lewicki
Giant	\$25 Gift Certificate	Flo Hess
Golden China	Free lunch buffet for two	Aster Liu
Starbucks	\$10 gift card	Nigel Martin
	\$10 gift card	Bob McKenna

# CHILDRENS

Milwaukee Frozen Custard	\$5 Gift Certificate \$5 Gift Certificate \$5 Gift Certificate	Nathan Swanbery Josh Gordon Nadeen
Ishaq	\$5 Gift Certificate \$5 Gift Certificate	Alex Strait Jeffrey Rhoads
Papa Johns	Free pizza Free pizza Free pizza Free pizza Free pizza	Sebastian Costillo Carly Dutton Kevin Dean Danny Rahnama Nicky Pfeifle

## DOOR PRIZES

## Adult Deck Party Adult Deck Party Adult Deck Party

The adult deck party was held on Saturday July 13th. Armfield adults enjoyed a relaxing evening without kids, socializing with their neighbors. Munchies and deserts were arranged by the social committee and individuals brought their own drinks. Music was provided by our own KAZ 1 DJ. Kaz played music into the night and even got people (well, only the ladies) dancing to the macerana. Door prizes were awarded and included such things as dinners, ice cream and sports drinks. All who attended had a great time and look forward to this annual event.

### Adult Pool Party Prizes:

Clay Café Studios	\$25 Gift Certificate
Dan's Golf Shop	\$10 Gift Certificate
Multiplex Cinemas	3 Free Tickets
Shiang Yu Chinese Restaurant	2 Free lunch buffets
Milwaukee Custard	3 - \$5 Gift Certificate

Giveaways:	
Milwaukee Frozen Custard	33 - Free small cone
Shiang Yu	1 - Free lunch buffet
Multiplex Cinemas	3 - Admission tickets





# Big Business

## ...TAKE A LESSON

*by Dennis Kazuba, Armfield Farm Board VP and proud swim team parent/volunteer*

Any business looking for an efficient, organized, unselfish model that puts the customer first should look no further than our own Armfield Farm Stingrays Swim Team. I have marveled at the way meets are run. Fast, efficient and always putting the swimmer first. This organization is comprised of volunteers and volunteers only who start setting up on Friday night, after the pool closes, for the home meet the next morning.

The roosters and the "Dawn Patrol" are up the next morning. They, not the roosters, come in at 6:30 AM to finish the deck setup and begin putting the lane ropes in, backstroke pennants up, and open the pool house for the concession area. The coaches go through their event sheets as well as making sure all the swimmers will have individual timing slips.

The swimmers start arriving at 7 AM for warm-ups. After a few yawns and hot coffee, all the officials assemble, the meet starts promptly at 8AM and runs like a well-oiled machine for another 2 hours or so. For the Wednesday meets, this all takes place prior to the 6 PM start time. Since everyone swims on Wednesdays, approximately 225 swimmers are grouped, given individual timing slips and lane assignments, led to the starting area, called up to swim, started, finished and timed by three timers in his or her lane. Timing slips are collected and any DQ's, (disqualification's) are noted. They're carried by an administrative referee to the ribbon writing table and then passed onto the computer center for recording into a special data base which ultimately prints the swimmer's stats for that meet and the team scoring based on finishing times. These result sheets are then posted so all swimmers can measure their progress. Whew!

Heading up this army of volunteers is Ellyn Smyth, swim team president who took over for the indomitable Cheryl Caslavka. Ellyn coordinates responsibilities with the committee chairs that recruit workers for, are you ready? Set-up/clean-up, team area, social and fund raising functions, ribbon writing, concessions, (not just selling doughnuts, soda and candy, but also cooking and grilling fresh items), computer data processors, lane timers, stroke and turn judges, meet referees, and Clerk of course... of course. Letting the world know about the meet is Lynne Lewicki, running the Stingray Newsletter and Andy Vanderhoof, capturing all the highlights on film. You've probably seen Andy and Lynne's work in our local newspapers.

Say what you want, but with this crew working, the only thing they can't produce is the water. This total team effort is also demonstrated by other swim team parents when we are the away team. We also pitch in to fill positions at these away meets.

If businesses ran as smoothly as these swim meets, think of all the hassles, delays, ill-tempered service, shoddy workmanship and cost overruns that could be eliminated. No one person gets the credit. No one is more important than the customer or in this case, the swimmer. The affable Tom Smyth, home meet referee always tells the deck officials before a meet begins that, "we are here for the swimmers...if in doubt the benefit always goes to the swimmer." What a refreshing and novel idea. It sounds like that old-fashioned "The customer comes first." Like old clothes, will this idea ever come back?

A tip of the Speedo Fedora goes to a gentleman whose vitality and virtuosity will be greatly missed. If there is anyone dedicated to the swimmers and the team it's Kevin Broderick. Kevin was the Team Representative for the past 4 years. He does everything at the meet to insure its success. He's like a GM, concierge and conductor rolled into one. The team is looking for someone to take his place for next year. If you're a can-do, organized, take charge type "A," this job is for you. No experience necessary-will train. We're casting our net far and wide in the community to bring in a successor.

By the time you read this, the Stingray's season will have ended. They will have had their year-end party, which recognizes outstanding swimmers, congratulates the coaches, thanks all the parent volunteers and starts reminiscing about the "year." How quick it flew by, not having to get up at 6 AM on a SATURDAY and that God-awful horn blastin' at 8 AM. But wait!



# ALERT FROM SOUTH RIDING

We had an incident last night that was reported to the Sheriff's office regarding a suspicious person attempting to sell "driveway sealing" services. He was a balding middle-aged man, Mediterranean complexion with dark skin and white hair and mustache. He gave his name as Lee Mitchell and was driving a new model Gray Ford full size pickup with Florida license plates. He was accompanied by a woman who remained in the vehicle.

He approached my neighbor who was in the yard with her children. He was quite forceful in his attempts to sell her services, even showing her a check from a neighbor for \$400 for driveway sealing. He drew the attention of another neighbor who is an Arlington County Detective, who approached the man and questioned him, while he examined the vehicle and its contents.

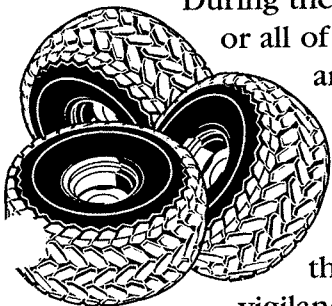
After being unsuccessful with his attempts to sell anything, Mr. Mitchell departed, but not until my Detective neighbor gained sufficient information from him, along with a flyer for his services, to allow Mike to contact both the Sheriff's Office, who took a report, but also to determine that the vehicle was registered to Thomas Mitchell, who was born in 1960 (possibly a son or relative of the older man) and who was wanted in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia for a series of daylight break ins and home repair fraud schemes.

The name Mitchell is a very well known and prominent crime family within the Gypsy community in Arlington and they have had reports and are tracking their movements into Loudon and our area. They are operating two reported schemes at the moment: 1) a driveway sealer scheme where they spray motor oil on the driveway which then runs off with the first rain and 2) a distraction scheme where they keep you occupied in the back of your house, while someone comes in the front door and robs the house.

Additionally, it is thought that they are also scouting possible daylight burglary possibilities throughout questioning or being invited into the home to determine the contents and whether anyone is home during the day.



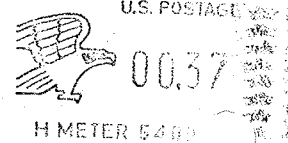
## THEFT ALERT



During the past few months, a few cars in the neighborhood have been relieved of some or all of their wheels. At least one incident happened in a driveway on Springhaven and another was on Clary Sage, in the street. The thefts apparently occurred in the early morning hours and the owners awoke to find their car on blocks.

Please be alert to suspicious activity and don't hesitate to call 911 if anything needs to be checked out by the police. They would rather come out unnecessarily than miss catching someone in the act. Your neighbors will thank you for your vigilance and you may count on them to return the favor some day.

**Armfield Homeowners Association**  
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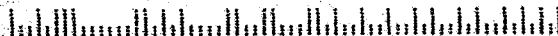


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