



# Armfield Farm Connection

Newsletter - Fall 2004

## President's Message

By Tim Murray



I hope everyone's start to the Fall season has gone well and that those with kids have adjusted to the new routine. With Fall comes the closing of the pool, one of our, community's largest services. This year's pool season went extremely well and I would like to thank Catie Price

for her efforts as the liaison between our HOA and NV Pools, our contracted pool operator. The few issues that we did have, Catie handled very well. Great work Catie!

The Board of Directors' goal of increasing communication is progressing thanks to the leadership efforts of Mary Swanbery and Rob Shear. You are currently reading the second issue of our re-born newsletter, the website has been launched ([www.ArmfieldFarm.org](http://www.ArmfieldFarm.org)) and will continue to be improved upon, and we are in the process of compiling data for a new Armfield Farm Directory. If you haven't submitted your Armfield Farm Directory Form (a copy is in this newsletter), please do so ASAP. Even if you choose to opt-out of the directory, let us know.

In order to distribute the newsletters and directories quickly and efficiently, we continue to look for additional volunteers to act as Block Captains (another section of this newsletter will detail which areas are in need of a Block Captain). If you have a few minutes to spare once every three months and would like to be an advocate for your area of Armfield Farm, please let us know.

Our new committees are up and running and I would like to thank the committee chairs and committee members for their efforts. However, we are always looking for new volunteers. In fact, the newly formed Grounds and Roads Committee is in need of a new chairperson. This committee was formed to oversee our landscaping company's work, recommend landscaping improvements to the board, and monitor road and sidewalk conditions throughout the community. If you are interested, please email me at [president@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:president@armfieldfarm.org). Volunteering for a committee takes a very small amount of time per month. As with all organizations, when many help in a small way, big improvements can be made.

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## Upcoming Events

Thursday Nov. 11th  
HOA Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m Lees Corner Elementary

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Kids get ready for the Halloween Parade

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE**

[www.armfieldfarm.org](http://www.armfieldfarm.org)

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Grounds and Roads	Unfilled - Please contact Tim Murray if you are interested in volunteering.		
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Children slide down at the family pool party

# *Social Committee News*

By Peggy Cook

The neighborhood had a summer filled with wonderful community events. An **adult pool party** was held in July. The event was well attended and everyone had a great time. It was especially good to see so many people new to the neighborhood at the party. Welcome!! Adults enjoyed munchies, drinks and desserts. A deejay played music and seemed to know what songs would please the crowd (unfortunately some are now considered "oldies"). The evening ended with everyone in the pool, whether they wanted to be or not. A note for the future: if you hear the theme from JAWS being played, move away from the pool!!

The **family pool party** was a great hit again this year. This event, the biggest of all the neighborhood events, was held in August and had over 300 people in attendance. The event was moved from the planned date to the rain date. Due to this, the party was held earlier in the day. This seemed to work well, especially for families with younger children. The Social Committee would love to have your opinion on this matter. Just give us a call or use the new website to email us. The party included pizza, subs, a taco bar, cotton candy, snow cones a moonbounce and a slide. Of course there was a deejay (our own KAZ 1) and various contests including limbo, pool relays (including a parent child relay) and a treasure hunt with pennies in the pool. The life guards did a great job in leading the various relays and generally helping out. The Social Committee would like to thank the neighborhood and the board for allowing a budget to support such awesome events. Events such as these certainly make a statement about the quality and pride in our neighborhood.

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## **New Members**

The Social committee is very happy to welcome several new members! New members always come with wonderful, fresh ideas. We have also welcomed several old members back. If you are interested in planning community events, just contact Peggy Cook (703-318-7261) or Kim Reardon (703-707-9317) We would love to have you.

**Middle school mixer:** The night before Intermediate School Orientation can be pretty nerve racking for some rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. So instead of letting them sit at home worrying about it, the Armfield social committee hosted a mixer for the middle school kids. Luckily, school schedules arrived the same day as the party so everyone got to share their schedules and figure out who was in their classes. The kids swam. They made their own sundaes. They had a cake with a picture of Franklin Middle School on it. They had sherbert punch. They even got some cool school supplies as prizes for coming and some kids got extras for participating in a survey game. The idea behind the survey game was to try to help the kids extend their social circles a bit, but the game didn't go over too well so we won't be doing that one again! They just wanted to socialize in their own way. After they had lots of time to eat, hang out, and run around they were ready for some other planned activities. One of the lifeguards led 50 or more kids in a limbo contest. It was awesome. They were ready to do some of the popular dances too but there was no time left. The two-hour party was over. It was a big hit with over 60 kids there.

Thanks to all the parent volunteers who helped out at the party. It would not have been possible without you. We all enjoyed seeing the 'tweens have fun. Next year we are thinking about doing it with the other neighborhood social committees. That would really add to the excitement. Hopefully, we just started a new tradition



Going on a Hay Ride

## *Kids at Work*

Armfield Farm is happy to provide free space for residents under the age of 18 to promote their services for things like baby-sitting and mowing lawns. Please contact [m.gonzalez@cox.net](mailto:m.gonzalez@cox.net) to be added to the list.

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Nicole Kazuba, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-904-0845	Baby-sitting
Kelsey Beckwith, 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-435-1440	Baby-sitting
Danielle Bailey, 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-437-6108	Baby-sitting/Mother's Helper
Stephanie Stricker age 12	703-961-9130	Mow lawns, wash cars, baby-sitting
Christopher Stricker age 14	703-961-9130	Mow lawns, wash cars, baby-sitting
Harrison Smyth, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-471-9324	Tutoring
Tara Smyth, 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-471-9324	Baby-sitting
Kristen Duffy 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-437-7114	Baby-sitting, Mother's Helper
Corryn Mullins 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-787-8714	Baby-sitting
Karly Beckwith 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-435-1440	Baby-sitting, Mother's Helper
Sharese Jefferson 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-478-0054	Baby-sitting
Deanna Jefferson 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	703-478-0054	Baby-sitting
Kendal Douel 8th Grade	703-471-4595	Baby-sitting
Bart Gonzalez 8th Grade	703-497-5156	Dog Sitter/Sports Tutor
Jarod Parson 8th grade	703-736-2847	Dog Sitter/Yard Work

Lifeguards from Armfield's Pool willing to babysitt:

Some are willing to do private swim lessons at the rec centers as well.

Emily Pecot - Age 17	571-275-2287
Megan Clark - Age 15	571-334-3143
Abba Kiser - Age 15	703-668-0567
Erika Gramstad - Age 16	703-378-1449
Catie Pecot - Age 16	571-275-2284
Tara Zullo - Age 17	703-969-6471

**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.



Teens line dancing at our Family Pool Party



# Architectural Standards

By Charlie Dutton

Thinking about replacing your garage doors? Keep in mind that the color should match the old doors if at all possible. Otherwise an application for a color change is required, in accordance with the Architectural Standards. Since most doors come in a few standard colors, chances are that the new doors will not match the old color. One option is to paint the doors to match the old color. Another option is to change the color of the front door or other trim to match the new door. If in doubt as to how to proceed, contact Harry Furney, ARC Chairman, at [arc@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:arc@armfieldfarm.org).

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) is currently revamping the Association architectural guidelines to include maintenance standards as well as a broader range of architectural standards than are covered in our current guidelines. In comparing our current standards with those of several surrounding communities, such as Franklin Farm and Foxfield, the ARC realized that a wholesale overhaul and “tightening up” of our standards was in order. A subcommittee is in the process of drafting the new standards, which will be presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval, tentatively in the December – January timeframe. Once approved, the new standards will be posted on the web site. For any comments or suggestions on the architectural standards, please contact Charlie Dutton at [secretary@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:secretary@armfieldfarm.org). And finally, remember that the purpose of the ARC is to preserve the aesthetic value and appearance of the structures and landscaping of our community. Homeowners interested in making changes to their house are asked to submit an application to the ARC for approval. Improvements needing approval include fences, walls, home modifications, additions, paint color changes, siding color changes, sheds, and other items affecting the value and / or appearance of the neighborhood

## What about Phone Books, Junk Mail and Cardboard?

Residents may take these items directly to the I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax near the Home Depot (4618 West Ox Road/703-631-1179). It is open until sunset, every day.

# Recycling Update

By Kay Shear

We all have the large bucket for curbside recycling. But what can you REALLY put in it? To find out, I called the two most used companies in the neighborhood, and here is the lowdown:

**AAA Rainbow** collects newspapers, GLOSSY INSERTS and MAGAZINES. Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars as long as you remove and discard lids and caps and rinse them out. Labels and neck rings are OK. Aluminum and metal food and beverage cans, rinsed, no lids. ANY plastic container with #1 or #2 on the bottom. Again, rinse out the container and remove lids and bottle caps. Yard waste should be placed in CLEAR plastic bags. Branches should be bundled with rope or twine into bundles no longer than 5 feet. No branch should be larger than 6 inches in diameter. If you have large branches or trouble bundling, call for a special pick-up, which costs \$40.

There will be a special collection for Christmas trees the first 2 Wednesdays in January. Please clean off the tree and put at the curb. DO NOT put it in a plastic bag! Any trees not out for these two special collections will be collected at regular yard waste pick-up times starting the next week.

**Waste Management** collects newspapers (NOT the glossy inserts). Please place them in paper bags or bundles not more than 20 pounds each. Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars as long as you remove and discard lids and caps and rinse them out. Labels and neck rings are OK. Metal food and beverage cans, rinsed, no lids. ANY plastic container with #1 or #2 on the bottom. Again, rinse out the container and remove lids and bottle caps. To save space, try to crush plastic containers. Yard waste should be placed in CLEAR plastic bags, or in bundles less than 4 feet long. Christmas trees will be collected with regular yard pick-up on Wednesdays. If you have tree stumps or other large yard waste, call for a construction dumpster.

**WHAT NOT TO PUT IN THE BUCKETS:** Do not include: pie tins, dishes, mirrors, window glass, ceramics, pottery, light bulbs, cookware or colors other than clear, green or brown. Although the trash guys will try to pull out non-recyclable items, a few incorrect plastic containers can result in an entire load of plastic being rejected. *So remember: When in doubt, leave it out!*

## President's Message Continued

Speaking of volunteering, there appears to be some misinformed residents under the impression that board and/or committee members are paid for their efforts. This is untrue. The only paid individuals working on behalf of our association are the employees of our contracted organizations, namely Armstrong Management (with Jay Morrell as our manager), Valley Crest, NV Pools, and any other contracted companies making repairs and/or improvements to the community. All others are donating their time and effort.

Our last board meeting was very well attended. I appreciate the homeowners who have stepped up and gotten involved. "New blood", particularly in leadership roles, is critical to the continued viability of any organization. Due to continued vandalism of the tennis court lock, we have abandoned our efforts to secure the tennis courts and will instead install a spring-action gate closer. Please keep an eye on the tennis courts and particularly watch for inappropriate uses that will damage the surface such as rollerblading or skateboarding. We have also installed and are utilizing a monitored alarm system for the poolhouse in order to help deter break-ins that have occurred during the off-season over the last few years. Please see Board Minutes for further details of the last meeting.

As a board member, you become painfully aware of the many little problems that neighbors have with each other. Someone unhappy about a neighbor not mowing their lawn often enough, another complaining (and rightfully so) about dog droppings all over his lawn and in the common area where his kids play, and still another advising the board that neighborhood children are trampling his flowers. We, as a board, can't legislate good manners, so all I can request is that you try to have common courtesy for your neighbors, teach your children to respect other's property, and by all means, please pick up after your dog. Remember the Golden Rule!

And finally, I'd like to thank my fellow board members for their continued efforts in making Armfield a better place to live. Our next newsletter will be distributed in early 2005. Have a great holiday season!

Tim Murray  
President  
Armfield Farm Homeowners Association  
[President@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:President@armfieldfarm.org)

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## Safety and Security Committee

Names are being collected to determine if there is enough interest to launch a neighborhood watch program. Please email [safety@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:safety@armfieldfarm.org) if you are interested.

## Water Line Insurance

By Rob Shear

Did you know that the water line that runs from the street to your home is your responsibility? We have had a number of people in our community who have needed to get this replaced during the past year. Dominion Virginia Power has an insurance plan you can add to your power bill for about \$3 per month to cover this risk that cost as much as \$1,500.

You can find out more information about program at:  
<http://retail.dom.com/products/warranty/waterline.jsp>

# *Armfield Farm Directory Kickoff!!*

Have you ever met a neighbor, walked away, and forgotten their name? Or ... wished that you could find other families in the neighborhood with children the same ages as yours, especially during the preschool years? Maybe you'd like to find a new babysitter. Wouldn't it be great if there were someplace you could look up this information? An Armfield Farm Neighborhood Directory is the answer! A directory can contain all this information and more!

The Armfield Farm Communications Committee is kicking off the creation of a new neighborhood directory. The directory will be distributed to neighborhood residents and will also be available on the neighborhood password-protected website, [www.armfieldfarm.org](http://www.armfieldfarm.org). The printed directory will be published every 2 to 3 years, while the website will be updated on a continuous basis.

In order for the directory to be most useful and complete, we would like to include the following information about each household:

- First and last names of adult residents
- Street Address
- Phone number
- Children's names and birth years
- Email address



The directory will also include a great deal of handy information such as:

- ❖ Listing of residents organized by Street
- ❖ Board member names and e-mail addresses
- ❖ Committee chairpersons and e-mail addresses
- ❖ Block Captains and contact information
- ❖ Area merchants
- ❖ Local churches
- ❖ Protective Covenants and Restrictions
- ❖ Neighborhood map
- ❖ Advertisements

With all that said, here's what you need to do. On the reverse side is the Armfield Directory Form that will be used to gather information for each household. Please read it over and include as much of the information as you choose. As a minimum, each resident's name and address will be printed in the directory - whether we receive a Directory Form or not. If you choose not to include any information about your household, you must opt out of the directory by signing and dating in the appropriate block on the Directory Form.

**All forms must be submitted before November 30, 2004, for the proper information to be included in the first issue of the directory. For your convenience a collection box for the forms will be available; at 13621 Clary Sage Drive. Forms can also be mailed to Annette Rhoads at 13621 Clary Sage Drive.**

**Please complete and submit your Directory Form as soon as possible. We are excited about putting together a directory that will be a valuable resource to our residents as well as a handy way for residents to get to know each other better!**

# Armfield Farm Directory Form

Please return forms to the collection boxes at 13621 Clary Sage Drive. Forms can also be mailed to Annette Rhoads at 13621 Clary Sage Drive, Chantilly, VA 20151.

All forms must be submitted by November 30, 2004.

All residents please complete:

Last Name(s):
<b><u>Adult First Name(s):</u></b>
Street Address:
Please provide your phone number for possible clarification issues:
<small><u>Your phone number will <u>not</u> be included in the directory unless you opt to include it as indicated below.</u></small>

Please fill in the following information if you would like it to be included in the directory:

Phone number:	
Email Address:	
Children's Names: (Attach any additional names)	Year Born:
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

I give permission for my directory information to be included on the Armfield Farm password-protected website directory.	Yes	No
Would you like to be notified by email of any neighborhood announcements?	Yes	No
If yes, Email address:		

I choose to <b><u>opt out</u></b> . Do not include my name and address in the Armfield Farm Neighborhood Directory:	
Signature:	Date:

The sole purpose of the neighborhood directory is for residential use only. The directory will be distributed only to residents within the Armfield Farm Community. The information included in the directory will also be available through the password-protected Armfield Farm Website. Questions? Call Annette Rhoads at 703-471-6895 or email at [directory@armfieldfarm.org](mailto:directory@armfieldfarm.org).



# Block Captains Needed

By Polly Murray

Thanks to all who jumped to volunteer to be block captains and help us distribute **newsletters once a quarter**. A big job for one but simple with many helpers. If your little section of Armfield Farms is not taken below- can you help??

- Rosetree Court and Windmore Court Beth Berg
- Bokel Drive Kara Macdonald
- Gladwyn Ct/ Armfield Farm Dr (Old Chatwood Pl to Kew Garden Court) Polly Murray
- Old Chatwood Place Sumseet Shrivvas
- Armfld Frm Dr (Cntrville Rd entrance to 2nd Clary Sage Dr) Ben Kamrand
- Southernwood Court and Paoli Court Joe and Cherie Sherrier
- Clary Sage Drive and Angelica Court Peggy Cook
- Brockmeyer Court and Beech Down (from Brockmeyer to Southernwood Court) Katy Cummings
- Beech Down Dr. (from Bellerose to Bromall Ct.) Trish Coggins

We still need volunteers who live near following streets:  
Please email which section number you can do!

**Please email Polly Murray if you can help!!**

[Pollymurray@cox.net](mailto:Pollymurray@cox.net)

1. Armfield Farm Drive (from Clary Sage Drive to Old Chatwood Place)
2. Beech Down (from Armfield Farm Dr to Brockmeyer Court)
3. Haverford Court and Kew Garden Court
4. Hampstead Court and Armfield Farm Drive (from Kew Garden Court to Beech Down)
5. Southernwood Court (short side) and Beech Down Dr. (from Southernwood to Armfield Farm Dr.)
6. Beech Down Dr. (from Armfield Farm Drive to the far side of Bellerose)
7. Springhaven (from Beech Down to the cul de sac)
8. Malin Court / Springhaven (Beech Down to Lees Corner Rd)
9. Bellerose Drive
10. Dittany Court
11. Bromall Ct /Beech Down Dr (from court back to Bellerose)
12. Leith Court

# Communication Committee

By Rob Shear

Our goal is to foster a greater sense of community within the neighborhood by increasing communication using the following means:

**The Armfield Farm Connection Newsletter** – This is our second newsletter. The first one was received quite well in our neighborhood. We plan to continue with quarterly printings. Our goal is to sell advertisements to offset the printing costs. *If you are interested in placing an ad, please see our advertising policy on the new website or contact Rob Shear at* [Communication@ArmfieldFarm.org](mailto:Communication@ArmfieldFarm.org).

**Community Directory** - We are also working very hard on putting together a neighborhood directory. Be sure to fill out and return the directory form in this newsletter. The more information we get from you the better the directory will be.

**Website** – Visit our website at [www.ArmfieldFarm.org](http://www.ArmfieldFarm.org). **James Murray** is our webmaster. Our website was created by an outside consultant and was just recently turned over to James. Check out our new website for governing documents, ARC forms, newsletter advertising policies, calendar of events, board meeting minutes, and more. We will be adding more content over time so be sure to keep checking back. Mark it as a favorite!

**Block Captains** – This is a new and really easy way to become involved in your community. A block captain will be responsible for distributing newsletters or the directory or social committee flyers to about **20 houses**. This quarterly effort gives you the chance to get out, walk around and meet your neighbors with very little time committed and **no meetings required**. If you'd like to learn more about this opportunity, please checkout our website or contact Polly Murray at [Pollymurray@cox.net](mailto:Pollymurray@cox.net)

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We offer:

- Washington Post advertisements.
- Open houses.
- Directional signs.
- Full color detailed brochures for homebuyers.
- Immediate follow-up on showings.
- Internet marketing.
- Free moving truck.
- Seasoned negotiating skills.

## BUYERS

**CASH BACK  
TO OUR HOMEBUYERS**

- The seller usually pays all commissions.
- I give back to my Buyers \$500 per \$100,000 of the purchase price from my commission.
- I give back to my Buyers (**\$1000 per \$100,000 of the purchase price**) from my commission on **NEW CONSTRUCTION**
- I subscribe to a special service with the Realtor MRIS System that e-mails my customers all listings that meet their criteria **DAILY.**

