

Armfield Farm Connection

FALL 2009

President's Message



Happy Fall everyone! We had a great summer in Armfield Farm this year. Even though it never got all that hot, the pool saw very strong attendance. The lifeguards did a wonderful job of maintaining safety while still letting everyone have a lot of fun. This is the first year in a while we went the whole season without any vandalism incidents at the pool. We also had a very successful swim team season. The family pool party was a blast this year. We had perfect weather and a huge turnout. If you didn't make it this year be sure to put it on your calendar for next summer. We will be announcing the date much earlier next year so you can plan ahead.

During the past few weeks it has become clear that there are times when we need to get information out quickly to the neighborhood. For those who have not heard, we have recently been hit by a spate of minor thefts (see page 9). I would appreciate it if everyone would either join our Facebook page (Armfield Farm Homeowners Association) or send me an email at president@armfieldfarm.org to be added to my mailing list. I keep the emails to a minimum and generally use them for urgent messages only.

I hope everyone has a great Fall and I look forward to see you at our Halloween event on October 24th!

Rob Shear

President

Armfield Farm HOA

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Upcoming Events At A Glance

OCTOBER

- 1 - HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Management, 7pm
- 4 - Scarecrow Making Workshop, Frying Pan Farm Park
- 17 - Farm Harvest Day, Frying Pan Farm Park
- 22 - HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Management, 7pm
- 24 - Armfield Halloween Party
- 24 - America Recycles Day, Herndon High School

NOVEMBER

- 13-15 - Christmas Market, Dulles Expo Center
- TBD - HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Management, 7pm

DECEMBER

- 5/7 - Children's Holiday Shopping, Frying Pan Farm Park
- 11-17 - Sugarloaf Craft Festival, Dulles Expo Center
- TBD - Armfield Christmas & Santa Event
- TBD - HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Management, 7pm

Swim Team News

Congratulations Armfield Farm Stingrays for a great season. The team won four meets and lost only one. Great job! Once again, our coaching staff did an awesome job working with the swimmers and making it an enjoyable season--Head Coach, Phil Caslavka; Asst Coach, Austin Caslavka; Jr Asst Coach Alexis Regan; and J-Ray, Nawal Kassem. Thank you so much for a job well done!



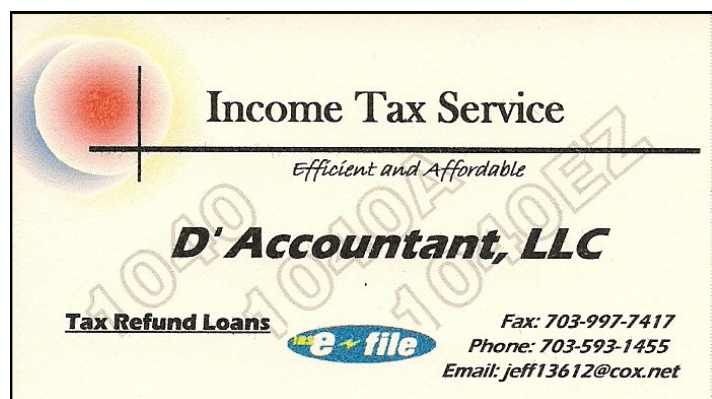
We had many new team records this year -- Way to go!:


- Caroline Jin broke the 8 & Under Girls 100 M IM with a time of 1:45.02.
- Kevin Petrillo broke the 9-10 Boys 50 M Free record with a time of 34.41
- Dennis Lai broke the 11-12 Boys 50 M Back record with a time of 35.13
- Matthew Louis reset the 13-14 Boys 50 M Fly record with a time of 31.07
- Alexis Regan broke her own record for the 15-18 Girls 50 M Back with a time of 34.44
- Aimee Giel reset the 15-18 Girls 50 M Breast record with a time of 38.75
- Dennis Lai broke the 11-12 Boys 50 M Breast record with a time of 39.49
- Dennis Lai reset the 11-12 Boys 100 M IM record with a 1:15.64 swim
- Matthew Louis broke the 13-14 Boys 50 M Fly record with a time of 31.64
- The Boys 5-18 200 M Free Relay Dennis Lai, Kevin Petrillo, Matt Louis, and Brady Caslavka reset the record to 2:05.31
- Dennis Lai, Jake Tiss, Kyle Petrillo and Newton Himm broke the 11&12 Boys 200 M medley relay with a time of 2:39.40

Armfield Farm Stingrays had 15 swimmers make it to All-Stars:

Kevin Petrillo	50 SC Meter Freestyle Girls 9-10	34.41	3rd place
Noah Dantine	25 SC Meter Backstroke Boys 8&U	22.10	1st place
Kevin Petrillo	50 SC Meter Backstroke Boys 9-10	43.36	6th place
Dennis Lai	50 SC Meter Backstroke Boys 11-12	35.13	4th place
Alexis Regan	50 SC Meter Backstroke Girls 15-18	34.51	6th place
Dennis Lai	50 SC Meter Breaststroke Boys 11-12	40.01	4th place
Noah Dantine	25 SC Meter Butterfly Boys 8&U	20.31	3rd place
Edward Shen	25 SC Meter Butterfly Boys 8&U	21.40	4th place
Hannah King	25 SC Meter Butterfly Girls 8&U	20.32	2nd place
Kevin Petrillo	25 SC Meter Butterfly Boys 9-10	17.31	2nd place
Matthew Louis	50 SC Meter Butterfly Boys 13-14	31.07	4th place
Noah Dantine	100 SC Meter IM Boys 8&U	1:39.26	1st place
Edward Shen	100 SC Meter IM Boys 8&U	1:51.01	4th place
Caroline Jin	100 SC Meter IM Girls 8&U	1:45.02	3rd place
Dennis Lai	100 SC Meter IM Boys 11-12	1:15.66	3rd place





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Swim Team News Continued



This was another fun season with team dinners, an Aqua-thon, Splashdown, movie trips, and Kings Dominion. Plus, we can't forget Coach Phil allowing every swimmer who placed first in their heat to put a tattoo on his head. What an incentive for all the swimmers to place first. If I remember correctly Coach Phil had over 20 tattoos that day. Thanks for being such a good sport Coach!

The 2009 Swim Team had over 100 swimmers and they all did a fantastic job. Keep up the good work and we hope to see you all in 2010. A special thanks to all the parent volunteers, with all your hard work and dedication we had a very successful swim season. Great team work!

You can find a lot more information on and about the swim team at our website:
http://csl.nvblu.com/plasma/core/site/csl/grp/csl_armfield

Notes from the Architectural Review Board

The Architectural Review Board is an important part of our Homeowners Association. Their goal is to make sure our neighborhood is in line with HOA guidelines - so that we can keep up our home values and keep the community looking great. The ARB has been very busy this year working with homeowners on replacing garage doors (which needs to match the original color or the home's trim) and reviewing shed applications on a case-by-case basis.

If you are planning any renovations on your home's exterior please contact the ARB via email (see page 10) and find out if you need to submit an application. It's better to be sure up front rather than gamble on having to fix things later!

If you are interested in volunteering in the HOA, the ARB is looking for new members to help out reviewing applications and/or taking over as ARB chair.

Holiday Decorations & Fall Home Maintenance

The holiday seasons are almost upon us! Please make sure that your decorations should be put up no longer than **30 days before and 30 days after the event.**

Also, remember that it's a good idea to periodically clear your gutters and rake/mulch the leaves in your yard. That way there are fewer leaves to land in your neighbor's yard.

Fourth of July & August Family Pool Party

This summer's weather for the pool party was iffy early on, but wound up being cloudy and wonderful. The kids dove for coins in the pool (\$80 worth!) and did a fun scavenger hunt. We all ate well and socialized. We had a great turn out with about 175 people attending! It was a wonderful time to catch up with familiar faces.

The Fourth of July party was also a success - with everyone enjoying the barbecue, crafts and local kids on parade.

Many, many thanks go out to Lisa Shea, Peggy Cook, Melissa DeLeon, Kim Reardon and Paula Rowson for leading the planning and coordination efforts. Thanks also go out to the other people who made signs, served pizza and monitored the moon bounces. Of course we can't forget to thank those people who attended the event and made it so successful.

Next year, we plan to post the dates at the pool as soon as it opens. This way, anyone who wants to attend can plan trips around the date. We are hoping to get some new volunteers to lead the main effort for the party for next year. It is mostly coordination of all the various moving parts -- the moon bounces, the DJ, the coins, the emcee, and the signs. We have a good team already and are always looking for more helpers to join us. Contact us at social@armfieldfarm.org if you are even a tiny bit interested.



July 4th Crafts



Pool Party Floaties Game

Upcoming Social Events

Our next event will be just before Halloween. We will have the Ponies to Go again, with an additional bigger horse for the older kids to ride. There will be pumpkin patch painting, trick-or-treating, and our traditional parade. Join us, in costume or not!

Santa will be coming to listen to Christmas wishes in mid-December. Come and enjoy some hot coffee and cocoa and the spirit of the season. Be sure to look for the signs at the entrances to the neighborhood since the date will depend upon the fire department's availability.

We hope to see everyone at an event or around Armfield Farm this Fall!



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Aimee Giel	703/344-6183 Swim Lessons *
Bart Gonzalez	703/853-0939 Personal Trainer for adults or teens
Christina Gonzalez	703/853-0940 Babysitting, Dog walker
Marissa Gonzalez	703/853-0940 Babysitting, Mother's helper
Josh Gordon	703/709-8237 Babysitting, Swim Lessons, House/Pet Watcher *‡
Deanna Jefferson (16)	703/478-0054 Babysitting
Sharese Jefferson (17)	703/478-0054 Babysitting
Thelma Jefferson (13)	703/478-0054 Babysitting
Wes Kerbusk	703/850-6810 Swim Lessons *‡
Lauren Kessier (17)	571/234-2555 Babysitting / Nanny
Alec Martin	703/318-3245 Babysitting, House/Pet Watcher
Christina Mastracchio (10)	703/391-0821 Mother's Helper
Nicole Mastracchio (13)	703/391-0821 Swim Lessons
Cassie Morton	703/282-7582 Baby & Pet sitting, Swim Lessons *‡
Lauren Phillips (15)	703/785-8916 Babysitting
Lark Sine	703/803-9722 Babysitting / Dog Walker

* CPR Certified ‡ Swim lessons at Cub Run available

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Recent Home Sales (courtesy of Rosemary Graham)

Street	List Price	Sold Price	Subsidy *	Model	Close Date
Windmoore Ct	\$549,000	\$550,000	\$5000	Avon	June 16
Beech Down Dr	\$425,000	\$420,000	0	Devonshire	June 26
Bellerose Dr	\$335,000	\$350,000	0	Richmond	June 30 (Foreclosure)
Beech Down Dr	\$349,000	\$371,500	0	Brentwood	July 20
Windmoore Ct	\$539,800	\$516,000	0	Cavendish	August 19
Bellerose Dr	\$280,000	\$272,000	\$4000	Brentwood	August 24

* Seller payment on behalf of the purchaser

Community Connection (Website and Facebook)

Over the new few months, the Armfield Farm website (armfieldfarm.org) will undergo some revisions and updating to continue to provide important information between the publications of this newsletter. To additionally increase the sense of community, earlier this year, the Homeowners Association created a social networking group for the community on the popular website Facebook.com.

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Facebook is a social utility that connects people and groups to advertise events and exchange information. There are already three dozen members as of this printing. To join, please search for "Armfield Farm Homeowners Association" on the www.facebook.com web-page.

Neighborhood Concerns - From the President

On a less happy note, we have been having a spate of minor thefts over the past couple of months. We have had bicycles stolen from driveways and garages, GPS's stolen from cars, and minor vandalism. Many people have contacted me about these incidents. It appears that virtually all of the incidents have been what I would call "crimes of opportunity". We believe them to have been perpetrated by a small group of teenage boys walking the neighborhood in the afternoon. The good news is that three boys meeting the description similar to the ones seen stealing bicycles in our neighborhood were arrested while stealing bicycles from the Franklin Glen pool. I don't think this will end the casual thefts in our community, but it is a start. Here are a few tips I would like to pass along to help reduce this type of crime.

1. Keep your car doors locked at all times.
2. Keep your garage doors closed.
3. If you see a group of teenagers walking in our neighborhood stop and say hi. These kids want to remain anonymous. If you don't recognize them, ask them things like, are you new to the neighborhood, where do you live, etc.

"Please report any suspicious activity in the neighborhood - and make sure to secure any valuables in your cars"

If you see anything suspicious or have something stolen, please call the non-emergency police number right away at (703) 691-2131. This rings to our local police station and they can either send an officer out or have one call you to take your report. It is VITAL that we get all of the crimes in our community reported so when we ask for more police patrols, the data will justify them.

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America Recycles Day

In preparation for the nation's observance of America Recycles Day, the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program and Herndon High School's Students Against Global Abuse have teamed with the Town of Herndon and local recyclers to host the *8th Annual America Recycles Day Recycling Roadshow!*

Items accepted include: strollers, eyeglasses, kitchen items, clothing, bedding, etc on Saturday, October 24 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Herndon High School.

For a complete schedule of Environmental Events in 2009, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling.

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Things to do this fall

Take a moment to check out the events going on at Frying Pan Farm Park and Kidwell Farms! They are the home of the Presidentially pardoned turkeys and just minutes up the road on West Ox in Floris.

Meet draft horses, chickens, peacocks, rabbits, sheep, goats, cows and pigs at Kidwell Farm, Frying Pan Farm Park's working farm of the 1930s. Greet the friendly farm animals, take a wagon ride or watch the farm hands at work. At the Kidwell Farm House, you can relax on the porch or take a tour to see how farm families lived. The farm is open daily 9am-5pm.

For other family activities, take a look into some of the taste of Georgetown / Bethesda events, various Oktoberfests in the region, or pick your own apples, pumpkins, berries, peaches, vegetables and more. See this site for pick-your-own farms:

<http://dc.about.com/od/restaurants/a/PYOFarmNVA.htm>.



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A Sad Farewell to Paul Malherek

Please join us in expressing our deepest sympathies to Paul's family on his passing this summer. Paul was a great supporter of our Armfield Farms Home Owners Association and his presence, as our At Large board member, will be missed.

PAUL FRANCIS MALHEREK (Age 80)

On June 29, 2009 of Chantilly, VA; beloved husband of 53 years of Dolores Barbara Malherek; father of Patrick (Janet) Malherek of La Plata, MD; Kathleen (Sean) McLaurin of Stafford, VA; Mary (Ron) Haffner of Eagle River WI., Caroline (Gary) Francis of Clawson, MI; Joan (Bob) Castle of Chantilly, VA. and John (Julie) Malherek of Alexandria, VA; grandfather of 20. He is also survived by his siblings Sister Joan and Sister Mary Malherek; Margaret Staudacher and Joseph Malherek. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to DEA Survivor Benefit Fund, 2020 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, suite 659, Washington, DC 20006; www.deamemorial.org