# Armfield Farm Connection

**FALL 2010** 

# President's Message



We had a great summer in Armfield Farm. Its hard to believe that its over and the kids are back in school.

As many of you know, our community was hit with a hailstorm on May 14<sup>th</sup> that damaged siding and roofs. Even if you do not see the damage it is definitely worthwhile to have a contractor inspect your home and ensure that you were not affected. I was

initially reluctant to have someone take a look at my home, but after I had a contractor visit, I could see the damage the hail did to my siding. Most insurance companies give you up to two years to put in a claim, but you should check with yours to make sure you don't miss the window. The HOA does not recommend specific contractors, but when you select a contractor you should consider one that is locally based and did not just setup shop to handle

all of the hail damage. A number of the companies that are operating in our community are from out of town with just a local phone number. Our community Facebook page is a great place to start a discussion on good contractors.

Our tennis courts have reopened after a major repair. We fixed all of the cracks, repainted the courts, and replaced the nets and posts. We are currently looking into locking the tennis courts to prevent non-residents from playing on them. Signs will be put up instructing residents how to gain access after they are locked. If you want to be notified in advance, please send an email to president @armfieldfarm.org.

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# **Upcoming Events At A Glance**

#### **OCTOBER TBD** Halloween Party, Armfield Farm Pool Grounds 2 Fall for Fairfax, Fairfax Government Center, 9am-6pm 3 2010 Election Campaign Signs Permitted 7-10 Dani's Duds Children's Consignment Sale, Dulles Expo Center 23 Document Shredding, North County Governmental Center, 9am-2pm HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm 28 **NOVEMBER TBD** HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm

#### 9 2010 Election Campaign Signs Removal 21 Electronics Recycling,, I-66 Transfer Station, 10am-3pm **DECEMBER**

#### TBD HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm 4-5 Holiday Wine Mall, Dulles Expo Center 10-12 Sugarloaf Craft Festival, Dulles Expo Center

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# **Social Committee Summer Recap**

The Social Committee hosted two wonderful events this summer. On the Fourth of July, we had a barbeque lunch at the pool. A big Thank You to Rob Shear for coordinating Famous Dave's BBQ to come and bring us some huge helpings of delicious food. We dressed up, put streamers on ourselves and on all kinds of things with wheels (bikes, wagons, strollers, etc) and had a small parade up the street. The addition of some patriotic music made the day very upbeat.

August brought our biggest event, the Family Pool Party. A big shout out to Mariann Gonzales for bringing in the DJ with his boat races. It was outrageous fun for boaters and as well as those cheering around the pool. We had snow cones, food from Cici's and really cool waterproof glitter tattoos for all. I think those things lasted for two weeks on my kids! Many thanks for Paula Rowson for organizing food from Subway and some other treats during the event. This is always a huge event and it is fun to see so many members of the community gather and have some food and fun.

Our next event will be Halloween. We hope to bring back the pony and horse rides, have pumpkin painting and our parade (with some seasonal music this year!). If you would like to help out on this event or any other, please write me at <a href="mailto:social@armfield.org">social@armfield.org</a>.

Kay Shear Social Committee Chair



#### From the ARB

**EXTERIOR CHANGES**: We have had an usually large number of applications for new roofing and siding this summer, due mostly to the May hail storm. As a reminder, the governing documents for our community, Armfield Farm Homeowners Association (HOA), require Architectural Review Board (ARB) approval for exterior changes to our homes and property. Therefore, when a homeowner replaces the roofing, siding or garage door(s) with a different design and/or color they, are required to submit a completed ARB Approval Form and obtain Board approval, prior to starting the work.

However, if you are only performing exterior maintenance and repair or replacement, with no change in the design/style, color or materials, Board approval is not required. Otherwise, all exterior changes require prior ARB approval. For a complete listing of the HOA Architectural Design and Maintenance Stan-

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# Recent Home Sales (courtesy of Rosemary Graham)

Street	Model	Sold Price	Subsidy *	Days on Market	Date Settled
Springhaven	Amherst	\$388,000	\$0	21	June 11
Hampstead	Greenwich	\$492,500	\$0	3	June 14
Bellerose	Richmond	\$417,000	\$9,000	43	June 15
Dittany	Brentwood	\$335,000	\$10,050	18	July 22
Beech Down	Brentwood	\$335,500	\$10,500	59	August 25
* Seller payment on behalf of the purchaser					



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# New Department of Code Compliance Begins Work

The County's new Department of Code Compliance (DCC) began operations on July 1, 2010. The DCC was created to consolidate the services and staff from several County departments in order to improve customer service and investigative services to our community.

This new agency combines the former Strike Team, the former Zoning Enforcement Branch, the Code Enforcement Branch, and the Blight program, and creates an improved customer call center. Some of the codes and ordinances that will be enforced by DCC are the Zoning and Noise Ordinances, the Property Maintenance Code, portions of the Residential Fire Code, the Grass Ordinance, the Blight Ordinance and unpermitted construction under the Building Code.

Questions and complaints can be called into the new DCC customer call center at 703-324-1300, or online at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code.

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# From the ARB (continued from page 2)

dards and the Approval Form, please go to: www.armfieldfarm.org. The ARB normally meets once a month on the first Wednesday evening. So, please get your applications in early enough that Capital Property Management can review them for completeness, log and forward them to the Board in time for the meeting.

**POLITICAL SIGNS**: Just a reminder with the upcoming election, the Standards do allow political signs but no earlier than 30 days prior to the primary or election and they must be removed within seven (7) days after the election.

**EXTERIOR HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**: Are considered temporary and do not require application. However, they should not be installed more than 30 days before the holiday and must be removed no later than 30 days after the holiday.

We hope that you do not see these Standards as a burden. But that they are there to assure all of us (as homeowners) that the character and appeal of our neighborhood will continue to be maintained. Thanks for your cooperation. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at arc@armfieldfarm.org or 703-787-8176.

Harry Furney, Chair Architectural Review Board

# Kids @ Work

Armfield Farm presents Kids @ Work — space for youth (18 or under) to promote their services within the neighborhood. Please sign up at the community pool to update your information and/or confirm your listing. The list will be refreshed every few issues.

Andrew DeLeon	703/464-5192	Pet walking/watching, House sitting
Kendall Dovel (18)	703/389-9749	Babysitting
Christina Gonzalez	703/853-0940	Babysitting, Dog walker
Marissa Gonzalez	703/853-0940	Babysitting, Mother's helper
Josh Gordon (16)	703/861/8332	Babysitting*, Swim lessons*, Yard work
Bryanna Kerbuski (16)	703/850-3487	Babysitting
Wes Kerbuski (18)	703/850-6810	Swim lessons, Yard work
Alec Martin (15)	703/318-3245	Babysitting, Yard work
Casie Morton (17)	703/282-7582	Babysitting, Pet sitting and walking
Megan Rhoads (14)	703/471-6895	Babysitting, Pet Care
Nicole Rhoads (16)	703/471-6895	Babysitting

<sup>\*</sup>CPR and/or instructor certified

Parents please discuss who your teen is working for and when. They should be in the Armfield neighborhood. It would also be great to discuss wages, responsibilities, and availability. Please note that while offering this space, the Armfield Farm HOA does not endorse any advertiser to include those through Kids @ Work.

Kids @ Work will be off next issue. We look forward to seeing you next Spring!

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Congratulations to the Colonial Swim League Blue Division Undefeated Champions

Congratulations to all the recipients of our End of Year Awards!!

#### **Most Improved Awards**

6 & Under: Justin Sims, Kenzie Conner

7-8: David Rowson, Alexa King

9-10: Matt Worthington, Hannah King

11-12: Chet Peterson, Shoshana Gordon

13-14: Johnny Pacia, Marissa Gonzalez

15-18: Matt Louis, Molly Price

#### **Top Scorer Awards**

8 & Under: Nick Gonzales, Sarah Yao

9-10: Solomon Blackmon, Caroline Jin

11-12: Dennis Lai, Catherine Jin

13-14: Kyle Petrillo, Nicole Mastracchio

15-18: James Kovach, Samantha Reeves

#### **Special Awards**

Team Rep Awards: Solomon Blackmon,

Samantha Reeves

Coaches Awards: Emma Rowson, Kevin

Petrillo

Stingray Award: Dennis Lai Team Spirit: Marra Sherrier

#### From the President (continued from page one)

The board has started working on the 2011 budget. If there are items you want to see included please send me an email or post something to our Facebook page. We are currently considering resurfacing two of our basketball courts and replacing the rusting fence at the pool next year in addition to our regular maintenance.

Have a great Fall!

Rob Shear President Armfield HOA

Meeting minutes see armfieldfarm.org







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# Happy Birthday Armfield Farm HOA

On November 18th, 1980, the Armfield Homeowners Association filed Articles of Incorporation to organize what has become the community we have today. To celebrate this milestone, the Board of Directors wanted to acknowledge some of resident volunteers who give their time and effort to improve the community experience. Please join us in saying a great big THANK YOU to your neighbors.

Beth Brummett
Patrick Chisholm
Trish Coggins
Andrea Colburn
Robert Dobson
Charlie Dutton
Larry Feng
Harry Furney
Mariann Gonzales

Michael Hanson
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School is back in session
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