

Armfield Farm Connection

FALL 2014

President's Message



Happy Fall everyone! We had another great summer in Armfield Farm this year. At the pool, the swim team won their division and the annual pool party was one of the most festive in recent memory. I really appreciate all of the work the social committee did to make the event a success.

Around the community, the County completed most of their work on the storm water pond retrofit near Beech Down and Bellerose. The fencing will stay up until the final tree plantings are done, which are expected to happen soon. In other common areas, our landscaping contractor will soon be addressing some problem areas that have been on our list to tackle for a while. We appreciate all of our residents' patience.

Unfortunately, we did not get to two projects on our list yet— additional pool shade and basketball court fencing. We got caught up in a very complex and unexpected permitting process with the County. We are very close to getting the permits through and plan to install the shade structure this fall so it will be ready to go in the spring. We will be including the basketball fencing in next year's budget and will install that in spring.

We are always looking for input into how the HOA can best serve the community. Next year, we will again put out a survey looking for guidance. If you have ideas of questions that should be considered, please e-mail me at president@armfieldfarm.org.

I hope everyone has a great Fall and I look forward to see you at our Halloween event on October 26th!

Rob Shear
President, Armfield HOA
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Upcoming Events At A Glance

OCTOBER

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| 2 | HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm |
| 4-5 | Fall for Fairfax, Government Center |
| 5-Nov11 | 2014 Election Campaign Signs Permitted |
| 8 | Financial Crime Prevention Seminar, Sully Senior Center, 12:30pm |
| 26 | Halloween Party at the Pool |

NOVEMBER

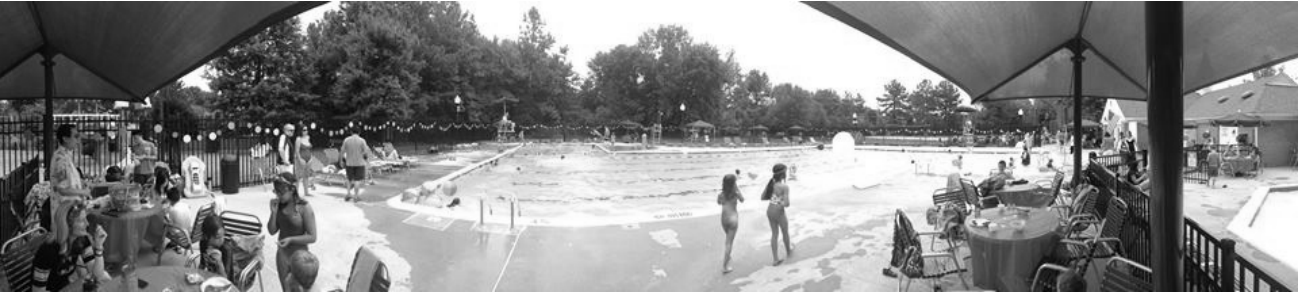
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| 1 | Community Clean Up Event, Pool Grounds, 1pm |
| 8-9 | DC Big Flea, Dulles Expo Center |
| 12 | Cons and Scams Prevention Seminar, Sully Senior Center, 12:30pm |
| 14-16 | NoVA Christmas Market, Dulles Expo Center |
| 20 | HOA Meeting, Capitol Property Mgmt, 7pm |
| 25 - Jan25 | Holiday Decorations Permitted |

DECEMBER

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| 12-14 | Sugarloaf Craft Festival, Dulles Expo Center |
| TBD | Santa on a Fire Truck |

Electronics Recycling is available daily at the I-66 transfer station

Social Committee Recap



The rain held out for our family pool party in August! There was fun with beach balls, coin diving, tattoos and games run by our fun DJ. We had great food from Paisano's and lots of delicious authentic Hawaiian shave ice! Several neighborhood kids did a great job making decorations that were strung around the pool. It's only been a few weeks but we can't wait until the pool opens again next year. Thanks to everyone who came out!

Fall is finally in the air and our next big event will be Sunday, October 26th. Also keep an eye out for upcoming TGIF after-school play dates and evening socials! More details will be posted on our Facebook page as dates draw near.



As part of the NEPP, we will be holding a community cleanup day on November 1st at 1pm. We will meet at the pool house and gloves, bags and some yummy treats will be provided to our volunteers. If your children need service hours, we will be happy to sign for them!

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We are also working to see whether Santa will be coming on his fire truck in mid-December. Keep being on the 'nice' list and watch the signboards for the event details.

For questions, suggestions, or to get involved with planning our events, contact us at social@armfieldfarm.org. We would love to hear from you!

Watch the signs at the entrances to the neighborhood for social updates!



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Paoli	\$520,000	\$1,100	Chesterfield	June 16th
Windmoore	\$615,000	\$0	Avon	June 26th
Springhaven	\$465,000	\$8,955	Amherst	June 27th
Armfield Farm	\$598,000	\$0	Cavendish	July 11th
Beech Down	\$490,000	\$0	Augusta	July 15th
Springhaven	\$610,000	\$0	Chesterfield	July 16th
Rosetree	\$645,000	\$0	Avon	July 25th
Old Chatwood	\$650,000	\$0	Belgrave	July 29th

* Seller payment on behalf of the purchaser

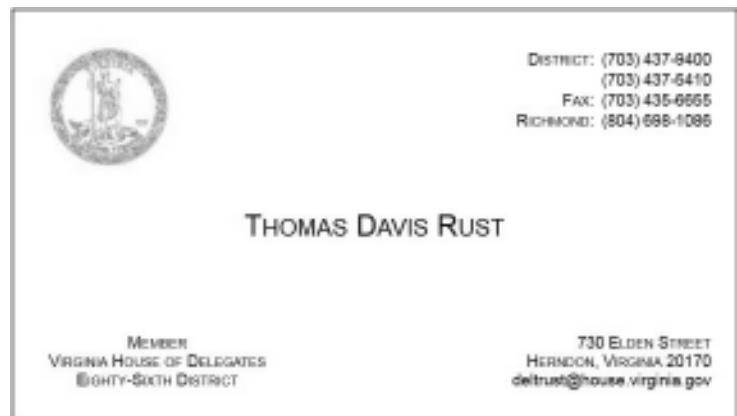
***During snow events, help the plows and park on the
ODD-numbered side of the street.***

Home Maintenance

One might think that the Fall issue might be an odd time to discuss home maintenance as we tend to hunker down in our homes waiting for 'old man' winter to arrive and pass over us. But as we (hopefully) spend the time to rake up fallen leaves off the lawn, Fall is a welcome time to take an opportunity to look at our (most likely) prized material possession and see where it is aligned with our respective visions and community standards. Publications like US News & World Report, Money Matters, Main Street, and others advise planning to spend 1-5% of your homes value (or for our area approximately \$5,000-25,000 a year) on maintenance and improvements.

Homeowners associations operate across a spectrum of management and enforcement from the extremely lax to those having very strict covenants. The Armfield Farm HOA has very few matters that rise to a level of enforcement. Many issues where an owner is unaligned with the Guidelines are resolved with a reminder of the forgotten covenant. Below are some of the most significant and most frequent concerns:

- 1) **Failing to file an application for a change.** Most things are approvable, but just need to be noted in the HOA records for the future sale of your home. If in doubt, e-mail arb@armfieldfarm.org.
- 2) **Driveways and sheds.** If you have a one car garage and one car apron, the driveway should not be widened to park two cars side by side. Storage sheds are permitted in very limited circumstances with an application. Having to remove an unapproved widened driveway or shed can be very costly.
- 3) **Yard maintenance.** Look to see if you have trees or shrubs impeding use of the sidewalk; gardening areas where weeds are indistinguishable from plantings; or plant life growing into the siding.
- 4) **Tree removal.** Sometimes its necessary for the health of the surrounding area to take a tree down. If the tree stump is not removed, it must be ground down to the level of the surrounding area.
- 5) **General maintenance.** Trash/recycling cans should be behind the house in an enclosed areas (garage) on non-collection days. Trim color changes require an application and painted trim/fascia should not be peeling or molding.
- 6) **Rentals.** Owners who rent out their homes are required to file a current copy of the lease with the HOA. This allows any concerns or important information to get to the owner quickly.



Treasurer's Report

As mentioned in my last Treasurer's report, 2014 was the year of small projects and gathering quotes for larger future projects. This year we re-sealed the pool parking lot, repaired the roof of the Bokel Entrance wishing well, removed the hazardous "merry-go-round" playground in the center of the community, added mulch to the playgrounds, replaced the old wooden picnic tables at the pool, ordered soccer goals to be installed near the Clary Sage ball-field and have put in an order for new signage at the Springhaven entrance. The amount of energy that these small projects demanded was actually quite surprising.

While we were focused on those many other tasks, we were unfortunately unable to get quotes for replacing the basketball court fencing, which will be pushed to 2015. However the Board decided to shift the freed up funds to purchase an additional sign for the Springhaven entrance so that our name can be seen on both sides of the street. Look for them to be installed sometime this October. We will continue with more signs along Lees Corner in 2015.

Because the masonry for the Springhaven entrance extends 30' in width, the Board decided to go with a 10' wide by 30" tall rectangular sign, with a deep pine-sap green background and cream lettering. We will fill

in some of the empty space with bushes and greenery. The Board relied on last year's survey results and an on-site visit with samples of three coloring alternatives to come up with the final design - high contrast with a natural tone. We are looking forward to seeing the results.

I should also touch upon the community improvement that had the Board very excited this Spring. Last October we authorized the purchase of a new shade structure that would cantilever over the tables along the fence line near the volleyball net. The materials have been in a warehouse nearby since March, but unfortunately Fairfax County put us through the bureaucratic ringer with bizarre health reviews of the pool and so many non-applicable permitting delays that the installation has now been delayed over six months.

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Treasurer's Report Continued

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Hopefully, we will be able to install it before the year is out.

Looking toward next year, we have finalized our capital improvement plans: \$25k for the path replacements as mentioned on page 8 (with one additional area to be determined), new fencing for all basketball courts (\$16k), full refurbishment of the volleyball court with sand replacement, drainage & new post system (\$30k), additional entrance signs on Lees Corner (\$5-9k per sign), crack repair and resurfacing of the tennis courts (\$15k) and possibly some renovations to the sinks in the pool house. Items that we are considering for 2016 include: improved lighting for the tennis courts (~\$20k-\$40k), new pool furniture (\$30k), new backstops for the basketball courts (~\$5k per court) and replacing more of the paths. We will be sending out another survey this Spring to check in with the community on their preferences and help us with next year's NEPP application.

If you have suggestions or comments please feel to contact me (Susan) any time at treasurer@armfieldfarm.org.

Sully District Council of Citizens Associations

In 2014, Armfield Farm joined the Sully District Council to be more engaged with community events and gain access to leaders should our area have specific issues that might need governmental support. So far, we've been able to learn about area construction, public safety, and traffic plans. For meeting minutes/agendas, see www.sullydistrict.org.



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Kids @ Work

Armfield Farm presents Kids @ Work — space for youth in high school or younger to promote their services within the neighborhood. Thank you for your interest and for hiring our young residents. We will restart our Kids at Work page in the Spring issue anew. Our Facebook Group is also a resource for those wishing to advertise their entrepreneurial spirit.

Anthony Berry (11)	703-657-2791	Pet Sitting/Walking
Dominic Berry (13)	703-657-2791	Babysitting; Pet Sitting/Walking
Juliana Berry (15)	703-657-2791	Babysitting*
Andrew DeLeon (17)	703-464-5192	Babysitting; Pet Sitting/Walking; Lawn Mowing; Leaf Removal
Michael DeLeon (15)	703-464-5192	Pet Sitting/Walking; Lawn Mowing; Leaf Removal
Mary-Kathryn Dodson (10)	571-203-9620	Pet Sitting
Heather Donnelly (14)	703 435 8278	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting; Mother's Helper
Shoshana Gordon (16)	703-709-8237	Babysitting*; Pet/House Sitting
Elena Grimm (13)	703-464-0712	Babysitting*; Pet/Plant Sitting; Mother's Helper
Benjamin Jones (16)	703-435-2527	Lawn Mowing; Pet Sitting
Samantha Jones (18)	703-435-2527	Babysitting; Pet Sitting
Colby LaGrange (11)	703-328-4868	Pet Walking; Yard Clean Up; Snow Shoveling
Jeffrey Rhoads (15)	703-471-6895	Lawn Mowing, Pet Sitting/Walking
Megan Rhoads (18)	703-471-6895	Babysitting*
Molly Shear (10)	703-796-0556	Cat Sitting
Thomas Sherrier (16)	703-742-7748	Babysitting*; Pet Sitting/Walking
Jack Thompson (15)	571-203-7997	Lawn Mowing; Pet Sitting; General Cleanup
Karen Xia (18)	703-435-2355	Academic Tutoring

* CPR and/or Red Cross Certified

Parents please discuss who your teen is working for and when, wages, responsibilities, and availability. The Armfield Farm HOA encourages staying within the community, but assumes no responsibility for any activities that result from Kids @ Work.



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Armfield Farm Selected Again for NEPP Grant

In September, Fairfax County awarded Armfield Farm \$5,000 towards its walking path replacement effort as part of the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program (NEPP). This is the third year of the past four that we have received this grant. The planned path replacements for 2015 include: 1) extending a pathway towards from Springhaven Drive toward Chantilly Road to connect a basketball court and tot lot to the network of walking paths (and paving over deep bicycle ruts), 2) replacing the deteriorated paths connecting this new path to Beech Down and Springhaven Drives (where large gaps catch strollers and small bicycle wheels causing injury), and 3) adding a short extension to connect the Dragon playground with the walking path network reducing the impact of an area drainage problem.

For those not familiar with the NEPP, the goals of the program are to promote healthier, safer and cleaner neighborhoods; enhance neighborhood appearance; encourage or create a culture of engagement, including facilitating communication and connections in neighborhoods between individuals, youth, and families; and build or nurture community leadership within a neighborhood. These funds do come with conditions. We have to use the funding for the walking path replacement we requested and the project has to be complete by September 2015. Additionally, as part of the grant, we will have to provide 51 community service hours. This can take place specific to the area of construction or in the surrounding areas of the community. Please look for messages from the Social committee for these opportunities and volunteer your time along with your other ideas for community service projects. Service hour credit is available for those who have school or scouting requirements.

Fall Activity Ideas

Bucket lists are a great way to remember all the fun things that each season brings.

Here is one we found from: <http://www.happinessishomemade.net/2014/09/19/fall-bucket-list-printable/>

How many activities will you be able to do?



Swimtastic Stingrays



Congratulations to the Armfield Farm Stingrays for winning the Colonial Swim League Gold Division with a record of 4-0-1. If your child would like to become a Stingray, visit www.armfieldfarmswim.com. Registration for next summer will open in April!

Individual Event or Relay Winners During 2014 A Meets:

Solomon Blackmon, Anya Blinova, Karina Castillo, Aaron Chisholm, Catherine Choi, Juliet Cobb, Kenzie Conner, Joseph Crowder, Caitlin Crump, Katherine Dantinne, Noah Dantinne, Logan Earle, Samuel Earle, Brady Gibson, Shoshana Gordon, Maxwell Himm, Millikan Himm, Newton Himm, Vivek Iyer, Alexandra King, Hannah King, Dennis Lai, Sara Lentz, David Li, Andy Liang, Michael Liang, Tony Liang, Grace Mak, Yoseph Mak, Isaac Mantelli, Jada McGlothlin, Andrew Neubauer, Anna Pacia, Ava Quarles, Emma Rowson, Mary-Jean Rowson, Haitham Sakallah, Edward Shen, Lucy Sherrier, Marra Sherrier, Josef Shim, Caitlin Sims, Justin Sims, Tyler Thompson, AnnaMarie Tiss, Jacob Tiss, Walter Tiss, Kaitlyn Tsai, Connor VanRafelghem, Megan VanRafelghem, Kenneth Wang, Peiqi Wang, and Sarah Yao.

Gas Mantles

As the daylight gets shorter, it's important to check that your lamp posts are functioning correctly. Many of the gas lamp posts in our neighborhood have one or more of the mantles missing. Our ARB guidelines require them both to be lit or the light be converted to electricity with a sensor to turn it on automatically at night. In order to help residents ob-



tain the mantles, we have purchased a stock of them and our management company will resell them at cost. Please bring a check to Capitol Property Management at 3914 Centreville Road made out to Armfield Farm HOA for \$6.00 as they do not accept cash or credit cards at the office. They are open Monday - Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm.

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Emergency Numbers

Public Safety Non-Emergency
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Emergency Information 703-817-7771

Poison Control 800-222-1222

National Weather Service
703-652-1210

Virginia Dept of Transportation
800-FOR-ROAD (800-367-7623)

Mental Health 703-573-5679

Basic Needs 703-222-0880

Adult Protective Services
703-324-7450

Child Protective Services
703-324-7400

Red Cross 703-584-8700

Utilities

Washington Gas 703-750-1400

Dominion Virginia Power
866-DOM-HELP (866-366-4357)

Fairfax Water 703-698-5800

Storm Flooding 703-877-2800

Sanitary Sewer Flooding, Breaks, Back-Ups
703-323-1211

Cox Cable 703-378-8422

Comcast
800-COMCAST (800-266-2278)

Verizon 888-553-1555

American Trash 703-368-0500

AAA Trash 703-818-8222

Schools

Lees Corner Elementary 703-227-3500

Franklin Middle 703-904-5100

Chantilly High 703-222-8100

Government Services

Fairfax County
703-FAIRFAX (703-324-7329)

Tax Administration 703-222-8234

Construction Permits 703-222-0801

District & Circuit Courts 703-691-7320

Juvenile/Domestic Relations Court
703-246-3367

Voter Services/Office of Elections
703-222-0766

Board of Supervisors 703-324-3151

Sully District, Michael Frey
703-814-7100

86th State House District, Tom Rust
703-437-9400

32nd State Senate District, Janet Howell
703-709-8283

10th US Congressional District, Frank Wolf
703-709-5800

US Senator, Mark Warner
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US Senator, Tim Kaine 703-361-3192

Homeowners Association

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Federal Election and Ballot Initiative Information



On **November 4th from 6am to 7pm**, US House, US Senate, one Virginia constitutional amendment, and one bond issue will be up for ballot. Our polling

place will be at **Lees Corner Elementary** located at **13500 Hollinger Avenue**.

This is the first election where new Voter ID laws will be in effect. Acceptable ID include an employee ID card, a drivers license, military ID, passport, of student ID by a Virginia school. If one does not have a valid ID, free voter IDs are available. Voter ID information can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections>.

Registration to vote ends on October 14th.

Below are the races you should expect to see on your ballot. Information is taken from the Fairfax County Election Board as of 9/18/14. Candidates are listed in the order noted by the Election Board; ballot order may be different.

* - Incumbent; D - Democrat;
I - Independent; IG - Independent Green;
L - Libertarian; R - Republican

Senate

Ed W. Gillespie - R
Mark R. Warner - D*
Robert C. Sarvis - L

US House 10th District

Barbara J. Comstock - R
John W. Foust - D
William B. Redpath - L
Dianne L. Blais - IG
Brad A. Eickholt - I

Proposed Constitutional Amendment

Shall Section 6-A of Article X (Taxation and Finance) of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to allow the General Assembly to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any member of the armed forces of the United States who was killed in action, where the surviving spouse occupies the real property of his or her principal place of residence and has not remarried?

Transportation Bond

Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation facilities, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, improvements related to transit, improvements for pedestrians and bicycles, and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

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New Daycares Opening

The Gardener School, <http://thegardnerschool.com>, has just opened at 2655 West Ox Road (at the intersection of Center-ville Road and West Ox). It will offer year-round full and part-time childcare with early childhood education programs for children six weeks old through private Pre-K.

The daycare planned for the new Dulles Discovery area off of the Air and Space Parkway will be a Primrose School, <http://welcome.primroseschools.com>. Their current plan is to open sometime in December 2015.

Armfield Farm Book Club

The Armfield Farm book club will be meeting on October 21 and discussing *The Magician's Apprentice*. Sign onto the Armfield Farm Facebook site or e-mail Amber at social@armfieldfarm.org to find out more information about monthly meetings and more.

Air & Scare at the Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center

See the spooky side of air and space at their annual Halloween event! Arrive in costume for safe indoor trick-or-treating, creepy crafts, spooky science experiments, and other Halloween-themed activities. The tiniest visitors can check out the Tot Zone to play dress-up and hear a story. Pose for a photo with your favorite Star Wars or Ghostbusters character. Air & Scare is fun for the whole family!

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When: Saturday, October 25, 2014, 2 – 7 PM EDT

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