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The Hickory Farms

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Hickory Farms Community Association

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www.hickoryfarms.org

**This is your first notice that
2011 annual dues of \$125 are
due starting January 1. Avoid
the Holiday rush and mail your
check early to the above
address!**

**The Board of Directors wishes
each and every resident of
Hickory Farms a Joyous
Holiday Season.**

Join the Hickory Farms email List

- Get up-to-the-minute news on neighborhood happenings
- Ask your neighbors to recommend a contractor/repairman
- Locate a lost and found item
- Get an advance copy of this newsletter

Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HickoryFarms/> -- Click "Join this Group" -- Be sure to click the "Individual Emails" option.

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Neighborhood Watch Schedule

John Kitzmiller

Please volunteer for this important neighborhood activity – all it takes is one three-hour Friday or Saturday evening every three months, or so. Neighborhood Watch is proven to cut crime! It's also a great way to meet your neighbors. John Kitzmiller 703-503-3443

Fri	December 3	Jaime Gutierrez	Ed Wagner
Sat	December 4	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Fri	December 10	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	December 11	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	December 17	John Kitzmiller	Brand Niemann
Sat	December 18	Greg Gillette	Kathy Gillette
Fri	December 24	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Sat	December 25	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Fri	December 31	Bob Cosgriff	Don Klingemann
Sat	January 1	Kirk Randall	Chris Woody
Fri	January 7	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Sat	January 8	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Fri	January 14	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Sat	January 15	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz
Fri	January 21	Mike Martin	Scott Buchanan
Sat	January 22	Pete Scala	Rose Scala
Fri	January 28	Stan Lee	Jim Marshall

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- Garbage Disposals
- Water Main Repair
- Bathroom Remodeling

This Month's Home Maintenance Checklist

See the complete list at www.hickoryfarms.org → Home Maintenance and Appearance (All)

<p>Lawn Mower Shutdown – After cutting the lawn for the last time this season: Let the mower run out of gas (this keeps the gas from gumming up over the winter). Remove and clean the spark plug – don't replace it just yet. Change the oil. Replace the air filter. Remove and sharpen the blade. Scrape off grass clippings under the deck. Apply a light coating of oil to the underside of the deck. Squirt a spoonful of oil in the cylinder and pull the starter rope a few times to coat the cylinder wall. Replace the spark plug.</p>
<p>Heating & Cooling Duct Cleaning – Have a professional vacuum the accumulated dust out of the ductwork every ten years or so – <i>if needed</i>.</p>
<p>Gutter Cleaning – Clean out your gutters. Overflowing gutters lead to ground erosion and wet basements. If you are surrounded by trees, you may have to do this both Spring and Fall.</p>
<p>Furnace Humidifier Setup – If you have a furnace humidifier, make sure it is plugged in and set properly. Turn on the water supply valve. If you did not do so in the spring, scrape off mineral buildup in the water pan and replace the filter – if needed. Work the float arm back and forth to dislodge mineral deposits.</p>

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Recent Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Approvals

(All)

- 10117 Round Top – Shed
- 4306 Still Meadow – Driveway widening
- 4330 Still Meadow – Rear addition
- 10013 Cotton Farm – Windows/Slider/Deck
- 10017 Round Top – Replacement windows w/o grids

Free Home Security Inspections

The Fairfax County Police Department offers free home security inspections. A trained officer will inspect the locks, doors, and windows of your home and make recommendations for improvement. Outdoor lighting, landscaping, and other factors affecting the protection of your home from burglary also will be reviewed. Call the West Springfield District crime prevention officer at 703-644-7377.

(12)

The Hickory Farms Email Service – Not a “Chat Room” or Spam

If you have hesitated about joining the HF email service -- thinking it is a “chat room” -- not to worry. It most definitely is not. Members usually get at most 2-3 emails a month from their neighbors, most relating to recommendations for reputable contractors and announcements of HF activities, such as the spring picnic and Annual Meeting. The monthly newsletter is also distributed via email (in addition to your delivered paper copy). However, the email service is not a source of “spam.” Only adult residents of Hickory Farms may send emails through the service, and all messages must be approved by coordinators working under the Board of Directors. Email unrelated to life in our community is prohibited. To join, please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HickoryFarms/> -- Click "Join this Group" -- Be sure to click the “Individual Emails” option. (12)

“Junk” Cars

Under Chapter 110 of the Fairfax County Code, junk cars can be kept on your property only if they are completely screened or shielded from view. An “Inoperative Motor Vehicle” is any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer which:

- Is not capable of starting and moving under its own power; OR
- Does not display valid license plates; OR
- Does not display an inspection decal that is valid or displays an inspection decal that has been expired for more than sixty days.

To report an inoperative vehicle, call the Police Impound Section at 703-280-0716. Callers' names are not divulged. The Police can tow an inoperative vehicle if the owner does not get it in working order to remove it within ten days after receiving a violation notice. (12)

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