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**Where is the Snow Plow? You
can now track it using the
internet. See inside.**

**Need help with babysitting or
indoor/outdoor chores? See the
Student Yellow Pages.**

**To avoid a fine and attorney’s
fees, your 2013 annual dues of
\$150 must be postmarked by
January 7. Renters, please
notify your landlord.**

**The Newsletter will not be
published in February.**

Join the Hickory Farms email “Listserv”

- 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 in PDF format.
- Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HickoryFarms/> -- Click "Join this Group"

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Are You an Absentee Homeowner?

If you have moved in the last 1-2 years, please contact the Treasurer at 703-978-0621 with your current address, phone number, and email address, so that you may receive mailings such as the bill for Annual Assessments. (1)

Architectural Control Committee Approvals

10008 Cotton Farm – Painting the siding, trim & front door

Annual Assessment (Dues) Payments Are Due No Later Than January 7

The deadline for paying your \$150 Hickory Farms 2013 Annual Assessment is January 7. Please send your check to: HFCA, P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Checks that are not postmarked or in the physical possession of the Treasurer by January 7 will be considered late and will be assessed a \$50 late fee. Checks that are received late and do not include the late fee will be returned for non-payment. On February 1, delinquent accounts will be turned over to the Association’s attorneys for collection. At this point, the amount owed by a delinquent homeowner will be the \$150 dues, the \$50 late fee, and attorney fees. So, please send your dues check while it is still on your mind. Please note that the Treasurer does not begin cashing checks until January 2. (11-12-1)

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3-D Aerial Photos of Fairfax County Available on Internet

Fairfax County has a new mapping application that includes three dimensional close-up photos of the entire county. Imagine yourself in a helicopter flying around and hovering over any spot, and you get the idea. Visit Virtual Fairfax at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/gis/VirtualFairfax/Default.aspx to learn more. Before you can run Virtual Fairfax, however, you must first install the TerraExplorer application which is available free at www.skylineglobe.com.

Cold Weather Pipe Breaks

Every year the fire department responds to hundreds of minor water pipe breaks. Although generally not a real danger, water freezing in cold and hot water pipes can cause serious problems. While the freezing takes place the pipe begins to swell and may burst. In most cases, the actual break doesn't appear until the water begins to thaw. The following tips may help prevent frozen pipes in your home:

- Shut off water to unheated areas of your home and to outdoor faucets, and drain these pipes. Open cabinet doors and service access ways so heat can get into these otherwise hidden areas where pipes are located.
- Leaving a faucet on with a slow trickle may not keep the pipe from freezing – you can't count on this method. There are some UL-approved heat tapes that can be used to wrap around unheated pipes.

- In the basement, locate the shut off valves for both the hot and cold water, and the power shut off for the hot water heater. If a pipe freezes, first shut off the water valve to that pipe (and the water heater if it's the hot water pipe). Then slowly thaw it out. Never use a flame or blow torch! It thaws the water too quickly and weakens the pipe, almost always guaranteeing the pipe will break. Room temperature heat and careful use of a hair dryer is a better idea.
- If the pipe breaks, shut off the water using the master shutoff in the basement. Call a plumber to fix the break. Consider having the pipe rerouted through less vulnerable areas.
- When should you call the fire department? When water gets in or near electrical outlets or panels, or if the water threatens a pilot light or power to a water heater or furnace. (1)

Neighborhood Watch

John Kitzmiller

Please volunteer for this important activity!! It only takes one three hour shift every three months on a Friday or Saturday evening. Neighborhood Watch has been proven to cut crime! It's also a great way to meet your neighbors! Contact: John Kitzmiller 703-503-3443

Fri	Jan. 4	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Sat	Jan. 5	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Fri	Jan. 11	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Sat	Jan. 12	Kirk Randall	Chris Woody
Fri	Jan. 18	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Sat	Jan. 19	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Fri	Jan. 25	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Sat	Jan. 26	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz
Fri	Feb. 1	---	---
Sat	Feb. 2	Pete Scala	Rose Scala
Fri	Feb. 7	Stan Lee	Jim Marshall
Sat	Feb. 8	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Fri	Feb. 14	John Verheul	Tammy Verheul
Sat	Feb. 15	---	---
Fri	Feb. 21	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	Feb. 22	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	Mar. 1	Jaime Gutierrez	Ed Wagner
Sat	Mar. 2	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Fri	Mar. 8	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Sat	Mar. 9	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Fri	Mar. 15	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Sat	Mar. 16	Kirk Randall	Chris Woody
Fri	Mar. 22	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Sat	Mar. 23	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Fri	Mar. 29	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Sat	Mar. 30	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz

Street Snow Removal

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) clears the 7,000 miles of road in Fairfax County, including Hickory Farms. VDOT's goal is to clear roads within 24 hours after snow stops falling. Interstates and major primary roads are cleared first. Secondary roads with high volume also receive early attention. After the snow crew has cleared the highly traveled roads and emergency routes, they begin working on less-traveled routes. Cul-de-sacs have the lowest priority.

Where is the Snow Plow? <http://novasnowplowing.virginia.gov/> - Snow plow progress is updated every two minutes using satellite technology. Neighborhoods are color coded depending on their stage of completion. Click the Quick Tips, Status, Legend, Display, and Mobilization tabs for helpful information about the display. In the "Find Address" box, enter your full address, such as "1234 Farm House Lane, Fairfax, VA"

Snow Removal Information - www.virginiadot.org/travel/snow.asp

To Report an Unplowed Road – Email novainfo@vdot.virginia.gov or call 1-800-367-7623

How VDOT Keeps Roads Cleared

www.virginiadot.org/VDOT/Travel/asset_upload_file370_61762.pdf

VDOT's Road Clearing Priorities

www.virginiadot.org/VDOT/Travel/asset_upload_file413_61762.pdf

How to Stay Safe on the Road in Snow

www.virginiadot.org/VDOT/Travel/asset_upload_file820_61762.pdf

- Park your cars in driveways before the snow begins falling, and shovel your snow to the right (when facing the road), so the plow won't push your own snow back in your driveway.
- You are responsible for shoveling the sidewalk in front of your house. This is especially important for children walking to catch their school busses.
- Keep your driveway and sidewalks clear of snow and ice, not only for your own convenience and safety, but so that firefighters and medics can reach your house.
- Please clear snow from the fire hydrant nearest your home so that firefighters can easily find it. (1)

Ice Damming – or, "What's All That Water Doing in My Kitchen"?

If you had icicles hanging from your gutters or actual water leakage into your house during the heavy February 2010 snows, you may have experienced ice damming. Ice damming happens when snow on the roof melts and the water makes its way into your attic. It will then stain walls, ceilings, and floors. Hickory Farms *Colonials* are especially vulnerable to ice damming. You can read an article on ice damming at www.hickoryfarms.org (1)

Student Yellow Pages

If you wish to offer services such as snow removal, raking leaves, lawn mowing, babysitting, general home maintenance, etc., **your parent** should e-mail or write (no phone calls, please) The Editor, Kirk_Randall@Hotmail.com, giving the information shown in the table. (1-5-9)

Jonathan Nuckolls (13) 703-425-3251	Yard chores, including leaf raking, lawn mowing, snow removal, etc.
Tim Froberg (15) 703-978-5465	Pet sitting, dog walking (available during the day), babysitting, snow shoveling, raking, lawn mowing
Zachary Buchanan (13) 703-978-0045	Leaf raking, snow removal, etc.
Brittany Patterson (16) 571-643-1739	Babysitting

How to Search for Articles in the Newsletter Archives

Are you looking for an article in an earlier issue of The Newsletter? Use the following command in GOOGLE:

search term(s) site:www.hickoryfarms.org filetype:PDF

This doesn't work too well in Bing, though. You can also search the website while visiting www.hickoryfarms.org. (1)

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)

Home Maintenance To-Do's

Furnace & Heat Pump Filter Change – Replace paper/fiberglass filters. Vacuum or wash electronic filter elements. A dirty filter makes your fan work harder, using more electricity.
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HFCA Income & Expenses (2012 Yearend Actual)

INCOME		
Advertising		\$303
Annual dues		29,550
Interest - CDs		42
Late Fees		800
Legal Costs/Fees		1,055
Miscellaneous		9,501
Prior Year Dues		66
<i>Total Income</i>		\$41,316
EXPENSES		
Bank Charges		\$60
Director's Insurance		1,488
Landscape/Maintenance		21,311
Legal Fees		2,292
Liability Insurance		283
Miscellaneous		10,008
Neighborhood Watch		31
Postage		198
Printing & Mailing		2,202
Social		460
Surety Insurance		260
Tax Preparation/Audit		270
Taxes/Fees		143
<i>Total Expenses</i>		\$39,007
Net Income		\$2,310
Certificates of Deposit		\$23,346

Your Exterior Remodeling Project May Need Approval

If you are changing the exterior appearance of your home (siding, windows, additions, etc.) or property (fences, sheds, etc.) you might need the approval of the Architectural Control Committee. You must get ACC approval before you begin the project. If you are in doubt as to whether approval is required for your particular project (and some do not require approval), please read [Application for Architectural Review](#) and [Approval of Your Exterior Renovation Project – How to Get It](#) at www.hickoryfarms.org. You may also find [Tips for Choosing a Contractor](#) helpful. If you do not have internet access, please call the chairperson of the Architectural Control Committee.

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Hickory Farms Real Estate Activity

Address	Model	Bed rooms	Baths	Listing Price	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Days on Market	Status / Date Sold
10008 Cotton Farm	Split Foyer	3	2		333,500			11/29 Fixer-Upper
10112 Round Top	Colonial	4	2.5		535,000			11/9
4315 Still Meadow	Split Foyer	4	3		435,000			6/25
10028 Wheatfield	Split Level	4	2 1/2	484,888				
10008 Cotton Farm	Split Foyer	3	2	Available Jan 5				Fixed Up

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