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Hickory Farms Community Association

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We mailed an Annual Dues postcard bill to each homeowner in November. To avoid a late charge, please send your \$150 check to the above address no later than Jan 7.

Did your December newsletter get blown away by the Nor'easter? If you haven't done so already, subscribe to the HF email group so you get both a paper newsletter and a backup electronic version.

Visit

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HickoryFarms/> and click "Join Group"

There will be no February newsletter.

Join the Hickory Farms email Group

- Get up-to-the-minute news on neighborhood happenings
- Ask your neighbors to recommend a contractor/repairman
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Annual Assessment (Dues) Payments Are Due No Later Than January 7

The deadline for paying your \$150 Hickory Farms 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 that point, the amount owed by a delinquent homeowner would be the \$150 dues, the late fee, and attorney fees. These procedures are in accord with the Hickory Farms Bylaws, which have no provision for waiver.

Please note that the Treasurer does not begin cashing checks until January 2, and it may be as late as February for your check to clear because our bank limits the number of checks we can process in one month.

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Snow + Cold Spell = Ice & Water Damage (Ice Damming)

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

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Architectural Control Committee Approvals

None

This Month's Home Maintenance Checklist

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.

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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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/> - The locations of most VDOT trucks are updated every two minutes using satellite technology, but smaller contractor trucks may not be so tracked. 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" If the streets are coded blue, it means that plowing has not started, yellow means plowing is in progress, and green means plowing is completed.

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

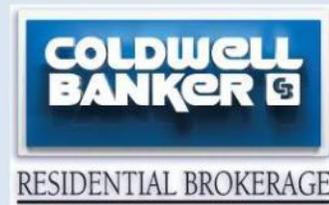
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How VDOT Clears Our Roads

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.

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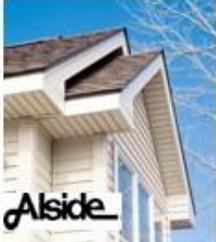
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Cold Weather Pipe Breaks

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- 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.



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- 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)

Hickory Farms Real Estate Activity

Arlene Da Cruz

Address	Model	Bed rooms	Baths	Listing Price	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Days on Market	Status / Date Sold
(1) 10111 Round Top	Split Foyer	4	3	\$534,888	-	-	8	Under contract - Settlement in January

(1) Hardwood floors, high end kitchen remodel, large deck, three season room, inlaw suite, freshly painted, lots of storage

Information provided by Arlene Da Cruz and Dominic Da Cruz – Da Cruz Real Estate Group - full service Realtors and Hickory Farms residents. Arlene and Dominic are associated with Weichert Realtors (www.arlenedacruz.com) and are also sole proprietors of ADC Property Services, a family owned Property Management business managing rental properties. 571-436-6551 - arlenemyrealtor@gmail.com (1-5-9)

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INCOME		EXPENSES	
Advertising	1,114	Bank Charges	19
Dues	29,550	Director's Insurance	2,032
Interest on Certif. of Deposit	20	Landscape Maintenance	19,531
Late Fees	950	Legal Fees	200
Legal Cost Reimbursements	0	Liability Insurance	305
Other	179	Miscellaneous	854
Prior Year's Dues	0	Postage	128
TOTAL INCOME	31,813	Printing	1,562
		Surety Insurance	260
		Tax Preparation/Audit	270
		Taxes/Fees	654
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	5,970	TOTAL EXPENSES	25,843
INVESTMENTS (Bank Certificates of Deposit)	23,395	It is HFCA policy to maintain a reserve balance in low risk investments approximately equal to annual dues.	

Need Help Shoveling Snow, Raking Leaves, Mowing Grass?

Call Dave and Dawn Dempster's son Cody at 703-503-0561 or email at ddhokies@cox.net.

Neighborhood Watch Schedule

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! Call Vanessa Franck at 703-483-0730.

Fri	Jan 3	John Verheul	Tami Verheul
Sat	Jan 4	Zhong Cheng Wang	Tong Wang
Fri	Jan 9	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	Jan 10	Matt Franck	Vanessa Franck
Fri	Jan 16	Jaime Gutierrez	
Sat	Jan 17	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Fri	Jan 23	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Sat	Jan 24	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Fri	Jan 30	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Sat	Jan 31		
Fri	Feb 6		
Sat	Feb 7	Rick Loranger	Judy Loranger
Fri	Feb 13	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Sat	Feb 14	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Fri	Feb 20	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Sat	Feb 21	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz
Fri	Feb 27	John Coyne	Linda Coyne
Sat	Feb 28	Pete Scala	Rose Scala
Fri	Mar 6	Stan Lee	Jim Marshall
Sat	Mar 7	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Fri	Mar 13	Ed Wagner	Chuck Stewart
Sat	Mar 14	Stefan Schwarz	Christine Schwarz
Fri	Mar 20	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Sat	Mar 21	Brian Roethlisberger	
Fri	Mar 27		
Sat	Mar 28	Jason Zhao	Laura Feng

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