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The Hickory Farms Newsletter

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If you haven't received the new community directory, please contact Debbi Buchanan at 703-978-0045 debnscott@verizon.net. A great big "thank you" goes to Zachary Buchanan for delivering the directories! Thanks also go to directory sponsors Scenic Remodeling (John Enos) and Long and Foster Realtors (Debbie Doğrul). And, of course, a really, really big "thanks" goes to our neighbor Debbie, who made all of this happen!

Bob Cosgriff tells us that, in the Upper Common Grounds, Bluebirds hatched five young, which unfortunately died in the nest, cause unknown. Tree Swallows also hatched young, which are doing fine. In the Lower Common Grounds, Bluebirds laid five eggs, which suffered predation. Tree Swallows have built a nest and laid eggs. Other bird boxes are either House ("English" Sparrows), House Wrens, or empty. Many birds have visited our award-winning 17 acres of common grounds, including: Scarlet Tanager, Baltimore Oriole, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Common Yellowthroat, Northern Parula Warbler, Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Brown Thrasher, and Wood Thrush.

Don't miss Bob's second installment of his series on local history – this month he concentrates on the early years of the Civil War.

The next Newsletter is September.

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

To subscribe, visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HickoryFarms/>
and click "Join this Group"

Neighborhood Watch Schedule – Neighborhood Security

Dave Dempster

Please volunteer for this important neighborhood activity – all it takes is one 3-4 hour Friday or Saturday evening every four months, or so. Neighborhood Watch is proven to cut crime. It's a great way to meet your neighbors. Dave Dempster 703-503-0561 ddhokies@cox.net

Fri	July 4, 2008	Pete Scala	Rose Scala
Sat	July 5	Stan Lee	Jim Marshall
Fri	July 11	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Sat	July 12	John Verheul	Tammy Verheul
Fri	July 18	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Sat	July 19	Stefan Schwarz	Christine Schwarz
Fri	July 25	Bob Bentley	Nancy Bentley
Sat	July 26	Ron Cruz	Louise Cruz
Fri	August 1	Jaime Gutierrez	Ed Wagner
Sat	August 2	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Fri	August 8	Pingjun Li	Wang Chan Cheng
Sat	August 9	Greg Gillette	Kathy Gillette
Fri	August 15	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	August 16	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	August 22	John Kitzmiller	Brand Niemann
Sat	August 23	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Fri	August 29	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Sat	August 30	Kirk Randall	Mansoor Nasim
Fri	September 5	Bob Cosgriff	Don Klingemann
Sat	September 6	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Fri	September 12	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Sat	September 13	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay

Treasurer's Report

Jaime Gutierrez

As of the end of May, six (6) homeowners had failed to pay the annual dues. Their names were turned over to our lawyers for collection; from that moment, the \$110.00 annual dues became \$281.17 (\$110 dues + \$25 late fee + \$156.17 legal fee). At the end of June we still have four (4) homeowners that have not paid. The Association lawyers have been instructed to proceed with the paperwork to perfect liens against their property. Once this process is started, the \$100 dues will turn into several hundreds.

A couple of late payers complained that they had moved and have their home in the rental market, "that they have not received any notices." If you don't give us your forwarding address so that we can send you the newsletter and any other notifications. Absentee landlords are reminded several times a year to keep the Board up-to-date about their forwarding addresses. Accordingly, *it is not our fault, it is yours*. It is beyond comprehension. If you are a renter, please let us know, so that we don't waste time sending letters to the property owners to your address. My phone number can be found on page 1.

President's Message

John Kitzmiller

Scoop the Poop – A lot of families in our community have dogs. My family has one, a terrier named Charlie. And when Charlie gets walked, we make certain to bring a plastic bag with us to clean up after him. Most, but not all, HF dog owners clean up after their pet. If you have a dog and walk him through the neighborhood, please be sure to clean up after him.

Are You Your Brother's Groundskeeper? – In this day when mortgage defaults and foreclosures are on the rise, some of these foreclosures have taken place in our community. Since these houses are no longer occupied, there is no one to look after the property. Lawns get shaggy and overhanging tree branches may block a sidewalk. If you know this has happened in your neighborhood, why not take a little extra time and mow that shaggy lawn, or prune that tree? Banks are not in a position to maintain the foreclosed properties as homeowners would, and an unkempt property will adversely affect the value of your neighboring property.

Storage in the Common Areas – It has been brought to our attention that some homeowners continue to leave their property on the common grounds. The common grounds are intended for the use of everyone in the community. They are not intended for personal, whether for only a day or two or long-term. If people continue to leave their property on the common grounds, it can only be assumed that they no longer want that property, since it can't be stored there, and it will be discarded.

Carpools – I live on the margin of Hickory Farms, so I don't know if there are many carpools here. But, given the rising cost of gasoline, I encourage you to try to form carpools with your neighbors, to save on gas, tires, and wear-and-tear on your car.

Anyone interested in forming a carpool into the District, heading in about 6:00am? Give me a call at 703-503-3443.

Wi-Fi Security Issues

Do you use a wireless router to connect to the internet? Several residents do not have their connections password protected. This means that any neighbor or persons driving through the neighborhood can easily gain access to their computer and steal sensitive information. Please double check that your router is password protected with a password and network name *that is different than the one that was set by the factory*. Hackers know all of the factory set passwords.

Do You Have Old Hickory Farms Files?

If you have any historical Hickory Farms files – paper or electronic – please call Kirk at 703-425-0210 or email to arrange transfer to the current Board or ACC.

Scenic Remodeling Ad Here

Transitions

Marc Fogleman (Cotton Farm) is stepping down from the Architectural Control Committee in mid August. The Foglemans sold their home in record time; their new home is being constructed only a couple of miles from here. Hickory Farms will sorely miss architect Marc's contributions to the ACC!

Madeleine Breeland, daughter of Ben and Jocelyn Breeland (Harvester Farm), just graduated from Woodson. She will study film production at Emerson College in Boston.

Maryle Mondschein (Farm House) has stepped down from the Architectural Control Committee. Maryle, Eric, and the kids recently moved to nearby George Mason Forest. Thanks for all your hard work on the ACC, Maryle!

Hank and Mo Gillen's daughter, **Mary O'Brien** (Still Meadow), just graduated from Woodson. She's headed to Indiana University of Pennsylvania in the fall. Mo made a special trip from Iraq, where she is stationed, just for the special event.

Please welcome new Architectural Control Committee members **Keith Ferguson** and **Barin Chakrabarti** (both of Harvester Farm).

Donna and Jim Garfield's son **Mike Garfield** (Spinning Wheel) just graduated from Woodson, and will be attending Virginia Commonwealth University's School of Business in the fall.

Send news regarding Hickory Farms *resident* weddings, new neighbors, births, HS & college graduations, birthdays (80, 85, 90, etc), and wedding anniversaries (55, 60, 65, etc.) to kirk_randall@hotmail.com. Be sure to name the street the honoree lives on. (All)

Why is There Only One Hickory Farms Home on Burke Station Road?

According to Bob Cosgriff and Bob Sottile, Hickory Farms was built in three phases:

- Phase I – the Farm House-Still Meadow-Cotton Farm loop;
- Phase II – the Cotton Farm/Harvester Farm/Tumbleweed Court section; and
- Phase III – Country Squire and Wheatfield.

Properties for these phases were purchased and developed at slightly different times from 1975 to 1981. Where the house at 4306 Burke Station Road is now located was originally supposed to be the entrance off Burke Station Road into Phase I. However, VDOT wouldn't approve the entrance there as it was on the "deadman's curve" by the north end of the cemetery and there was not enough line-of-sight on northbound Burke Station Road. Accordingly, the builder had to come up with a different location, which was put across from the entrance to the cemetery. Since the builder owned the property on Burke Station Road and a road was not be built there, it then made sense to place a home there, too.

This is an occasional column that tries to solve some of the mysteries of our neighborhood. If you have more information on this month's question, or have a question yourself you would like answered, contact The Editor at kirk_randall@hotmail.com. Also, please contact The Editor if you would like to serve as a contact person for these kinds of questions in the future.

Burned Out Fluorescent Bulbs Need Special Handling

Fluorescent bulbs – including the newer compact fluorescent bulbs – contain small amounts of toxic mercury. To dispose of them, take them to the Hazardous Waste site at 4618 West Ox Road, which is directly across the street from Costco. 703-324-5068

Recent Architectural Control Committee Actions

These applications were approved by the ACC, unless otherwise noted.

- 10007 Cotton Farm – Front yard stonework, garage door
- 4308 Still Meadow – New addition, front porch, vinyl siding, carport, stone façade, chimney treatment with vinyl siding
- 10005 Tumbleweed – Fence
- 4322 Farm House – Skylights, doors
- 10016 Spinning Wheel – Shed
- 10033 Wheatfield – Siding, trim, gutters, shutters, doors
- 4324 Farm House – Rear fence, storm door, white double hung gridless windows
- 10118 Round Top – Backyard fence
- 4354 Farm House – Downspouts

Verizon FIOS is Coming to Hickory Farms

Verizon contractors are installing fiber optics cable in our neighborhood. FIOS service could be available as early as September.

Recycle Small Electronics at Your Post Office

White, plastic envelopes can be used to mail in small electronics for recycling at no cost to you. The postage-paid mailers are free and can be picked up from your local post office.

Items that may be placed in the envelopes:

- cell phones
- PDAs
- digital cameras
- MP3 players
- inkjet cartridges
- other small electronics

Electronics received through this program will either be reused, recycled or broken down into their component parts for reuse and recycling.

BB & Pellet Guns – Not!

Police Officers often are asked about people shooting BB guns, “airsoft” guns, or paintball guns in wooded areas. While there are always exceptions, the general rule is that you cannot shoot anything, anywhere in Fairfax County. For full details of the code, please refer to www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10051&sid=46 (Fairfax County Police)

Attention Seniors: Fairfax County Police Needs You

The Police Department is reaching out to county residents over 55 years of age, who are interested in serving on new Seniors & Law Enforcement Together (SALT) councils. These groups will serve the important function of helping to enhance the relationship between law enforcement and this fast-growing demographic. The focus of the new councils will be to enhance law enforcement’s response to crime-related issues experienced or feared by older residents. The Police Department wants to hear first-hand from older residents about any of their unmet needs and quality of life issues. It is anticipated that these councils will play an important role in helping guide police department programs and policies. Potential members should be willing to express their concerns about crime issues and may be asked to help share police-related information with their peers. The councils will be based in local police districts, with meeting times and spaces to be coordinated with local district officers. Police plan a training component to the councils to help new members better understand the police department and its function in the community. The Fairfax County Police Department places a high priority on meeting needs of the senior community and welcomes them into their planning process. For more information on SALT councils, or to volunteer, call 703-246-4564. (Fairfax County Police)

Rules and Standards of Etiquette for Use of the Hickory Farms Email Service (Updated May 2008)

The Hickory Farms Board of Directors ("Board") created the Hickory Farms email service ("listserv" – list server) in November 2004. Its purpose is to allow homeowners and residents to share information of interest to the neighborhood.

The Board recently approved revised rules and standards of etiquette for use of the listserv.

1. The purpose of the listserv is to encourage meaningful discussion among homeowners and residents. Participation in the listserv is a privilege and not a right. By subscribing to the listserv, participants agree to the rules and guidelines as implemented and interpreted by the Board.
2. The listserv is the property of the Board. The listserv is maintained, on behalf of the Board, by the email Coordinator ("Coordinator"), who shall be one or more homeowners appointed by the Board. The Coordinator agrees to execute the decisions and directions of the Board as they relate to the listserv. The Board, by majority vote, may remove the Coordinator for any reason. When the Coordinator is replaced, he or she is expected to transition to a replacement Coordinator in an orderly fashion.
3. The listserv is for use by Hickory Farms homeowners and residents. Other individuals may be allowed to join the listserv, subject to the review of the Coordinator. Decisions of the Coordinator as to whether non-Hickory Farms homeowners or residents may use or access the listserv are final; there is no right of appeal to the Board.
4. Only those persons who have subscribed to the listserv may send messages to the Hickory Farms email address.
5. Postings that advertises a business or commercial activity (such as real estate sales, contractors seeking clients, etc.) is prohibited.
6. Residents may recommend tradesmen or business services, and organize group purchases of products or services. However, neither the Board nor the Coordinator makes any effort to confirm the accuracy of the recommendation, nor to determine whether the recommendation is made in good faith. Neither the Board nor the Coordinator assumes any responsibility for actions of any tradesmen or providers of business services. Posting of any recommendation to the listserv does not constitute a recommendation by the Board or the Coordinator.
7. Discussion topics must relate to life in the Hickory Farms community. Other topics, including but not limited to religion, politics, jokes, "spam," and issues of a sexual nature are prohibited. The Coordinator may refuse postings on the belief that it violates the rules and guidelines of the listserv. Such a decision of the Coordinator is final, and not subject to appeal to the Board.
8. Users shall maintain a civil attitude when using the listserv. Messages that include profanity, are harassing, or are abusive, rude, profane, threatening, defamatory, offensive, or illegal, are not permitted.

9. Personal disputes, or direct or indirect attacks on individuals (including Hickory Farms officials), are not permitted on the listserv.
10. Discussions or criticisms of actions by the Board or the Architectural Control Committee are permitted, provided that they comply with paragraph 8.
11. The listserv may be used to campaign for election to the Board. Postings by the candidate as well as his or her supporters are permitted.
12. The Coordinator may limit or preclude access to, and use of, the listserv by any user who it believes is not acting in accord with these rules and standards. A homeowner or resident who violates these rules will be prohibited from using the service by the Coordinator. A homeowner or resident who has been so prohibited from using the listserv may appeal the Coordinator's decision to the Board. Appeals must be in writing. The Board will act on the appeal within 45 days of receipt of the appeal. Any action of the Board will be by majority vote of members voting. The suspended user may not access the listserv while the appeal is pending.
13. The Board respects the privacy rights and expectations of members of the Hickory Farms community. It is inappropriate to post communications occurring outside the listserv without obtaining the express consent of all parties to that communication. However, express consent is not required for communications by public officials acting in their public capacity, nor for communications regarding services for hire. Hickory Farms officials are not public officials.
14. The Board and Coordinator make no representations regarding the privacy of communications on the listserv, and do not have the ability to prevent messages from being forwarded outside the listserv.
15. The Board, by majority vote of those voting, may terminate the listserv.
16. Suggestions for using the Hickory Farms listserv:
 - (i) Re-read your posting twice before hitting the send button; your words could be forwarded and live forever. Don't use all capital letters or red font – this is considered shouting.
 - (ii) Only send a message to the entire list when it contains information that everyone can benefit from. If the message is useful to only one person, change the "Reply to" address to that person only; otherwise, it will be sent to everyone on the list.
 - (iii) Summarize the topic of the posting on the subject line.
 - (iv) Be brief.
17. Adopted by the Hickory Farms Board of Directors on May 23, 2008.

Youth Services

Youths who are residents of Hickory Farms may offer services to their neighbors. 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 youth's name/age, telephone number, and a list of services to be offered. The e-mail should also state that the youth has permission to be listed in the Newsletter.

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Name/Age	Services Offered
Victoria Hebeisen (14) 703-978-0045	Experienced babysitter of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children, weeknights to 10 PM and weekends to 1 AM. References available.
Corine Johnson (14) 703-272-3302	Experienced babysitter of all ages weekends until 1 AM. References available.
Katherine Kitzmiller (15) 703-503-3443	Babysitting/mother's helper
Cari Moore (12) 703-323-3699	Babysitting/mother's helper
Cathy Moore (14) 703-323-3699	Babysitting/mother's helper, pet sitting, dog walking

If You Plan To Sell Your Home

If you are planning to sell your home in the upcoming year, keep in mind that you will need to obtain a VPOAA package from the HFCA. ***This is required by law.***

The following are the steps for obtaining a VPOAA package:

- Contact the Treasurer (see page 1 of this newsletter). Let the Treasurer know when the package is needed and where it should be sent.
- Send a \$50 check to HFCA, P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax, VA 22031-2239; or make other arrangements with the Treasurer as necessary.

Please allow 7-10 days from receipt of the check by the Treasurer to the date the VPOAA package can be released, as we must allow time for the check to clear. Should time be critical, cash payments are OK.

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If You Just Can't Wait to Read Your Paper Copy of the Newsletter

..... subscribe to the e-mail version, which is generally delivered before the paper copy. To be added to the e-mail list, send a blank e-mail to HickoryFarms-subscribe@yahogroups.com

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Advertise in the HF Newsletter

Display ads are available to businesses offering services to Hickory Farms homeowners. The newsletter is delivered monthly (except June and August) to 225 Hickory Farms residents and absentee homeowners. For more information, visit www.hickoryfarms.org and click Newsletter.

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Group Purchase of Lawn Mowing & Landscaping Services

Rich Dudley (Common Grounds Coordinator) has arranged a group purchase of landscaping services with Green Leaf Landscaping. Green Leaf is the outfit that maintains the Hickory Farms common grounds. If you sign a yearly contract with Green Leaf, they will mow, edge, and blow debris off driveway and sidewalks at a cost of \$29 per cut for weekly services. Green Leaf also offers other services such as seeding, aerating, and mulching. Call 571-283-8851 or visit www.1greenleaflandscaping.com, and be sure to mention you are with Hickory Farms.

Broken Streetlight ?

Please report streetlights that 1) are dark at night or 2) are on during the daylight hours. Call 1-888-667-3000. You'll need the address of the home nearest the streetlight. It is also helpful to copy the number off the streetlight pole – something like C-415 W096.

(3-7-11)

Are You New to Hickory Farms ?

(3-7-11)

Please call me to welcome you to our neighborhood.
Nancy Bentley 703-978-0373
(I'm your neighbor – not a salesperson!)

Are You Remodeling Your Home?

If you are changing the exterior appearance of your home or property, you may need the approval of the Architectural Control Committee. If in doubt, contact the chairperson of the ACC (see page 1 for contact information). See the *Application for Architectural Review* attached to this newsletter for important information on what kinds of projects require ACC approval. You might visit www.hickoryfarms.org and review [How to Get ACC Approval for Your Renovation Project](#) and [Tips for Choosing a Contractor](#) .

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Plan Now for the Annual Community Yard Sale!

Hickory Farms runs a community yard sale every fall, usually on a Saturday morning in September. With a large number of participants, we attract a lot of buyers (typically 200 or more), so this is a pretty good deal. We split the costs of advertising and fliers, which is

usually about \$10 each (depending on how many people sign up).

So, if you've been wondering what to do with all the left-over treasures in your attic and basement, now's the time to start planning. In the next newsletter, we will provide details about when the yard sale will be, and how to sign up.

Pete Scala [(703) 764-0730, pscala@cox.net] runs the yard sale each year, and you can contact him if you have questions. (7)

Hickory Farms – The Early Civil War Years

Bob Cosgriff
(First published in 1994)

The disastrous campaign of General Braddock, which began in Fairfax County, was not the last major event to occur here. We are all familiar with the legacy of such early "Founding Fathers" as George Mason and our Number One Citizen, George Washington. However, since the focus of British military efforts was aimed elsewhere (New York, Philadelphia and later on, the Carolinas), our immediate area was not much affected by the Revolution. Great personages acted out their great events elsewhere. For more drama, we must jump ahead to 1861 and the American Civil War.

Place yourself at the Fairfax County Court House on Thursday, May 23, 1861. This building still stands at the corner of Rt. 123 (Chain Bridge Road) and eastbound Rt. 236 (Main Street). A vote is being taken on the weighty issue: "An Ordinance to Repeal the Ratification of the Constitution of the United States by; the State of Virginia, Adopted in Convention at the City of Richmond on 14 April, 1861." The vote was 151-6 to adopt the Resolution, that is, to secede from the Union. Most of Virginia (with the exception of many western counties, now in West Virginia) followed suit. I have not had the time to track down whether any of the voters lived on what is now Hickory Farms; however, the one-sided vote shows that "secession fever" surely prevailed in this immediate area. It would also be interesting to determine what became of the six men who voted pro-Union.

By the time the vote was taken, there were already Confederate troops stationed at Fairfax Court House and Fairfax Station. The troops here comprised two cavalry and one rifle company, about 150 men, essentially untrained and untested county militia, under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Richard S. Ewell, late a Captain in the U.S. Army. Nicknamed "Old Baldy," Ewell went on to command the Second Corps in General Lee's Army of Northern Virginia after the death of the legendary Gen. Thomas ("Stonewall") Jackson. He lost a leg at Groveton, one of the fierce opening engagements in the Battle of Second Manassas. His performance in command at Gettysburg and later at the battles of Wilderness and Spotsylvania Court House are still the subject of scholarly debate. But this was all in the future. Today, the fighting hadn't really started, even though the Union had forces in Virginia, from Alexandria to Falls Church. A clash was inevitable. On the night of 31 May, only a little more than a week after the secession vote, a Union cavalry detachment set out from near Falls Church to reconnoiter the area near Fairfax Court House. About a mile below the town, on the "Falls Church Road" (I believe this to be near Fairfax High School on present-day Old Lee Highway, route 237; I'll have to do a bit more digging), this force captured some dozing Confederate pickets, one of whom escaped to warn the forces at the Court House. At

approximately 3:00 a.m., the Union forces proceeded on and maneuvered into column onto Little River Turnpike, then - as now - the main east-west street of Fairfax, and commenced a charge, firing wildly. The surprised and understandably disorganized Confederates were unable to stop the charge, which pushed some of the Southern troops back to the creek west of the Court House (this creek runs across Main Street at the cemetery, near Judicial Drive). The Confederates rallied and set up a line across the road about at Truro Church. The Union commanding officer, probably realizing that he had allowed himself to let the enemy get between him and his best escape route, wheeled his forces about and charged back in the opposite direction. The Confederates managed a few volleys, and the battle was over, as the Federals withdrew. The Union commander's report stated that he faced perhaps 1,000 enemy troops—an excellent example of the "fog of war." Total casualties were light: Federals—1 killed, 4 wounded, 1 missing and 3 captured; Confederates—1 killed, at least one wounded (Col. Ewell) and 5 captured (although some Union reports mentioned 'heavy' Confederate casualties). The one person killed was Captain John Quincy Marr of the Warrenton Rifles, who was the first Confederate officer killed in the Civil War. A monument to Captain Marr stands on the site of the original Fairfax County Court House, although he was killed a few hundred yards south of the site, near the Legato School in front of the County Judicial Complex.

In July, 1861, Union forces passed nearby Hickory Farms on their way Manassas Junction; some of the forces retreating from the ensuing battle (First Manassas/First Bull Run) came through Fairfax Court House. In October, 1861, Confederate President Jefferson Davis met here with his generals to discuss a military strike against Washington, D.C. or an invasion of the North. The generals dissuaded him and the forces went into winter quarters in Centreville, leaving a small detachment at Fairfax Court House to watch for Union activity. The decision to invade would come a year later, following the Battle of Second Manassas. In the spring of 1862, the Confederates pulled out altogether and from then on, the Federals used the location as a lookout point and a station for patrols. On March 13, 1862, the commander of the Union's Army of the Potomac, General George B. McClellan, met with his senior staff officers at the Fairfax Court House to plan what became the Peninsula Campaign against Richmond. The action then moved south for the spring and summer of 1862, as McClellan ponderously moved up the peninsula towards Richmond. Fairfax Court House wouldn't be in the thick of things until the retreat from Manassas following the second battle in a year at Manassas. The Union Army, retreating in good order from defeat at the hands of Lee, Longstreet, and Jackson, poured through Fairfax Court House back to the defenses of Washington. The final act of this monumental battle (often overlooked because it was followed a few weeks later by Antietam) was the Battle of Chantilly, or more popularly, Ox Hill. This occurred in the area from about where the water towers on West Ox Road sit, down across modern Route 50 across land where the Fairfax Town Center now sits and also the area along Monument Road, with some units in the area of Fair Oaks Mall. A gallant defense by a greatly outnumbered Union force blunted an attack by Stonewall Jackson's Corps and helped the Union troops to proceed north on Route 29 (then called the Warrenton Turnpike) into Fairfax and on to safety. The battle was fought in a driving thunderstorm and cost the Union two generals. There is a small five-acre park commemorating the battle at the intersection of West Ox Road and Monument Drive.

During the course of the Civil War, most of Northern Virginia was devastated by the occupying forces, both Northern and Southern, who cut down trees, commandeered livestock, and later, even burned barns and crops. The area comprising the Ravensworth

estate was largely spared this destruction due to the resolute actions of its aged owner, Mrs. Anna Maria Fitzhugh, widow of the uncle of Robert E. Lee's wife. She was granted personal protection by the Union Generals commanding in Fairfax and thus suffered little property damage. I did not find any references to tell whether Hickory Farms was then under cultivation or remained forested. It does seem likely that, being so close to the Court House (and quite far from the Ravensworth manor house) that the normal wartime activities of cutting firewood, foraging, patrolling, etc. did take place on Hickory Farms. There were Confederate cavalry camps on Main Street (on property of the Fairfax Christian Church) and one unsubstantiated account of one on Burke Station Road. I would surmise that this camp would have been on high ground, near water, and near known roads, making the area near Sharon Ct. /Barbara Ann Lane, or at Fairfax Memorial Park two likely spots. Anecdotally, I recall a bulldozer operator tell me in 1979 that he unearthed two cannon balls on Hickory Farm, and showed them to me. They were probably Union, since their occupation was longer and in greater numbers. Were they dropped here to lighten a load during the retreat from the disastrous Battle of Second Manassas in August, 1862, or just overlooked by a careless artilleryman? With further research, it might be possible to find further documented links between Hickory Farms and the Civil War era.

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Bob, who lives on Cotton Farm Road, is a past President of our community.

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Hickory Farms Community Association Application for Architectural Review

Emailing your application (cut and paste this into your email message) to the Chairman of the Architectural Control Committee is preferred. You may also hand deliver your application to any member of the ACC or mail it to PO Box 2239, Fairfax, VA 22031. However, mailing could delay delivery to the ACC by a week or more. Electronic versions of photos and plans (size 8½ x 11), attached to your email, are preferred, but please use the lowest acceptable resolution when scanning (under 100kB is preferred). Please read [How to Get ACC Approval for Your Renovation Project](#) at www.hickoryfarms.org before submission. You *do not* need to submit the "Architectural Review Guidelines" material below with your application.

Today's Date :

Name :

Phone :

Address :

Email Address :

Proposed Start Date (Must be at least 30 days past the date received by the ACC) :

Expected Completion Date :

Project Description :

I understand that the HFCA has thirty (30) days to deny or request additional information on this application or, in accordance with the HFCA covenants, the application will be considered approved. I further understand that the thirty (30) day period will commence upon HFCA's receipt of this application or upon receipt of all additional information requested by the HFCA and that I may not start construction until approval is received.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Ensure project complies with all Fairfax County residential building codes and Hickory Farms Community Association (HFCA) covenants. The Board of Directors cannot waive those requirements.
2. Prepare a specific description and/or sketch of the proposed improvement in sufficient detail (color, dimensions, materials, etc.). If a county permit is required, provide evidence of compliance.
3. Provide a site plan and indicate where the improvement is to be located on the property.
4. Deliver to Committee Chairperson.

Architectural Review Guidelines

Projects that do not alter the outward appearance of structures on your property DO NOT require review by the Architectural Control Committee, including:

- Repainting your home the same color and shade. Includes doors, storm doors, windows, storm windows, trim, gutters, and shutters.

- Replacing your roof with the same type, style, color and shade of shingles.
- Replacing your gutters with the same type, style, and color.
- Replacing your driveway or sidewalk in the same size and material type.
- Replacing your windows with the same color and shade and appearance and style. (i.e. six pane over six pane divided lites)
- Replacing a door with the same type style, color and shade. (Includes a garage door)
- Planting of flowers, shrubs, trees, or creating planting areas.
- Replacing your fence with the same style, height, and color and shade.
- Replacing a storage shed with the same type including size, materials, and color and shade.
- Installing a television antenna or satellite dish on your roof.

Examples of alterations or repairs that alter the outward appearance of structures on your property including, and DO require review by the Architectural Control Committee, include:

- Repainting your home a different color or shade.
- Includes doors, storm doors, windows, storm windows, trim, gutters, and shutters.
- Replacing your roof with other than the same style, type, and color or shade of shingles.
- Replacing your gutters with other than the same type, style, or color.
- Replacing your driveway or sidewalk with materials different than the original.
- Enlarging your driveway or sidewalk.
- Replacing your windows with other than the same color or shade or appearance and style. (i.e. installing a bay window)
- Replacing an entrance or garage door with other than the same size, type, color or shade. (i.e. steel with wood)
- Installing or replacing a fence with other than the same style, height, or color or shade. Includes painting a previously approved fence that was left natural.
- Constructing a storage shed, changing the color or shade of a previously approved shed, or painting a shed that was previously approved to be left natural.
- Replacing the siding on your home.
- Any additions to your home including room, garage, porch, or deck.
- Completely or partially enclosing a carport.
- Installing a permanent basketball hoop or any type of batting cage.
- Installing a "pole" light fixture.
- Installing storm windows or door.
- Installing any type of swimming pool or water garden.
- Installing a television antenna or satellite dish anywhere on your property other than on your roof.

If you are still unsure whether your project needs review, please contact an ACC member.