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After serving as the community newsletter editor for nearly ten years, Kirk Randall is retiring October 1st (October will be his last issue). If you may be interested in this satisfying volunteer position, please contact Kirk or President Bruce Bernhardt.

Start organizing your unneeded stuff to sell at this fall's yard sale.

If you see storm damage on our Common Areas, please contact Don Lobeda at 703-539-8472.

Do you miss your Hickory Farms emails, including receiving your newsletter by email and learning when the community yard sale is scheduled? See how to get plugged in at the bottom of this page.

There will be no August Newsletter.

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10025 Cotton Farm – Fence
 10007 Cotton Farm -- Arbor
 10002 Tumbleweed – Window and glass door replacement
 4296 Country Squire - Repair/paint fence and deck
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Group Purchase of Pressure Washing Services

It's time to get those grimy algae stains removed from your house siding. Rob Banks of Northern Virginia Pressure Washing Service has offered special pricing to Hickory Farms residents through group purchases in 2011 and 2014 as well as servicing individual homeowners in the intervening years.

I was shocked to hear that some homeowners are paying \$400+ to have their homes pressure-washed. Rob and his crew can pressure wash most HF homes for \$175-225. And, while they are at it, they can clean you deck, driveway, or sidewalk.

Here are a few homeowner tips: I suggest having the crew keep the high pressure water stream away from double pane replacement windows and sliding glass doors. The water pressure can become so strong that it can break the seal between the window panes and, after a few months, the windows may fog up.

Also, some folks still have the original 35-40 year old aluminum siding, which has become oxidized and worn over the years. I know from personal experience that one too many pressure washings can wear the paint down to bare metal. You might replace your old siding with another material or paint the metal, as was done at 10008 Cotton Farm.

Finally, take special care when pressure washing concrete. Too much water pressure can tear up the surface of the concrete, leading to premature failure.

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Garden Club Springs to Action! and an Apology

President Bruce Bernhardt

After more than a year in the planning stage, the HFCA Garden Club has initiated looking at our entrance corners and developing recommendations on how to make them more attractive and inviting gateways into our neighborhood. The current members include: Nancy Bernhardt, Bob and Judy Cosgriff, Joyce McIntyre, and Rose Scala. Anyone wishing to join the team, project please call Nancy Bernhardt at 571-232-2201.

Several months ago, a member of Hickory Farms called me and expressed interest in joining the Garden Club. I wrote down her name and number and promised someone would call her back. Unfortunately, I have misplaced the paper on which I wrote the information and no one has called back this promising volunteer. I deeply apologize for losing the information and not following through. If the volunteer will call Nancy B. at 571-323-2201, she will take much better care of you and get you on the Garden Club pronto! I will also do a better job of note taking going forward! Hickory Farms is supported by many volunteers and we can't afford to lose even a single volunteer who steps forward to improve our community.



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The Disclosure Packet comes in two parts, and both parts must be given to the purchaser. You or your agent should contact the Treasurer (preferably by email) to arrange for the delivery of the Disclosure Packet. Please request the Disclosure Packet three weeks prior to closing in order to give the Treasurer time to respond. Do not request it too early. Should it take a long time to sell your house, the information could become outdated. We recommend that you request the Disclosure Packet when you have a signed contract in hand.

Part 1 contains specific information about your property. You or your agent may request either a paper copy or electronic version (email is preferred, though), for which there is no charge. Please note that before Part 1 is sent to you, your property will be inspected by a member of the Board of Directors or Architectural Control Committee to determine

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Part 2 contains general information applicable to all homes in Hickory Farms. This 47+ page document is available for free download by [clicking this link](#). If you want a printed copy mailed to you, personally deliver a \$10 check (made out to HFCA) to the Treasurer. Please allow ten business days from when the check is received by the Treasurer to the date Part 1 can be released, as we must allow time for your check to clear.

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Attention All Landlords

Make sure the Treasurer has your current contact information so you may receive newsletters and other information such as notices of annual dues. If your property is being managed by a real estate agent, please ensure the agent's contact information is also given to the Treasurer.

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The Fairfax County noise ordinance generally implements quiet hours between 9PM and 7AM. However, trash and recycling may be picked up as early as 6AM. Construction or demolition equipment also may not be used outside before 9AM on Sundays and federal holidays. Trucks may not be loaded or unloaded outside within 100 yards of a home between 9PM and 6AM. If you are being disturbed, please first speak with your neighbor. If that doesn't work, call the Fairfax Police non-emergency number at 702-691-2131. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/noise/

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Should We Revise our Rules & Regulations or Bylaws?

The Board of Directors may review our [Rules and Regulations](#) and [Bylaws](#) to determine whether changes may need to be made. If you would like to participate in the review team, or would like to suggest changes to either of these documents, please contact President Bruce Bernhardt at 703-426-9446.

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Zika Virus—Should You Be Concerned? What You Need To Know

Bob Cosgriff (Cotton Farm)

As a member of the Fairfax County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), I recently attended a training session on mosquito-borne diseases given by the Fairfax County Health Department, which is engaged in outreach to citizens on simple steps for everyone to take to reduce or eliminate the threat of mosquito-borne diseases. While the Zika Virus is in the headlines, Fairfax County also sees a few cases each year of West Nile Virus. Here are some facts derived from the briefing material I received:

Asian Tiger Mosquito

- There are about 55 species of mosquitoes in Virginia, about 35 in Fairfax, of which about 12 are common.
- The #1 “nuisance” mosquito here is the Asian Tiger Mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*), which is classified as a “possible” vector (carrier/transmitter) of Zika. A related mosquito, *Aedes aegypti* is the vector in Central/South America and the Caribbean and other overseas areas; its potential range includes Virginia)
- *Aedes* mosquitoes lay their eggs *singly* at or just above the water line in artificial containers: flower pots, pot water trays, downspout splash pads,



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tarps, old tires, black landscaping tubing, birdbaths, kiddie pools, etc. It doesn't have to be a big container

- It is a daytime feeder, with activity peaking in the hottest part of the summer, and it seldom goes more than 500 feet from where it was hatched

Precautions:

- "Tip and Toss" any artificial containers at least once a week
- Clean bird baths and change the water frequently
- Use an effective insect repellent (DEET-based is best, but products containing Picardin, Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus or IR3535 are also effective. Use mosquito "dunkers" for any container that cannot be tipped and tossed or easily cleaned.
- Apply barrier insecticide to your yard or deck. Look for commercial products containing the chemical Permethrin. Apply only as directed.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, etc. if in an area where you know there are mosquitoes

***Culex* Mosquito**

- Two species of mosquitoes in the genus *Culex* are vectors for West Nile Virus. Both are small and brown.
- These mosquitoes lay visible rafts of eggs in standing water rich in organic material (flood water, ditches, root-ball pools, salt marshes, woodland pools, tree holes, permanent swamps, polluted water, grass tussocks) they are most active at dusk and dawn

Precautions:

- The County employs an Integrated Pest Management Program to include:
 - Biological Control (natural enemies)
 - Cultural Control (change human behavior, i.e., 'tip and toss,' etc.)
 - Mechanical Control (change pest
 - Environmental Control: removing containers, draining standing water, etc.)
 - Chemical Control: application of insecticides
- Citizens can apply barrier insecticides wear proper clothing, use insect repellent, etc., as above
- Before traveling to an area where Zika is known to be, check out the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website at:
 - <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/active-countries.html> (for all countries) or <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/geo/united-states.html> (Up to now, all confirmed cases of Zika in the U.S. have been in travelers returning from infected areas)

Symptoms of West Nile

- 80% of infected humans are asymptomatic, i.e., they don't show any visible symptoms.
- 20% show mild symptoms, such as fever, headache, body aches, skin rash (trunk)
- Fewer than 1% show severe symptoms: high fever, stiff neck, stupor, disorientation, tremors, convulsions, etc.
- Seek medical help promptly if you think you are showing symptoms

Symptoms of Zika

- As with West Nile Virus, most infected people show no symptoms
- Obvious symptoms include fever, rash, joint pain, conjunctivitis (pink-eye), muscle pain, headache
- Zika is linked to microcephaly in pregnancy (baby with smaller than normal head) and may be linked to Guillain-Barre Syndrome
- As with any illness, seek prompt medical attention for a diagnosis and treatment (there is not a vaccine for a virus, but there are treatment options)

For additional information and helpful links, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fightthebite

Hickory Farms Real Estate Activity
Arlene Da Cruz - June 2016

Address	Model	Bed rooms	Baths	Listing Price	Sold Price	Seller Subsidy	Days on Market	Status / Date Sold
(1) 4373 Farm House La	Cape Cod	4	2	\$539,900			8	Active
(2) 4357 Farm House Ln	Colonial	4	2.5	\$499,900			22	Under contract - Settlement 6/30/16
(3) 4336 Still Meadow Rd	Split Level	4	2.5	\$599,900			4	Under contract - Settlement 7/28/16
(4) 10025 Cotton Farm Rd	Colonial	4	2.5	\$539,900	\$535,000	\$0	4	Sold 3/25/16
(5) 4338 Farm House La	Colonial	4	2.5	\$545,000	\$539,000	\$0	41	Sold 5/24/16

- (1) Move in ready, rarely available Cape Cod model on .24 acre lot backing to Roberts Rd.
 (2) Hardwood floors, updated kitchen w/new appliances. Walk out lower level. Large back yard.
 (3) Move in ready. Pool & hot tub in backyard overlooking common area. Hardwood floors main level.
 (4) New HVAC, remodeled baths, wood floors, new carpet in bedrooms, walk out basement, professional landscaping.
 (5) Large addition off kitchen. Gas heating & cooking. Upgraded kitchen, windows, siding, gutters and carpet. Professional landscaping.

Information provided by Arlene Da Cruz and Dominic Da Cruz - full service Realtors and Hickory Farms residents. Arlene and Dominic are associated with Weichert Realtors and are also sole proprietors of ADC Property Services, a family-owned business managing rental properties. Contact Arlene on 571-436-6551 - arlenemyrealtor@gmail.com or adcpropertieservices@gmail.com.
 (1-4-7-10)

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	Jul 1		
Sat	Jul 2		
Fri	Jul 8	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Sat	Jul 9	Jason Zhao	Laura Feng
Fri	Jul 15		

Sat	Jul 16	Wendy Chen	Tony Dong
Fri	Jul 22	John Verheul	Tami Verheul
Sat	Jul 23	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Fri	Jul 29	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	Jul 30	Brian Roethlisberger	
Fri	Aug 5	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Sat	Aug 6	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Fri	Aug 12		
Sat	Aug 13		
Fri	Aug 19	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Sat	Aug 20	Rick Loranger	Judy Loranger
Fri	Aug 26	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Sat	Aug 27	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Fri	Sep 2	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Sat	Sep 3	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz
Fri	Sep 9	John Coyne	Linda Coyne
Sat	Sep 10	Pete Scala	Rose Scala
Fri	Sep 16	Jim Marshall	
Sat	Sep 17		
Fri	Sep 22	Debbi Buchanan	
Sat	Sep 24	Matt Franck	Vanessa Franck
Fri	Sep 30		
Sat	Oct 1	John Kitzmiller	

Civil War History – Ranger Mosby

Bob Cosgriff (Cotton Farm - Past President and Resident Historian)

One of the most famous episodes of the Civil War occurred just a little more than a mile from Hickory Farms, namely, “Mosby’s Raid” on Fairfax Courthouse. Following the September, 1862 battle of Antietam, Confederate forces under Gen. Robert E. Lee retreated into central Virginia, centered around Fredericksburg in order to protect Richmond. Farther north, a ring of forts protected Washington, DC, and Fairfax Court House was once again a headquarters. This made it a prime target for reconnaissance and harassment by Confederate forces during the period following the Battle of Antietam. In particular, the Confederate Army had created a partisan unit (the 43rd Battalion of Partisan Rangers) under the command of a young officer,

John Singleton Mosby, which began operating in the relative no-man's land of Rappahannock, Culpeper, Fauquier, Loudoun and Fairfax counties.

Already familiar with the Northern Virginia area, Mosby skillfully and carefully scouted Fairfax Court House in preparation for a bold raid. In his intelligence gathering, he was aided by a young woman spy, Antonia Ford, who had access to the Union officers stationed at the Headquarters of Brigadier General Edwin H. Stoughton and Colonel Sir Percy Wyndham, a British soldier-of-fortune. Wyndham has made some public statements about Mosby, "the horse thief. "As recounted by the late, well-known Northern Virginia historian, Virgil Carrington (Pat) Jones, this prompted Mosby, who had been a lawyer before enlisting in the Confederate Army, to comment that the only horses he had stolen had riders armed with a saber and two pistols. Mosby decided to capture Wyndham in retaliation, so "payback" was perhaps as much of a motive as strictly military reasons.

On the night of 8 March, 1863, Mosby and his band of 29 Rangers set out in a cold drizzle from Aldie, some twenty five miles west of Fairfax Court House on the Little River Turnpike (modern U.S. Route 50). Aided by a Union deserter, "Big Yank" Ames, who knew of gaps in the Union lines west of Fairfax, the force slipped through the defenses between Chantilly and Centreville. Parts of the group became separated, but eventually rejoined on the Warrenton Pike (modern U.S. Route 29). According to Mosby's memoirs, they then proceeded into town "from the direction of the railroad station." This refers to Fairfax Station, which indicates that Mosby must have swung south, perhaps paralleling or even using what is now Fairfax Station Road and Ox Road (Route 123). This small band proceeded in the early morning hours toward the unsuspecting guards at Fairfax Court House. It is possible that he came relatively close to Hickory Farms on this approach, since his goal was to come from a direction where the Union pickets would not suspect an attack and anywhere in the direction of Washington would not be where lookouts would expect to see Confederate soldiers.

Mosby obtained complete surprise, although he did not capture Wyndham, who had gone into Washington that evening. However, he did capture two of his staff officers, his horses and his uniform. Learning that Brigadier General Stoughton was residing in a house (still standing) next to the Truro Church, Mosby decided to bag him instead of Wyndham. Mosby recounted the event by noting that he pulled back the blankets and slapped the dozing and somewhat hung-over Stoughton on the backside and announced that he was a prisoner. The surprised General angrily asked: "What is this?! Do you know who I am?!" Mosby then asked if he knew Mosby, to which the general said "Yes." The Pat Jones version goes on to state that Stoughton asked, "Have you captured him?" to which Mosby replied, "No, but he has captured you!"

Mosby and his men were able to lead all their captives (34) and horses (58) away back toward Fairfax Station and then through the lines to safety in Loudoun County. The news scandalized the North and prompted Lincoln to say, when informed of the capture, "Well, I'm sorry for that. I can make new brigadier generals, but I can't make horses!"

As for "local color" associated with this event, Stoughton's headquarters still stands on the grounds of Truro Church and is marked by a plaque on Main Street. In 2013, on the 150th anniversary of this event, there was a re-enactment of Mosby's raid, followed by a tour of the rectory building which is normally closed to the public. My wife and I was able to see the actual room where Gen. Stoughton was captured. Antonia Ford, the attractive spy, lived in

the house on the corner of Sager and Chain Bridge Road (Rt. 123), opposite the original court house. There is also an historical marker on Route 123 by the Fairfax City Hall that provides information about Mosby's famous raid. Two streets off Burke Station Road remind us of this event: Mosby Road, the dead-end street just north of Laurel (which can be reached via our northern path); and Stoughton Road, just at the top of the Burke Station Road hill. Although I did not find any proof that it is named after the disgraced general, it seems like too much of a coincidence not to be. Mosby is also recalled by the Mosby Woods subdivision in the City of Fairfax, while his military commander, the famed cavalier "Jeb" Stuart is the eponym for a high school near Seven Corners. There is also a Mosby Heights subdivision in Herndon (with a Mosby Court and Mosby Hollow Road) and a Mosby Ridge subdivision in the City of Manassas Park. On New Braddock Road, between Union Mill Road and Route 28, there are the following streets: Singleton's Drive, William Mosby Drive (John's brother), Montiero Drive (named after one of Mosby's officers), Antonia Ford Court, Hoskins Hollow Lane (one of his men) and Big Yankee Lane. Finally, there is the Mosby Heritage Area, an approximately 1,600-acre area covering five counties in Northern Virginia (see <http://www.civilwartraveler.com/EAST/VA/va-north/no-mosby.html>).

The next time you drive by the Truro Church and the old court house, try to imagine this daring, behind-enemy-lines raid, which made Mosby famous in both the North and the South. Although he and his unit performed many other hit-and-run strikes in the Shenandoah Valley and elsewhere until the end of the war, the one that is remembered is the Fairfax Court House raid!

This is the third in a series on the Civil War by Bob. See also Jan & Mar 2016 Newsletters.

Birds of Hickory Farms Bob Cosgriff (Cotton Farm Road)

When the previous article in this series was written in mid-April, the spring migration had yet to happen here. We went to the Gulf Coast of Texas to catch the neo-tropical migrants as they began to arrive in the United States after a journey across the Gulf of Mexico, fully expecting to get a second chance at the birds in Virginia as May rolled around. However, Mother Nature somewhat dashed those plans here at home, with historically rainy weather that impeded birds and birders alike. As a result, we saw or heard only six species of warblers in our yard: Myrtle (or "Yellow-rumped"), Chestnut-sided, Common Yellowthroat, Tennessee, Northern Parula, and Blackpoll. Additionally, we saw one other warbler in the neighborhood (Ovenbird). In a typical year, we could expect 10-12 warbler species in Hickory Farms. We saw no flycatchers, swallows, tanagers or orioles, the latter two always highlights of the spring migration. Again, the weather was probably the culprit.

Nonetheless, there were some notable sightings. For a few days in early May, our feeder was graced by a beautiful male **Rose-breasted Grosbeak**. A visit by this bird, in the same family as the more familiar Northern Cardinal, is always a treat. We also saw an **Ovenbird** (a warbler) in the woods along the creek, near the black path. This is only the second sighting of this bird in Hickory Farms, the first being in our yard in May, 2002. Finally, we got two new yard and neighborhood birds: a striking **Eastern White-crowned Sparrow** on 10 May, and a **Tennessee Warbler** on 19 May. These two birds raise our Hickory Farms total to **117** species.

We had one successful fledging of five bluebirds in the Lower Common Grounds around 15 May. House Sparrows continued to be a problem by taking over the majority of boxes and in one case, killing a bluebird and in another, destroying the bluebird eggs. So we decided to do an experiment using a different kind of nest hole predator guard that reportedly deters House Sparrows, but which don't appear to bother bluebirds. The device is called a Hutching's Guard, after its inventor, and is basically a cylinder about 3" long and 1.5" in diameter. It was designed to keep raccoons from reaching into a box, but it seems to keep House Sparrows out as well, since they don't like to crawl down a tube to their nests, whereas bluebirds seem to adapt to this. We did use one of these guards some years ago and a bluebird did take that box. We attached the guard on 10 boxes on 16 May. After five weeks of monitoring, it appears that the Hutching's guard does, in fact, deter the sparrows, as no new sparrow nests have been built in the boxes with the guard. We removed the guard from one box (which subsequently had a bluebird take it) and left one box without any guard as a control. That second box did have sparrows trying to nest in it. We also discovered that House Wrens don't seem to mind the new guard, as we have two nests (one with six eggs, one with five) in the lower common grounds. We also have, as of 20 June, two additional bluebird nests: one with five fledglings in the lower common grounds (same box as the earlier successful brood of five birds) and one with two fledglings in the upper common grounds. (We had removed the Hutching's Guard from this box after one week.) These new nestlings should fly out in early July, and if we are lucky, the birds might try for a third clutch at that time. Hopefully it will happen in a box with the new guard attached. So stay tuned—we will update you in the fall.

Have a nice summer!

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