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Kirk_Randall@hotmail.com

Help your neighbors. Read about volunteer opportunities on pages 2 & 7.

Join the Hickory Farms email/listserv Group

- Get up-to-the-minute news on neighborhood happenings
 - Ask your neighbors to recommend a contractor/repairman
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Free Home Repair Services – Volunteers Needed, Too

Do you find it difficult to pay for the maintenance work that your home badly needs? *Rebuilding Together Arlington/Fairfax/Falls Church* may be able to help. Rebuilding Together provides free home repair services to limited income homeowners in Fairfax County. Call 703-528-1999, email info@rebuildingtogether-aff.org, or visit them at www.rebuildingtogether-aff.org. Rebuilding Together is looking for volunteers to repair and improve the homes of limited income seniors, people with disabilities, veterans, families with children, and others. Skilled students may be able to earn community service hours.

Please Clean Up After Your Dog

Please show consideration to your neighbors by cleaning up after your dog! Whether it's in a neighbor's yard or our Common Areas please use a plastic bag to clean up your dog's waste. Please **DO NOT** dispose of the bag in a storm drain, a neighbor's yard, a neighbor's trash can, or our Common Areas. Properly disposing of your dog's waste is the neighborly thing to do, and it's the law.

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New Fairfax County Noise Ordinance Now in Effect

The new law, which became effective February 17th, prohibits certain noises during specific hours. To report a violation call 703-691-2131. For full details, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news2/new-noise-ordinance-passed/> Listed below is a summary of noises that are prohibited by the new ordinance:

Loudspeakers/Amplifiers: Using a loudspeaker or amplifier between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Noise Heard in Other Homes: Making noise that can be plainly heard in another person's home with the doors and windows closed between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, or between 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and the day before a federal holiday.

Power Lawn Equipment: Operating power lawn equipment, including lawn mowers: (a) between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when operating the equipment within 100 yards of a dwelling; or (b) between 9:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. when operating the equipment 100 yards or more from a dwelling; or (c) between 9:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. for golf course maintenance when operating the equipment 50 yards or more from a dwelling; or (d) between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. for golf course maintenance when operating the equipment less than 50 yards from a dwelling. However, on all properties, the operation of leaf blowers is prohibited between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Fixing Cars: Fixing cars or mechanical devices outside between 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

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Dog Parks: Using dog parks Monday through Friday before 7:00 a.m. or after dusk or before 8:00 a.m. or after dusk on Saturday, Sunday or the day before a federal holiday.

Animal Barking, Howling, Etc.: Barking, howling, meowing, squawking or quacking animals between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. when it can be heard inside a home with its doors and windows closed, or if these sounds can be heard between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. for more than five minutes consecutively or non-consecutively during a 10-minute period.

Athletic Fields Noise from athletic fields is permitted between 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday, or between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday or the day before a Federal holiday. However, loudspeaker use remains prohibited between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Sidewalks, Gutters, and Street Damaged During the Winter?

If you see a broken sidewalk or curb or any problem with the streets, contact VDOT at 800-367-ROAD (7623) or visit <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp> VDOT will add the item to its database and, if there are enough problems in our community that have been reported and VDOT has the money, they will fix the problem. They have been quick to respond in recent years.

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A Hickory Farms 40th Anniversary Feature

1860 – Before There Was a Hickory Farms Community

In 1860, the properties that came to be consolidated into our community 115 years later were owned by George W. Roberts and George W. Hunter. The dirt road that came to be known as Roberts Road was presumably named for Mr. Roberts. The maps for the entire county may be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/histcomm/1860maps.htm

This Month's Home Maintenance Checklist

Dryer Vent Cleaning – Clean lint from both the screen behind the door and exhaust hose which leads to the outside. Lint is a fire hazard. Never use a plastic flexible vent hose – it could melt.

Bathroom Check – Check faucets and showers for leaks. Test toilets for leakage by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank, then wait a few hours. If you see coloring in the bowl, you should replace the tank flapper. Check caulking around bathtubs and showers for areas where water may leak and cause damage. Check for leaks under the toilet and sink. Locate the Ground Fault Interrupter "GFI" (usually in the electrical outlet). Press the test button and then reset.



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Little River Turnpike (Main Street / Route 236)

The earliest private turnpike charter in Virginia was granted by the General Assembly to the Company of the Fairfax and Loudon Turnpike Road in 1796. By 1806, the 34-mile-long road connected Alexandria with Aldie on the Little River in Loudoun County. The Company placed wooden tollhouses along the road at five-mile intervals, and one stood at what is now downtown Annandale until 1954. The Little River Turnpike became a free road in 1896. In Fairfax County, only the portion of the road in Annandale retains its original name.

Toll roads were not usually named after the thing alongside which it runs, but after the place to which it leads. The Little River Turnpike runs — or ran — to Little River.

As the name implies, Little River in Aldie (west on Route 50) is an exceptionally modest stretch of water. In fact, it isn't a river at all. The U.S. Geological Survey classifies it as a stream.

Another Volunteer Opportunity

This outfit helped some of our senior citizens shovel their driveways and sidewalks during the January blizzard: Volunteer Fairfax 703-246-3553 www.volunteerfairfax.org

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Please Read This If You Plan To Sell Your Home Soon

When you sell your home, you will need to give the purchaser a copy of the Hickory Farms Virginia Property Owners' Association Act (VPOAA) Disclosure Packet. This is required by Virginia state law. ***If you do not give a copy of this document to the purchaser, they could delay closing or even cancel the sale.***

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 compliance with the Hickory Farms [Rules & Regulations](#) and [Restrictive Covenants](#) (See

Article VII). If not, the letter will alert the purchaser that you, the seller, need to bring the property into compliance before closing. If you do not do so, the purchaser could delay or even cancel the sale. The Board or ACC member may arrive unannounced and knock on your door to see if anyone is home before inspecting the property. If someone is home, the Board or ACC member will introduce themselves; if no one is at home, they will do a quick walk around the property. If you do not want the Board or ACC member to enter your back yard unattended (if, say, you have a dog), you must tell the Treasurer to arrange a meeting time. Do this when you make your request for your Disclosure Packet.

Part 2 contains general information applicable to all homes in Hickory Farms. This 45+ 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. (3-7-11)

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	Mar 4	Debbi Buchanan	
Sat	Mar 5		
Fri	Mar 11	Matt Franck	Vanessa Franck
Sat	Mar 12		
Fri	Mar 18	John Kitzmiller	
Sat	Mar 19		
Fri	Mar 25	Ed Wagner	
Sat	Mar 26	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Fri	Apr 1	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Sat	Apr 2	Jason Zhao	Laura Feng
Fri	Apr 8		
Sat	Apr 9	Wendy Chen	Tony Dong
Fri	Apr 15	John Verheul	Tami Verheul
Sat	Apr 16	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Fri	Apr 22	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal

Sat	Apr 23	Brian Roethlisberger	
Fri	Apr 29	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Sat	Apr 30	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters

A Hickory Farms 40th Anniversary Feature

Civil War History Was Made Right around the Corner

Part 2 Continues from the January 2016 Newsletter

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

In July, 1861, Union forces passed near 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 from both options, and the Rebel forces went into winter quarters in Centreville, leaving a small detachment at Fairfax Court House to watch for Union activity. The decision to invade the North would come a year later, following the Battle of Second Manassas in August, 1862.

In the spring of 1862, the Confederates pulled out of Northern Virginia altogether in order to defend Richmond, 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 late summer, 1862, during the retreat from Manassas following the second battle there in a year. 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 properly, Ox Hill. This occurred in the area from about where the water towers on West Ox Road sit, down across modern U.S. Route 50 across land where the Fairfax Town Center now sits and also the area along Monument Road, with some Union units in the area of Fair Oaks Mall. A gallant defense by a greatly outnumbered Union force of two brigades blunted an attack by Stonewall Jackson's fabled Corps and helped the main body of Union troops to proceed north on Route 29 (then called the Warrenton Turnpike) into Fairfax Court House 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, all that remains to remind us of this critical and bloody action, the largest military engagement actually fought within Fairfax County.

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 large 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 have not found any references to tell whether Hickory Farms, which was within her the Fitzhugh property, was then under cultivation, or remained forested. Given how close our neighborhood is to the actual court house and how far it is from the Ravensworth manor house near the intersection of Braddock Road and I-495, it seems plausible that the normal wartime activities of cutting firewood, foraging, patrolling, etc. did take place on Hickory Farms property. 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 most likely spots near Sharon Court/Barbara Ann Lane, or at the Fairfax Memorial Park. Anecdotally, I recall a bulldozer operator working on preparing home sites in Hickory Farms in 1979 show me two cannon balls he had unearthed here. They were probably Union, since their occupation was longer and in greater numbers than that of Confederate forces. Were they dropped here to lighten a load during the retreat from the disastrous Battle of Second Manassas in August, 1862? Or was there, perhaps, a Union artillery battery stationed on the "Sledding Hill" in Hickory Farms? Possibly, these deadly pieces of ordnance were removed from a caisson for some reason and subsequently covered up and lost. It is interesting to speculate, but there is no way of knowing for sure. However, of other famous Civil War events happening very close to our neighborhood, there is plenty of documentation. Be sure to read what happened next in a future newsletter!

This is the second of a three-part series on the Civil War.

DMV Emergency Contact Program

This is a free public service that allows citizens to store emergency contact information. It gives law enforcement a way to notify your family or friends in the event of a serious crash or other emergency that leaves you unable to communicate. The program is available to people with a valid Virginia driver's license, identification card, learner's permit, commercial driver's license or temporary driver's license. Participation is voluntary. You can add, modify or delete up to two emergency contacts at any time. Your information will be securely stored by DMV and will be accessible only by law enforcement in the event of an emergency. To enroll, go to www.dmv.virginia.gov/general/#emc.html and print, complete, and mail in the downloadable form.

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Homeless Youth Computer Program

Throughout the month of February, Fairfax County will be collecting old, but working laptops and tablets to provide to homeless youth attending Fairfax County Public Schools. These laptops will allow students to complete homework, conduct research projects, and participate in school activities. The goal is to collect 500 laptops by the end of the month. Supervisor Cook's office (near Kings Park Shopping Center, behind the library at 9002 Burke Lake Road) is acting as a drop-off location. Please bring your old laptops or tablets Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Lake Accotink Planning Meeting

The Fairfax County Park Authority has begun the process to revise the Master Plan for Lake Accotink Park. The planning process will help guide the future of this well-loved park and we'd like to hear your opinion. A public information meeting will be held on March 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Cardinal Forest Elementary School, 8600 Forrester Boulevard, Springfield. For more information, [visit the project website](#), email parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-8662.

Native Seedling Sale: Order Now

It's time to place your orders for the 2016 Seedling Sale! The Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District's Annual Seedling Sale makes low-cost bare-root native shrub and tree seedlings available to Northern Virginia residents. Seedlings go on sale in February and are available for pickup in late April or early May. Trees and shrubs help cleanse water, prevent soil erosion, provide habitat, cool our climate and clean our air. Consider adding native trees and shrubs to your community today!

The Shrub and Small Tree Package features 10 seedlings for \$16.95. The Tree Package contains six seedlings for \$11.95. The theme of both is "Back by Popular Demand." Customers often tell us about favorite seedlings from past years, so this year's sale feature shrubs and trees that have been some of the most popular and most requested year after year.

Pictures and descriptions of the included seedlings and an online order form can be [found on the District's website](#).

**John Cook is our elected representative on the Fairfax County
Board of Supervisors**