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This month, Bob Cosgriff reprises the series of area history articles he first published in this newsletter in 1994. And, once Bob has tweaked your interest in local history, don't miss the guided walking tours that leave the Moore House at the corner of Route 123 and North Street most Saturday evenings. These tours feature Civil War history and haunted house stories. Tours are usually given by Fairfax City Mayor Bob Lederer or his wife. Call 703-385-8414 for reservations. The cost is only \$5, and you can park in the Sweet Life Café ice cream shop parking lot. Fair warning, though – if you stay for an ice cream cone after the tour, the double dip cones are *huge!*

Bob tells us that we have nesting pairs of Bluebirds in both the lower and upper common grounds. A pair of Tree Swallows has claimed a box in the upper common grounds as well. This is only the third time we have had these birds nest here, Bob says. And, a male Tree Swallow was seen "house hunting" as well. The bird migration is on, so our trees should soon be alive with many bright and beautiful singers.

Debbie Buchanan has completed the first update of our neighborhood directory in years. They will be delivered to your home when they are returned from the printers. If you do not receive a copy in the next two weeks, please call Debbie at or email her at debnscoott@verizon.net

The next issue of The Newsletter is July.

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	May 2	Bob Bentley	Nancy Bentley
Sat	May 3	Ron Cruz	Louise Cruz
Fri	May 9	Jaime Gutierrez	Ed Wagner
Sat	May 10	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
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Sat	May 17	Greg Gillette	Kathy Gillette
Fri	May 23	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	May 24	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	May 30	John Kitzmiller	Brand Niemann
Sat	May 31	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Fri	June 6	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Sat	June 7	Kirk Randall	Mansoor Nasim
Fri	June 13	Bob Cosgriff	Don Klingemann
Sat	June 14	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Fri	June 20	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Sat	June 21	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Fri	June 27	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz
Sat	June 28	Mike Martin	Scott Buchanan

Treasurer's Report

Jaime Gutierrez

As of the end of April, there are 6 homeowners that had not sent their payment for the annual dues, after having been sent a later indicating that they were late with their dues. After May 1st, I will be sending their accounts over to the lawyers for collection. As of this moment, their dues have gone from \$110 + \$25 late fee + \$140 legal fees = \$275. If the dues are not paid within the time indicated by the attorneys, a lien will be placed against the property; **this will add additional legal fees.**

It is unfortunate that a few homeowners have decided not to pay their dues so far; however, sooner or later, the Association will collect the dues plus legal expenses. If a lien is perfected against the property, at the time the owner decides to sell, the lien will have to be removed to have a clear title. This will require paying the annual dues, late fee, legal fees, court fees **and interest.** It really does not make sense not to pay. If you are one of these six, please contact me ASAP!

Would You Be Our New Neighborhood Watch Leader?

After three years as our Neighborhood Watch coordinator, Dave Dempster is stepping down. NW is the "homeland security" at the neighborhood level. Every Friday and Saturday night, pairs of residents patrol our streets for a few hours and call the police when they see anything suspicious. The NW program is so well oiled that it nearly runs itself! Dave's replacement as NW coordinator will prepare watch schedules (see an example above), occasionally recruit new members, and infrequently replace equipment in the watch bag. The coordinator's time investment is only about 1-2 hours a month. Interested in stepping into Dave's shoes? Please call Dave at 703-503-0561 (ddhokies@cox.net) to learn more. Thanks!

(Scenic Remodeling ad here)

Transitions

Bob Ambrogi is stepping down from the Architectural Control Committee this. Bob is taking leadership of a nationwide veterans' group. Thanks for your many, many contributions to the community, Bob!

Also, please welcome new neighbors **Angela and Chris Woody**, who recently moved into 4283 Country Squire.

Send items concerning Hickory Farms *resident* weddings, new neighbors, births, and HS & college graduations to kirk_randall@hotmail.com

(All)

Is Your Home Next to the Hickory Farms Common Grounds?

Many of our Hickory Farms homes are adjacent to Common Grounds property, such as woods, walking paths, and the upper and lower Common Areas. Although these areas are for the enjoyment of all residents, those of us who live next to these areas are particularly blessed. However, we do need to be careful not to inadvertently turn a piece of the Common Grounds into an extension of our own yards. This includes using the property for storing personal property, dumping yard debris, or building on the Common Grounds. The Board of Directors' Common Grounds Coordinator will conduct his periodic review of our Common Grounds in the coming weeks. If we notice a possible problem, we'll contact the homeowner. So, this might be a good time to pull out that old property survey and double check your property line. FYI, your property corners should be identified by a buried iron pipes. If you have any questions, please contact Rich Dudley at dudley_richard@bah.com or call 703-503-2060.

Does Your Student Need Community Service Hours?

Spring is here and the Common Grounds could use some cleanup. If your student needs some community service hours and would like to improve the appearance of our community, please contact Rich Dudley at dudley_richard@bah.com or call 703-503-2060. (4)

Woody's Spring Hours

Woody's Ice Cream, on Stonewall Avenue, a favorite haunt of Hickory Farmers located is open 4-8 Tuesday – Saturday. When school lets out, its hours will be 2-9. Woody's is always closed on Sunday. (4)

Hickory Farms Needs Your Help !

A home near to yours, whose appearance is markedly out of character with the rest of the neighborhood, could reduce the market value of your home. The Hickory Farms Architecture Control Committee (ACC) evaluates proposed changes to the exterior of our homes and property (additions, siding replacements, paint/siding colors, door replacements, etc.) to ensure that they are consistent with the character of the HF community. Most of our work is done via email, although we do meet face-to-face 4-5 times a year. Time investment is small (averaging about one hour per month), and the benefit to the community is large. Some of us are moving this summer, though, so we need your help to fill our ranks. You don't have to be an architect or remodeling contractor to be on the ACC; you just have to care about your community. Call one of us to learn more: **Bob Ambrogi** (703-764-0142), **Claire Coleman** (703-425-6059), **Marc Fogleman** (703-764-0295), **Donna Garfield** (703-425-9750), **Maryle Mondschein** (703-426-0403), or **Kirk Randall** (703-425-0210). Thanks! The ACC

This Month's Home Maintenance Checklist

The complete list may be found on the [HF web site](#) under "Home Maintenance and Appearance" – "Home Maintenance Checklist."

(All)

Gutter Cleaning – Clean out your gutters. Overflowing gutters lead to ground erosion and wet basements. If you are surrounded by trees, you may have to do this both Spring and Fall.
Bathroom Check – Check faucets and showers for leaks. Test toilets for leakage by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank. Wait a few hours. If you see coloring in the bowl, you need to have your tank flapper replaced. Check caulking around bathtubs and showers for areas where water may leak and cause damage. Check for leaks under toilet and sink. Locate the Ground Fault Interrupter (usually in the electrical outlet in one of the bathrooms); press the test button. (2 times/year)
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.
Deck Cleaning – Clean and seal your wood deck (Every 2-4 years)
Termites and Insects – Have your home inspected by a professional. Most pest control companies will inspect for free. Termite inspections recommended every 3 years.
Dehumidifier Setup – Set up your dehumidifier for the humid summer – if you use one.

Isn't It Worth 4 Hours Every 4 Months to Help Keep Hickory Farms Safe?

Hickory Farms is a Neighborhood Watch community. Every Friday and Saturday night, two volunteers slowly drive through Hickory Farms and look for suspicious activity. The car is marked with bright "Neighborhood Watch" signs. When the volunteers see something suspicious, they call 9-1-1 (This hardly ever happens). Volunteers are to *never* get involved with troublemakers. Neighborhood Watch helps keep Hickory Farms a safe and secure place to live. Police studies have shown that communities with Neighborhood Watch have less crime than those that do not.

While everyone in Hickory Farms benefits from Neighborhood Watch, not everyone participates. Won't you please join the Neighborhood Watch patrol? The more neighbors who join, the less often each of us needs to patrol. Four hours every four months is all it takes to make the program work. Husbands and wives frequently patrol as a team to get a few hours of quality time together. Sometimes, a parent and his or her high school age student will volunteer. And, if your significant other can't volunteer, you'll be paired with a similarly situated neighbor.

To volunteer for Neighborhood Watch, please contact the Neighborhood Watch (NW) coordinator at the number listed on page 1.

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Fairfax Swimming Pool Opens Memorial Day Weekend

Join the Fairfax Swimming Pool (home of the Fairfax Frogs Swim and Dive Teams)! This is our community pool and it's only a block or so away on Roberts Road. See the sign in front of the pool for membership information or visit www.fairfaxpool.com for membership information.

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(Spring Fling flyer here)

Your *Exterior* Remodeling Project *May* Need Approval

If you are changing the exterior appearance of your home, you may need Architectural Control Committee approval. Please don't run the risk of holding up the start of your project awaiting ACC approval; submit your proposal to the ACC as early as possible. You *must* have ACC approval before you begin the project. If you are in doubt as to whether approval is required for your particular project (and some don't require approval), please read the *Application for Architectural Review*. If you're still doubtful, call the chairperson of the ACC (see page 1 of this newsletter for contact information). You might also log into our community web page – www.hickoryfarms.org – to read the following helpful documents: [How to Get ACC Approval for Your Renovation Project](#) and [Tips for Choosing a Contractor](#). The official *Application for Architectural Review* is attached to this newsletter, and may also be [viewed on the web in PDF format](#).

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Be Considerate of Your Mailman

The mailman can deliver our mail more quickly if he/she doesn't have to leave the truck to walk around trash cans. Help the mailman by placing your trash cans at least 12 feet away from your mailbox.

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Keeping Storm Drains and Sanitary Sewer Lines Flowing (From Fairfax County)

While cleaning gardens for spring, residents should keep public storm drains and sanitary sewers clear of leaves, grass clippings, sticks, rocks and trash. Fairfax County officials are issuing this reminder because these items can cause blockages in storm drains and sewers.

If swept into a storm drain, yard waste or trash can end up in nearby creeks or streams, polluting the environment. These same items can block public sanitary sewer lines, potentially causing sewage backups in homes.

Residents also can take steps to keep their private sewer lines flowing freely. Homeowners are responsible for their lateral sewer lines, which connect their home to the county's sewer system. These tips can help prevent blockages:

- Don't put cooking oils and grease down a garbage disposal or any household drain. Fats, oils or grease can build up in the system, potentially creating a blockage.
- Don't flush disposable diapers, tampons or sanitary napkins down the toilet — even if the labels indicate that it is acceptable to do so.
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Most insurance policies do not automatically cover damage caused by flooding or sewer backups. Homeowners and renters can contact their insurance companies to ask for this additional protection.

If homeowners experience a sewage backup, call Fairfax County's [Wastewater Collection Division's](#) 24-hour, emergency line at 703-323-1211, TTY 703-239-8498. For non-emergency concerns, call 703-250-2003, TTY 703-239-8489. County staff can determine if

the blockage is located in the county's sewer lines or in the homeowner's private lines.

Group Purchase Contractors

Are you doing home improvements this summer? These contractors have participated in Hickory Farms group purchases. Most of the homeowners who participated in these group purchases were satisfied with their prices and workmanship. The references of these contractors were checked by the Group Buy Organizer and they had good records with the Better Business Bureau and Fairfax Office of Consumer Affairs *at the time of the group purchase*. They were licensed and insured *at the time of the group purchase*. Learn more about [choosing a contractor](#) at www.hickoryfarms.org. You should always get bids from more than one contractor and check out their references, as explained in the article.

Be sure to mention that you're from Hickory Farms when you call these contractors; they're eager to develop a long term relationship, including repeat business, with the Hickory Farms community. Finally, be aware that these contractors aren't necessarily the cheapest; you can always find someone cheaper. These contractors have provided quality service to many Hickory Farms residents at fair prices and have stood behind their work. It goes without saying that you get what you pay for. (5)

Concrete driveways, patios, brickwork	MY Construction, Inc. Mel Yudkin, www.myconstructioninc.com , 703-207-9820
Vinyl siding, replacement windows & doors, roofs & decks, house additions, decks	Scenic Remodeling Inc, John Enos, www.scenicremodeling.com , 703-392-8391
Tree services (cutting down and trimming)	JL Tree Service, Steve Edwards, www.jltreeservice.com ,703-753-5001

Driving on Common Grounds – Please Don't

The common areas (the woods, walking paths, and upper and lower grounds) are for the enjoyment of all Hickory Farms homeowners and their guests. This does NOT include, however, the use of motorized vehicles like mopeds and motor scooters. Our insurance doesn't cover them and they tear up the grounds and grass. Our rules don't allow them. So, if you ride one of these vehicles, please find somewhere else where it is legal to ride them. (5)

Can I Store My Boat or Trailer in My Driveway ?

Not if it stays there more than seven consecutive days and sits forward of the house. Article VII, Number 11 of the Hickory Farms Covenants (Our "Constitution") states: "No boats, trailers, tents or any structure of a portable nature, or portable vehicle other than automobiles shall stay parked forward of any dwelling for a period exceeding seven days." (5)

Do We Have Your Contact Information ?

Some new homeowners have not provided the Board of Directors with their contact information. The Board needs this information to effectively manage the Association. This information is not given to anyone outside the Board. We need the information in order to help you in case of an emergency; however, *you* are responsible for informing the Board of your whereabouts, *not* the Board.

If you rent out your Hickory Farms home, the Board needs to know your permanent address so that we can mail the newsletter and annual dues bills. In the past, we have had homeowners that rent their homes and missed paying their, incurring late fees. The homeowner – *you* – is responsible for informing the Board of your whereabouts so they can find you when it comes time to collect dues.

If you are not sure if we have your correct contact information, e-mail me at jagutierrez1@cos.net or send the information to HFCA, PO Box 2239, Fairfax VA 22031 (5-10)

Please Don't Dump on Common Grounds !

The common grounds are part of everyone's back yard. However, in several areas, yard debris such as grass clippings and branches are being dumped. PLEASE do not dump debris in the common areas. Besides being unsightly, these dumping areas draw rodents and other wild animals into our neighborhood. Your trash service will pick up yard debris separately for recycling from spring through fall. It will even pick up debris as part of your trash service during the winter. If you have been putting debris in the common areas, please move it out to the street on debris day or haul it to the Fairfax County dump on West Ox Road. Although it may be wooded area, the woods can't decompose more debris than it generates itself. In other words, the clippings and branches you dump in the common area overloads the area's ability to decompose the material. (5)

Hickory Farms – The Colonial Era

Bob Cosgriff

(First published in 1994) ¹

There are many anecdotes about the historical events that took place in this area, but just what is fact and what is fancy? What is known of the Native Americans who inhabited this area? Did General Braddock really march up what is now Braddock Road? What happened here during the Civil War? Who owned the land where we now live? So, here we go, back into time to see the interesting and often exciting history of the place we all call home.

Ownership of this land by Europeans is dated from 25 February, 1672 when Charles II of England granted proprietary rights to approximately 5,000,000 acres to Henry Earl of Arlington and Thomas Lord Culpeper, Baron of Thorsway, for their support of Charles' claim

¹ Footnotes appear in the web page version of this article.

to the throne during the period of the Commonwealth under Cromwell. This so-called Northern Neck Proprietary included all the lands lying between the "first spring" or headwaters, of the Potawomack (Potomac) and Powhatan (Rappahannock) Rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Some scholars believe this is the largest private land holding in history.

As proprietors, these Lords could dispose of their property to other tenants. In 1682, Lord Arlington assigned all his rights to Lord Culpeper. His rights passed through his descendants, one of whom, Catherine Culpeper, married Thomas Fairfax, Fifth Baron of Cameron. Upon the latter's death, the land passed to his son, Thomas, Sixth Baron of Cameron. In 1694, just 300 short years ago, a patent was issued to one William Fitzhugh. His 21,996 acre estate, the largest single land holding in what is now Fairfax County, stretched from near the present-day City of Fairfax to what is now the Shirley Highway, south of Little River Turnpike. He never lived on the land, but planned to lease it out to settlers including, among others, French Huguenots for the purpose of raising grapes for wine. This plan never came to fruition (!) as the subsequent history of colonial Virginia agriculture showed. The first owner to reside on Ravensworth was the original William's great-grandson, also William, who lived there with his wife, Ann Randolph Fitzhugh. The estate was named 'Ravensworth' after an ancestral Fitzhugh home in England.

One of the interesting things to note is the familiar place names encountered: Fairfax, Arlington, Cameron, Culpeper, Ravensworth. In this vein, we should note that the supporters of Charles II were called "Cavaliers." This connection lives on in the immediate area in the W.T. Woodson Cavaliers.

The relationship between Ravensworth and Hickory Farms is found in an investigation of various written sources and land grants. One such description of the estate says that it ". . . stretched from Fairfax Court House to Alexandria and included most of the territory between Route 123 and the Shirley Highway, south of the Little River Turnpike." Other narrative accounts taken from various newspaper articles found in the Ravensworth file describe the holdings as running from Pohick Church (on Route 1) to near Falls Church (Four Mile Run) to Fairfax City, and taking in essentially all of the watersheds of Accotink, Pohick and Back Lick creeks. Rabbit Run, which rises north of Hickory Farms in the woods at the end of Barbara Ann Lane (off Burke Station Road), flows eventually into Pohick Creek, so our location seems to match the description above. The definitive word on Ravensworth is found in a book published by Fairfax County, which states that the Fitzhugh property was the largest single patent in Fairfax County, comprising 21,996 acres, approximately 35 square miles or 9% of the total area of the county. Because of its central location, the estate looked even more imposing, dwarfing its numerous, but much smaller neighboring estates. The accompanying map with land grants overlaid on present-day Fairfax County conclusively shows the north-western corner of Ravensworth to be in Fairfax City and the western boundary tending southwest, intersecting Rabbit Run where that stream flows under Braddock Road in a box culvert. Thus, the land we all live on can safely said to have once been owned by the Fitzhugh family. The northern boundary line ran due east between modern Route 236 and Route 50, basically parallel and south of the latter, taking in Daniel's Run Park (which is in the Accotink Creek watershed), most of Mantua and so on eastward across the Beltway, terminating in the Falls Church/Annandale area where the eastern boundary line ran started.

Like most estates, Ravensworth was divided and subdivided as Fitzhugh's heirs died and willed parts of it to their descendants, both sons and daughters. The great-grandson of

the William Fitzhugh who first lived on the property left part of the estate in trust for his niece, Mary Randolph Custis, who was the wife of Robert E. Lee. The Lee's spent their honeymoon at Ravensworth and General Lee rested there after the Civil War, before leaving to become President of Washington College in Lexington (now Washington and Lee). Anna Maria Fitzhugh, the aging aunt of Mrs. Lee, stayed on the estate during the Civil War. She was forceful enough to cause her property to be placed under the protection of the various Union commanders in Fairfax County. Thus her land suffered little of the damage inflicted on other property here. We would have to do further digging to determine whether Hickory Farms was actually part of her estate, the center of which was just off Braddock Road at Port Royal road. It seems more likely that with all the Union troops in and around Fairfax Court House that our area probably saw its share of tree cutting and other usage by the Federal forces. Moving to the post-war years, according to newspaper accounts found in the library file, the estate, even in its diminished state was quite famous. The manor house was mysteriously burned (possibly by the son of the caretaker) in 1926, with the loss of a number of heirlooms of the Fitzhugh and Lee families. The holdings later formed the nucleus of the development of North Springfield, including the namesake Ravensworth Shopping Center.

Another question concerning our area is whether Braddock Road was actually traversed by its eponym, General Edward Braddock, and his young colonial aid-de-camp, Major George Washington. The latter was dispatched by Governor Dinwiddie in October 1753 to deliver a message to the French Commander on the Ohio. In Washington's own laconic style, he states that he "left Alexandria and went to Winchester," thus leaving us in doubt as to his actual route. The following year he went back to the Forks of the Ohio with a small army of Virginians, but no mention again was made of any of the route until the force was near present day Cumberland, MD, nearer to the enemy. His small force was surprised and defeated, resulting in Washington's capture. He was paroled and therefore was part of Braddock's larger force of regulars which set out in 1755 to chastise the French. According to the diary of a participant, "one regiment and a portion of stores (was) to (go by way of) Winchester, Virginia, whence a new road was nearly completed to Fort Cumberland . . . on the 8th and 9th of April, the provincials and 6 companies of the 44th (regiment) under Sir Peter Halket, set out for Winchester." According to an article in the *Connection*, there was an Indian trail in the vicinity of present-day Braddock Road. This path followed an Ice-Age path made by bison moving between the Shenandoah Valley and the Potomac. There is mention of George Washington clearing this path the year prior to Braddock's march. If this is so, it must have been as part of his own campaign; it is doubtful that he cleared the road for Braddock, since the latter was not in the colonies yet. The article also states that Braddock "was supposed to have widened it (the path) to 12 feet." However, the Sargent book describes the Army as being split, one column under Halket in Virginia, the other ferrying across to present day Washington and proceeding up along Rock Creek and thence out a road that was widened, as noted on an historical marker at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and River Road, near Tenley Circle. The Virginia column only marched a few miles in Fairfax before crossing near Georgetown. The consensus among historians is that the route went out toward the original county court house (near present Tysons Corner), perhaps along modern Route 7, before crossing the Potomac, possibly at one of the fords near Leesburg.

Even if Braddock or Washington themselves never did march up Braddock Road, it is still interesting to think of what this area must have looked like then, or even earlier when now-extinct Ice Age beasts such as bison did in fact range about Virginia. In any case, the aura surrounding the ill-fated General Braddock was strong enough to result in a road being

named after him at some point in time. However, until it was recently widened outside the Beltway, Braddock Road was not exactly an impressive monument to the general. Hardly more than a two-lane rural road well into the 1980's, definitely out of place in suburbia, it could make you swear that Braddock's baggage train moved faster than rush-hour traffic on Braddock Road.

2008 addendum: Fort Cumberland, in Cumberland, MD, was the key British outpost in the region of the Virginia, Maryland and Pennsylvania colonies in the mid-1750's. It's well worth the trip to go see these two sites and Frank Lloyd Wright's iconic "Falling Waters" house about an hour away in Pennsylvania. The journey by car is about three hours, and it will give you an appreciation for Washington's vigor and outdoors skills when you see the rugged terrain between here and there. While no trace of the fort exists today, it is well-interpreted by signs and an outline painted in the modern streets of Cumberland. There is also a purportedly authentic reproduction of Washington's small cabin, built by his men. Cumberland is also the terminus of the C & O canal, 185.1 miles from its start in Georgetown. Going west from Cumberland along the "National Road" (modern U.S. Route 40) you can reach Fort Necessity, site of Washington's defeat described above. In his capitulation letter, he mistakenly admitted "murdering" a French officer, whose older brother then left Fort Duquesne (modern Pittsburgh) with a sizable contingent and defeated Washington's small force. There is a modern reconstruction of Fort Necessity and an excellent visitors' center that gives one a wonderful, multi-media account of this crucial episode in our colonial history. Horace Walpole, 18th century British politician and author, leaves us a much-quoted analysis of these long-ago, but very important events: "A volley fired by a young Virginian in the backwoods of America set the world on fire."

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

The Hickory Farms Newsletter is published every month, except for June and August. You may e-mail submissions to The Editor by the 25th of the prior month. Submissions and advertisements **must** be in Microsoft Word format. Advertisements must be prepaid. Past issues and information for advertisers may be found at www.hickoryfarms.org – click Newsletters.

The Editor is responsible for most of the contents of this newsletter; the exceptions are advertisements, submitted community service type announcements, articles with a byline, and other articles which have been obviously contributed by others. The Editor reserves the right to edit submissions for space or writing style. The Editor, subject to review by the Board of Directors, may reject any submission.

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 (Kirk_Randall@Hotmail.com is the Acting Chairman) is preferred. You may also hand deliver your completed application to any member of the ACC or mail it to PO Box 2239, Fairfax, VA 22031 (Mailing could delay delivery to the ACC by several days). Electronic versions of photos and plans, attached to your email, are preferred, but please use the lowest resolution when scanning to conserve precious disk space. Please read [How to Get ACC Approval for Your Renovation Project](http://www.hickoryfarms.org) at www.hickoryfarms.org before submission. You do *not* need to submit the "Architectural Review Guidelines" part 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 unsure whether your project needs review, please contact an ACC member.