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# The Hickory Farms Newsletter

## Board of Directors

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John Kitzmiller 503-3443

### Vice President - Vacant

### Treasurer

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### Secretary

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### Community Grounds, Paths

& Woods – Don & Sara

Lobeda 539-8472

### Architectural Control Comm.

Kirk Randall 425-0210

### At Large

Kathy Sayyed 764-8716

Bruce Bernhardt 426-9446

## Other Volunteers

### Neighborhood Watch

John Kitzmiller 503-3443

### Newsletter & Web Site

Kirk Randall 425-0210

Sarah Maurer – Assoc Ed

### Community Yard Sale (Fall)

Pete Scala 764-0730

### Email (“Listserv”)

Debbi Buchanan

Stefan Schwarz

### Social Committee

Patty Dudley 503-2060

Dawn Dempster 503-0561

Lynn Welch 978-4113

### Architectural Reviews

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*Hickory Farms Community Association*

*P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax VA 22031*

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We had our biggest Annual Meeting turnout in years. Please read the minutes at [www.hickoryfarms.org/Meeting%20Minutes%202012.htm](http://www.hickoryfarms.org/Meeting%20Minutes%202012.htm) The Board of Directors' proposed amendments to our Rules and Regulations were not adopted by the members. Instead, they voted to constitute a committee that will study our Rules and Regulations for possible revision and submit their recommendations to the Board of Directors, to then be considered by the Board and members no later than the 2013 Annual Meeting. Volunteers thus far include Pam Barrett, Rich Dudley, Mike Mehrman, Jarrett Stark, and Bruce Bernhardt. To join them, please call Bruce at 703-426-9446 or email [bnbnjb06@cox.net](mailto:bnbnjb06@cox.net).

Pete Scala, thanks for putting on another great yard sale in October.

Bruce Bernhardt was elected to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting. Welcome aboard, Bruce!

**Your \$150 Annual Assessment is due no later than January 7. See page 3.**

### Join the Hickory Farms email “Listserv”

- 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

Visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HickoryFarms/> -- Click "Join this Group"

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### Neighborhood Watch

John Kitzmiller

***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! Contact: John Kitzmiller 703-503-3443

Fri	Nov 2		
Sat	Nov 3	Greg Gillette	Kathy Gillette
Fri	Nov 9		
Sat	Nov 10	Kirk Randall	Chris Woody
Fri	Nov 16	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Sat	Nov 17	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Fri	Nov 23	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Sat	Nov 24	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz
Fri	Nov 30	Mike Martin	John Kitzmiller
Sat	Dec 1	Pete Scala	Rose Scala
Fri	Dec 7	Stan Lee	Jim Marshall
Sat	Dec 8	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Fri	Dec 14	John Verheul	Tammy Verheul
Sat	Dec 15	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Fri	Dec 21	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	Dec 22	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	Dec 28	Jaime Gutierrez	Ed Wagner
Sat	Dec 29	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster

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**Annual Assessment (Dues) Payments Are Due No Later Than January 7**

The deadline for paying your \$150 Hickory Farms 2013 Annual Assessment is January 7. Please send your check to: HFCA, P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax, Virginia 22031

Checks that are not postmarked or in the physical possession of the Treasurer by January 7 will be considered late and will be assessed a \$50 late fee. Checks that are received late and do not include the late fee will be returned for non-payment. On February 1, delinquent accounts will be turned over to the Association's attorneys for collection. At this point, the amount owed by a delinquent homeowner will be the \$150 dues, the \$50 late fee, and attorney fees. So, please send your dues check ASAP, while it is still on your mind. (11-12-1)

**Architectural Control Committee Approvals**

- 4338 Farm House - Siding and shutters
- 10013 Cotton Farm - Siding, door/transom/sidelights, trim, windows

**Home Maintenance To-Do's**

**Outside Water Faucet Shutdown** – Turn off outside water faucets using the inside shutoff valves. Open the faucets to drain remaining water. Drain water hoses before storage.

### Parking on the Yard – For Short Term Only

A vehicle may be parked on the front yard for *no more than 48 hours* to allow residents to unload, work on the vehicle, and/or clean it. Report violations to Fairfax County Zoning at 703-324-1300. (11)

### Hickory Farms Community Association 2013 Budget Retains \$150 Dues Adopted by the Board of Directors and Homeowners at the October Annual Meeting

INCOME		
Annual dues		\$29,700.00
Late Fees		\$0.00
Prior Year's Dues		\$150.00
Legal Fees/Costs		\$142.00
Newsletter Advertising		\$300.00
Interest CDs		\$50.00
Total Income		\$30,342.00
EXPENSES		
Tax Preparation/Audit		\$280.00
Director's Insurance		\$1,560.00
Liability Insurance		\$297.00
Surety Insurance		\$275.00
Legal Fees		\$1,800.00
Landscape/Maintenance		\$19,500.00
Miscellaneous		\$275.00
Social		\$450.00
Newsletter Printing		\$2,100.00
Taxes/Fees		\$75.00
Postage		\$75.00
Neighborhood Watch		\$0.00
Total Expenses		\$26,687.00
Budget - Surplus / (Deficit)		\$3,655.00
Annual Dues		\$150.00

### Parking Your Boat or Trailer in Your Driveway – For *Short Term ONLY*

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. (10)

**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 Package. 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 Package comes in two parts; both parts must be given to the purchaser. You or your agent should contact the Treasurer to arrange for the delivery of the Disclosure Package. Please request the package three weeks prior to closing in order to give the Treasurer time to respond. As a word of advice, however, do not request it *too* early. Should it take a long time to sell your house, the Disclosure Package information could become outdated. We recommend you request the Disclosure Package when you have a signed contract in hand.

Part 1 contains specific information about your property. You or your agent may request either a hard copy or electronic version. There is no charge for either. 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](#). Otherwise, the letter will alert the purchaser that you (the seller) needs to bring the property into compliance before closing. If you do not do so, the purchaser could delay or even cancel the purchase.

Part 2 contains general information applicable to all homes in Hickory Farms. This 40+ page document is available for free download by visiting [http://www.hickoryfarms.org/VPOAA%20Disclosure%20Package-Hickory%20Farms%20\(Part%202%20of%202\).pdf](http://www.hickoryfarms.org/VPOAA%20Disclosure%20Package-Hickory%20Farms%20(Part%202%20of%202).pdf) If you would prefer a hard copy to be mailed to you, please deliver a \$10 check to the Treasurer or send it to P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax, VA 22031-2239 (Please note: in-person delivery is preferred as the P.O. box is checked only once a week). Please allow ten business days from when the check is received by the Treasurer to the date the Disclosure Package can be released, as we must allow time for your check to clear.

(3-7-11)

**It is Illegal to Park Commercial Vehicles on Hickory Farms Streets**

Fairfax County bans most commercial vehicles, trailers, trucks, and vans from parking on residential streets. Commercial vehicles that are illegally parked are subject to a \$100 fine for each violation and may be towed at the owner's expense. Before you call the police about a commercial vehicle that is violating the law, consider speaking with its owner. You could also place a printed copy of this newsletter article on the vehicle's windshield. As a last resort, call 703-691-2131 and ask the Fairfax County Police to ticket a commercial vehicle that is violating the law. You will need a description of the vehicle, its license number, and address of the house where it is parked. Have patience, as it may take a while for police to ticket the vehicle. To learn more about this law, please visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkingcodechanges.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkingcodechanges.htm)

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## Spring 1994 Common Area Cleanup

If you recognize any of these volunteers or have photos you would like to share, please email

[kirk\\_randall@hotmail.com](mailto:kirk_randall@hotmail.com).

Thanks to Bob Cosgriff, who contributed this photo.

## It's Leaf Raking Time

Leaf raking season is back! If we lived just a few blocks north in Fairfax City, we could rake our leaves into the street and city workers would vacuum them up for us. But, alas, we live in Fairfax County, so ***please don't rake your leaves into the street!*** Here's the skinny on disposing of your leaves (and other yard debris) in our community:

- Under Fairfax County ordinance, trash collectors are required to pick up at least six bags of leaves on a given yard debris pickup day. However, if you put out more than six, the extras may not be taken.
- If the trash collector doesn't take all of your bags on your yard debris pickup day, please don't just leave them in the street or the parkway (the strip of grass between the street and sidewalk) for the next week's pickup. The bags kill the grass if left on the parkway, or block the mailman if left near the mailbox.
- Under Fairfax County Ordinance, ***you should not use black plastic bags for yard debris such as leaves.*** Please use clear plastic bags. The trash collector may refuse to take black bags because its workers can't tell whether you put garbage or yard debris, such as leaves, in the bags. (11)

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