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The Hickory Farms Newsletter

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Fairfax County, Virginia
www.hickoryfarms.org

Hickory Farms Annual Meeting October 23rd

I hope everyone is enjoying the change of the seasons. Hickory Farms has also undergone some changes recently. Mike Martin stepped down as president of the HOA. Mike had assumed the presidency when the Jeff Altman moved to NJ. I and the rest of the Board thank Mike for his service to the neighborhood. If you would like to volunteer as interim President until January 1 (when a newly elected President takes over), contact a Board member (see box to left).

Richard Dudley has stepped up as Chairman of The Grounds Committee. Rich immediately sprung into action by organizing volunteers to help clean up fallen trees and debris in the common areas after the July storm. Thanks, Rich, for taking charge.

Kirk Randall, a long time resident, is our new newsletter editor. Thanks to Jennifer Maloney for doing such a great job in the past.

The Hickory Farms Annual Meeting is Monday, October 23rd. Please attend! Details are on the next page.

Finally, please consider volunteering in the community. Hickory Farms is a community of families with similar values who live together and create a friendly, safe, and clean environment, because they care about where they live. Please contact a Board member to help out, even if only just for a little bit.

I'll see you on October 23rd! Meanwhile, Happy October

Dante Gilmer (Vice President)

Join the Hickory Farms e-mail 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

Visit www.hickoryfarms.org and click e-mail service.

Monday October 23, 2006 at 8:00 PM – Our Annual Meeting !

That's when we will be having the Hickory Farms Community Association Annual Meeting. There's been a lot happening in and around Hickory Farms, so please be sure to attend. However, if you have a conflict and can't attend, please complete the attached Proxy so that your interests may be heard.

The meeting will be at the City of Fairfax Senior Center cafeteria. The address is 4401 Sideburn Road. It is near the intersection of Forest Avenue (which runs behind the swim club) and Sideburn Street. Old timers will remember when we used to meet at this location. Our children attended school there, when it was the Green Acres Elementary School. It is only a five minute drive from the neighborhood.

‘안전한 우리 동네’ 모두가 나서자

히코리팜즈(Hickory Farms)는 ‘주민 모두가 안심하고 살 수 있는 훌륭한 커뮤니티’ 를 만들기 위해 치안 유지 자원봉사자를 모집합니다.

‘Neighborhood Watch’ 자원봉사 활동은 매주 금요일과 토요일 야간시간에 실시되며 자원봉사자 2명이 자동차를 주행하며 히코리 팜즈 주위를 돌게 됩니다. 자원봉사자는 ‘Neighborhood Watch’ 라고 적힌 야광표시 사인을 붙인 차량에 타서 순찰을 하며 수상한 사람이나 사건 발견시 경찰에 알리는 역할을 합니다.

자원봉사는 성인이면 누구나 참여가 가능하고 부부처럼 가족일원 2명이 함께 할 수도 있습니다.

희망자는 703-503-0561(Dave Dempster)로 전화 또는 ddhokies@cox.net로 이메일을 보내면 됩니다. 주민 모두의 적극적인 참여를 부탁드립니다.

Woody's End-of-Year Party October 28 12-6 PM

Woody's Ice Cream is a Hickory Farms favorite. Woody holds his free end-of-year party the last Saturday of October. Fairfax City closes off the street and Woody brings in bands and gives everyone free food and ice cream. Kids are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes. For more details, visit Woody's on Stonewall Avenue, right next to Carlos O'Kelly's (closed Sundays) – The Editor

Treasurer's Report Jaime A. Gutierrez

Please attend the Annual Meeting on October 23rd. The budget for the Fiscal Year 2007 will be presented and voted on. If you have any concerns, complaints, or ideas and want to be heard, please attend.

As of this date, all of the homeowners have paid their dues; however it took from the first of the year to the end of August for everyone to pay.

Register Your Burglar Alarm

Fairfax County created the False Alarm Reduction Unit to reduce the number of false security alarms. Homeowners are required to register their alarms.

Here are a few reminders for those who have not registered their alarms or continue to have police responding to false alarms:

- If the police respond to a home or business with an alarm that has not been registered, a \$50 fine will be imposed.
- Registration forms can be obtained from the alarm company. Once the form is completed, it should be returned to the alarm company along with the registration. The alarm company will then forward it to the Police Department.
- Each home is allowed two false alarms within a year's timeframe without being fined. Subsequent false alarms within the year will incur a fine for each response. The fine increases with each offense.
- If an owner has three false alarms in one year, an inspection of the alarm system by the alarm company may be required. Failure to provide proof of inspection within 30 days will result in a fine.
- If the police respond to an alarm activation and it is determined to be false, contact with the owner will be attempted. If contact is unsuccessful, a note will be left on the door explaining that police were there.
- If an owner moves or needs to update information, they should call the False Alarm Reduction Unit at 703-280-0626 e-mail to alarms@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The Police Department's main goal is not to collect fees, but rather to provide education on how to reduce false alarm dispatches. Be sure you know how your alarm system operates and have it inspected periodically (Provided by Fairfax County)

Who Was that Postman?

You may have noticed the absence of a stamp on your newsletter. That's because several of your neighbors volunteer their time to hand deliver newsletters. This saves postage costs, which translates to lower annual dues for you, the homeowner. So, the next time you see one of our volunteers deliver a newsletter, please say "thanks."

Dante Gilmer **Jaime Gutierrez**
Dave Dempster **Rich Dudley**
John Kitzmiller **Elizabeth Reimann**
Rob Mikula **Stefan Schwarz**

Neighborhood Watch Schedule

Fri	October 6	John Kitzmiller	Brand Niemann
Sat	October 7	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	October 13	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Sat	October 14	Kirk Randall	Mike Martin
Fri	October 20	Bob Cosgriff	Don Klingemann
Sat	October 21	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers
Fri	October 27	Angel Meza	Jason Meza
Sat	October 28	Eric Maribojoc	Clarisa Dacanay
Fri	November 3	Bob Montgomery	George Rosenkranz
Sat	November 4	Debbi Buchanan	Scott Buchanan
Fri	November 10	Pete Scala	Rose Scala
Sat	November 11	Stan Lee	Jim Marshall
Fri	November 17	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Sat	November 18	John Verheul	John Cotner
Fri	November 24	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Sat	November 25	Stefan Schwarz	Christine Schwarz

[Ad for Scenic Remodeling omitted for on-line version]

Home Services Articles Available

This quarter's issue of Washington Consumers' Checkbook magazine (Volume 14, Number 1) evaluates local businesses:

- Homeowners Insurance
- Auto Body Shops
- New Window Installers
- Supermarket Prices
- Hearing Aids
- Locksmiths
- Fence Builders, and others

The single issue price is \$10, and is available for sale at your local newsstand. Or, visit www.checkbook.org – The Editor

Common Grounds

Rich Dudley

I recently volunteered to come back to the Hickory Farms Board to serve as the Grounds Chair after previously serving in that position several years ago. I'm looking forward to getting more involved in overseeing the needs of our 17 acres of common areas.

The first thing I wanted to do in assuming the new position was to clear several trees and limbs that came down during storms earlier this summer. Bob Sottile graciously offered to lend a chainsaw and a strong back to take down the damaged trees and we quickly organized a group of committed neighbors to assist in the effort. Using the Hickory Farms ListServe e-mail account to solicit help, we found enough volunteers to run an impromptu clean-up session on September 23. In addition to taking down the damaged trees, volunteers picked up trash, hauled away limbs that have accumulated over the past few years, and pulled down vines that were choking out trees in the Upper Common Ground. If you've recently driven on Farm House Lane by the open field, you will have seen a testament to the hard work of our neighborhood volunteers in the form of a very large pile of tree debris. The volume of trees and brush necessitated that we hire BladeRunners Landscaping to remove the pile.

We had a lot of familiar faces at the September 23 clean-up plus a few new ones. A mere "thank you" does not do justice to the hard work done by the following neighbors. But, "*Thank You*," for sure.

Dave Cain

Bob Cosgriff

Patty Dudley and sons

Greg Gillette

Eric, Maryle, Cameron & Emory Mondschein

Wesley Moore

Bob Sottile

Christopher & Richie Peyton
Marc & Nikolas Fogleman

In addition to the organized clean-up, I several neighbors contacted me to see how they could help maintain the grounds in an individual manner. Thanks to:

Ellie and Hayden Coddling & family
Katherine Niemann & son Jeffrey
Carole and Larry Rogers & family
Lynn and Tim Welch & family
Ellen Williams

If anyone else would like to pick up trash or cut back encroaching trees/brush, please let me know and I can give you some ideas of areas that need to be maintained. I can be reached at dudley_richard@bah.com (that's an underscore between dudley & richard) or at 703-503-2060.

Though a majority of our annual dues is allocated towards mowing the Grounds and planting flowers at the entrances, we do not maintain a large enough budget for our contractor (Services for Seniors) to pick up trash and remove brush. We need neighborhood volunteers like you to help maintain our common areas. If you live on or regularly use the common areas, please help by taking "ownership" to maintain particular area. In addition, some schools or scouting programs have requirements that their kids contribute to community service. I'd be happy to identify meaningful projects to aid in their efforts. In this age when so much privately held land in the metro area is being developed, our neighborhood is truly blessed to have many acres of protected open spaces and natural habitat. Enjoy this special asset that our community has to offer and please do your part to help us keep it a clean, attractive, and safe environment!

Open Garages Invite Burglaries

By Virginia Law, the time of day dictates what crime can be charged in regards to the thefts from garages. During the day, if someone enters an open garage and steals items, it is a larceny (petit or grand larceny depending on the value of the items). However, during nighttime hours, if someone enters an open garage of another with the intent to commit a crime, it is a burglary, which is a felony. It is important to remember also, that by leaving your garage open, it gives easier access into your home. Please encourage neighbors and loved ones to keep garage doors closed at all times. It only takes a matter of seconds for someone to enter an open garage and steal items. (Provided by Fairfax County)

Before You Change the Exterior of Your Home

Get the changes approved by the Hickory Farms ACC. An application form is attached. It is also available for download at www.hickoryfarms.org. The ACC Chairpersons are Rebekah & Wesley Moore (703-286-7179).

Are Your Roof Shingles Discolored?

Many tree droppings, especially oak, can discolor shingles. If you're in the market for a new roof, be sure to spend a few extra dollars for treated shingles that kill the growths. Or, you can tack zinc strips to the peak of your roof right now. The zinc interacts with rainwater which kills the moss, algae and fungus. For an example of this kind of product, visit www.z-stop.com/z-stop.htm – The Editor

Do You Need Tree Work Done ?

Our attempt to get discounted tree work done in February fell flat with the snowstorm that downed a lot of trees in the area. Tree companies had plenty of full price work and weren't interested in cutting us a deal. Well, some folks still need to have tree work done, myself included. However, we need a coordinator who will 1) get bids from 2-3 contractors to compare prices (we already have a list of names, including the 2005 contractors), 2) select a contractor, 3) contact HF homeowners to find out who's interested, and 4) pass that info on to the selected contractor. *We can't move forward without a coordinator.* If you could put in just a few hours on an endeavor that could save you and your neighbors some money, please contact kirk_randall@hotmail.com or call 703-425-0210. Work is usually done in February or March – the (usual) slow season for tree contractors – so contractor selection and contacting homeowners should be done in January.

Fall Community Yard Sale Held Sept 30

Pete Scala

Eighteen families participated in the yard sale. Thanks go to the following people who contributed time and effort to make the yard sale successful:

Rachel and Leah Rogers were paid volunteers who handed out maps at the Burke Station entrance to the community.

Tim and Lynn Welch dug up the big Hickory Farms sign that was also posted at the Burke Station entrance.

Kirk Randall posted signs on roads leading to Hickory Farms, and inside Hickory Farms, pointed out some of the hidden sale areas.

Rose Scala rode around, checking on things, and

Pete Scala, for advertising and coordinating the overall event

In addition to the signs, we advertised in the Washington Post and Washington Times. Despite threatening clouds and the occasional sprinkle, and many, many competing yard sales, we had between 150 and 200 cars with shoppers. Most participants did well, although some sellers who were new to yard sales initially priced their items too high, and didn't sell as much as they wanted to. Heck, nobody sold as much as they wanted to! But we generally did fairly well. Unlike past years, we had buyers showing up fairly steadily until well after 11 a.m. (usually the crush eases around 10:30).

ANNUAL MEETING PROXY

If you are unable to attend the HFCA Annual Meeting, please complete and deliver this proxy as follows:

Mail it to HFCA, P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax, VA 22031-2239

Or

Hand deliver it in a sealed envelope to a Board member.

Or

If you choose a neighbor as a proxy, have him or her bring it to the meeting.

Whichever method you choose, please make sure you make it timely for the meeting on Monday, October 23, 2006.

I, _____ member of the Hickory Farms
(*please print your full name*)

Community Association, appoint: Dave Dempster, Secretary of the Association;
or,

_____ to be my proxy with all of
(*please print full name*)

the powers I would have if I were present, and cast my vote on any matter which may arise during the HFCA ANNUAL MEETING of the members to be held on October 23rd, 2006; or, at any adjournment meeting thereof.

(*Signature*) _____

Lot #: _____

Street Address: _____

HFCA Action

Approved Disapproved

Date: _____

HFCA

Date Received: _____

By: _____

**Hickory Farms Community Association
P. O. Box 2239
Fairfax, VA 22031**

Application for Architectural Review

Name: _____ Lot # _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Proposed Start Date: _____ Expected Completion Date: _____
(Must be at least 30 days past the date received by HFCA)

Project Proposal:

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.

(Signature of Property Owner)

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Ensure project complies with all Fairfax County residential building codes and Hickory Farms Community Association (HFCA) covenants. The HFCA 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.

Application for Architectural Review

The following provides maintenance required to your property that does NOT require review by the Architectural Control Committee.

Any repairs or upkeep that does not alter the outward appearance of structures on your property 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.

The following provides some examples of improvements to your property that DOES require review by the Architectural Control committee.

Any alterations or repairs that alters the outward appearance of structures on your property including:

- 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 if your alteration should be reviewed, please feel free to contact any member of the Architectural Control Committee

