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The Hickory Farms Newsletter

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Neighborhood Watch

Dave Dempster 703-503-0561

Welcome New Neighbors –

Nancy Bentley 703-978-0373

Newsletter & Web Site –

Kirk Randall 703-425-0210

Community Yard Sale (Fall) –

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ACC Members – Barin

Chakrabarti, Claire

Coleman, Keith Ferguson,

Donna Garfield,

Greg Gillette, Clair Hill,

Kirk Randall

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Our Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 14 at 8 PM at the Senior Center on Sideburn Road (Green Acres School). Let's have as good a turnout as we did last year!.

Please contact any Board member if you have an item you wish added to the Agenda.

After many years of excellent service, Board member Treasurer **Jaime Gutierrez** and Neighborhood Watch coordinator **Dave Dempster** (this is a volunteer position - not a Board member) are stepping down. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions (Call Dave or Jaime to learn about what each job entails.) If you will let us know before the meeting, we will add your names to the agenda; however, nominees from the floor will also be accepted.

A draft budget will also be available for your review prior to the Annual Meeting so that you can bring your questions.

**If you cannot attend the
October 14 Annual Meeting,
please use the enclosed proxy.**

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	October 3	Pam Barrett	Tom Barrett
Sat	October 4	John Verheul	Tammy Verheul
Fri	October 10	Dave Dempster	Dawn Dempster
Sat	October 11	Stefan Schwarz	Christine Schwarz
Fri	October 17	Bob Bentley	Nancy Bentley
Sat	October 18	Ron Cruz	Louise Cruz
Fri	October 24	Jaime Gutierrez	Ed Wagner
Sat	October 25	Harry Herchert	Ginny Herchert
Fri	October 31	Pingjun Li	Wang Chan Cheng
Sat	November 1	Greg Gillette	Kathy Gillette
Fri	November 7	Dave Maurer	Sanjeev Munjal
Sat	November 8	David Froberg	Beverly Froberg
Fri	November 14	John Kitzmiller	Brand Niemann
Sat	November 15	Susan Mulliner	Brenton Mulliner
Fri	November 21	Ron Arnold	Charles Walters
Sat	November 22	Kirk Randall	Mansoor Nasim
Fri	November 28	Bob Cosgriff	Don Klingemann
Sat	November 29	Jeff Lindsay	Larry Rogers

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)

Dehumidifier Shutdown – Clean out the dehumidifier bucket and vacuum the coils when you shut it down for the season.

Smoke Alarms & Carbon Monoxide Detectors Check – Replace smoke detector batteries (don't wait for them to die). Press test buttons on smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Open each unit and vacuum dust that could interfere with operation. Carbon monoxide detector batteries are usually not replaceable by the user.

Water Heater Flushing – Connect a hose to the water heater drain valve and flush it until the water runs cold. This removes sediment that can reduce efficiency and cause premature failure. Test the tank top pressure relief valve by releasing a small amount of water, using a bucket to catch the water as it comes out.

Furnace & Heat Pump Fall Checkup – Schedule a fall service checkup or do it yourself.

Recent Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Actions

These applications were recently approved by the ACC, unless otherwise noted. (All)

10002 Tumbleweed – Siding, gutters, shutters
4370 Harvester Farm - Flagstone sidewalk & driveway replacement
4320 Farm House - Siding, gutters, trim, shutters
10121 Spinning Wheel - Driveway, Stoop, Patio
10007 Tumbleweed – French doors and windows

If You See Something Suspicious in Common Areas After Dark

Folks from outside our neighborhood are visiting our common areas when it is dark; some are leaving evidence of drinking and drug taking. If you notice situations that seem out of place at night, such as numerous cars parked next to the common areas with groups of people loitering or walking back to wooded areas, please call the Fairfax County Police immediately. While our Neighborhood Watch patrols our streets on Friday and Saturday nights, we sometimes find groups of people using our commons on weeknights for underage drinking, drug use, or other purposes. ***Our common areas are private property and are not to be used by non-HFCA residents after dark.*** Be a vigilant neighbor and call the police if you suspect people are using our common areas for illegal purposes. The number to reach Fairfax County Police for non-emergencies is 703-691-2131. If you notice an urgent emergency impacting the safety (i.e., reckless driving and excessive speeding) and security (i.e., potential burglary) of our neighborhood, then dial 911. FYI, the Board is currently evaluating posting “No Trespassing” signs around our common areas.

Gather up your Ghosts & Goblins
And put on a Scary Face!

It's the Annual HFCA
Halloween Parade & Pizza Party

Sunday, October 26, 3 PM



Parade: Corner of Cotton Farm & Still Meadow
Pizza Party following Parade behind the Dudley's House,
4358 Farm House Ln.

Please bring a munchie or treat to share

RSVP: ltwelch@cox.net

Cancel for Heavy Rain (check your email for cancellation)

October 14 at 8 PM – Please Come to the HFCA Annual Meeting

There's been a lot happening in and around Hickory Farms, so please be sure to attend the Annual Meeting. We'll meet at the City of Fairfax Center (formerly Green Acres School), 4401 Sideburn Road. Take Roberts Rd. to left on Forest to left on Sideburn.

Even if you can't attend the meeting, your voice should be heard. Please sign the attached proxy form and make sure it is brought to the annual meeting. You can appoint a trusted neighbor to vote on your behalf or designate the HFCA Secretary to vote for you. (10)

Transitions

Send news regarding Hickory Farms *resident* weddings, new neighbors, births, HS & college graduations, birthdays (80, 85, 90, etc), and wedding anniversaries (55, 60, 65, etc.) to kirk_randall@hotmail.com. Be sure to name the street the honoree lives on. (All)

Flood Protection Information

The Association received a letter from Fairfax County, alerting us that some of our homes are near a flood hazard area and that flood insurance rate maps will change. If you have concerns about flooding, you might call 703-324-5500 or view the county's brochure at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/publications/stormwater/floodprotectinfo.pdf>

Do You Need Tree Work Done?

I will be organizing a group purchase of tree trimming and removal services in December or January, when prices are usually lower. If interested, please email me with your contact information at kirk_randall@hotmail.com or call 703-425-0210.

Laurel Hill Update Bob Cosgriff

The Lorton Arts Foundation held its grand opening festivities September 19-27. As a member of the Laurel Hill Citizens Project Advisory Committee, I attended the ribbon-cutting on Friday, 19 September and had an opportunity to tour the galleries. As Rep. Davis and Chairman Connolly both said, this is a tremendous cultural asset whose influence and "draw" will extend far beyond Fairfax County and will last for generations, enriching lives through the arts. I strongly recommend a visit to the Workhouse. There is on-site parking and the galleries are free. The Foundation also offers an incredibly rich offering of arts courses. And this is only the beginning. With the impetus of a \$1 million dollar gift to develop a mini-Wolf Trap at the Workhouse by this time next year hopefully, there will be even more opportunities for creation and recreation just 20 minutes south of Hickory Farms. You've got to see it to believe it.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the former D.C. prison site, the County is pressing ahead with planning for adaptive reuse of the former Reformatory/Penitentiary site on Silverbrook Road. The Alexander Company of Madison, WI was selected to create a development plan that would implement the Board of Supervisor-approved concept plan. A draft development plan was presented to a public meeting on September 29. This will be followed by additional public meetings in October to present the draft plan and listen to citizen feedback. The schedule and locations can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/laurelhill/calendar.htm>

I will be attending at least some of these meeting and will provide an update in the November newsletter. The Alexander Company will present its final development plan to the Board of Supervisors in December or January. This will launch public hearings on the plan. Whatever plan is approved will be then need to be put into the Comprehensive Plan through an out-of-cycle amendment process. This would be followed by rezoning applications, Architectural Review Board hearing, and numerous other approval steps. Rome wasn't built in a day and neither will Laurel Hill. But a good start has been made and the Workhouse shows what can be done by community effort (it took seven years to get from concept to ribbon-cutting—that's almost mach-speed!)

Please contact me if you have any questions or input regarding Laurel Hill

Board Meetings
John Kitzmiller

The HFCA Board meets monthly to conduct the business of the Association. Please communicate any concerns you may have regarding Hickory Farms to any member of the Board and it will be addressed at the Board's next meeting. (4-10)

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)

Limited DMV Services Offered at Fairfax City Hall

Limited DMV services are available 8:30-4:30 weekdays at Fairfax City Hall on Armstrong Street. Services include license plates, handicapped permits, and title and registration transactions. This office does not issue drivers licenses or identification cards. You can usually get your business done in 15-30 minutes! Call 703-385-7880. (4-10)

Report a Burned Out Streetlight

or one that's on during daylight hours, too. Call 1-888-667-3000 or visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/dpwes/utilities/dvp_outage.htm. You'll need the address of the home nearest the streetlight. It is also helpful to copy the number off the streetlight pole – something like C-415 W096. (10)

Youth Services

Youths who are residents of Hickory Farms may offer services to their neighbors. If you wish to offer services such as snow removal, raking leaves, lawn mowing, babysitting, general home maintenance, etc., **your parent** should e-mail or write (no phone calls, please) The Editor, Kirk_Randall@Hotmail.com, giving the youth's name/age, telephone number, and a list of services to be offered. The e-mail should also state that the youth has permission to be listed in the newsletter. This list is published January, April, July, and October. (1-4-7-10)

Name/Age	Services Offered
Corine Johnson (14) 703-272-3302	Experienced babysitter of all ages weekends until 1 AM. References available.
Victoria Hebeisen (15) 703-978-0045	Experienced babysitter of infants, toddlers, and school-aged children, weeknights to 10 PM and weekends to 1 AM. References available.
Cathy Moore (14) 703-323-3699	Babysitting/mother's helper, pet sitting, dog walking.
Cari Moore (12) 703-323-3699	Babysitting/mother's helper.

HISTORY OF HICKORY FARMS – Civil War III

Bob Cosgriff

The June 1861 cavalry raid and the more famous Mosby raid were only two notable events of the Civil War in Fairfax County. The town of Fairfax Court House was a way station for Union troops on their way to the Battle of First Manassas (Bull Run). It was a military target for Stonewall Jackson's corps after the Battle of Second Manassas. His forces were stopped at the Battle of Ox Hill (Chantilly), on the site of Fairfax Towne Center and the developments along Monument Drive (there is a five-acre park there). Paul Taylor's 2003 book, *He Hath Loosed the Fateful Lightning* is the best, non-specialized treatment of this little-known, but very important battle, which cost the Union two generals killed in action. Farther south, along Route 123, historic St. Mary's Church was used as a field hospital. Wounded Union soldiers were moved by wagon and train to Fairfax Station. Accounts indicate that hundreds, if not thousands, of wounded men lay all over the grounds of the church before they were treated and moved into Washington, D.C. Clara Barton was one of the many citizens who came out to do what they could for the injured men and her experience helped launch what eventually became the American Red Cross.

I have already noted in an earlier article that Ranger Mosby operated in the Fairfax Station area. His commander, General J.E.B. Stuart, attacked Burke Station in 1862, carrying off draft animals and supplies. He is reported to have sent a telegram to the War Department complaining about the poor quality of the mules.

After 1862, the war moved south. Other than Mosby's occasional forays, there was no more significant action in Fairfax County. The stress of the wartime occupation by both armies took its toll. After the Civil War, Northern Virginia was a devastated land. As the nation struggled to "bind up the wounds," Fairfax returned to a quieter way of life. I have not

had time to research the records of occupation during Reconstruction, but obviously, there was a rapid demobilization after the war, so gone were the thousands of soldiers who had camped in the area around Fairfax Court House, including, possibly, on the grounds of Hickory Farms.

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 Annual Meeting Proxy

If you are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, please complete this proxy.

- Mail it to HFCA, P.O. Box 2239, Fairfax, VA 22031-2239 early enough that it may be received in time for the Annual Meeting; or
- Hand deliver it in a sealed envelope to a Board member in time for the Annual Meeting; or
- If you choose a neighbor as a proxy, have him or her bring it to the Annual Meeting and present it to the Secretary.

I, _____, member of the Hickory Farms Community Association, appoint Secretary of the HFCA Bilal Sayyed, or

_____ to be my proxy with all of 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 14, 2008; or, at any adjournment meeting thereof.

(Signature) _____

Lot #: _____ Street Address: _____

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