

HICKORY FARMS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2020 Edition



HICKORYFARMS.ORG

P.O. BOX 2239, FAIRFAX VA 22031

HFCA BOARD & VOLUNTEERS

President: *Chuck Stewart*
Vice President: *Kathie Schmidt*
Secretary: *Carlie Mensen*
ACC: *Pam Barrett*
Treasurer: *Jim Bever*
Assistant Treasurer: *Ken Sorg*
Common Areas: *Melissa Stark*
Webmaster: *Bryan Crabtree*
Neighborhood Watch: *Debbi Buchanan*
Newsletter Editor: *Bill Berg*
At Large: *Telah Jackson, Kirk Randall*
Social Committee: *Meredith Perkins, Lauren Crabtree, Krissy Lunsford, Sarah Tropiano, Angela Turner*
Architectural Reviews: *Pam Barrett, Debbi Buchanan, Keith Ferguson Donna Garfield, Ed Kiechlin, Kirk Randall, Josef Gasimov*
Newsletter Delivery: *John Kitzmiller, Heather Webb, Dante Gilmer, Sondra Arnold, Ed Kiechlin, Claire and Sean Coleman, Debbi Buchanan*

IN THIS EDITION

2021 HFCA Budget	2
HFCA Reserve Study Summary	3
Attend a Virtual Board Meeting	3
Strategic Planning Meeting	4
Join our LISTSERV	4
Student Yellow Pages	5
Interested in Joining a Board Meeting	6
Contact the Board	6
Birds of Hickory Farms	7
2020 Holiday Decorating Contest	8
2020 Haunted Hickory Farms	9

2021 HFCA Budget

Income	Amount
Annual Assessment - Current Year	\$ 49,500.00
Late Fees	
Interest - Checking	
Legal Fees/Leans/Refunds	
Advertising	\$ 1,550.00
VPOAA Disclosure Package Fees	\$ 875.00
Total Income	\$ 51,925.00

Expenses	Amount
Common Grounds Maintenance	\$22,675.00
Common Grounds Improvement	\$4,060.00
Common Grounds Remediation	\$5,000.00
Legal Fees	\$2,060.00
Printing	\$1,500.00
Social	\$1,250.00
Neighborhood Watch	\$177.00
Management Liability Insurance	\$2,500.00
Commercial Crime Insurance	\$800.00
Commercial General Liability Insurance	\$309.00
Tax Preparation/Audit	\$335.00
Taxes & Government Charges/Fees	\$247.00
Administrative Fees	\$824.00
Bank Charges	\$52.00
Postage	\$366.90
Strategic Projects	\$1,000.00
Capital Refresh	\$7,500.00
Total Expense Budget	\$50,655.90

Notes:

- 1) \$27,397.61 Reserve Fund as of 9/30/2020 – It is HFCA policy to maintain a reserve fund invested in low risk financial instruments.
- 2) The 2021 budget was set on October 27, 2021 and setting of the 2021 annual assessment was approved October 13, 2021 by the HFCA Board of Directors . The 2021 annual assessment is \$250.00. Under the Hickory Farms Bylaws and the Virginia Property Owners Association Act, the Board of Directors must approve a budget and set an annual assessment for the forthcoming year.

HFCA RESERVE STUDY SUMMARY

By Bruce Bernhardt

For 2020, there are no targeted Reserve Expenditures allocated by the Board of Directors. As of December 31, 2020 the Reserve Account Balance is expected to be \$27,397.61, reflecting contributions to the Reserve made during 2020.

HFCA completed its first Reserve Study in June 2020. Based on that study, the Board of Directors has budgeted an addition of \$7,500 to the Reserve Account in 2021. The HFCA Reserve Study will be reviewed annual to make necessary changes and updates as decided by the Board of Directors.

ATTEND A HFCA BOARD MEETING FROM YOUR LIVING ROOM!

By Bruce Bernhardt

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, Hickory Farms Board Meetings are now conducted using the Zoom audio/video conference application. That means that every Hickory Farms Community Association member can observe their Board in action without leaving home! To join a Board Meeting, contact any HFCA Board Member or send a request to join to hfca@hickoryfarms.org. You will be provided the date and time of the next Board Meeting. You will also be provided the Zoom meeting URL, meeting number and passcode. From the convenience of your own home, you can click on the URL or enter it into your browser, enter the meeting number and then enter the passcode. You will then see a screen display that indicates you are in the waiting room and will enter the meeting once the host opens the meeting.

Hickory Farms has a strong and consistent history of transparency regarding access by members to Board Meetings and the challenges facing our community. Please consider attending a Board Meeting so that you are fully informed with the issues facing our neighborhood!

Fairfax
MEMORIAL



Fairfax Memorial Park

Contact us for cremation or traditional burial information

(703) 323-5202 – www.fmpark.com

Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory

Contact us for funeral and cremation services

(703) 425-9702 – www.fmfh.com





CALL US TODAY FOR A COMPLIMENTARY ESTIMATE 571-436-3461

15% OFF CABINETS WITH A FULL BATHROOM OR FULL KITCHEN REMODEL. *Call for details...*

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED SINCE 2006
BUILDING YOUR DREAM IS OUR JOB!



STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING

Please join the board for a virtual meeting via Zoom on November 17th @ 7:00 pm for a discussion on the Strategic Plan for our community. There will be a presentation on the plan followed by open discussion. The log in details will be sent before the meeting.

JOIN OUR LISTSERV

There's no better way to stay in touch than through our Hickory Farms email listserv. Visit hickory-farms.org and click "Hickory Farms Listserv" on left and follow the instructions.

STUDENT YELLOW PAGES

If you offer services such as raking leaves, lawn mowing, babysitting, general home maintenance, dog walking, tutoring, etc., please email Bill at berg_bill@yahoo.com to be included.

Bridgette Buchanan (17)	703-307-7323	Babysitting and dog sitting
Britney Mulliner (17)	571-474-7277	Babysitting and dog sitting
Cody Dempster (17)	703-776-0101	Yard work, snow shoveling, housework
Dominic Cannata (17)	703-568-9896	Lawn mowing, shovel snow, cleaning, mulching
Erika Maaseide (17)	703-659-5321	Babysitting; Special Needs experienced
Kiera Stark (11)	commonareas@hickoryfarms.org	Pet sitting, plant/tree watering, weed picking and leaf raking
Kent Coddling (18)	703-317-7319	Shovel snow, yard work, leaf raking
Paul Cannata (18)	786-445-5318	Lawn mowing, shovel snow, cleaning, mulching
Xavier Gilmer (15)	703-862-2192	Shovel snow; lawn mowing
Jaden Singh (17)	703-278-8800	Math tutoring, snow shoveling
George Coddling (14)	703-223-4101	Snow shovel, yard work, leaf raking

Sunshine CONTRACTING

ATTIC INSULATION
TRIM
SIDING
ROOFING
GUTTERS/LEAF PROTECTION
WINDOWS
DOORS
DECKS/PORCHES

20% OFF
all Hickory Farms Projects!
**Must be presented at time of estimate*

Call Today for Your **FREE** Estimate!
(703)499-8654
www.SunshineContractingCorp.com

- Family Owned & Operated
- Lifetime Warranties
- In-House Crews
- 0% Financing Available

SENIOR, MILITARY, GOVERNMENT, POLICE & FIREFIGHTER DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

TOP 200 RATED EXTERIOR REMODELER IN THE NATION 6 YEARS IN A ROW!
Celebrating 23 Years In Business!

Sunshine CONTRACTING

WANT TO CONTACT THE BOARD?

Board of Directors: hfca@hickoryfarms.org
Architectural Control Committee: acc@hickoryfarms.org
President: president@hickoryfarms.org
Treasurer: treasurer@hickoryfarms.org
Common Areas: commonareas@hickoryfarms.org
Webmaster: webmaster@hickoryfarms.org
Social Committee: social@hickoryfarms.org



Reliable Service with Professional Results

Since 1991

PPM INC
Lawn, Shrub & Tree Care

Professional Property Maintenance Inc.

Lawn mowing + Landscape maintenance
Landscape Design + Installation
Tree pruning, Removal + Planting

Call 703-273-9626
or email info@ppmlandscapes.com

www.ppmlandscapes.com

BIRDS OF HICKORY FARMS

By Bob Cosgriff

Periodically, boreal birds (those species living in the extensive conifer and deciduous forests in northern Canada) irrupt in large numbers in the late fall and winter into the United States, showing up in places where they are only very occasionally seen. The reason for this mass movement is poor cone crops (often related to outbreaks of the spruce budworm) or tree seed crops in Canada. 2020 is one of those irruption years. The 2020 edition of the Finch Research Network's "Winter Finch Forecast," compiled for over twenty years by Canadian Ron Pittaway and as of this year by his fellow countryman Tyler Hoar, calls for Purple Finch, Pine Siskin, White-winged Crossbill, Common Redpoll, Evening Grosbeak and Red-breasted Nuthatch to be seen in numbers far south of their usual winter range this winter. The prediction seems to have come true here in Hickory Farms, where we saw and photographed a female **Purple Finch** on our feeder on 21 October and then welcomed a flock of over 20 **Pine Siskins** on 25 October. Hopefully, the single Purple Finch is just the advance bird for larger numbers of this species moving south, especially the striking cranberry-red males. While we had Purple Finches going north in early May, the siskins are a new bird for the year. Added to an Eastern Phoebe seen on 1 October, our 2020 backyard count now stands at **72**. We're still hopeful for a Red-breasted Nuthatch. We have had them in the past, alone with redpolls (twice). The White-winged Crossbill and Evening Grosbeak would be long-shots. However, the Finch Research Network issued a bulletin on 26 October noting one of the largest irruptions of Evening Grosbeaks in many years. These beautiful birds have already been noted on eBird posts in West Virginia, the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia, Maryland and even in a few locations well south of here. Grosbeaks and all the other birds mentioned above are attracted by black-oil sunflower seeds. Siskins also eat nyjer (thistle) and the nuthatches go for suet as well. To see what these birds look like, check out this site: <https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/search>, then fill your feeders and keep a lookout. Let me know if you see any of these species. My e-mail is bandjcoz@gmail.com. If you see something you can't identify, let me know the specifics: date, place, behavior and field marks. If you can take a photo, so much the better. I'll try to identify the bird for you. Perhaps it will be a new species for Hickory Farms. Or perhaps just new for you, which is always exciting. Anyone can be a citizen-scientist and with other types of activities unavailable during the pandemic, observing birds in your backyard or in the neighborhood is a good way to do something interesting while avoiding cabin fever. So until next time, stay healthy and enjoy the fall foliage and the birds of Hickory Farms.

www.cloverco.com 703-352-2700

**Love our Service
Refer a Friend!**

You will receive \$20 Off your next Heating, Air Conditioning or Plumbing Service and your referral will receive \$35 Off these services





FIELDSTONE
BUILDERS, LLC

Integrity. Inspiration. Innovation.

info@fieldstonebuilders.net | 703.819.3392 | fieldstonebuilders.net

Hickory Farms

2020 HOLIDAY DECORATION COMPETITION

Awards for:

Most Holiday Spirit

Most Colorful

Most Classic

Neighborhood Voting Online: Dec. 20-21

Awards Presented: Tuesday, December 22nd





BRENDA DENNY
 REALTOR® LICENSED IN VA

c: (703) 623-3779 6350 Rolling Mill Pl
 e: brenda@thegoodlifedmv.com #102 West Springfield, VA
 w: www.thegoodlifedmv.com 22152



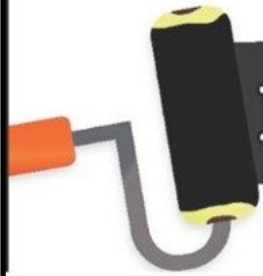
An Equal Housing Opportunity Broker. If your home is currently listed for sale, this is not intended as a solicitation for that listing.



Haunted Hickory Farms 2020

Thanks to all our amazing participants! Here are some highlights!





HANDY MAN ON SITE LLC.

Serving Hickory Farms for Over 10 Years!
Full House Remodeling Services and More

- Bathroom & Kitchen Remodels
- Cabinets & Fine Carpentry
- Interior/Exterior Painting
- Drywall & Finishing
- Hardwood Flooring/vinyl
- Decking & Fencing
- Gutter & Shingle Repairs
- Doors, Windows & Shutters
- Plumbing & Electric Repairs



Free estimates call us today.!

David Cortez
571-313-9550
HM-On-Site@Hotmail.com
 HM-onsite onsite
Class A Licensed #2705170560