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## **OFFICE CLOSURES**

In observation of the following holidays, the office will be closed: Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th – Independence Day Monday, September 4th – Labor Day Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th – Thanksgiving Monday, December 25th and Tuesday December 26th - Christmas

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## **ASHBURN FARM ASSOCIATION**

21400 Windmill Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147 Main: **703-729-6680** Fax: **703-729-0247** AshburnFarmAssociation.org • info@afhoa.net Association Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Closed most major holidays

### ASSESSMENT INFORMATION OFFICE

Summit Management Services: Homeowner monthly assessment dues payments Main: 301-495-0146 Fax: 301-942-3442 summitmanage.com • accountsreceivable@summitmanage.com Mail Payments To: Ashburn Farm Association C/O Summit Management Processing Center PO BOX 95366 Las Vegas, Nevada 89193-5366

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#### **ASSESSMENTS & GENERAL INFO**

This is a monthly community publication for the residents of Ashburn Farm. Published by Ashburn Farm Association.

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#### **DEADLINES:**

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Display Advertising – 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month Classified Advertising – 10<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month Committee Reports/Community News – 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month

For more information on Advertising Specifications and Guidelines, please see the back pages of the newsletter.

Neither the Ashburn Farm Association, its Members, or the Board of Trustees recommends or endorses any advertiser. The Ashburn Farm Association reserves the right to decline any advertisement for any reason deemed appropriate. Submitted materials are the author's opinion and do not reflect the views of Ashburn Farm Association, its Members, or the Board of Trustees. For the sake of clarity or length, the Editor or General Manager may edit articles.

### **Ashburn Farm Association Staff**

The Association Staff is responsible for enforcing the Covenants and Bylaws of the Association. The staff cannot make or change the policies, nor can they make arbitrary exceptions to existing policies. We are happy to assist you with any questions you may have or provide information. The Association Office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### Ashburn Farm Assessments & General Information

#### **Collection Policy**

Assessments are due on the first day of each month. Any installment of the annual assessment not paid to the Association within thirty (30) days after the due date shall be considered delinquent and a late charge of \$25.00 shall be assessed to the Owner and posted to the Owner's account every thirty (30) days delinquent.

#### Home Sales

Effective July 1, 1989, the Virginia General Assembly enacted a new law entitles the "Virginia Property Owner's Association Act". This act required the seller of a home to make certain disclosures to the intended purchaser of their lot. All home sales in Ashburn Farm are subject to the Virginia Property Owner's Association Act. A written request of the Association Disclosure Package and a check in the amount of \$225.00 for an electronic disclosure (via email) for townhome/single family; \$250.00 for a paper disclosure for townhome/single family; \$100.00 for electronic or paper disclosure for condo; are required to begin processing. A rush fee of \$50.00 may be paid to receive your disclosure within three (3) business days. Checks should be made payable to the Ashburn Farm Association. A form is available on the website or at the Association office. The completed package will be issued within 14 calendar days to the requesting party or agent. For further information, please contact the Association office.

Assessments	2023 Monthly Fee
Public Street Homes (Single-Family and VDOT Maintained)	\$93.36
Private Street Homes (Townhomes and Association Maintained)	\$108.17
Condo and Apartments (Privately Maintained)	\$74.12

### **2023 HOMEOWNER ASSESSMENTS**

Please remember that Homeowners Association assessments are due on the 1st of each month.

**Automatic Payment / Direct Debit (ACH)** - Automatic payments are processed once the homeowner has submitted an ACH form to the Association or Summit Management. Automatic payments are not set up if you have not submitted a form. This payment option updates dues to the new amount yearly; no further action is necessary.

**Recurring Payment** - Recurring payments are set up and processed through Summit Management via the account created on their website. If you have set up payments through the website, you must log in to the link below and update your payment amount yearly (https://onlinepay.allianceassociationbank.com/Login.aspx). You may also call Alliance Association Bank at (844) 739-2331 to update the new amount.

**Automatic Bill Payment** – The homeowner makes automatic bill payments directly through their bank account. Homeowners must personally update the dues amount through their bank each year.

Be sure to contact Summit Management if you have any questions concerning your account or payment options:

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www.summitmanage.com • Phone: 301-495-0146

• accounting@summitmanage.com

## **BOARD BRIEFS**

A complete draft of the Board Meeting Minutes will be reviewed and approved at the next Board Meeting, which is held the first Tuesday of each month. A complete set of approved minutes is available on the Association's website, Board of Trustees page: <u>https://ashburnfarmassociation.org/</u> <u>board-of-trustees/</u>.

The following Meeting was held on March 7, 2023. Mr. Dave Tighe, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the February 7, 2023, Board meeting minutes; passed, (5/0/0/2); Dr. Lubore and Mr. Oakley, absent.

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Fedak commented on the color and quality of the cover of the March Newsletter and suggested that extra copies be available to Board members and others who might drop them off at businesses as it might draw more advertisers.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members in attendance or signed up to speak.

#### FLOOR CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Tighe asked if there was anyone online wishing to address the Board; there being none, the floor was closed to public comment and the Board meeting began.

#### REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MANAGER'S REPORT

Visitor's Space Parking Update – Mr. Cushman reported that a new Visitor Space was added on Laburnum Square since the last Board Meeting. The Association received a concern from a resident regarding monopolization of 72-Hour Parking, which included video documentation of vehicles being moved around to avoid parking violations. Because of the policy already in place and the Visitor policy already a part of the Parking Policy, the Association was able to move quickly to install a Visitor's Space sign within 24-hours of receipt of the concern. The new sign provided a warming period, during which violators were ticketed but not towed. Towing enforcement began on the space March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cushman noted that the new sign has resulted in 1-2 more vehicles parking out toward the stop sign on the pipestem coming into the area. The Association will continue to work with the Townhome Committee and neighbors to identify spaces. He noted that the sign is most often in the utility strip and is a temporary arrangement to allow for comments and feedback; depending upon where the space is, stenciling on the ground replaces the sign. Mr. Hancock asked if the pushing out of parking on Laburnum results in a safety issue and Mr. Cushman stated that state law prohibits parking within 30' of a stop sign, and that painting 30' of the curb from the stop sign post back towards the neighborhood to reflect a no parking zone should improve this issue.

Association Tennis Court Maintenance Update-Mr. Cushman reported that the Association is striking out on finding a contractor; one declined to bid, and another has taken on work and is no longer available. The material is in to begin repairs at Summerwood; we are moving forward once the temperatures remain steady and between 55-70 degrees. He stated that he has done more research into Versacourt. He would like to have feedback from and/or play time by members who have used these types of courts. He is waiting to hear back from Versacourt to determine the smallest most reasonable size to install as a test. Mr. Hancock suggested that we put together a survey for feedback from the community and especially those who have played tennis, pickleball, or other sports on this type of court or who might be willing to test it out. There was further discussion about the play, maintenance, and long-term cost of Versacourt.

Association Events – Mr. Cushman updated the Board on smaller, family friendly events planned for the community in between larger events like Summer Kick Off and the opening of the pools. Ashburn Farm Beautification is ongoing throughout the year; we encourage individuals, families, or neighborhoods to participate, and the Association provides grabbers, gloves, and trash bags.

We met with Loudoun County Sheriff's Office about Summer Kick Off to plan and strategize for the safety of all; there are several large events during that same weekend and coordination of resources, signage, etc., to facilitate safety of personnel, attendees, and the motoring public are crucial. The Association will be renting an additional light tower and a few additional cones at the request of the Sheriff's Office to better accommodate pedestrian traffic near Ashburn Farm Parkway / Windmill Drive. The parkway will be reduced to one lane in both directions during the event and Crossroads Drive will be "right-turn only" at their request, pending VDOT approval, to reduce the variable in the intersection to best preserve the safety of the officers and pedestrians. A vehicle will be parked at the closure of Windmill Drive and Thistlewood Court as an extra means to prevent vehicles that could not / do not stop at the closure.

Photos are coming in for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Nature Photography Contest; we are hoping to add a few more categories and host a few more this year.

**Community Center Deck** - Mr. Cushman updated the Board about the progress on the deck. We continue to investigate the damage to the foundation; two more joists and the inner layer of the triple laminated beam at the front of the deck is bad. He stated that the proposed plan from Mr. Brewer, to pull out the middle and repair the two ends with something complementary makes sense and provides us the opportunity to take a better look at the entire deck. Board discussion followed about how to proceed, and included whether to repair existing sections, replace the entire deck or devise a long-term strategic design change using durable

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#### **BOARD BRIEFS**

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materials (hardscape) that can be accomplished in planned phases. Additionally, the question was raised about deck use, specifically who uses and how much. Mr. Cushman stated that DeLong Room rentals use the deck, and it is the only means to access items stored in the adjacent building. **The deck is closed**.

**Pool Opening Update** – Mr. Cushman reported that maintenance staff has been working hard to complete repairs and regular maintenance of the pools ahead of opening. Windmill was opened and pumped down to facilitate the pump change; underwater lights are being worked on/ changed out. At Summerwood most everything in the old pump room is rusty; the panel boxes are galvanized and in good shape, but the covers required some extra attention. Staff is going through the breakers to ensure they are functioning as they should.

Last year was the introduction to digital pool pass system; it went well after a few initial hiccups regarding the number of members per account. Non-Resident pool memberships are already coming in and we have noted digital pool accounts/passes being set up for homeowners new to Ashburn Farm.

**Board Election Update** – Mr. Cushman provided a status update on the online and paper ballot voting; as of the meeting date there were 556 online voters recorded and approximately 53 paper ballots recorded. Mr. Fedak raised questions about safeguards for the integrity of voting, written work instructions, and the order of dissemination to homeowners. Mr. Cushman communicated that the Election Committee is tasked with the verification of the voting. Mr. Tighe suggested a February newsletter article at the onset of each election year to provide detailed voting instructions.

Townhome Forum, Committees & Working Groups-Nothing to Report

Association Database Update – Mr. Cushman reported that the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with Vantaca was postponed. He stated that we are closer to where we need to be and he is hoping to have that meeting rescheduled soon.

Level III Update of Reserve Study – Mr. Cushman stated this was discussed briefly in the Budget & Finance meeting. Level I is the initial, Level II is what we do every year, and the Level III is the financial only update, which is done about every three years (is required every five years). Mr. Cushman shared with the Board the criteria for moving forward with performing a Level III update and where Ashburn Farm falls among that criterion given record inflation, a fluctuating investment market and increasing interest rates. Mr. Hancock provided the Board a summary of why it would be prudent to move forward with an update at this time.

**Solar Panel Update** – Mr. Cushman was asked to provide an update; he reported that Dominion completed the final inspection of the panels on the Breezyhill pool house, and they should be operational by the end of next week. All other buildings are functional and producing. Architectural Review Board Meeting Minutes – Mr. Batchelder commented upon possible changes needed for the recently approved EV Charging Stations.

**Budget & Finance Meeting Minutes, Bank Balances & Financials** – Dr. Lubore stated that a money market account has been opened at Atlantic Union Bank since Apple Federal Credit Union has closed the branch in Junction Plaza. As of 1/31/23 the cash balance in the Undesignated Reserve Account is \$125.78; the total balance is \$557,241.48. The Designated Reserve Account has a cash balance of \$72,420.31; the total balance as of 1/31/23 is \$4,345,945.23. The balance as of 2/14/23 for Apple Federal Credit Union is \$36,260.75; Alliance Bank is \$506,579. Dr. Lubore stated that Costco Visa rewards of \$1,369 have been transferred into the Alliance Bank operating account.

**Townhome Committee** – Mr. Butler stated that there was very little activity at the January Meeting; there were a few parking issues raised and discussion of a safety issue on Livery Square. Mr. Butler informed the Board that he is awaiting confirmation of a few dates to reschedule the Neighborhood BBQ's. Mr. Cushman reported that he received the signs for Livery Square.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Trash Expense Special Assessment Discussion** – Mr. Cushman stated he didn't have anything new; he is still gathering invoices and stated that Mr. Hancock is assisting with the review, and they are not seeing anything change. Mr. Tighe requested to be provided with any new information and updates for his Annual Report. He commended the Board and staff on the work accomplished over the past three years and reiterated for the record that a promise was made to do everything to prevent a special assessment. There was no action taken.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Management Liability Insurance Policy Renewal –. Mr. Cushman stated that the renewal went down this year. Motion to approve the renewal of \$8,938 for the same policy/same coverage, passed, (6/0/0/1); Mr. Oakley, absent.

#### INFORMATIONAL

Association Member Delinquent Status Report – A copy of the Attorney's report is included in the Board packet. No action taken.

Motion to move to Executive Session for discussion of contractual matters; passed, (6/0/0/1), Mr. Oakley, absent, at 8:20PM.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION – Contract discussion**

• Reconvened Regular Session at 8:55PM.

Mr. Tighe reported that during Executive Session the Board discussed contracts and personnel; there were no votes taken.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn; passed, (6/0/0/1), Mr. Oakley, absent. Adjourned at 8:55PM.

Minutes for the Ashburn Farm Board of Trustees (BOT) Meeting are developed from meeting recordings and BOT member input by the Recording Secretary.

## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL ARB MEETING**

In accordance with Article V, and Article VI Section 1 of the Ashburn Farm Association Bylaws, all owners are hereby notified that the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Ashburn Farm Association will be held on:

### Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 8:00 p.m. Windmill Community Center

#### 21400 Windmill Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147

The purpose of the meeting is to elect Trustees and conduct any other business that may properly be brought before the membership. The Trustees will hold a community forum

to answer any questions you may have about the Association. Annual reports from the President, David Tighe, and the Committee Chairmen will highlight the meeting. This year we have nine (9) candidates running for seven (7) Board Seats. Each candidate will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and speak to the membership.

You should have received a ballot in the mail. Please take the time to review the candidates and vote for up to seven Trustees. Voting can be completed electronically, by mailing ballot via USPS mail, or presenting your ballot



at Association Office. We must have a quorum of homeowners represented by ballot/proxy to be able to conduct the business of the Annual Meeting. It is very important for you to return the ballot/proxy if you cannot attend. Deadline for voting is April 4<sup>th</sup> and all ballots must be received in the Association Office by 8:00pm to be counted. Candidate profiles were included in the March newsletter and are available on the Association website;

www.ashburnfarmassociation.org.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON THE 4<sup>th</sup>!



Watch for additional details in email blasts; contact Marie or Rachel with questions and for more information. (703) 729-6680 or events@afhoa.net

## **ASSOCIATION BOARD AND COMMITTEE DATES 2023:**

**The Board of Trustees** meets on *the first Tuesday of every month.* The Association sends a reminder via our community notification system of the meeting date, a link to the meeting agenda, and a link to join the Board meeting remotely.

#### The meeting dates are as follows:

April 4<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, September 5<sup>th</sup>, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup> and December 5<sup>th</sup>

## The Architectural Review Board (ARB)

meets on <u>the second and last Thursday of each month</u>, <u>except for November and December, when they only</u> <u>meet once</u>. Additional information can be found on the Association website in the "For Homeowners" tab, under "Covenants and Restrictions" and then "Architectural Review Board," located at the top of the homepage. If you have questions about exterior modifications, please direct your emails to arb@afhoa.net.

Looking for Architectural Review Board Volunteers

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Consider taking an active part in your neighborhood and volunteer for the Architectural Review Board! We are looking for a couple of new members. You'll get the chance to meet other neighbors in the Community, play an active role in reviewing applications for modifications on properties, contribute to updating the Architectural Standards, and help keep Ashburn Farm one of the most sought-after communities to live in in Loudoun County. Meetings are held on the second and last Thursday of every month at 7 PM & 6:30 PM.

If those dates and times agree with your schedule, please send an email of interest to: ARB@afhoa.net

#### The meeting dates are as follows:

April 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, July 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, August 10<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, November 9<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## The Budget and Finance Committee

meets on last Thursday of every month.

#### The meeting dates are as follows:

April 27<sup>th</sup>, May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup>, September 28<sup>th</sup>, October 26<sup>th</sup>, November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 28<sup>th</sup>.

## The Townhome Neighborhood Committee

meets on *the third Thursday of every month*. If you have questions or concerns about your townhome neighborhood, please direct your emails to townhomecommittee@afhoa.net.

#### The meeting dates are as follows:

*April 20th, May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August 17th, September 21st, October 19th, November 16th and December 21st.* 

Please call the office with additional questions at 703-729-6680 or email <u>info@afhoa.net</u>.

## Notice of Annual Architectural Review Board Meeting

In accordance with Article IX Architectural Review Bard, Section 4 of the Ashburn Farm Association Bylaws, the Architectural Review Board will hold its Annual Meeting of Members. The Architectural Review Board Annual Meeting will be held on:

Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 7:00 PM (Virtual Meeting)

Windmill Community Center

21400 Windmill Drive

Ashburn, VA 20147

The purpose of the meeting is to elect from among themselves a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary who shall perform the usual duties of their respective offices.

### ASHBURN VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE



### April 2023 Newsletter

**Best of Loudoun 2023 - We need your vote to help us win.** Voting currently under way: Final Voting Round 4/21-5/5. You can vote every day in each of our categories: Best Fire Station in Loudoun County and also in the Non-profit category. **Go to:** <u>https://www.loudountimes.com/best/#//</u>

#### Save the Dates:

May 6th - Run the Greenway - 5K/10K/Kids Fun Run/Virtual. Register to run: <u>https://runsignup.com/Race/VA/Dulles/RunTheGreenway</u>.

#### To donate: <u>http://runsignup.com/Race/Donate/VA/Dulles/RunTheGreenway#tab-charitySelect</u> and select Ashburn Volunteer.

**Volunteering**: Come be part of our long-standing tradition of **Neighbors Helping Neighbors**. <u>https://</u> <u>ashburnfirerescue.org/volunteer/volunteer-form/.</u>

#### Next meeting April 25th, 7:00pm, Station 6.

**Founders Hall, located at the Ashburn Fire Department** Looking for a unique venue for any type of event? We have the perfect place for birthday parties, weddings receptions, meetings and more. 3600 sq ft for up to 200 people. Special rates for kids' birthday parties and non-profits. For more information or to book a reservation go to: <u>https://founders-hall.com/</u>

Please follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter or at <u>www.ashburnfirerescue.org</u> for updates on all our activities and future events.

## ASHBURN LIBRARY APRIL PROGRAMS

Please visit Loudoun County Public Library for a complete list of all library programs and activities: library.loudoun.gov

#### Children's programs

Storytime and Pre-K Skill Builders each week.

Tuesday, April 4 Life-Sized Candy Land, 2 p.m., preschool to grade 5 Thursday, April 6, Making Space for Pollinators, 6 p.m., grades K-5 Tuesday, April 11, Kids' Journaling Club, 4 p.m., grades 2-5 Thursday, April 13, Art at the Library: Paper Quilling, 4 p.m., grades K-5 Monday, April 17, Homeschool Enrichment: Art Fair, 1 p.m., grades K-5 Tuesday, April 18, My First Book Club, 4 p.m., grades K-1 Wednesday, April 19, Graphic Novel Book Club, 7 p.m., grades 4-5 Thursday, April 20, Geronimo Stilton Book Club, 4 p.m., grades 2-3 Saturday, April 22, STEMPowering Symposium, 3 p.m., grades K-5 Tuesday, April 25, From Seeds to Food, 4 p.m., grades K-5

Thursday, April 27, Lego Creators, 4 p.m., grades K-5

#### Teen:

Monday-Friday, April 3 – 7, Teen Gaming Hour, 3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 3, Crochet Hour, 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 4, Teen Book Club, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5, DIY: Crochet, Part 2 of 2, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 6, Teen Drama: Improv, 6 p.m. Wednesdays, April 12, 19, 26, Teen Study Corner, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 13, DIY Teens: Harry Potter Quill Creation, 6 p.m.



Friday, April 21, Teen Leadership Council Library Appreciation: Make Mini Books, 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 22, STEMPowering Symposium, 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, D&D Club, 6:30 p.m.

#### **Adult Programs:**

Monday, April 3, Crochet Hour, 11 a.m.
Monday, April 3, DIY: Basic Crochet, Part 1 of 2, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 4, Adult Book Club, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5, DIY: Crochet, Part 2 of 2, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 5, Adult Book Club: Book to Art, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 6, Crochet Hour, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11, Adult Book Club: Nonfiction, 10 a.m.
Wednesday, April 12, Truly Wicked Horror: Folk Horror, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 13, Water Color Workshop, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 15, Live Music: Pianist Alfred Yun
Tuesday, April 18, Water Color Flowers, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 24, Ashburn Writing Group, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26, Fascinating Fascinator Workshop, 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, ESOL Conversation Group, 7 p.m. Thursdays, ESOL Conversation Group, 10 a.m. Wednesdays, Loudoun Literacy Council ESOL Class (High

intermediate), 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 27, ESOL: Adult Book Club, 10 a.m.



LOUDOUN COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS "Empowering all students to make meaningful contributions to the world."

## Loudoun County Public Schools are accepting 2023-2024 Kindergarten (and new student) registrations.

The student registration portal for the 2023-2024 school year is located at <u>https://www.lcps.</u> <u>org/Page/228770</u>. Choose the "Online



Pre-Registration" link on the above webpage to start the registration process. Once the Pre-Registration has been submitted, please contact your school Registrar at the number listed below to schedule a meeting.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Program for 2023-2024 Kindergarten Students. In the DLI Program, students develop proficiency in Spanish and English through content-matter instruction. Sanders Corner Elementary is one of the host schools. Once you have completed the LCPS Kindergarten registration, you will receive an email to submit an interest form for the DLI program. Forms are due by **April 14th** to enter the lottery. To learn more about DLI, go to <u>https://www.lcps.org/dli</u>. <u>Belmont Station Elementary</u> - (571) 252-2240, Cheryl Palmer (<u>Cheryl.Palmer@lcps.org</u>)

<u>Cedar Lane Elementary</u> - (571) 252-2120, Jen Paskey (<u>Jen.Paskey@lcps.org</u>)

<u>Sanders Corner Elementary</u> - (571) 252-2250, Tiana Phipps (<u>tiana.phipps@lcps.org</u>)

<u>Trailside Middle School</u> - (571) 252-2280, Yvonne Carolan (<u>Yvonne.Carolan@lcps.org</u>)

<u>Stone Bridge High School</u> - (571) 252-2200, Elizabeth Arenas (<u>elizabeth.arenas@lcps.org</u>)

Not sure which Elementary School you are zoned for? Go to the <u>LCPS Attendance Boundary E-Listing</u> to find out.

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Ashburn Farm HOA is in need of volunteers for events, specifically for Summer Kick Off. Please email events@afhoa.net for further details.

> \* Any number of hours that can be donated would be very appreciated.

## **Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy Native Plant Sale**

April 22, 9am-3pm Morven Park, Leesburg, VA **It's (always) time to go native!** 

Native plants add beauty and interest to your garden all year long and provide important habitat for wildlife. Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's Native Plant Sale is the place to buy spring-blooming flowers, vines, trees, shrubs, and ferns from four local native plant nurseries. The sale will be staffed by



volunteers knowledgeable about native plants who can advise you on selecting natives for your garden.

In addition to selling plants, the Sale provides an opportunity to learn about some of Loudoun Wildlife Conservancy's programs. Our Wild Shop will be there with books, T shirts, mugs and other merchandise for sale. Community partners—including the Banshee Reeks Chapter of Virginia Master Naturalists and Loudoun

County Master Gardeners will have booths at the sale, as well. We'll also have TLC, a fertilizer and deer deterrent, to give away.

Find more information about the LWC Native Plant Sale at: <u>https://</u> <u>loudounwildlife.org/event/</u> <u>spring-native-plant-sale/</u>

or scan the QR Code.

And here's the FB event: https://www.facebook.com/ events/184910850947594/



The weather is getting warmer, days are growing longer, and neighbors are outside playing tennis and basketball, visiting the tot-lots and ponds or are just out enjoying the community trails with family, friends, and pets. The Association's common areas are a shared space and patrons must be thoughtful and stay safety conscious. Stay alert! Pedestrians, cyclists, runners, kids on bikes and scooters, as



LEx - Report an Issue

## Trail Safety for you and your pet

well as people walking alone or with pets, all share the common areas and must be prepared for distractions, loud noises, squirrels, rabbits, etc., that may startle or surprise people and pets. Association property is

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subject to the Loudoun County Leash Ordinance; pet owners shall use a leash when walking with a pet to maintain control and to ensure the safety and comfort of others, ourselves, and our furry family. Below is a copy of Loudoun County's Ordinance regarding Unleased Dogs as well as the link to <u>Loudoun</u> <u>LEx (Loudoun Express</u> <u>Request) form</u> where animal and other concerns can be reported.

Loudoun County Ordinance regarding Unleashed Dogs:

#### 612.13 RUNNING AT LARGE.

No dog shall be off the property of its owner or custodian without being on a leash. The owner or

custodian must have physical control of the dog while it is leashed. Any dog found to be off leash and not on the property of its owner or custodian will be considered running at large, and in violation of this section. When in a securely fenced, specifically designated dog park or dog exercise area established by a homeowner's association, community organization, or governmental agency, a dog may be off leash while under the immediate supervision of its owner or custodian. Any fence enclosing such an area must be designed to prevent escape. This section shall not apply to any person who uses a dog under his/her direct supervision while lawfully hunting, or while engaged in a supervised formal obedience training class, or if the dog is a service animal whose handler, because of a disability, is unable to use a harness, leash, or other tether, or the use of such device would interfere with the service dog's safe and effective performance of work or tasks, provided that the service dog is otherwise under the handler's control through voice control, signals or other effective means or to any person with a dog under immediate control within any unincorporated area of the County zoned at a density of fewer than two housing units per acre.

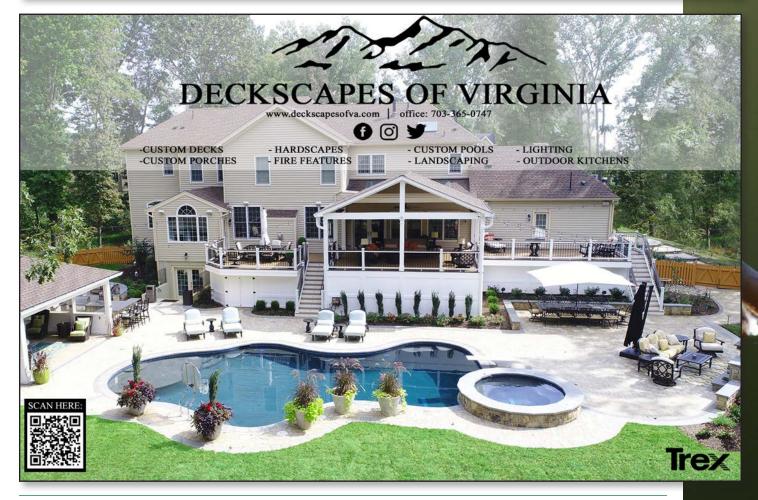
(Ord. 82-05. Passed 4-19-82; Ord. 98-11. Passed 10-7-98; Ord. 17-04. Passed 2-15-17; Ord. 17-09. Passed 10-3-17.)

#### Pool News ...

Summertime and the pool season will soon be upon us. As you may recall, Ashburn Farm changed to a digital pool pass system last year. If you have not already created an account and passes for your family, please do it before the start of the 2023 season on Friday, May 26th. Hard copy pool passes are no longer acceptable for pool entry.

Signing up for and creating your pass(es) takes only a few minutes. Please scan the QR Code(s) below for: answers to frequently asked questions, directions to sign up for an account and create pool passes for your household members, and for the approved image to be used for children between two and nine years old. If you have further questions or require assistance, please contact pools@afhoa.net or (703) 729-6680. Staff is also available to assist you when you visit the Association Office between 9AM – 4PM, Monday through Friday.





#### Ashburn Farm Association announces its 2nd Annual Nature Photography Contest

#### Criteria and Details for Submission

- · One entry per household
- · Photo must be taken within Ashburn Farm Community
- Submission must include: Name, address, contact information and general location within the community where photo was taken



Submit photo to: Events@afhoa.net Entry Deadline: April 25, 2023 at 5:00pm Online Voting: April 26-30 Winners Announced: May 1, 2023 Contact Marie or Rachel with questions or concerns. (703) 729-6680 or events@afhoa.net

Contact Rachel or Marie at events@afhoa.net or (703) 729-6680 to learn more about what's going on in Ashburn Farm, how to participate, and volunteer opportunities.

Keeping our community clean and beautiful is the responsibility of each of us who live, work, and play in Ashburn Farm. Be part of the Ashburn Beautification TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More). It's important to



Wildlife, Birds & Insects Landscapes, Flowers, Trees & Foliage Ponds, Streams, Trails & Natural Areas Gift cards awarded to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners. Contest categories to be determined by submittals received.

ASHBURN FARM ASSOCIATION PRESENTS ....

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Submissions must include an address Homeowners and Renters are eligible

select winners Monthly winners receive a gift card a sign placed in yard until next monthly winner is announced Monthly contests last through September; overall winner voted on in

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remember our example of cleaning up after ourselves and our pets goes a long way toward keeping our community clean and encouraging and motivating our neighbors to join in these efforts. Using Association provided tools and receptacles is the first step; teaming up with neighbors is a fun way to build memories and strengthen our neighborhoods and community.

Go Ashburn Beautification TEAM!!!

## IN CASE YOU NEED A HAND ...

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• Breezyhill
• Windmill703-729-9739

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#### SCHOOLS IN ASHBURN FARM

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Sanders Corner Elementary School	571-252-2250
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## **Advertising Information and Specifications**

The following information lists the specifications for dis play advertising in Across the Fence. All advertising is due (copy and payment) by the **10th of the preceding month** of the issue.

Size	Price/mo	Extended Contract*
1/8 Page	\$125	\$112.50/mo
1/4 Page	\$225	\$202.50/mo
1/2 Page	\$400	\$360/mo
Full Page	\$850	\$765/mo
Inside Cover		
1/4 Page	\$235	\$211.50/mo
1/2 Page	\$440	\$396/mo
Full Page	\$925	\$827.50/mo

\*Extended contracts refer to advertising commitments for a period of six months or more. Pre-payment of the term is required in order to take advantage of the extended contract discounts.

An Insertion Order Form must be submitted with ad. Forms are available at the Association Office or via fax and our website. Advertiser must provide in digital form (PDF or TIF files only, PC formatted). Ad are run in full color. Ads will run as-is; no alterations will be made by the Association. Ads exceeding the proper size reserved will not run.

#### Space Reservation and Payment Requirements

Ad space is limited and reserved on a first come-first served basis. Payment in full is due for ad space before the deadline (except for extended term contracts - these are due at reservation). We do not bill - pre-payment of ad space is mandatory. **Make checks payable to: Ashburn Farm Association.** If payment is not received by the deadline, the space becomes forfeited. We will not refund payment due to missed deadlines for copy. Copy submitted must meet the required specifications. We will not be held responsible if copy is not submitted by the deadline even though payment has been received.

Advertising copy and payment can be mailed to: Ashburn Farm Association

Attn: Editor 21400 Windmill Drive Ashburn, VA 20147

Note: The Editor reserves the right to reject any advertisements for any reason. Ads that are deemed inappropriate or distasteful for this publication will not be run. No political advertising permitted. Advertising orders cannot be canceled after the deadline without prior arrangements. Questions can be forwarded to info@afhoa.net or 703-729-6680.

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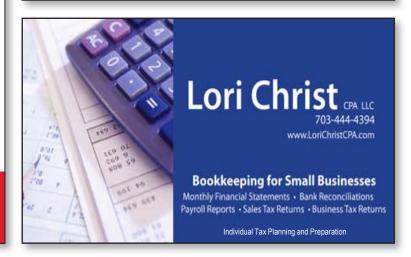
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Classified ads (limited to 40 words maximum) must be received with payment by the 10th of each month for the following month's issue. To take advantage of the discounted rates for Ashburn Farm residents, you must provide an address and daytime telephone number to accompany your ad.

#### MONTHLY RATES:

- Resident Rates Monthly \$20.00
- Personal Ads FREE
- Non-Resident Rates Monthly \$35.00

#### ADS:

Please email ads to: info@afhoa.net

#### FORM OF PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

Cash and checks are accepted as payment. Make checks payable to "Ashburn Farm Association." No cancellations after the 15th of each preceding month.

#### MAIL TO OR DROP OFF PAYMENTS AT:

Ashburn Farms Association, 21400 Windmill Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Editor at 703-729-6680 or info@afhoa.net

Please Note: Neither the Ashburn Farm Association. its Members, or the Board of Trustees recommends or endorses any advertiser. The Ashburn Farm Association reserves the right to decline any advertisement for any reason deemed appropriate. Submitted materials are the author's opinion and do not reflect the views of Ashburn Farm Association, its Members, or the Board of Trustees. For the sake of clarity or length, the Editor or General Manager may edit articles.





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## **SAFETY REMINDERS**

Spring has arrived! Longer days and warmer weather provide opportunities for outdoor recreation; please use extra care as we all begin to move about the community on foot, on bikes and skates, etc. with our friends and family.

#### Be alert and aware of:

- Children at bus stops before and after school
- Watch out for students crossing between vehicles

• People at crosswalks, corners, as well as street / trail intersections

Never assume that pedestrians and other motorists see you; if possible make eye contact to ensure that each of you knows the next move before continuing and when in doubt yield the right of way.

Please drive slowly, obey all traffic and speed limit signs and use your turn signals.

Below are resources and helpful links for contacting or reporting issues in Loudoun County.

The Community Resource Unit utilizes community policing and crime prevention strategies in targeted

neighborhoods to address quality of life issues that often lead to criminal activity. The Community Resource Officer for the Ashburn District can be contacted via email at this address:

<u>SHERIFFS ASHBURN CR@Loudoun.gov</u>. To learn more about the role of Community Resource Officers and Community Policing, <u>CLICK HERE</u> and learn how you can help keep your community safer.

To report concerns about a traffic issue, please use the Loudoun County Sheriff's online traffic complaint form, which can be accessed by following this link: <u>Citizen</u> <u>Feedback</u>

Loudoun Express Request (LEx) is a citizen request system for members of the public to submit requests for service and report concerns to the county government. Click the <u>LEx</u> link to get started; this link is also available on the Association website homepage: https:// ashburnfarmassociation.org/. Look for "Reporting Concerns to Loudoun County" and the "Click Me!" button.

## PET ETIQUETTE OR "WHY DO I NEED TO PICK UP AFTER MY DOG?"

Pet owners are reminded that they should walk their pets AWAY from neighbors' homes, playground areas, and high traffic areas.

Ashburn Farm covenant's state that "pets must be under the control of their owner when they are outside of the Lot, must not become a nuisance to other residents, and must be in compliance with all applicable Loudoun County ordinances." The Ashburn Farm Association Architectural Design and Maintenance Guidelines further state that "feces must be cleaned up by the owner responsible for the pet being on the property." Finally, Loudoun County also has an enforceable pet waste ordinance (Loudoun County Chapter 612.19, Section a (8); (Ord 88-18)) Online animal complaints can be reported using LEx (https://www.loudoun.gov/3055/Report-an-Issue). Let's face it, these things are not only the law but also signs of a considerate pet owner/neighbor.

Remember:

• ALWAYS pick up after your dog and dispose of waste in the appropriate provided containers! There are many dogs in Ashburn Farm, and each one poops once or twice a day... you do the math!

• Carry extra bags when walking your dog and

encourage other dog owners to clean up after their pets, as well. How about catching someone doing things right and complimenting them? Other dog owners may overhear and "clean up their act" – pun intended!

• It is never too early to develop great pet etiquette - teach children how to clean up and properly dispose of pet waste.

• Whether it is on the trails, common areas, or in your neighbor's yard, abandoned pet waste contains a host of diseases and/or parasites, which can infect other dogs or be transmitted to people who might step in it and track it home.

• Rain and garden runoff washes pet waste into nearby water sources, creating public health issues.

• It is the law! Just like littering, it is unlawful NOT to pick up after your dog and is subject to fine. The law requires that you must always pick up after your dog and carry "a suitable instrument" to do so whenever you walk your dog.

Your actions set an example for others. When you pick up after your dog, you are helping the community and the environment. Thank you for doing your part and disposing of pet waste properly! Ashburn Farm Odd Job Squad- Please consider the following young people for your odd job needs! The Ashburn Farm Association makes no claim as to the qualifications of the below-mentioned persons. Please be sure to update your contact information regularly. Thank you! Odd Job Squad Form is NOW here





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