



NEWSLETTER

Spring Grove Farm Sections B & C Home Owners Association
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Getting Involved

There are many ways to get involved in our community. Some of those ways include running for a board member position, joining a committee, submitting articles for the newsletter, or helping organize activities within the community.

VOLUNTEERING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Periodically the board will appoint a committee to work on items of concern within the community. If you are interested in volunteering on a committee, please let the board know. If a committee isn't for you, there are plenty of other areas in which you may be more comfortable.

Other volunteer possibilities include:

- Submitting articles for the quarterly newsletter or for placement on the website
- Work on maintaining HOA documents and preparing them to be uploaded to the website
- Help organizing neighborhood activities
- Help maintaining the website

A Note from the ACC

By Julie Peterson

Spring is blossoming before us, and with it comes the good weather we need to begin our home repair and improvement projects. The Architectural Control Committee invites you to carefully evaluate your home and yard for any needed lot cleanup and home repairs. We have noticed many homes with the need for similar repairs. We ask you to please make time to evaluate your property carefully for any of the following:

- *Tree stumps that need to be removed from lot.
- *Piles of yard waste and debris that need to be disposed of.
- *Fences in need of repair and/or replacement.
- *Faded and blackened shutters in need of painting, or replacement.
- *Dirty siding in need of power washing, and/or painting and replacement.

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BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS

It's that time of the year to nominate members for the Spring Grove Farm Sections B & C HOA Board. If you are interested in serving your community as a board member please fill out the self nominating form on page 3. Elections will be held at the annual meeting in the Sterling Library on Thursday, June 2nd at 7PM.

Even if you are not running for a position on the board, please come out and vote for board members. If you cannot make the annual meeting, contact the board to learn about voting by proxy.

If your home has one of these issues, make time to fix the problem during the pleasant weather of the spring season. In considering your repairs and improvements, remember that "The Board of Directors and/or Architectural Control Committee must approve any change to the exterior appearance of any house or lot before work is started." (Spring Grove Farm Architectural Guidelines pg. 1) Changes to house or lot include replacement of fences, painting shutters with new colors, and siding paint and replacement. Applications for these changes may be printed from the neighborhood website at springgrovefarmhoa.org, and submitted to the Board of Directors. Give yourself ample time to submit your application and receive approval. Approval must be received before you begin your project. We wish you the best of luck in your efforts to keep your home and yard beautiful this spring.

Neighborhood Concerns

There are many ways we can work together to make our neighborhood a more pleasant place to live. Please start by asking yourself, "Is this something I would want my neighbor to do to me?" Being considerate of your neighbor is a good way to maintain peaceful relationships with people you may have to live with for a very long time.

Some of our concerned neighbors asked we bring up the following ongoing items:

CURBING DOGS

Thank you to those of you who have dogs and properly curb them. We know carrying around little baggies and making sure your dogs do not make a mess of other peoples yard can be a challenge; however, it is one of the many responsibilities of dog ownership.

One neighbor complains, "At my house I have a bus stop and find that people walk their dogs down to my house to wait for the bus. This would be fine if they didn't use my yard as a dog park and allow their dogs to play in it and use it as a toilet."

Please, be considerate of your neighbors and be courteous around their yards and when walking your dog.

AIRCRAFT NOISE

Living so near an airport there's bound to be some unwanted noise from overhead aircraft. This is normal during the day. At night, however, this can be a huge nuisance. It has been brought to our attention that there is a commercial helicopter flying over our houses in the middle of the night. Some of us sleep right through it, while it gives others a fitful night sleep. To complain about the noise you can call the hotline at 703-572-8215. Or, to learn more this noise problem and potentially file an online complaint you can visit mwa.com/dulles/flight_information_3/aircraft_noise_iad.

TOP 5 LITTERED ITEMS IN VIRGINIA

1. Cigarette butts
2. Plastic, glass and canned beverage bottles or their caps/lids
3. Bags/Food wrappers
4. Cups
5. Plastics utensils: plates, forks, knives, spoons, straws and drink stirrers



Please be aware that your neighbor's yard (that's even down the street and around the corner) is not the proper place for the disposal of trash. Please dispose of your trash, including cigarette butts, at your own home in your own garbage. Many of our neighbors, especially those living near stop signs where people often toss things out the window, are tired of the mess.

Please also remind your children to hold on to their trash until they get home in order to dispose of it properly.

Information

WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our web site at www.springgrovefarm.org. The web site contains the following information: Previous newsletters, Community links, HOA documents (including Architectural Guidelines and Bylaws; Copy of the Exterior Improvement Application, and Information on homeowner responsibilities when selling a home), and more.

* If you are interested in helping with the website, please let the board know.

BOARD MEMBERS

President	George Hidy
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Nomination and election is for membership on the board. The board subsequently determines who will serve in specific roles. Self-nominations are welcome and encouraged.

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Offices on the Board and possible duties:

President

- 1) Oversee general operations & committees
- 2) Lawyer liaison, litigation of delinquent dues

Secretary

- 1) Keep minutes and yearly records (taxes)
- 2) Correspondence, newsletters and notices

Vice President

- 1) By-laws and Architectural revisions
- 2) County liaison

Treasurer

- 1) Manage budget and funds (checking, assets, taxes)
- 2) Develop financials for homeowner package