

THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

JULY 2012



A Message from the HOA President

OFF TO A GOOD START!



First of all I would like to thank my predecessor Ray Baker for doing such an amazing job facilitating and running the North Carroll Farms Homeowner's Association. I for one realize that the task can sometimes be a huge undertaking but Mr. Baker has handled the position with grace and style and left a positive impact on our community, for that I thank you and the community thanks you.

On May 7, 2012 at the North Carroll Farms Homeowner's Association Annual meeting, I was voted in as the new President of the NCF Homeowner's Association, my name is Anna Armstrong. As

President, my initial goal is to serve the community to the best of my knowledge and ability. I intend on representing the NCF Homeowner's Association as a cohesive and forward moving organization. With the assistance of The Board of Directors, I visualize our community becoming one of the most sought after area to live in Carroll County. I know 10-years ago, when I first arrived, I was in awe with the landscape and quietness that surrounded North Carroll Farms. The quaintness of the small town of Hampstead provided a comforting environment after a long day at work. The area has not changed much and I hope to maintain that same feeling for others in the community.

I have been a resident of North Carroll Farms since, November 2002. My husband and I have 5 beautiful children and 6 grand-children ranging from the ages 1 through 13. I graduated from the University of Phoenix with a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management. As a current employee of the Municipal Government of Baltimore City, I have obtained a number of skills that prepare me to meet the challenges that may arise.

Over the next few months, the Board and I intend on developing some new strategies to introduce more events and inspire participation from the community. Please look forward to the unfolding of some new ideas that we hope to implement within the upcoming year. I hope to continue our strong relationship with the Mayor, Hampstead City Council and Hampstead Police Department. As the community continues to grow strong so will the NCF HOA.

As a sidebar, I would like to remind you that the summer months are very near and the safety of our children is a priority. Please pay special attention to the speed signs and traffic signs within the community.

I look forward to personally meeting and working with the community and the association.

Sincerely,

Anna L. Armstrong

Visit <u>www.northcarrollfarmshoa.org</u> or email Northcarrollfarmshoa@gmail.com with questions !

Calendar of Events

July 21st (Sat) - Bulk Trash Day

Aug 6th (Mon) - HOA Meeting -NC Senior Center 6:30pm

Aug 7th (Tues) - National Night Out - NCF Pavilion

Aug 8th (Wed) - Police Advisory Meeting

Aug 13th (Mon) - Aug 18th (Sat) -Hampstead Carnival -Hampstead Vol. Fire Department

Aug 27th (Mon) - CCPS First Day of School

Sep 3rd (Mon) - Labor Day (CCPS Closed)

Sep 17th (Mon) - Rosh Hashanah (CCPS Closed)

Sep 26th (Wed) - Yom Kippur (CCPS Closed)

Help us keep you up to date on community news and events by sending us your updated email address!



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Social Committee Report

Summer is here, which means that our signature event, National Night Out is just around the corner! Mark your calendars to join your friends and neighbors on Tuesday, August 7th at the NCF Pavilion. This event is open to the public, so feel free to invite friends even if they live in other neighborhoods.

You may have noticed that we have not planned any Movie Nights this summer. The main reason is that we no longer have access to a projector. If you can provide a projector, please let me know and we can plan a Movie Night for the kids.

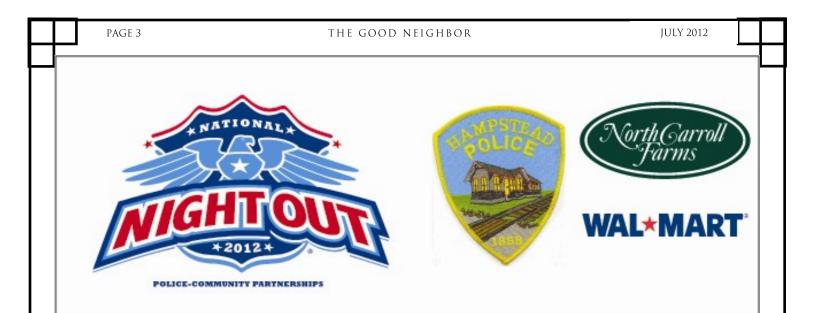
As we have stated before, this is your HOA... Let us know what types of events you would like to have. We are looking for ideas and participation from the community (see the graphic below if you are interested in helping organize the community). We are open to new ideas on how we can have fun together as a neighborhood. Let your voice be heard! "Like" us on Facebook and share any ideas, big or small.

Enjoy the summer and I look forward to hearing from you!

Jay Kelly

Social Committee





SUPPORT CRIME AWARENESS TUESDAY AUGUST 7, 2012

Turn on Porch Lights from 6:30PM to 10:00PM

Where:

North Carroll Farms Pavilion 1858-1868 Upper Forde Lane

6:30PM - 9:00PM Community Cookout & Music (Hot Dogs and Drinks Provided)

8:00PM - 8:30PM Messages from the Mayor, Chief of Police & HOA President

Fingerprinting for Children





Explore a Hampstead Fire Truck Meet McGruff the Crime Dog

in Your Community

Be Involved

Talk to the Mayor and the Chief of Police Inflatable Obstacle Course THE GOOD NEIGHBOR

CAMPING SAFETY

Camping is a fun way to get family and friends together to enjoy the outdoors. Follow these tips and use the packing checklist to help ensure your camping trip is safe and healthy.

Prepare healthy and safe food.

Bring healthy snacks along on your camping trip, including 100% juice boxes, water, dried fruit (e.g. raisins, apples, or dates), trail mix, fresh whole fruit, baked veggie chips, no-added sugar applesauce in individual containers. Follow these steps to keep your food safe:

- Pack foods in tight, waterproof bags or containers. Keep them in an insulated cooler.
- Wash hands and surfaces often.
- Separate raw foods from cooked foods.
- Cook foods to proper temperatures (i.e. ground beef should be cooked to an internal temperature of 160 degrees).
- Always chill foods promptly.

Practice fire safety.

If you build a campfire, do it safely. Use a campfire pit away from overhanging tree branches. Make sure it has a metal fire ring or is encircled with rocks. Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby. Never leave a campfire unattended. Use fireproof cooking equipment. Before you leave, be sure you put out your campfire completely.

Protect against carbon monoxide poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless and can cause illness or death in people and pets. Never use fuel-burning equipment such as gas stoves, heaters, lanterns, and charcoal grills inside a tent, camper, or other enclosed shelter. It can cause dangerous levels of carbon monoxide to build up. When using fuel-burning devices outdoors, do not vent the exhaust into enclosed shelters. Rather than relying on fuel-burning appliances to supply heat, campers should bring adequate bedding and clothing and should consume extra calories and fluids during the outing to prevent hypothermia (a dangerous loss of body warmth that can cause death).

Avoid wild animals, and protect family pets.

Some wild animals carry diseases that are dangerous to people, including rabies, hantavirus, *Giardia* infection, and more. Avoid touching, feeding, and getting near wild animals. Enjoy watching them from a safe distance in their natural surroundings. Keep foods stored in sealed containers and out of the reach of animals. Make sure your family pets are vaccinated. Watch them closely. Check for ticks, and remove them promptly. Make sure pets have plenty of water, food, and shelter.

Fight the bug bite.

Mosquitoes, ticks, and other insects can cause certain diseases. For example, mosquitoes can cause West Nile Virus, and ticks can cause Lyme disease. To help fight the bite, apply insect repellent containing DEET to clothes and exposed skin. Apply the insect repellent permethrin to clothes to help keep ticks from attaching to them. Be sure to follow directions on the package. Check for ticks daily, and remove them promptly. Wear long sleeves, pants, and other light-colored clothing to help prevent and spot ticks more easily.

Prevent temperature-related illness.

To help prevent hypothermia during cool nights, bring adequate bedding and clothing to stay warm. Use a plastic ground cloth under your tent to help keep you dry. To help prevent heat-related illness during hot days, drink plenty of alcoholfree and sugar-free fluids. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Wear layers of light-weight, light-colored, and loosefitting clothing. Rest often in shady areas. Protect yourself from the sun.

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CAMPING SAFETY (CONT.)

Be prepared.

Always be prepared for the unexpected. Before you leave, check the weather report, learn about security at your camp location, and tell family and friends what your plans are. Know what to do when toilets are not available. Be sure to bring along a supply kit that includes a first aid kit, compass or GPS, map, flashlight, blankets, and batteries, food, clothes, and medications. Know who to contact at the camp to report issues that may come up.

Packing Checklist

- Adequate bedding/sleeping bag and extra blankets
- Light-weight, light-colored clothing, including long sleeves and pants
- Tent and plastic ground cloth
- Insect repellent containing DEET for skin
- Permethrin insect repellent for clothing
- Broad-spectrum sunscreen and lip screen with SPF 15 or higher
- Wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses
- Healthy on-the-go snacks and other food
- Water and other alcohol-free and sugar-free fluids
- Insulated cooler
- Alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Life jacket, helmet, and other protective gear
- First-aid kit
- Compass or GPS
- Map
- Flashlights
- Extra batteries
- Sturdy shoes
- Extra set of clothes
- Medical record, including vaccinations; insect, food, plant, and other allergies; diseases and conditions; medicines, dosing schedules, and storage instructions; emergency contacts; and activities your doctor or nurse says to avoid

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Friendly Reminder:

Please be courteous and clean up after your dogs both in the common areas and while walking.