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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hi Folks,

Anyone read the interesting article in **The Post** recently about local male fish carrying eggs? Did you know the main sources of water pollution are storm water runoff? That means when it rains, it washes stuff off OUR lawns into OUR waterways. Many of OUR everyday activities are sending sediment, grit, heavy metals, oil, fertilizers, and more into sewer drains and eventually into Accotink Creek and the Chesapeake Bay?

Here's a short list of what homeowners can do to promote healthy streams and waterways:

- Fertilize in the FALL only. Heavy Spring rains wash fertilizer away.
- Collect litter and animal waste. Recycle grass clippings and leaves by mulching. Direct your roof runoff into grassy areas or rain barrels for reuse. Apply pesticides (if at all) strictly according to instructions.
- Design plantings to minimize erosion and maximize infiltration. Use mulch to hold the moisture. Install waterfalls that recycle water. Use porous surfaces such as interlocking pavers, flagstones, gravel, or stone rather than concrete or asphalt. Finally, be active and spread the word.

Supervisor Penelope Gross was kind enough to take the time to educate me on some of these issues. Many thanks.

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**Ravensworth Farm Community Activities**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Thumb Garden Club Buffet, 40th Anniversary</li> <li>• Garden of the Season Judging Results</li> <li>• RFCA Directory Changes Deadline</li> <li>• RFCA Membership Meeting</li> <li>• Community Halloween Party</li> <li>• Community Shredding Opportunity</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wednesday, Oct. 4</b>, See Page 5</li> <li>• See Page 5</li> <li>• <b>Friday, Oct. 13</b></li> <li>• <b>Thursday, Oct. 26</b>—Ravensworth Elementary</li> <li>• <b>Sunday, Oct. 29</b>, 1:00pm—3:00pm</li> <li>• <b>Saturday, Nov. 4</b>, 10:00am—2:00pm</li> </ul> |
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Article I, Section 3, of the Civic Association's By-Laws provides that the Association shall be strictly non-partisan, non-political, and non-sectarian. Accordingly, the invitation of elected officials and other public figures to speak at Association meetings, and the inclusion of paid political or commercial advertisements in the Farmer or in the attached flyers, do not constitute endorsements by the Association.

# RAVENSWORTH FARM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Golden Ravens	Richard & Allie Hunter	703-321-9549
Ravensworth Swim and Racquet Club	Enrique Navarrete	703-321-9140

## Association Calendar 2006 - 2007

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
September	6	6	15	18	23	
October	4	4	13	16	21	26
November	1	1	10	13	18	
December	Nov. 29	Nov. 29	8	11	16	
January	3	3	12	16	20	
February	Jan. 31	Jan. 31	9	12	24	
March	7	7	16	19	24	29
April	11	11	20	23	28	
May	2	2	11	14	19	24

**Membership or Board Meetings are canceled in the event of Fairfax County Public School's early closing or school cancellation.**

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And thanks to the racing motor bike riders on Inverchapel who regularly tour the neighborhood at low speed. It is thoughtful and noticed, plus the kids get a better look at your cool bikes.

Why did only 33 folks show up to hear Congressman Tom Davis speak in May? Thanks to the residents who did attend. The rest of you pass up a chance to sit in an intimate setting with a congressman, ask tough questions, and hear an astute and experienced politician explain his view and the workings of the federal government. My father always said, "if you don't vote, you can't complain". I would add if you aren't active in your community.....Come out next time and ask some serious questions. Your congressperson doesn't know your view or concerns unless you express it, and what better chance than our membership meeting to listen and speak?

Why do so many parents drive their kids a few blocks to Ravensworth School rather than walking? How can we promote walking and discourage cars? In my travels overseas I noticed many people of all ages walk and bike much more than Americans and they look noticeably healthier. Wouldn't it be a great role model to our children to see their parents walking and biking short distances? What better habit is there to bequeath to our kids than a life-long habit of walking and biking. If there is anyone out there who wants to help me set up a group to promote safe routes to school and discourage auto use, please contact me.

Watch December 22nd from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for some Belgian draft horses pulling a wagon with Santa around the neighborhood. The plan is to circle the neighborhood and fill the wagon with kids. We have a wonderful community here in Ravensworth and we should be very proud. There are opportunities to volunteer and activities in which to participate. Please share in the fun and opportunities.

Thank you,  
*Brent Reynolds*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Managing the advertising flyers** for the *Farmer* and facilitating the printing of the Farmer at Key Center School on Franconia Road between September and May. Must be able to deliver the copy to the printer on a weekday morning (usually a Monday). Call Dick at 703 321 9143 for more information.

### **Editors for the *Farmer* Newsletter**

Duties include:

1. Preparing the draft of the newsletter for typists
2. Editing the typist's copy and delivering it to the formatter
3. Attending board meetings
4. Drafting the calendar for Farmer publication
5. Scheduling the typists
6. Managing the advertisements (not flyers)

After 17 years as editors, the Lipseys are retiring in May. They would love to help their replacements during this current year. Please call Chris/Mary Lipsey at 703 321 2824.

## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

Each year we update our membership telephone directory. If you are new to the community and would like your name and address, etc. in the directory, please complete the enclosed flyer and return it by the deadline of **October 13th**. For residents already listed in the directory, if you want to make changes, please fill out the enclosed flyer. If there are no changes, you do not need to return the flyer. Block captains no longer collect this information so this is your only opportunity to be included in the directory. Speaking of block captains, the fall membership drive will begin soon. Please welcome your block captain when he/she collects your membership dues of \$10 per household.

## ELECTION OF NEW TREASURER

Election of a new treasurer will be held at October's membership meeting. Our candidate's biography is below:

Mr. Richmon Tun, 41 years of age, married with one child. Born in Rangoon, Burma and immigrated to US in 1974 as a young boy with the rest of immediate family. Received a BS from University of Maryland, College Park in Aerospace Engineering. Currently works for a defense contractor to support the Department of Defense on OSD advanced technology development. Moved to Ravensworth Farm in 1997 and hobby is old American made cars.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



**Community Halloween Party** for children will be held **Sunday, October 29, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** Details will follow in the October *Farmer*.

**Busy Buddies** will be hosting a community wide shredding opportunity on **Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 am-2:00 p.m.** Details will follow in the October *Farmer*. All residents are encouraged to start cleaning out those file cabinets and shoe boxes and participate in a safe way to dispose of sensitive material.

## DO YOU LIKE TO SING AND PERFORM?

**The Wakefield Chorale**, a group that shares a love for performing all kinds of music in a friendly atmosphere, is looking for men and women for our 2006 fall and winter singing season.

All rehearsals will be on **Tuesday evenings** from **7:30-9:30 p.m.**, in the choral room of **Falls Church High School** (7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, VA 22042) just next to the beltway/Route 50 intersection. No audition is required. The only costs are \$5 for dues and the price of sheet music. For more information, please call Dale at 703 938 8044. Hope to see you on the 26th!

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION—GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

An invitation is extended to all former Green Thumb Garden Club members and their spouses to attend a buffet dinner at Nancy Jarvie's, 5615 Ravenel Lane, on **October 4, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.** Please RSVP no later than September 27, 2006 to Nancy (703 321 8319) or Mary Ann Rish (703 321 7447).

At September's meeting, members discussed upcoming projects and activities such as the 40th anniversary buffet on October 4. The Garden Club was founded in October 1966. This fall some members will be weeding and trimming the Butterfly Garden that the club maintains at Lake Accotink. Others will be involved with Senior Day Care residents making floral arrangements for holidays during the year. We welcome new members. If interested, call Beverly Schubert at 703 321 9617 or Mary Ann Rish at 703 321 7447.

### September gardening tips:

- Time to seed and fertilize or renovate lawns
- Apply lime, if needed
- Select fall bulbs for October planting
- Trim overgrown trees and shrubs



## GARDEN OF THE SEASON WINNERS

Judging for Garden of the Season took place on Monday, September 11, 2006.

- 🌟 **1st Place:** 5307 Juxon Place—Chon & Sun Yi
- 🌟 **2nd Place:** 5227 Kepler Lane—Carlos & Maria Santizo
- 🌟 **3rd Place:** 5616 Rathbone Place—Charles & Karen Daimier

### Honorable Mention:

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| ◆ 8102 Bullock Lane | ◆ 5215 Queensberry Avenue |
| ◆ 5309 Nutting Lane | ◆ 5238 Inverchapel Road   |
| ◆ 5311 Nutting Lane | ◆ 5311 Kepler Lane        |
| ◆ 5406 Nutting Lane | ◆ 5313 Landgrave Lane     |
| ◆ 8124 Carrick lane | ◆ 5512 Ravenel Lane       |



Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

Donny Espinal  
8105 Adair Lane

Victor Jemio; Rachell Santucci  
8103 Hatteras Lane

David & Lorna Denniston  
Bryan & Grace Parsons and family  
5631 Inverchapel Road

John Longo and Lauren McLaughlin  
8009 Gosport Lane

Alberto Garcia and Wintso Veizaga  
8016 Gosport Lane

Richard & Angela Morris and family  
8012 Gosport Lane



Jeffrey & Catherine Smith and family  
5224 Landgrave Lane

Eryn & Sherri Suprenant  
Hans Jansen & Lisa Suprenant  
5505 Inverchapel Road

Edwardo Panozo and Victor Salinas  
8119 Bullock Lane

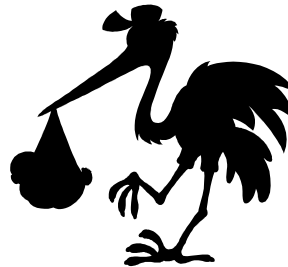
When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please give Gloria Brissman a call at 703 321 7871.

**HOSPITALITY****Births:**

- ☺ Baby Boy, Dastur family, Ravenel Lane
- ☺ Baby Boy, Jaramillo family, Gosport Lane

**Hospitalizations:**

- ♥ Boyce Rogers
- ♥ Pete Petrenko



The residents of Ravensworth Farm extend our sympathy to the family of Bob Anderson on Moultrie Road.

Please call Johanna Canfield (703 321 8483) with news of births, adoptions, hospitalizations, and deaths in our community.

**GOLDEN RAVENS**

As the weather turns cooler, the Golden Ravens will meet to enjoy the fall and relive the summer. The food is super and the conversation is stimulating, so we invite all our friends, "lost" Golden Ravens and newcomers to join us. Bring a dish to share and enjoy as we share our summer memories on **Wednesday, September 27 - 11:30 a.m.** at the Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Road. If you have any questions, please call Dick/ Martha Sargent (703 321 9143), Dick/Allie Hunter (703 321 9549), or Ruth Miller (703 321 7477).

**FYI**

Pharmacist Sue Gupta from Ravensworth Rite Aid has moved to Giant Food and Drug in Burke on Burke Road across from the Post Office.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in the *Farmer* at no cost to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Classified ads must be mailed to: The Ravensworth *Farmer*, P.O. Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151. This classified ads section is a service to Ravensworth residents, and is not intended for business or commercial use. Accordingly, we will run ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. in this section once; if the advertiser wishes to repeat them, he/she must shift them to the paid ad category.

<p><b>FOR SALE</b></p>	<p>Digital cameras: New in Boxes with Accessories Included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ20S, 5 Mpixels - 12xZoom - \$250</li> <li>• Panasonic Lumix TZ1, 5 Mpixels - 10xZoom - \$200</li> <li>• Kodak Easy Share Z730, 5 Mpixels - 4xZoom - \$125</li> </ul> <p>Call: 703 321 9268</p>
<p><b>WANTED</b></p>	<p>Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, sofas, end tables, lamps, kitchen utensils, dishes and pans. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the ACCA warehouse 703-256-1991. Call the warehouse on Saturday mornings only.</p>

