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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here are some possibilities of programs and goals for the neighborhood. I want the community to know what I am thinking and would like to hear your thoughts about what is feasible and appropriate. We could then start planning and scheduling.

Long-Term Goals:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improvement of traffic, especially where safety is concerned 2. Encourage more use of mass transit 3. Improvement of entryways and the sidewalk area leading to the shopping center 4. Pilot an IT program, "granny-on-line," for senior citizens to help raise their comfort level with computer usage | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Encourage a stronger relationship with the programs at Accotink Park 6. Encourage regular communication from the local schools for the newsletter and actively support the school programs 7. Explore the possibility of underground utilities for Ravensworth Farm 8. Encourage more community activities. We welcome your suggestions. |
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Thanks to Martin Shepherd for his outstanding efforts behind the new school signs and crosswalk lines on Queensberry near Gosport as well as the future ADA pedestrian ramp. Martin had great help from Supervisor Sharon Bulova and her office workers, Colin Campbell and Sally Tomlin.

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Ravensworth Farm Community Activities

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RFCA Membership Meeting • Community Halloween Party • Community Shredding | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:30pm, Ravensworth ES • Sunday, Oct. 29, 1:00pm—3:00pm, Ravensworth ES • Saturday, Nov. 4, 10:00am—2:00pm, Pool Parking Lot |
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We're online: www.ravensworthfarm.org

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Brent Reynolds	703-321-8383
1st Vice President	Martin Shepherd	703-321-8777
2nd Vice President	Stephen Beste	703-321-9110
Recording Secretary	Mike Edwards	703-321-0176
Corresponding Secretary	Bob Nielsen	703-321-8206
Treasurer	Richmon Tun	703-321-1404

STANDING COMMITTEES

Legislative & County Affairs	Ruth Orem	703-321-8061
Public Service (Streets & Sidewalks)	Brenda Soares	703-321-7856
Schools & Education	Ellen Eggerton	703-321-4948
Parks & Recreation	Jim Hickey Vacant	703-321-8535
Membership & Communications	Julia Johnson	703-321-8845
Architectural Committee	Brent Reynolds	703-321-8383

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Entrance Committee	Marti Terry	703-321-9668
Hospitality	Ruth Hartman Ramona Michels	703-321-8063 703-321-7664
New Neighbors	Gloria Brissman Miffie Clem Celia Fruchterman	703-321-7871 703-321-7875 703-321-0756
Cultural Committee		
Vietnamese	Vacant	
Spanish	Dinora Gonzalez	703-321-0160
Korean	Monica Kim	703-321-0338
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		703-321-9110 703-321-8777
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Neighborhood Watch	Vacant	
PTA President, Ravensworth Elementary	Sarah Hammersly	703-426-3600
Green Thumb Garden Club	Mary Ann Rish	703-321-7447
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
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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Our community has many opportunities where volunteers can explore and enhance their interests. Our nation relies on volunteers and so does our community. Our goal is to create some new committees or re-energize existing groups. Below you will find an initial list of areas in which we need more residents to be involved:

- **Farmer Newsletter Editor** (4-5 hrs. a month; 9 months a year)
- **Advertising Coordinator** for the Telephone Directory and Newsletter (August to November, primarily)
- **Concerns Committee** (volunteers would address any neighbor complaints including architectural, zoning violations, noise, trash, and the like)
- **Activity and Volunteer Coordinator Committee** (coordinate all activities, communications, and volunteers for community events)
- **Managing the advertising flyers** for the *Farmer* and facilitating the printing of the *Farmer* .
- **Architectural Committee** (respond to resident's concerns and questions about zoning regulations and violations)
- **Corresponding Secretary** (writes all "official" correspondence for the Board)
- **Accotink Crew** (work with Accotink Park staff to monitor stream quality, remove invasive plants, coordinate events)
- **Covenants Committee** (check and update covenants with county/state; suggest appropriate changes)

What I would like to ask you to do is simply think about the above jobs available and think what best fits your personality/skills/desires. Send me an email telling me what you feel are your strongest skills and where you would like to volunteer. I will contact you and make sure that your time and efforts will benefit you and our community.

Thanks very much,
Brent Reynolds
 brent@madbomber.com

RFCA 2006-2007 BUDGET

Revenues:		\$17,560
Membership	\$7,000	
Advertising—Directory	\$3,500	
Advertising—Farmer	\$3,800	
Expenses:		
The <i>Farmer</i>		\$3,160
Printing	\$1,310	
Distribution	\$1,350	
Typing & Formatting	\$500	
Directory		\$3,000
Advertising Costs	\$100	
Printing	\$2,800	
Block Captain/Distribution	\$100	
Hospitality		\$500
New Neighbor Welcome	\$150	
Get Well/Hospitalizations	\$200	
Funeral Tributes	\$150	
Entrance Maintenance		\$5,700
Maintenance	\$700	
Improvements	\$5,000	
Community Service & Events		\$3,250
Annandale H.S. Theatre Event	\$250	
International Festival	\$700	
Halloween Party	\$700	
Santa and Wagon	\$600	
Internet Assistance	\$500	
Plantings	\$500	
Administrative Expenses		\$400
Website		\$200
CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team)		\$1,000
Cultural Committee		\$200
Miscellaneous		\$150
Discretionary Funds		
Total Expenses		\$17,560

RFCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

RFCA Membership Drive will begin this Fall. Dues are \$10 per household. Along with the membership comes the community telephone directory. Please welcome your block captain when he/she visits.

GOLDEN RAVENS

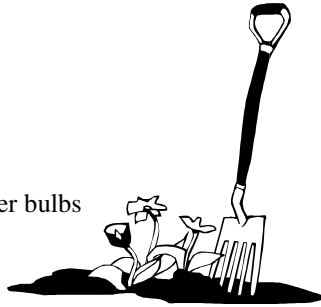
One of the pleasures of being a Golden Raven is chatting over a meal with friends. So on **Wednesday, October 25th**, we will be dining at the **Silverado Restaurant, 7052 Columbia Pike, at 11:30 a.m.** You may drive directly or meet in the front of the Community Church at 11:00 a.m. to carpool. Please call one of the following to make your reservations: Dick or Allie Hunter, 703-321-9549; Dick or Martha Sargent, 703-321-9143; or Ruth Miller, 703-321-7477. Please bring your friends, neighbors, or any interested people. Your assignment is to find a good place to eat for our next meeting. Don't forget the Busy Buddies giant shredder in the parking lot at the Ravensworth Pool, on November 4th.

40 YEARS OF FLOWERS AND FRIENDS

Nearly 50 Green Thumb Garden Club members, former members, and spouses gathered at the home of Nancy Jarvie on October 4th to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary. The event became very special by the return of former members; one had moved away 25 years ago. Everyone had a good time renewing friendships and enjoying the beautiful fall decorations and delicious buffet dinner. Thanks to the donated gift certificate from Kings Park Giant, lovely floral arrangements were created and graced the tables. It was a wonderful reunion and celebration for all those who attended. The club's November meeting will feature Holiday Floral Designs. Contact Mary Ann Rish, 703-321-7447, or Beverly Schubert, 703-321-9617, if you are interested in joining.

GARDEN TIPS FOR OCTOBER

- ☼ Bring houseplants inside
- ☼ Plant spring blooming bulbs
- ☼ Dig cannas, dahlias, gladiola, and other tender bulbs
- ☼ Fertilize a second time, if needed



TRICK OR TREAT

Our **Community Halloween Party** will be held on **October 29th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, at the **Ravensworth Elementary School**. Please join in the fun. See the flyer for further details.



NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The new school year is off to a terrific start at Ravensworth Elementary School! At our Back-to-School Night on September 21st, parents were introduced to the staff, the PTA officers, and our School Board member, Tessie Wilson. Following introductions, they visited in their children's classrooms. The PTA has already sponsored some wonderful activities such as the Ice Cream Social on September 14th, a "Welcome Coffee" on September 15th, and "Spirit Night" at McDonald's on October 5th.

Pam McClelland
Principal

GIFTED AND TALENTED (GT) PROGRAMS

The Office of Gifted and Talented (GT) programs will host a parent information night, "Your Child and GT: Connections for Student Success" on **October 30th at Langley High School**. A Korean interpreter will be available. The information session will provide an overview of the continuum of GT services; screening, testing, and identification procedures; and timelines for identifying and placing students in the programs. For more information, contact the GT Office at 703-846-8670.

FALL CLEANING TIME!

All Ravensworth Farm residents have a wonderful opportunity to safely destroy sensitive papers. So clean out those shoe boxes and file cabinets, and bring them to be shredded on Saturday, **November 4th**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, at the pool parking lot.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Alan and Terry Womack and family
5500 Inverchapel Road

Francis and Ruth Moon Laffin and family
5425 Inverchapel Road



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

HOSPITALITY

The residents of Ravensworth Farm extend our sympathy to the families of Charles Adams of Penley Place, Helen Berry of Drayton Lane, Ed Curran of Kepler Lane, and Winn Redd of Sedgwick Lane.

Please call **Ramona Michels**, (703 321 7664) with news of births, adoptions, hospitalizations, and deaths in our community.



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>FOR SALE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Golf bag—\$20.00 • Car Top Carrier “Escargo” - \$20.00 • Boy’s Bike, 24” - \$25.00 • Ladies Bike, 26” - \$25.00 • Dog Crate for dogs up to 70 lbs.—\$25.00 • Brand new, still in box, All Purpose Canopy, size 10’ x 20’ - \$80.00 <p>Please call 703-321-2833, after 6:00 p.m.</p>
<p>FOR SALE</p>	<p>Corner Bar with Corner Cabinet and Nice Mirror, all matching, \$500/best offer. Perfectly fits basement rambler. Please call 703-321-8383.</p>
<p>WANTED</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>