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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Happy New Year!

I hope you enjoyed the holidays and the mild weather. By the time this is published, perhaps we will be experiencing winter. If so, please remember to clear snow and ice from your sidewalks and steps. **Move all vehicles onto the driveways so that snow plows can clear all the way to the curb.**

Ravensworth Farm's holiday decorations were dazzling. Thanks to everyone for their hard work. The winners were announced on the website in December ([www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://www.ravensworthfarm.org)) and are also printed in this issue for you to enjoy. Don't forget to visit our website regularly. Where one can find our community covenants, calendar dates of future community events, the history of some of our street names, etc. As the membership drive reaches a conclusion, please be sure to welcome your Block Captain. Our dues (\$10 per household) funds the printing of the newsletter, the phone directory, the community Halloween party, newspaper advertising for the Community Yard Sale, and the like. Please note that RFCA has an **urgent need for volunteers** for key positions. (See enclosed) Please call me today to volunteer. Finally, congratulations to the civic-minded residents of Ravensworth; 65% of our registered voters voted in this past November's elections. In contrast, only 55% of Fairfax County registered voters went to the polls and 52% statewide. As usual, I am proud to live in Ravensworth.

*Brent Reynolds*  
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**Ravensworth Farm Community Activities**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deadline for Next <i>Farmer</i></li> <li>• Community Clean Up</li> <li>• Lake Accotink Park Clean Up</li> <li>• Community Yard Sale</li> <li>• <b>URGENT Need for Volunteers!</b></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Friday, February 2nd</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday, March 24th</b>, 8:00AM to 11:45AM, See Page 6</li> <li>• Saturday, March 31st, 9:00AM to 1:00PM</li> <li>• Saturday, May 5th—Rain Date: Saturday, May 19th, See Page 6</li> <li>• See Page 4</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

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Green Thumb Garden Club	Mary Ann Rish	703-321-7447
Golden Ravens	Richard & Allie Hunter	703-321-9549
Ravensworth Swim and Racquet Club	Tom Panther	703-321-7704

## Association Calendar 2007

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
January	3	3	5	16	20	
February	Jan. 31	Jan. 31	2	12	24	
March	7	7	9	19	24	29
April	11	11	13	23	28	
May	2	2	4	14	19	24

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

### HAPPY NEW YEAR RFCA BLOCK CAPTAINS!

### TIME IS RUNNING OUT ON THE RFCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE!

RFCA and I want to thank all the Block Captains that have already turned in their block's membership dues. The few block captains that are still collecting will be contacted soon and reminded. Block Captains, if you need any help, please do not hesitate to call, Julia Johnson, 703-321-8845.

### GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The members welcomed the New Year with a meeting at the home of Barbara Adams. This spring the club will be making modifications to the Lake Accotink Marina Butterfly Garden, which the club created several years ago. So watch for changes there. The club's February meeting will be "Cooking with Herbs." The club always welcomes new members. If you are interested, call Mary Ann Rish (703-321-7447) or Bev Schubert (703-321-9617).

### GARDEN TIPS

Evaluate your garden for its winter beauty. Make note where evergreens or other plantings would enhance those gray days of winter. Decide which flowering shrubs you need to plant for springtime blooms.



### GOLDEN RAVENS

The Golden Ravens want to wish everyone best wishes for the New Year and hope that you will join us to celebrate again. In January and February, we traditionally eat out. So on Wednesday, January 24th, we will dine at 11:30 a.m. at Kilroy's. Plan to meet at the Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Road between 11:00 and 11:20 a.m. to carpool or drive directly to Kilroy's in the Ravensworth Shopping Center. Please bring suggestions of where we should eat in February. For rides or questions, call Dick/Allie Hunter (703-321-9549), Dick/Martha Sargent (703-321-9143), or Ruth Miller (703-321-7477).

# VOLUNTEER FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

## VOLUNTEER JOBS THAT LOOK GOOD ON YOUR RESUMÉ AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

### 1. Farmer Newsletter Editor, September – May

- Collects articles from contributors
- Edits articles and forwards them to typists
- Proofreads typist's hard copy and transfers the copy to the formatter

For 17 years, a husband and wife team has held this position; it must be interesting!!! Call Mary Lipsey at 703-321-2824 if you have questions, and/or want to volunteer.

### 2. Farmer Advertising (Flyers only) September – May

- Receive flyers for Farmer newsletter and deliver them to the printer (17 minute trip one way) and pick up Farmer newsletters on third Friday of the month

Present incumbent has had the position for 18 years—obviously it is not that difficult. Present incumbent is available as a substitute also. Please call Dick today at 703-321-9143.

### 3. Advertising coordinator, August – November

- Coordinate advertising for the RFCA telephone directory and Farmer newsletter. Present position is held by the First Vice President and Newsletter Editor. Please call 703-321-8777.

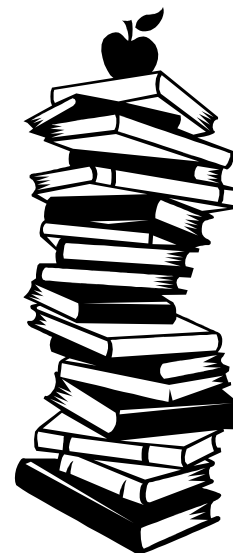
## NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The New Year at Ravensworth promises to be at great one! Even if you do not currently have children who attend our school, we encourage you to be a part of our school community. Visit our school website at <http://www.fcps.edu/RavensworthES> to find out about our many special activities.

Beginning on January 4, 2007, Ravensworth began phasing in a new building security system. The front doors are locked between 8:35 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. From 8:35 a.m. until 9:15 a.m., parent volunteers will admit anyone coming to the front door of the school. After 9:15 a.m., anyone wishing to access the building should ring the front doorbell. Someone from the front office will respond. These plans have been put in place to protect the safety of all of our children.

## SILENT AUCTION & INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

Mark your calendars -- the **Silent Auction and International Pot-luck Dinner** will be held on **Friday, March 23, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Please help us to make this a successful event by attending and/or donating to our auction. Information and donation forms are on the PTA website [www.ravensworthpta.org](http://www.ravensworthpta.org). If you have any questions, contact Julie Raab at 703-425-3542 or fdrjdr@aol.com.



## EARN MONEY FOR RAVENSWORTH ES AS YOU SHOP!

Please designate or re-designate Ravensworth to receive bonus funds when you use your shopper's card while shopping at Giant, Safeway, Harris Teeter and Target. You can register online:

### Safeway

<https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>,  
Ravensworth's code: 6629193

### Harris Teeter

<http://www.harristeeter.com/default.aspx?pageId=172>  
Ravensworth's code: 4512

### Giant

[http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/aplus\\_pin.htm](http://www.giantfood.com/aplus/aplus_pin.htm),  
Ravensworth's code: 02081

### Target

<http://www.target.com>,  
Ravensworth code: 103696

### Verizon

<http://www22.verizon.com/pages/extracredit/>

Happy New Year from the Ravensworth staff!

Pam McClelland, Principal  
Ravensworth Elementary School



## NEWS FROM POE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Winter Concert featuring the Grade 6 Band, Chorus and Orchestra will be held on **Tuesday, January 23rd at 7 p.m.** in the Poe Cafeteria. Come and enjoy the beautiful music of our students.

## **PRESCHOOL REGISTRATIONS AND OPEN HOUSES**

Good Shepherd Preschool, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke, provides a Kindergarten Readiness Program for ages three to five. Registration for the 2007-2008 school year begins on February 5, 2007. Please call 703-323-6120 for more information or to schedule a visit. You may find additional information on the church's website [www.good-shepherd.net](http://www.good-shepherd.net).



## **SLEEPY HOLLOW PRESCHOOL HOSTS OPEN HOUSES**

Sleepy Hollow Preschool, 7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale, will host open houses on Wednesday, January 24th, and Thursday, January 25th, between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Children are welcome. The preschool provides morning programs for ages two to four in a caring and safe environment. Sleepy Hollow Preschool is state licensed and NAEYC affiliated. Visit the website [www.sleepyhollowpreschool.com](http://www.sleepyhollowpreschool.com) or call 703-941-9791 for more information.

## **RAVENSWORTH'S NINETEENTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007, 8:00 - 11:45 A.M.**

The Civic Association has arranged for the Fairfax County trash disposal trucks to be parked at the Ravensworth Elementary School parking lot on Saturday, March 24th, from 8:00 - 11:45 a.m., for collecting items that are not accepted by private contractors at curbside.

### **Items that will be accepted at this event include:**

- Doors, furniture, swing sets, mattresses, lawn mowers (drained of oil, please), boards, piping, washing machines, dryers, and other appliances.

### **Items that CANNOT be accepted include:**

- Hazardous waste (paint, oil, etc.), brush, newspapers, tires, glass, styrofoam, sheetrock, stones, and crushed rock.

## **THINK AHEAD TO YARD SALE SEASON**

The 28th Annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, May 5, 2007**. So start saving those items you want to dispose of as you clean out closets and attics.

We are looking for someone to volunteer as Chairperson for this event. If interested, contact Brent Reynolds or any other member of the RFCA Board.



## **HOLIDAY DECORATION WINNERS!**

Congratulations to these Ravensworth Farm Households for their Outstanding Holiday Decorations!

### **Best Overall**

5616 Rathbone Ct

### **Best Original**

5227 Nutting Drive

### **Best Religious**

8128 Drayton Lane

### **Kid's Favorite**

5231 Nutting Drive

### **Best Door/Window**

8007 Gosport Lane

### **Best Daytime Garden**

8124 Carrick Lane

Thanks to all of our neighbors for making this year's holiday decoration observations so enjoyable. The great efforts and care that all of you put into your décor was quite evident. This great community and individual effort really made the judging difficult, and despite the unseasonable warm temperatures, put us all in the holiday mood! With so many wonderful displays to see, we just have to recommend that you get out and enjoy them with your families. Each and every household did themselves proud. Our runners-up and honorable mentions would run for pages. Here are some of the best...

### **Honorable Mention:**

- 8107 Adair
- 8102 Bullock
- 8108 Bullock
- 8109 Bullock
- 8125 Bullock
- 8120 Carrick
- 8129 Carrick
- 7925 Ellet
- 7929 Ellet
- 8015 Ellet
- 7902 Foote
- 7912 Foote
- 7904 Gosport
- 7918 Gosport
- 7921 Gosport
- 8105 Gosport
- 8145 Halleck
- 7903 Hatteras
- 7908 Hatteras
- 5201 Inverchapel
- 5211 Inverchapel
- 5314 Inverchapel
- 5315 Inverchapel
- 5317 Inverchapel
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- 5222 Landgrave
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- 5306 Nutting
- 5418 Nutting
- 5217 Pillow
- 5308 Pillow
- 5320 Pillow
- 5215 Queensberry
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- 5601 Ravenel
- 5610 Ravenel
- 5617 Ravenel
- 5641 Ravenel
- 5655 Ravenel
- 5664 Ravenel
- 5671 Ravenel
- 5674 Ravenel
- 5513 Sedgwick
- 7916 Slidell

**RAVENSWORTH BLOG COMING SOON!**

Keep an eye out for a new Ravensworth Community Blog. Post pictures, make comments and share information with your neighbors! Check the website soon for updates: [www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://www.ravensworthfarm.org).

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

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

**HOSPITALITY**

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.

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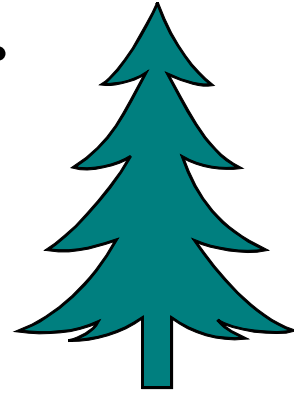
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**Please join us for these Community Activities:**

**NEW!** Children's Playground  
Ravensworth Golden Ravens  
Ravensworth Community Picnic  
Holiday Caroling in the Neighborhood

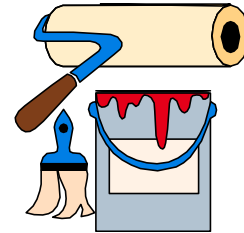
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