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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Folks –

Were those Spring flowers I saw popping up just before the lake began freezing? Not much good skiing or ice-skating this year, but the lake path has sure been busy with folks enjoying a stroll or a bike-ride. Remember that now is the time to fertilize. Much of the fertilizer spread later in the Spring gets washed away by the April showers into the creeks, the lake, and on to the Chesapeake Bay.

Speaking of Accotink Creek, the Lake, and the Park, please contact Duane Murphy at coordinator@accotink.org if you'd like to get outdoors and help. You can become a stream monitor, keeping tabs on the health of a stream, work on preventing the spread of invasive plants, etc.

Regarding nature and health, it has come to my attention that Fairfax County has been ranked the second worst locality in traffic congestion, resulting in the longest commuting time in the country. Further, the State of Virginia as a whole has 900,000 registered vehicles that contributed to 33,123 crashes, 4,947 injuries, and 941 traffic deaths in 2005. It is estimated that we Virginians waste 254 million gallons of gasoline and 157 million



**Ravensworth Farm
Community Activities**

Deadline for Next *Farmer*
Wednesday, March 7th

Community Clean Up
Saturday, March 24th—8:00AM to 11:45AM

Lake Accotink Park Clean Up
Saturday, March 31st—9:00AM to 1:00PM

Community Yard Sale
Saturday, May 5th

URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS!
See Pg. 4

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.

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Golden Ravens	Richard & Allie Hunter	703-321-9549
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Association Calendar 2007

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
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.

hours of valuable time while stuck in traffic. I wonder if this has any connection to global warming, air quality, and increased instances of childhood asthma in the metro area. And the culprit is not the Federal Government, giant corporations, the Virginia tobacco industry, or UFOs; it is you and I with our single-occupant cars.

Automobiles and new roads are not the answer to gridlock and pollution. The solution is better mass transit and trail and sidewalk connectivity. As county, State, and Federal agencies review Metro bus routes and consider ways to improve Metro overall, we can help by:

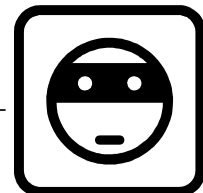
1. Sharing rides and driving to work with two or more persons in the car.
2. Picking one day each week to take the public transportation rather than driving. Imagine what the Beltway would look like at 8 A.M. if everyone did this!
3. Contact Supervisor Sharon Bulova, Congressman Tom Davis, Metro, etc. and urge them to direct resources toward improving the public transportation.
4. Walking or biking to our destinations once each week. Walking kids to school would be a great start, especially since it would give the kids an example of a healthy lifestyle.

We have to change both our individual habits and our collective priorities now. For the initial inconvenience of sharing rides and using the mass transit more, we could cut our traffic and our commuting time dramatically. That seems like a large gain for everyone, especially our kids who breathe the air from the Beltway. If you're interested in improving conditions, contact me and get involved in our neighborhood safe routes and connectivity program.

Brent Reynolds
prez@ravensworthfarm.org

IDENTITY THEFT

A new scam has surfaced. In this con, the caller says that a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you didn't show up for jury duty. If you protest that you never received a jury summons, the caller asks for your Social Security number and date of birth to verify the information and to cancel the warrant. Sometimes they will ask for credit card numbers. This scam has been reported in eleven states so far. For further information go to the website: www.fbi.gov and search for scams.



WANTED

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

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.

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 Sargent at 703-321-9143.

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

Ravensworth Elementary School has a wonderful volunteer program. Every day we have a cadre of adults who give their time to provide assistance and support to our children. We can always use more help! Any community member, who is able to give some time to read with a child, is asked to contact Jeff Wilkinson, Reading Specialist, at (703) 426-3600.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

1. **Ravensworth Night at Fuddruckers Restaurant in Annandale** – 5:30-7:30 PM – Thursday, March 8, 2007. 20% of all sales will go to our school to purchase technology. Stop by the school office to pick up a flyer to present to the cashier at Fuddruckers that night.
2. **PTA Silent Auction/International Potluck Dinner** – 6:00-9:00 PM – Friday, March 23, 2007. Bring a dish to share and attend the Silent Auction. (Funds will be used to purchase technology). Information: contact Julie Raab at (703) 425-3542.

Pam McClelland, Principal
Ravensworth Elementary School

NEWS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 991

The Boy Scouts of Troop 991 are focused on helping the Ravensworth Farm Community. On March 24th, the Scouts will participate in the Community Clean-Up Day by helping residents unload items from their vehicles.

The Boy Scouts will also be helping at the annual Community Yard Sale on May 5th (rain date is May 19th). They will be offering refreshments, for cash donations, as well as helping residents unload their items and carry them to their stations. Suzie Eggleston is coordinating the Yard Sale; please contact her at 703-321-2070 if you have questions about the Yard Sale.



The Scouts have been very busy completing requirements for several merit badges and working towards individual advancement in rank. They received recognition for their achievements on February 7th at their Winter Court of Honor. Their annual ski trip took place on the weekend of February 10th and 11th.

If you know a boy between 10 and 18 who would be interested in joining Boy Scouts, please call Suzie Eggleston at 703-321-2070 or Mitch Filipowicz at 703-971-5322 for more information. Our meetings are held on Wednesdays at Ravensworth Elementary School, in the cafeteria, starting at 7:30 p.m. Any interested boys and their parents are welcome to drop by and see all the fun the boys have.

PLANS FOR 28TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE UNDERWAY

As reported in last month's Farmer, the 28th annual Community Yard Sale is on **Saturday, May 5th**, with a rain date of **Saturday, May 19th**. Suzie Eggleston is coordinating the Yard Sale; please contact her at 703-321-2070 if you have questions about the Yard Sale.



GREEN THUMB GARDEN THUMB

In February, the members met at Bev Schubert's home to listen to Madeline Wajda discuss herbs and cooking with herbs. In March everyone is invited to our meeting: "Between a Rock and a Hard Place." The club always welcomes new members. If you are interested, please call Mary Ann Rish (703-321-7447) or Bev Schubert (703-321-9617).

GOLDEN RAVENS

On Wednesday, February 28th at 11:30 AM the Golden Ravens will dine together at Bob Evans Restaurant 6310 Augusta Dr., off of Commerce Street in Springfield. You may drive directly or meet at the Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel at 11:00 AM to carpool. For rides or questions, call Dick/Allie Hunter (703-321-9549), Dick/Martha Sargent (703-321-9143) or Ruth Miller (703-321-7477).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP NEIGHBORS

If you are ready to make a difference in the lives of those in need, **Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA)** will make excellent use of your time. You don't need to be a church member, or part of a faith community of any kind, to participate in ACCA's mission of compassionate care. Currently, ACCA especially needs volunteers for the Meals-on-Wheels and furniture donation programs.

- ♥ **Meals-on-Wheels** drivers pick up food on their chosen weekday at United Baptist Church in Annandale and complete their delivery route in about 1 ½ hours.
- ♥ **Furniture program** volunteers take turns collecting, warehousing and delivering furniture on Saturday mornings from 8:00a.m.-about noon, once every 7 weeks. Volunteers choose their own schedule. Please check our website (www.accacares.org) to find out more about how you can help, or call Don and Mary Lee Di Spirito at 703-256-9513.



SPRING WATERSHED CLEAN-UP AT LAKE ACCOTINK

Saturday, March 31, (all ages) 9-1 PM, Lake Accotink, (703-569-0285). Help support Lake Accotink Park and the 19th Annual Potomac River Watershed Clean-up by cleaning up part of your community. The bay starts here and needs your help! Be part of the solution! Meet at the marina, come dressed for the weather and bring a pair of gloves. Trash bags provided. Free lunch at the park for volunteers. This community event is perfect for families, scouts, school and civic groups. Event held rain or shine.

WAKEFIELD CHORALE

All rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings, from 7:30 - 9:30 PM, in the choral room of Falls Church High School (7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, Virginia 22042) just next to the beltway/Rt 50 intersection. No audition is required. Feel free to come at any time. The only costs are \$5 for dues and the price of sheet music. For more information, please call Dale at 703-938-8044. Looking forward to seeing you.



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007

The eighteenth (18th) annual Clean-Up Day this year will again provide an added incentive for "Farmers" to tackle back-yard clutter, messy basements, carports or storage sheds.



The Civic Association has again arranged for Fairfax County trash disposal trucks to be parked at the **Ravensworth Elementary School parking lot** on **Saturday, March 24** from **8:00 AM to 11:45 AM**, for the purpose of collecting items which are not accepted by private trash collectors at curbside. One truck will take metal items and another will take other trash. Now is the time to get rid of old appliances, furniture, mattresses, boards, doors (no glass), swing sets, lawn mowers (thoroughly drained of fluids), piping, etc.

Items that CANNOT be accepted include hazardous waste (BATTERIES, including the small "button" and rechargeables, PAINT, USED OIL, pesticides, and lawn care products), TIRES, sheet rock, STONE OR CRUSHED ROCKS, and products that can be recycled - such as newspapers, cans and glass. Also, BRUSH WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. Residents may take their brush to one of the County's two brush recycling centers, located at:

- + I-95 Landfill, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton. Phone 703-690-1703. Hours 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM M-F, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM Saturday. Tires (maximum of five without rims) will be accepted at the Lorton Landfill only! Call first!
- + I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Phone 703-631-1179. Hours 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM daily. Hazardous waste, Thursday 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM, Friday 8:00 AM - 12 NOON, Saturday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Brush delivered to these recycling centers will be shredded into mulch. Therefore, the brush must be free from other debris. Brush containing stumps, rock, metal, etc. will not be accepted because these items damage shredding equipment. Residents may obtain free shredded wood mulch at both these recycling centers.

THIS IS IMPORTANT!! You may not dump your trash at the school prior to the arrival of the County trucks or after the trucks depart! Disposing of private trash on school property, or in school dumpsters, is punishable by a \$100 fine.

We need a volunteer with a pick-up truck for assisting those people who need help getting large, bulky items to the school. Make every effort to get your materials to the school on your own as this pick-up is intended mainly for disabled or elderly residents. We do not have sufficient volunteers to clean out basements. **To offer assistance or schedule a pick-up, call Dick Sargent at 703-321-9143.** For instructions on where to dispose of **hazardous waste**, call 703-324-5068, and for where to dispose of stumps, rocks and tile, call 703-690-1703.

RAVENSWORTH BLOG IS ONLINE

Check out www.ravensworthfarm.org



The website and community blog provides many opportunities for our community. Better communication is one. This purpose of the blog is to enable the residents of Ravensworth Farm to have a ready and accessible outlet to share topics about the neighborhood - from wild life sightings, garage sales to posting pictures! Visit www.ravensworthfarm.org, click on "The Ravensworth Blog is Here!" and follow the directions underneath "Join".

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

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

HOSPITALITY

Ravensworth Farm extends its sympathy to the families of Tony DiBari of Adair Lane and Henry Manachi of Hatteras Lane.

Hospitalizations:

- ♥ A. Enrique Navarette of Bullock Lane
- ♥ Bill Stroud of Adair Lane
- ♥ Marjorie Shroeder of Inverchapel Road

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



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY	Annandale Christian Community for Action (ACCA) needs volunteers. For information, see article within this issue and/or call 703-256-9513.
SERVICE	Notary Public and Notary signing agent, Roger Ward. In my own home, fee \$5.00. Outside calls vary, \$25 - \$30. Call for a quote. Roger Ward 8105 Gosport Lane 703-321-7946 or 703-582-7120 (cell).
FOR SALE	8 foot Wooden Industrial Size tables. 30" wide x 30" high. Legs fold under table for storage. Price: \$40 each/6 to choose from. Contact: 703-321-7186 after 6:00 PM.
FOR SALE	14 ft. Commercial grade aluminum ladder - extends to 24 ft. \$90.00. Call 703-321-9383.
FOR SALE	HP OfficeJet T45 All-in-One Color Printer (Printing, Faxing, Scanning, Copying). Minimum system requirements: Windows 95 or later, 32MB RAM, CD-ROM drive, 115 MB available hard disk space. Includes standard parallel printer cable, software, three (3) BRAND NEW Black Ink Cartridges and two (2) BRAND NEW Color Ink Cartridges. \$45 for everything. Please call 703-321-3150.
WANTED	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.

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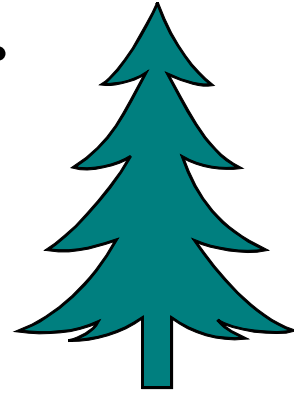
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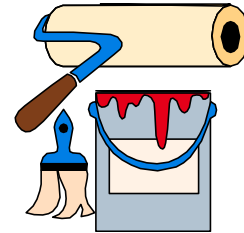
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