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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Neighbors,

At the end of January the state and county will hold one of a planned series of meetings to discuss the proposed widening of the beltway with HOT lanes. I strongly encourage residents to attend and voice your concerns, questions or support. It is unclear at this point if this project will encourage safe pedestrian and bike access. Originally this project was presented as costing the taxpayers nothing. The numbers being presented now estimate we will pay about \$500 million and the private developer will pay \$1.5 billion. In addition, parts of Braddock Road will likely be expanded or re-configured-- impacting our neighborhood or shopping center. There is no word yet if this proposed development has been designed to accommodate the long-delayed "purple line" of metro around the beltway. The county, state and contractor have been extremely quiet up till now with little public input. If you feel that a widened beltway that caters to single-occupant autos may not be the ideal solution for meeting our transportation needs and to solving gridlock, then I strongly suggest you attend these meetings to offer your voice.

We need a couple more Green Committee volunteers. If anyone is interested contact Hans Jansen or myself. Hope everyone has a nice January.

Brent Reynolds—President, RFCA
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Cell: (571) 214-9068



Ravensworth Farm Community Activities

- Deadline for Next **Farmer**
- Holiday Decorations Winners
- Community Clean Up
- Community Yard Sale

- **Wednesday, February 6th**
- Pg. 6
- Saturday, March 15, 2008, Pg. 5
- Saturday, May 3, 2008, Pg. 5

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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| Green Thumb Garden Club | Laura Asiello | 703-321-7840 |
| Golden Ravens | Martha Sargent | 703-321-9143 |

Association Calendar 2007 - 2008

| MONTH | BOARD MEETING | <i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE | FLYER DEADLINE | PRINT <i>Farmer</i> | DELIVERY | ASSOC. MEETING |
|----------|---------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|
| January | 2 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 26 | |
| February | 6 | 6 | 1 | 19 | 23 | |
| March | Feb. 27 | Feb. 27 | Feb. 29 | 10 | 15 | 27 |
| April | 2 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 19 | |
| May | Apr. 30 | Apr. 30 | 2 | 12 | 17 | 22 |

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

FEBRUARY FARMER DEADLINE

Due to a change in the printing deadline, all items for the next Farmer MUST be submitted to Kathleen Powers by 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, Feb. 6**. No late items can be accepted due to the tight schedule.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Briefing on the impact of the Capital Beltway HOT Lanes Project
January 30th at 7:30 pm—Braddock Elementary School Cafeteria,
7825 Heritage Drive, Springfield

Come and see how the HOT (High Occupancy Toll) lanes will impact the intersection of Braddock Road and the Beltway! Sharon Bulova invites all residents to attend. Representatives from the Fairfax County Office of Transportation, VDOT, Flour Enterprises and Transurban will brief residents and respond to questions.



CONCERNED ABOUT OLD CARS AND TRUCKS?

Here are the numbers to report commercial vehicles on residential streets or old vehicles on residential property:

Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas on street Police Department, 703-691-2131, TTY 711
Inoperative vehicles on residential property – five vehicles or less Police Department, 703-280-0716, TTY 711

GOOD SHEPHERD PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Since 1970, Good Shepherd Preschool has been offering a quality Kindergarten Readiness program to many neighborhood children. Registration for the 2008-2009 school year begins February 4, 2008. Children must turn 3 by September 30, 2008, 4 by September 30, 2008 or 5 by December 31, 2008 to register for our 3, 4 or 5 year old classes. For more information or to schedule a visit, please call 703.323.6120. Visit us at the church's website at www.good-shepherd.net.

CONCERNED ABOUT BOARDING HOUSES & OVERCROWDING?

Fairfax County is undertaking a countywide effort to crack down on illegal boarding houses by using Enhanced Code Enforcement Strike Teams.

These teams bring together 15 different county agencies to include zoning, building, fire and health code inspectors. Police officers, sheriff's deputies, attorneys, and others also support the teams.



What exactly do these teams do?

Their mission is to shut down illegal boarding houses across the county. The teams also take legal action against these illegal boarding houses and their landlords.

Why is overcrowding a problem?

Illegal boarding houses are more than a neighborhood nuisance. Too many people living in one house can lead to:

- Dangerous living conditions
- Reduced quality of life
- Financial exploitation

The people who run illegal boarding houses are making money from breaking the law. For the tenants, the result is unsafe housing. These houses may not have enough exits in case of a fire. For neighbors, the result is a reduced quality of life. There can be problems with litter, public urination and too many parked cars.

Why were the teams created?

Fairfax County has always taken action against illegal boarding houses. But the teams were created to better enforce zoning, building and safety codes.

Can I report a suspected illegal boarding house?

Yes. The teams operate based on complaints. Make a complaint and the teams will investigate. Here's how:

Go to this web site: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/striketeam/>. Scroll down the page to "Report Overcrowding." Then click on "Make a Complaint." Be sure to pick "Too Many Families/Too Many People in Home" when making the complaint. Submit the complaint online.

Thanks to Ellen Eggerton for providing this information for us!

Source: Fairfax County's Website

HAVE YOU HAD YOUR ENERGY REVIEW YET?

Reminder: for the low cost of \$35, the Green Service Center will conduct an extensive review of your house and help you conserve energy AND save money on those heating and utility bills! Contact resident Hans Jansen on Inverchapel Road at 703-321-4919. For more detailed information, see the article that ran in last month's Farmer. Back issues of the Farmer can be read online at <http://www.ravensworthfarm.org>.

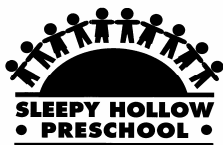
GARDEN CLUB

The garden club began the New Year with a luncheon at the home of President, Laura Asiello. Next month will feature an interesting program on romantic, informal and alfresco breakfast table settings. For information concerning membership or exact meeting dates & times, call Laura Asiello at 703-321-7840.

GOLDEN RAVENS

The Golden Ravens are eating out this month! Join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, January 23 at Angie's Restaurant, 9569 Braddock Road in the Twinbrook Shopping Center and west of Ravensworth on Braddock Road. For directions or to carpool, meet in the parking area of the Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Road between 11:00 and 11:15 a.m. Lunch count will be by phone the day before. Questions? Call Dick or Martha Sargent at 321-9143 or Ruth Miller at 321-7477. Enjoy life!

SLEEPY HOLLOW PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE



Sleepy Hollow Preschool, 7610 Newcastle Drive, Annandale, will host open houses on Wednesday, January 23rd and Thursday, January 24th, 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 or call 703-941-9791 for more information.

GREAT PARKS, GREAT COMMUNITIES

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks.htm

The Fairfax County Park Authority is developing a long-range guide for future planning and development of the Fairfax County Park system. The Park Authority will seek input from park users and community residents about park use, needs and growth. Each district will have a public meeting to engage in this process. Please join Braddock District's meeting on **Tuesday, February 19 at 7:00 pm at Kings Park Library.**

RAVENSWORTH'S TWENTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008, 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 15th, 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.

OUR 29TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE IS RETURNING!

The 29th Annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 3, 2008. 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 DECORATIONS JUDGING



Best Religious: 5215 Queensberry Avenue
 Best Garden: 5664 Ravenel Lane
 Best Overall: 5633 Inverchapel Road
 Kids Choice: 5601 Ravenel Lane

Honorable Mentions: 5203 Queensberry, 8125 Bullock, 5320, 5421, 5514, 5211 Inverchapel, 5231, 5222 Landgrave, 5615, 5616 Rathbone, 5664, 5665 Ravenel, 7918 Gosport, 5315, 8129 Carrick, 8015 Ellet, 7908, 7912 Foote Lane, and 5315, 5404 Moultrie.

Other honorable mentions: Dwight Flynn's house for best LED as well as Raji and Tessa Aberle for coolest "cutout" religious idea.

Thanks to everyone who put up such nice displays. Next year --what does everyone think about voting for best decorations on our website?

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Galen & Bianca Banghart
 5325 Ringold Place

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

HOSPITALITY

Deaths:

We extend our sympathy to the family of:

- ♥ Wallace Watson, Queensberry
- ♥ Bernard Englander, Bullock

Hospitalizations:

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

- ♥ Marge Hamilton, Gosport
- ♥ Barbara Edersole, Gosport



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| FOR SALE | For Sale: two blue leather sofas for \$200 each--or both for \$300. 5634 Inverchapel Road. Phone: 703-321-7102. |
| 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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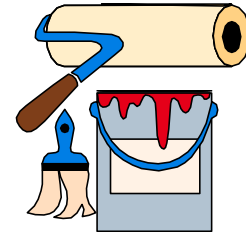
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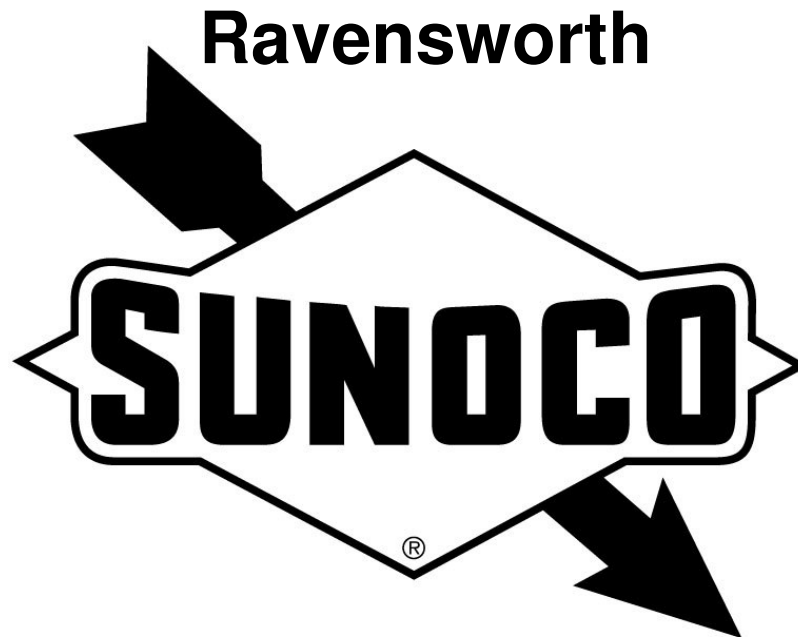
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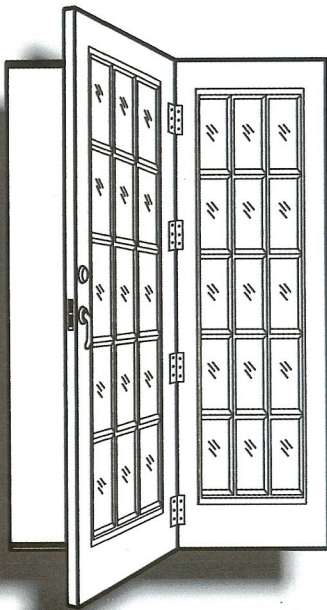
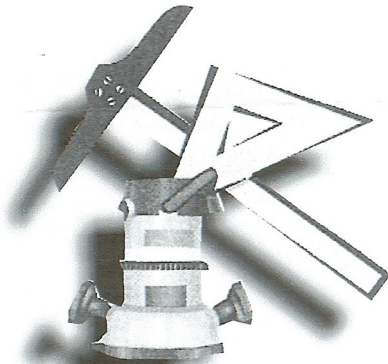
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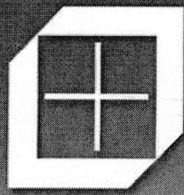
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