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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Folks,

We have an interesting year coming up and have some funding available-- but are lacking in volunteers. If you have any great ideas, please see the article by our webmaster: Susan Deyampert, and let me know what you would like our community to do. Expect to see some clearing along Braddock Road soon and some serious efforts at beautifying some of the median strips and areas along the side of the road; all the way to Rt. 123. Many of these efforts are thanks to the hard work of Martin Shepherd and other board members and volunteers in raising and allocating funding for these programs. A lot of behind the scenes coordination with county, state, Supervisor Sharon Bulova's office, and the shopping center and other merchants occurred to accomplish this. If anyone is interested in becoming our Shopping Center Liaison, we need a volunteer for that position. It requires meeting with the management every few months to discuss issues, solutions, and coordination of efforts.

With the tragic death of Kelly Karlinchak in December, many in our community have been active in helping the Karlinchak family begin to work through this difficult time. For all of those who so kindly stepped forward and helped the family and close friends, thank you. Kelly was a very well-liked first grader at Ravensworth Farm Elementary School. Many of our older residents will remember the Quackenbush family. Kelly's mom; Donna, was a Quackenbush and again lives in our community. In memory of this bright little star, the RFCA Board has decided to purchase and donate a "Smart Board" on wheels for the school to educate the kids and to remember one of our favorite swimmers and tomboy. Please feel free to let the community know if anything else can be done. We are going to have our next general membership meeting March 27th and ask everyone to attend. We will review our budget year to date and discuss upcoming projects so your input is important. *(con't pg. 3)*

**Ravensworth Farm Community Activities**

- Call for Neighborhood Activities!!
- Community Clean Up
- **Next Community Civic Association Meeting**

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- **Thursday, March 27, 2008**

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	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
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.**

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One new program we have is called "Granny-on-line". This pilot program is aimed at 70-plus year olds who want some IT help getting on-line, emailing, and sending or receiving photos. The goal is to promote connectivity with kids, grandkids, friends, etc. If you have issues with any of these areas and are 70 years or older and want a free hour of computer help, just call or email me or our computer tech: Theodore Kerekes III, mobile: 540-230-4756, email: eskimo-joe@vt.edu. Please let me know how this works since this is a new program and we simply want to help keep people in touch; especially our single senior neighbors.

If anyone is interested in chairing the "Safe Routes to School" program, we would like to get that program organized and moving. It is simply designed to get parents and kids out of cars and to walk or bike to school. If you are driving from a short distance, please reconsider and think about the exercise everyone can get with a brief daily walk, the fine role modeling for younger minds, and the extra ice cream you can eat if you walk regularly.

Brent Reynolds—President, RFCA  
 Email: prez@ravensworthfarm.org  
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### **GOLDEN RAVENS**

The Golden Ravens are in for a pleasant surprise! We will be meeting this month at Mary and Tom Lytle's house on Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate Mary's birthday. Meet at their house: 5319 Landgrave. Please bring a bag lunch—and any friends who would like to join in the celebration. Have questions or need a ride? Call Dick or Martha Sargent at 321-9143 or Ruth Miller at 321-7477. We're going to have a good time!

### **LEGACY OF THE CCC -- SATURDAY APRIL 5**

Come witness and learn about the legacy of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The 75th anniversary of the CCC will be celebrated with the unveiling of a historical marker at Lake Accotink Park Visitor Center on Saturday, April 5 at 2 pm, rain or shine. African American enrollees of the CCC camp at Fort Belvoir built fire trails in Fairfax County. One such trail crosses through present-day Lake Accotink Park. Music, refreshments, exhibits, and walking tours, make this event exciting for history buffs and all park visitors. Advance registration is helpful, but not mandatory. Phone 703-569-0285, for more information.

## **MUSKETS AND HARDTACK: CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY DAY AT LAKE ACCOTINK PARK**

Sunday April 27, 8 am – 7:30 pm for 18 years old and up, \$30 per person-703-569-0285

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## **WAKEFIELD CHORALE**

The Wakefield Chorale, a group who has shared a love for performing all kinds of music in a friendly atmosphere for 25 years, is looking for men and women for our 2007 fall and winter singing session.

All rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 pm in the choral room of Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, Virginia. (Please park between the back of the school and athletic fields and look for our sign at the back of the school.) Our first rehearsal is September 11th. No audition is required. Feel free to come at any time. For more information, please call Dale at 703/938-8044. Hope to have you join us!

## **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.

## **RECEIVE UP-TO-DATE NEWS ABOUT RAVENSWORTH FARM**

We've got a new website and a new way of communicating with all residents of Ravensworth Farm. Sign-up to receive up-to-date news about our neighborhood, last minute date changes and activity cancellations.

It's simple! All you have to do is go to [www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://www.ravensworthfarm.org) and sign-up with your Name and Email Address (in the blue box marked "Stay Informed"). Don't worry... your email address will not be shared or used to send spam. Also, you can leave at any time as there will be an unsubscribe link included in every email.

## **WE NEED ACTIVITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY!**

Got an idea for an activity? What about neighborhood leaf pickup? Interested in having a "Get to know your neighbors party?" What do you want? What do you need? The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Board has a **shortage of ideas and we need YOUR HELP!**

We are looking for ideas that meet the following criteria: (1) Brings out the neighbors, (2) Beautifies the community, (3) Improves the value or increases the value of our homes and (4) Has volunteers to implement the idea (from start to finish).

If you have a great idea that meets the above criteria, please go to [www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://www.ravensworthfarm.org), click "Feedback" and fill out the form. If you do not have internet access, please call any member of the RFCA Board on Pg. 2 or come to the next Civic Association Meeting on Thursday, March 27th and tell us about your idea!

## **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2008**

The twentieth (20th) 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 15** 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.

## **THE SPRINGFIELD CIVIC ASSOCIATION** **2008 BIZ FAIR—TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008**

In partnership with the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, the 2008 Business Fair will be held on **Tuesday, March 18th** from **7PM to 9PM** at Crestwood Elementary School. This is an excellent opportunity to meet local businesses and learn more about their products and services. There will be **FREE RAFFLES** all night and **FREE CHILDCARE**. For more information or to sign up as an exhibitor, please see the flyer at [www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://www.ravensworthfarm.org)—check the listing under **Calendars & Activities**.

## GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club always welcomes new members. If interested, call Laura Asiello at 703-321-7840. The **March 5th** meeting will feature a speaker on aromatherapy. **March Gardening Tips:** Trim hedges and unshapely shrubs after temperature consistently reaches 40 degrees or above, Fertilize lawns and start pre-emergent weed controls, Prune roses, Don't prune azaleas, rhododendrons or other spring blooming shrubs until after they have bloomed.

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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:

- ♥ Joseph Muzyka Sr. who died Nov 6, 2007 in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was President of the Civic Association from 1987- 1989.
- ♥ Kelly Karlinchak, Moultrie Road, please see website: [www.kellykarlinchak.org](http://www.kellykarlinchak.org)
- ♥ Gary Henry, Moultrie Road

### Hospitalizations:

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to:

- ♥ Marge Hamilton, Gosport Lane - November



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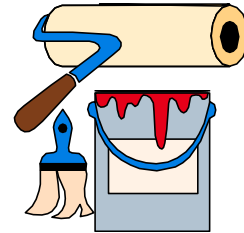


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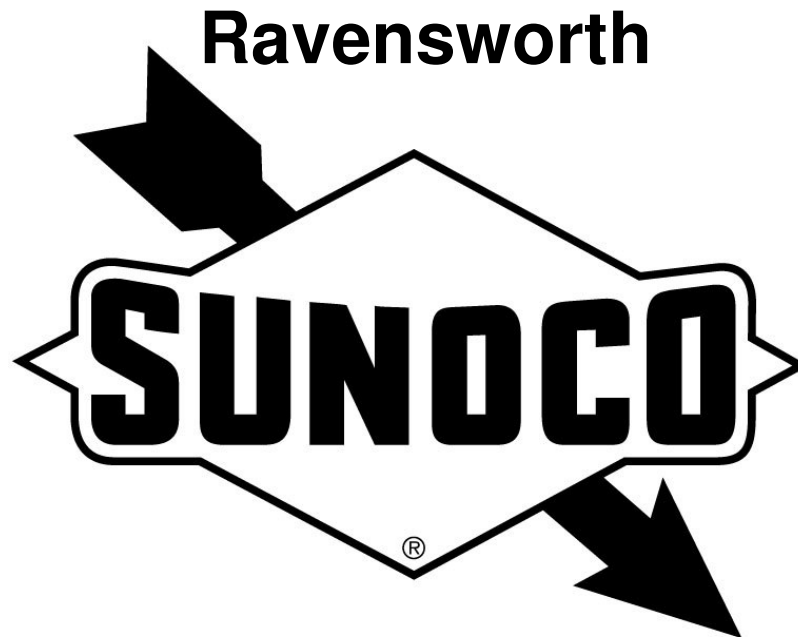
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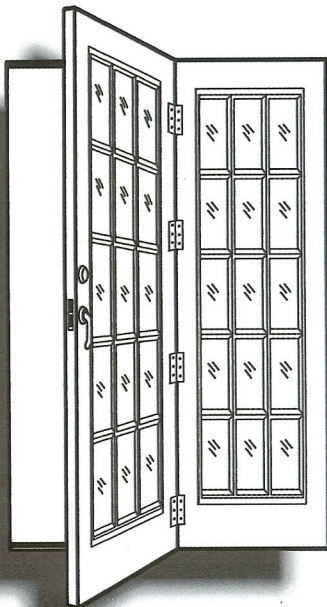
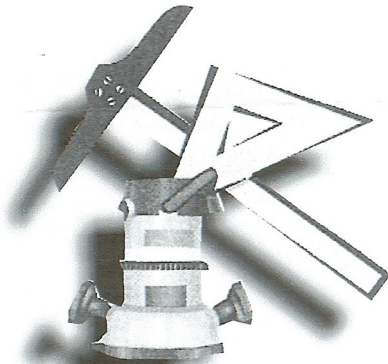
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