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## The Ravensworth Farmer

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Farmers,

First, I want to thank all the members who came out to our last Board meeting. I believe it was the largest Board meeting during my years as President. I want to again encourage all those attending to contact me or one of our committee members to volunteer to help our community move forward. By attending this meeting you showed your interest in being more involved. So please help us implement the community vision which was approved by the general membership one year ago. We have funds to implement many of those projects but simply lack volunteers. Please show your continued commitment to our great neighborhood by volunteering soon and helping us out. It will be greatly appreciated.

Remember, if you are seventy years old or more, you can contact our granny-on-line program for one hour of free computer help—this includes help with online connectivity, email, and photo sharing. The idea is simply to help our neighborhood grandparents and seniors keep in touch with family and kids/grandkids. Just send me an email or call.

In an effort to reach out to more neighbors, I would like to encourage everyone to say hello to their neighbors and try to meet a new neighbor each month. If

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## Ravensworth Farm Community Halloween Party & Parade

Sunday, October 19th, 1PM—3PM Ravensworth Farm Swimming Pool Parking Lot

The Parade will begin at 1:30PM

Games • Deejay • Cupcake Walk

Rain Date: Sunday, Oct. 26, 1PM-3PM



#### **Community Activities**

\*\*RFCA Membership Meeting\*\*
Thursday, October 23, 2008
7:30PM, Ravensworth ES Cafeteria

**Topic: Flooding, Fencing & Other Concerns** 

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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## Association Calendar 2008 - 2009

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	Farmer DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT Farmer	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
October	1	1	3	9	18	23
November	5	5	7	14	22	
December	3	3	5	12	20	
January	7	7	9	16	31	
February	4	4	6	13	21	
March	4	4	6	13	21	26
April	1	1	2	17	25	
May	Apr. 29	Apr. 29	1	8	16	28

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

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we expand our circle of friends and start to include new neighbors, we'll make our community a better, safer, and cleaner place to live. Through each individual effort we can increase community activity. Consider having impromptu block parties or other activities which bring everyone together.

If anyone is interested in organizing a community challenge on our website to lose weight, eat healthier, and exercise more while posting photos, blogs, tips, etc please contact me. Maybe we can all lose weight and help save money on gas! Ideally this effort will have a sense of humor and some seriousness to it. We could post a community goal of losing 10,000 pounds.

With the elections coming up, I would like to encourage all of us to register and vote and to encourage your neighbors to register and vote. Ravensworth proudly has one of the consistently best voter turnouts in the county. And without doubt, we have the best poll workers at our voting station at Ravensworth Elementary School.

Finally, please read the kind offer from David Chadwick. What a good neighborhood we live in with good people...

"Brent, I know this is early but before I forget I'd like to offer a ride to any Farmer to cast their ballot in November. I will be home that day, and if anyone needs a lift to and from their home in Ravensworth to vote at the school, all they need do is call me on Monday or on Election Day at (703) 321-7108. This offer is only for the Presidential '08 election. Thanks." -- David Chadwick Landgrave Lane

Sincerely,

Brent Reynolds, President Ravensworth Farm Civic Association prez@ravensworthfarm.org, 1.571.214.9068

## NEIGHBORS IN THE NEWS

Did you read John Kelley's column in the Washington Post about two local women who want to pilot a project to preserve local graveyards? One of the women featured was Ravensworth resident, Mary Lipsey. If you missed it, here's the link:

http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/09/28/AR2008092802283.html

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - FLOODING, FENCING & OTHER CONCERNS

The RFCA will have its regular meeting on **Thursday, October 23rd** in the Ravensworth Farm Cafeteria at 7:30 pm. (Note: this is a location change.) Join us to see dramatic pictures of the recent flooding in and around our neighborhood. After the slide show, we will discuss some simple things we can do at our homes to prevent flooding and to reduce run off to the lake.

The business portion of the meeting will include an open discussion of community improvement options and where to spend our money. See the article on ideas for the October 23rd meeting.

Fencing compliance to the neighborhood covenants will also be an open discussion presented to the membership.

Bring any flooding and fencing pictures you want to share. If you email Ellen Eggerton at **usborne@gmail.com** then she can share fence pictures on the overhead.

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMING!

The RFCA has about \$40,000 to spend on capital projects to benefit the neighborhood. That's after setting aside one year's budget – \$12,000 – for contingencies. What we need are ideas and volunteers to turn those ideas into concrete proposals that can be built. Here's the plan.

- 1. **Propose some ideas**. Do you have an idea for a capital improvement for the neighborhood? Bring it to the October 23rd membership meeting, along with a price range.
- 2. **Get membership approval of the concept**. We'll put all the ideas on the table and see which ones the membership supports, conceptually. This isn't approval to spend money. It's a chance to find out before you put a lot of time into it that that your idea to plant palm trees along Queensberry for \$20,000 probably isn't going to win community approval.
- 3. **Get volunteers**. Be a volunteer. Someone has to turn your idea into a concrete proposal. No one will do that for you. If you're excited about something, volunteer to make it happen. Or get some other people excited.
- 4. **Make a concrete proposal, with alternatives**. I want to plant palm trees all along Queensberry from Braddock to Hatteras. Royal palms like in this picture. Fifty of them. Both sides of the street. We can get 20-foot trees for \$30,000 or saplings for \$10,000. I have quotes in hand. Maintenance will be \$500/year starting in 2010.
- 5. **Put it in the Farmer**. Put your concrete proposal in the Farmer prior to the membership meeting at which you will present your proposal. Talk it up! Generate enthusiasm! The more people that know about it, the better.
- 6. **Pitch the membership**. At the next membership meeting, present your concrete proposal.
- 7. **The membership will authorize the expenditure or not**. Expenditures over \$2,000 will be approved by the membership, not by the Board. Possibly, the membership will ask you to price an alternative and come back at the next meeting.

## IDEAS LOOKING FOR CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL AT THE OCTOBER 23RD MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

Here are some ideas (see step #1) that will be on the table at the October 23rd meeting (see step #2). Other ideas are very welcome. This first list is from Brent Reynolds.

- 1. Queensberry to creek beautify behind Adair homes: \$10K. Give the neighborhood a pleasing face along Braddock Road between Queensberry and Accotink Creek.
- 2. Queensberry to shopping center pedestrian safety improvements.
- 3. Queensberry to shopping center beautify. \$5K
- 4. Benches for the Metrobus stops on Braddock and in the neighborhood \$10K
- 5. Green light bulbs conversion program: \$5K
- 6. Air/water testing. First year: \$5K. Find out how bad our and lake are so that we can lobby the county for improvements.
- 7. Dog park in Accotink Park: \$5K
- 8. Pedestrian cut-through to the shopping center from Queensberry: \$5K. Would require easements from homeowners on Queensberry and the shopping center.
- 9. Solar uplights under trees at our entry signs and Braddock: \$5K

The following capital projects came from our membership meeting of March 28, 2007 and listed in priority order as assigned that night.

- 10. Entrance beautification. This was the #1 priority. Katherine Craig has been working on this. The Board approved it earlier in the month and planting has begun.
- 11. A robust Kiddie park.
- 12. Storm drain maintenance.
- 1. Update/upgrade the pool
- 2. Bike lanes in the park and on Queensberry
- 3. Preserve and replant trees
- 4. Better street lighting
- 5. Bus stop shelters (similar to 3 above)

- 6. Pedestrian cut-through to the shopping center (same as 7 above)
- 7. Beautify the elementary school.
- 8. Dog park
- 9. Pedestrian cross-walks
- 10. Move the utilities underground
- 11. Traffic light at Inverchapel & Braddock.

## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SAVE ON GAS?



Everyone is concerned about the high cost of gasoline and oil. Check out this great article called,"Making Do without the Minivan" by Jennifer Perrow in the August 2008 Newsweek Magazine; My Turn at this address: http://www.newsweek.com/id/151739/page/1

## SPOT A GOOD NEIGHBOR LATELY?

While walking through the neighborhood, Miffie Clem carries a plastic bag and picks up litter she finds along the way. She gets her exercise and makes our streets looks nicer, too. Thanks for making Ravensworth Farm a better place, Miffie! Have YOU spotted a good neighbor lately? If so, email: **Kathleen@ravensworthfarm.org** 



## GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club meets at 9:30 on the first Wednesday of every month. The November meeting will take place at the church in our neighborhood, Community of Christ Church. The topic will be Fall and Winter Gardening. We always welcome new members!

Save the date! On December 3rd the District 2 Garden Clubs will be touring Winterthur and Longwood Gardens. Please call Laura Asciello with questions - 703-321-7840

#### Results of the Garden of the Season judging:

1st Place: 8101 Carrick Lane 2nd Place: 5616 Rathbone Place 3rd Place: 5500 Ravenel Lane

#### **Honorable Mention**:

8133 Drayton 7910 Ellet 5604 Inverchapel 5235 Queensberry 5309 Oldcastle 8124 Carrick 7916 Slidell 8102 Bullock

5228 Queensberry

The Garden Club is making a donation to the Ronald MacDonald House in honor of the above listed winners of the Garden of the Season.

## LUNCH & LEARN WITH THE GOLDEN RAVENS - PUBLIC INVITED!

Have you ever wondered what is going on with all the Beltway construction? Do you know what is happening to the bridge over Braddock Road? Join the Golden Ravens this month to find out! We will travel to the VDOT (Virginia Department of Transportation) Information Center in the Springfield Mall to see their exhibits, maps, photos, diagrams and booklets. As a special treat, we will hear a short talk about Springfield's early history. Invite everyone who is interested.

Date: Wednesday, October 22
Time: Meet at 10:50; leave at 11:10
Place: Community of Christ Church

We will carpool to the VDOT Center at Springfield Mall, [lower level near Target and the DMV office].

Afterwards, join us for lunch at the Silver Diner on Franconia Road, just outside the Mall. If you plan to eat lunch with us, please let Ruth Miller know by Oct. 31st. She can be reached at 703-321-7477.

For rides or additional information, please call Dick & Martha Sargent at 703-321-9143. (Maps will be furnished.)

## WAKEFIELD SENIOR CENTERS WELCOMES HISPANIC SENIORS

Wakefield Senior Center welcomes Hispanic Seniors (55+ years old). Our center offers recreational activities, trips, hot lunches and transportation. Please call for more information to 703-321-3000.

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Please RSVP to Erin Coelho or Anita Aberle at:

Erin's Phone: 703-321-4878 Anita's Phone: 703-321-3379

Erin's E-Mail: compositea@verizon.net Anita's E-Mail: aaakindermusik@cox.net

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS AND TAKE A BREAK TOO!

#### HOSPITALITY

We extend our sympathy to the family of: William (Bill) Crofford who died this month. He lived on Oldcastle Lane.

## ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINES

For the November 4, 2008 General Election:

Absentee by mail/fax October 28 Absentee in person November 1

For more information and locations for in person absentee voting, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb

#### GENERAL ELECTION

General Election November 4, 2008 POLLS OPEN 6:00 am to 7:00 pm



## FAIRFAX MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Fairfax County is in critical need for volunteers in the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps. The all-volunteer MRC is designed to augment the capacity of the public health system to respond to large scale events related to bioterrorism or natural, widespread epidemics. During a public health emergency, MRC volunteers would staff dispensing sites where vaccination or medication would be provided to county residents, usually at a local high school. To accomplish this, 54 teams of 232 people per team are needed. No medical background necessary. Those wishing to volunteer may register online at http://www.fairfaxmrc.org/ or by calling 703/246-2433.

## FROM THE RAVENSWORTH GREEN COMMITTEE:

## VIRGINIA CAN REDUCE ELECTRICITY NEEDS BY 20 PERCENT THROUGH ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SAYS RECENT ACEEE REPORT

Richmond, Va. (Sept. 19, 2008): The report, entitled Energizing Virginia: Efficiency First, concludes that the Commonwealth can meet close to 20 percent of its electricity needs by 2025 through energy efficiency, a strategy that also would cut Virginians' utilities bills by \$15 billion by 2025 and create nearly 10,000 new jobs -- the equivalent of bringing almost 100 new manufacturing facilities to the state. And by reducing electricity use, Virginia can play its part in reducing global warming and contributing to a more sustainable environment.

The findings, which include 11 recommendations for Virginia's policymakers, were presented by Dr. R. Neal Elliott, associate director for research at ACEEE, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency as a means of promoting economic prosperity, energy security and environmental protection. Prior to issuing the report ACEEE had ranked Virginia 38th out of 50 states in employing energy-efficiency programs and technologies. Virginia is the latest in a series of states to receive ACEEE's analysis.

Our focus on Virginia was predicated on two factors, First, the Commonwealth can realistically achieve significant savings -- reducing electricity use by almost one-fifth by the time today's newborns reach college -- by making a commitment to energy efficiency. And second, Virginia's political climate is ripe for taking the action necessary to make real and lasting change. Given Gov. Kaine's leadership, the state's reputation as exceedingly well-managed, and a bipartisan commitment from state legislators, we are optimistic that Virginia can become an exemplary state in the area of energy efficiency.

#### **Key Findings of the report:**

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On a sector-by-sector basis, the report concluded that by 2025, Virginia can achieve more than 20 percent reductions in electricity consumption in the following ways:

- In commercial buildings, replace incandescent lamps, enhance fluorescent lighting and employ lighting control measures as well as installing new HVAC systems.
- In residential housing, utilize more efficient heating and air conditioning systems, improve insulation and windows, and make improvements in residential lighting by using CFL and LED lamps.
- In industrial facilities, employ more efficient electric motors and pumps, improving duct and pipe insulation.

The report confirms that energy efficiency has the potential to reduce consumer electricity bills by bringing down overall consumption. And at one-third the cost of new conventional energy supply, energy efficiency has the added benefit of moderating future electricity price increases. According to the study, the recommended policies can cut customer electricity bills in Virginia by a net \$15 billion by 2025.

#### **Policy Recommendations of the report:**

The report provides 11 specific recommendations where policymakers can begin creating a more favorable environment toward energy-efficiency programs. The study also suggests that Virginia can lead by example by improving the efficiency of its own state and local government facilities; integrating efficiency into new buildings in Virginia by revising energy building codes that could reduce energy use by 30 percent; and undertaking an assistance program that helps low-income households adopt energy efficient practices, such as home weatherization programs.

#### Your action with the Ravensworth Green Committee:

Take your energy audit from the Ravensworth Green Service Center. Call 703-321-4919 now for an appointment for a short energy audit, and get on the way to your savings on power and gas bills.

Ravensworth GSC, T. Hans Jansen, Coach for Energy Efficiency Programs, 703-321-4919

**Total Expenses** 

#### 2009 RFCA ANNUAL BUDGET PROJECTIONS Reporting Period from Sep 1 - Aug 31 07 Actual 08 Actual 09 Proposal Revenues 6,656.00 6,033.00 5,500.00 Membership \$ \$ \$ Advertising - Directory 2.500.00 3.560.50 1,296.00 \$ \$ \$ Advertising - Farmer 3,382.21 4,074.00 4,000.00 \$ Withdrawel - General Account 2,300.00 1,303.00 Capital Gains 13,598.71 13,703.00 13,303.00 **Total Revenues Recurring Expenses** 3,208.10 Farmer 2 574 70 3,362 Printing \$ 1,512 Distribution \$ 1,350 Typing and Formatting \$ 500 Directory 2,664.00 2,829.60 3,026 Advertising Costs 100 Printing \$ 2,826 Block Captain/Distribution \$ 100 Hospitality 291.05 \$ 305.90 500 New Neighbor Welcome \$ 200 Get Well/Hospitalizations \$ 200 Funeral Tributes \$ 100 Braddock Road Maintenance \$ 773.33 2,100.00 1,900 \$ Braddock Median 500 Entrance Area \$ 700 Ravenswork Braddock Curb Area 700 Community Services & Events 3,201.51 \$ 1,401.32 3,525 172.75 Annandale H.S. Theater Event \$ \$ \$ International Festival \$ 700 Halloween Party \$ \$ 700 Holiday Hay Ride \$ 825.00 \$ 825 **Eagle Scout Projects** \$ 403.57 \$ 500 Ravensworth Elementary \$ \$ 500 Springfield Day \$ \$ 300 Administrative Expenses 238.85 \$ 195.15 300 (Postage, Supplies, Reports & Filings, Printing, Meeting Fees) Website 70.35 83.35 \$ \$ \$ 90 Annandale Fire Department \$ 500.00 \$ 500.00 Cultural Committee 200 \$ Green Committee \$ 228.21 \$ 250 Miscellaneous 66.24 \$ \$ 166.40 \$ 150 **Total Operating Expense** 10,380 \$ 11,018 \$ 13,303 Non Recurring/Capital Improvements Entrance Upgrade 5500 Unplanned - Springfield Day \$ 300.00 Unplanned - Ravensworth E.S. Smart Board \$ 1,554.00 2,950.00 Unplanned - Braddock Road Landscaping \$ 4,804.00 **Total Capital Expenses** \$ \$ 5,500 \$

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10,380

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18,803

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Allan & Michelle Robertson 5507 Sedgwick La.

Sara Endecott & Family 8107 Bullock La.

David & Ana Levin 8111 Bullock La. Lee Heonsik & Kim Oakson 8116 Bullock La.

Chris & Christine Mauro 5649 Inverchapel Rd.

Vikram Shrivastava & Anita Bhatnagar & Family 5533 Queensberry Ave.

Lan Nguyen & Family 8105 Adair Lane

Ken & Claire McCracken & Family 5414 Moultrie Road

Ken Jones & Dorothy Boothby 5617 Sedgwick Lane

Robert & Nhat-Flang Duong 5303 Ravenel Lane

Jeff & Vicki Stack 7908 Slidell Lane

Robert & Amy Mannion 7909 Gosport Lane

When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please give Miffie Clem a call at 703-321-7875.



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CARPOOLERS WANTED	I am looking to form a carpool to the Government Center building complex. I work in the Herrity building 7:30 to 4 but can shift my day 30 minutes later. I would like to share the driving. We can arrange for any number of days a week. I may have to pick up kids one day a week for after school activities. Please call me at 703-321-4948 or 703-324-1861 at work.
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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## Breakfast

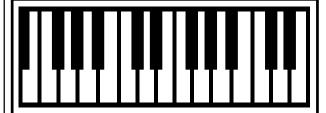
- Pancakes
- Waffles
- Omelets
- French Toast
- Burritos

## **Lunch**

- Subs
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- Salads
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