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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Farmers,

I hope everyone survived the Happy Happy Holidays. I'm certain this will be an interesting and exciting year. Here are some ideas for resolutions for 2009: It might be a good thing to start being more frugal, sharing what we have, eating less, walking more and driving less. Think about turning down the heat to 68 degrees or so and turning the AC up to 75 degrees in the summer. Are you trying to go on a diet? Challenge your friends to join you. While you lose weight you can also save money, become healthier, and lessen your overall health care costs. Remember to check on your neighbors regularly to make sure everyone is okay. Does everyone still have a job, food, medical care? Those are the big issues. If you are over 70, call me to arrange an internet tutorial--especially if you are alone now. We want everyone in the neighborhood to be connected to their relatives. We will help you learn to email, send and receive photos, and manage simple computer and internet tasks. What did someone once say "a busy mind is a happy mind"? Don't hesitate to help maintain someone's yard if they cannot or if the property is foreclosed. We can keep this neighborhood looking better and improving --even if the economy isn't--but we have to do it together.

Brent Reynolds
President, Ravensworth Farm Civic Association
cell 571-214-9068



**Community & Local Activities
Save These Dates!**

VOTE! ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, March 14, 2009

ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, May 2, 2009

SPRINGFIELD DAYS

May 28—31, 2009

Holiday Decorations Judging, Pg. 4

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New Neighbor Committee, 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.

RAVENSWORTH FARM CIVIC ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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| | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
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| Korean | Monica Kim | 703-321-0338 |
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| PTA President, Ravensworth Elementary | Dave Diaz | DiazFD@hotmail.com |
| Green Thumb Garden Club | Laura Asiello | 703-321-7840 |
| Golden Ravens | Martha Sargent | 703-321-9143 |

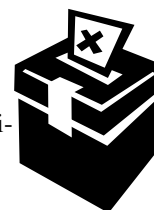
Association Calendar 2008 - 2009

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

REMEMBER TO VOTE! ELECTION DAY FEBRUARY 3

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, February 3rd at the school. This important election will decide our new Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D), and Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R) will both be on the ballot along with the Independent Green Party candidate, Gary Campbell.



IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT FIREWOOD

Fairfax County residents should not take any firewood outside the county or nearby areas or they may face state and federal fines. State and federal quarantines for the emerald ash borer ban the transport of firewood to prevent the spread of this insect.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Have YOU registered your email address with the Civic Association? To stay informed about community issues (like the HOT lanes) or to receive timely, important safety information, please register your email address at: <http://www.ravensworthfarm.org>

CHANGES TO FISCHER'S HARDWARE STORE

The Ravensworth Community would like to say goodbye and good luck to David and Wanda Fischer of Fischer's Hardware Store. Incorporated in 1961, Fischer's Hardware has served the Springfield community for over 50 years. Effective January 1st, Fisher's will now have new owners, Roy and Patty Ewers of Virginia Tools and Home Hardware. The name will remain the same.

WAKEFIELD'S SENIOR CENTER REACHES OUT TO SPANISH SENIORS

Wakefield's senior center is reaching out to people who speak Spanish and are 55+. The center provides hot lunches and transportation; please call us to 703-321-3000.

El centro de Wakefield esta buscando personas que hablen Espanol y sean mayores de 55+anos. El centro provee almuerzo caliente y transportation, por favor llamar al 703-321-3000

IMPORTANT REMINDER

All 855 homes in Ravensworth Farm are zoned as Single Family Dwellings. A Special County Permit is required for a second kitchen.

Todas las 855 casas en Ravensworth Farm estan distribuidas en la zona como Viviendas de 1 familia. Es necesario un Permiso Especial del Condado para una segunda cocina.

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Winners:

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Overall | 5235 Queensberry |
| Religious | 7912 Foote Lane |
| Door | 8007 Gosport Lane |
| Kids Choice | 5421 Inverchapel |



Special Award: "Most Inspirational" to the Pool in remembrance of Kelly Karlinchak

Honorable Mention: 5633 Inverchapel

RAVENSWORTH'S TWENTIETH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY **SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009, 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 14th, from 8:00 - 11:45 a.m., for collecting items that are not accepted by private contractors at curbside.

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

Items NOT accepted: Hazardous waste (paint, oil, etc.), brush, newspapers, tires, glass, styrofoam, sheetrock, stones, and crushed rock.

OUR 30TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE IS RETURNING!

The 30th Annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2009. So start saving those items you want to dispose of as you clean out closets and attics.

CALLING ALL RAVENS (THE GOLDEN TYPE)

On Wednesday, January 28, we will be having lunch at the Green Springs Retirement Community. This will be the perfect time to meet with former Ravensworth Farm residents who now live there. The charge is \$9.50 for an excellent lunch; and please give us a lunch count soon. Join us at the Community of Christ Church (5610 Inverchapel Road) at 11:10 to 11:30. For directions, transportation, or questions, call Dick & Martha Sargent at 703-321-9143 or Ruth Miller at 703-321-7477.

GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club will meet at 9:30am on February 4th at the home of Nancy Jarvie. The program will include a slideshow of edible flowers – YUM! We'd love to have you join us; we always welcome new members. Call Laura Asciiello with questions. 703-321-7840

FABULOUS FRIDAYS LADIES' GROUP—"FOOD, FRIENDS, AND FUN!"

Join us on Friday, February 6, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at: 5601 Ravenel Lane, Springfield, VA 22151

(It's OK to come late or leave early ...we are very relaxed.) There will be kid's activities too, so feel free to bring the little ones. 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!

HELP US WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

We are looking for a new chairman for the New Neighbor Committee, a committee whose job it is to bring smiles of appreciation from new residents. Gloria Brissman will be glad to discuss what's involved. If interested, please call her at 703-321-7871.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Lee Vu Huy, Tam Vu Huy, Vinh Nguyen
5312 Inverchapel Road

Son Duong & Mia Nguyen
5214 Queensberry Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Rutland-Brown
5642 Ravenel Lane

Chi Phan & Yen Nguyen & Family
5302 Pillow Lane

When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please give Gloria Brissman (703-321-7871) or Miffie Clem (703-321-7875) a call.



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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| CHILD CARE | Available to do child care weekends, some weekday evenings. I am the crossing guard at Ravensworth Elementary School. Call Mrs. Jeffries at 703-321-3035. |
| CARPOOLERS WANTED | Looking for a carpool for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to the Herrity building at the government center. My hours are flexible and can start anytime between 7:30 and 8 a.m. I can drive or share the driving. Call Ellen at work 703-324-1861 or home 703-321-4948. |
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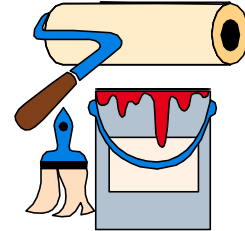


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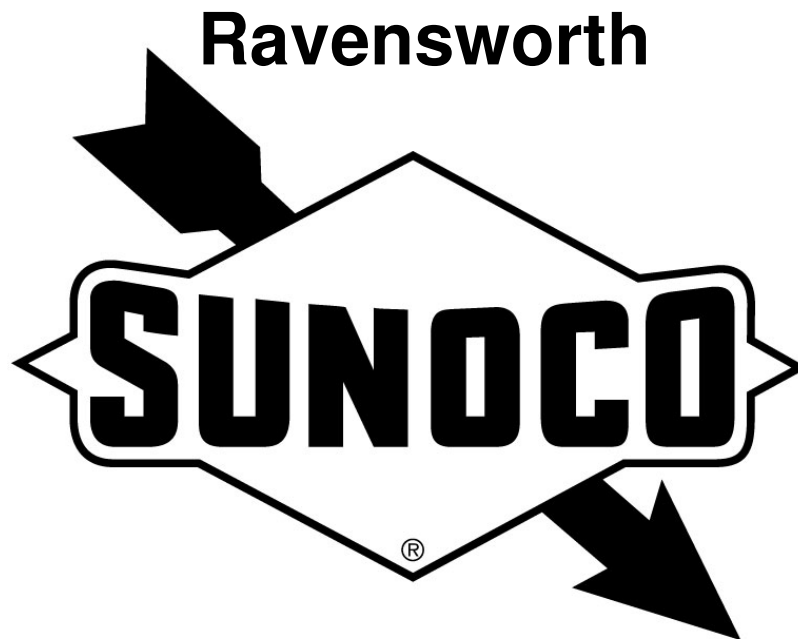
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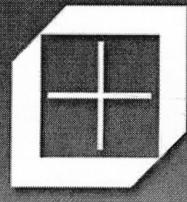
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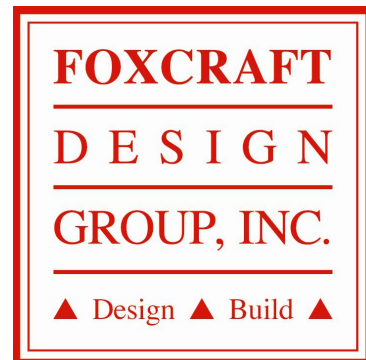


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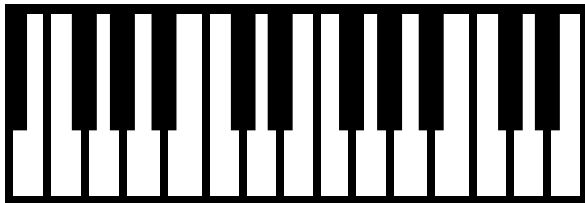
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