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**FROM RFCA PRESIDENT,
STEVE PRICE**

I wish to thank everyone for your warm wishes for my upcoming tenure as President of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. Please join me in thanking the outgoing President, Brent Reynolds, for his years of committed service to the Association. It is a difficult task to balance work and home obligations with a desire to make a positive difference in our neighborhood. Brent certainly accomplished that, and we thank him and offer him our best wishes.

Over the past several months, the Civic Association held some very lively meetings. While some of the topics were contentious, my view is that the only thing worse than a contentious meeting is one where nobody shows up, nobody cares and nothing is accomplished. It is clear that we continue to have a very interested and involved Association. We care about the issues common to our community. We are concerned about safety, our park, our school, our pool, the environment, our neighbors, the appearance of our homes and yards, the impact of county transportation projects, the support of organizations that serve our children, and many other issues that impact our daily lives as residents of such a wonderful community.

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Saturday, March 14, 2009

RFCA Membership Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2009
7:30PM, Ravensworth ES

Annual Community Yard Sale
Saturday, May 2, 2009

**Register to receive the
RFCA e-newsletter at
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	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
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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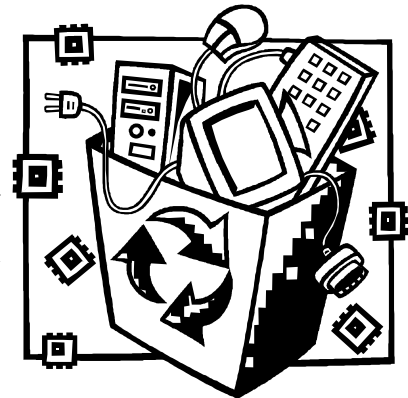
Over the next several months, particularly as we approach Civic Association elections in May 2009, consider getting more involved in the Association, not only in a major capacity, such as an officer or a committee chairperson, but also in the many less time-consuming ways that make such an enormous difference in how we live. Ask how you can help, inquire as to the various committees for which you could lend a hand so that the tasks are less daunting and not placed so heavily on too few shoulders. The more we work together, the more we will find ourselves talking together, walking together and laughing together. And, most importantly, together we will see our joint efforts further strengthening the bonds of a community that has richly served its residents and families for more than four decades.

In the coming months, my wife, Robin, and I truly look forward to working more closely with our many friends in the community, to meeting and welcoming many new neighbors to the Association, and to positively addressing the concerns and desires that are common to us all.

Steve Price
 President, Ravensworth Farm Civic Association
 Cell: 571-641-9284

ELECTRIC SUNDAY—MARCH 8

County residents can recycle televisions, computers and electronic peripherals at the I-66 Transfer Station from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 8. The Transfer Station is located at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. There is no cost to Fairfax County residents for this service. This event is limited to the collection of televisions, computers and peripheral electronic devices - including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials. Residents should not bring small or large kitchen appliances, CDs, DVDs, video cassettes or stereo equipment to this event. Equipment brought does not need to be in working order.



Ravensworth is turning 50 — So let the party begin!

The first sales open house for our subdivision was held December 1959 and the county officially recognized the Deed of Dedication in February 1960.

So we want to celebrate.

Here are ideas being considered:

Block party with food, DJ and moon bounce

Fun walk / run

Scavenger hunt which could include a search in Accotink Park

Art contest and show for young and old.
The theme: Ravensworth Farm

History trivia contest about Ravensworth Farm



We would love more volunteers to plan the activities.

Interested? Let us hear from you if you want to volunteer and/or if you any additional ideas.

Mary Lipsey at christopherlipsey@verizon.net

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009

The **twenty-first (21st) 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 14** 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 Jim Hickey at 703-321-8535.** 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.

LADIES SOCIAL - FABULOUS FRIDAY

Fabulous Friday joined hands in serving a family in Fairfax this Christmas.



In November we chatted about things we were thankful for and recognized we were a group that was pretty fortunate. We wondered how we could be more aware of those in need in the community. As we approached December, one of the members was notified that there was a family in Fairfax that could use some help at Christmas. Our women were FABULOUSLY generous and contributed gifts for this family in abundance along with a gift card to a grocery store. The outpouring of kindness is what Fabulous Friday is all about: reaching out to each other with hearts that care and want to connect.

Ladies, we hope you can make it sometime to Fabulous Fridays! 7:30pm - 9:30pm

The dates for our upcoming meetings are:

March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5 at 5601 Ravenel Lane

Contact Erin Coelho at 703-321-4878 or Anita Aberle at 703-321-3379 for more information or to RSVP.

Children are welcome to come for their own social time too!

GOLDEN RAVENS

Because the weather can be unpredictable this time of year, our next meeting will be eating out at a local restaurant. Do you know of a good place to eat? Then, let us know! You will be called with the exact information, when known. Meet at the Community of Christ Church:

Place: 5610 Inverchapel Road

Date: Weds. Feb. 25

Time: 11:00 am

Ravens, Joan Crofford has volunteered to call all our members when details are finalized. Thanks, Joan! Questions, suggestions, or need a ride? Contact Martha Sargent 703-321-9143 or Ruth Miller 703-321-7477.

GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club will meet at 9:30am on March 4th at the home of Barbara Adams. The program will be about container gardening. We'd love to have you join us; we always welcome new members. Call Laura Ascioello with questions. 703-321-7840

Spring gardening tip: When they have finished blooming, you should deadhead your spring flowering bulbs. Do not cut off the green foliage yet! The green leaves continue to grow for a few weeks and provide the bulb with food for flowering next year.



WHEN IS A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING NOT A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING?

By Robert Howard, CRB, CPM

In Fairfax County, a single family dwelling ceases to be "single family" when it has a second kitchen. That's the short answer. In order to determine what's what, you have to know what the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance considers a "dwelling unit."

Why should you care? Because you may be asked to list or sell a home that does not comply with the zoning ordinance without even knowing it.

The definition of a dwelling unit is "one or more rooms in a residential building or residential portion of a building which is arranged, designed, used, or intended for use as a complete, independent living facility which includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation."

A second full kitchen constitutes a second "complete, independent living facility;" or a second dwelling unit, not permitted in a single family home, townhouse, condominium, or rental apartment. The permanent provisions for cooking create the problem. A refrigerator and a sink may be part of a bar and by themselves do not make a kitchen. A portable microwave or hot plate are not permanent and, therefore, are not a problem. The real determinants for a second full kitchen are cook-tops and built-in stoves and ovens.

There are two circumstances where second full kitchens do comply with the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance.

The first, sometimes called a "granny flat," is "a secondary dwelling unit established in conjunction with and clearly subordinate to a single family detached dwelling unit." Provisions allow accessory units by special permit granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

They are subject to the following limitations: No more than 35% of the floor area of the principal dwelling unit, no more than two bedrooms, and no more than two occupants. One of the two units must be owner occupied, one by an elderly (55 or over) or permanently disabled person. Special permits for accessory dwelling units are granted for five year periods and are renewable, but are subject to inspection and must continue to comply with all the requirements.

The second: request a second kitchen through Fairfax County's Office of Comprehensive Planning. The owner must certify to many restrictions, including use by only resident family members; it cannot constitute an independent living facility or be rented. When the house is offered for sale, it must not be advertised as containing a separate apartment or dwelling unit.

With only those two limited exceptions, second kitchens violate the zoning ordinance. Knowledgeable appraisers and lenders will note them as an exception, and new loans will be a problem - not to mention the impact on buyers who may be attracted to the idea not knowing it's illegal.



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.

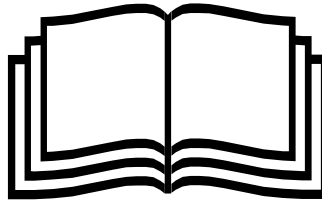
El centro de Wakefield esta buscando personas que hablen Espanol y sean mayores de 55+anos. El centro provee almuerzo caliente y transportation, por favor llamar al 703-321-3000

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

It's time to resurrect the Neighborhood Watch Program! Please help to make our streets safer by volunteering to be part of our Neighborhood Watch program. It only takes a few hours a month. Interested? Contact our new RFCA President, Steve Price at 703-321-8711.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

p. 16-Quest Diagnostics
7617 Little River Turnpike
Annandale
703-256-1085



p 18-Mark Warner
Gerry Connolly

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>

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.

HOSPITALITY

Sympathy is extended to the family of Carl Sorrow of Sedgwick Lane who passed away January 28.

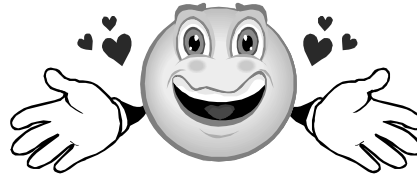
HELP US WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

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

Lisa Kurtz
8102 Bullock Lane

Tracy Vo
5507 Sedgwick 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.



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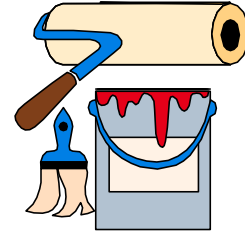


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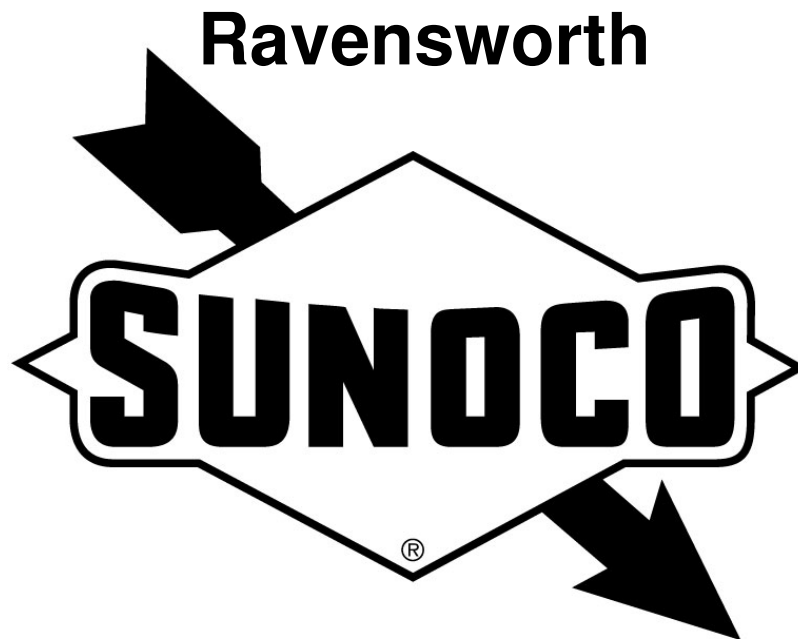
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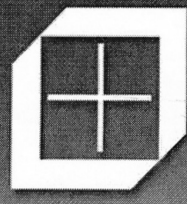
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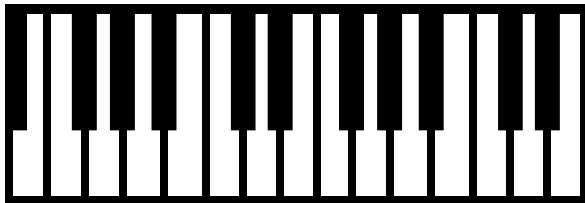
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