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IT'S YARD SALE TIME!

The Ravensworth Farm community yard sale will be on **Saturday, May 2, 2009**, starting at 8 a.m. at the Ravensworth Farm Swim and Racquet Club parking lot. The rain date for the yard sale is Saturday, May 16, 2009.

This is an opportunity for residents of Ravensworth Farm to sell some of your family's items and make some cash. The sale of goods is open to all community families, and no pre-registration is required. Set up will start at 7:30 a.m. so come early to claim your family's spot.



Boy Scout Troop 991 will be available at 7:30 a.m. to help families unload their vehicles and during the yard sale to help as needed.

The Boy Scouts will also be manning a concession stand during the yard sale.

Any questions, please contact Suzie Eggleston at 703-321-2070.

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Next Civic Association Meeting Thursday, March 26th—7:30PM Ravensworth ES

Did you lose an iPod? If so, please contact Katherine Craig (Pg. 2) with an accurate description so we can determine if you are the owner.

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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Association Calendar 2008 - 2009

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	Farmer DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT Farmer	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.

NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

Get listed in next year's neighborhood directory. It's free! Call Steve Beste at 703-321-9110.

Update your listing? Call Steve.

Get this year's directory? It's free when you join the Civic Association for \$10. Call Julia Johnson at 703-321-8845.

JOIN THE RFCA EMAIL LIST

If you haven't done so, please go to **www.ravensworthfarm.org**, locate the "STAY INFORMED" box on the Home Page and add your email address to the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association enewsletter list. This will serve to inform the community of events and happenings that are time-sensitive or otherwise of an importance meriting distribution prior to the next scheduled publication of the Farmer. The Civic Association newsletter will come from webmaster@ravensworthfarm.org. Any other form of email will not be an authorized communication of RFCA. You can also remove your name from the email at any time.

SCHOOL BOUNDARY CHANGES

Please be aware that possible boundary changes to the Annandale High School and Lake Braddock pyramids are being considered by the school board for implementation in September 2010. An open meeting has been scheduled for June 4 on this issue. For more information, contact your PTA, any school board member or send email to: **boundaryimpact@gmail.com**

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

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

MOULTRIE ROAD UPDATE

Many of you have asked for updates on the tragic crime involving the murder of three individuals on Moultrie Road on November 19, 2008. The Police recently issued a public request for information. The Police continue to express their belief that this incident was an isolated event committed by individuals specifically targeting the victims, and not some random crime of violence.

The Release is as follows:

FAIRFAX COUNTY CRIME SOLVERS

News Release, Case # 1259 Release Date: February 4, 2009

UPDATE - Detectives Release New Details; Still Seek Suspect Information

Police are releasing new details regarding the deaths of three men in the hope someone will step forward with new suspect information. Investigators believe Terence Strope, 38, Ryan Strope, 26, and Andres Yelicie, 26, were killed during a narcotics-involved robbery. One victim described the suspects as males, wearing black clothing with the words "Police" and "SWAT" displayed.

Witnesses observed an older-model Chevrolet Blazer or Jeep, near the home on the night of the homicide and the day prior. The vehicle was light-colored, possibly gold, and had Maryland license plates. A second vehicle was also seen near the home about one hour prior to the murders. It was described as a white, compact car with Maryland license plates.

Detectives do not believe the suspects were direct acquaintances of the victims; however, the suspects may have learned of the narcotics sales in the victims' home indirectly through friends of the victims.

Detectives continue to follow up on leads in this case. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637). In addition to the \$1,000 cash reward being offered by Crime Solvers, an additional private reward of \$10,000 is also being offered for information that leads to an arrest in this case. As always, callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

Crime Solvers Seeks Suspects in Triple Homicide

Fairfax County Crime Solvers is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the people responsible for killing three men at a home in the Springfield area. Around 9:45 p.m. on Wednesday, November 19, police were called to a home in the 5400 block of Moultrie Road for an injured, adult male. Officers located the man outside with multiple injuries. They determined there were additional injured victims inside a home across the street. Officers made entry into that home and located the two other victims. All three were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital and died a short time later.

Terence Strope, 38, Ryan Strope, 26 and Andres Yelicie, 26, of the Springfield area, died as a result of multiple stab wounds to their upper bodies. Detectives have reason to believe this incident was not random in nature.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES(274637). In addition to the \$1,000 cash reward being offered by Crime Solvers, an additional private reward of \$10,000 is also being offered for information that leads to an arrest in this case. As always, callers never have to give their names or appear in court.

RABIES INFORMATION

Recently two raccoons were picked up in Ravensworth Farm exhibiting signs of possible rabies. Parents—warn your children not to approach or touch wild animals that are acting "strange" or "tame." If you see an animal that is acting strangely call the number for Fairfax County's Department of Animal Control at 703-830-1100 - Option 3.

What is rabies?

Rabies is an always-fatal viral disease that affects the nervous system of mammals. The rabies virus generally is transmitted in the saliva of an infected animal. People and animals are usually exposed to rabies through the bite of a rabid animal. Vaccination protects animals and people from rabies.

How common is rabies in Fairfax County?

In recent years, Fairfax County has had the highest number of cases of animal rabies of any county in Virginia. The large number of cases compared with other counties is an indication of Fairfax County's large human population and the greater opportunity for interaction with wildlife. In 2000, 72 cases of rabid animals (JPG file, 49K) were reported in Fairfax County. In 2001, 46 cases of rabid animals (JPG file, 77K) were reported in Fairfax County, 3 of these being in the pilot program area.

Which animals get rabies?

Although any mammal can get rabies, most rabies cases occur in wild animals. Raccoons, which are the reservoir for terrestrial rabies on the East Coast, account for the largest number of cases - about 57% of the cases in Fairfax County for 2001. Of the 549 rabies cases statewide in 1999, 60% were raccoon, 20% were skunk, 9% were fox, and 4% were domestic cats. Bats were 4% of cases. The remaining 3% of were groundhog, cow, dog, bobcat and horse

How do I know if an animal has rabies?

Wild animals may move slowly or may act as if they are tame. A pet that is usually friendly may snap at you or try to bite. Some signs of rabies are changes in behavior, general sickness, problems swallowing, increased drooling and/or aggression.

What can you do to protect yourself and your pets against rabies?

Rabies in cats, dogs and ferrets can be prevented by having them vaccinated by a veterinarian. An unvaccinated pet can pose a serious health risk to you and others. Virginia law requires dogs and cats to be vaccinated at four months of age and to receive regular boosters during their lifetime. For more information about how to get your pet vaccinated, call the Fairfax County Animal Shelter at 703-830-1100. Some other things you can do to prevent being exposed to rabies are:

- Enjoy wild animals at a safe distance and never touch unfamiliar or wild animals.
- If you see an animal that is acting strangely call your jurisdiction's animal control agency. The number for Fairfax County's Department of Animal Control is 703-830-1100 Option 3.
- If an animal bites you, wash the wound with soap and water for at least five minutes and contact your doctor immediately. Animal bites should be reported to the Fairfax County Animal Services Division Dispatch at 703-830-1100 Option 3 and the Health Department at 703-246-2433 during normal business hours or 571-274-2296 after hours, weekends, and holidays.
- If your pet is bitten or scratched by a wild animal, contact your veterinarian immediately. Your pet should be given a rabies booster vaccination.
- Make sure that your trashcans and pet food are secured to avoid attracting wild or stray animals.

For more information, please visit: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/rabies/oral/rabaware01.htm

WATCH OUT FOR THIS SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE!

Be on the look out for a white Ford F-150 pickup truck, Virginia tag KHY-2356. Occupants of the truck may include a black male, white female and an older white male. This truck is being investigated in connection with four daytime break-ins in another part of the county and was recently seen in the Kings Park area. If you see this vehicle anywhere in Ravensworth Farm, please call the police immediately at 703-691-2131.

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 Steve Price at 703-321-8711.



Each month there is a "sweet" time together with dessert, intentional talk around a theme, a game and a door prize. (Children 5+ are welcome to come and play while we visit – sitter available)

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

The dates for our upcoming meetings are: 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.

LUNCH & LEARN WITH THE GOLDEN RAVENS

Our topic in March is Healthy Living! Join us for lunch as we socialize and then listen to an outstanding speaker on how to get healthy and stay healthy. Invite your friends and neighbors, too!

Place: Community of Christ Church
Date: Wednesday, March 25

Time: 11:00 am. (Bring a bag lunch; beverages will be provided.)

Topic: Healthy Living

Have questions? Suggestions? Call Dick or Martha Sargent at 321-9143 or Ruth Miller at 321-7477.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB



The Green Thumb Garden Club will meet at 9:30am on April 1st at our neighborhood church. (No fooling!) The program will be flower arranging and judging. We'd love to have you join us; we always welcome new members. Call Laura Asciello with questions. 703-321-7840

Spring Gardening Tip: After your azaleas bloom is a good time to prune them. Be sure the branches are pruned in a way that allows light to enter the center of the bush. This will help to keep your azaleas healthy.

SPRINGFIELD DAYS 2009—MAY 28 THRU MAY 31



Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that takes place the weekend after Memorial Day each year in the heart of Springfield, Virginia. Bring your family out to the 2009 Springfield Days May 28 through May 31st for four days of fun and activities.

Thursday, May 28

FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games: Springfield Mall

Friday, May 29

FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games: Springfield Mall, 10 am – 9 pm

Old-fashioned Bar-B-Q at Old-fashioned Prices: American Legion Post 176, 6 pm – 8 pm

Saturday, May 30

PetFest: Time and day to be announced

Paws on Parade: Time and day to be announced FitnessFest: 9 am – 2 pm at South Run RECenter

Family Fun Run: Run starts at 8am at South Run RECenter

Taste of Springfield

Art Show & Exhibitors: Springfield Mall Entertainment Stage: Springfield Mall

FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games: Springfield Mall Movie at the Park: Lake Accotink Park, To Be Announced

Sunday, May 31

FamilyFest with Kids' Rides and Games: Springfield Mall, 10 am – 9 pm Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta: Lake Accotink Park, noon – 4 pm

Movie at the Park: Lake Accotink Park, To Be Announced

For more information about the activities listed above, please visit the Springfield Days website at www.springfielddays.com.



HOSPITALIZATIONS

Get wishes are extended to: Dan Soares, on Gosport who was recently hospitalized.

SYMPATHY

We extend condolences to the family of Ruth Casipit on Landgrave Lane.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Dan and Melanie Bennett 5422 Inverchapel Road

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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SERVICE	Need papers notarized? A local Notary is available here in the neighborhood. Call Roger Ward at 703-321-7946.
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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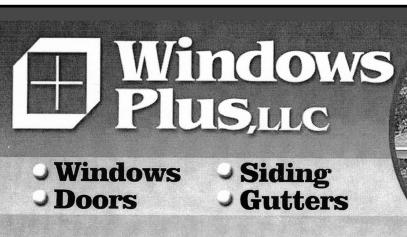
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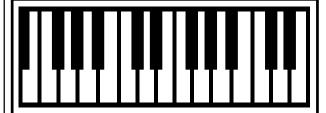
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