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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Neighbors:

Our new Civic Association board met for our first meeting on September 2nd. We've made some significant changes on our Board and our committees. I would like to extend sincere thanks to our outgoing volunteers, Steve Beste, Julia Johnson and Gloria Brisman, who collectively have devoted endless hours over many years for our community. I would also like to formally welcome Dean Fix, Melanie Bennett, Becky Wieser and Anita Bhatnagar, who have joined our Board or filled vacant committee assignments. We have a wonderful team and we are looking forward to working together throughout the year. Please extend your personal thanks to each of these terrific people for their service.

Given the transitions that have occurred, we are seeking to focus on a few primary issues during this term, none of which should present any surprises to the Community. Those issues include the planning for our traditional holiday events, with our Halloween parade being the first on the list (October 18, with a rain date of October 25). Plus, we have a special committee that is planning for our neighborhood's 50th Anniversary commemoration next spring. We hope this will be a celebration of our history, our diversity and our promising future as one of the most vibrant communities in Northern Virginia.



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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

President	Steve Price	703-321-8711
1st Vice President	Ellen Eggerton	703-321-4948
2nd Vice President	Dean Fix	703-321-3048
Recording Secretary	Katherine Craig	703-321-3149
Corresponding Secretary	Hans Jansen	703-321-4919
Treasurer	Richmon Tun	703-321-1404

### STANDING COMMITTEES

Legislative & County Affairs	Ruth Orem	703-321-8061
Public Service (Streets & Sidewalks)	Tom Terry	703-321-9668
Schools & Education	Anita Bhatnagar	703-942-6806
Green Committee	Jim Hickey Hans Jansen	703-321-8535 703-321-4919
Membership & Communications	Elissa Myers	703-321-2828
Zoning Committee	Ellen Eggerton Stan Orndorff	703-321-4948 703-321-7990

### SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Entrance Committee	Katherine Craig Marti Terry	703-321-3149 703-209-4424
Hospitality	Ruth Hartman Ramona Michels	703-321-8063 703-321-7664
New Neighbors	Melanie Bennett Miffie Clem	1-571-282-3291 703-321-7875
Cultural Committee		
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Spanish	Dinora Gonzalez	703-321-0160
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Pool President	Amy Reynolds	703-321-7313
Green Thumb Garden Club	Laura Asiello	703-321-7840
Golden Ravens	Martha Sargent	703-321-9143

## Association Calendar 2009 - 2010

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
September	2	2	4	14	26	
October	7	7	9	15	24	29
November	4	4	6	12	21	
December	2	2	4	10	19	
January	6	6	8	14	23	28
February	3	3	5	11	20	
March	3	3	5	12	20	25
April	7	7	9	16	24	
May	5	5	7	14	22	27

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

As discussed at our last general membership meeting, we will also set forth a process and protocol for the consideration, selection and funding of community projects. Our goal will be to establish an open and transparent process, allow for submission of project proposals, provide opportunities for meaningful community discussion, and develop efficiency in project selection and implementation. We look forward to everyone's participation.

As our first priority, the Board will focus on community security. Many people have inquired about reviving our Neighborhood Watch program. We have contacted the Fairfax County Police for information and assistance. You will receive an e-newsletter shortly regarding the scheduling of an information session this fall. Like all initiatives, even good ideas are useless unless people are genuinely willing to engage their time and energy to make it successful. Please give some serious thought to participating in this initiative. At our information session, come prepared to let us know what you are willing and able to do to make our neighborhood safer.

As always, drive safely through our streets, be mindful of our school aged children walking to and from the school or to their bus stops, and always look out for your neighbors.





Steve Price, President  
Ravensworth Farm Civic Association  
prez@ravensworthfarm.org

## SCHOOLS HAVE RE-OPENED!

This year school is starting 10 minutes earlier than in previous years. School will be in session from 8:25 to 3:05. Buses are expected to arrive at the school between 8:10 and 8:25 and depart between 3:10 and 3:30 and there are a significant number of families driving their children to school and that coupled with the construction on the Hot Lanes could impact traffic in the neighborhood. With all this happening I suggest that kids could walk to school instead of riding in a car, it is great exercise and really good for the environment so we can build a healthier planet!



To keep our Neighborhood children safe please follow the below rules: -

- When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
- When driving in the neighborhood watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
-  Down. Watch for children walking in the street.
-  Down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
- Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street with out looking for traffic.
- Drivers are required to travel  in a school zone when indicated by a sign or signal.
  - **Yellow flashing lights** indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
  -  **Red flashing lights** and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.
- Parents Please Encourage Pedestrian Safety to Students.

**This Year the school is hoping to involve more interested community members in volunteering in our school to support our children in enhancing basic reading and math skills. Please contact Tim Paper at 703 426-3600 to discuss opportunities.**



**A NOTE FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

A tremendous 'thank you' to the Ravensworth Civic Association for their generous donation in the spring which the school has applied to the purchase of an additional SmartBoard. This piece of technology is a fantastic interactive tool that allows another dimension to learning. Instructional lessons can be developed where students are able to respond in such ways as a game format and complete activities that have now been 'translated' into 'responding' by using their finger to circle an answer on the board or use a special pen to write or move elements in the lesson.

Pam O'Connor, Principal  
Ravensworth Elementary  
(703) 426-3600, (703) 426-3697 FAX

**WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND STAGES ARE INVITED TO COME TO FABULOUS FRIDAY!**

A women's social with: food, fun, intentional conversation, special guests, games, and door prizes!

This is our 4th year — Comments from last year “I’m so glad we are doing this”, “great to know more neighbors”, “I had no idea you lived right up the street from me!”

Ravensworth Farm is known for having a good community! We believe Fabulous Friday is part of building and keeping our community strong. Come by for one or all of the meetings.

Meetings are the First Friday of the month (except for Jan. & April)

Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, May 7 & June 4

7:30PM – 9:30PM, 7938 Ellet Road (The home of Anita Aberle)

Contact: 703-321-3379, [aaberle@netzero.net](mailto:aaberle@netzero.net) or Erin Coelho at 703-321-4878 for more information or to sign up for our e-vite reminder.

**MISSING GLASSES FOUND!**

Tan eyeglasses were found on the corner of Pillow Lane & Queensberry Avenue. Please contact Gene Langella at (703) 321-0307 for details.

### **GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB**

The Green Thumb Garden Club will be going to Great Falls on Wednesday, October 7th for a boat tour of the locks of the C&O Canal. Meet at Laura Asciiello's house at 9am with a bag lunch. We always welcome new members! Call Laura Asciiello with questions. 703-321-7840



### **GET READY! GARDEN OF THE SEASON JUDGING WILL TAKE PLACE ON OCTOBER 5TH**

Here's some information on how we judge for Garden of the Season. We judge overall effect and general appearance of house and yard: grass, shrubs, and flowers. Color harmony and quality condition are taken into effect, too. 1st place winners can win 2 times in a 4 year period; then they can win 2nd or 3rd place any number of times. Garden club members are not eligible to win. Good luck to all. Let's keep Ravensworth beautiful!

### **AUTUMN GREETINGS FROM THE GOLDEN RAVENS**

Autumn days are here! The time of our first meeting is September 23rd and it will be a potluck lunch, with time for greeting friends and sharing highlights of the summer.

Date: Wednesday, September 23

Time: 11:30 am

Place: Community of Christ Church  
5610 Inverchapel Road

Bring: a dish to share and ideas for our programs.

Suggestions, questions, or rides? Please call Dick or Martha Sargent at 321-9143 or Ruth Millter 321-7477

### **RAVENSWORTH PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**



I would like to start a Ravensworth Farm Photography Club, where you can share your knowledge and meet new people who aspire to become better photographers.

If you are interested, please call Bernard Chen at (703) 321-0166 or visit me at [www.bernardchen.com](http://www.bernardchen.com).

### **HOW TO SUBMIT ITEMS FOR THE FARMER**

It's easy to submit items for the Farmer. How do you know when the deadline is? It's always the same day as our RFCA board meeting—usually the first Wednesday of the month. The easiest way to get something in the Farmer is email the editor: [Kathleen@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:Kathleen@ravensworthfarm.org) or you can phone her at 703.321-7523 before 9:00 pm.

## **FARMER'S MARKET AT WAKEFIELD REC CENTER**

As summer winds down, don't forget to get your fresh fruit and vegetables at our local Farmer's Market: Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 6:00 pm in Wakefield Park through October 28th. The baked goods, homemade ice cream and local produce will have you coming back for more!

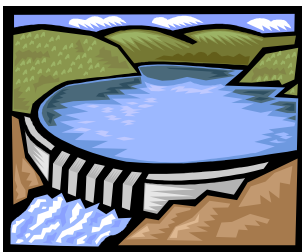


## **BRADDOCK BYLINE**

Remember the newsletter from John Cook, Braddock Supervisor, is now published in electronic format. Sign up to receive this newsletter and other local announcements via email at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock>

If you do not have a computer, call 703.425.9300 to continue to request a hard copy via postal mail.

## **LAKE ACCOTINK NEWS: DAM REPAIRS TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PARK TRAIL**



As construction begins on Lake Accotink Park's dam, part of the trail will be closed to thru traffic for several days between late-August and December. This is the portion of trail right in front of the dam.

To lessen the impact on visitors to the park, the trail will remain open on Fridays and weekends. The exact dates of the trail closures will be posted on signs along the trail.

Dam repairs also require that the water level in the lake be lowered for an extended period of time. This will cause exposure to the deep silt of the lake's bottom. Patrons are advised to stay out of the silt/mud beds. This project is expected to be completed by March 2010.

For more details about this construction, see: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/newsletter/september2009/accotinkdam.htm>

## **CHILDREN'S CONSIGNMENT SALE—OCTOBER 17, 2009**

Childrens Consignment SaleS sponsored by Grace Weekday Preschool and the MOMS Club of Springfield. Come shop for gently-used and like-new maternity and children's items at great prices! Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath Street, Springfield. Sale open to the public October 17 from 8am-1pm. Cosigners shop early on Friday October 16. If you are interested in selling your items, please call 703-451-3314 for more information.



**ANNANDALE FALL FESTIVAL AND PARADE**

On Saturday, October 24th, the Annandale Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a spectacular Fall Festival in the Safeway parking lot on Little River Turnpike. From 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM dozens of merchants with hand made and fashion jewelry, art work, quality giftware from major manufacturers, exquisite crafts and so much more will unveil their treasures.

Costumed international dancers, local bands, a D.J. and The Taste of Annandale with food from many culinary cuisines will be featured at this festival. The Kids Zone will delight and challenge with a Mechanical Bull, 24 Dual Slides, Bungee Basketball, Bungee Run, a Sticky Wall, an Obstacle Course, Moon Bounce, Face Painters, a Nature Exhibit, a Reading Tent with costumed characters, and interactive games for toddlers to teens. The Annual Parade will be held along Columbia Pike from 10:00AM to Noon.

Applications for Commercial Vendors, Food Vendors, Musical Performers, and Parade Entry Forms can be found at [www.annandalechamber.com](http://www.annandalechamber.com).

**RAVENSWORTH IS ON FACEBOOK!**

We have a community Facebook Group for The Ravensworth Farm Community so that folks can interact beyond the sidewalks and community pool. Visit [www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://www.ravensworthfarm.org) and click the “We’re on Facebook” link.



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.

<b>FOR SALE</b>	24 x 36 Chalkboard \$3.00 West Bend 12-22 cup electric percolator \$5.00 West Bend 12 – 30 cup electric percolator \$6.00 Black & Decker 7¼” circular saw \$10.00 Call 703-321-7871
<b>WANTED</b>	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.



**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

Suman and Arpana Poudel and Family  
5305 Juxon Place

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5502 Moultrie

Roger and Leslie Steinkamp  
8009 Hattaras Lane

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5312 Oldcastle Lane

Richard Phung and Family  
5231 Oldcastle Lane

Hugh and Shera Gill and Family  
Ginna Chavez and Sharon McManus  
5522 Queensberry Avenue

Karyn Becker  
7907 Hattaras

Francisco Rosado  
5409 Queensberry

Tyson and Michelle Scofield and Family  
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5507 Moultrie

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5309 Inverchapel Road

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5664 Ravenel Lane

Kamal, Mortuza, and Zobeda Hossan  
5224 Inverchapel Road

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and Murad Nofal  
8132 Drayton

Roy and Amy O'Connor  
5614 Sedgwick

M. Amjad and Kishwar  
7931 Ellet

Bharat Raj and Sushila Regni  
8016 Gosport

Alex Martell  
8140 Drayton

Paul and Regina Kearney  
8107 Ellet

Jeremy DeHart, Lizzie Manner, and Jack Harris  
8104 Adair

Daniel and Jennifer Auble  
5218 Inverchapel Road

Jad and Hanady Sarsour  
7939 Ellet

Kevin and Lindsey McCullough  
8109 Bullock

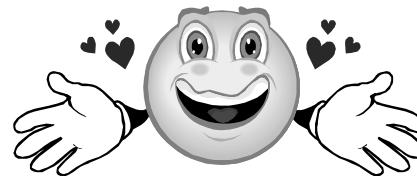
When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please call Melanie Bennett at 1-571-282-3291 or email [melanieannebennett@gmail.com](mailto:melanieannebennett@gmail.com).

**HOSPITALITY**

New babies: Rory & Amy O'Conner - Sedgwick Lane (baby girl)  
Sean & Kerin Mokaren - Kepler Lane (baby girl)

**SYMPATHY**

Sympathy is extended to the family of Hoalmen Gaitan of Ellet Road.





**Ravensworth Farm Community**



## ***HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PARADE***

Come out and join the family fun

**Games**

Wear your favorite costume

**Deejay**

***Sunday, October 18***  
***1:00 to 3:00 p.m.***

Ravensworth Farm Swimming Pool Parking Lot

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**Parade**

**Cupcake Walk**



**Rain Date:**  
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**Sunday Services:**

9:30 a.m. Church School for all ages

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

**Please join us for these Community Activities:**

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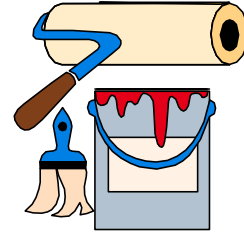
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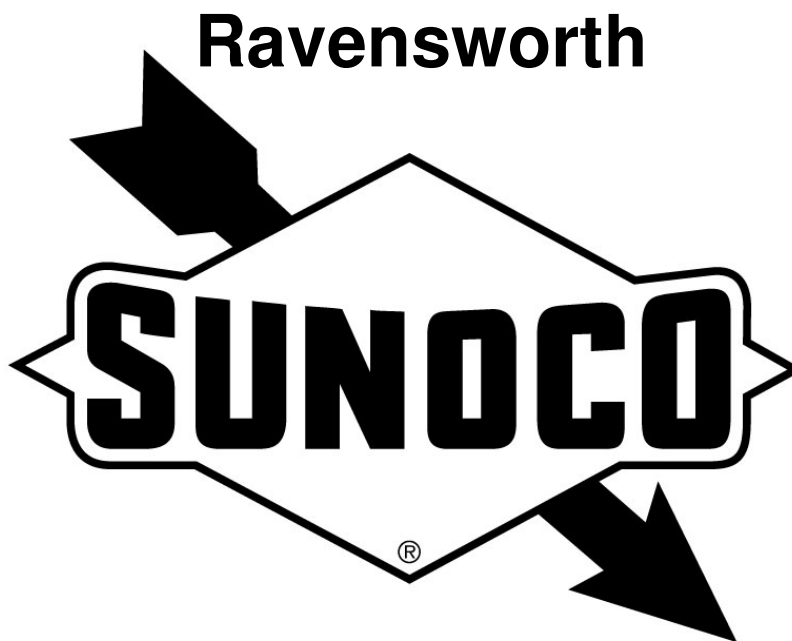
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