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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Neighbors:

On October 28 we had a General Membership meeting to vote on the 2011 budget. Due to some unforeseen complications we were not able to use the library as previously announced and we had to quickly relocate to an upstairs classroom. At the same time we were having our meeting the Ravensworth Pool was having their meeting at a separate location. In spite of these obstacles there was still a good turnout of folks to vote on the budget and have their concerns heard.

A major proposal to allocate funds for the new Ravensworth Website was included for consideration in the budget. Cathy Riedel put together an excellent presentation on the developmental stages and benefits of implementing this new Website portal. After her presentation, Cathy handled a question and answer session to further clarify and explain this project and its new capabilities.

The next glitch we ran into was when our Treasurer, who was going to present the 2011 budget for a vote, was not able to get to the meeting due to a crisis at work. Thankfully, Katherine Craig stepped up to the table and, with zero notice, presented the 2011 budget proposal and explained the changes from the 2010 budget. The budget was then discussed by the gathered crowd and voted on,

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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

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Golden Ravens	Kay Anderson	703-321-9230

Association Calendar 2010 - 2011

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
November	2	2	5	10	20	
December	Nov. 30	Nov. 30	3	8	18	
January	4	4	7	12	22	27
February	1	1	4	11	26	
March	1	1	4	11	19	24
April	Mar. 29	Mar. 29	1	6	30	
May	3	3	6	11	21	26

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

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with a unanimous vote to pass.

When I got home after the meeting I was telling my wife about how thankful I was for Cathy putting together that presentation and for Katherine volunteering to handle the cumbersome budget explanations. As a Manager at work I am used to people stepping up and going the distance to handle a crisis, but this RFCA meeting made me realize that everyone was volunteering their time for our community.

Everyone, from the Board members, to the extensive committees, block captains, delivery people, Farmer editor and contributors are all volunteering their time. I know lots of these volunteers are also involved in Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and countless sporting events they have to juggle with the rest of their lives. We all have family commitments and jobs that drain us and still all of you folks make time to volunteer to make our community better.

Another good example: I got to attend the Halloween parade with my wife and daughter. I saw volunteers setting up and taking down the moon bounces, cooking hot dogs, and running games for our kids. The party was held on the grounds of the Community Church of Christ. The site and all the tables and chairs were donated by Pastor Trish Hernandez. Volunteers from her congregation were there to help ensure that our kids had a successful Halloween party. Pastor Trish has continually supported our community efforts and I thank her and her congregation for being such a positive force in our neighborhood.

I just wanted to take this time to thank all of you volunteers who make the Ravensworth Farm neighborhood such a pleasure to live in.

Marty Robinson, RFCA President, prez@ravensworthfarm.org, 703-297-7255

VOLUNTEER NEEDED TO ADOPT A SIGN

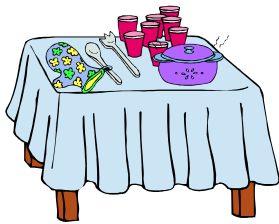
Seeking: one motivated individual who enjoys being outside and doing some light gardening to adopt the "Ravensworth Farm" sign located at Flag Run and Queensbury. This involves maintaining the existing landscaping, raking, light mulching and weeding. Want to plant some seasonal flowers or make some changes? A budget is available. Do you have a teenager who needs community service hours? Consider this worthwhile project! Contact the entrance committee for more details or volunteer by calling Marty Robinson at 703-321-7255.

GARDEN CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

The Garden Club will be holding a Christmas party on Wednesday, December 1st at Vespucci's Restaurant in Fairfax. We will then return to have our gift exchange at Nancy Jarvie's house. Meet at Nancy Jarvie's house at 11am to carpool to the restaurant. Call Laura Asciglio with questions!



GOLDEN RAVENS RING IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON



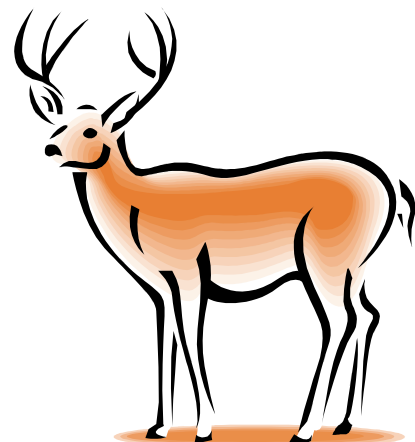
Come join us on Wednesday, December 8 at the Community Church of Christ on Inverchapel for a pot-luck luncheon. We will meet at 11:30 am. It will be a wonderful way to begin celebrating this joyous season with friends and neighbors. So bring a dish, and we hope to see you there. Beverages will be provided. Have you ever thought about joining us? This would be a great time to visit with us and enjoy a great meal, too. See you there!

OH DEAR, IT'S A DEER...

If you are ever in your car and are involved in an accident that involves hitting a deer, do you know what to do? Here's the answer: Call #77. This will connect you to the non-emergency phone number of the State Police. (You will probably need a police report for insurance purposes.)

The Department of Transportation offers the following advice for avoiding deer collisions:

- Be cautious and slow down in the early morning and evening hours when deer are most active.
- Wear your safety belt.
- Pay attention to deer crossing signs.
- If you see a deer, slow down and blow your horn to scare it away.
- When you see one deer, look for others since they travel in groups.
- Don't expect a deer in your headlights to move.
- Brake firmly when you see a deer in your path.
- Don't swerve away from a deer and risk hitting another car or object.

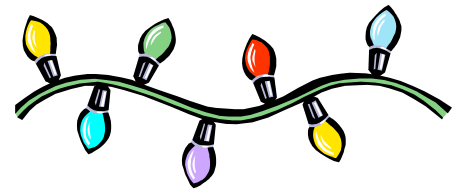


LOCAL VOLUNTEER IN THE NEWS

Local volunteers created care packages for soldiers under the direction of Ravensworth resident, Mary Keeser. Mary founded the organization, America's Adopt a Soldier. Her efforts were highlighted in a news article in the BurkePatch: <http://burke.patch.com/articles/volunteers-create-care-packages-for-soldiers> For more information on how you can help, please see the article on page 6.

PARKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS BETHLEHEM WALK

Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA across from the King's Park Shopping Center. Stroll Back in Time... Come and revisit a busy street in Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. This FREE interactive program has something for everyone. It features townspeople working at their trade and sharing their goods with visitors -- and ends with the stable where you will find a Live Nativity where children can pet the animals. Upstairs you will be welcomed with Christmas Carols, refreshments and gifts for the children. Visit our website at www.parkwood.org for more information. Dates: December 11th & 12th from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.



SIGHTS & LIGHTS OF THE SEASON

Greetings fellow residents! With only a few days left until Thanksgiving, time is near to untangle your strings of lights, test the bulbs and make sure that all the holiday decorations, which were carefully stored last year, are in top-notch shape for another fabulous Ravensworth Holiday Display! This year's judging will take place on Sunday, December 19th. Remember that the categories of judging will be:

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| * Best Overall | * Most Original |
| * Best Religious | * Kid's Favorite |
| * Best Door/Window | * Best Daytime Display (garden of the season) |

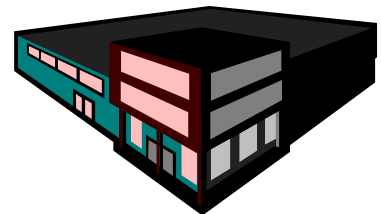
CRAFT SHOWS ~ BAZAARS ~ RUMMAGE SALES

If your school, church or organization is hosting an annual or Holiday Craft Show, please let the editor know. A listing of local craft shows, sales and bazaars will be compiled and published next year.

Contact: Kathleen@ravensworth.org.

NEWS FROM THE SHOPPING CENTER

- A Chinese Restaurant is coming! It will be located near the Optometrist on the Kilroy's side of the center.
- The Post Office will be moving to their smaller space in January. Their new location will be the space previously occupied by the old florist shop. PO boxes will be moved and basic services (stamps, mailing packages, etc.) will be available at the window. Postal carriers, however, will be moved to the Burke Post Office. This means when you hold your mail, you will need to go to Burke to pick it up after this move.



IT'S HAPPENING AT THE LAKE

Saturday, December 11

Holiday Craft Sampler

10- 12, Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285

(Ages 6-10) Looking for something to make Mom and Dad for the holidays? In this workshop you will create gifts for friends and family this holiday season. Supply fee payable to the instructor. Fee is \$23 per child (\$38 for non-residents of Fairfax County). Advance payment and registration required.

Saturday, December 18

Santa's Hayride

12:30 - 4:30 pm, Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285

(All ages) Enjoy holiday music and merriment on a horse-drawn wagon ride through the park. Stop off at Santa-Land and tell Santa what's on your wish list. Remember to bring a camera! Warm up with hot chocolate around a toasty campfire. It's holly jolly family fun! Dress for the weather and a brisk walk from the parking lot. \$8 per person, babies on laps free. Fee includes hayride, visit with Santa, and cup of steaming hot chocolate. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED; hayride times will be pre-assigned.

Saturday, December 18

Pet Pictures with Santa

4:30 - 5:30 pm, Lake Accotink Park, 703-569-0285

(All ages) Make your pet the star of the season! Bring your dog, cat or other furry friend to Lake Accotink Park for a visit with "Santa Claws." Bring your camera to create a special memory that you can share. Want to get in the picture too? No problem, we'll snap the picture for you and then hand you back your camera. Cost is \$5 per pet. Advance payment and registration preferred. Refunds only if event is cancelled. Pets must be leashed and well-socialized.

AMERICA'S ADOPT A SOLDIER—2010 CHALLENGE AMERICA

Our Objective:

Send a Care Package to every deployed Service member in 2010

National Packing Days:

31 July 2010 - 27 November 2010

Your Challenge:

Get the word out. Sponsor all or part of one or more packages (Postage \$10.70 Contents: \$20.00)

Pledge to Pack: americasadoptasoldier.org

Donate Online: americasadoptasoldier.org

Mail Tax Deductible Donations:

Americas Adopt A Soldier, P.O. Box 1049, Springfield VA 22151



From A Deployed Service Member: "The care packages were well-received and believe me when I say it is most inspiring to observe a Soldier, when he or she, receives a care package. The immediate awareness that someone out there is motivated and passionate enough to take the time out of their day to select and package these items with such care brings instant smiles and a very real sense of pride. There are times such as these in which I am reminded that our separation and our sacrifices are not ours alone but rather shared. Our commitments to the values of freedom will never waver and as this bedrock of our nation is challenged around the world, it will always be the continued support and patriotism of our communities that will make the difference in Victory."

WINTER CHECKLIST FOR RAVENSWORTH HOUSES & RESIDENTS

Remember last winter? We counted the snow in feet... not inches. Are you ready in case we have another snowy winter? An ounce of prevention...

Before the winter chill sets in, make sure you have the following in stock NOW:

- Snow shovel and/or snow blower
- Salt or snow melting pellets
- Snow boots or waterproof shoes
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Hand-cranked radio
- Bottled water
- Enough prescription medications to last through a storm
- Warm blankets
- Children's supplies (formula, diapers, wipes, baby food)
- Pet supplies (food, blanket, medications)
- Extra set of house keys
- Cell phone with chargers (car charger recommended in the event of power outages)

Indoors:

- Check smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change batteries as needed. Replace units every eight years.
- Check basement and crawl space for dampness and leakage.
- Check all windows for proper operation and locking capability.
- Test your sump pump before the start of every wet season. Battery-operated back-up sump pumps can help protect against power failure of the primary pump.

Outdoors:

- Check your roof for loose, missing, worn or damaged shingles to eliminate flying debris and reduce the chance of possible water damage.
- Make sure flashing is secure around vents and chimneys.
- Clean gutters and make sure they are properly aligned and securely attached to your home.
- Watch the patterns of storm-water drainage on slopes near your home, and note the places where runoff water converges.
- Grade property so water drains away from the foundation and downspouts direct water away from the house into the storm drainage system.
- Replace caulk and weather-stripping that has lost contact with surfaces.
- Rake leaves away from drains to avoid street and property flooding.
- Check for loose handrails, banisters and stair coverings. Buckled or cracked walks should be repaired.
- Clear snow and ice from sidewalks in front of your home to avoid dangerous falls (this is the home/property owner's responsibility).
- Keep snow build-up off of surfaces that could collapse.
- Trim shrubbery away from siding to prevent insect and moisture damage. Remove shrubbery that interferes with walkways.
- Insulate exposed water pipes and outdoor faucets to protect them from freezing.

Adapted from www.govlink.org/storm

2011 RFCA ANNUAL BUDGET & PROJECTIONS

Annual Operations	10 Actual	Proposed 11 Budget
Annual Operating Revenue		
Membership	5,620	6,000
Advertising - Directory	2,107	2,000
Advertising - Farmer	3,595	3,700
Interest on Savings	1,775	400
<i>Withdrawal from (Contribution to) Savings</i>		
Total Annual Operating Revenue	13,097	12,100
Annual Operating Expenses		
Farmer Printing	1,385	1,420
Distribution	1,350	1,630
Typing and Formatting	500	500
	3,235	3,550
Directory		
Advertising Costs	0	
Printing	2,964	3,000
Block Captain/Distribution	0	100
	2,964	3,100
Hospitality		
New Neighbor Welcome	124	100
Get Well/Hospitalizations	0	100
Funeral Tributes	0	100
	124	300
Braddock Road Maintenance		
East of Queensberry	495	500
West of Queensberry	495	500
Entranceways	488	900
	1,478	1,900
Community Services & Events		
Neighborhood Picnic	0	400
Halloween Party	545	600
Holiday Hay Ride	735	700
Ravensworth Elementary	400	400
Pool Enhancement Matching Funds	150	0
	1,830	2,100
Contingencies		500
RFNW Supplies	226	
	226	500
Administrative Expenses	242	250
Website / e-Blasts	193	200
Annandale Volunteer Fire Department	100	200
Miscellaneous	0	
Total Annual Operating Expense	10,392	12,100
Annual Revenue minus Expenses	2,705	0

2011 RFCA ANNUAL BUDGET & PROJECTIONS (CONT')

Non-Recurring/Capital Expenditures - from Savings

Community Website		7,000
RFNW Supplies		500
Legal Services		300
Sign Upgrade	250	1,500
Tree Trimmings	63	
50th Anniversary Party	4,554	
Total Non-Recurring/Capital Expenditures	4,867	9,300

Net Increase (Decrease) in Savings Balance (2,162)

Savings and Checking	\$36,765
	<u>12,523</u>
	\$49,288

LESSONS LEARNED LAST WINTER

I would like to encourage all homeowners and renters to own at least one shovel, preferably a snow shovel. Some people tried to remove snow last year with a dustpan.

Our children need to participate and shovel out neighbors in need, too. This is a great lesson in civic responsibility.

Shovel early in the day to take advantage of the sun to melt and dry the pavement.

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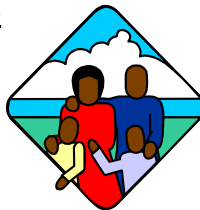
WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Mike/Amanda Woodring
5221 Inverchapel

Sean/Julie McClanahan
5324 Ringold

Jon Bertheussen
5629 Inverchapel

Bozena Mattauszek
8117 Adair



Steve Bourke
5620 Inverchapel

Saul Guzman and Sonia Pacheco
5224 Landgrave

Santosh J. Rana and Family
8113 Carrick

When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please call Melanie Bennett at 571-282-3291 or email melanieannebennett@gmail.com.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Christine Anton on Inverchapel Road who passed away.

HOW WE VOTED—NOVEMBER 2, 2010

	Ravensworth *		Fairfax County *		Virginia *	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
House (11th District)						
Connolly	394	47.4%	76,086	50.6%	111,621	49.2%
Fimian	418	50.2%	71,579	47.6%	110,696	48.8%
DeCarlo	8	1.0%	1,128	0.7%	1,840	0.8%
Dotson	10	1.2%	878	0.6%	1,381	0.6%
Gillis	0	0.0%	550	0.4%	959	0.4%
Write-in	<u>2</u>	0.2%	<u>194</u>	0.1%	<u>301</u>	0.1%
<i>Total</i>	832		150,415		226,798	
Constitutional Amendment 1 - Exempt Property						
Yes	630	78.8%	224,530	76.6%	1,576,761	75.9%
No	<u>170</u>	21.3%	<u>68,676</u>	23.4%	<u>499,909</u>	24.1%
<i>Total</i>	800		293,206		2,076,670	
Constitutional Amendment 2 - Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans						
Yes	696	86.2%	246,487	83.8%	1,730,604	82.4%
No	<u>111</u>	13.8%	<u>47,799</u>	16.2%	<u>368,862</u>	17.6%
<i>Total</i>	807		294,286		2,099,466	
Constitutional Amendment 3 - Rainy Day Fund Increase						
Yes	478	59.9%	175,887	60.5%	1,052,749	51.2%
No	<u>320</u>	40.1%	<u>114,779</u>	39.5%	<u>1,004,275</u>	48.8%
<i>Total</i>	798		290,666		2,057,024	
Bond: Transportation						
Yes	500	62.7%	199,377	68.7%		
No	<u>297</u>	37.3%	<u>90,732</u>	31.3%		
<i>Total</i>	797		290,109			
Turnout						
<i>Registered</i>	1,590		628,939		5,032,144	
<i>Voting</i>	<u>881</u>		<u>308,553</u>			
<i>Turnout</i>	55.4%		49.1%		0.0%	

Sources: Bond results from Fairfax County Elections Board, unofficial results, Nov 3, 2010.
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/webreports/RESU1110.pdf

Others from Va. State Board of Elections as of Nov 3, 2010. Uncertified results.
www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov

LESSONS LEARNED LAST WINTER (CON'T)*Con't from Pg. 9*

Shovel often during a snow storm to keep up. It is much easier to move 1-2 inches of snow than 4-6 or more. We shoveled well into the night during the big snowfall. In the morning we only had 6 more inches to remove.

VDOT does not treat our local streets. Eco-friendly fireplace ash helps to soften packed snow and ice. Potash is a normal soil component. But you need to remember to remove shoes when entering the house to keep the ash dirt from coming inside.

VDOT did not get rid of our street ice, but a few neighbors spent many hours clearing our street of 3-4 inches of ice/snow pack. — Ellen Eggerton

WANT TO PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD?

Email Kathleen@ravensworthfarm.org or mail to P.O. Box 1020 Springfield, VA 22151. Deadline for each month's classified ads can be found in the chart on page 3.



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.

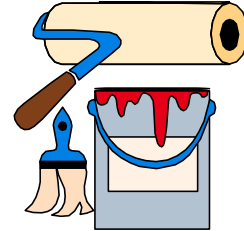
WANTED	Public school educators looking for a responsible and trustworthy day care provider. Services would need to begin late August 2011. Baby would be around 6 months old. Day care services for school days only would be ideal (around 195 days in a calendar year). REFERRALS appreciated. Please e-mail me at pkryan74@gmail.com.
TUTOR	Are you looking for a licensed elementary education tutor for your child? Please contact Patrick Ryan at (845) 853-3151. Only after school hours are available.
TUTOR	FCPS teacher and Ravensworth Farm resident available for tutoring. Experienced Reading and Special Education teacher. Please contact Nicole at 703-854-1383 or npalko@msn.com.
FOR SALE	Two heavy duty folding tables 30" wide and 60 "long, \$60. One high back desk chair covered in black material, \$30. Please call 703-321-9673.
FOR HIRE	Ravensworth resident looking to do yard work (mow lawns, rake leaves, etc.), painting, construction projects, dog walking/pet sitting, house sitting and any odd jobs, even those that require heavy lifting. Call Adam at 304-952-6975 (cell phone).
FOR SALE	Petite clothes size 14 and 16. Blazers, tops, slacks. Many never worn; all in good shape. One pair new short denim boots, size 7 N. Call 703-321-7454 anytime.
WANTED	Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991 Call the warehouse ONLY on Saturday mornings.

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Hope Lutheran Church is an inclusive and welcoming congregation, offering a variety of ways to become involved and/or to serve your community. Why not come and see for yourself? Join us on Sunday for:

- Classes for kids and adults - 9am
- Worship at 10am Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday
- Kids' chapel during the service
- Attended Nursery available
- Coffee and fellowship before and after the service
- Monthly potlucks on the 2nd Sunday – great food and fellowship!

Additional activities:

- Wednesday Bible Study – 11 am and 6:30pm
- Monthly Men's and Women's Breakfasts
- Choirs – voice and bells
- English as Second Language classes
- Quilting group and Knitting/Crochet group
- And more!

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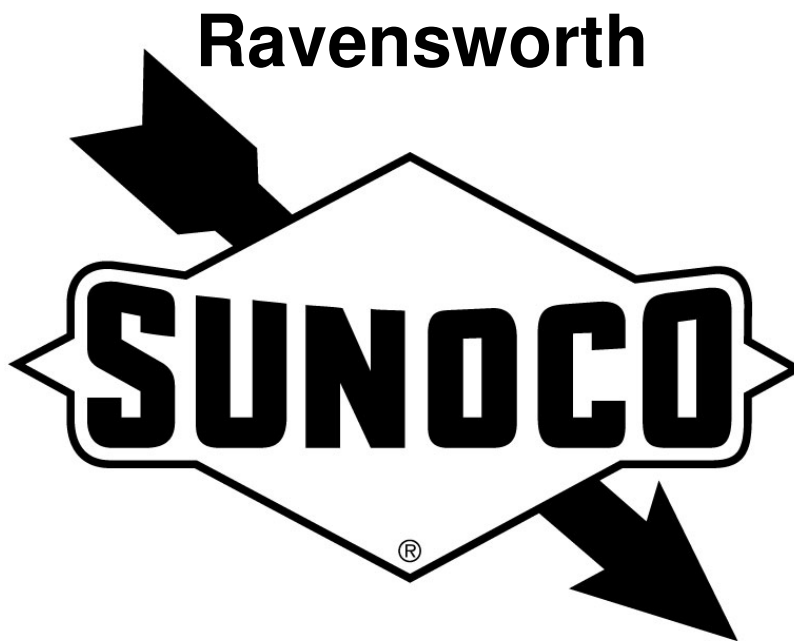
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