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**FROM THE RFCA CORRESPONDING
SECRETARY:**

Dear Neighbors:

As a new neighbor, I've come to appreciate many things about Ravensworth Farm that sets it apart from other communities-- such as the sense of community and beautiful and vast natural environment our neighborhood borders. I moved here in early 2009 from Arlington and quickly found myself surrounded by kind and generous neighbors. I grew up in Burke Centre and still clearly remember walking Volksmarches around the lake as a Boy Scout. It's still as beautiful now as it was then-- only the trees are much taller! Our proximity to the city and the tremendous amount of beautiful parkland is rare indeed. As a runner and outdoorsman I can safely say it's hard to replicate this combination of trail network, lake, creek, and forest without traveling much farther away.

The sense of community here was one of the first things I noticed. Before long I was invited to join the RFCA and shortly thereafter began receiving the Farmer. I look forward to it every month because it helps me stay on top of what's going on in Ravensworth Farm such as upcoming events, volunteer activities, important notices, and finding helpful services in the classified section. I was

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2011, 7:30PM
Ravensworth Elementary School

Save These Dates!

Community Clean-Up Day
Saturday, March 12th
Ravensworth ES, 8:00AM to Noon

Garden Club Plant Sale
Saturday, May 7th
9AM to 1PM, Shopping Center

32nd Annual Community Yard Sale
Saturday, May 14th
Ravensworth Pool Parking Lot



**Sign up for the RFCA Email List to
receive up-to-date information:**

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.

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
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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amazed at how inexpensive membership was (\$10 a year!) and even more so when I was handed a community directory.

The directory is impressive. The compact size can be misleading. It contains helpful state and local government information, contact numbers, and just almost everything else you'll need as a resident of Virginia, Fairfax County, and member of RFCA. The best part is it doesn't need to be plugged in so when the power goes out you can quickly find emergency contacts.

I also found another useful, timely benefit of being an RFCA member is the email distribution list. I think it took me all of 15 seconds to sign up. I went to the website and in the bottom right-hand corner of the main page was a box to enter my email address. That was it. Now I get all of our community's updates and notifications. I urge you to get involved and, if you're not receiving the RFCA email "blasts", please do as I did and sign up on the website.

I was recently elected as Corresponding Secretary to the RFCA Board. Since I'm new to the neighborhood and new to RFCA, I wanted to introduce myself to you and let you know how much I appreciate our active, friendly community.

Sincerely,
Kevin Joyce, Corresponding Secretary, 703-587-7989

WANTED: NEW NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATOR

We now have an active, interested neighborhood watch committee. Tom Mathias is stepping down and we need someone to coordinate this important activity. Are you interested? Then, please contact Marty Robinson 703-297-7255 or Tom Mathias 703-321-7187 for more details.



WANTED: ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

The board of RFCA needs an activities coordinator. This person would:

- Coordinate events on a calendar
- Keep track of who is in charge of organizing specific events (like the Halloween Party, Yard Sale, etc.)
- propose dates and make reservations
- communicate with the board on the status of activities
- contact people as needed

Are you interested? Contact Marty Robinson at 703-297-7255 or Ellen Eggerton at 703-321-4948.

RFCA MEETING & ACTIVITIES POLICY

Meetings and activities sponsored by the RFCA follow the same bad weather policy as Fairfax County Public Schools. If schools are closed for the day, our meeting or activity is cancelled. If the schools cancel all evening or weekend activities, our meeting or activity is cancelled. Fairfax County Public Schools broadcasts their closing and cancellation notices on local television and radio stations and on Red Apple Channel 21.

GOLDEN RAVENS REMEMBER MARY LYTLE

The late anthropologist, Margaret Mead observed, "When a person is born we rejoice, and when they're married we jubilate, but when they die we try to pretend nothing has happened." Not so among the Golden Ravens. The passing of Mary Lytle on January 13, 2011 was cause to remember her life and her presence among the Golden Ravens, the gathering of intimate friends and senior citizens of Ravensworth Farm.

Mary was a presence that could not be missed on her powered scooter, attending a covered-dish lunch or a field trip and motoring to the Safeway for groceries throughout the seasons. One of "The Greatest Generation," Mary was a volunteer U.S. Marine during WWII, a wife and mother of three and a grandmother of seven. Pretend nothing happened?? No way. When someone enters your heart like she did, they never leave. The Golden Ravens salute Mary Lytle, and wish her family many blessings in the celebration of her life and the rich memories she endowed.

Senior citizens of Ravensworth Farm are invited to experience the hospitality and friendship of the Golden Ravens by meeting the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Community of Christ Church. They plan to lunch together at Silverado in Annandale on February 23 and to share a bag lunch on March 23 at the church with an invited speaker. Call Joan Crofford for car pools and details at 703-321-7809.

GARDEN CLUB

Come join the Garden Club on Wednesday, March 2nd for a presentation on Low Maintenance Gardening (my dream come true!). The meeting will be at the home of Katrin Fletcher at 9:30am. Call Laura Asiello for details. 703-321-7840

GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 7, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Shopping Center

Mark your calendars now to support our Garden Club plant sale. The plants are healthy, reasonably priced and grow well in our yards. People come from other neighborhoods to purchase plants at this annual sale. Make sure you get yours!



NEWS FROM THE SHOPPING CENTER

- The Shopping Center owner is planning on demolishing the Safeway, deli, 7-11, and hair salon in 2015. This area will be completely re-designed and rebuilt.
- He hopes that a new grocery store will open sometime in 2016. Today, most major grocery chains require more square footage than our existing store offers.
- An architect has been hired to design the new configuration. As part of his new plan, the historical marker will be moved to a new, more prominent location.
- Both banks have closed. The owner has approached other banks about renting these existing spaces, but most want frontage property (more visible) to Braddock Road. He may possibly incorporate room for this in his new design.
- The renovation of the shopping center will require special zoning hearings. He hopes that our neighborhood will attend those hearings and support him in this upgrade.
- As part of these hearings, we may want to approach the owner about considering options such as adding a safe biking/walking path from our neighborhood to the shopping center.
- The space previously occupied by the Post Office has been rented. More info on this in upcoming issues.

HAY RIDE WILL BE RESCHEDULED!

The annual Hay Ride was cancelled due to inclement weather. Please check the website or future issues of the Farmer for more information on the new date and times.

RFCA EMAIL—DO YOU GET IT?

Do you want to:

- Get emergency information quickly?
- Hear about neighbor's deaths and funeral arrangements?
- Advertise lost and found pets in the neighborhood?
- Learn about cancellations and changes?



Then... it's time to sign up for the RFCA email blasts.

Please go to this website: <http://www.ravensworthfarm.org> and scroll down. On the lower right hand corner is a box called, "Stay Informed." Simply fill in your email address and you can be in the know! It's quick and easy. (And, we don't deluge you with tons of email... just pertinent information that needs to get out quickly before the next Farmer is published.)

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2011



The **twenty-third (23rd) 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 12** from **8:00 AM to 12:00 PM**, 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.

OUR 32ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE IS RETURNING!

The 32nd Annual Community Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2011 (pool parking lot). So start saving those items you want to dispose of as you clean out closets and attics. For more information contact Suzie Eggleston at 703-321-2070. Rain date: Saturday, May 21st



FREE TREES

If, the RFCA Board purchased tree seedlings in bulk of dogwood, pine or redbud trees, would you want one? Especially if they are FREE? We would like to know if there is interest in planting these types of trees in the neighborhood to simply make our streets and yards look better. And what's more stunning than flowering trees in the spring? If you are interested in this, we need a count. Please call Ellen Eggerton and let her know if you are interested. (703-321-4948.)

[Editor's note: this offer is NOT the same as the seedling sale from the No. Va. Soil and Water group described on page 9.]

WILDLIFE SPEAKER WILL BE HERE IN MARCH

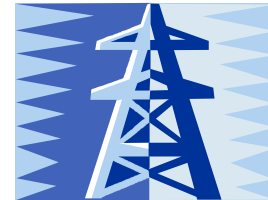
Due to the snowy weather, our regular association meeting was moved to Feb. 3. Unfortunately, the wild life biologist could not attend on that date. She WILL be coming to our meeting on March 24. So... save up those questions about wild birds and animals in the neighborhood. The biologist will discuss how to respond and handle local wildlife. (And by the way, plan to bring your kids. Her presentation is kid-friendly with many photographs.)

Date: Thursday, March 24
Time: 7:30 pm
Where: Elementary School

POWER OUTAGES

If you are experiencing a power outage or have any questions, you can call Dominion Virginia Power's Customer Service line at 866-366-4357.

You can also see Dominion's progress in restoring power by visiting this website:
<http://outagemap.dom.com/DomComFlexOutageViewer/index.html>



INTERSECTIONS WITHOUT POWER

If you're traveling in bad weather, or in the aftermath of a storm, you might want to check this website. It lists intersections currently without power:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/topics/012711intersectionsnoenergy.htm>

AMERICA'S ADOPT A SOLDIER

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Our Objective: Send a care package to every deployed Service member in 2011

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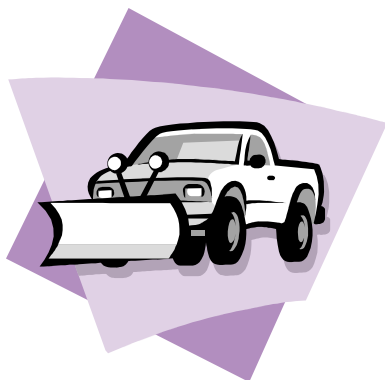
COMMUTER LOT — RIGHT ACROSS THE STREET

Many people park on Queensberry and Bullock in order to carpool or catch the bus. This really irritates the people who live in these areas. So... we are repeating this information from a previous issue of the Farmer. Why irritate your neighbors when an easy solution is right across the street?

Did you know Wakefield Park has a commuter lot? It's actually two lots, the one the Farmers Market uses and the one across from it. This is useful to know in case your car/van pool needs a convenient starting point. It's also a great place to meet up with friends when sharing rides. Here's the map with the exact location. Share this information with your neighbors, especially if you have problems with commuter parking. Also, please remember, there is NO commuter parking at the Ravensworth Shopping Center.



DRIVERS NEEDED TO HELP SENIORS



A local franchise of Home Instead Senior Care located next to Silverado restaurant in Annandale, VA is seeking volunteers with 4WD vehicles to assist in transporting our CAREGivers to and from our critical care clients during inclement weather...i.e. SNOW!

Our critical care clients are persons who require hands-on continuous care and cannot be left alone. These clients are cared for by our VA state- licensed CNA's (Certified Nursing Assistants), many of which would be unable to get to and from their assignments without transportation by someone with an SUV or 4WD vehicle.

Home Instead Senior Care is the world's largest provider of non-medical in-home care for seniors. Our focus is to allow seniors to remain living independently in their homes for as long as possible by providing assistance with daily tasks and activities that might not be as easy for them as they used to be.

Each person would be required to sign a release and would be paid \$200/day for their time and transportation. If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping to ensure all critical care clients have the care they require please contact Ravensworth resident Amy Reynolds, Home Instead Senior Care Recruiter, at 703/750-6644 or 571/334-1927.

Thank you for your support!

ANNUAL SEEDLING SALE

Two packages are available from the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District:

The Deer Resistant Shrub and Small Tree package is offered for \$15.95 and includes two each of the following species: Red osier dogwood, Silky dogwood, Serviceberry, Spicebush, and Pawpaw.

The Wildlife Friendly Tree Package sells for \$10.95 and is ideal for common areas or larger suburban yards. The tree package includes two each of the following: Black oak, Sycamore, and American hornbeam.

****All seedlings are native to Northern Virginia****

To download an order form, please visit our website at:
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/orderform_2011.pdf

For pictures of the mature species offered in the packages please visit our website at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nick Kokales by phone at (703) 324-1420 or by e-mail at nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov.



WHO TAKES CARE OF THIS?

Question: I often see dead animals on the road and do not know whom to call. Who do we call to pick up road kill that is bigger than a simple squirrel?

Answer: VDOT is the authority vested with the responsibility to remove road kill from public roads. They use subcontractors who are generally required to respond within 24 hours. Road kill on private property, private roads or driveways is the responsibility of the property owner.

To report dead animal removal or any other road issue, call VDOT's Customer Service Center at 800-FOR-ROAD or 800-367-7623.

You can also report unsafe conditions, such as a blind or poorly marked intersection, slick or icy roads to the same number. Don't want to call? The VDOT website has an online request form.

VDOT ROAD MAINTENANCE - ONLINE REQUEST FORM

You can place an online work request to assist VDOT in maintaining Virginia's roadways at the following web address: <http://www.virginiadot.org/travel/citizen.asp>

Please submit a separate form for each request for:

- Bridge work
- Culvert cleaning
- Curb, gutter or sidewalk repairs
- Dead animal removal
- Ditch cleaning
- Dust control
- Grading
- Gravel/stone placement
- Guard rail replacement
- Mowing
- Pipes
- Pothole filling
- Snow removal
- Traffic light repairs
- Traffic study
- Debris removal from roadway
- Tree trimming/removal
- Water drainage



TELEPHONE SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS OF OLDER ADULTS

- Where: Your house; your telephone
- March 8, 2011
- Time: 7:00pm–8:00pm
- Support and information about services for older adults is just a phone call away. Call in on the second Tuesdays each month, from 7-8:00 p.m. Register online in advance of the session or call Michelle Smith at 703-324-5484. This free support group is facilitated by a county social worker and sponsored by Fairfax County Department of Family Services' Fairfax Area Agency on Aging.
- Website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices>
- Phone: 703-324-5484, 703-324-5484, TTY 711
- Price: Free

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED

- Organization: Fairfax County Volunteer Solutions Program
- Causes: Seniors, Health
- Contact person: Volunteer Solutions
- Phone: 703-324-5406
- Email: DFSAAAvolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov
- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/>

Volunteer to drive older adults to medical appointments in the Alexandria, Springfield, and Lorton areas. For more information, please contact Volunteer Solutions. Volunteer Solutions is a program of Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging.

SYMPATHY

We extend sympathy to the families of:

Mary Lytle on Landgrave Lane died on the 14th of January.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in the *Farmer* at no cost to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Please 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. 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

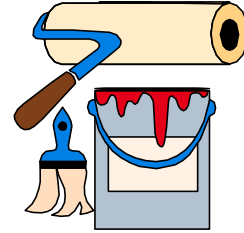
Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991 Call the warehouse ONLY on Saturday mornings.

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- 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!

Calendar notes:

- Ash Wednesday services, March 9 - 11am and 7pm
- Lent services, Wednesdays March 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, and 13 - 11am and 7pm
- Palm Sunday, April 17 - 10 am - Palms distributed
- Maundy Thursday, April 21 - 11am and 7pm
- Good Friday, April 22 – 7pm
- Easter Sunday, Festival Service, April 24 - 10 am

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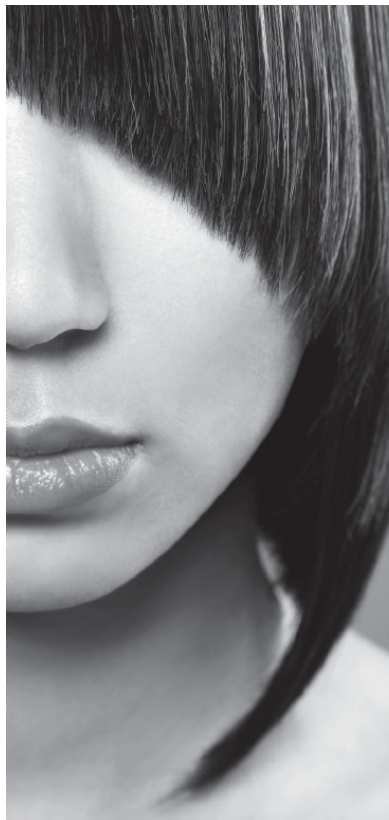
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