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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

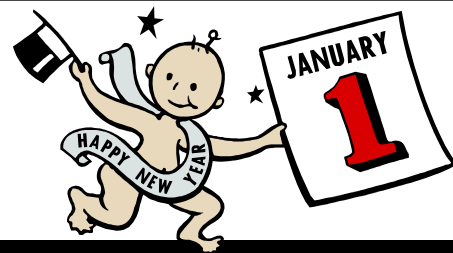
Dear Neighbors:

Today is January 4 and it is the first really cold day of the winter. When I left for work at 0430 it was 18 degrees outside. When I put up my Christmas lights at the end of November it was a 70 degree day and when I took them down on December 31st it was 62 degrees, so I guess we can't complain about the weather up until today.

Last month it was been nice riding up and down the streets of Ravensworth Farm to see all of the Holiday decorations and light shows. It seems every year some of them get more elaborate and you can see cars slowing down in front of houses to admire all of the hard work. Congratulations to the Karlinchak's for their well deserved First Place win.

My wife and I stayed in on New Year's Eve and were surprised by the amount, and loudness, of the fireworks in the neighborhood. Some of them were still going off an hour and a half after midnight. My wife, Cindy, and I enjoyed standing outside and watching the fireworks. Cindy's due date was January 1st (just for the record, it is January 4th today and we are still waiting for our baby to decide she is ready to arrive) and we had had a pretty mellow evening sitting on the couch watching the festivities in Times Square.

Con't Pg. 3



General Membership Meeting

**Thursday, Jan 26 at 7:30PM
Ravensworth Elementary**

**Sights & Lights Winners—
please attend!**

**Receive up-to-the-minute information
this winter by adding your email
address to the RFCA E-newsletter list!
(sign-up is on the website)**

**Join us on Facebook
(check the website for details):**

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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Association Calendar 2011 - 2012

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
January	4	4	6	11	21	26
February	1	1	3	10	25	
March	Feb. 29	Feb. 29	2	9	24	29
April	4	4	6	9	28	
May	2	2	4	11	26	31

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

Con't from Pg. 1

I always check Ravensworth Farm Facebook page and find it is a good indicator of what is going on in our community. I did get quite a bit of feedback from people complaining about the excess celebration. I think everybody expects a reasonable amount of noise on New Year's Eve, but parties going on until 5am and M80's exploding for hours on end does seem a bit much. So for any of you out there that are among the guilty parties involved--please be considerate of your older neighbors, those with infants, and those with animals who get freaked out by loud noises. Enough said on that.

Just a reminder that as the snow starts to fall, keep in mind your neighbors who may need a little help to shovel and could use a hand. It may seem like a small thing for you to do, but you can imagine how thankful someone will be just to be able to get out of their house.

I wish you all a Happy New Year and send out a special prayer to our Ravensworth Farm neighbors who are serving overseas during this Holiday Season.

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

SHOPPING CENTER UPDATE

- The Post Office lease is paid through part of 2012; it will be some time before that space is rented.
- Super Pets is still coming—they will probably occupy the space between Rite Aid and the Dairy Queen.
- It is still undecided what grocery store will replace Safeway. The owner reports that Giant has approached him as well as Harris Teeter. Nothing has been settled, yet.



GOLDEN RAVENS RING IN THE NEW YEAR

So, by now you've probably broken some New Year's resolutions. How about this one? Resolved: If you are 50 years or older and a resident of Ravensworth Farm, to join up with other neighbors for friendship, conversation, and mutual support. No one can predict what comes next, so it is helpful to have some friends to meet and talk with at our regular monthly meetings – enjoy a meal while we share the current events of life.

So whether it is a bag lunch, a covered dish, or a restaurant gathering, Golden Ravens help and comfort each other. Occasional speakers are scheduled for updates on the latest issues in aging. Meetings convene at the Community of Christ church (no affiliation) each fourth Wednesday at 11:30AM. Call Joan Crofford for luncheon plans on January 26 at 703-321-7809.

WANTED: EDITOR FOR THE FARMER

The current editor of the Farmer is retiring from both her regular job and the Farmer, too. Can you step in and fill this position? A small stipend is available. The editor:



- Collects data from community groups, clubs and committees
- Proofreads and edits community information
- Attends a monthly board meeting
- Writes short articles based on the meeting
- Sends a master file of information to the formatter
- Develops the annual schedule for formatting, printing and delivery of the Farmer
- Works with RFCA Board to produce annual schedule of events for community
- Answers questions by email and phone regarding Farmer information

If interested, please contact Marty at 703-297-7255 or Kathleen at 703-321-7523.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

January is the perfect time to reflect on the past year and plan for a new one. Our January 4 meeting at the home of Barbara Adams allowed us to do just that.

During 2011 we were motivated by some of the best "Master Gardeners" in the Greater Washington Area. We continued to maintain the Lake Accotink Butterfly Garden and added an architectural pillar and sundial. We connected with our community by arranging fresh flowers with senior citizens at Little Glen Day Care on Olley Lane. Christmas stockings were provided for incarcerated children at the Juvenile Detention Center in Alexandria. And, as always, we promoted eco-friendly landscapes in Ravensworth Farm by sponsoring Garden of the Season recognition in fall and spring and a plant sale in May.

This New Year holds great promise. Now is the perfect time to take stock of your own landscape and plan for spring. Join us on February 1 at the home of Ursula Schuttinga to create Valentine's Day Centerpieces.

Tip for winter:

If a snowstorm hits, create a ground feeding area to accommodate lots of birds.

Sweep away snow and scatter seeds on the ground. Provide a windbreak with evergreen boughs or left over fall limbs.

HOLIDAY SIGHTS & LIGHTS WINNERS!

Last month, the following homes won the annual RFCA contest for holiday decorations.

Kid's Choice:	5633 Inverchapel –Ramirez Family
Best Religious:	5200 Queensberry –O'Keefe Family
Best Door/Window:	5671 Ravenel –Hartman Family
Best Overall	5405 Moultrie—Karlinchak Family



Winners-- please attend the January 26th Civic Association meeting to pick up your prizes!

Looking ahead to next year's holiday season... expect some changes! The Holiday Decorations contest might be combined with a social event, possibly at the church. We'll have lots more categories and people can submit their homes for consideration. After a brief social, we'll have a chance to vote on the houses as a group. We'd also like to get pictures of the winning homes on the internet. Interested in helping with this? Are you good with night time photography? Contact Ellen at 703-321-4948.

WHAT'S GOING ON WITH BRADDOCK ROAD?

The January Civic Association meeting will feature two speakers who will update us on the HOT Lanes Project: Jamie Breme from VDOT and Jeff Wagner from Fluor-Lane. They will specifically discuss the intersection of Braddock Road and the Beltway/HOT Lanes. What's it going to look like? Where will be the entrances? It should be very interesting, so please feel free to invite any interested friend or neighbor to join us.

When: Thursday, January 26
 Time: 7:30 pm
 Place: Ravensworth Elementary School



RAVENSWORTH TOTS CLUB

Are you looking for a way to connect with other moms and dads in the neighborhood? Well look no further than the Ravensworth Tots Club! This group was created to build a community between our preschoolers, their younger siblings & parents. There are plenty of opportunities for making new local friends as we can all share in the special fun that awaits us in Northern Virginia!!! We can even do in-house play dates if that is of interest to our local moms and dads.

The Ravensworth Tots Club is run through a Yahoo Group online. This format makes it easy for everyone to communicate, share ideas, and stay on top of the latest activities.

To join, send an email to:
ravensworthmomsanddads-
subscribe@yahoo.com
You will receive an email reply. Follow the steps in this email to join the group.

If you have any questions and/or comments, please feel free to contact Melanie Bennett at
melanieannebennett@gmail.com or 571-282-3291



BURKE | SPRINGFIELD OPEN HOUSE ON THE FAIRFAX COUNTY BICYCLE PLAN

Date: January 24, 2012, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Place: Springfield District Office, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA, 22152, United States

THIS MEETING IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR INPUT:

What streets and roads need to be bicycle-friendly? Where should there be on-road bike lanes, off-road trails, and/or other approaches? Where are the difficult or unsafe locations to bicycle? How can cycling be made safer for young people or novice cyclists? How can cycling for short trips, like running errands, shopping, or going to the park or playground be made more attractive?



AMERICA'S ADOPT A SOLDIER

We have a young single soldier returning from Iraq and will be caring for her aging mother and children. We are in need of the following. please let us know if you can provide any of these items. As always-- Thank You for Giving Back. Together we can make a difference!

NAME	AGE	SEX	PANTS	SHIRTS	UNDER-CLOTHES	SHOES	COATS	SOCKS
Christina	7	F	7 or 8	7 or 8	Med girls	13	7 or 8	girl
Jordan	5	F	5 or 6	5 or 6	Small girls	11	5 or 6	girl
ITEMS FOR ALL:								
GLOVES	SIZE APPROPRIATE FOR AGE LISTED ABOVE							
PAJAMAS - 3 sets ea.								
BACK PACKS - 2	N/A							
SCHOOL SUPPLIES								
PILLOWS - 4	NO PREFERENCES							
GROCERIES - All	She needs everything...							
LAUNDRY DETERGENT								
CLEANING SUPPLIES								
LINENS (BATH TOWELS, ETC.) 2 Twin beds and 1 Queen Bed plus Bath Towels and face towels.								
ALL KITCHEN UTENSILS (DISHES, COOKWARE, CAN OPENER, BLENDER, ETC) All Kitchen items are needed.								
Household furniture: Sofa and Loveseat or Chair, End Tables, Dining room table and chairs, Bunk Beds for the girls and a double bed for Mom.								

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TREE HOUSE REGULATIONS



Before building a tree house, county residents should contact the Department of Planning and Zoning to learn what zoning rules apply. Call the Ordinance Administration Branch at 703-324-1314 and ask for the zoning resource planner.

Because zoning rules vary by district, it's important to call to find out what laws apply to a specific property.

A tree house is never permitted in a required front yard, and in general, a tree house may be located in any part of any side or rear yard—if it doesn't exceed seven feet in height.

If the tree house exceeds seven feet in height, it must be setback at a distance equal to its height from the rear lot line and a distance equal to the side yard setback from the side lot line. (As an example, a 15-foot tall tree house that's located on a property with a 12-foot minimum required side yard must be setback at least 15 feet from the rear lot line and at least 12 feet from the side lot line.)

The height of the tree house is measured from the highest point of the house to the lowest point of the finished ground adjacent to the tree house.

Building permits are not required for tree houses or other playground equipment, such as jungle gyms or play houses. However, zoning rules still apply to this equipment.

Visit the department's Web page on zoning setback requirements to learn what rules apply to other kinds of accessory structures, such as sheds and garages.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/setbacks.htm>

RECYCLE YOUR OBSOLETE ELECTRONICS ON ELECTRIC SUNDAY

The 2012 Electric Sunday recycling schedule kicks off this month on Sunday, Jan. 29, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station located at 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Residents will be able to recycle old televisions, computers and peripheral electronics such as speakers, printers, scanners, keyboards and more. Unbroken fluorescent lights will also be accepted for recycling. There is no fee to participate in this event.

Complete details for this and other recycling events scheduled for 2012 may be found on the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program's web site at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/recycling.

The Solid Waste Management Program has also established the 2012 schedule for document shredding events as well as remote household hazardous waste collection events. These schedules are also available on the web site above. Mark your calendars and help us make Fairfax County a greener place in which to live, work and play!



HOV LANES (CURRENT PROGRAM BEFORE HOT LANES)

HOV, or High Occupancy Vehicle lanes are available to ride-sharers on Interstates 66, 95 and 395 and on Route 267 (the Dulles Toll Road) in Fairfax County. Vehicles must have a minimum number of occupants to travel on these lanes during peak commuting hours. Since vehicle occupancy is restricted in the HOV lanes, traffic moves faster than in the regular traffic lanes.

For HOV-2, there must be at least two people in the car. The minimum requirement for HOV-3 is three people.

HOV Times and Occupancy Requirements:

I-66

HOV-2: Far left lane, between Manassas Route 234 and I-495 (outside the Capital Beltway)

Eastbound 5:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Westbound 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

HOV-2: Both lanes between I-495 and Washington, D.C. (inside the Capitol Beltway); eastbound non-HOV traffic must exit onto I-495

Eastbound 6:30 - 9am

Westbound 4 - 6:30pm

I-95 & I-395 HOV Lanes

HOV-3: Separate median lanes from Washington, D.C. to Dumfries

Northbound 6 - 9am

Open to all traffic: 9-11am, Fridays 9-10am, 4pm Sat. - 6am Mon.

Closed: 11am - 1pm, Fridays 10am - Noon, Saturday 2 - 4pm

Southbound 3:30 - 6pm

Open to all Traffic: 1 - 3:30pm, 6-9pm, Fridays Noon-3:30pm , 6pm Fri. - 2pm Sat

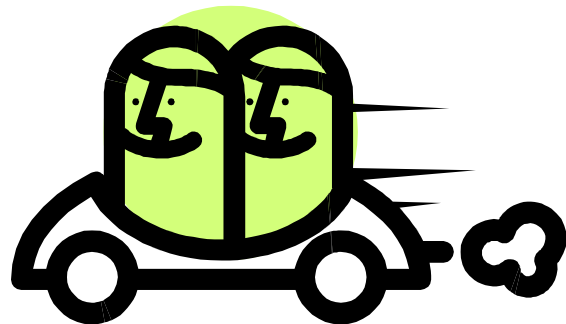
Closed: 9 - 11pm, 2 - 4pm Sat.

Dulles Toll Road

HOV-2: Far left lane

Eastbound 6:30 - 9:00 am

Westbound 4:00 - 6:30 pm



HOSPITALITY

Get well wishes go out to:

Kay Anderson, Moultrie Road
Barbara Rogers, Inverchapel Road and
Peggy Cicatello, Landgrave Lane, who is now at Arden Courts in Annandale

Sympathy is extended to the family of:
Robert Rish, Bullock Lane



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JOIN	A new social group is being offered for challenged souls who feel traditional beliefs no longer work – those searching for inner peace, no matter what happens outside. Free ebooks provided for all attendees and moderated by a Ravensworth Farm resident philosopher and author - Google Lewis Tagliaferre for reference. Call 703-321-9268 or email lewtag@aol.com.
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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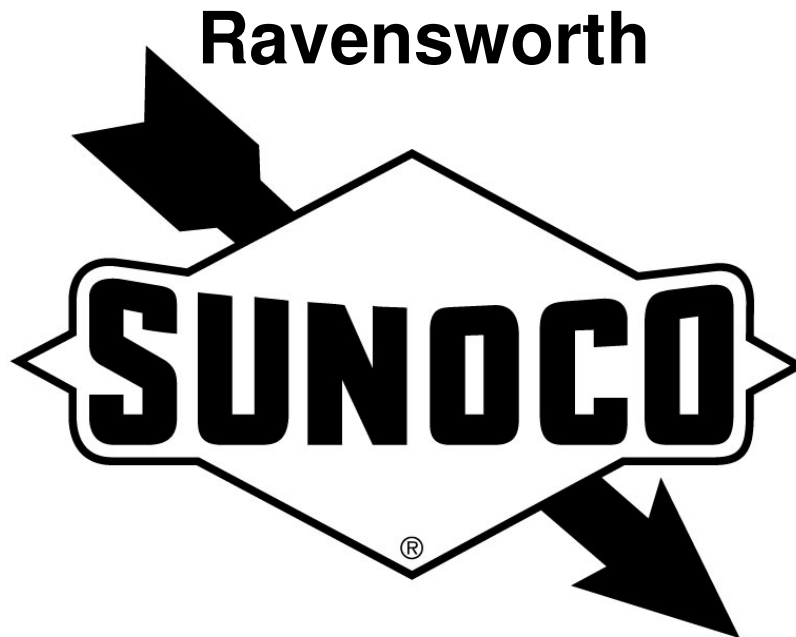
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