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**FROM THE EDITOR:**

Dear Neighbors:

A few weeks ago, our civic association met with representatives from VDOT and the companies building and managing the HOT lanes project—and they spoke to us about the project and specifically what the Braddock Road interchange will look like. First, I'd like to say a big thank you to Ellen Eggerton who organizes our meetings and presentations. It was a timely, interesting and informative meeting. Several neighbors from Danbury Forest joined us, as well.

Second, everyone-- get ready! By this coming December, Ravensworth will be impacted by the HOT/Express Lane entrance at Braddock Road and the Beltway. Here are some of the facts we learned about their operation:

- The new HOT lanes will be now called "Express Lanes."
- The Express Lanes will run between the mixing bowl and end before the American Legion Bridge.
- You must have an E-Z Pass transponder to use the express lanes.
- A new type of transponder will be available this summer that will let you switch be-

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**March Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, Mar 29 at 7:30PM  
Ravensworth Elementary**

**Wildlife Biologist—How to respond  
and handle wildlife, pg. 5**



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(sign-up is on the website)**

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**[www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://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 2011 - 2012

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
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.**

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tween single user and HOV-3 status.

- Two signs will appear along Braddock Road, letting motorists know the current price. Once you pass these signs, you are locked into that price.
- One of these signs will be at the entrance of the express lane ramps, visible to those who exit Ravensworth via Queensberry Road.
- Fees could be \$4-6 during peak hours and as little as ten cents late at night.
- You will not be able to cross over from the express lanes into the regular beltway lanes except at designated exit points.
- HOV-3 and motorcycles will be free.
- Cameras and computers will constantly monitor the lanes and HOV status of cars.
- The speed limit will be 55 mph.
- 8 Virginia State Police cars will continually patrol and ticket violators.
- The Express Lane project is 84 percent complete and is scheduled to open at the end of December 2012.
- Transurban will be responsible for road maintenance & repair. VDOT will do the snow removal.
- \$5 million dollars has been allocated to re-forest the beltway area, where possible, along the entire corridor.

Kathleen Powers  
Editor, Ravensworth Farmer

## **GOLDEN RAVENS... NOT JUST FOR EXTRAVERTS**

Some people just like to party and get energized being part of a crowd. But others, called introverts, prefer their own company and are energized by ideas and learning new things. Someone said if you don't know what an extravert is--is thinking you have not listened and if you don't know what an introvert is--is thinking you have not asked. The Golden Ravens make both types feel welcome at their monthly meetings. Talk if you prefer or you can just people-watch and listen if that is your preference. Either way, you will feel better inside no matter what is happening outside by being a member of the senior community of Ravensworth Farm. The Golden Ravens meet every fourth Wednesday at the Community Church about 11:30 AM to enjoy company, bag lunches, and covered dishes, occasional speakers, and the comfort of each other. Call Joan Crofford for transportation or more information, 703-321-7809.

## **GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB**

The Green Thumb Garden Club met on Wednesday, February 1 at the home of Ursula Schuttinga. Refreshments were provided by Martha Sargent and Nancy Langley.

Our spring plant sale will be held on Saturday, May 5 at the Ravensworth pool. This date will allow Green Thumb to coordinate our annual plant sale with the Ravensworth Farm yard sale.

After the business meeting we enjoyed arranging Valentine's Day centerpieces using red, white, and pink carnations with accents of baby's breath and ferns.

On Wednesday, March 7 a designer from The Flower Den Florist will demonstrate the art of flower design. Guests are always welcome.

### **Gardening Tip of the Month:**

Shrubs that flower on "new" wood (current season's growth) need to be pruned in late winter to early spring (January to March) when they are dormant.

Examples:      Butterfly bush -prune to 12 inches from base  
                      Red twig dogwood -prune to ground  
                      Oakleaf hydrangea -only prune dead wood



## **STAFFING PROBLEM AT LAKE ACCOTINK**



Jim Hickey, Ravensworth resident and active in FLAP (Friends of Lake Accotink) advised us that the Fairfax County Park Authority decided to leave Lake Accotink, Burke Lake and Fairfax Lake unstaffed, 24/7, for eight weeks, beginning January 23, 2012. It would mean that the gated entrances would remain open, possibly encouraging vandalism and illegal activities. Due to Jim's calling campaign to the Fairfax County Park Authority, Supervisor Cook and Chairman Boliva, the Park Authority agreed to have someone at Lake Accotink to open/close the gates and staff the area some of the time. Jim urges everyone in the neighborhood to email, call or write to Supervisor Cook and the Park Authority and urge them to lend their support for full and continued staffing at Lake Accotink. Thanks, Jim, for being a strong advocate for our neighborhood treasure!

**YIELD ON GREEN CHANGE COMING TO QUEENSBERRY INTERSECTION!**

Anyone who uses Wakefield Park or the Audrey Moore Recreation Center knows how dangerous the Queensberry/Braddock Road intersection can be. It seem like no one ever expects cars to travel straight across this intersection. I personally have had several “near misses” and have witnessed two different accidents at our light.

VDOT has finally agreed to put up two signs that say, “Left Turn Yield on Green”: one sign for those exiting our neighborhood at Queensberry and the other for those exiting the Park.

I have called and written about this for over ten years and have worked with two different Supervisor’s Offices. I’d like to thank Supervisor John Cook and the Ravensworth Civic Association who supported this request. It will take several months before we actually see the sign, but I hope this signage will remind everyone leaving our neighborhood –and the park—to slow and down and yield to oncoming traffic.



- Kathleen Powers

**MARCH MEETING**

Mark your calendars! The wildlife biologist is coming to our March Association meeting! (We tried to host her last year, but due to a personal emergency, she was unable to attend.)



**DATE:**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 29**

**TIME:**  
**7:30 PM**



**PLACE:**  
**RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Learn about local birds and wildlife. She will discuss how to respond and handle wild animals in our yards. Please plant to bring your children, as her presentation is child-friendly. See you then.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

Offered as a free service to any Ravensworth resident, you can advertise items you wish to sell or give away. Ads of a business nature, such as the sale of a house, will be published only once. If a resident wishes to repeat a business ad in subsequent issues, it will be considered a Paid Ad and regular ad rates will apply.



Two ways to publish a classified ad:

- Email: Kathleen@Ravensworthfarm.org with “Farmer” in subject line
- Send it to the Civic Association’s post office box: P.O. Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151 Attn: Editor

### Due Dates:

The deadline for classified ads is the date of the board meeting each month, which is published in the Farmer. Remember, old issues of the Farmer are available online at <http://www.ravensworthfarm.org>.

## BUILDING PERMITS

A building permit is a document issued by Fairfax County which legally authorizes construction activity. Anytime you have work done on your house, you need to have a completed building permit on file. You can apply for a permit two ways.

First, you may pick up a permit application at the Permit Application Center at the Herrity Building in the Fairfax County Government complex. You may be asked to pay for all or part of your permit fee at the time of application. A visit or telephone call to the Permit Application Center will provide you with the resources and information necessary to make your project a success and to avoid potential problems which could cost you time and money. Be prepared to discuss your project with permit staff who will ask you questions such as “What are you planning to do?” and “Where are you planning to do it?” The permit staff will discuss the specific process for your specific project.

Permit Application Center  
The Herrity Building  
12055 Government Center Parkway, 2nd Floor  
Fairfax, Virginia 22035  
Telephone: 703-222-0801

Second, you can now apply for some types of building permits online. This new service is called FIDO. Visit this web address for permit applications:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bldgpermits/Webpermit.aspx>

For more information regarding building permits and the application process, visit:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/buildingpermits>

## **COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY: SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012**



The **twenty-fourth (24th) 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 10** 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.

## **MEDICAL RESERVE CORP NEEDS HELP!**

You do not have to be a doctor or nurse, or even have a medical background, to become a volunteer with the Fairfax Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The Fairfax MRC is an all volunteer program designed to augment the ability of our public health system to help our community when disaster strikes. MRC volunteers may be called on to provide emergency assistance, like staffing medication dispensing sites. It takes just ten hours of training to make a difference in your community. For more information call 703-246-8641 or visit <http://www.fairfaxmrc.org>

## **TRIMMING TREES**

Winter is a good time to prune deciduous trees. Once the foliage has dropped, it's easier to get a look at the branching structure and spot any potential problems. Richard Eaton, an arborist, shares the following tips for pruning small or recently planted deciduous trees:

- Prune out any diseased or broken limbs.
- Remove branches that cross over one another.
- Remove branches that go against the flow of the tree's natural habit (i.e. upward pointing branches on a weeping tree).
- Avoid pruning branches completely flush with the trunk or major limbs; make cuts slightly above the junction point, leaving the branch "collar" intact.
- Don't use wound sealants; trees have a natural ability to heal themselves.
- Try not to disrupt the natural architecture of the tree.
- Be conservative; cut only branches you are confident need to be removed.
- For safety, use tools that allow you to reach up into the canopy, such as pole pruner, rather than climbing up on a ladder. If you need a ladder, says Eaton, it's probably time to call a certified arborist.

The American Horticultural Society is located in Alexandria, VA. Visit their website for more timely gardening tips.

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**EVENTS AT LAKE ACCOTINK PARK—FEBRUARY AND MARCH****2/29/2012**

Fly Tying (13-Adult) [Click to Register with Parktakes Online](#)

Location: Lake Accotink Park

Start Time/Day: 6:30pm Wed

Students will learn proper fly tying techniques to create nymphs, streamers and dry flies for small-mouth bass and trout. Participants are responsible for purchasing their own supplies

**3/24/2012**

Soccer I (8-12 yrs) [Click to Register with Parktakes Online](#)

Location: Lake Accotink Park

Start Time/Day: 10am Sat

Basic instruction geared for beginning players. Emphasis is on development of soccer skills including kicking, dribbling, goal-keeping, etc. Bring shin-guards and a soccer ball.

**3/24/2012**

Soccer II (8-12 yrs) [Click to Register with Parktakes Online](#)

Location: Lake Accotink Park

Start Time/Day: 11am Sat

Prerequisite: Soccer I. Bring shin-guards and a soccer ball.

**3/24/2012**

Dog Obedience II (14-Adult) [Click to Register with Parktakes Online](#)

Location: Lake Accotink Park

Start Time/Day: 11am Sat

Prepares owner for off-lead work with the basic commands. For dogs at least eight months old who have successfully completed at least one basic course for both dog and owner. Dogs may not display aggression or fear in any indoor class. Prerequisite: Dog Obedience I or equivalent.

**3/24/2012**

Puppy Kindergarten (14-Adult) [Click to Register with Parktakes Online](#)

Location: Lake Accotink Park

Start Time/Day: 9am Sat

Puppies 10 weeks to 6 months learn socialization and discipline fundamentals. Puppy owners learn how to address problems such as housebreaking, chewing and jumping. Puppies should wear a buckle collar and be up-to-date with shots.

**3/24/2012**

Soccer I (6-8 yrs) [Click to Register with Parktakes Online](#)

Location: Lake Accotink Park

Start Time/Day: 9am Sat

Basic instruction geared for beginning players. Emphasis is on soccer skill development including kicking, dribbling, goal-keeping, etc. Bring shin-guards and a soccer ball.

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Location: Lake Accotink Park

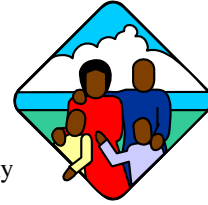
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When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please call contact the New Neighbor Committee (pg. 2).

**HOSPITALITY**

We extend sympathy to the family of:  
Peggy Cicotello, formerly of Landgrave Lane



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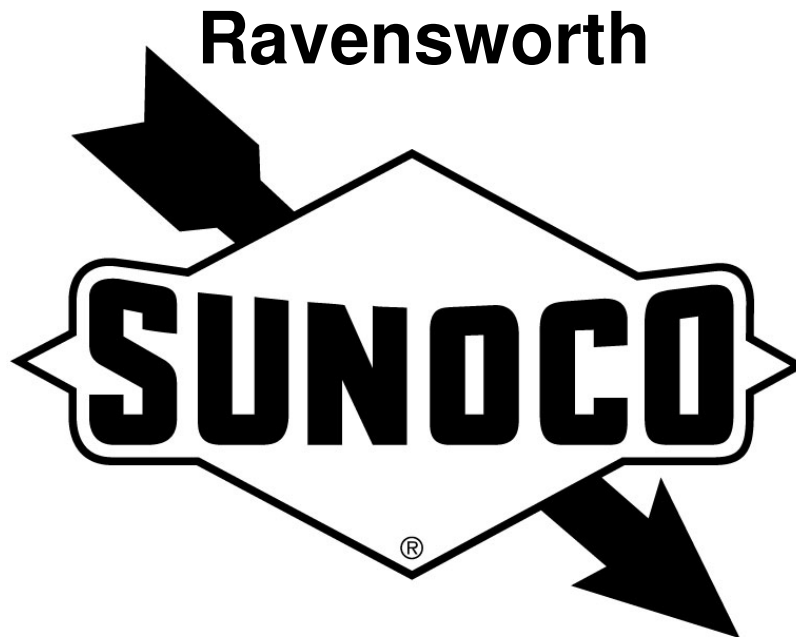
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- ADA Compliance
- And more!

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- Roofing
- Windows
- Siding
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**Busy Buddies Provides:**

- Trusted resources
- Expert, practical moving advice
- An organized simplified move
- Start to finish move coordination
- Unpacking / settling new home
- Support and guidance
- Hands on physical labor
- Floor plan arrangement
- Chaos-free downsizing

**You Reduce:**

- Stress, time, effort and novice frustrations
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- Disruption of family routine

**Estate dispersal / house clearing service.**

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We'll get your new home up and running in a day (Make bed, hang shower curtain, put soup away).

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