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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Neighbors:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Ravensworth Farm for allowing me to act as President of the Civic Association for the past two years. I have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to interact with so many of you, whether it was founding residents who have lived here for fifty plus years, or brand new homeowners. I truly love this neighborhood and I constantly extol its virtues to anyone I know who is looking to move.

Not only do we have the easy access to 495, and one of the best park systems in the county, we have the greatest neighbors anyone could hope to find. It was a tough decision not to remain on the board but with the recent addition of our second daughter and a crazy schedule at work, I just can't keep up anymore. Plus, it is now my wife's turn to serve on the board of our daughter's pre-school.

We have a few open positions on the Civic Association and I encourage folks to participate in this wonderful group. Please consider volunteering, it will not take too much of your time and you will get to work with a great bunch of folks.

Con't Pg. 3



**STOP! Save this Farmer.
It's the last one
until September.**

**Check the website and sign up
for the RFCA e-newsletter
to receive up-to-date information
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www.ravensworthfarm.org

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(check the website for details):**

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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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Association Calendar 2011 - 2012

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

Don't forget to join us for our May association meeting as we elect new officers and hear about changes and plans for the Ravensworth shopping center.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity to serve you; I take great pride in being afforded this position as President of the Ravensworth Civic Association.

Marty Robinson, RFCA President
 prez@ravensworthfarm.org

FLY THE FLAG PROUDLY!!

We hope you enjoyed seeing all the flags in Ravensworth Farm this year. If you would like to have a flag in your yard next year email us or give us a call.

2012 Schedule only \$25 for year

- July 4th 2012
- Labor Day 2012
- President's Day 2013

The boy scouts will set up a flag pole and a flag in your front yard for each of these holidays from sunrise to sunset. They then return and remove it. Get together with your neighbors and see if your entire block can proudly fly Old Glory on your street!

Here's an easy way to sign up for the flag service:
 Make a \$25 check payable to Troop 1147

Send check to:

Dan Johnson
 4003 Kloman St
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 Call 571-249-5770



Get ready for the 4th of July!

Troop 1147 703-722-1144
 FlagFundraiser@gmail.com

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

Green Thumb Garden Club held their final business meeting of the season on May 2. After a tour of Green Spring Garden in Alexandria, members enjoyed a picnic lunch in the garden.

On Monday, April 30 Garden of the Season selections were made. The judges noted that this spring was difficult to judge because so many residents are doing an outstanding job of landscaping and maintaining their property.

It's clear that Ravensworth Farm has lots of talented and enthusiastic gardeners. Please consider joining our club. We meet the first Wednesday of each month September through June. Call Margaret at 703 764-9576 to explore membership.

Until September... take some time to walk our streets and enjoy our gorgeous neighborhood!

GARDEN OF THE SEASON

First Place	5227 Kepler	Carlos and Maria Santizo
Second Place	5401 Queensberry	Parvis and Shirin Inanloo
Third Place	7916 Slidell	Gary and Wendy Loehrs

HONORABLE MENTION:

8123 Bullock Lane	5309 Nutting Drive
8133 Drayton Lane	5311 Nutting Drive
8002 Gosport Lane	5310 Oldcastle Lane
5313 Landgrave Lane	5616 Rathbone Place
5311 Moultrie Road	5619 Ravenel Lane



CURTAIN CALL FOR GOLDEN RAVENS

Another show is finished for this year and it is time for closing the curtain until the fall season in September. The final performance for this spring is on May 23 at the usual place in the Community of Christ Church. The Golden Ravens express their great appreciation for the kindness and hospitality granted that makes it all possible. No reservations are needed and the tickets are free...just come around about 11:30AM to meet up with friends and neighbors of the older generation. Call Joan Crofford for details or transportation aid at 703-321-7809.

COMMUNITY PICNIC IN JEOPARDY



The annual community picnic needs a coordinator. The church helps host this event by providing free hot dogs and we round out the menu by bringing covered dishes to share. The coordinator helps by getting a moon bounce for the children and coordinating volunteers for this event. Feel like making a difference? This once-a-year event might be just what you're looking for! Please call Marty Robinson at 703-297-7255. If no one steps up, this activity will not happen.

WARNING: THE NEW NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE IS DISBANDING!

No one will welcome new neighbors in the future!

This great service of visiting and welcoming newcomers to Ravensworth will end... unless someone steps forward and volunteers.

Can YOU help a couple of hours once or twice a month? If you think you can help, please contact Marty Robinson at 703-297-7255.

WE HAVE A NEW EDITOR OF THE FARMER!

I'd like to welcome Sara Kelley Ortiz who will take over the Farmer next year. As I leave this position, I'd like to thank the following people who made my job so much easier: Susan Deyampert, Ellen Eggerton, Laura Asiello and the many, many people who contribute regularly to our community's newsletter. I've enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful neighbors.

— Kathleen Powers

FARMERS MARKET RETURNS TO WAKEFIELD PARK

Visit our local Farmers Market every Wednesday from 2:00 to 6:00 pm across the street in Wakefield Park from May 2 to October 31. Enjoy fresh baked breads and rolls, locally grown fruit and vegetables, and homemade ice cream. Cheeses, herbs and potted plants are also available.

Want to know what the markets will offer each week? Sign up for a weekly newsletter at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm>

FARMERS MARKET IN DOWNTOWN SPRINGFIELD STARTS MAY 26TH

Springfield Farmers Market sponsored by Smart Markets, Inc will be:

Saturdays
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
American Legion Post 176
6520 Amherst Ave.
Springfield, VA 22150
May 26 – October 27

For more information, or to sign up for their newsletter, see <http://www.smartmarkets.org/>



RFCA MEETING

**“What’s New at the Shopping Center?”
Our regular membership meeting will answer that question!
Come to the Civic Association Meeting:**

Date:

Thursday, May 31st

Time:

7:30PM

Location:

Ravensworth Elementary School

After a short business meeting during which we will elect the upcoming Board members, the shopping center owner will update us on his plans for the future. Plus, we have invited the merchants of several new stores to talk to us.

Join us for an interesting and informative meeting!

2012 – 2013 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR RFCA

At our May RFCA meeting, we will vote on the following slate of officers for the Board of the civic association

President, Kevin Joyce

1st Vice President , Ellen Eggerton

2nd Vice President, Jacqueline Fix

Treasurer, Richmon Tun

Recording Secretary, Ginger Rogers

Corresponding Secretary, VACANT

As always, additional nominations can be made from the floor.

SUMMER FUN WITH CUB SCOUTING!

Parents! Do you have a son entering grades 1 - 5 next fall? Looking for some good, clean fun for him that doesn't break the bank? Then, consider joining Cub Scouts next school year!

Ravensworth's own Cub Scout Pack 991 has planned a wide variety of fun summer activities. They're all either free or very low cost, take place locally, and will help your son make new friends from the neighborhood and encourage him to grow and be all he can be!

Activities include pool parties, outings to a historic fort, Scout Night at the Potomac Nationals and more! Below is a list of June events – come check us out! And be on the lookout at the pool for our summer flyer with a complete listing of summer activities!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>
June 3	Youth Fishing Derby	Burke Lake Park, 8am-noon	Free
June 11	Final Pack Mtg of the Year	Ravensworth Elem. School, 7pm	Free
June 18	Lake Accotink Bike Ride	Ravensworth Elem. School, 6pm	Free
July 4	1K Fun Run (Let Freedom Run)	Fairfax Corner, 8:30am	\$15

For further information on the Pack or Cub Scouting in general, or for the full schedule of summer activities, please check out our website (<http://pack991.scoutlander.com>), contact Cubmaster Chris Lewis (pack991cubmaster@verizon.net), or check out www.BeAScout.org. We look forward to seeing your son soon!

BRADDOCK NIGHTS CONCERTS BRING US MUSIC AGAIN!

The 2012 season of free concerts begins on June 15 at Lake Accotink Park. This series of free musical performances presents a wide variety of performances from classical to bluegrass and everything in between. The atmosphere is informal and you're encouraged to bring a picnic dinner, blankets and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family to celebrate the end of the workweek.



Each concert is on a Friday evening from 7:30 – 8:30 pm. For the complete schedule—and the chance to sign up for weekly concert information, visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddock-nights.htm>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR SPRINGFIELD DAYS

June 2 & 3
2012 Schedule of Events

FamilyFest at Springfield Mall featuring Amusements, Rides and games will take place Thursday, May 31 through Sunday, June 3

Saturday, June 2 is the Party in the Park at South Run REC Center featuring:

PetFest	Family FitnessFest
OutdoorFest	Entertainment Stage
Pool Party	Outdoor Movie

Saturday, June 2 Smart Market Farmers Market and the Springfield 15K/5K race

Sunday, June 3 is the Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink
For more information, see <http://www.springfielddays.com/>

ELECTRIC SUNDAY

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials – and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. There is No Charge for Fairfax County residents to participate in Electric Sunday; however, they may be required to show proof of residency. This year's Electric Sunday events are scheduled monthly through November:

Jun. 24: I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079
 Jul. 22: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
 Aug. 26: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
 Sept. 23: I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079
 Oct. 21: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
 Nov. 18: I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

For additional information, please contact us at 703-324-5230.

FREE MULCH

Fairfax County operates a brush grinding operation which produces double-shredded wood mulch for residents. The mulch is FREE, clean, and of good quality. Leaf mulch also is available on a seasonal basis, usually November through March. Availability varies. Wood mulch is usually available at the I-95 and I-66 locations. Call ahead 703-324-5995 to check current supply.



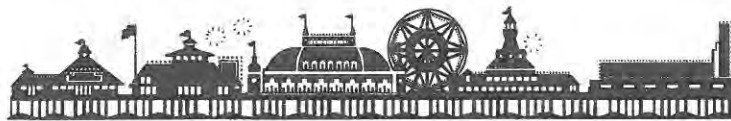
I-95 Recycling and Disposal Center
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 Lorton, VA 22079

I-66 Recycling and Disposal Center
 4618 West Ox Rd.
 Fairfax, VA 22030

{Note: sometimes Lake Accotink is an unofficial site to obtain mulch. Call the Park at 703-569-0285 for availability.}

CELEBRATE FAIRFAX

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival
 SAVE THE DATE: June 8 - 10, 2012
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Festival Hours: Friday 6pm-12am, Saturday 10am-12am and Sunday 11am-7pm

This festival features 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on seven stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods.

Admission prices vary upon age and activity. For ticket information see: <http://www.celebratefairfax.com>

ACTIVITIES AT LAKE ACCOTINK

Lake Cruises:

Sunset Cruises

Saturday, 7:00 - 8:00 pm on the following dates:
June 16; July 21; August 18

(18yrs and up). Soak up the sunset and relax as you cruise the beautiful shoreline of Lake Accotink. You may spot a heron settling in for the night or a deer coming down to water's edge for a late drink. Sit back and listen while your tourboat guide shares interesting facts about the history of the park, the lake and the surrounding area. Beverages served on board. \$6 per person. Cruise may be cancelled in case of rain or gusty winds. Reservations and advance payment required. Refunds issued only if cruise is cancelled.

Canine Cruises

Sundays at 7:00 pm on the following dates: June 17; July 22; August 19

(Humans 8 yrs and up; dogs all ages). Treat your canine companion to a special cruise aboard Lake Accotink Park's pooch-friendly pontoon boat. Catch the last rays of the sun as it dips toward the distant lake shore while your dog scans for ducks, geese and other lake dwellers. \$6 per person, no charge for dogs. Limit one dog per person. Reservations and advance payment required. Cruise cancelled at discretion of park staff in case of rain or gusty winds. Refunds issued only if cruise is cancelled.

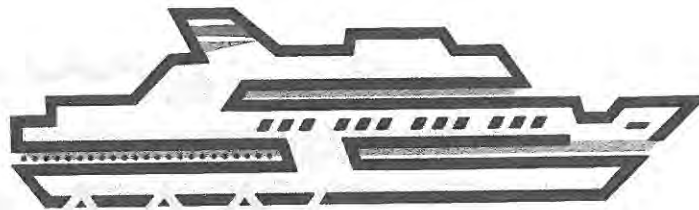
Father's Day Cruise

Sunday, June 17

(All ages). Reserve your spot and treat Dad to a special day at Lake Accotink Park! Cruises leave dock at 5 pm and 7 pm on Father's Day. Sit back and listen while your tourboat guide shares interesting facts about the history of the park, the lake and the surrounding area. Boarding Fees: Dads on 6/19; \$6 for other adults; \$5 for children ages 3 and up. Reservations and advance payment required. Cruise may be cancelled in case of rain or gusty winds. Refunds issued only if cruise is cancelled.

Cardboard Boat Regatta is Back!

Will they sink or float?! Come watch and find out at the 23rd Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. Sunday June 3rd, Judging starts at noon and the Action begins at 2:00! Please note there is a \$4 parking fee per vehicle entering the park that day. Want to enter the race? Check out our flyer for rules, regulations and a registration form.
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-accotink/downloads/2012_cbbrreregform.pdf



For summer events, information and other neighborhood news, check our RFCA website on a regular basis:

www.ravensworthfarm.org



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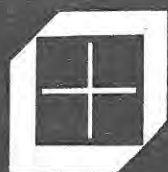


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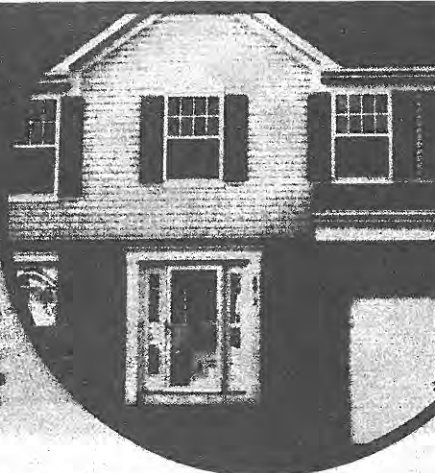
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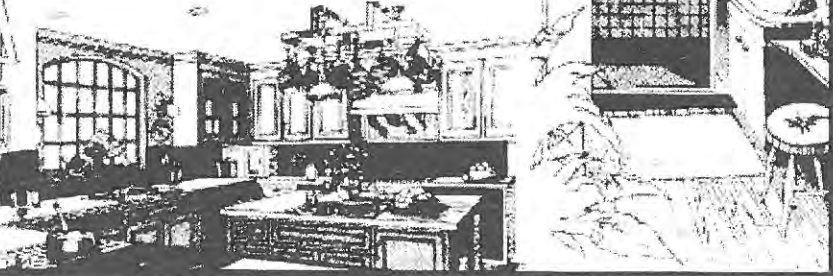
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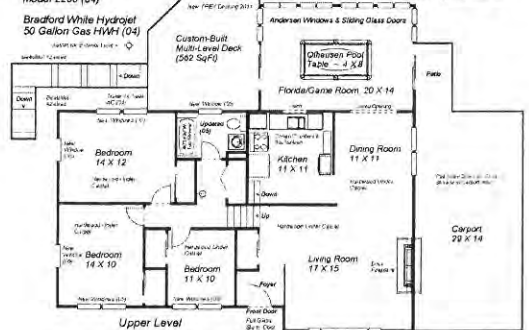
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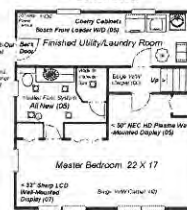
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New Trane 3-Stage, Vert-Speed, 60,000 BTU Gas Furnace (04)
New Trane 3 Ton 14-SEER Air Conditioner (04)
AprilAIR Auto Humidifier Model 700 (04)
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Bradford White Hydrojet 50 Gallon Gas HWH (04)
New PIRE Ceiling Light
Deck With Benches Low Voltage Lighting (04)
Rectangular (135' X 85') Lot 11,475 Square Feet - 26 Acre Wood Storage Shed w/Power/Lights Fully Fenced Backyard - 3 Gates Beech Tree, Dogwoods, Japanese Maples Shared Wood Fence on North Side (05) Verizon FiOS w/HDTV & High Speed Internet



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9 Gorell 5300 Windows on Upper Level (05)
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- ① 8120 Drayton Lane
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- ② 5308 Oldcastle Lane
Rambler/Basement
5 BR 3 BA Dec/\$412,000
- ③ 5683 Ravenel Ln AS IS
NEEDS
UPDATING
Rambler/Bsmt
3 BR 2½ BA Dec/\$318,000
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Split Level/Carport
4 BR 2 BA Dec/\$420,000
- ⑤ 5420 Inverchapel Completely
Updated
Rambler/Bsmt
4 BR 3 BA Dec/\$475,000
- ⑥ 7902 Foote Lane
Split Level/Addition
4 BR 2 BA Dec/\$407,500
- ⑦ 7915 Hatteras Completely
Updated
Rambler/Bsmt
5 BR 3 BA Dec/\$440,000
- ⑧ 5617 Sedgwick Short Sale
Big Split Foyer AS IS
5 BR 3 BA Mar/\$384,000
- ⑨ 8132 Carrick Lane
Split Level/Carport
4 BR 2 BA Apr/\$390,000
- ⑩ 7924 Ellet Road
Rambler/1 Lvl/Fam Rm/Addition
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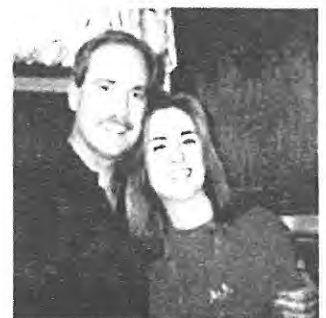
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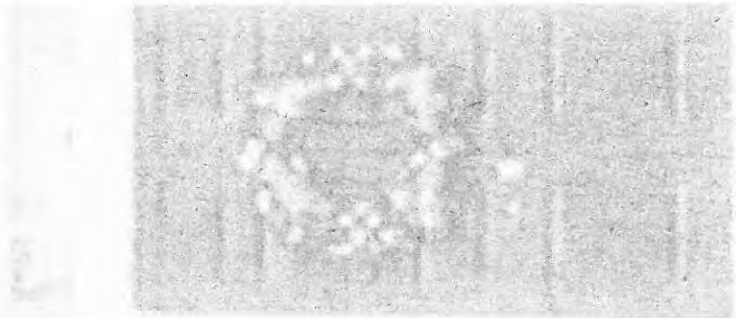
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