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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Halloween is definitely a little spookier when combined with a frankenstorm. In typical Ravensworth Farm fashion we lost power. Thankfully it was restored early and held up throughout the hurricane. I know a few homes sustained minor damage but overall the Washington area fared better than the initial forecasts predicted. Unfortunately our neighbors to the north are enduring significant hardship and they're in our prayers. Maybe DC got off easy because of what's to come this winter. Think snow!

It was great seeing everybody at the October General Membership meeting. I saw some new faces and we welcomed our guest speaker Joshua Smith from the Fairfax County Health Department. Josh spoke about Lyme disease and West Nile virus. After listening through his presentation I must admit I wasn't as informed as I thought I was. Did you know only female mosquitos bite, Virginia is home to at least 40 species of mosquitos, and that they're attracted to dark clothing? As of October 23 70% of the reported national West Nile cases came from only eight states. 33% of those were in Texas alone. Virginia had 25 with one reported death in Fairfax. One of the best ways to combat mosquito populations is to eliminate standing water on your property. Water in birdbaths and ponds should either be treated or topped off weekly to eliminate breeding habitats. Gutters and drains also contribute greatly to mosquito breeding

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## Association Calendar 2012 - 2013

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
November	Oct. 30	Oct 30	2	7	17	
December	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 30	5	15	
January	2	2	4	10	26	31
February	Jan. 30	Jan. 30	1	13	23	
March	Feb. 27	Feb.27	1	5	16	21
April	3	3	5	11	27	
May	1	1	3	8	18	23

General and Board meetings are held at Ravensworth Elementary School. Meetings are canceled in the event of Fairfax County Public Schools' early closing or school cancelation.

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grounds.

We're still looking for a few volunteers! The positions of Corresponding Secretary (board position), annual picnic committee chair, and block captains are available. Block captains invite anywhere between 5-15 neighbors on a nearby street to become members and collect dues only once a year. Dues paying members (only \$10!) get a free copy of the community directory. The directory includes much more than members' phone numbers. It contains a wide range of important local, state, and federal emergency contacts as well as contact information for our representatives and all major county services and doesn't require batteries. If you're interested in being a block captain please call Elissa Myers at 703-321-7590.

Kevin Joyce, RFCA President  
 prez@ravensworthfarm.org

### **BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED**

Take a few hours between now and the end of January to meet your neighbors and introduce them to membership in the Ravensworth Farm Community Association. Block captains are needed for the following streets. Contact Elissa Myers to volunteer at 703-321-7590, or 703-626-9087 or [elissa@elissamyers.com](mailto:elissa@elissamyers.com).

Bullock Lane  
 Ellet Road (7902-7923)  
 Halleck Pl  
 Moultrie Rd (5400-5421)  
 Queensberry Ave (5300-5329)



## GIVING THANKS - FOR GOLDEN RAVENS

This is a traditional time of year to take stock and give thanks...not the least of which is living to become a Golden Raven. These are the ones who helped make our neighborhood grow from its colonial heritage into the delightful oasis of some 800 homes it is today. Inside many of those homes are life stories that never make the headlines but, nevertheless, make life here worth living. They gather monthly on the fourth Wednesday at the community church on Inverchapel for more good times among friends. They enjoyed a communal outing on November 14...sorry if you missed it. Bring a covered dish for potluck for holiday cheer on December 19 and some good time games. Call Joan Crofford for transportation needs at 703-321-7809.

## GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club meets at 9:30 am on the first Wednesday of the month. We are also hoping to start an auxiliary Evening Garden Club. If that interests you, please call co-president Nancy Jarvie at 703-321-8319.

## GARDEN OF THE SEASON

Garden of the Season judging was held in October. Results are:

First Place – 8117 Adair Lane  
 Second Place – 5616 Rathbone Place  
 Third Place – 7917 Foote Lane



We selected 10 of the many nice gardens for honorable mention.

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|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. 8017 Ellet    | 5. 5406 Nutting        |
| 2. 8000 Gosport  | 6. 5309 Nutting        |
| 3. 5508 Moultrie | 7. 5311 Nutting        |
| 4. 5311 Moultrie | 8. 5604 Inverchapel Rd |

## LIGHTS, DECORATION, ACTION!

With only a few days left until Thanksgiving, it's time to untangle your strings of lights, test the bulbs and make sure that all your carefully-stored holiday decorations are in top-notch shape for another fabulous Ravensworth Holiday Display! This year's judging will be Sunday, December 16. Remember that the categories are:

- ★ Best Overall
- ★ Best Religious
- ★ Best Door/Window
- ★ Most Original
- ★ Kids' Favorite



## BABYSITTING CO-OP

Now forming a Babysitting Co-op. This is your last chance to get in at the beginning. Contact Sara Ortiz at 703-321-8757 or [slkortiz@global.t-bird.edu](mailto:slkortiz@global.t-bird.edu).

## **FABULOUS FRIDAYS WOMEN'S FREE SOCIAL CLUB IN RAVENSWORTH FARM**

2nd Fridays September – June from 7:30pm to 9:30pm

- Women of all ages and stages are welcome
- Light conversation, relaxed atmosphere
- Food, door prizes, and occasional special guest speakers
- Feel free to bring a savory or sweet dish to share
- Come to one or all of the gatherings and come and go as your schedule permits
- Bring friends and neighbors to join the fun!



Contact Erin Coelho with questions or to RSVP for the December 14 gathering at 703-321-4868 or [compositeal@gmail.com](mailto:compositeal@gmail.com)

## **SCOUTING FOR FOOD COLLECTION**

The Scouts of Troop 991 and Pack 991 want to thank ALL our neighbors in Ravensworth Farm for your generous support of our Scouting for Food drive! Thanks to you, many needy families can get the food they need at the ECHO food pantry.

## **BE A FARMER CONTRIBUTOR**

Did you find a gem of a restaurant or maybe one that welcomes children? Is there an independent boutique or coffee shop you enjoy? Do you know of a great park, trail, or playground? Share your “reviews” with The Farmer’s readers. Call, email, or Facebook me or drop by 5229 Inverchapel Rd and let me know what you found.

~ Sara Ortiz ([rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org))

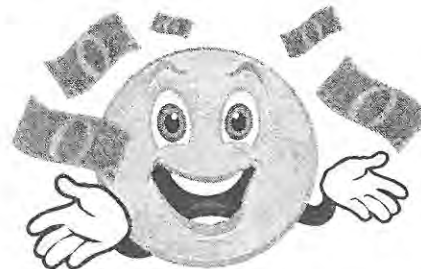
## **FAIRFAX COUNTY SECOND WEALTHIEST IN NATION**

Fairfax County residents are rather wealthy—at least on paper. More than half of the 390,000-plus households in Fairfax County (53.3 percent) have income of more than \$100,000, according to 2011 American Community Survey data from the U.S. Census Bureau.

With a median household income of \$106,000, Fairfax County is the second wealthiest county in the entire United States. Loudoun County was first with a median income of \$119,000. Arlington County is third with a median income of \$101,000, according to the 2011 data, WTOP reported.

The cost of living index in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area is 139.2, or almost 40 percent higher than the average metropolitan area in the United States, according to the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. The index for housing costs is 222.7, more than twice the average for major metropolitan areas in the United States.

Source: Beth Lawton writing on [Annandale.Patch.com](http://Annandale.Patch.com), September 20, 2012



## **MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD OCTOBER 25**

Twenty neighbors enjoyed cookies and coffee in the Ravensworth Elementary School cafeteria on October 25 before settling in for the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association's business meeting and featured guest Joshua Smith. Mr. Smith, a health specialist with Fairfax County's Disease Carrying Insects Program, shared about the County's fight against West Nile Virus and Lyme disease and what you can do to protect yourself and your family.

President Kevin Joyce welcomed everyone and pleaded for neighbors to step forward to help in various areas of the Civic Association, including as the corresponding secretary (an easy gig, according to Mr. Joyce, who held the position last year), picnic coordinator, and legislative affairs liaison to the Board of Supervisors. Richmond Tun, treasurer, presented the RFCA's proposed budget. The majority of the Association's income is from the \$10 dues paid by households in Ravensworth Farm. These dues and advertising revenue from *The Farmer* and the community directory, cover the costs of the various community committees; printing *The Farmer* and publishing the web-site; maintenance of the Ravensworth Farm entrances; community events such as the Halloween Party, spring hayride, and community picnic; prizes for holiday decorations; and assistance to Ravensworth Elementary School. Of the 855 homes within the boundaries of the RFCA, 465 are currently members. New memberships are available now. Your block captain will be contacting you shortly or you can contact Elissa Myers at (703) 321 7590.

## **FIGHT THE BITE: AVOIDING WEST NILE VIRUS AND LYME DISEASE**

Kevin Joyce's Letter from the President mentioned some of the interesting facts we learned at the Ravensworth Farm Community Association meeting October 25. Here are Joshua Smith's top recommendations to protect yourself from West Nile Virus and Lyme disease by avoiding exposure to the disease-carrying mosquitoes and ticks. Mr. Smith recommends applying a repellent containing 30% DEET to your skin. DEET is the only repellent certified for both mosquitoes and ticks. By dressing appropriately in long, loose, light-colored clothing, you can reduce your tick and mosquito exposure.

Mosquitoes prefer darker colors. Ticks wriggle into small spaces and love tight spots such as waistbands. Tuck your pants into your socks and your shirt into your pants to avoid ticks getting under your clothes. Use a clothing treatment containing .5% permethrin on your clothes but never on your skin to repel both ticks and mosquitos. Self-applied permethrin treatments will last for multiple washings while manufacturer-applied permethrin will last longer. As soon as you come inside, perform a tick check on yourself and kids. Many times you can catch crawling ticks before they attach and it is always better to get them as soon after they attach as possible.

If a tick attaches, carefully remove it using fine tweezers as close to the skin as possible. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk because mouthparts might break off and remain in the skin. If the mouthparts remain, remove them with tweezers. Don't squeeze, crush, or puncture the body of the tick because its fluids may contain infectious organisms. Drop it into alcohol to be sure it's dead. If you want to know if a tick you've found is a deer tick (also called black legged tick), the only tick carrying Lyme disease in Fairfax County, you may take it to the Fairfax County Health Department at 10777 Main St (tel: 703-246-8931) and they will identify it for you.

## NEW HISTORIC MARKER AT RAVENSWORTH SHOPPING CENTER HONORS WOMEN IN THE CIVIL WAR

Visitors to Ravensworth Shopping Center may notice a new historic marker at the corner of Port Royal Rd and Braddock Rd. A Civil War marker was recently installed as part of the Civil War 150th Legacy Project. The goal of the Legacy Project is to place markers in every supervisory district throughout the county. The Fairfax County History Commission and the Fairfax County Sesquicentennial Committee manage the project, but the markers are the result of a countywide effort between several agencies such as the Fairfax County Park Authority and members of the communities where the markers are installed. The project is financially supported by the Board of Supervisors. The Commonwealth of Virginia has more Civil War sites than any other state and several of those sites are here in Fairfax County. The focus of the Sesquicentennial in Virginia is to commemorate the Civil War as a whole, not to celebrate the war-- looking at life and material culture and not only the military aspects.

"Our intent was to show that no matter where you go in Fairfax County, Civil War history is always nearby," said Patrick Lennon, destination marketing manager for Visit Fairfax.

Each marker should last at least 100 years after its installation. The graphic inside the markers is replaced every 5-7 years in case since it might lose color or other problems.

The Ravensworth marker details the Civil War story of the Ravensworth property once owned by Anna Maria Fitzhugh, the widowed aunt of Mrs. Robert E. Lee. The mansion that once stood near here provided a safe haven for Mrs. Lee at the beginning of the Civil War. The house burned in 1926. The marker is one of few to highlight a woman in the Civil War. To find the marker, walk from Kilroy's up the embankment steps to Port Royal Road.

Sources: Mary Lipsey and <http://annandale.patch.com/articles/new-civil-war-marker-installed-in-mason-district-park>

## CRACKDOWN ON BAD DRIVERS, ESPECIALLY IN NEIGHBORHOODS AND SCHOOL ZONES

The Police Department has launched Operation Blue Guardian, part of Braddock Supervisor John Cook's ongoing campaign to combat speeding and unsafe driving in our communities. "I have heard a high level of concern and anxiety from residents regarding unsafe driving through their neighborhoods," said Supervisor Cook. (Speeding comes up often as a topic on the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page.)

Operation Blue Guardian focuses on enforcing the speed limits in school zones and shadowing buses as they travel throughout the county. "Police are reminding drivers that when bus lights and stop signs are activated, vehicles must stop in both directions, unless they are separated from the bus by a median," said Officer Frey of the West Springfield Police District.

Over the summer, Fairfax County Police also launched HEAT (Help Eliminate Aggressive Traffic), which targets unsafe and aggressive driving behaviors. Aggressive drivers face fines up to \$2,500, six months suspended license and a year in jail. Fairfax County Police encourage motorists to slow down in school zones, stay alert around bus stops and drive safely through school crossings.

According to Supervisor Cook, officers issued 1,364 citations for speeding in school zones and 364 citations for improperly passing school buses and not stopping for a school bus with flashing lights in 2011.

Source: Susan Larson writing on [Annandale.Patch.com](http://Annandale.Patch.com), September 14, 2012



**EVENTS**

November 30 – **Parents' Night Out** – 6-9pm – Parkwood WEE Center preschool, 8726 Braddock Rd - \$20/1st child, \$7/additional child, \$10 deposit required with pre-registration. Kids will enjoy pizza, games, crafts, a movie and a trip to the Christmas workshop to pick out a special present for Mom or Dad. Open community-wide. 703-978-0640 or weecenter.com for information and registration form.

December 1 & 2 - **Arts & Crafts Show and Sale** – Audrey Moore REC Center

December 1, 5:30-7:30pm – **Night Sky Festival** – Riverbend Park Visitor Center – Guided star gazing, look through the telescope, listen to ancient stories of the constellations around the campfire. Jupiter is the featured planet. Games and activities ongoing through evening - \$5/person

December 2, noon-4pm – **Gardeners Holiday Open House** – Green Spring Gardens – botanic décor, train display, Santa, antique toys, children's puppet show (tickets \$3 go on sale Nov. 3), refreshments, gift shop. Family-friendly

December 5 – 5-7:30pm – **Taste of Braddock Open House** – Supervisor Cook's office/King's Park Library - Join your friends and neighbors in the Braddock District at our annual Open House to mark the start of the holiday season. Enjoy food donated by Braddock area business and share in the spirit provided by our residents. Please RSVP to 703-425-9300 or braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

December 6 – ongoing – **National Christmas Tree, Pathway of Peace** (state and territorial trees), music – The Ellipse. [www.thenationaltree.org](http://www.thenationaltree.org)

December 8 – 24 - **Santa's Workshop at the National Christmas Tree** - Monday to Thursday: 4:00-6:30pm and 7:00-9:30pm; Friday to Sunday: 12:30 - 4:30pm and 5:30-9:30pm; Christmas Eve: 11am –3pm

November 16 - January 6 - **ICE! 2012** – Gaylord National Resort Featuring DreamWorks' Shrek the Halls, bringing characters of this far-off land to life in two million pounds of hand-carved ice. Open daily, hours vary. \$20+, Children 3 and under are free. [www.christmasonthepotomac.com](http://www.christmasonthepotomac.com)

November 21 - January 6 - **Bull Run Festival of Lights** - M-Th & Sun: 5:30 - 9:30pm, Fri, Sat & holidays: 5:30 - 10 pm. 7700 Bull Run Dr., Centreville. This festive display of lights features penguins, snowmen, deer, candy canes and Santa. M-Th \$15/car, Fri-Sun, \$20/car.

November 22 - January 1 - **Seasons Greenings and Model Trains at the Botanic Garden** - the U.S. Botanic Garden annual holiday exhibit, features plants used during the winter holidays and model trains running through an imaginative enchanted forest. Free. Best on a weekday. <http://www.usbg.gov/exhibits>

November 23–25, 30, December 1-2, 7–9, 14-23, 26-30 and January 1, from 5-9pm - **Zoo Lights at the National Zoo** A seasonal display of thousands of sparkling animated lights, winter-themed crafts, ice sculpting demonstrations, choral groups, and storytellers. Free.

November 23-25, Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 – from 5 - 8 pm - **Mount Vernon by Candlelight** Learn about the Christmas traditions of George Washington and his family, meet historic characters and tour the Mount Vernon Estate by candlelight. \$22/adults, \$15/under 12.

**Santa Train Burke Center VRE** – VRE had not made information available at press time but Supervisor Cook's office (tel: 703-425-9300) said past history suggests tickets will probably go on sale November 26 at their office and will be gone by 10:00am. \$5/ticket. Train is probably December 8. Toys for Tots donations will be collected at the train station.



November 30 - December 1 - **Scottish Walk Weekend** - The Campagna Center hosts a weekend holiday celebration. Hundreds of Scottish clansmen with their bagpipes gather for the traditional favorite **Scottish Walk Parade** on Saturday, December 1 at 11 am in Old Town. The weekend includes a tour of historic homes and a Christmas Marketplace and Café.

December 1 - **Holiday Boat Parade of Lights** - 4-8:30 pm - Old Town Alexandria Marina and Washington Harbour - Dozens of festively decorated pleasure boats light up the sky along the Potomac River. The parade repeats in **Georgetown on Dec. 5.**

December 8 - **Alexandria Candlelight Tours** - 6-9pm Take a break from the fast pace of the season and enjoy the unique charm and history of Old Town at Alexandria's most popular holiday event. Tour Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Carlyle House, Lee-Fendall House and the Bank of Alexandria building by candlelight and enjoy seasonal decorations, entertainment and light refreshments. Starts at Gadsby's Tavern. These prices are available before December 1. \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for children (ages 6-17).

Dec. 8 & 9 - **Walk Through Bethlehem** - 4:00 - 8:00pm Back for the 12th year. Tour a re-creation of a street in Bethlehem at the time of Christ. Enjoy live performances, animals, music and refreshments. Free. Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA, 703-978-8160, [www.bwalk.org/](http://www.bwalk.org/)

December 9, 5pm - **Sully Candlelight Tour** - Enjoy festive food and drink, and seasonal and popular music of the 18th century. Craft an ornament to take home and experience other engaging pursuits that bring the past to life in the gracefully decorated 1794 Lee home. Ages 16+ \$20 [parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://parktakes.fairfaxcounty.gov)

Dec. 12-16 - **Winter Wonderland Train Show** - Center for the Arts at the Candy Factory, 9419 Battle St., Manassas. The National Capital Trackers exhibit their festive, magical and truly awe inspiring Christmas landscape of O gauge model trains. [trackers2010.org/show\\_sched.htm](http://trackers2010.org/show_sched.htm)

December 13 - **Decadent December: Chocolate and Shopping** - 6-9pm - Torpedo Factory Art Center. Free. Celebrate the season with two holiday staples – chocolate and shopping! Studios and galleries will be open for holiday shopping. Indulge yourself with sparkling wine and delicious treats while enjoying live music by The WAAC Band. Spread warmth to the community by donating to a mitten and glove drive. Plus, make your own holiday ornament at the DIY craft station.

Dates TBA - **City of Alexandria Holiday Concert Series** Enjoy the festive sounds of the season by local performers including barbershop, folk, Hanukah favorites, hand bell ringers and good old fashioned caroling. All the performances are free and held outdoors at Market Square, 301 King St. <http://alexandriava.gov/Concerts>

## NEW NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE SURVIVES THE STORM

By Meredith Somers; The Washington Times- Wednesday, October 31, 2012

National Park Service officials faced a planting predicament: Leave the soon-to-be National Christmas Tree in its shipping crate to ride out superstorm Sandy, or plant the 30-foot Colorado blue spruce and risk having it blow over like its predecessor last year.

On Oct. 26, less than 72 hours before the storm arrived, the tree was hoisted by the same crane that pulled it from its original home in northwest Virginia and lowered into the ground on the Ellipse.

Making sure the National Park Service officials' decision was the right one took some fast action, dedication and a sturdy brace system. "We felt that was the best option: To get it here as quickly as possible and get it in the ground and stabilized," said John Stanwich, the Park Service's deputy liaison to the White House. "We knew we would have that system in place, and as much as possible, keeping in mind the safety of the staff, we would do our very best to monitor it as much as possible during the storm. Obviously we're very happy it's doing very well."

The Colorado spruce chosen this year is the same kind of tree that stood for more than 30 years on the Ellipse before it was snapped in half by a strong windstorm in February 2011. Earlier this year, the National Christmas Tree planted to replace the long-standing tree succumbed to "transplant shock."

Mr. Stanwich said "some trees do better than others" when it comes to moving, even though the Park Service does its best to ensure a smooth journey and transition of the tree to its new home. When a tree is chosen, Park Service arborists and contracted tree experts look at the overall health of the tree, Mr. Stanwich said, and they try to find a tree that comes from an area with similar weather and temperatures to that of the District.



The work to get this newest Christmas tree from its original location in northwest Virginia to President's Park in the District began Oct. 5. Throughout the month, tree experts worked to excavate the tree, the slow task of taking it out of the ground without damaging the roots. "It's done methodically, so we didn't do it any injury," Mr. Stanwich said. "It's a very large root system, but doesn't radiate. It's pretty near to the base of the tree." Last week, the tree was finally removed from the dirt, and its roots encased in a box. Then came the forecast for a hurricane-fueled superstorm.

"It's best to keep it vertical as much as possible," Mr. Stanwich said, which begged the question of where the tree would be safest standing against 60 mph winds. "The concern was to leave it growing in the box or bring it here to the site," Mr. Stanwich said. The idea was that it would be much better and much more stable having it in the bracing system in place than leaving it where it was."

At the tree's designated spot on the Ellipse grounds, large wooden posts were buried "very deep into the ground," Mr. Stanwich said, and cable wires were attached from the posts to the trunk of the tree and around its base. The Park Service has used a brace on past trees, Mr. Stanwich said. The last tree used a brace but it was slightly different from the current system because it was a larger tree. "We came out several times throughout the storm to make sure the bracing system was properly set up," Mr. Stanwich said. Though it needed some minor adjustments as the storm progressed, the tree "did make it. We're certainly excited. It looks really beautiful."

The tree is scheduled to be lit Dec. 6 in front of thousands of people who won tickets in the annual tree lighting lottery. This is the 90th anniversary of the lighting, which began in 1923, when President Calvin Coolidge lit a "Community Christmas Tree."

## PROJECT LIFESAVER

Thanks to a series of precise, accurate and well-coordinated efforts by several public safety agencies, an 8-year-old boy was recently rescued and safely returned to his parents. The boy, who is autistic, left his Clifton area home on his scooter and could not be located. Both family and Sully District Police Officers searched the home and neighborhood with no results. Fortunately, his family had registered their son with the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office Project Lifesaver Program. He wears an electronic bracelet at all times which helps Officers locate him in the event of an emergency.

With the assistance of the FCPD helicopter, a K-9 team, Fairfax County Sheriff's Deputies and ground patrol officers, a faint transmitter signal was heard that led searchers to a heavily wooded area where officers spotted the child waist-deep in the frigid waters of Otter Run creek, looking up and watching the helicopter. Officers allowed the boy to pet the K-9, named Nero, and pulled him quickly to safety. The boy was not seriously injured.

Many county residents are unaware of Project Lifesaver which assists families and caregivers of individuals with autism spectrum disorders, Down syndrome, Alzheimer's disease and other similar disabling conditions.

Project Lifesaver clients wear a wrist or ankle band that emits a silent tracking signal. When caregivers notify the Sheriff's Office that a loved one is missing, a search and rescue team comprised of specifically trained Sheriff's Deputies respond to the area with state-of-the-art tracking equipment. Without having to rely on site visits or paper files, deputies can electronically update client information, such as height and weight, a photograph, medical issues and favorite hiding places. The program has a 100 percent track record of locating wandering adults and children and bringing them home. To find out more about this program: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/sheriff/lifesaver.htm>

Source: The Braddock Beacon, A Monthly Newsletter From Supervisor John C. Cook, November 2, 2012

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

If you notice a moving truck, new faces, a missing "for rent" sign, or a "sold" sign in a yard, don't assume that someone else will tell Lisa Brault (703-220-7270, [lisa\\_brault@yahoo.com](mailto:lisa_brault@yahoo.com)) or Jill Mowbray (703-865-8368, [bjm820@hotmail.com](mailto:bjm820@hotmail.com)). Do your part to ensure that Ravensworth Farm continues a long tradition as a welcoming community.



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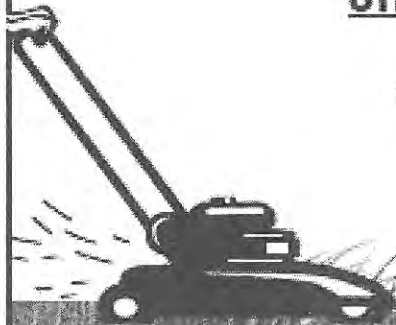
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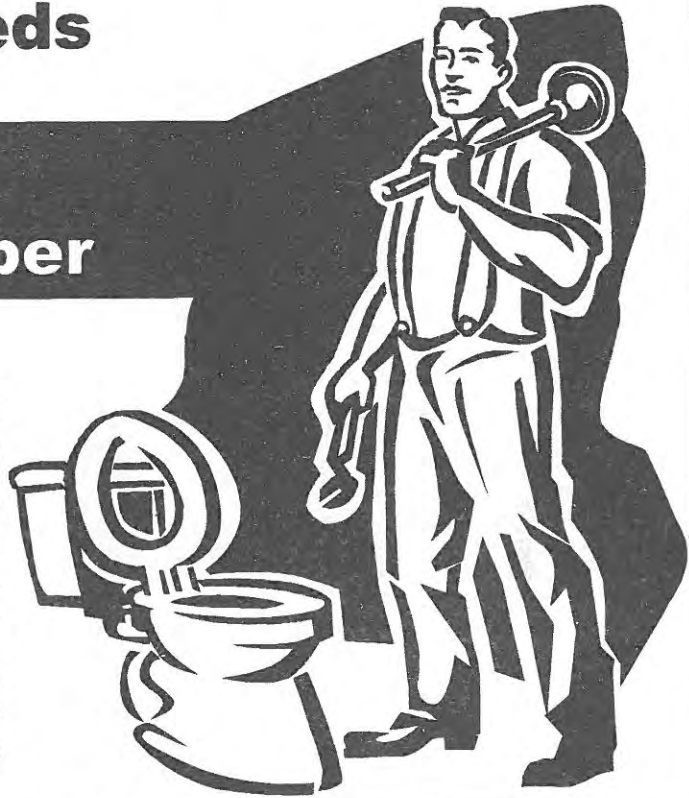
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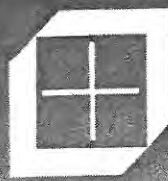
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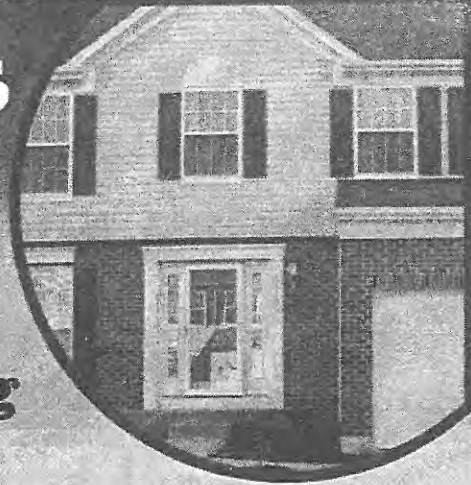
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