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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Residential Studio Units in neighborhoods?

I'd like to take this opportunity to digress from my typical writing style and instead use it to bring a matter of significant importance to your attention. This is a rather complex issue that's still evolving. I don't have enough room here to offer a thorough description nor critique so I'll do my best to briefly outline what it is and then highlight some serious issues with it. The reason this is important is because, as drafted, it will one day directly impact Ravensworth Farm in a negative manner such as **reduced home values, negatively alter the look and feel of the neighborhood, and increase traffic & parking.**

At the request of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Department of Planning and Zoning proposed an amendment to the zoning ordinance that, as currently drafted, will allow the introduction of high-density low-income studio apartment complexes into low-density neighborhoods such as ours. They are called Residential Studio Units or RSUs for short. RSUs will be limited to single room, single occupancy, 500 square feet or less, and include a bathroom and kitchen. They will be managed independently and have minimum service level requirements. These will be privately developed rent-controlled units and qualified applicants will need to

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Whether you want to keep up with the issues around Residential Studio Units (see the President's Letter), have firewood to give away, or are wondering what surprises others have run into during renovations, the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page is the place to go. Send Tom Mathis, the group's moderator, a join request and he'll add you to this lively and informative community. You can adjust your notification settings and visit the page as little or as often as you choose.

Article 1, 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 2013 - 2014

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
November	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	1	7	23	
December	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	6	2	14	
January	2	2	3	9	25	30—CoC
February	5	5	7	13	Mar. 1	
March	5	5	7	12	22	27—CoC
April	2	2	4	9	26	
May	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	2	7	17	22—CoC

General and Board meetings will be held at Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Rd after November 30. Meetings are canceled in the event of Fairfax County Public Schools' early closing or school cancelation. Meetings are at 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.

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meet specific income requirements. Developers will be permitted to use new construction or convert existing structures to create projects containing no less than 3 but no more than 75 RSUs per project.

The ordinance also includes two options for the board to choose from-- one that prohibits replacing single family homes with these projects and one that permits replacing single family homes with RSUs. This is probably the single most alarming part of the proposed amendment.

This amendment has many shortcomings including:

1. It isn't crafted with sufficient precision to determine, in advance, where these projects could end up. The language is far too vague.
2. Due to #1 above, there is no way to determine exactly how many units this ordinance will ultimately create
3. The Department of Planning and Zoning will possess broad subjective decision making powers allowing them to make special exceptions to the ordinance. This would allow developers to place RSUs in areas not zoned for RSUs. For example, this could include the lot of the church on Inverchapel if the church were ever to close.
4. Many of the estimates for supply of units and demand for them lack credible sources for the data which makes it impossible to critique.
5. The concept of RSUs is new, unproven, and experimental. There isn't enough precedent from which to draw conclusions.

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This issue is presently being debated and researched by a number of community organizations, civic associations, county district councils, and the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations. A URL for a new website that will contain all the relevant information such as the amendment itself, meeting times and places, and resolutions has been purchased but has not yet been created. I will circulate it once it's available.

I encourage everyone to visit the URLs at the end of the letter to familiarize themselves with the proposed amendment and share your opinion with Supervisor Cook's office.

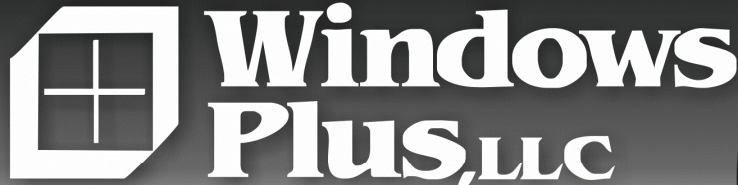
Supervisor Cook's office can be contacted at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-425-9300.

If you want to attend or participate in the official planning sessions, the schedule is below:

Planning Commission Study Session Schedule

1. October 28, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 4/5 Government Center;
2. November 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 106/107 Herrity Building;
3. December 9, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 4/5 Government Center;
4. January 6, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 4/5 Government Center;
5. January 22, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Conference Rooms 2/3 Government Center.

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I took an informal poll at our October quarterly General Membership meeting and with a show of hands an overwhelming majority of members voted against the single family conversion option and supported significant revisions to the current amendment. We're not opposed to the fundamental concept of affordable housing but would like to see more study around the proposed amendment- for it is significantly lacking and outright dangerous in its current form. It was a lively and civil meeting and I encourage you to attend the January 30 meeting where we'll be voting to support or oppose the then-current Fairfax Federation resolution. You can read a copy of the resolution in its current form here: <http://tinyurl.com/l657vxu> .

As our representative on the Braddock District Council, I will be sharing our position on the matter with Supervisor Cook.

It's important to understand this amendment and the potential impact to our neighborhood. Unlike HOAs, civic associations, such as ours, are powerless to defend against this. Instead of tightening zoning ordinances (which we desperately need) the county is proposing to loosen them. If the amendment passes in its current form and they allow single family dwellings to be replaced, then property values will be permanently affected and Ravensworth Farm will be altered indefinitely. As always, I welcome your participation and comments and hope to see you at our next quarterly General Meeting- to be held at the Community of Christ church due to impending school construction.

Links for more information

County Sites

<http://tinyurl.com/nxpnzbw>

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/rsu/rsu.htm>

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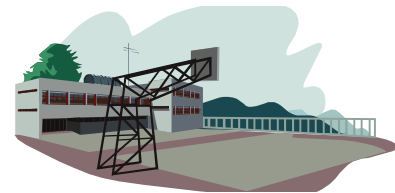
<http://tinyurl.com/lsc7lay>

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RAVENSWORTH SCHOOL (RE)CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Eric Brunner, a Civil Engineer with Fairfax County Public Schools Design and Construction, was unable at the last minute to attend the October 30 Civic Association meeting. He sent a few pictures of the expected appearance of Ravensworth Elementary after renovation and provided a survey-type graphic of the lot after the new building and parking lots are installed. Although we had originally been told to expect construction beginning in November, construction is now expected to begin sometime in the spring and last for about two years. There are currently 540 students at Ravensworth Elementary. After renovation, the capacity will be for 650. The expected cost is in the range of \$15.5 million.



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RAVENSWORTH FARM SWIM & RACQUET CLUB GENERAL MEETING

A variety of topics was raised at the October 29 general membership meeting of the Ravensworth Pool. The Pool is one of the best places to meet new people and make new friends. Then there's the benefit of exercise for the whole family and summer entertainment for the kids. Kids can do anything from learning to swim to goofing off with friends to honing their swimming and diving enough to get college scholarships and all under the watchful eye of neighborhood lifeguards.

Since the pool closed this fall, an additional 1800 square feet of deck space has been added. This new space will be shaded at least half the day. Steve Karlinchak has been performing maintenance on Kelly's Playground, as he does each year. Bill Edwards has been caring for the tennis courts and replaced the basketball net. Rich Morris will be looking for middle and high school students who need community service hours to do some fall grounds clean-up on one or two different days after the leaves are all down.

Treasurer Chris Lewis and President Rob Hannam reported that the pool is solvent though the capital improvement fund is not as robust as they would like. Chris characterized the pool's finances as "hand to mouth." Membership has been down, causing less income with which to work, and payroll expenses were up significantly this summer due, in part, to the new manager's learning curve regarding staffing. Since the Board and membership maintain the pool and don't hire a pool company to manage it, they have been able to keep membership rates the same for several years. Ravensworth's pool is one of the least expensive community pools in the area.

There was some discussion of whether the parking lot should be repaved but it won't happen now for financial reasons. The hope is that the capital improvement fund will grow sufficiently within five years to repave the parking lot without requiring an increase in membership rates. A similar funding complication applies to the tennis courts. Jennifer Auble volunteered to get estimates regarding the cost of resurfacing the courts.

Erich Telfer, vice president, reported on the pool's new manager, Will Shaffer. The Board was happy with Mr. Shaffer's performance and gave him a bonus to encourage him to return. There was some conversation regarding the strictness of Mr. Shaffer's enforcement of the pool rules. Some members felt he was too strict. The Board would rather have the manager be too strict and avoid problems than reach the point of lifeguards needing to save someone. Strict enforcement of the rules is also important since insurance is the pool's single biggest expense.

Scott Houghton, Membership, reported that there were 300 members in 2013, down from 340 the previous year. The Senior Discount for long-time members with smaller households was a small-scale success. They needed 14 senior members to break even and 22 joined. Next year, pool members can pay online or in-person at the spring yard sale. As the economy strengthens and younger families move into the neighborhood, it seems reasonable to expect more new members over the next years. There is a \$25 referral discount to members who refer families who become new members so, pool members, talk to your neighbors!

Thanks to a power outage in mid-summer that melted \$900 of ice cream and also a cool August, the concession stand saw a deficit this year. However, 13 employees aged 14 and 15 worked their first jobs, many with an eye to becoming lifeguards at 16. Brenda Tobin will begin hiring for next year's concession workers in early spring.

The Swim Team won their division and the relay carnival. There was also a large Fledglings learn-to-swim group. The Winter Swim group has five lanes at Wakefield Pool on Saturday nights. The Dive Team moved up a division this year so the competition was tougher but they still had three wins and only two losses. Thirteen of the divers made it to divisional competition. Six made it to all-star and two medaled. Several of last summer's divers decided to participate in winter dive this year. The Dive Team is a developmental team-- teaching swimmers age five and up to dive for fun or competition. The Swim and Dive teams remind members that the reciprocal agreement with Parliament Pool in Kings Park is in effect whenever Ravensworth Pool is completely or partially closed due to competitions.

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In addition to re-electing Erich Telfer as vice president, Sabine Pontious was elected to replace John Shroeder as secretary. When asked how long he had served on the pool Board, John just said "quite a while" but it seemed to be longer than anyone else present could remember. Dana Kruthoff was appointed Activities Director for the pool.

WOULD YOU MISS THE FARMER IF IT WENT AWAY?

If so, you need to join the Civic Association. Your \$10 membership (what a bargain!) helps cover the cost of writing, printing, and delivering this newsletter to all 858 homes in Ravensworth Farm nine times per year.

It also covers the cost of updating and printing the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory each year. The Directory is only available to members. In addition to providing the names, addresses and phone numbers for your neighbors, the Directory provides you with emergency numbers (for when your internet is dead), useful non-emergency numbers, contact information for preschools, schools, parks, utilities, libraries, medical facilities, and houses of worship. It also contains the history of Ravensworth Farm and the Covenants and Restrictions associated with the neighborhood. It even contains contact information for youth looking for work! If you need a teen to babysit, pet sit, shovel, rake, or wash your car, just \$10 gets you a copy of this coveted list.

In addition to The Ravensworth Farmer and the Ravensworth Farm Directory, the Civic Association also funds:

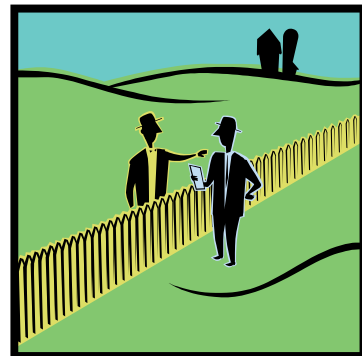
- informative general meetings,
- community Halloween Party,
- holiday decoration judging,
- spring horse-drawn hayride,
- summer picnic (canceled for 2014 due to lack of funds),
- maintenance of the plants and signs at the community entrances,
- donations to the Scouts and the school,
- advertising of the spring community-wide yard sale, and
- community large-trash-items clean-up day every spring.

If you aren't a member, contact Elissa Myers to become a member - 703-321-7590 or elissa@elissamyers.com- or answer the door when your Block Captain comes knocking in November. It would be great to welcome every one of our 858 households into the Civic Association!

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS - BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN

Captains are STILL needed for a few areas. If you don't want to do a whole area, team up with a friend. Contact Elissa Myers to be a block captain - 703-321-7590 or elissa@elissamyers.com

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ETERNAL FLAME RESTORED IN TIME FOR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION—TEMPORARY FLAME HAS BEEN IN USE SINCE APRIL

by Jason Spencer October 29, 2013 in Annandale.Patch.com

The eternal flame at the Kennedy family gravesite at Arlington National Cemetery has been restored in time for the 50th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination.

In April, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Norfolk District and its contractors lit a temporary flame from the permanent burner at the gravesite. That temporary flame was on display for the past few months while crews installed a new burner, along with gas, electric and compressed air lines and more accessible pressure regulators, according to a news release. The temporary flame was used to light the upgraded eternal flame.

It's only the second time in the cemetery's history that a temporary flame has been used at the site. The first time was when Jacqueline Kennedy lit a temporary flame during the president's interment on Nov. 25, 1963.

"As we approach the 50th Anniversary of President Kennedy's death, it is fitting that we once again transfer the flame from a temporary one, to the permanent Eternal Flame, a flame that is more modern and efficient, ensuring the light continues to remain a beacon of hope and remembrance for all who see it, a reminder of the President's legacy to our nation," Patrick K. Hallinan, Army National Military Cemeteries executive director, said in a statement.

The cemetery is planning a number of events to commemorate Kennedy's death and burial, including a special pictorial honoring the president's legacy; a wreath-laying at the gravesite on Nov. 22; and a remembrance ceremony on Nov. 25 conducted by the Irish Defence Forces 37th Cadet Class, which provided the honor guard during Kennedy's funeral.

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REAL ESTATE TRENDS ON THE FARM

As The Farmer goes to press, there are five homes listed for sale in Ravensworth Farm. How does that compare to previous years? Who is buying and selling? What are the trends? Come to the January 30 Civic Association meeting at Community of Christ Church and find out.

WILL THERE BE HOLIDAY DECORATION JUDGING THIS YEAR?

Not without your help! With the position of First Vice President open, the Community Association needs a carload of holiday-spirited, Christmas light-loving volunteers to put together the list of winners and honorable mentions of the best-decorated homes in Ravensworth Farm and place the category winner signs in the winning yards (and get them back later). Get some friends together, drive every street in the neighborhood making note of the displays, then gather around someone's table for hot cider and a quick vote. Schedule the judging any time in December as long as the results arrive at The Farmer by January 1. Contact Kevin Joyce at 703-587-7989 or prez@ravensworthfarm.org to volunteer.

RFCA BOARD POSITION OPEN

Open Position - First Vice President The primary responsibilities of the First Vice President are arranging for programs for the members' meetings and organizing the judging of holiday decorations. In the absence of the president, this person would perform the duties of the president. In the past, this position has also served as delegate to the Fairfax County Federation.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS



Here are some of the 28 new households who moved to our neighborhood over the summer and early fall. Please welcome them!

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5416 Inverchapel
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5312 Moultrie
301-332-5647

James and Carrie Markels
8132 Drayton
703-321-8656

Tina and Tae Kim
5307 Queensberry
703-550-0362

Matt and Reena Miller
5613 Sedgewick
703-286-7435

Adam and Laurie LeRoy
5508 Sedgewick
703-765-6773

New folks move in all the time. If you have new neighbors, tell Jill Mowbray. If you are a new neighbor- welcome! Please let Jill know you have arrived so that one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Jill Mowbray (703-865-8368, bjm820@hotmail.com)

CONDOLENCES & CONGRATULATIONS

As you become aware of major life events in the neighborhood, please share them with The Farmer's readers at rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or drop notes by 5229 Inverchapel Rd.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in The *Farmer* at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or to PO Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151. The classified ad section is a service to Ravensworth residents and is not intended for business or commercial use. Ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. will be run in this section once. If you wish to repeat your ad, you will need to purchase advertising in The *Farmer*.

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WHERE DO PTA FUNDS GO? ALL KINDS OF FUN PLACES

by Twila Lytle

An article in the October farmer discussed the Ravensworth Elementary goal of raising Parent Teacher Association (PTA) funds without the students selling products. This follow-up article discusses how the PTA spends the funds received. The largest portion of the budget funds educational enrichment.

Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

Each year the PTA gives the school funds for technology purchases. In previous years, the school purchased iPads for the classrooms. For the 2013/2014 school year, the money was used to purchase a cart that holds 20 iPads and a drive that updates the 20 iPad's software in 2 hours.

This year, the PTA added funding for STEM (**Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics**) workshops for 3rd through 6th and plan to expand this program to K-2nd. These classroom visits from Ideaventions provide experiments to complement the science curriculum studied in each grade level. At the end of the school year, the PTA sponsors a student assembly. Last year this was a two-day Science Fair provided by The Science Place. The Science Fair was well received and will be repeated this year with new experiments for each grade level.

Literature & Art

The PTA also sponsors author visits. This March, Candace Fleming will talk about her experiences as an author. She has written a wide variety of books, including biographies and historical books. Volunteers with the PTA-sponsored Grace Art program lead students in studying the style and artwork of various artists and allow students to make their own work of art utilizing the same styles and techniques. This year the students will study Van Gogh, Picasso, and Rousseau and make their own African masks from milk jugs.

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Special Activities

The PTA funds classroom activities such as 3rd Grade” Snacks and Facts,” which allows students to study countries from around the world and sample their foods. The 4th grade uses PTA funds for Colonial Day, 5th grade for Renaissance Day and 6th Grade for Pioneer Day. If you drive by the school and see students, parents, and staff decked out in clothing from bygone days, you are witnessing an educational event sponsored by the PTA and provided by the efforts of Ravensworth staff and parents. At the end of the school year, the PTA sponsors grade level parties and a graduation party for those 6th Graders who will no longer be Soaring Ravens. The PTA provides all teachers with grants to buy instructional items for their classroom.

After School

The PTA also sponsors fun after-school activities for the family, such as the back-to-school ice cream social, movie night, bingo night, parent’s night out and a spring dance for the students. The PTA provides an opportunity to enroll in after school programs such as Chess Club, Science Club and RunFit Kidz.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation

It is a tradition in the United States to observe an appreciation week for the teachers, bus drivers, administrative staff, cafeteria and custodial workers who keep our school system running safely and efficiently. The PTA ensures that all staff members are recognized during their appreciation week and also hosts appreciation luncheons for the teachers who impact the education of our students.

The PTA organizes volunteers and provides funds for the production of a school directory, a school yearbook and the PTA website www.ravensworthpta.org . A copy of the PTA budget is in the PTA business section of this website along with other information about fundraising activities and PTA events.

We at Ravensworth Elementary School and the PTA appreciate the support of the Ravensworth Farm community. Please designate Ravensworth Elementary on all your loyalty shopping cards and continue to collect Box Tops for Education. If you don’t have a child at Ravensworth Elementary, give your Box Tops to the next child who passes your house. You might help that child’s class win a pizza party at the end of the year and you will certainly provide the school with instructional “extras.”

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If you’re a fan of middle school and high school theater, or just enjoy a good show without the high ticket prices, check out www.fcpsdrama.com for dates and shows for all the Fairfax County schools’ productions.

RAVENSWORTH PLAYGROUP

If you have preschool and younger elementary children, be sure to join the Ravensworth Playgroup Facebook page to find out where and when other Ravensworth Farm families are heading out and to swap tips and kid gear.



RAVENSWORTH BABYSITTING CO-OP

If you have children ranging in age from baby to younger elementary, you may need the Babysitting Co-op for no-cost, no-guilt babysitting swaps. Join the co-op through sponsorship by a current co-op member. Contact Sara Ortiz or any other co-op member for more information or to attend the next meeting.

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EVENTS

Nov. 27 - Early Release from school for Thanksgiving Day holiday

Nov. 28-29 - No school. Thanksgiving Day break

Dec. 6 - 5pm - Lighting of the National Christmas Tree on the Ellipse. Watch on TV, tickets were given out by lottery.

December 14 - 12-3:30pm – Horse-drawn Hayrides with Santa - Lake Accotink Park

December 14 - Swissmass Celebration at The Swiss Bakery - theswissbakery.com

Dec 12-15 - Christmas by Candlelight concerts - Immanuel Bible Church - <http://immanuelbible.net/music-worship/> concerts, free tickets are best reserved in advance

Dec. 14-15 - 4-8pm - Bethlehem Walk at Parkwood Baptist Church - Braddock Rd at Kings Park Drive, free, parkwood.org or 703-978-8160

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - No school. Winter break.

Jan. 20 - No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday

Jan. 20 - Ravensworth Farm Babysitting Co-op Playdate/Meeting - location TBA, call Sara at 703-321-8757 for details

****Jan. 30** - 7:30pm - Ravensworth Farm Community Association General Meeting - Real Estate Trends in Our Community; discussion of RSUs - Community of Christ Church

Jan. 30-31 - No School - Teacher Workdays/Staff Development

****Mar. 27** - 7:30pm - Ravensworth Farm Community Association General Meeting - Community of Christ Church

****May 22** - 7:30pm - Ravensworth Farm Community Association General Meeting - Community of Christ Church

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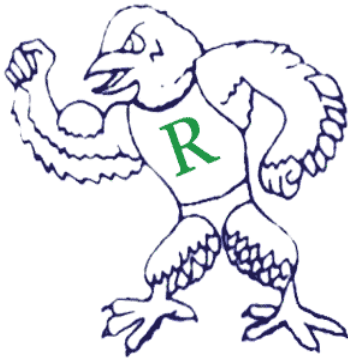
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