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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Besides representing us on the Braddock District Council, I'm also on supervisor Cook's Braddock Road Widening Committee. The landmark transportation bill Governor McDonnell signed into law on February 23, 2013 put the state on a path to improving its badly underfunded transportation needs. It has state and local/regional components to it. Without getting into the minutia of how it works- one of the long-delayed projects that now will receive funding is the widening of Braddock from Guinea to the beltway. We had a good discussion on this topic with a lot of input at our last general membership meeting which I will be taking to the committee. I will also provide updates through the Farmer, Website, and Facebook page as it evolves. As of this writing, the plans are still up in the air because Supervisor Cook is in the process of soliciting feedback and discussing alternatives. This will continue for a few months. A few of the concerns we discussed are sound barriers between the homes along Adair and Braddock, improved safety and travel for the path between Queensberry and the shopping center, as well as a bike path from Burke Lake Road to Queensberry.

Fairfax County's four year transportation Program can be found at [fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/fouryearprogram.htm](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/fouryearprogram.htm)

- Kevin Joyce, [prez@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:prez@ravensworthfarm.org)

### **COMMUNITY YARD SALE MAY 3, 2014**

Mark your calendars for the community yard sale at the Ravensworth Swim Club. Here's an opportunity to turn your stuff into someone else's treasure, find a few treasures yourself, and mix with others in the community!

**Spaces are free; bring your own tables, racks, etc. May 3, 8am - 1pm.**

*Rain Date: May 10th*



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## Association Calendar 2013 - 2014

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
May	May 13	Apr. 30	2	7	17	22

**General and Board meetings will be held at Ravensworth Elementary School. Meetings are canceled in the event of Fairfax County Public Schools' early closing or school cancelation. Meetings are at 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.**

### APRIL SHOWERS BRING OUT THE GOLDEN RAVENS

Seems like every spring the retired folks in Ravensworth Farm rediscover the benefits of making some new friends at the monthly meetings of neighbors. For them, retirement is not just doing nothing and resting up afterward. The best part is sharing experiences with others, whether at a local eatery or sitting down to a tasty covered dish surprise. And sometimes you learn interesting stuff from visiting speakers. So if you are looking for a new venture for spring come on out to the monthly midday gatherings at the local community church on the fourth Wednesday. Call Joan Crofford for upcoming details and a personal invitation at 703-321-7809.

### GARDEN CLUB MEETINGS & PLANT SALE

The Garden Club met April 2 at the home of Barbara Adams. We discussed the book, "The Language of Flowers." The next meeting is May 7 and is a field trip to Heather Hill where we will create container gardens.

With spring finally arriving, it's time to get our yards and gardens in shape. The annual 'Garden of the Season' judging will take place April 30 with the results published in the June Farmer.

Our annual plant sale will be May 10 from 9 am to 1pm at the Ravensworth Shopping Center. Choice selections of locally grown plants and shrubs will be available. Come early for the best selection. Our plants make great Mother's Day gifts.

The Garden Club meets the first Wednesday of the month with speakers, field trips to local gardens, and other activities for the program. For more information about this active community organization, please call Nancy Jarvie at 703-321-8319.



### HAYRIDE FUN

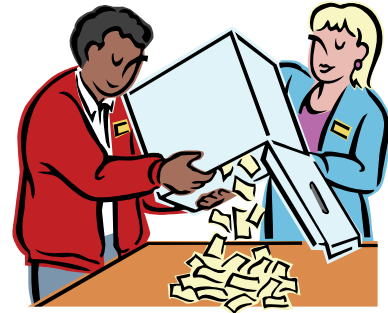
Sixty four people, from 19 households, enjoyed beautiful weather and a fun hayride behind Harmon's Hayrides' beautiful Belgian horses on April 6. The weather, as in the previous two years, was perfect. Neighbors made new friends and kids renewed acquaintances on the wagon and the church playground after a winter of being indoors entirely too much. The event was sponsored by the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association for Association members. We greatly appreciate Community of Christ church's willingness to lend their driveway for the event.

## CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections for Civic Association officers will be held at the general meeting May 22. There is currently one vacancy, for the position of First Vice President. The 1st VP is instrumental in coordinating speakers for the three to four general membership meetings held each year.

### The slate of nominees includes:

President - Kevin Joyce  
**1st Vice President - You?**  
 2nd Vice President - Dean Fix  
 Recording Secretary - Ginger Rogers  
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 Treasurer - Richmon Tun



## BOY SCOUT TROOP 991

The renovations at Ravensworth ES have not put a stop to Boy Scout Troop 991's Outdoor Adventures. We've been Skiing/Snowboarding and have campouts every month this spring! 6th – 12th grade boys, please visit us Wednesday nights - 7:30pm @ White Oaks ES. Scoutmaster Mitchell @ 703-321-8072 or Scoutmaster991@yahoo.com.

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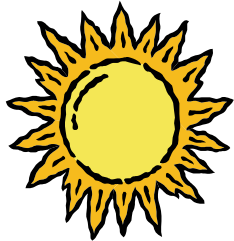
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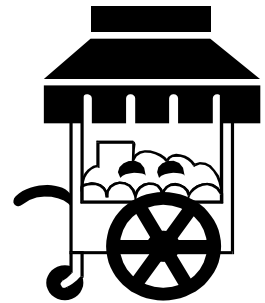
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## POOL NEWS

Ravensworth Farm Swim and Racquet Club would like to congratulate the Buechler Family for winning the Early Bird Registration Raffle for the month of March! They will receive 10 free guest passes to bring their friends to the pool this summer season. Many thanks go to the Buechlers and everyone else who registered early this year. When we have membership dues in the bank, it really helps the pool get its operating budget on track for the upcoming season.



We would also like to mention that the Senior Discounted Membership is being offered again this year. As a courtesy and a gesture of gratitude to those of the Ravensworth community that are over 65 years old and have collected at least 15 years of pool membership over the years, we have a reduced price membership. The price of the plan is \$250.00, plus the grounds & maintenance fee of \$25, totaling \$275.00. No early bird discounts will apply, and the offer is good from now until Memorial Day. The membership will include a maximum of two people living in the same residence- the primary member and a spouse meeting the criteria previously mentioned. All other restrictions and rules apply regarding bringing guests.

This plan is not listed in the Web Store for purchase. If you are interested in taking advantage of the great price for a summer of senior fun in the pool, please send an email to [membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com](mailto:membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com) or call the pool at 703-321-4903.

Members of the Pool Board will be at the Community Yard Sale on May 3, processing memberships and accepting payments, as well as answering any questions. Please stop by our table and say "Hi."

## WHAT TO DO ABOUT SINKHOLES

by Ellen Eggerton

There are quite a few sinkholes in the neighborhood that are the result of the gas line renovation work being done by Washington Gas and their contractor, NPL. When you see such a sinkhole, please fill it and call Washington Gas at 703-750-1000 to report the sinkhole so they can watch for pipe failure from lack of pipe support in the ground.

Use dirt from around the hole or from other locations in your yard to fill the sinkhole. If the adjacent soil is above the level of the sidewalk, you can skim off the few inches above that level and put that dirt in the hole. Clay soil is better than mulch or bagged soil for this type of fill because it has less organic matter and less air space. Most of our neighborhood is clay soil just below the surface of our grass.

The newly exposed soil adjacent to the hole should be leveled with the sidewalk and reseeded with grass. Depending on current height of the grass area, a gentle slope may be needed to avoid a tripping hazard. The final level can be just at, above or below the sidewalk level. I designed my area to be just below the sidewalk at a very gentle slope to retain the stormwater so it does not rush down to Lake Accotink but is absorbed by my yard first. Heavy rains will overflow to the lake but regular rains will go into the ground.

The problem occurs because a hole filled with loose dirt typically has 50% new air spaces between the dirt. Over time the soil settles to less than 50% air space and most often sinks when rain collapses some of the air spaces. This can happen several times during rain events. If there is a larger air space below the soil surface than rain water can create a sink hole as it collapses that larger air space. Each time it should be filled to prevent it from getting larger.

## **RAVENSWORTH ES RENOVATION PLAN**

Many interested teachers, parents, and school staff gathered in the Ravensworth Elementary School cafeteria to learn more about the \$15+ million renovation the school is undergoing.

Larry Levato, the project architect, began by sharing artists' drawings of how the school will look around March 2016 after the 22-month renovation. Brady Rauch, FCPS Coordinator of Capital Projects and Jay Zayas, FCPS Construction Manager for the Ravensworth renovation shared timelines and details of how construction will impact the school and community.

At the end of the renovation, the school will be able to handle 600 students. Current enrollment is approximately 550 students. This project is not an expansion. It is only a renovation. Renovation designs are done based on a five-year projection of student demographics.

Construction will commence in late April or early May with the arrival of fencing and construction trailers on the site of the existing modular classrooms. The speakers stressed that nothing in the school will be untouched by the end of the project. Plumbing, heating, electrical, lights, and all other systems will be completely up to code. The air exchange will meet or exceed current code. New power will be supplied to the building in order to handle the requirements of the upgraded HVAC and technology needs. FCPS generally has renovations of seven to 11 elementary schools underway at any given time. This is a routine project for FCPS' Design and Construction team.

The new wing of the building will be located on portions of the existing parking lot, the yard area containing the gazebo and some part of where the existing modular classrooms sit. It will complete the triangle begun by the existing wings. The new wing will be completed first in order to move students into it while the old classroom areas are completely renovated. That wing will take about 13 months to complete. There will also be a new, secure vestibule that will not allow daytime visitors access to the school without walking through the office. Extended Kiss & Ride space will allow more cars to pick up and drop off at a time in front of the new lobby but the traffic pattern will remain similar to the current pattern.

After Spring Break 2014, the older Ravensworth students will transition down the hill into the new modular classrooms that have been set up on part of the playing field. The youngest students will move from their part of the hallway into other parts of the building. The new wing will connect to the old wing at the end of the youngest students' hallway.

At all times, safety and a good learning environment will be priority for the contractor. FCPS' oversight team includes an air quality specialist who will ensure that the requirement of indoor air quality being 500 times better than OSHA's standard is met. FCPS also has a safety consultant on the team. Shutdowns of electricity, plumbing, HVAC, and other systems will occur before and after school as will the worst of the noise-generating activities. On scheduled testing days, the contractors will mute the noise still more. Contractors will not be in the student-occupied parts of the buildings during the school day. There will be some excitement for the students such as when a huge crane will be used to remove and reposition beams in the library roof. When students return to school in the fall, they will notice that the hallways do not have ceiling tiles. This will be in order to give the contractors access to all the systems. The fire suppression sprinklers will remain active throughout the construction.

FCPS will have a full-time field representative at the construction site. This person will serve as the liaison between the school and the general contractor, which appears likely to be Pavone Construction of Manassas. There will be progress meetings between the school and the contractor every two weeks. If you have concerns about how construction is going, they can be directed to Principal Salata or her designee and can be brought up in meetings with the contractor.

While classes will continue during the regular school year, there will not be summer school at Ravensworth for summer 2014 and summer 2015. Students will be bussed to another school for summer programs.



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Fairfax County arborists assessed the many trees on the school lot and recommended some for removal. At the end of the project, there will be more plantings than are currently on the property. A combination of deciduous and ever-green trees is planned to screen between neighbors' properties and the school.

Also present were Roxanne Salata, Ravensworth Principal; Megan McLaughlin, Braddock District school board member; and Angela Atwater, Cluster 6 Superintendent.

Ms. Salata noted that, as part of a unit on advocacy, the Ravensworth fourth graders had presented her with a petition to install a sixth grade-only bathroom on the roof of the new building with access to be provided through a window. The fourth graders felt this would solve the issue of messes the sixth graders make in the bathroom. Unfortunately, Mr. Levato, the architect, said that the constructions plans do not call for such a bathroom. Much to the delight of the teachers, the plans do call for teacher restrooms and workrooms on each level of the building.

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by Mary Keeser



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**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

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](mailto:bjm820@hotmail.com)).



**CONDOLENCES...**

... to the family of Patti Kidwell, formerly of Hatteras Lane, on her death in December 2013.

**MOMS IN PRAYER GROUP**



Several moms in the neighborhood meet weekly for one hour to pray for their children, schools, teachers and staff. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Sara Ortiz at (703)321-8757 or go to the website <http://www.momsinprayer.org/>



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<p><b>WANTED</b></p>	<p>Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables &amp; chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991 Call the warehouse <b>ONLY</b> on Saturday mornings.</p>

## **RUN FOR RAVENSWORTH**

RUN 4 Ravensworth is set for May 2! It's the biggest fundraiser of the year! Ravensworth Elementary students will be collecting pledges per lap and flat donations for this fun event that promotes healthy activity and raises money for the school. In addition to being organized and implemented solely by volunteers, several local businesses have generously donated prizes for RUN 4 Ravensworth this year. 100% of the proceeds go right back to the school in support of field trips, technology needs, teacher grants and more. To be considered for prizes, students must turn in all money by Friday, May 16.

Join us!! Parents and neighbors are encouraged to come to the back field of the school on Friday, May 2 (Rain Date May 9) anytime between 8:30-noon to cheer on the Ravensworth students as they run laps to support the PTA! Students will complete as many laps as they can, any way they can, for 20 minutes (average # of laps is 17; Most Laps in 2013 was 30!). Music, balloons and race-day bibs will create a fun atmosphere for all. Come out to cheer them on!

For more information about RUN 4 Ravensworth, to make a donation via PayPal, or to volunteer, visit [www.ravensworthpta.org](http://www.ravensworthpta.org). Or call Jill Mowbray, VP Fundraising, Ravensworth PTA (703) 865-8368.



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## **EVENTS**

Calling all summer events! If you know of an event happening between May 17 and October 1, email [rfcafamer@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:rfcafamer@ravensworthfarm.org) to get it on the summer list in the last Farmer before summer.

April - **Online Employment Applications** at [ravensworthfarmpool.com](http://ravensworthfarmpool.com) for teen summer employment.

April 28 - **last day to order native plants** - [fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm)

April 30 - **Garden of the Season judging**, results in next month's Farmer

May 2 - **Run 4 Ravensworth Fundraiser** - Ravensworth Elementary School

\*\*May 3 - 8am - 1pm - **Community Yard Sale** - Ravensworth Farm Pool parking lot

May 3 - **Last Day for Ravensworth Farm Pool Early-Bird Registration**

May 9-11 - **Lifeguard (Re)certification** - Ravensworth Farm Pool

May 10 (**rain date**, 8am-1pm) - Community Yard Sale rain date

May 10 - **Garden Club Plant Sale** at Ravensworth Shopping Center

May 11- **Mothers' Day**

\*\*May 22 - 7:30pm - **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association General Meeting** - Ravensworth Elementary

May 24 - **Pool Opens** - 1pm

May 26 - **Memorial Day**

May 27 - **Swim/Dive Team Practices begin** - after school

June 1 - 2pm - **Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park**, boat drop-off at 10am, \$4/vehicle, walk in for free

June 24 - **probable Last Day of School**

\*\*Oct. 4 - **Fall Community Yard Sale** - Ravensworth Farm Pool

## **DON'T BE A CLOG - HAVE A PLAN**

Bruce McFarlane, an emergency planning and outreach analyst with the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, spoke at the March 27 meeting of the Ravensworth Civic Association.

When explaining where Emergency Management kicks in, Mr. McFarlane said that medical, fire, police, and emergency management are four legs of a table. Eighty to 90 percent of all incidents happen and are managed locally. Emergency Management kicks in when local resources are overextended. He pointed out that Fairfax County is in an ideal situation due to the many cooperation agreements in place between the County and surrounding counties and states. When Arlington County's fire and rescue personnel were all occupied at the Pentagon in September 2001, Fairfax County backfilled for them in all the day-to-day incidents in Arlington and Prince William County backfilled Fairfax County. During the "Snowmageddon" events of February 2010, the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinated Virginia National Guard assistance in transporting emergency and medical personnel to and from work in their Humvees.

Mr. McFarlane also pointed out that there are 1.1 million people in Fairfax County. The County has 1,300 First Responders spread across three shifts. He recommended that you do the math and figure out the likelihood that First Responders would get to you if there were a major event. He then insisted that each family create a comprehensive family plan. He recommended the customizable template at [www.ReadyNOVA.org](http://www.ReadyNOVA.org) for developing your family plan.

Developing a plan includes creating and reviewing the plan as a family, assembling various emergency kits (house, car, and office), and staying informed. You can register for the Community Emergency Alert Network (CEAN) to receive emergency and serious traffic alerts via email, text, or cell phone. You can also access emergency information via the County's Facebook and Twitter feeds, the County's emergency blog ([fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/blog](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/blog)), and NOAA Weather Radio.

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In addition to the basics above, every family should assess their special needs such as disabilities and the need for medications. Those with medical needs can sign up on the OEM's Medical Needs Registry so that the County will get in touch in the event of catastrophes and evacuate the persons with medical needs. This was used during the derecho event to find homebound people with medical needs who didn't have power and needed it for dialysis and oxygen.

Mr. McFarlane stressed that "What clogs government response to an emergency are not the people who can't help themselves but the people who could have had a plan and didn't." In addition to having plans for your immediate family, you should have a plan for your pets and the caretakers and adult children of older folks should know the needs, problems, and medications of their seniors in order to plan with and for them.

OEM's operations center across from Costco at Rt. 29 and West Ox Road has food and water to be self-sustaining for up to 30 days. You may not need as much but you should be prepared for several days.

Most emergencies in Fairfax County so far have been weather related. Fairfax County is fortunate to have the National Weather Service located here in Sterling. The OEM has cultivated a very good relationship with that office and generally has advance warning of events. In many cases, the safety question is, "Should I stay or should I go?" The answer is, "Get where you need to be before the storm hits." In some cases, sheltering in place wherever you are is a better plan than being on the road. A thermonuclear detonation will cause a flash equivalent to 1,000 suns. This would be blinding for several minutes. Imagine the car crashes among all the blinded drivers who hit the road instead of sheltering in place.

Instead of feeling that you must rush to personally "save" each member of your family, get to know the safety plans for their schools and workplaces. Encourage each place to have a solid plan and practice it. Then leave it to those in charge to take care of your scattered family while you take care of yourself and others nearby- something you can do because of your excellent prior planning!

If you are interested in volunteering with OEM or First Responders, they use Volunteer Fairfax to recruit and check volunteers. You can find out more at [VolunteerFairfax.org](http://VolunteerFairfax.org) or by calling 703-246-3460.

### **RAVENSWORTH FARM 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.

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