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PUTTING CHILDREN IN HARMS WAY

by A Concerned Neighbor

I am not sure who needs education more, children or parents. Twice daily, I observe parents ignoring the procedure for the safe student drop off and pick up at the Ravensworth Elementary School and putting their children in harm's way. Letters and student take-home notices have clearly stated that parents approach the "kiss and ride" drop off by using Gosport Drive and turning North onto Nutting and then turning right into the school parking lot. A majority of parents follow this procedure which works very efficiently and provides safety for the children. But there are several parents who insist on driving South on Nutting and parking in front of homeowner's driveways and a fire hydrant. They then leave their cars and "jaywalk" their children across Nutting to escort them to the school while dodging the Northbound traffic. On several occasions, teachers who were assigned to assist as crossing guards were almost run down by the opposing traffic.

To the parents that are doing this I have two questions. One, why are you placing your children in this harmful situation? Two why are you teaching your children that it's okay to break the law by parking across driveways and in front of fire hydrants?

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**** REMINDER ****

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The Farmer is always available for viewing one week after home delivery on the Ravensworth Farm web site, <http://www.ravensworthfarm.org>.

Article I, Section 3, of the Civic Association's By-Laws provides that the Association shall be strictly non-partisan, non-political, and non-sectarian. Accordingly, the invitation of elected officials and other public figures to speak at Association meetings, and the inclusion of paid political or commercial advertisements in the Farmer or in the attached flyers, do not constitute endorsements by the Association.

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Association Meetings & Deadlines 2015 - 2016

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	DELIVERY	EVENTS
September	9	9	10	Oct. 3	
October	7	7	1	Nov. 7	Oct. 18—Fall Festival Oct. 22—RFCA Meeting
November	4	18	5	Dec. 12	
December	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	Holiday Lights Judging
January	6	6	7	30	
February	3	10	4	Mar. 5	
March	2	2	3	Apr. 2	Mar. 31—RFCA Meeting
April	6	6	7	May 7	May 7—Yard/Plant Sale
May	4	2	5	21	May 26—RFCA Meeting

General and Board Meetings and Events are held at Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Road unless otherwise noted. Meetings are 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.

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Let me educate you. According to Fairfax Ordances, vehicles shall be kept at least 10 feet from the nearest driveway and 15 feet from the nearest fire hydrant. If you don't care about paying the fine, why not consider the safety of your child?

SCHOOL TRAFFIC ON NUTTING DR

During school drop off and dismissal times (8:05-8:25am and 3:10-3:30pm), Kiss 'n Ride traffic comes north on Nutting Dr from Gosport Ln into the school. Then traffic exits the school by turning right on Nutting Dr and continuing north to Ellet Rd. Southbound traffic will not be allowed to turn left into the school during these hours.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE CHANGES

If it seems you're seeing kids scurrying to school at a different time than last year- you're right! Ravensworth Elementary's bell schedule changed this year. From most perspectives, it's a positive change as students have an extra ten minutes to sleep. Students may arrive at school as early as 8:05, may go to their classrooms at 8:15, and are tardy at 8:25. Dismissal is at 3:10pm. Lake Braddock's Middle and High school students caught a break, too. Their bus now comes through the neighborhood around 7:30, about 45 minutes later than previous years, with the afternoon bus passing through around 3:15.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

Our first meeting of the season was a meet and greet with 18 of our members enjoying each other's company and some wonderful snacks. We learned about our upcoming programs including a tour and picnic at Green Spring Gardens on October 7th, a presentation from the Audubon Society about our Northern Virginia habitat on November 4th, and our annual Holiday Tea on December 2nd.

Our meetings begin at 10:00 am on the first Wednesday of each month. New members are always welcome, and may contact Karen at 703-321-8703 for further information. Please note our Garden of the Season judging took place September 24th through the 28th. Take a walk or drive around the neighborhood and check out all the beautiful fall gardens.

ANOTHER CURTAIN GOING UP ON GOLDEN RAVENS

Come join the party. Every fourth Wednesday the seniors of Ravensworth Farm gather to say hello and catch up on the latest happenings while they enjoy a meal together. Whether it is a day out to visit a local eatery or just homemade pot luck at the Community Church on Inverchapel, you can be sure it is not a day that is wasted. So mark your calendar and claim your seat...no tickets needed. For details on upcoming events call Joan Crofford at 703-321-7809.

RAVENSWORTH FARM SUMMER BBQ

A good time was had by the over seventy-five neighbors, including twenty kids, who celebrated the summer with good food and fun over at Lake Accotink this past July. Organized by the Civic Association, board members manned the grill while folks gathered to share side dishes and desserts. A "ladder toss" tournament kept the kids busy while parents had a chance to chit-chat and meet new neighbors. Ravensworth's very own Mollie the Clown made a special appearance with music and bubbles galore. Be sure to keep your eye out for the 2016 Summer BBQ as it is sure to be even more fun for all.



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POOL NEWS - THE FUN DOESN'T END WHEN THE POOL CLOSSES

Ravensworth Farmers,

We had another incredible summer at the Ravensworth Pool! It's amazing how much fun was had in such a short amount of time. The Swim and Dive Teams did great this year. The Swim Team went undefeated and won their division! Congratulations on that amazing accomplishment.

We also had a lot of great activities and parties this summer, including the Cinco de Mayo fiesta, 4th of July party, a few Happy Hours, the Swim and Dive Pep Rallies, the start of the weekly Volleyball games, the Labor Day Popsicle Giveaway, and we capped the season off in style with the neighborhood Pig Roast/Luau Celebration, with over 200 people in attendance!

Ravensworth Pool has so much to offer this community, as a place where we can come together and get to know one another and make meaningful connections; we really saw that in action this year. We hope to keep that going, so stay tuned for more activities on the horizon, and if you haven't been a member already, please consider joining next season, to help support this great service to our neighborhood.

The RFSRC General Membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 21st at 7:30pm at the Community of Christ Church. There will be a summary of the 2015 season, and elections for open board positions will be held as well. The open positions are: Treasurer, Activities, Grounds and Maintenance, and Swim Team Representative. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please contact the current board member in that role (check the website for email addresses) for more information about what is involved, and then email the secretary (secretary@ravensworthfarmpool.com) to get on the ballot. Please come to the meeting to cast your vote, but if you are unable to attend, be sure to visit the website (www.ravensworthfarmpool.com) to submit your proxy vote.

We are also having our first ever **RFSRC Trunk or Treat Party!** It will be held in the pool parking lot on Saturday October 31st (Halloween!), from 3pm to 5pm, with cars arrived and decorated by 2:45pm, please. It's a great opportunity for our younger Ravens to get some trick or treating experience in before it gets dark. There will be hotdogs and other refreshments available. Please check out the website for more details, and information on how to RSVP.

The Pool Board has been kicking around a few other ideas for activities to have in the off-season, so please stay tuned to the website and our social media (Twitter and Facebook) as these events get planned, and how you can get involved.

Thank you again, Ravensworth Farm, for a great season, see you at the pool soon!
Your RFSC Pool Board

COSTUME UP FOR THE FALL FESTIVAL

The Civic Association's Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 18 from 4-6pm in the yard of Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Rd. A community event requires community involvement (and it's lots of fun!). Contact Jen Auble at 703-922-9353 to volunteer your assistance.

Games. Prizes. Moonbounce. Costume Parade (4:30pm). Hot dogs, potluck, and maybe a campfire (any volunteers?!). Bring a side dish to share. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends in the neighborhood or rediscover old ones.



SEWER PIPES - OUT OF SIGHT; OUT OF MIND

Most of us don't think about it, but if you live in one of the original 1960s-era homes in Ravensworth Farm (which means most of us), each time you flush a toilet, take a shower, or just turn on a faucet, you are sending water—plus whatever it's carrying—down a sewer pipe that was new when President Kennedy was in office, TV shows were black and white, and men used lots of Vitalis (which wasn't what it sounds like).

In the intervening half century, that sewer pipe has carried a lot of content and been subject to tree roots, ordinary corrosion, and (perhaps) soil collapse; its present condition is anyone's guess. Estimates vary from 50 to nearly 100 years before we should expect failure, but they're all approaching that age where a sewer back-up *could* mean a plumber's snake can't fix it anymore and it's time to call in the big guns (read “backhoe”).

If you expect to be in your home for at least the next few years, you may wish to be apprised of a process that's available for **relining** the sewer pipe with a fresh epoxy inner sleeve which essentially renews the sewer line's life for another 50 years and avoids the more expensive prospect of the aforementioned backhoe...with attendant damage to lawns, trees, or driveways.

This treatment is called CIPP (cured-in-place piping), and it is done by first clearing the pipe of roots, rust, and other blockages, inserting a flexible “sock” into the pipe (which is impregnated with an epoxy resin) at the basement access point (or cleanout joint), pushing it out under the yard all the way to the street tie-in at the common sewer line, expanding it to hug the inside of the original pipe, and letting it cure rock hard in a couple hours. The resulting inner liner becomes the new pipe, rendering any defects of the original one harmless.

Dynamic Drain, a company that performs this service, met with several RF residents on Aug 13 to explain how this works (the PowerPoint presentation is available at the email address below). Part of that presentation is the following information: An initial video inspection, documentation, and grading of your sewer line (from 1 to 5, depending on your pipe's condition) is performed to know what faults currently exist. The condition of each will obviously be unique. They estimate that their 2-man crews can perform 4 inspections in a day, and they would charge \$1600 for a day's labor, making the cost to 4 homeowners **\$400 each**—for the inspection and a detailed documentation of your pipe.

After generating that report, they would then give each homeowner a proposal for relining their sewer pipe as described above. (Cost for each home would vary based on length of pipe from basement to main sewer line and other factors.)

The cost of the inspection is **deducted** from the lining cost, if done.

So if anyone is interested in having an inspection, please email me and I'll compile as many groups of four homeowners as I can and send them to Dynamic for a contract. You'll be more likely to be with three other people the earlier I get your email. Those who can't be matched would be unable to enjoy a 4-way cost split. *I won't refer your name to Dynamic unless and until there's three others with you.*

Residents who frequent the Facebook page for Ravensworth Farm knew about this in August, so some of their inspections are in the works now. I don't mean to make you feel rushed, and this may be a “bad time” for you—I get that. But if Dynamic charges a “per day” labor rate that can be shared, this may be a train that passes by just once.

Caveats: I don't represent Dynamic Drain, have no financial stake in your participation, and no one appointed me to run interference for Dynamic. Like most homeowners with a 50+ year-old home, I like to save on major improvements when possible, and—as I implied in a prior Farmer piece—not spending money can sometimes prove more costly than spending it. This may be one such time.

To get Dynamic's PowerPoint file on CIPP, or to submit your name for an inspection, you can email me at--
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OCTOBER 22 SUPERVISOR DEBATE & CIVIC ASSOC. ELECTIONS

The three candidates for Braddock District Supervisor- Janet Oleszek, Carey Campbell, and incumbent John Cook- have been invited to a moderated debate at Ravensworth Farm’s Civic Association meeting October 22. The meeting will be held at 7:30pm at Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Road. Come out and hear each candidate’s perspective on the issues facing Braddock District and Fairfax County as a whole.

Following the debate, the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association (RFCA) will hold elections for officers. A sufficient quorum was not met at the May meeting for elections to be held. The following positions are open. Names of those who have said they are willing to serve in the position, if elected, are next to the position title. If you are interested in serving on the RFCA Board, contact Kevin Joyce (prez@ravensworthfarm.org or 703-587-7989) or Ginger Rogers (recsec@ravensworthfarm.org or 703-321-1151) for more information or just show up at the October 22 meeting.

Position	Candidate
President	Kevin Joyce (incumbent)
1st Vice President (finds speakers for meetings, organizes holiday lights judging)	no candidate
2nd Vice President	Ginger Rogers (incumbent)
Recording Secretary	no candidate
Corresponding Secretary	Heather Scott (incumbent)
Treasurer	

NOVEMBER 3 IS ELECTION DAY

On Election Day Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. If you're registered in our precinct, you vote at Ravensworth Elementary School. Be sure to greet long-serving Ravensworth election officers Doddie Cave, Ruth Hartman, and Ginger Rogers. If you would like to make it an all-Ravensworth team at our polls, apply to the Fairfax County Board of Elections via email at ElectionOfficers@fairfaxcounty.gov or call (703) 324-4735. Include your name, phone number, home address, and choice of precinct and plan to attend several trainings in mid-October. Election officers are paid \$175 for the 5:00am to 9:00pm day.

To determine whether (and where) you are registered to vote, please visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website, or call the County elections office at 703-222-0776.

Voter Photo ID Requirements became effective July 1, 2014 so bring your driver’s license or other photo ID.

Oct 13: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5:00 p.m., Online: 11:59 p.m.

Oct 27: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax or Email: 5:00 p.m.

Oct 31: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting

Nov 3: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline (7:00 p.m.)

Our ballot will include two bond questions- one for schools and one for public safety facilities and various state and county races. These include: State Senate 37th District (Marsden, Bergman), Virginia House of Delegates 39th District (Watts), Fairfax County Clerk of Court (Lawton, Frey, Wissar), Commonwealth’s Attorney (Morrogh), Fairfax County Sheriff (Kincaid, Wolfe), Soil & Water Conservation NoVA District (3 of Cameron, Lamb, Peters, Pushor), Chairman County Board of Supervisors (Bulova, Purves, Parker), Member Board of Supervisors (Oleszek, Cook, Campbell), School Board At-Large (3 of Copeland, Fateh, Hough, Jean-Jacques, Marchetti, McElveen, Moon, Scarboro, Velkoff), and Member School Board Braddock District (McLaughlin, Pettigrew).



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GREET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Sadly, all the new families who moved to Ravensworth Farm this summer were not greeted with goodies and neighborhood information by a member of the New Neighbors Welcoming Committee. There are willing greeters but so far no one has stepped up to lead them. If it bothers you that new "Farmers" won't receive the same greeting you received when you moved in, contact Jill Mowbray. She would be happy to tell you what's involved. Feel free call with questions (703) 865-8368 or email her at bjm820@hotmail.com.

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 Mai Bean or any other co-op member for more information or to attend the next meeting.

RAVENSWORTH FARM ON FACEBOOK

Want to keep up with issues, have firewood to give away, or you're 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



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BOY SCOUT TROOP 991—OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

The boys are ginning up for a fall full of excitement. In July, the troop enjoyed summer camp along beautiful banks of the Nanticoke River at Camp Henson; in August, we navigated the rapids on the New River Gorge! Come join us for our next adventure!

6th – 12th grade boys - Visit us Wednesday nights - 7:30pm Scoutmaster Mitchell @ 703-321-8072 or Scoutmaster991@yahoo.com or <http://www.troop991.com/>

CUB PACK 991 OFF TO A GREAT START!

Cub pack 991 had a great summer capped off with a pool party at RFSC and bowling! We are excited to welcome a number of new scouts into the Pack at our first meeting September 21st! Meetings are held at Caterbury Woods ES while Ravensworth construction continues. If you are interested in joining the Cub Scouts please contact Cubmaster Greg Ferrara at cubpack991@gmail.com.

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Do you and your child need somewhere to go? Parents/caretakers and children five and under, take your own ride-on toys and use the REC Center's giant foam blocks, mats, and little play sets in the REC Center gym on Fridays from 10:00 am to noon. The cost is \$3 per child.



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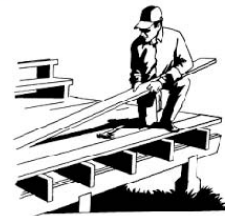


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This fall season, from the first week of November for 8 consecutive weeks, LFFC has a medium and a large share option. The produce ranges from \$21- \$32 per week for veggies (depending on share size) and \$7.40 per week for fruit. In addition to fruits and vegetables, there are also chicken, meat, cheese, bread, omnivore, vegan and egg shares available.

Every Thursday, the list of items on the share is emailed out to help with meal planning. On a weekly basis (weekend day), everyone picks up their share at a home in Ravensworth Farm. There are active Facebook and Pinterest sites where community members share recipes that they are making using the vegetables that we receive. It's really that simple!

If you are interested in joining or receiving more information about the CSA, please visit <http://www.lancasterfarmfresh.com> (click CSA and Fall Shares) or call your neighbor Jen at (703) 922-9353 / email jenmarzouk@yahoo.com to answer any questions. Make sure you select the North Springfield location on Inverchapel Road. Registration closes October 23, but it would be appreciated if you can sign up earlier. We need 30 shares to make this a viable site. As a current shareholder, I can say that it has been a very enjoyable experience and I am very excited to be able to host a location in our neighborhood.

ADVERTISING IN THE FARMER

Advertisements in The Ravensworth Farmer allow the Civic Association to distribute this newsletter to every home in the neighborhood- even those homes that haven't joined the Civic Association. Please support our advertisers and even become one yourself. There are three ways to advertise in The Ravensworth Farmer: 1) a permanent advertisement in the body of The Farmer; 2) a flyer inserted in the center of The Farmer; or 3) a one-time Classified Ad in The Farmer.

In The Farmer

To advertise, contact Katherine Craig at 703-321-8081. New rates go into effect soon. Full page, ½ page, and ¼ page ads are available on an annual contract basis.

Flyer

To advertise, provide 900 copies of your 8.5"x11" flyer to Laura Asiello by the Flyer Deadline each month. The new rate is \$25 for Ravensworth Farm residents and \$35 for non-residents.

Classified Ad

One-time Classified Ads are free to Ravensworth Farm residents. Call (703-321-8757) or email the editor (rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org) with the content of your ad by the Farmer deadline listed on page 3.

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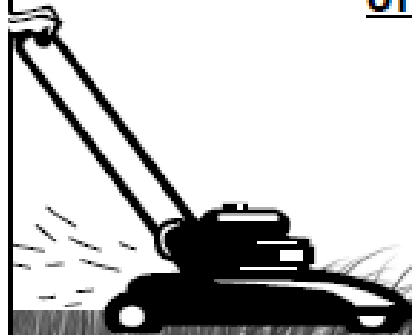
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EVENTS

Something to add? Email RFCAFarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or call 703-321-8757 to add to the calendar of events.

Oct. 12 - Columbus Day holiday - no school

Oct. 17 - Green Thumb Garden Club tour and picnic at Green Spring Gardens, call Karen A. for details - 703-321-8703

**Oct. 18 - 4-6pm - RFCA Fall Festival, at Community of Christ on Inverchapel, 4:30pm for costume parade, contact Jen Auble 703-922-9353

Oct. 21 - Ravensworth Farm Pool Meeting—Community of Christ Church

**Oct. 22 - 7:30pm - Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting - Board of Supervisors Braddock District debate & RFCA elections - Community of Christ on Inverchapel Rd

Oct. 23 - Last day to register for Lancaster Community Supported Agriculture fall deliveries

Oct. 28 - Golden Ravens - contact Joan Crofford at 703-321-7809

Oct. 31 - 3-5pm - Trunk or Treat at the Pool

Nov. 3 - Elections, polls open 6am - 7pm

Nov. 3 & 4 - No School, Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov. 4 - Green Thumb Garden Club, Audubon Society on Northern Virginia Habitat, Karen A. 703-321-8703

Nov. 13 - 5:30-7:30 - Funtastic Friday @ Parkwood Baptist Church, Braddock Rd across from Kings Park Drive, parkwoodbaptist.com

Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Day - No school Nov. 27

Dec. 2 - Green Thumb Garden Club, Holiday Tea, Karen A. 703-321-8703

Dec. 3-5 - 7pm - The Sound of Music @ Falls Church High School, \$10

Dec. 3-5 - 7:30pm - The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe @ Herndon High School, \$10

**Dec. 14-19 - Holiday Lights Judging



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WHY 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 eight 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 (so you'll know where to go to pick up those items being offered on the Facebook page), the Directory also provides you with emergency numbers (for when your internet is dead), and useful non-emergency numbers. It contains the history of Ravensworth Farm and the Covenants and Restrictions associated with the neighborhood. It even contains contact information for youth looking to 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.

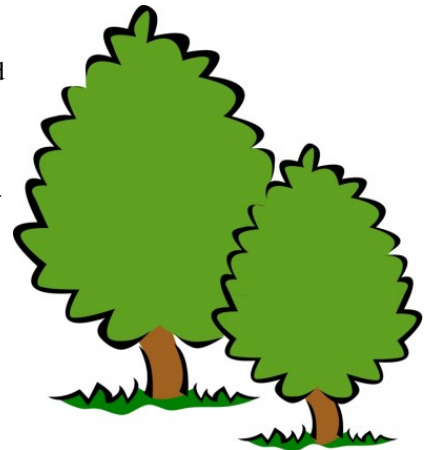
In addition to The Ravensworth Farmer and the Ravensworth Farm Directory, the Civic Association also funds:

- three informative general meetings per year,
- community-wide costume parade and Fall Festival,
- holiday decoration judging,
- summer picnic/BBQ/bash,
- maintenance of the plants and signs at the three community entrances,
- donations to the Scouts and the school,
- advertising of the spring community-wide yard sale,
- community large-trash-items clean-up day every spring, and
- many other activities and community-care needs.

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

CLEAR THE SIDEWALKS!

It's that time of year again. Parents and students are walking hand-in-hand to school- until they come to a bush or tree that is hogging half the sidewalk and have to step off into the grass or mud. Take a moment to check how much your low-hanging tree branches, front and side yard bushes, and hedges grew this summer. Then give them a thorough trim- the walkers of Ravensworth Elementary School (and their parents) will thank you. The joggers, dog walkers, and stroller parents of Ravensworth Farm will thank you, too.



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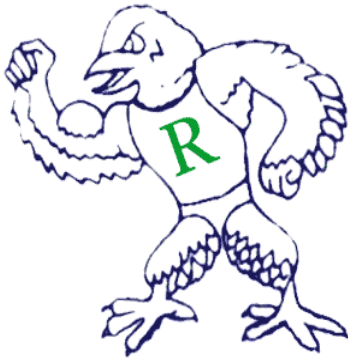
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