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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Farmers,

Civic associations are real value added to the communities they serve. The benefit to the community is impossible to quantify. Civic associations, like many other organizations or industries that serve communities—attorneys, law enforcement, and even charitable organizations come to mind—are generally ignored and may even be disliked when times are good. When things go wrong, however, people of the community suddenly find value in their civic association and demand action. There seems to be an assumption that a civic association is willing and able to pick up the baton on a moment's notice and complete an entire relay race single-handedly.

This is woefully inaccurate. Civic associations provide the necessary infrastructure to effectively address myriad issues that every neighborhood will encounter from time to time. It is, therefore, imperative that, even in times of plenty, we preserve the integrity and effectiveness of this infrastructure. And like all manner of infrastructure, civic associations require constant maintenance.

As I have gained experience presiding over our civic association, I have become increasingly concerned that we are falling behind in the upkeep of Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. We have a wonderful corps of dedicated people who remain active leaders and administrators, but this corps is made up of too few volunteers.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY TEEN JOB FAIRS



Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herry and Connection Newspapers are sponsoring two Teen Job Fair and Resume Building Workshops. The job fair has full-time employment, after-school employment, seasonal positions, internship opportunities, volunteer experiences and more. The last two job fairs are Saturday, April 1 at West Springfield High School noon to 2pm and Saturday, April 29 at South County Secondary School 11am to 1pm. To register as an employer or student, or for more information, please visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm

ANSWER THE DOOR

Civic Association Block Captains are still knocking on doors. If you aren't a member, join now by contacting Elissa Myers at 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!



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 2016 - 2017

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	DELIVERY	EVENTS
March					23—Civic Assc. Meeting
April	5	5	6	May 6	
May	3	3	4	June 3	25—Civic Assc. Meeting
June/Jul/Aug					Summer Community BBQ/Picnic – Date TBA
General and Board Meetings and Events are held at Ravensworth Elementary School on Nutting Road unless otherwise noted. Meetings are 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.					

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And as the demands on our time inevitably grow, we will become less and less effective, so that when the next crisis crashes down upon Ravensworth Farm, we may not be capable of responding adequately. Regardless, even in our times of plenty, such as we are now experiencing, there are many things we can do to improve Ravensworth Farm.

I am, therefore, reiterating my impassioned appeal for your involvement in our Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. We are undertaking a handful of projects immediately, such as the improvement of our neighborhood entrance signs and message boards. We are anxious to identify other areas we can improve. We are also anxious to reorganize our committees. The demands of these projects and positions will be extremely modest, though there may come a time when there is urgent need for immediate and concerted action. But if these committees are inactive at the time need arises, we will likely be subject to the whims of fortune.

So please offer just a little bit of your time and talent to serve your community along with us. Let us know how you can help your neighbors and ensure the well-being of your own family and home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the terrible incident that occurred fairly recently in Lake Accotink Park. In early February, the remains of a young woman were discovered in the 7100 block of Wim-satt Road, adjacent to the train tracks. The police investigation is ongoing, but several suspects are in custody. According to Fairfax County PD, the murder is gang related. I am continuing to follow the investigation and eventual trials.

Naturally, there has been some concern for safety within Ravensworth Farm. There is, however, absolutely no indication that the matter is in any way connected to the Farm. Moreover, while gangs in Northern Virginia tend to have relatively undefined territories, there are no indications of any gang presence or activity in Ravensworth Farm. I can personally support this conclusion, having spent two years in and around the ganglands of Los Angeles, CA. I became well-acquainted with many residents of South Central, Watts, Compton, and many other infamous locales. I was also a resident of some of these communities. I also became well-acquainted with the signs and effects of gang activity.

Of course, that does not mean that gangs pose absolutely no danger to Ravensworth Farm. We are statistically safer than most of the communities across the United States, but we live in a very open society. Those who would cause harm enjoy the same freedoms we all love and sustain.

The most effective precautions we can take are to get to know one another. Make sure you know your neighbors and they know you. Make positive contact with them as often as is reasonably convenient. If you have school-aged children, talk to them about what happens at school. Know where they are and know who they are with. Know their friends. In short, be a good neighbor and a good parent.

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Ravensworth Farm is a great place to live, as is evident. Homes here are in high demand, and house values continue to rise. So, put Thursday, March 23 on your calendar to ensure you make it to our next general membership meeting at 7:30 at the school or contact us to discuss how we can work together to keep Ravensworth Farm on its upward trajectory.

Truly Yours,
Allan Robertson, President
Ravensworth Farm Civic Association
prez@ravensworthfarm.org

CIVIC ASSOC MEETING - YARD CARE EXPERTISE & BRADDOCK RD

Ever wondered what you should really do to maintain a healthy lawn? Do you know what the pH of your soil is, or why you should care? When is the best time to fertilize your lawn — spring or fall? Does the way you maintain your lawn affect the health of Accotink Lake and stream, as well as other lakes and streams, and even the Chesapeake Bay?

Adria Bordis, Senior Extension Agent with the Fairfax County Extension Office, will be our March 23 speaker. She will provide answers to these and other questions (and hopefully slip in some about tree care). She will give us research-based and environmentally sound information about maintaining our lawns from Virginia Tech.

Also, Kevin Joyce, Ravensworth Farm Civic Association past-president and current member of the Braddock Road Task Force, will share the latest news on the Braddock Road widening project. The project has been scheduled to begin in 2018. All this at the March 23 Civic Association Meeting at Ravensworth Elementary School at 7:30pm in the cafeteria.



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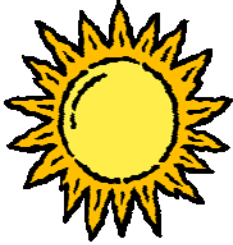


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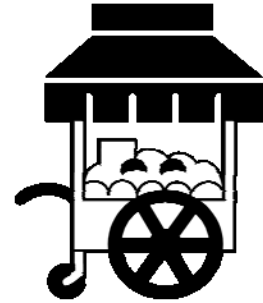
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GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Ravensworth Green Thumb Garden Club continues to meet the first Wednesday of each month. After the short business meeting, including information about our annual plant sale (May 13) and Garden of the Season judging (week of April 17), the program was an excellent and very informative presentation on the life cycle and migration habits of the Monarch Butterfly. It was given by our own member, Master Gardener Tatiana Lisle.

New members are always welcome. Please call Membership Chair Agnes Hite at 703-321-4808.

'NEW NEIGHBORS' NEEDS HELP

Pam Ryan of the New Neighbors "committee" is having trouble keeping up with welcoming new neighbors. Although it doesn't take long to do, welcoming up to 15 families by herself is hard. It's a great thing that sets our neighborhood apart from others and she wants to continue it but really needs a committee to assist. At this time, no one has volunteered. Please e-mail Pam at pkryan74@gmail.com if you would like to help or please let Ms. Elissa Myers know if you would like to be a block captain. (You can do both!)

You don't have to be a long-time resident of Ravensworth Farm to greet new neighbors or be a block captain. A friendly face and a few minutes a week are enough.

POOL NEWS: MEETING, NEW KIDDIE POOL, DIVISION 2 SWIM TEAM

The Ravensworth Farm Swim & Racquet Club will hold its annual meeting at Ravensworth Elementary, Room 109 (SACC room) on Wednesday April 26th at 7:30pm. Pool members and/or people interested in joining the pool are encouraged to attend. Members that can't make it should submit a proxy form, please visit the website, www.ravensworthfarmpool.com, to find the online proxy.

Also, the pool would like to announce the addition of the zero-depth entry ramp, extended deck area, and mushroom fountain in the baby pool! It is a great feature that provides shade and cool comfort for little children and their parents. The new fountain, along with our 2 feet deep shallow swimming area in the main pool, means lots of safe fun in the water for our little Farmers.

And, finally, the divisions have been announced for the 2017 swim team season, and because our Ravens were Division 3 champions in 2016, they have moved up to Division 2 this season! It should be a very competitive and exciting summer at Ravensworth Pool!

POOL MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Ravensworth Farm Pool is now offering 2017 memberships! Go to <https://www.ravensworthfarmpool.com/> or call Scott Houghton, Membership Director, at 703-321-7320.

New Membership:	\$550 (Early Bird rate \$500 until May 3)
Renew Membership:	\$525 (Early Bird Rate \$475 until May)
Senior Membership:	\$275 (No Early Bird rate)
2P Membership:	\$400 (No Early Bird rate)
August Membership:	\$225 (no Early Bird rate)



LAKE ACCOTINK CAMPS

Week-long camp sessions start at Lake Accotink on June 26. Join kids ages 5-13 at Lake Accotink Park this summer for non-stop fun! Workshops, programming, outdoor activities, water park field trip, annual exhibits, and arts and crafts are on the camp "menu". Please call 703-569-3464 to inquire about camp-specific activities and themes. Register online through Parktakes or by calling 703-222-4664.



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FAIRFAX INCINERATOR CLOSED AFTER MASSIVE FIRE

February 6, 2017, as reported by PotomacLocal.com

A statement from Fairfax County Recycling and Trash:

The Covanta Fairfax, Inc. waste-to-energy facility, located at the county's I-95 Solid Waste Management Complex in Lorton, has been closed due to damage from an extensive fire at the facility last week. Damage assessment and plans to restore the facility to operation are ongoing. Until more information about the condition of the facility is made available, it should be considered closed indefinitely, as a practical matter. This announcement will be updated as the condition of the facility and a recovery plan and schedule are developed.

Other than smoke resulting from the fire, no emissions of waste or other materials from the facility have occurred. Please be aware that the municipal solid waste being processed at this facility is generated by residential homes and commercial establishments – no hazardous wastes are accepted at this facility, as this is prohibited by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VA DEQ). The VA DEQ is aware of the fire and resulting situation. Residents and businesses in the county should not experience interruptions in refuse collection service, as waste will be sent in the interim to other solid waste disposal facilities for proper disposal. Recycling collection in the county will also be unaffected, as recyclables will continue to go to regional recycling facilities for processing. Residents who typically use the I-95 Complex are encouraged to use those same services, which are available at the county's other waste management facility located at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax.

In the interim, the Fairfax County SWMP will continue to provide responsible and effective solid waste management services by implementing elements of an emergency operations plan that was in place for such situations. This plan, previously demonstrated as effective, will provide waste management services until the Covanta facility returns to service and can provide waste disposal in full compliance with the applicable safety and environmental regulations.

Note: From Covanta, owner of the affected incinerator. "The I-95 Energy/Resource Recovery Facility, operating as Covanta Fairfax, Inc., began commercial operation in June 1990. The facility processes more than 3,000 tons per day of municipal solid waste for a population of more than 900,000 in the Washington, D.C. suburbs of Fairfax County, Virginia. The 22.9-acre facility in Lorton, VA, sells more than 80 megawatts of renewable energy – enough energy to meet the needs of over 80,000 homes. It is the first Covanta facility to have a system to recover very small particles of non-ferrous metal for recycling."

Editor's Note: Ravensworth Farm resident and Fairfax County Ombudsman for Religious and Non-Profit Community Groups and Green Building Ombudsman, Ellen Eggerton reminds residents that, as our trash is now being sent out of the county to landfills, we should be especially zealous to recycle everything that is recyclable. The recycling facilities were not affected by the February 2 fire.

RAVENSWORTH'S NEW COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE (CSA)

February Fresh fruits and vegetables are being delivered directly to Ravensworth Farm!

Lancaster Farm Fresh Cooperative (LFFC) provides fresh, certified organic fruits, vegetables, and other farm fresh products through a subscription program known as Community Supported Agriculture (CSA). CSA enables you to keep local sustainable farms and local food safe for future generations. The produce sold through LFFC is certified organic unless otherwise noted.

This spring/summer season, 26 weeks this year, May 1st – Oct 23rd, LFFC has three share options available for vegetables, which allows families of all sizes to participate. Best of all, the produce is very affordable and ranges from \$16- \$32 per week for veggies (depending on share size) and \$10 per week for fruit (21 weeks). In addition to fruits and vegetables, there are also chicken, meat, cheese, bread, 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 on Inverchapel Road. Please visit www.lancasterfarmfresh.com/csa or call your neighbor Jen at (703) 922-9353 / email jenmarzouk@yahoo.com to answer any questions. When you join, make sure you select the North Springfield location on Inverchapel Road. Registration closes April 14.

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MOMS IN PRAYER GROUP

Several moms in the neighborhood meet weekly 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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CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in The *Farmer* at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rcaf farmer@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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FOR RENT	Beach apartment for rent at Rehoboth. 2½ blocks from ocean and 2 blocks from Rehoboth Avenue. Spring and Fall weekends and in the summer by the week. Call Kathy Strother 703-321-9757
SERVICES	I'm 15 and looking for work as a mover, snow plower/shoveler, babysitter, mower, tutor, or generally anything. If anyone needs my services, please call me at 571-425-9106. Thanks! Alvin Kolan
FOR SALE	Due to a change in plans, we have a pair of prime lots in Fairfax Memorial Park 9900 Braddock Road. List at \$8,000 each but selling the two lots together for \$8,000 OBO. Jim Shipley, tel: 703-321-7454, best after 4pm.
HELP DC HOMELESS	Usable clothing and shoes, blankets, canned foods, etc., collected by a charitable foundation for the winter needs of homeless folks in D.C. Call for free pickups 703703-321-9268. For details, visit www.Kassirfoundation.org .
WANTED	Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & 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 ONLY on Saturday mornings.

BUDGET TOWN HALL EVENT MARCH 27; NO CHANGE IN COUNTY TAX RATE

Source: The Braddock Beacon, February 28

...the Board of Supervisors voted 9-1 to set the advertised real estate tax rate at \$1.13 per \$100 of assessed value for Fiscal Year 2018. This rate is the same as the current year, and means that there cannot and will not be a property tax rate increase this year. Supervisor Cook joined the majority in voting for this advertised tax rate. Supervisor Cook did not support a proposed amendment to advertise a rate of \$1.15 because he believes that seniors, and other homeowners on a fixed income, cannot afford another tax rate increase after last year's raise of four cents. The proposed amendment failed by a vote of 7-3.

Now that the advertised tax rate has been established, there are a number of budget-related events that community members may be interested in. One of which is Supervisor Cook's Budget Town Hall event, which is being held to inform the community about County Executive Ed Long's budget proposal. Supervisor Cook will host this event on March 27 at Robinson Secondary School (5035 Sideburn Rd) at 7:30 p.m. Supervisor Cook will be joined by Mr. Long, who will present a summary of the advertised budget. Jeanette Hough, School Board Member-at-Large, will attend as well. All residents of the Braddock District are welcome to attend and share concerns, thoughts, and ask questions.

There will also be three days of public comment before the Board, which will be held from April 4-6. You can sign up to speak at one of these three sessions. You can also email Supervisor Cook your comments directly at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call his office at 703-425-9300.

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KID'S CORNER**ROCKET THE CAT**

Hi, my name's Luke Houghton. There is a cat that lives in this neighborhood. His name is Rocket. Rocket comes up to our house almost every day and lets my sister and me pet him and he rubs against our legs. He's super friendly, and even lets us pick him up. Rocket is a large, mostly gray, tabby cat, that roams around the neighborhood. He hangs out around our area because we live right behind the industrial park, where he lives part of the time. His ear is clipped which is a sign in case you see him. Rocket likes to tease our dog, Tucker, by standing on our backyard fence and lets him bark like crazy. Once my Dad even helped him catch a chipmunk. There was a chipmunk in our gutter pipe, and our Dad tapped on it. The chipmunk ran out and into Rocket's waiting mouth. How cool is that? Rocket even has a Facebook page, called The Wandering Cat, where you can find more information about him, like his official owners and where they are located. So just remember, if you see Rocket around, make sure you say "Hi"!

SWIM TEAM

Hi, I'm Rebekah Ortiz. Our swim team has been moved to Division 2! I'm not sure if that is a good thing or a bad thing. Last year we were co-champs of Division 3 and we lost only once; year before last, in Division 5, we didn't lose to anyone. We lost a lot of good swimmers though so we might be worse this year (or this summer). I hope, since we're going to be in Division 2, that the summer won't have much pressure.

Editor's Note: This is the inaugural Kids' Corner column of The Ravensworth Farmer. Kids' Corner is a place where Ravensworth Farm kids 18 and under can have their writing published for all of Ravensworth Farm to read. If you would like to be published, send your submission of 500 or fewer words to Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and where you live (but your address won't be published). All genres appropriate for a general audience are welcome.

RAVENSWORTH KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Ravensworth Elementary School's kindergarten orientation will be Monday, March 27 at 5:15 for rising kindergartners and their parents, according to Principal Roxanne Salata. Bring as much paperwork as you have, if you haven't already turned it in. From 5:15 – 6:00 parents will register with Teresa Dunbar in the cafeteria. Starting at 6:00 there is a presentation in the cafeteria for the parents while the kids hang out with the teachers in the kindergarten rooms. At 6:45, parents go to the classrooms to pick up their children and find out what they learned at orientation.

All the registration forms and checklists are available online at <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration>. Ravensworth Elementary School - 5411 Nutting Drive. Tel: 703-426-3600. Registrar: Teresa Dunbar, LLDunbar1@fcps.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: GOLF AND 5K-10K RUN-WALK

America's Adopt a Soldier, run by Ravensworth Farm resident Mary Keeser, is hosting its 7th Annual Golf Tournament with special guest World Series winner Michael "Pags" Pagliarulo on August 21 at Fort Belvoir Golf Club. Sponsorships and team admissions are still available. Call 703-278-3718 or go to americasadoptasolder.org (Events Tab).

The 7th Annual 5k-10k Run-Walk at Lake Accotink Park is September 10. Race start is 1pm. Registration is \$40 at americasadoptasolder.org (Events Tab). The goal is to have 500 runners, which translates into 500 toys for hospitalized military children at Walter Reed.

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HISTORY BUFF(S) NEEDED

Do you like local history? We mean really local! The Civic Association is seeking one or more people interested in going through 50 years of RFCA papers, including The Ravensworth Farmer, to decide what is of interest and should be preserved either digitally or in paper, and what should be disposed of. Volunteer to Allan Robertson at prez@ravensworthfarm.org.



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BOY SCOUT TROOP 991 - OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

We lived up to our name – Outdoor Adventures – when we camped at Camp Rodney along the majestic Chesapeake Bay waterfront! Not only was it quite breathtaking to visit, but we were able to hone our scouting skills in addition to having a blast with our fellow friends and scouts. This month, we're beginning our plans for the best part of scouting: summer camp! We will also be finalizing our activities for the next months that include not just camping, but service projects and much more... Come join us - Boy Scouts: 6th – 12th grade boys. Visit us Wednesday nights - 7:30pm @ Ravensworth Elementary.

Troop 991 is boy-led, sponsored by the Ravensworth Elementary PTA and lives and scouts in your neighborhood! Learn more about us at: <http://www.troop991.com/>.

Contact Scoutmaster Bill Mitchell @ 703-321-8072 or mitchwt@cox.net if you are interested... Or come by and see for yourself what you're missing!

CUB SCOUT PACK 991 HAVING FUN & INVITING NEW SCOUTS

Ravensworth Pack 991 continues to have a great year! We recently held our Pinewood Derby Races in early February followed by our annual Blue and Gold celebration where a mad scientist performed for the boys! In March we will be sending off our oldest scouts, known as Arrow of Lights, into Boy Scouts. It has been an honor to watch young boys grow into young men.

If you are interested in learning more about Cub Scouts please contact Greg Ferrara, Cubmaster, at cubpack991@gmail.com. We will be inviting prospective scouts to a future meeting so please reach out and we will get you on the list!

EVENTS

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

****March 23 – 7:30pm – Ravensworth Farm Civic Association General Meeting**, School Cafeteria

April 7 - **FCPS Two-hour Early Release**, third grading period ends

April 7-8 - **Romeo and Juliet – 1955**, Herndon Middle School, www.hmsdrama.org, \$10

April 10-17 - **FCPS Spring Break**

April 20-23 - **Willy Wonka Jr**, Thoreau Middle School, www.thoreaumsdrama.com

April 21-23 - **Guys and Dolls**, Herndon High School, herndonadrama.org

++April 26 – **Ravensworth Pool Member Meeting**, at the school, 7:30pm

April 27-29 - **Twelfth Night**, Centerville High School, Website: www.theatrecenterville.com

April 27-29 - **The Wizard of Oz**, Madison High School, madisondrama.com

April 27-May 6 - **Peter and the Starcatcher**, Woodson High School, www.wtdrama.org

Apr 28-May 6 - **Beauty and the Beast**, South Lakes H.S., southlakesdrama.com

++May 3 – **Last day for Pool Early bird discount**

May 5-6 - **Disney's High School Musical**, Mt. Vernon H.S. mvhsdrama.com

May 5-13 - **Guys and Dolls**, Fairfax High School, www.fxplayers.org

May 6 – **Cinco de Mayo Party** (adults only), Pool, all adults invited

****May 13 – 8-Noon –Community-wide Yard Sale**, Bring your own tables and merchandise and set up in the Pool parking lot, Boy Scouts will sell refreshments and help load/unload (moved from May 6).

May 13 - **-Garden Club Plant Sale** in the Ravensworth Shopping Center

****May 20 – 8-Noon –Rain Date for Community-wide Yard Sale**, Bring your own tables and merchandise and set up in the Pool parking lot

****May 25 – 7:30pm – Ravensworth Farm Civic Association General Meeting**, School Cafeteria

++May 27 – 11:00am - **Pool Opens!!** Entire community is welcome! Raffles & Festivities, noon-2pm

++June 3 – **Cornhole Tournament** (1 of 3), Pool, Adult members and their non-Ravensworth guests only

June 4 – **Cardboard Boat Regatta**, Lake Accotink Marina, www.springfielddays.com

++June 9 – **Ladies' Night at the Pool**, Members only



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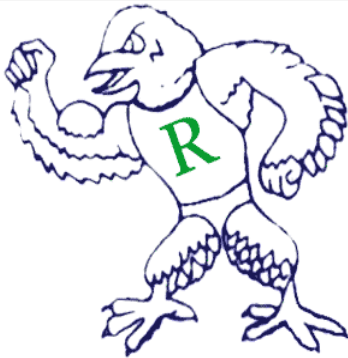
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