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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Farmers,

This month's Letter from the President contains some exciting information. First, though, in case you haven't noticed, I am passionate about community service. I envision a community whose members actively pursue their vested interests in the welfare of their community through regular active involvement in productive discourse and cooperative works. I also hope to improve coordination and cooperation among the various organizations operating in the neighborhood, namely, the civic association, the pool, and the PTA.

Toward these ends, I have repeatedly requested support from all of you, specifically, helping to set the civic association's agenda and helping with specific service needs. There has been a good deal of positive response, and I wish to express my personal appreciation. I encourage all of you to consider ways the civic association can better serve the community and how you may get involved in those service opportunities.

And this leads me to the exciting information mentioned above. We first need help inaugurating an annual awards event.

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POOL MEMBERSHIPS & INFORMATION

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

WEEKLY POOL EVENTS

Volleyball—Thursday at 6:30 throughout June and July

Lunch Bunch Bingo—every Wednesday afternoon during the month of July (Kids invited to bring lunch and play bingo for snack bar prizes)

Raft Nights—Wednesday and Sunday Nights
CLEAR RAFTS ONLY

FUNDRAISER—RUN 4 RAVENSWORTH

Our biggest fundraiser of the year, Run 4 Ravensworth, is coming soon! Run 4 Ravensworth will take place on Friday, May 5- students will run with their classes during a designated time at school. Before the race students collect pledges for the number of laps they will run. Please answer the door when a little person knocks and give them a pledge of support, if possible. On average, the kids run 16 laps. Some have run as many as 20. Email laps@ravensworthpta.org for more information.

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
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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- The civic association seeks nominations for three awards to be presented at our 3rd annual neighborhood BBQ on July 29 from 4-8pm at the pool. Please send us nominations for “Farmer of the Year”, “Youth Farmer of the Year”, and “RFCA Lifetime Achievement Award”. Look inside this issue of The Ravensworth Farmer for additional information.
- I am also excited to announce that our Neighborhood Cleanup Day is now scheduled for May 20 from 8-11am. Please bring your items to Ravensworth Farm Elementary School where trucks provided by TJ JR’s Plumbing (tjrpumbing.com; (703) 454-8268) will carry the refuse to the dump site. This year’s cleanup would not have been possible without TJ JR’s Plumbing and the cooperation of North Springfield Civic Association. If you need help moving items from your home, contact Jim Hickey no later than close of business May 19 at (703) 321-8535 to schedule pick up. More information is provided inside this issue of The Farmer.
- Thanks to Ann Golden a study to improve the neighborhood entrance signs is currently underway. We are considering improvements to the message boards at all three entrances and more comprehensive improvements to the Flag Run entrance sign. If you would like to share your thoughts or take a more active role in the improvement process, please contact me at prez@ravensworthfarm.org or (703) 627-0219. We have a particular need for those with carpentry skills.
- We will soon be reviewing Ravensworth Farm Civic Association’s archives for donation to The Virginia Room of The City of Fairfax Regional Library, where the collection of records will be digitized and made available to the public. Let us know if you would like to help with this project for posterity.
- Finally, we are in need of additional Board members and Committee members. Let us know how you would like to get involved.

Look inside this issue of The Farmer for additional announcements and information.

In closing, I extend my gratitude to everyone who works to make Ravensworth Farm the place I want to live. Keep up the good work.

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

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Ravensworth Farm Green Thumb Garden Club met at the home of Margaret Kinder. New member Eleanor Lillo was welcomed. After a short business meeting highlighting the May 13 Plant Sale, a very colorful and excellent slide show of Lake Accotink wildlife and seasonal flora and changes was presented by Tom Kinder. The eagles, beavers, deer, foxes and numerous birds and plant life gave us all a new overview of what we have in our own “back yards” being Ravensworth Farmers.

New members are always welcome. Call Agness Hite at 703-321-4808 for more information.

VENDOR FAIR @ MAY 25 MEETING - DISCOUNTS, SAMPLES & MORE!

Local businesses that offer food, services, and merchandise in the Ravensworth Farm area will be on hand at the May 25 Civic Association meeting in the Ravensworth Elementary School cafeteria. There will be discounts and samples, too! If you have a business (full-time or side) that you'd like to showcase in front of the 850+ homes of Ravensworth Farm, contact Civic Association President Allan Robertson at prez@ravensworthfarm.org to be included. Indoor and outdoor services, remodeling, décor, health and beauty, fitness, catering, specialty foods, etc. All legal, family-appropriate businesses are welcome to showcase your offerings.

3RD ANNUAL RAVENSWORTH FARM BBQ & COMMUNITY AWARDS PRESENTATION

The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association and the Ravensworth Farm Swim & Racquet Club are sponsoring the 3rd annual community BBQ July 29 from 4-8pm at The Pool! There will be a pig roast, hot dogs, burgers, fun activities for kids, and free swimming for all community members (you do not need to be a member of the pool). Last year's BBQ was a huge success and this year promises to be even better!

We will also be presenting awards to recognize some outstanding members of the Ravensworth Farm community. The Board is currently soliciting nominations for each of the following awards. Please submit a name and brief description of why you believe your nominee deserves the award to james.walkinshaw@gmail.com.

Farmer(s) of the Year -- An annual award to recognize uncommon effort and commitment to the Ravensworth Farm community in the past year.

Young Farmer of the Year -- An annual award to recognize a young person who has gone above and beyond to contribute to the Ravensworth Farm community in the past year.

RFCA Lifetime Achievement Award -- An award to recognize stalwarts of the community who have devoted years of effort and service to the Ravensworth Farm community.



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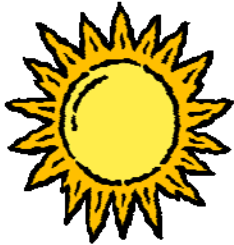


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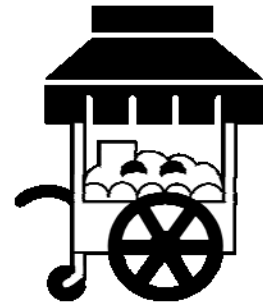
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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP IS BACK ON!

Thanks to the efforts of many, the Community Clean-Up is back on. Bring your junk to the school parking lot between 8 and 11:00 on May 20. (This is the weekend after the Community-Wide Yard Sale so you can get rid of anything that didn't sell.) Since Fairfax County lost Ravensworth Farm's request for a county "junk truck" to be here in March, Civic Association President Allan Robertson worked out an agreement with another neighborhood to piggyback on that neighborhood's "junk truck." However, the neighborhood's logistics couldn't support the traffic from its own residents and Ravensworth Farm as well.

When Johnny Irizarry and Ravensworth Farm resident Tom Bruce, both of TJJR's Plumbing, heard about the problem, they offered a solution. TJJR will provide a truck and trailer to move Ravensworth Farm's combined junk to the other neighborhood without unduly impacting their traffic. So, bring your junk to the Ravensworth Elementary School parking lot between 8:00 and 11:00 am on May 20 and send it on its way. The Boy Scouts will be there to help you unload. If you have a larger item or two and need the truck to come to you, call Jim Hickey in advance at 703-321-8535 to arrange for pickup. (Please no wholesale basement or garage cleanouts, though.) If you need plumbing help, call TJJR Plumbing at 703-864-3599 or tjirplumbing.com and thank them for helping the Ravensworth Farm neighborhood.

The Junk Truck ACCEPTS the following kinds of trash: old appliances (non-working- if it works, let Dominion Power haul it away and give you \$50 from Dominion's appliance recycling program), furniture, mattresses, boards, doors (no glass), swing sets, lawn mowers (thoroughly drained of fluids), piping, etc.

The Junk Truck DOES NOT ACCEPT these items: hazardous waste (batteries, including the small "button" and rechargeables, paint, used oil, pesticides and lawn care products), tires, sheetrock, stone or crushed rocks, and products that can be recycled - such as newspapers, cans and glass. Also, brush will not be collected.



BOY SCOUT TROOP 991 - OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Troop 991 is proudly announcing its 100th Eagle Scout: Avery Higgins! Avery's tremendous achievement culminated in Scouting's highest rank after he led a dozen scouts and adults in the improvement of Hidden Oaks Nature Center trails, building and laying wooden walkways that prevent erosion and enhance the nature observer's experience. This is not just a momentous occasion for Avery, but for Troop 991 as it celebrates over 50 years of chartered Scouting. Congratulations, Avery!!

We live up to our name – Outdoor Adventures! This month, we're preparing for our Troop's 50th Anniversary camp out at Camp Goshen – a gem of a site nestled in the Appalachian Mountains along the shores of Lake Merriweather. Also, we are finalizing our plans for the best part of scouting: summer camp at Camp Henderson! We will also be planning our activities for the next months that include not just camping and backpacking, but service projects and much more...

We would like to give a big THANK YOU to the half dozen Ravensworth Community residents who supported Troop 991 by allowing us to spread your mulch!! It was our pleasure to serve you.

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!



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GEM REVIEW: RANDY THOMAS' HANDYMAN SERVICES

Review by Tim Holmberg

We have lived in Ravensworth Farm since 1982 and, as expected, have found the need for handyman services from time to time. Several years ago, we were lucky to be referred to Randy Thomas' Handyman Services in Springfield. We have had Randy change all the electrical outlets throughout the house, power wash our deck and house, stain the deck, install a microwave, fix a significant plumbing issue, tile a bathroom and install new sink and toilet. He is truly a handyman who is very adept at handling a wide variety of tasks.

Regardless of the size of the job Randy has been always prompt and pleasant in responding, very fair in his pricing, and most importantly done quality work. I am happy to share this endorsement with fellow Ravensworth Farmers. Randy can be reached at 703.475.0772.

Found a gem? Share your reviews of great services, food, or suppliers with your neighbors by emailing your review to rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org.

DOG PARKS NOW & FUTURE: FIND 'EM

By Martin Shepherd

I want to tell you about an important new resource for our Ravensworth community. It is a great new website for dogs and their owners looking for dog parks. It also will provide benefit to those who may be trying to get a dog park established near their home. Lake Accotink has traditionally been a very dog-friendly venue and adding an Off-Leash Dog Area would become a great community asset.

Mr. Steve Beste, a Ravensworth resident and long-time active member of the Civic Association, worked on this project to develop a website about dog parks that you can see at: <http://arcg.is/2naRLEw>

1. For dog owners, it maps where all the Northern Virginia dog parks are, with links to features, directions, Yelp reviews, and pictures.
2. It maps where the dogs are, based on dog license data that was collected from the 6 local jurisdictions that license dogs. This has never been done before.
3. For people planning new dog parks, it shows the possible land parcels that meet County requirements for dog park locations (or, as the Fairfax County rules call them Off Leash Dog Areas (OLDAs).)

A chance encounter spurred Mr. Beste's interest in geographical information systems (GIS). He was so interested in fact, that he enrolled at George Mason University. Data? Maps? Computers? Theory and hands-on work with the cartographic software? He was definitely into the possibilities!

Interestingly, the term paper for the course was to be not a paper at all, but a research question that can be answered geographically. Steve came up with his question: Where are the best locations for future dog parks in Fairfax County given the dog population and suitable park land? What put it in his mind was all those afternoons taking his daughter's dog, Kiva, to the local dog park in Arlington. It was the highlight of his day - and a pleasure for Steve, too. Let's get more dog parks!

The county provided a spreadsheet with dog licenses information, including street addresses. Following data cleanup, geolocation of addresses (finding their latitude and longitude for mapping) Mr. Beste had developed a tool that people can use to see where the dogs are, for the first time, really.

The result of the project was a printed map, a PowerPoint presentation, and a 5-minute video. That was fine for the professor, but useless for dog owners looking to enjoy a romp with their dogs or for promoting dog parks in the county. For that, Steve has placed the map online and made it interactive. So, taking the project beyond the classroom, he has included the other jurisdictions that license dogs and created a truly useful tool for our community. Again, the web address is <http://arcg.is/2naRLEw>. For more information, contact Steve Beste at shbeste@gmail.com.

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WELCOME NEW LITTLE FARMER

Bob and Karin Floyd and big sister Rebecca proudly announce the arrival of baby Noah. We extend our warmest greetings to our smallest "Farmer".



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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.
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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.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY GRAND OPENING JUNE 3

By Stefan Henryson

New 'Little Free Library' at 7919 Gosport Lane, Grand Opening Celebration June 3rd

Little Free Libraries are a global phenomenon. The small, front-yard book exchanges number 36,000 around the world in 70 countries — from Iceland to Tasmania to Pakistan. Now, a new Little Free Library at 7919 Gosport Lane will join the movement to share books, bring people together and create communities of readers.

The Henryson-Gibbs family will host a grand-opening party for their Little Free Library on Saturday, June 3 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., open to the public. The celebration will include family-friendly activities, crafts and refreshments (some brewed by the H-G family).

“Books are awesome” says Arakai Henryson-Gibbs. We hope our Little Free Library will bring a little more joy, a little more connection and a whole lot more books to Ravensworth. Our library (Charter #49723) is located three houses down from the corner of Gosport and Queensbury as you head away from the school. We hope you will visit soon, and often. Take a book, leave a book.

The Little Free Library nonprofit organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association, and Reader’s Digest named them one of the “50 Surprising Things We Love about America.” Each year, nearly 10 million books are shared in Little Free Libraries. To learn more about the movement, visit littlefreelibrary.org.

Become a friend of the HG Free Library on Facebook, and follow us on Instagram and Twitter @HGFreeLibrary.

Editor’s Note: If you can’t wait until June 3 to visit a Little Free Library, visit the one the Cub Scouts put up in front of Ravensworth Elementary School.

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ELEMENTARY NIGHT - JUNE 22 & TEEN NIGHT - JULY 1

PLEASE READ- Elementary Night and Teen Night are among the few nights that we will close the pool early this summer for special events. Both events are fundraiser nights for the Activities Team and we want them to be exclusive to the age groups as their own special night (NO younger or older siblings will be permitted). Both events are open to students from other neighborhoods, not just Ravensworth Farm residents.

June 22 – Elementary Night for Rising Kindergartners thru 6th grade ONLY; Time 6:00 - 9:00pm, \$7/child and eating adult, chaperone required for kids; DJ! Prizes! Dinner! Swimming! Dancing!

July 1st- Teen Night (for 13-18 year-olds ONLY), Time 7:00 – midnight; \$12 Music! Prizes! Dinner! Swimming! Dancing!

Want to Volunteer? (AWESOME... WE NEED YOU!) Please email the Activities Team at rwpoolact@gmail.com or find the "Contact Activities" tab on the pool's website.

APPLIANCE RECYCLING REBATE PROGRAM ENDS MAY 31

By Dominion Virginia Power—If you're a Dominion Virginia Power customer, you can easily get rid of your old secondary refrigerator or freezer. We'll pick up the appliance at no cost and you'll receive a \$50 incentive for participating. In addition, you can also slash your electric bills by removing the inefficient appliance that may be using quite a bit of energy. However, don't wait too long, as this program will be closing and no longer accepting new participants for pick-ups (subject to funding availability) after May 31, 2017. All rebates will be paid by July 31, 2017.

According to the EPA, replacing an inefficient refrigerator can save about \$120 per year. This program is only available to residential customers. Refrigerator or freezer units must be at least 10 years old and between 10 to 32 cubic feet capacity. All units must be in working condition and operating to qualify and may have to meet additional Terms & Conditions.

Contact us at 1-888-366-8280 or online at www.arcaincutility.com to schedule an appointment. You will need your Dominion Account number (for the location where we will be picking up the appliance), so having it available before you call will speed up the enrollment process. On the day of the appointment, the contractor will inspect your refrigerator or freezer to ensure it qualifies for the program. Upon inspection, the contractor will collect the unit and provide you with a receipt of collection for your records.

Your rebate application will be filed automatically following the collection. You can check your rebate status using Manage Your Account or by calling 1-888-366-8280. Your rebate check will be mailed directly to you. You are eligible to recycle two qualifying appliances per account over the life of the program.

SOLAR FOR YOUR HOUSE

For a limited time, residents and businesses can get discounted prices on solar panels through Solarize Fairfax County. Like a Groupon for solar, this program offers one-time, low prices with companies chosen through competitive bids. Fairfax County is partnering with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission and nonprofit Local Energy Assistance Program to offer this program. Solarize Fairfax County runs from April 18 through June 30 (last information session is June 5). To get started saving on your electric bill:

- Sign up for a free solar assessment. No commitment to install solar is required.
- Attend an information session between now and June 5 (see schedule at <http://solarizenova.org/events>) to learn whether solar is right for you, understand pricing and financing options and meet the contractors who will install your equipment.

Believe it or not, Northern Virginia gets almost as much sun as Miami. Enter your address in the Northern Virginia Solar Map (www.novasolarmap.com) to get an estimate on how much solar energy you could generate from your roof. To get a more accurate evaluation, sign up for the free assessment from a certified professional.

Source: <http://solarizenova.org>

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KIDS' CORNER: BEST LITTLE LEAGUE IN TOWN

My name is Nicholas Barney and I'm 10 years old. I'm going to tell you about a great sports league named ANSL. It stands for Annandale-North Springfield Little League. If you like baseball, or want to learn about it, you should join! I started playing Tball when I was 5 years old. I play in both the spring and fall seasons. In the spring season, there is a big opening day ceremony. All the teams in the league march around the baseball diamond and we celebrate the start of baseball.

First you start at Tball, then machine pitch, then kid pitch, then AA, AAA, then minors and last Majors. I am on AAA again. My team is the Oakland Athletics and my coach is Coach Keller. My favorite positions to play are 1st, 3rd, center field, and catcher. I like catcher because you get to wear all the gear.

We practice once a week. During practice, we learn about fielding, pitching, hitting, and throwing. We also talk about good sportsmanship, supporting our team members along with the other team, and having fun. I have made lots of friends from baseball, including Luke, Nick M, and Christian. If you like baseball, want to have fun, and make new friends, then come join ANSL this fall!

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

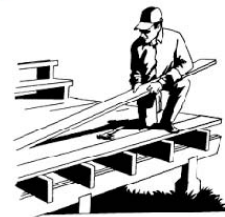


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EVENTS

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

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

May 5-6 - **Disney's High School Musical**, Mt. Vernon H.S. mvhstheatrearts.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 (near Post Office)

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 20 – 8-11am – **Community-Wide “Junk Pickup”, school parking lot. TJJR’s Plumbing is making trucks and trailers available to haul our neighborhood’s junk to another community’s “junk truck”.

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 – 1-3pm – **Little Free Library Grand Opening**, 7919 Gosport Ln

++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

++June 22 – Pool closes early to set up for Elementary Night

++June 22- 6-9pm – **Elementary Night** at the Pool, Rising Kinder thru 6th ONLY, members & non-members, chaperone MUST attend, younger/older siblings NOT welcome, \$7

June 23 – **FCPS Last Day of School**, Two-hour early release

++July 1 - – **Teen Night** at the Pool, Teens only, members and non-members, NO younger/older kids, \$12

++July 4 – 1-4pm- **FOURTH at the Pool**, Members & non-member Military Families (w/ID)

July 7 – 7:30pm – **Braddock Nights Concert**, Shenandoah Run (folk), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

++July 5 & 11 – Dive Meet @ Ravensworth Farm Pool, Diving well closed, rest of pool open but silence requested during dives

July 14– 7:30pm – Braddock Nights Concert, NOVA Annandale Symphony Orchestra (summer pops), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

++July 15 – Cornhole Tournament (2 of 3), Pool, Adult members and their non-Ravensworth guests only

July 16 – 3pm – Braddock “Battle of the Bands” Festival Lakeside Park by Royal Lake (5216 Pommeroy Dr. Fairfax, VA 22032).

July 21 – 7:30pm – Braddock Nights Concert, City of Fairfax Concert Band (concert band), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

++July 25 – Dive Meet @ Ravensworth Farm Pool, Diving well closed, rest of pool open but silence requested during dives

July 28 – 7:30pm – Braddock Nights Concert, Linwood Taylor (Texas Swing Blues), Lake Accotink Park pavilion, free

** ++July 29 – Third Annual Ravensworth Farm Civic Association & Pool Community-wid

JOIN RAVENSWORTH CUB SCOUT PACK 991

Is your son a rising kindergartner or rising first grader (or older) interested in having fun with other boys as part of our local Cub Scout pack? If so, please check out our neighborhood Cub Pack! Our Pack (full group of all boys) meets one Monday a month 6:30 - 8:00 at Ravensworth Elementary. Dens (smaller groups of boys by age / grade) meet once or twice a month in addition to the Pack meeting. We hold numerous fun activities throughout the year including two family campouts, annual pinewood derby races, Blue and Gold celebration, and meetings filled with fun activities and fellowship. Please contact Cubmaster Greg Ferrara at cubpack991@gmail.com to learn more about our Pack!



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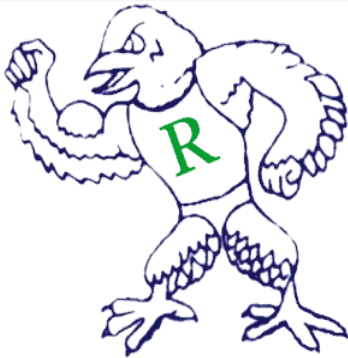
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