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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Farmers:

It is a great pleasure to address you again as the President of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. I am grateful for the opportunity I have to live here and serve this great community and my wonderful neighbors.

I am especially grateful for the opportunity I have to work alongside the wonderful people who make up the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association and, in particular, its Board. Along with the pool board, the RFCA Board put together a terrific BBQ and awards ceremony on July 29. I wish I could take credit for its success, but the pool board and the other members of the Civic Association Board, especially Scott Houghton and James Walkinshaw, who deserve all the credit. We enjoyed the most delicious BBQ Chef Houghton has ever made, the company of beloved neighbors, and a whole lot of fun.

We also enjoyed a touching Farmer Awards Ceremony, with inspiring contributions from Del. Vivian Watts, Sen. Dick Saslaw, and Supervisor John Cook. The United States House of Representatives even recognized our awards recipients thanks to Rep. Gerry Connolly. Thanks to everyone who made this year's Farmer Awards Ceremony and BBQ such a special event. And much thanks and congratulations to award recipients, Melanie Bennett, Farmer of the Year; Hiram Robertson, Young Farmer of the Year; and Rob Hannam, Life of Service

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Join the Civic Association Answer The Door

Civic Association Block Captains will be 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!



You can pay your RFCA dues online at
<http://pay.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 2017-18

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
October	4	4	5	28	14 – Community Yard Sale (pool lot) 26 – Civic Assoc Mtg Thomas Kinder’s Accotink photography 29 – Trunk or Treat @ Pool, 3-6pm
November	1	1	2	Dec. 2	
December	6				15-20 – Holiday Lights Judging
January	3	3	4	27	
February	7	7	8	Mar. 3	
March	7	Feb. 28	1	17	7 – Civic Assoc Mtg
April	4	4	5	28	
May	2	2	3	Jun. 2	24 – Civic Assoc Mtg
June				2	BBQ – 1st weekend of August @ Pool

General and Board Meetings and Events are held at Ravensworth Elementary School on Nutting Drive unless otherwise noted. Meetings are 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.

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Award recipient, for all they have done to deserve these accolades.

Invariably, as I speak with community leaders and my neighbors, I am told that Ravensworth Farm is a uniquely wonderful neighborhood. It is no accident that this is so. We enjoy a high level of community involvement and a sense of community here that I have never experienced elsewhere in my adult life. The July 4th fireworks displays bear witness of this. I hope to see the energy and effort required to maintain the community only increase.

Concerning our energies and efforts, the Civic Association has a couple of specific needs. Heather Scott, who has served with distinction, must step down as Treasurer, and Katherine Craig, whose contributions have been admirable, is no longer able to direct advertising for The Ravensworth Farmer and the Directory. Their work has ensured that whomever takes over their responsibilities will have an easy time of it. Please take advantage of this opportunity to associate with great neighbors and serve your community by offering a modest measure of your time and energy. Let me know if you would like to help the neighborhood by serving as Treasurer or Advertising Director. Contact me for more information.

Thank you for making Ravensworth the place we love to call home.

Sincerely,

Allan Robertson, President of the Board
Ravensworth Farm Civic Association

OPEN CIVIC ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

Advertising

This could be a one-person position or a shared position. The duties are to solicit advertising for the community Directory and this Ravensworth Farmer newsletter. The advertising is used to offset the costs of printing and distributing the directory and newsletter. Generally, this is done in the late summer by contacting existing advertisers to nail down their decision to advertise again and by contacting new businesses in the area who might not know about these low-cost means of reaching 856 homes just miles from their business locations. The Advertising Director would collect the annual payment and forward it to the Treasurer. The Advertising Director would also answer emails and calls from others interested in advertising in either of the publications. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Alan Robertson at prez@ravensworthfarm.org.

Treasurer

This critical Board position prepares the Civic Association's operating budget and other financial plans; manages the financial assets of the Civic Association; prepares the Treasurer's Report for the General Membership and Board of Directors meetings; pays all legitimate debts of the Civic Association. Qualifications include some bookkeeping or accounting background, experience with Excel or similar spreadsheets, clear passage of credit and background checks. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Alan Robertson at prez@ravensworthfarm.org. This position would be voted on at the October 26 General Membership Meeting.

POOL BOARD POSITIONS OPEN - FREE MEMBERSHIP

As for pool announcements, we would like to announce that there are four positions open, we will be holding elections at the Pool General Membership meeting on Wednesday 10/25, 7:30pm, at Ravensworth Elementary in the SACC room (109). The offices are - Grounds and Maintenance Director, Web Director, Membership Director, and Swim Team Representative. Katherine Craig is running for Swim Team but there are no other nominations/candidates for the other positions. We would like to encourage anyone who enjoys the pool and wants to keep making it a great part of our community to join the board and make it happen. All board positions also get free pool memberships as an extra incentive. Also, all pool members that cannot attend should submit an online proxy form so that we may have a proxy to vote on agenda items.



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2018 RFCA PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year Oct 1 - Sep 30							
Annual Operations		2017 Proposed Budget	2017 Actual	2017 Budget Notes	2018 Proposed Budget	2018 Budget Notes	
Income							
	Membership	5,400	3,675		\$ 3,500	Dues @ \$15 per household	
	Advertising - Directory	2,500	330		\$ 2,500		
	Advertising - Farmer	4,000	5,560	Revenue from Directory ads included as it wasn't separated out	\$ 4,000		
	Total Annual Income	11,900	9,565		\$ 10,000		
Expenses							
Farmer	Printing	1,600	1,251		\$ 1,600	8 issues @\$200 per issue	
	Distribution	1,350	450		\$ 1,350		
	Refunds - over-payment	0	0		\$ -		
	Typing and Formatting	1,000	1,000		\$ 1,000		
		3,950	2,701		\$ 3,950		
Directory							
	Printing	1,610	1,451	Based on printing 500 copies @ \$2.33 per copy; in 2016, we had only 300 members but printed 900 directories so hundreds were wasted. Re-aligned expenses to fit actual need.	\$ 1,650	Based on printing 500 copies	
		1,610	1,451		\$ 1,650		
Hospitality							
	New Neighbor Welcome	150	0		\$ 150	Proposed increase in budget so committee has enough resources for welcome kits	
	Food for Membership mtgs.	75	53		\$ 75		
	Get Well/Hospitalizations	75	0		\$ 75		
		300	53		\$ 300		

2018 RFCA PROPOSED BUDGET (CON'T)

Fiscal Year Oct 1 - Sep 30						
	Entrance Maintenance					
		Mowing	450	210	Mowing service will continue through Fall 2017	\$ 500
		Landscaping	350	0		\$ 500
		Signage	40		Touch-up paint	\$ 1,500
			840	210		\$ 2,500
	Community Services & Events					
		Community BBQ	1,250	851		\$ 1,250
		Fall Festival Ravensworth Elementary	500	381		\$ 500
			250			\$ 250
			2,000	1,232		\$ 2,000
	Miscellaneous expenditures		500	1,199	Permanent shed for storage of supplies - unbudgeted expense approved by Board in 2017	\$ 500
	Administrative Expenses		300	149		\$ 500
	Website / e-blasts		250	226		\$ 250
	Annandale Fire Department		250	0		\$ 250
	Total Expenses		10,000	7,220		\$ 9,900
	Net income minus expenses		1,900	2,345		\$ 100

THOMAS KINDER'S ACCOTINK PHOTOGRAPHY & MORE FOR OCT 26 MEETING

At the General Membership meeting Thomas Kinder will share his photography of Lake Accotink and the neighborhood. Come prepared for beautiful views, amazing wildlife, and a chance to ask Mr. Kinder how he gets such gorgeous shots. There will be elections for Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. John Ritchie, currently acting in the position, is a candidate for Corresponding Secretary. There are no candidates to publish for Treasurer.

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FINAL PLANS FOR BRADDOCK ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

By Supervisor John Cook

After more than two years of study and significant community input, I am pleased to announce the final plans for the Braddock Road Improvement Project. Seventeen intersection and corridor improvements will be constructed between Guinea Road and Ravensworth Road. Ten-foot wide shared use (pedestrian and bicycle) paths will be built on both sides of Braddock Road throughout the corridor. The county will not build a transit center or park-and-ride lot as part of this project.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements include not only the mixed use paths, but all trail connections in the corridor will be completed. A "HAWK" (pedestrian controlled) signal will be constructed at Grantham and Burke Lake Road, with the shopping center entrance there becoming right in, right out only. Another "HAWK" signal will be constructed on Braddock Road, between Bradfield Drive and King David Boulevard/Dunleigh Drive. A HAWK beacon (High-Intensity Activated crossWalK beacon) is a traffic control device used to stop road traffic and allow pedestrians to cross safely. It is officially known as a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB). The purpose of a HAWK beacon is to allow protected pedestrian crossings, stopping road traffic only as needed. Where standard traffic signal 'warrants' prevent the installation of a standard three-color traffic signal, the HAWK beacon provides an alternative. A pedestrian overpass will be constructed just west of Burke Lake Road across Braddock Road, with the potential of additional overpasses being added later.

The project will not include the construction of commuter parking. I believed commuter parking, such as a park and ride lot, was a potential future community asset worthy of serious study. Following our study, it is clear the community does not want it, and I therefore will not impose it. If in the future the community wishes to consider commuter parking options, the community can initiate a review at such time. While the citizen task force had considered a recommendation to delay a final decision on a park-and-ride lot at the Kings Park Shopping Center until after construction of road improvements, I have opted to make the decision not to construct now. Any delay in such decision would have resulted in endless questions about what the ultimate decision was going to be, and the ongoing discussion would be a distraction from the important work of getting done what the community has agreed to construct.

These improvements are all in line with those recommended by our citizen task force, which worked with county staff and consultants for more than two years to review numerous options for improving the functioning of the corridor. The genesis of this project dates back to 2005 when a citizen Area Plan Review (ARP) task force placed on the comprehensive plan the concept of commuter parking at the Kings Park Shopping Center, feeding into new HOV-bus lanes to be constructed on Braddock to the Beltway. When funding for this project became available as a result of the 2013 state transportation bill, I proposed that a new citizen task force pick up where the prior task force left off, and conduct an in-depth study of the corridor, working with county staff and consultants. As the task force dug into engineering and traffic studies, and considered public opinion, it became clear that the proposed HOV-bus lanes would not be effective in reducing travel time. I proposed that the group consider a range of smaller intersection improvements, which the task force ultimately concluded would bring many of the perceived benefits of additional lanes, without the anticipated negative results, and at a much lower cost.

The pedestrian and bicycle improvements in the plan will connect existing trails and support additional bus service in the corridor by creating safe and easy walking and biking options throughout the corridor. Access to the Kings Park Shopping Center will improve through the addition of the Hawk signal at Grantham and the pedestrian overpass across Braddock Road.

This study was complex and difficult. I want to thank the task force again for all its work. I also want to thank the hundreds of residents who attended four large community meetings, and the almost 1600 people who responded to our online survey regarding commuter parking options. The discussion was sometimes pointed and tempers sometimes flared, but in the end the community had an unprecedented opportunity for true input into an important transportation project in our community. I look forward to continuing to work with the community as we move through the detailed engineering planning and construction phases over the next several years. More details on the project can be found here: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/braddockroadmmstudy/>.

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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.



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Editor's Note: Past Civic Association president resident Kevin Joyce served on the Braddock Road Task Force and will present more detailed results at the October 26 Civic Association General Meeting.

Braddock Road Community Workshops To assist county engineers in the final Braddock Road design, and provide residents with the additional opportunity to provide input on the specifics of the intersection improvements, the county will hold workshops this fall. Each workshop will focus on a specific stretch of the corridor and will allow residents to speak directly with the engineers working on the final design plans. The schedule of workshops is as follows:

Oct 2, Wakefield Chapel-Danbury Forest, 7:30 pm in Braddock Hall

Oct 18, Beltway area, 7:30 pm in Braddock Hall

Oct 25, Burke Lake Intersection, 7:30 pm in Kings Park Library

Nov 16, Ravensworth, 7:30 pm at Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Rd, Annandale, VA 22003, with Mason Supervisor, Penny Gross

Dec 11, Burke Lake Intersection 2nd meeting, 7:30 pm in Kings Park Library

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TOWN HALL MEETING: RAISING TEENS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

by John Cook, Braddock District Supervisor

I would like to invite you to my Parent Resources Town Hall Meeting: Raising Teens in the 21st Century on Saturday, October 14 9:00am until 12:30 at the Junior Achievement Finance Park, 4099 Pickett Road, Fairfax, VA 22032 (next to Frost Middle School). The teenage years are difficult to navigate for any parents. Nowadays we face ever growing challenges to keeping our teenagers safe and on the way to a successful life. That is why I wanted to gather the county’s leading experts on teen psychology and development for you to consult in a town hall session.

Below is a list of speakers and breakout sessions we will have along with our Keynote address and schedule. I hope you will join me in this enlightening event. It is my hope that all attendees will leave feeling more prepared to tackle the issues that arise with adolescence in today’s society.

Keynote Speaker: George Young, LCSW Envision Counseling, on *The Warning Signs of Teens in Trouble/Keep Them on Good Side of the Road.*

Town Hall Breakout Sessions:

Stress & Anxiety: Jesse Ellis, Prevention Manager for Neighborhood & Community Services, and Donna D. Douglas, Program Manager of School Psychology Services, FCPS

Positive Family Time – Successful Parenting Models: Stephanie Ryan, Family Counselor Supervisor III for Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Court, and George Young, LCSW from Envision Counseling, a subset of National Counseling Group

Substance Use: Nick Liappis, Senior Clinician from Fairfax-Falls Church Community Service Board, and Shelly Young, Family Recovery Guide/Recovery Advocate/Writer/Speaker and Board Member of The Chris Atwood Foundation

Learning Disabilities: Diane Cooper-Gould, President of Fairfax County Special Education PTA

Sign Up Information: Please send your RSVP’s to Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. This is a free event open to the public. Seating will be on a first come, first serve basis.

SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITY BAR-B-QUE!

Ravensworth Farm conducted our 3rd annual Community Bar-B-Que July 29th. This was a wonderful event where we also took the time to recognize a few outstanding individuals. We used our amazing pool grounds for a whole pig roast, and served hot dogs, burgers, and fun. This event was hosted through collaboration of the Civic Association and the Pool Board and allowed all Ravensworth Farmers access to the pool. We were honored to have several of our local politicians in attendance including Supervisor John Cook, Delegate Vivian Watts, and Senator Dick Saslaw.

Three members of our community were selected for awards and were presented Congressional recognitions from U.S. Representative Gerry Connolly's office.

Young Farmer of the Year:	Hiram Robertson
Farmer of the Year:	Melanie Cove Bennett
Ravensworth Life of Service Award:	Rob Hannam

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REGISTER TO VOTE BY OCT. 16 FOR NOV. 7 ELECTION

Voters in Virginia head to the polls on Tuesday, Nov. 7 for the State’s general election. Candidates for governor, lieutenant governor, state delegates, as well as a school bond referendum, are on the ballot in Fairfax County.

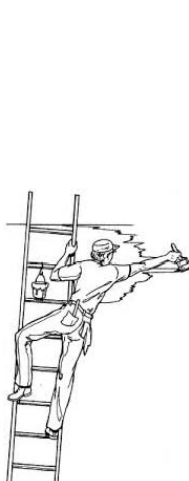
To be eligible to vote in Fairfax County, you must be a U.S. citizen and a legal county resident. You must register at www.vote.virginia.gov by Oct. 16. Have your Social Security Number ready as you need it on your application. The deadline and web address are the same for those who are currently registered, but need to update their information. In-person or by mail absentee voting began Sept. 22. More information is at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm.



If you are registered at your Ravensworth Farm address, you will vote at Ravensworth Elementary School. Lines generally move quickly, especially 1-4pm.

TRUNK OR TREAT / FALL FESTIVAL

The combined Civic Association and Ravensworth Farm Swim Club Annual Trunk or Treat will be at the Pool on Sunday October 29. Always a blast!!!! Decorate your trunk! Wear a costume! Come on Down! Trick or Treat! Bring potluck sides and desserts to share. Hotdogs will be provided. Open to all!!!! Time: 3-6pm. Please check the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page and www.RavensworthFarmPool.com for added information as the dates approach.



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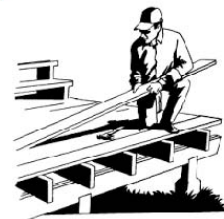
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NEW! JOIN CIVIC ASSOCIATION & UPDATE DIRECTORY ONLINE

The timeline for joining the Civic Association is short this year, with membership dues required to be turned in by December 31. Make life easier for your block captain by joining online now. Go to <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org> to join the Civic Association. You can pay via PayPal or credit card. All Civic Association members will receive a free copy of the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory when it is printed in November.

If you have moved in or changed houses or changed your phone number in the last six years or you're not sure if you're in the directory, please take the time NOW to send the following information to the Civic Association's "Directory Guy", Steve Beste. You can update your information and join the Civic Association online at <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org>, email the information to directory@ravensworthfarm.org, or mail in the following information to 7814 Penley Place. By email or "snail" mail, please tell us: 1) your house number and street name, 2) the names of all adults in the household (specify which is first and which is last name) and their corresponding telephone number(s). Also, tell us the first and last names and a phone number to reach any teens at your address who offer services such as babysitting, pet-sitting, yard work, snow removal, car wash, and odd jobs. Note which service(s) you are offering.

The Ravensworth Farm Community Directory is only available to those Ravensworth Farm residents who join the Civic Association. It is not for commercial use. Besides neighbors' names and addresses, it also contains the neighborhood covenants, a list of very useful phone numbers, and information on teens looking to do odd jobs. Civic Association dues are \$15 and cover the cost of activities ranging from entrance beautification to the Community BBQ, as well as publication of The Ravensworth Farmer.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club of Ravensworth, which meets the first Wednesday of each month, held its September meeting with 18 members present.

The year's calendar with tours, speakers, outreach programs, and dates for Garden of the Season judging and the annual Plant Sale for members' prior planning was presented. Garden of the Season judging for Fall will be held on October 11. Let's get our gardens ready and beautify our community.

More information about the migration of the Monarch Butterfly through our neighborhood was shared by our resident Master Gardener, Tatiana Lisle. After the meeting, a 'tour' of our hostess Eleanor Lillo's garden was enjoyed by some in spite of the rain.

New members are always welcome to join us. For information, call Membership Chair/Treasurer Agnes Hite at 703-321-4808.

OKTOBERFEST AT THE POOL

FOR MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS!!!! Our annual Oktoberfest Event will be from 3 to 6 on Sunday Oct 8. Live band- Straight Flush will be there! Potluck Sides and Desserts. 50/50 raffle (to help pay for the band). Brats and hotdogs for sale. BYOB in discreet, non-glass containers. Open for all families. Please check the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page and www.RavensworthFarmPool.com for added information as the dates approach.

CHURCH AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS

The Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Road is available for meetings, get-togethers, and other social events. Contact Deb Van Heest, Pastoral Team Member, at springfieldpastors@gmail.com.



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MAKE THE SWITCH TO PAPER BAGS FOR FALL CLEAN UP OF LEAVES AND YARD WASTE:

More than 208,000 tons of yard waste (leaves, branches, grass clippings) are collected each year in our county neighborhoods. That large number is probably not a surprise to many of us who spend countless hours every fall raking up leaves!

This fall, the County is asking you to make a simple change in how you dispose of your leaves and yard waste. Instead of grabbing plastic leaf bags at the store, make the switch to paper bags. Christine McCoy from the county's Recycling Outreach and Education, Solid Waste Management Division, discusses why we need to make this change:

Why Not Plastic?

- An estimated 20 percent of yard waste is lost because it clings to the plastic bags and then must be disposed of as waste (instead of mulch or compost).
- Small pieces of plastic make their way into our compost, compromising quality.
- Manufacturing plastic bags consumes energy.
- Plastic bags are non-renewable natural resources.
- It costs our county more to process yard debris in plastic bags and causes problems with the machines at our yard waste processing facilities.

Paper Bags Are Better!

- They're made from a renewable resource.
- Use less energy to produce.
- Break down naturally when composted.
- Reduces the county's cost of processing your leaves into mulch.
- They are a more sustainable alternative to plastic.

For more information on yard waste, including grasscycling and composting: Call the Solid Waste Management Program at 703-324-5230 (TTY 711) or visit our yard waste resource page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/yardwaste.htm>.

TSA HQ TO MOVE TO SPRINGFIELD

By Jeff Clabaugh, WTOP, August 25, 2017 1:16 pm

The Transportation Security Administration's new headquarters will be in Springfield, Virginia.

The General Services Administration's site selection, announced Friday, ends a yearslong search for a new home for TSA and thousands of jobs. TSA's headquarters is currently in Pentagon City.

GSA awarded the \$316 million contract to Boston Properties, which owns the Springfield site. Once the 625,000-square-foot campus is built, GSA will lease it from the developer. The site is on Springfield Center Drive near Springfield Town Center.

"All of us at Boston Properties are extremely excited and honored that we've been selected for this requirement," said Peter Johnston, executive vice president of the Washington, D.C., region for Boston Properties. "It is an incredible opportunity to partner with both TSA and GSA to develop a world-class headquarters facility worthy of the important mission of the TSA." The relocation is expected to eventually bring more than 3,000 jobs to Springfield.

"The site in central Springfield is a great location because it accessible to highways and rail transportation, and bringing TSA into the community means the area continues to develop into one of the region's major employment centers and provide more amenities for those who work and live there," said Fairfax County Economic Development Authority president and CEO Gerald Gordon. No timeline for construction or the headquarters relocation was announced.

EVENTS

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

** Oct 4 – **RFCA (Civic Association) Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ++Oct 8 – **Octoberfest**, at the pool, all invited
 Oct 9 – **Columbus Day**, no school
 Oct 11 – **Garden of the Season judging**
 ** Oct 14 – **Community Yard Sale**, pool parking lot, all are welcome to bring tables and sell your wares. 8-noon (set-up 7-8am).
 ++ Oct 25 - **Pool General Membership meeting**, 7:30pm, Ravensworth Elementary SACC room (109).
 ** Oct 26 – **Civic Association General Meeting**, school, 7:30pm – Thomas Kinder’s photography, Braddock Road final plan, RFCA elections
 ++Oct 29 – 3-6pm - **Trunk or Treat at the Pool, all invited
 ** Nov 1 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Nov 6 – **Parent-Teacher Conferences**, no school
 Nov 7 – **Election Day**
 Nov 23-24 – **Thanksgiving**, no school
 ** Dec 6 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ** Dec 15-20 – **Holiday Lights Judging**
 Dec 18-Jan 1 – **Winter break**, no school
 ** Jan 3 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Jan 15 – **Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday**, no school
 Jan 26 & 29 – **Teacher Workdays**, no school
 ** Feb 7 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Feb 19 – **Presidents Day Holiday**, no school
 ** Mar 7 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ** Mar 22 - **Civic Association General Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Mar 25 – **Palm Sunday**
 Mar 26-Apr 2 – **Spring Break**, no school
 Apr 1 – **Easter Sunday**
 ** Apr 4 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Apr 16 – **Teacher Workday**, no school
 ** May 2 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ** May 22 – **Civic Association General Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ++May 26 – **Pool Opens**
 May 28 – **Memorial Day**, no school
 June 15 – **Last Day of School**



COLUMNISTS & WRITERS WANTED

Are you a writer or wanna-be writer? Do you have information to share on a regular or semi-regular basis? Join the “staff” of *The Ravensworth Farmer* and share your expertise or information with the other 856 homes in our neighborhood via the only medium they all receive- *The Ravensworth Farmer*. Call or email Sara Ortiz at ravensworth.farmer@gmail.com or 703-321-8757.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 991 - OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

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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Kindergarten - 5th grade boys interested in having fun and learning skills with other boys consider joining Cub Pack 991. We meet at Ravensworth Elementary School once a month for Pack meetings and dens will meet once or twice a month on their own. Parents must be active participants with their boys. Our Pack is very active holding two family campouts each year, pinewood derby races, fun-filled meetings and gatherings and an annual pool party. For more information please contact Cubmaster Greg Ferrara at cubpack991@gmail.com.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC ON NUTTING DR

During school drop off and dismissal times (8:15-8:35am and 3:20-3:40pm), 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 should not turn left into the school during these hours.

CODE COMPLIANCE: DISPLAYING HOUSE NUMBERS

Do you know about Fairfax County's rules for displaying addresses?

- The Virginia Maintenance Code regulates the display of addresses
- The address numbers must be clearly visible from the street, in front of a property
- The address may contain numbers or alphabetic letters
- The address must be a minimum of four inches tall
- To make sure the address is visible, it must be in a contrasting color from its background.

REGULATION OF AIRBNB RENTALS

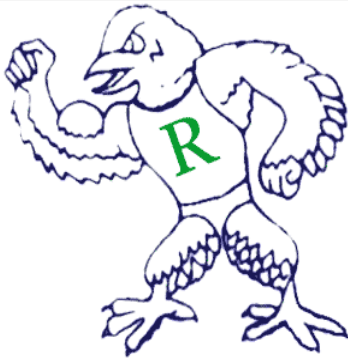
Fairfax County is considering new regulations on short-term rentals. A short-term rental is a home, condo, apartment, or portion of a home rented for fewer than 30 consecutive days. These rentals are typically listed on websites such as Airbnb, HomeAway, VRBO, FlipKey, and Roomarama. The Zoning Ordinance currently does not permit property owners to do short-term rentals unless they have received a Special Exception for a bed and breakfast use. This summer, the county collected feedback on residents' attitudes toward short-term rentals through an online survey. Community meetings were held in September to talk about next steps.

Participants heard a summary of the results from the online survey, identified their areas of interest/concern, participated in a discussion of these areas, and had an opportunity to ask questions or make comments. The Zoning Administration Division will begin putting together ideas and recommendations for the Board of Supervisors to consider later in the year. For more information on short-term rentals and an updated schedule of community meetings and public hearings, please visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/short-term-rentals.htm>.

POSITIVE AGING AND WELLNESS FAIR SLATED FOR OCT. 22

The Northern Virginia Positive Aging and Wellness Fair, slated for Sunday, Oct. 22, 8:45a.m.–4 p.m., begins with a keynote address by prize-winning columnist Bob Levey, formerly of the Washington Post. The event takes place at the Inova Center for Personalized Health Conference Center just across the street from Fairfax Hospital. Please note that this is a new location from previous years.

For details on workshops, exhibitors and registration, go to PositiveAgingFair.com. This event is sponsored by the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia and Celebrate Fairfax.



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