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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Thank you for the great turnout at the "emergency" RFCA meeting on February 6, at which we discussed the future of Lake Accotink. Fairfax County Park Authority has undertaken to revise the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan, and there have been indications that the Park Authority wants to get rid of the dam and, therefore, Lake Accotink as we know it.

The lake is quickly filling with sediment, and the Park Authority must make some tough decisions. Dredging is very expensive and will require a bond for funding, but the dam currently traps nearly half of all sediment washed down from upstream. This makes the dam essential to the health of Accotink Creek below the dam. The lake is essential for many birds, including ospreys and the pair of nesting bald eagles and the juvenile bald eagles that depend on it for food and habitat. It should go without saying that Lake Accotink is also a unique recreational resource for Fairfax County.

Please read the article "Lake Accotink Will Be Gone In 7 Years" on page 8 of this issue of The Ravensworth Farmer to become familiar with the options regarding the lake's future.

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Haven't seen your block captain yet? No problem. 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. 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.

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
March	7	Feb. 28	1	17	22 – 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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For more information, go to:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/lakeaccotink>. The county is also asking for feedback from the community. You can send your thoughts and preferences through email to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

At our next general membership meeting, among other items, we will further discuss the lake and we will vote on the adoption of a resolution. See the two drafts for consideration below. The first would be in advocacy of either Option 2 or Option 3. The second draft resolution includes Option 6 in that, supporting a lake in any form.

Please take the time to become educated on the matter of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision and get involved. We will keep you informed about future developments. In addition, an organization called Save Lake Accotink has been formed for all those who want to preserve Lake Accotink in its current form.

RAVENSWORTH FARM CIVIC ASSOCIATION RESOLUTION

In Support of the Preservation of Lake Accotink

Resolved this the ___ day of March 2018

WHEREAS: the Fairfax County Park Authority has undertaken a revision of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS: Lake Accotink is an invaluable recreational and natural resource to Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS: Lake Accotink Park is the most accessible park of its type in Fairfax County, being centrally located and convenient to 495, 95, and the Gerry Connelly Cross County Trail; and

WHEREAS: Lake Accotink Park is surrounded by diverse communities of various population density, being adjacent to residential zones R-3, R-4, R-5, PDH-3, and PRC and convenient to residential zones R-1, R-2, R-8, R-12, and R-20; and

WHEREAS: Lake Accotink Park is home to diverse flora and fauna, including nesting bald eagles; and

WHEREAS: Lake Accotink and Lake Accotink Park is an important part of Fairfax County's rich cultural and historic heritage; and

WHEREAS: Lake Accotink is, as a depository of eroded silt and other pollutants, an important part of the Chesapeake Bay watershed ecosystem; and

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WHEREAS: there is overwhelming support from the community for the preservation of Lake Accotink and Lake Accotink Park; and

WHEREAS: pursuant to the bylaws of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, the members of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association have met to carefully consider the revision of the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan; and

WHEREAS: the members of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association did vote to adopt this Resolution in Support of the Continued Maintenance of Lake Accotink:

VERSION 1:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, representative of the residents of the Ravensworth Farm community, supports the preservation of Lake Accotink and vehemently opposes any alteration to the Lake Accotink Park Master Plan that would substantively alter the nature of Lake Accotink and Lake Accotink Park as presently constituted, especially the elimination of the presence of a large and open body of water for the support of present flora and fauna and continued recreational activities as presently constituted and available to the citizens of Fairfax County.

VERSION 2:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, representative of the residents of the Ravensworth Farm community, supports the preservation of Lake Accotink and vehemently opposes the destruction of Lake Accotink for the support of present flora and fauna and continued recreational activities as presently constituted and available to the citizens of Fairfax County.

Again, please become educated and get involved.

Truly yours,
Allan Robertson, President of the Board
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LAKE ACCOTINK WILL BE GONE IN 7 YEARS

By Braddock District Supervisor John Cook

The future of Lake Accotink, including whether it will continue to exist at all, is on the front burner. There has been some discussion within the Fairfax County Park Authority of tearing down the dam and eliminating the lake. I believe Lake Accotink is a community asset worth saving, but the issue is complicated and community input now is critical.

Lake Accotink has been dredged three times, at increasing cost. Unfortunately, sediment from upstream continues to settle into the lake, and one of the past hurricanes filled in much of the last dredge. Absent a new dredge, the lake is projected to fill in by 2025.

The lake is being studied as part of the Park Authority's Master Plan review for Lake Accotink Park. The Park Authority has developed six options for the future of the lake. The decision between those options will determine how the rest of the plan is constructed.

Here are the six options:

1. The first option is to do nothing and let the lake naturally fill up with sediment. This would turn the lake into a wetland area and take away its use for watersport recreation by 2025. It would allow the valley to return to its "natural" condition. It would require some dam maintenance which would cost around \$4,700,000 every 30 years.
2. * The second option is to keep the lake as it is by dredging every 15 years. Under this option, the initial full dredging would cost \$29,275,000. A re-dredging would have to take place every 15 years and would cost \$29,275,000 each time in current dollars.
3. * The third option keeps the lake and provides a more permanent fix. The lake would be dredged, and we would also construct a sediment forebay. The forebay is a small, mini-lake at the beginning of the larger lake. The forebay would collect the sediment that currently is filling in the large lake. Each year after the initial dredge only the forebay would be dredged. The large lake would remain as is and would not need re-dredging for about 30 years. As an added benefit, the annual forebay dredges would remove sediment and thus provide an environmental benefit, as sediment carries pollution from storm water runoff. This option would cost \$45 million for the initial dredge and forebay construction, and \$776,000 per year to dredge the forebay.

*Editor's Note: At the February 6 RFCA meeting, Supervisor Cooke noted that options 2 and 3 cost so much beyond any possibility of being incorporated into the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) budget that either one would require funding from Fairfax County via the Board of Supervisors. Obtaining the money would likely require issuance of a bond. Supervisor Cook said he would need a campaign pushing to Save Lake Accotink, including a petition with at least 1,000 legitimate signatures, in order to get the attention (and votes) of those Supervisors whose districts aren't affected by Lake Accotink. Their approval is necessary to get the bond question on a ballot or otherwise secure funding.

4. The fourth option is the installation of "beaver dam" structures in line with Accotink Creek upstream of the lake. These small dams would catch sediment upstream and keep the main lake area as it is. However, the small dams would eventually fill up with sediment and could not be dredged, so eventually we would be back to current conditions. This option is a less expensive, albeit temporary, solution. This would cost \$933,000 for the installation. [Editor's Note: Supervisor Cook said at the February 6 Civic Association meeting he has since been notified by the Parks Authority that this option as a stand-alone has been rejected. It might still be used in conjunction with another option.]
5. The fifth option: removing the existing dam and returning Accotink Creek to a single stream within its current limits. This option has an upfront cost of \$11,465,000 for dam removal, with only \$26,000 per year in annual costs. The stream valley would eventually fill in and become a meadow and then forest, with the stream running through it. Sediment would run through the stream and be deposited downstream.

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6. The final option is the removal of a portion of the existing dam to create a smaller lake along with a single thread channel. The remaining lake would be 20-25 acres, compared to the current lake of 50 acres (navigable area of the lake is currently 30 acres). The stream would not run through the lake, but around it, so sediment would not fill up the lake, but instead continue downstream. This option would cost \$13,218,000 initially and \$26,000 each year for vegetation maintenance. There are no numbers yet on the cost for any re-dredging.

The Park Authority outlined these options at its January 22, 2018 meeting. Some attendees to the meeting came away with the impression that the Park Authority favored getting rid of the lake. Staff further announced at the meeting that public comment on the proposals would be closed February 26, with a final decision coming later in the year.

Since that time, I have met with the Director of the Park Authority, and am happy to announce that the public comment period, at my request, has been extended into [May]. The Park Authority has also committed to conducting additional community meetings. I also conveyed what I believe to be strong community support for the lake. In light of these discussions, I believe the Director is very open to options to preserve the lake.

The cost of preserving the lake is high, and that is an important factor in any decision. But as a county of over one million people, we regularly make significant investments in parks, libraries, community centers, and other infrastructure for the betterment and enjoyment of the public. This project is no different. I am ready to work with my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors to find funding for an option that preserves the lake, if the community, after knowledgeable discussion, prefers that option.

VOTE, LEARN, AND EAT - MARCH 22

The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Membership will have the opportunity to vote on a proposal, that our community supports, for the future of Lake Accotink. Please come prepared to vote by reviewing the summarized six options proposed by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the two proposals the Association is recommending. The options and proposals are presented elsewhere in this edition of The Ravensworth Farmer.

Senator Dick Saslaw and Delegate Vivian Watts have been invited to attend to review the recently concluded VA General Assembly session. We are hopeful their schedules will permit their attendance

The Association will put on its own "Taste of Ravensworth" with refreshments provided by local eateries. If you have a food-related business and would like to share it, contact Scott Houghton at vp1@ravensworthfarm.org.

Come, vote, learn, and eat!

Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting, Thursday, March 22, 2018,
Ravensworth Elementary School Cafeteria, 7:30 PM

Reminder!!!

Eligibility to vote on Association actions. Per the Articles of Incorporation "... each member in good standing (dues paid) of the Association shall have one vote." Membership is by household.

If you have not paid your dues for 2018, you may pay on-line via PayPal or credit card at <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org>, by contacting your block captain, or by contacting Elissa Myers at elissa@elissamyers.com or 703 321-7590.



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Source: The Golden Gazette, February 2018, published by Fairfax County

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GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The February meeting of the Green Thumb Garden Club had to be cancelled because of freezing rain but the Club members are looking forward to an active "Spring Time" of outings. New members are welcome to join the Club at any time.

The March schedule includes a tour of the National Arboretum, April will be "prep time" for our annual plant sale to be held in May. In addition to the plant sale, a tour of River Farms Gardens is scheduled. Please call Membership Chairperson Agnes Hite at 703-321-4808 for information. Meetings are usually held the first Wednesday of each month September through June.

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. Email or call Sara Ortiz at ravensworth.farmer@gmail.com or 703-321-8757.

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NEW NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE

Pam Ryan is still looking for volunteers to join the committee. However, she would like to thank Cindy Cho and Ashton Streavig for volunteering and joining the committee. They have been a great help!

Please e-mail Pam at pkryan74@gmail.com if you would like to help or please let 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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BOY SCOUTS

Well, January did not produce much in the way of snow, but that did not stop Troop 991 from taking a day trip to Whitetail Ski resort! It was great day of fun in the sun on the slopes! This is just one example of the kind of activities the boys plan for themselves.

In February, we provided service to Cub Scout Pack 991, helping with their annual Pinewood Derby! By volunteering to help weigh the cars and helping during the race, our Boy Scouts are demonstrating their leadership skills, providing a service to the community and having fun at the same time.

In March we'll be participating in the Merit Badge Jamboree. This is a local one-day event filled with a variety of interesting topics that we can pick from. Counselors help us explore these topics and we can earn a merit badge or two. Also, in March, we have our quarterly Court of Honor. This event involves families, food and fun.

Don't miss out on activities like these as well as camping, team challenges, 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 at 703-321-8072 or mitchwt@cox.net or contact Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Haggerty at edwardhaggerty1@me.com or (703) 622-5831. If you are interested... Or come by and see for yourself what you're missing!



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There's a new tiger in town! Meet Pavel, a 10-year-old Amur tiger who lives at the Smithsonian's National Zoo's Great Cats habitat. He made his debut January 5 and is the first of his endangered species to be on exhibit here in 70 years. In this Q&A, get the scoop on Pavel from Great Cats curator Craig Saffoe.

Why did Pavel come to the Zoo?

To put it simply, we love tigers! Recently, the Great Cats habitat has been home to Sumatran tigers primarily. The last time we exhibited Amur tigers was 1948—70 years ago. We have the space and capability to house three large cat species.

In the past 8 years, we've had great success breeding our adult African lions—Luke, Naba and Shera—and they have produced 13 cubs. Having so many lions meant that we only had space for them and Sumatran tigers. Now that our lions are getting older and most of their cubs have been sent to other zoos per the Association of Zoos and Aquariums' Species Survival Plan recommendations, we have created space for another large carnivore species. My team is excited to have the opportunity to educate visitors about the different subspecies of tigers and the ongoing conservation efforts in their native habitats. Although we do not have plans to breed Pavel, we look forward to breeding this species in the future.

What is his personality like?

Like most big cats who are introduced to a new place and new people, he is reserved and cautious when it comes to exploring his environment. That said, he is interacting well with his keepers and appears to be a relatively laid-back tiger.

Are Amur tigers different from Siberian tigers?

Amur tigers are commonly referred to as Siberian tigers, a nickname they received because of the region where they were found. Unfortunately, populations are declining due to habitat loss and poaching, both of the cats and their prey. Today, only about 360 tigers remain in a smaller geographic area near the Amur river, which is why scientists now refer to them as Amur tigers.

How can visitors tell these the two tiger subspecies apart?

Size and the color of their fur are the biggest clues for telling the two subspecies apart. Sumatran tigers are native to the forest of Sumatra and are the smallest of the subspecies; on average, a fully grown male weighs about 250 pounds. Amur tigers are found most commonly in the forests of Russia and China; they can weigh up to 600 pounds and are the world's largest cat species. Pavel weighs about 310 pounds, but he still appears very large in comparison to our Sumatran tigers, Damai and Sparky, and even our African lions.

The physical differences between these two subspecies are largely due to where the cats live in the wild. Amur tigers live up north, where the weather is cold and the extra weight helps them to keep warm. Sumatran tigers, on the other hand, are found furthest south and don't need to pack on as many pounds in their tropical climate.

Apart from size, Sumatran tigers' fur has a burnt-orange hue, whereas the coat of an Amur tiger is a lighter orange color.

What is the biggest misconception about Amur tigers?

Because of the lighter color of Amur tigers' fur, some people confuse them with Bengal tigers, which possess a recessive gene that affects the color of their fur, making it appear white. This gene does not appear to occur in Amur tigers.

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Mar 23-25 & 29-31 - **"Hope Endures" Easter Pageant** the dramatic story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ presented thru music, dance and drama at Immanuel Bible Church. Tickets will go on sale in the spring. Members of the Ravensworth Farm community directing and on-stage. Immanuelbible.church or 703-941-4124

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 5 – **Colonial Day** – Fourth Grade, Ravensworth E.S., If you have children's or adults' colonial costumes available to lend, please contact Sara Ortiz at 703-321-8757

Apr 16 – **Teacher Workday, no school**

** May 2 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm

** May 22 – **Civic Association General Meeting**, school, 7:30pm

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