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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Fellow Farmers:

I feel that I am drowning in a political morass. Every election cycle, especially presidential election cycles, tends to be rather contentious. This election cycle, though, is punctuated by an impeachment, making it all the more belligerent and factious. Indeed, the American people seem to be more divided now than at any time in living memory.

Our fine neighborhood, however, need not be so. In fact, as president of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, I have thoroughly enjoyed the time I have spent in service to the community with my wonderful neighbors.

Civic engagement is one of the hallmarks of American democracy. Even though the United States is a large republic, our government is one of the people, by the people, and for the people. We the people are the foundation, backbone, and life blood of this great nation.

For our republic to operate properly, we must involve ourselves personally. We may do so--and I would argue we are obliged to do so--through the voting process. We may also do so--and I would again argue we are obliged to do so--through service to the community. My service as president of the civic association has been deeply gratifying and rewarding.

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See pg. 24 for details

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Association Meetings & Deadlines 2019-20

MONTH	BOARD MEETING, <i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE, FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
March	4	28/29	19 – Civic Assoc Mtg/ Taste of Ravensworth/ 60th Anniversary Celebration (location TBA)
April	1	25/26	
May	Apr. 29	16/17	9 – Community Yard Sale 21 – Civic Assoc Mtg
Summer			Last weekend of August 2020- BBQ

Unless noted otherwise, all Board Meetings are 7:30pm at Community of Christ Church; All Civic Association Meetings are 7:30pm at Ravensworth Elementary School.

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As a member of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Board of Directors, I have, on numerous occasions, worked directly with government to influence policy and affect positive change. Moreover, it is satisfying to witness the benefits of my monthly work in the Farm. Most of all, though, I have enjoyed my time with my fellow board members and neighbors. We have a truly great group of people on the civic association board.

If you have an interest in government and/or want to make a difference in your community, the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association is the place for you. May 21 is our annual civic association board election. While there are currently no vacancies, we find a place for you. So, join us on May 21, but you need not wait to tell us how you would like to get involved.

Truly yours,

Allan B. Robertson
President

LAKE BRADDOCK MULCH SALE UNTIL MARCH 9

It's that time of year to order your double-shredded hardwood Mulch from Lake Braddock Secondary to support the All Night Grad Party. Mulch is \$4.80 per bag. Orders must be placed by March 9. Free delivery is offered with an order of 15 bags or more. Otherwise, you can pick up your mulch at Lake Braddock Secondary School. This year's mulch delivery/pick-up will be the weekend of March 21st and March 22nd.

The All Night Grad Party is a drug and alcohol free event for our graduating seniors. It is designed to keep our recent graduates safe and out of harm's way on one of the biggest days of their lives.

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Steve Clarke and James Downs (mulch@lbssptsa.org, mulch.volunteers@lbssptsa.org)
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AARP TAX AIDE PROGRAM

The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program provides free federal and Virginia tax return preparation and e-filing from Feb. 1– April 15 by IRS-certified volunteers. This program, with special attention to seniors, has no income limits, but clients are generally low and middle-income taxpayers. No appointments are necessary. Taxpayers need to bring: a photo ID; Social Security cards for themselves and dependents; a copy of last year's tax returns (even if taxes were done at the site the prior year) and all tax documents they have received including but not limited to W-2s, Social Security benefit statements, 1099 interest, dividend, and pension/IRA statements, brokers' statements, and W-2Gs for gambling winnings. Self-employed individuals should bring information about the earnings and expenses of their businesses. Also necessary for those who itemize deductions are documents and records concerning outlays such as mortgage interest, real estate tax, personal property tax, medical expenses and charitable contributions. Direct deposit of refunds and direct debit of taxes owed require the bank routing number and the taxpayer's account number. Some of the locations and hours are:

- Mott Community Center 12111 Braddock Rd., Fairfax Thursday, 9:30 AM–1:30 PM Saturday, 1–5 PM
- Mason District Government Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale Tues., Wed., Fri., 9:30 AM–1PM Mon. & Thurs., 1–8 PM Saturday, 9 AM–1 PM Appointments Tues. & Wed., 571-281-8532
- SunTrust Bank of Vienna 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri., 10 AM–2 PM
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THE HARTMANS: LONGTIME COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

by Mary Lipsey

Ken and Ruth Hartman moved from New England to Virginia in 1963 and moved to Ravensworth Farm in August 1964. Ken was working at the Old Main Navy Building on Constitution Avenue. They lived in a condo in Alexandria for eight months while they were searching for a permanent home. They had visited most of the housing developments on Braddock Road and Ken found that the houses in Ravensworth were well constructed, plus they wanted their children to be able to walk to school.

They liked the layout of their house that they finally bought because of the location and the lake view. The Crestwood Builders were trying out new homes and this was the last of their homes to be built in Ravensworth. Their home was one of the three that was built as a trial model for development in other areas of Fairfax County. Coming from New England they were used to homes that were painted a color, not just white. So they had their house painted turquoise. It turned out that their turquoise house became a landmark for Ravenel Lane.

Most families only had one car at that time. There were several carpools going to Old Main Navy, so thankfully Ken was able to join a carpool. They remember the opening of the Beltway; they took a drive around the entire beltway, all 64 miles in one hour.

The community was finishing up with Ravenel Lane being the last street to be developed. There were no street lights, no shopping center, and no gas station. They had to go to the center of Springfield to do their shopping.

What they liked most about the community was that mostly everyone was fairly new to the area and had young children and were happy to meet new neighbors. Many of the mothers were stay-at-home moms. Having children in Ravensworth Elementary School really helped in meeting people and getting involved in the school activities and scouting. Both of their girls, Cindy and Jane took ballet and baton lessons at the school. Each was a captain of the majorettes for her high school band, but at different high schools. Cindy attended Robinson High School and Jane attended Annandale High School. As band boosters and chaperones. Ken and Ruth became adept at juggling and attending each girl's school activities.

The community and park have always been a very integral part of our community. Lots of fun activities for everyone. The Community's Civic Association, which was already formed, was very active. In the early years of the community there were dances held in the fire department hall in Fairfax City; community fairs at the school; community parades, and ice skating and bonfires at the lake, etc. Also, the family participated in many of the swimming pool activities. Ken was active in the Civic Association and served as a Treasurer and Parliamentarian. Ruth still enjoys staying active with the Civic Association and has served on several different committees. Their participation in the civic association represents over 50 years of dedicated service. Recently, the RFCA recognized Ruth with a Lifetime of Service Award,

According to Ken and Ruth, the biggest challenges in Fairfax County for our community over the years is the widening of Braddock Road from two lanes to the eight lanes that now exist and the increased traffic. Also the widening of the Beltway at the Braddock Road exit. They certainly have seen lots of changes in roads and traffic over the years.

Remembering historical events, Ken explained they moved to Virginia the day after President Kennedy was buried in November of 1963. They also remembered how the 1968 assassinations of Rev. Martin Luther King and Senator Robert Kennedy affected the community. On 9/11 they were flying on a trip to the Canadian Rockies and had to land in Chicago; it was a real nightmare. They did not get to their destination. When they finally arrived home. Ruth had a call from the White House, where she was a communication office volunteer and was enlisted to help man the telephones after President Bush's speech to the nation.

As a volunteer Ruth was honored and recognized with an interview on Channel 5 Fox News TV, at our Ravensworth Elementary School where she has served as an Election Official for Fairfax County, working over 70 elections which is a County Record! She was also recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Office of Elections on Channel 16 cable TV for her years of service.

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Ruth has volunteered for over twenty years at the gift shops at Fairfax Hospital. Also, Ruth continues to enjoy working at Annandale Smiles Dental Office.

Ken and Ruth stated that there are so many reasons they have enjoyed living here: Being very active in their Presbyterian church in Annandale, Wonderful Friends and Neighbors, Great Schools, Many activities for the youth, Scouts, Pool, Lake Accotink, and Convenient Location, etc. The super active Civic Association helps to make Ravensworth Farm a great place to live. Ken and Ruth certainly have enjoyed living in this active and caring community.

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O'CONNORS BOOKEND THEIR LIVES IN RAVENSWORTH

by Robert Blizzard

Bookends. Those little decorative but utilitarian furniture items between which there lies words, characters, stories, whole lives...

Part of putting out a second bookend on their Ravensworth Farm lives was what doing this interview was like for original owners Doreen and Joe O'Connor, they commented in December 2019. See, the O'Connors, now age 88 and 84, have lived in the big white house on Ellet Road at the intersection with Inverchapel Road for more than 57 years. Recently, they have been discussing offers they've just received for the sale of their house, which they plan to depart in 2020 for a retirement facility in Ashburn with a continuum of care.

The first bookend was moving into the house in May 1962. The couple, originally from upstate New York and married in 1957, paid just \$19,500 for their four-bedroom house, although smaller houses in Ravensworth Farm with no basements were going for only \$16,900. Joe said he had inherited \$3,000 from his deceased mother that he used as part of a down payment. As they navigate the process of selling their now-expanded home for the first time in almost six decades, they contemplate that their home has appreciated almost thirtyfold—nearly \$100,000 per decade.

After they were married, the O'Connors lived in Schenectady, New York for six months while Joe worked for the New York City field office of the Federal Communications Commission. He later transferred to Washington with the Commission in 1958 to work as an accountant/auditor. Prior to settling in Ravensworth, the couple lived in an Arlington apartment for three and a half years. Once they decided to look for a house, they did not consider moving to Maryland because it seemed more congested. They looked at different model homes, including at least one in the North Springfield subdivision.

They were attracted to the split-level arrangement of their current home that allowed people to go upstairs or downstairs right from the front door. Long before cell phones, Doreen said she remembers leaning over the rail many times over the years to let one of their four children downstairs know they had a phone call upstairs when the family had only one landline.

At the time they began their lives in Ravensworth Farm, the entire neighborhood was not yet finished and a street was not paved till all houses on it were built. The area behind their backyard was completely dark because there were no houses or streetlights upon their arrival.

They have always enjoyed their close access to the Lake Accotink property. One son used to hike and fish at the lake and now, at age 61, still does so when he visits his parents.

Prior to the Ravensworth Shopping Center opening in 1963, the couple would shop at the A&P in Springfield. Later, they would also occasionally visit the Drug Fair in the Ravensworth Shopping Center during the summer. Ravensworth homes were constructed without air-conditioning but the drug store had it.

Ravensworth Elementary School opened later in the 1960s, which allowed the O'Connor children to get their educations closer to home. They had been attending classes at Holy Spirit Catholic Church down Braddock Road.

Joe's schedule kept him so busy that Doreen said she was sometimes attending parent-teacher conferences as well as other school-related functions and meetings by herself. She joked that she felt like a single parent on such occasions. When asked if they could remember any teachers who were well-liked by their children, she recalled Mrs. Corsepius—a name some former Ravensworth Elementary students may remember.

The family enjoyed the local pool and noted that they had to wait four years to get off a list to be pool members. They also enjoyed playing tennis on the adjacent courts. Decades ago, when tennis was more popular than it is today, it was difficult to get a court. They are saddened now to see the courts go unused and weeds growing through cracks in the courts' surface.

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Con't from Pg. 11

A Korean War veteran who served in the Army, Joe commuted from Ravensworth to downtown Washington. After their children were grown, Doreen went back to work. She was employed for 20 years in the business department of the Northern Virginia Community College on the Annandale campus.

Some of their memories over the years include Ravensworth residents helping to defeat the construction of high-rise apartments on the land that is now home to the Wakefield Recreation Center near the Beltway, commuting on a bus from the shopping center to RFK Stadium to enjoy their Redskins season tickets with other local fans, and lots of friendly neighbors among whom existed a wonderful camaraderie.

The O'Connors also recalled the winter of 1966, when eight inches of snow fell on a Wednesday and another fourteen fell on a Saturday, followed by howling winds. People could not enter or leave the neighborhood and the National Guard was ultimately called in to help that Monday.

There have been picnics, backyard parties, holiday celebrations and door-to-door caroling, as well as lots of Little League and scouting. Also, the O'Connors were involved from time to time with the civic association, including "garden of the season" judging. Joe proudly noted they won the title once in the late 1990s. In addition, Doreen was a volunteer at the elementary school when her kids attended and Joe bowled in a league.

In 1960, when Doreen was scheduled to give birth to one of their two daughters at Georgetown University Hospital, she was forced to deliver instead at Arlington Hospital. The reason: Jackie Kennedy, married to then-Senator John Kennedy, was at the Georgetown facility giving birth to John Kennedy, Jr. That was not their last crossing of paths with the Camelot couple.

Joe remembered being almost unable to get home from work on the day of John Kennedy's presidential inauguration because so many people came out for the event and snow began falling that afternoon, resulting in roadway chaos. The couple remembered being in downtown Washington the night after Kennedy was assassinated and the city had an eerie quiet with hardly any cars on the streets. They considered paying their respects as he was lying in state at the U.S. Capitol but abandoned the idea when they were told they would not get inside until 4:00 in the morning.

Neighbors have been helping each other out all the time since 1962. One across-the-street family allowed Doreen to use her freezer and refrigerator when she had family members and other company in town. These days, a group of young men shovel their sidewalk when it snows and they often decline payment.

Over the years, the couple has enjoyed starting many of their days with coffee or tea in the morning while combing over the Washington Post. One change they have noticed is the much smaller number of children walking to school, despite Ravensworth Elementary having grown and offering more space. Now, kids are often driven to school or walk with a parent. There are no more patrols—trained sixth graders with their bright safety belts—who help children cross intersections safely on their way to and from school.

In the early days of Ravensworth Farm, most of the residents seemed to be young families with small children and there was much socializing outdoors with kids playing and mothers keeping an eye out for them. Things changed quite a bit, according to Doreen, once the children grew up and women went back to work. The streets became much more quiet.

In the 1960s, the family, for a treat, would go to a McDonald's at the intersection of Arlington Boulevard and Annandale Road, as well as a Roy Rogers at Bailey's Crossroads. Fast food joints were a novelty at the time and not as ubiquitous as they are today. While at Bailey's Crossroads sometimes, the O'Connor kids would ride horses who lived on a farm near the now-urbanized intersection. There was also a now-defunct airport for small planes in that area. Doreen misses the Woodies department store chain and Joe the S&W cafeterias.

Doreen and Joe said they felt Ravensworth Farm was a terrific place to raise their family. All four of their children, they noted, got good educations in the public schools and graduated from college. Over the years, their family life was enriched with one cat and two dogs.

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Con't from Pg. 12

The husband and wife attended the community's fiftieth anniversary event in 2010. They wore the evening's blue ribbons for original owners and posed with others of that group for photos. Doreen remembers her daughter and other girls of that age range talking that evening with one of the popular P.E. teachers from their elementary years who turned out for the celebration.

Throughout the years, many friends of their generation have moved away. Of course, many have passed away, too. But they do keep up with some friends, including children of peers in their own generation.

It goes without saying that they are a bit wistful about moving away and leaving behind the only home they have known for 57 years. But in the few days before Christmas in 2019, they enjoyed reflecting on happy memories from years in the neighborhood as they were about to place a second bookend on their Ravensworth lives.

HELP KEEP LOCAL STREAMS CLEAN

by Tamara Sheiffer, Watch the Green Grow Coordinator

Clean streams benefit people as well as wildlife. Fairfax County streams flow into the Potomac River, a major source of drinking water in Fairfax County. Water runoff from rainfall carries pollutants from the land downhill into streams. Forested stream buffers help filter pollutants out of the water before it reaches the streams. Help protect water quality by reducing land pollution and planting trees.

Keep waste out of storm drains

Storm drains lead directly to streams. Anything that enters a storm drain goes into a stream and to the Potomac River. Only water should enter storm drains. Dispose of household chemicals according to label directions and recycle motor oil at a gas station. Even dumped leaves can clog drains and streams. Bag yard waste for curbside collection.

Pick up pet waste

Cleaning up pet waste is neighborly and protects water quality. Water runoff washes pet waste, litter, and other contaminants into storm drains and streams. Bag the waste on your walks and complete the job by throwing the bag into a trash can. Leaving bagged waste on the ground is littering. Pick up pet waste even from your own yard, to keep your yard and your local stream clean.

Reduce pesticide, fertilizer, and road salt usage

Follow directions on package labels and do not overapply fertilizer, road salt, or pesticides. More product is not better—excess product washes away in rainstorms, contaminating streams and wasting money.

Plant trees

Trees stabilize streambanks by slowing water runoff and reducing soil erosion. Trees protect water quality by filtering fertilizer and other pollutants from water runoff before it reaches streams. Because of their value to water quality, forested stream buffers are legally safeguarded Resource Protection Areas under the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance. Trees and other plants may not be removed from an RPA without a permit. Help protect streams by planting trees near an RPA to expand the stream buffer.

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RAVENSWORTH FARM ON FACEBOOK

Want to keep up with issues, have firewood to give away, lost or found a dog, or you're wondering what surprises others have run into during renovations? The Ravensworth Farm Facebook page is the place to go. Send Tom Mathis, the group's moderator, a join request and he'll add you to this lively and informative community. You can adjust your notification settings and visit the page as little or as often as you choose. While an excellent communication tool, the Facebook page is not supported or endorsed by the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. For Civic Association news (and old issues of The Farmer), visit RavensworthFarm.org.



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HANDYMAN	Twenty year Ravenel Lane resident offering handyman services within Ravensworth Farm. Mr. Riyad Bouizar, cell 202-409-8005; riyad.bouizar@gmail.com
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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.

1ST REHEARSAL OF THE SPRINGFIELD AREA COMMUNITY BAND

By Guy Summers, Director

I am organizing a community band based out of St. Johns UMC at 5312 Backlick Rd. It is an open membership, for all with all levels of ability and we are looking to launch it on Tuesday, March 24th at 7PM in the St. Johns UMC Music Room. This is not a ST John's UMC band, it is open to EVERYONE in the community and all levels and ages! A community band for the community! All ages, all talents, all instruments and styles welcome!

First rehearsal is Tuesday, March 24 7:00pm – 8:30pm.
St. John's UMC 5312 Backlick Rd Springfield

Contact Director Guy Summers at cell: 804.304.7169; gtksummers@yahoo.com

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Contact Asst. Scoutmaster Bill Thewes at 253.985.0687 or Wiliam.Thewes@gmail.com.



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ZMOD - COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE MODERNIZATION

In 2017, Fairfax County launched a major initiative to modernize its Zoning Ordinance that was first established 40 years ago. Dubbed “zMOD,” the effort will help the County carry out its strategic plan to grow and diversify its economy. The modernization plan was presented on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors’ Development Process Committee.

“We want to be sure that our ordinance is forward thinking in terms of being able to accommodate uses that we don’t know about today that will be here in the future,” said Barbara Byron, Director of the Department of Planning and Development. zMOD will work in tandem with the County’s existing process for amending its zoning laws by prioritizing proposed changes of county-wide significance.

The first phase of zMOD focuses on the following goals:

- Modernizing the permitted uses and their regulations
- Making the Zoning Ordinance easier to understand
- Removing gaps and inconsistencies
- Creating a streamlined, user-friendly document
- Using more tables, graphics, and hyperlinks
- Being usable on multiple platforms

To help implement zMOD, the County has hired consultant services, and has added two new staff positions to work on the project. Release of a new consolidated Zoning Ordinance and Public Hearings with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors are expected in Spring/Summer 2020. If you have any questions, please contact the DPD-Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314 or email the zMOD team at dpzzmodcomments@fairfaxcounty.gov. You can find more detailed information and subscribe for updates at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zmod>.

Editor’s Note: Thanks to Civic Association Board Member Richard Hildebrand for bringing this to our attention.

EVENTS

*Something to add? Email RFCAFarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or call 703-321-8757 to add to the calendar of events. * notes Civic Association Events +notes Pool events*

*Mar 19 – 7:30pm **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting, Taste of Ravensworth, and 60th Anniversary Celebration**, Ravensworth ES

*April – **Junk Truck at Pool**. 1st or 2nd Saturday of April.

To be confirmed late February

*May 9 – 8-11m, **Community Yard Sale**, Ravensworth Farm Pool

*May 21 – 7:30pm **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting**, Ravensworth ES

+May 23 – 11am **Ravensworth Farm Pool Opens**

*Aug 29 – **Annual Ravensworth Farm BBQ**



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Our neighborhood pool provides the opportunity for meet-ups, potluck dinners, birthday parties, and making new friends. We continue to make improvements at the pool and the surrounding facility.

Last season we employed a new check-in process with pictures. It worked well and we will be using the same system again. We also expanded the two person membership to allow children under 2 years old to be included in the membership at no additional cost. We also added house guests as an option to our membership to allow a little more flexibility to our membership structure.

This season, thanks to Gary Reynolds and neighborhood crew, he led an Eagle Scout projects and refinished all of our picnic tables. We will also be getting a new diving board for one of our diving wells. Coach Liz will be back for our swim team and we are excited to kick off a fun and energetic swim season.

There is a reason for everyone to join the Ravensworth Pool. It is a wonderful way to build your community. For families, there is our wonderful swim team, Learn to Swim Program (Fledglings), award winning diving team, and fun activities such as bingo Wednesdays, Sunday float nights, and more. For adults, summer fun includes movie nights, corn hole competition, and swim workouts very close to home.

We look forward to a great summer. If you have any questions or I can help in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact me at membership@ravensworthswimpool.com
 Warm regards,

Jennifer Auble
 Ravensworth Pool Membership Director

Membership Types	Description:	Rates
Family Membership	2 adults and children in immediate family/ household	\$500 until May 3rd \$550 onward
Two Person Membership	Up to two people in immediate household. Children under 2 (born after 6/1/2018) may be added at no charge	\$375
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On March 19 at 7:30, we'll celebrate with delicious food provided by Ravensworth Shopping Center businesses. Any neighbors with food-related businesses who would like to showcase their offerings at the third annual Taste of Ravensworth should contact Scott Houghton at vp1@ravensworthfarm.org.

The Ravensworth Civic Association's proposed slate of officers will be formulated during the business part of the meeting. The slate will be formally voted on at the May 21 Association meeting.

The March 19 meeting will be in the cafeteria of Ravensworth Elementary School.



KIDS CORNER

Kids' Corner is a place where Ravensworth 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.

RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY PTA CAN USE YOUR HELP!

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Your \$15 membership (what a bargain!) helps cover the cost of writing, printing, and delivering this newsletter to all 858 homes in Ravensworth Farm eight times per year.

It also covers the cost of updating and printing the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory each year. The Directory is only available to members. In addition to providing the names, addresses and phone numbers for your neighbors (so you'll know where to go to pick up those items being offered on the Facebook page), the Directory also provides you with emergency numbers (for when your internet is dead), and useful non-emergency numbers. It contains the history of Ravensworth Farm and the Covenants and Restrictions associated with the neighborhood. It even contains contact information for youth looking to work! If you need a teen to babysit, pet sit, shovel, rake, or wash your car, just \$10 gets you a copy of this coveted list.

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

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

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



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Questions? Contact Jennifer Auble at
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