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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Farmers:

We live in extraordinary times, and we, as a community, are responding in extraordinary ways. I am inspired and edified by the sentiments and actions of my neighbors as we deal with the COVID-19 virus pandemic. Thank you for your love for and support of those around you. And thank you for your compassionate leadership. Ravensworth Farm enjoys an abnormally high concentration of unsung and unassuming community heroes. I look forward to receiving numerous nominations for the Farmer of the Year Awards! I am sure many of you have also been inspired by a neighbor or two. Please submit your nominations soon.

Like all other organizations and individuals in the area, Ravensworth Farm Civic Association is having to pivot in response to the threat from Covid-19. In fact, to my knowledge, this issue of The Ravensworth Farmer newsletter is the first fully digital publication in its history. This newsletter is printed at the Key Center School, which is closed through the remainder of the school year. Here are some other announcements and actions RFCA is taking.

Pursuant to Commonwealth of Virginia Executive Order 55 (March 30, 2020), all in-person meetings and gatherings at least through June 10, 2020 are cancelled. PLEASE TAKE NOTE of the following announcements, especially regarding general membership meetings.

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FIRST-EVER DIGITAL EDITION OF THE RAVENSWORTH FARMER

Thank you for reading the first-ever purely digital edition of The Ravensworth Farmer.

Due to the closure of the Key Center School for the "Coronavirus Break" where our copies of The Farmer are normally printed, we can't print The Farmer. If you have a neighbor who doesn't read online or navigate the internet, please print a copy for your neighbor.

Thanks!

Pay your 2019-2020 Ravensworth Farm Civic Association 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 2019-20

MONTH	BOARD MEETING, <i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE, FLYERS DUE	EVENTS
April	1	16 – General Member Mtg (via Zoom) - https://us02web.zoom.us/j/193772395?pwd=RzhlWXdqGk3cHBSVky3c1JGRmxwZz09 or go to Zoom.US and use meeting ID: 193 772 395 and Pwd: 493105
May	Apr. 29	21 – Civic Assoc Mtg - Via Zoom (see The Ravensworth Farmer or Ravensworth Farm Facebook page for how to join)
Summer		August 29 – BBQ
Unless noted otherwise, all Meetings are 7:30pm online.		

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- There will be no Spring Yard Sale.
- The Junk Truck/community cleanup was cancelled, though it may be rescheduled in Autumn.
- On Thursday April 16, 2020 at 7:30pm, we will hold a special general membership meeting via Zoom Meetings to introduce proposed changes to the RFCA bylaws and to hear from Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw regarding COVID-19. Please join us to learn more about how Fairfax County and Braddock District are dealing with the COVID-19 crisis. Use this link to join the meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/193772395?pwd=RzhlWXdqGk3cHBSVky3c1JGRmxwZz09>
Instructions for logging into the Zoom meeting will also be provided on the Ravensworth Farm Facebook Group and via email prior to the meeting.
- The regularly scheduled General Membership Meeting will take place as scheduled on May 21 online. Instructions for the Zoom meeting will be provided on the Ravensworth Farm Facebook Group and via email prior to the meeting. We shall hold elections for the Board of Directors, vote on changes to the by-laws, and shall again hear from Supervisor James Walkinshaw.
- The March General Membership Meeting, at which we were planning to celebrate Ravensworth Farm's 60th Anniversary and hold the annual Taste of Ravensworth has been postponed to our October General Membership Meeting. We will sample tasty treats from Ravensworth area restaurants, honor our most senior residents, and enjoy a presentation by our resident historian, Mary Lipsey.
- The annual BBQ and awards ceremony is scheduled for August 29. Further announcement will be made if it becomes necessary to alter our plans for the BBQ.

I look forward to a return to normalcy when we can again meet together. Until then, please continue to check in on one another, observing appropriate social distancing, and please take particular care to check in on elderly and at risk neighbors. The RFCA will continue to monitor the situation and take appropriate action as needed. May we all soon look back upon these days in wonder.

Truly yours,

Allan B. Robertson
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APRIL 16 VIRTUAL GENERAL MEETING - WALKINSHAW, BY-LAWS, SLATE

The March 19 General Membership Meeting, with the Taste of Ravensworth and 60th Anniversary Celebration, was canceled due to the closure of FCPS buildings and guidance to “social distance.” Some of the items on the agenda were supposed to be brought up in order to have been announced at one General Meeting in order to be voted on at the next one. In order to vote on those items at the May 21 (Virtual) General Membership meeting, the Civic Association Board has called a virtual meeting for this Thursday, April 16.

The agenda includes:

- Budget Update

Announcements/Speaker

- Board of Directors Slate for May 2020 Election
- By-Law Changes
- Q & A: James Walkinshaw – Braddock District Supervisor

Join the virtual meeting via Zoom at 7:30 via this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/193772395?pwd=RzhlWXdqGk3cHBSVkyY3c1JGRmxwZz09>

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KIDS CORNER—I'M TELLING MY CORONA STORY, APPARENTLY

(I know this is the worst title ever but I'm bored so here we go.)

By: Will Leyhe

Well first of all like, #WHAT IN THE WORLD?

Anyway things started out fun and we were all happy and excited that they closed the schools, but little did we know what we took for granted that fateful Thursday. If I'd known that was the last day of school for the rest of the year, whoa man, I would have made it LAST. I've just totally missed school. I can't see any of my friends anymore unless on facetime or awkward conversations with friends from opposite sidewalks. I've TOTALLY taken school for granted all these years but it is still very fun to complain about school, very fun indeed. I even miss the teachers wow no offense teachers but I'd never thought I'd say that ever, but teachers can be cool too. School gave me something to do for seven hours of my day and it really was fun to see friends and talk every day, but it was also balanced out by some of the really butt-numbing activities. It also gave me something to look forward to—WEEKENDS—and now the only difference on weekends is that my dad doesn't work on weekends. We have something to look forward to now as well, though, which is when everything opens back up and fun starts again on June 10th, hopefully sooner though. Don't get me wrong, though, it is pretty fun sometimes with all this time on my hands. My dad and I are putting all new windows in my house or baking or playing sports with my older brother or experimenting with my hair. (Sure I looked like a girl but it was fun.)



And there are other times that I just sit on the couch wishing I was in school actually doing SOMETHING. And it's kind of unfair that some of us try really hard to social distance ourselves and the people across the street have birthday parties with 15 people. Everyone needs to do their part or this social distancing thing is going to last even longer. I mean we already have to wait like two and a half months till everything goes back to normal. For some reason though, some of my friends are having a much harder time social distancing. They try to bribe their parents to let them see their friends, and they say they're bored out of their minds and sitting around and watching TV all day is not as fun as you think. I guess I'm better at finding stuff to do in my free time. My family used to let us see 1 friend and that was my brother's girlfriend so yah it was a drag. But now we can't see anybody. Again all we can do is text, facetime, call, or yell at each other from opposite sidewalks. Because it's super fun to do that like; "HEY JONNY! DID YA SEE THE BASEBALL GAME LAST NIGHT!!" Oh yeah, I forgot there's no baseball either because yah they canceled that TOO. They closed ANSL the little league baseball that I play in. My first year of majors too. I mean we are spread out in the field so whyyyyyy? Yah super boring and—don't forget—butt numbing. Well that's my corona story. I hope you like it!

THOUGHTS ON REMEMBERING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

by Steve Beste

For young kids, this is what you and I would call a Kennedy assassination moment - or what our parents would call a Pearl Harbor moment, and the millennials a 9/11 time. A time when things changed.

Here's a good idea that's making the rounds for teachers and parents: have the kids keep a journal of their life these days. What do they do? What's it feel like? How are their parents and friends doing? In decades to come, they will be glad they did. "Where were you, Mom or Dad, when the pandemic came?"

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 991 - REFLECTIONS FROM AN EAGLE SCOUT

- Sam Kluck, Eagle Scout

My journey to reach Eagle Scout recently came to an end. During this journey, I was fortunate enough to learn a lot of lessons that I believe can be applied to the rest of my life. It also doesn't hurt that Eagle Scout looks great on a resume or college application. Every year I would go with my troop to a summer camp in Maryland named Henson Scout Reservation. They offer four slots for Merit Badge classes for each scout in attendance. There are tons of options from artsy thought-provoking classes such as Cinematography to hard, dirty and satisfying merit badges like Metal Working and Welding. However, I would always take this opportunity to fill at least three of my four slots with Eagle Required Merit Badges such as Citizenship in the Nation, or Personal Management. You can, of course, make it to Eagle Scout without these classes but these do make it easier. So make sure to take every opportunity to advance. Make sure to have fun with your choices too. I'd recommend one of the shooting sports like archery, shotgun shooting, or rifle shooting personally if you don't want to do exclusively Eagle Required merit badges.

The most important lesson I learned from this journey is that you can't make it in this world without teammates. I want to in particular thank Mr. Haggerty and Mr. Bill. My first two scoutmasters. Both taught me a great deal about what it means to be a man in this world, leadership, camping, you name it. All of the people on the troop committee as well. They have a thankless job and don't get enough recognition for all they do. To all my friends whom I have made and who have supported me on my journey, thank you. Thank the people in your life, and don't be afraid to ask for help.

Troop 991 is a Scout-led Troop in your neighborhood sponsored by the Ravensworth Elementary PTA. Learn more about us at: <http://www.troop991.com/>. Contact Scoutmaster Bill Thewes at 253-985-0687 or William.Thewes@gmail.com.



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A big shout-out and thank you to all the neighbors who are helping neighbors during this weird time of social distancing. Thank you to the Van Brunt family (of Heming Ave and Ravensworth Elementary) who made and placed encouraging signs along the Accotink trail. Thank you to the neighbors who have picked up groceries for other neighbors and kept each other apprised of what's in stock where. Thank you to those who've contributed fabric for mask making, to those who've made masks, and to those who've shared recipe ingredients. Thank you to everyone for all the help you've provided. Thank you to everyone for keeping your distance even though it hurts to do so.

ODD-JOBS, YARD WORK, AND MORE

If you're looking for a bit of help around the yard, remember to check the Youth Services listing in the Ravensworth Farm Directory. It contains a list of your younger neighbors who would like to help out and earn some money, too. Kids 12 and up, if you would like to be included in the Youth Services section of the directory that will come out this fall, email directory@ravensworthfarm.org with your phone number and in which categories you would like to be listed.

CHECK ON YOUR OLDER OR ILL NEIGHBORS

Even if you're sure their children or other neighbors are checking, check anyway, please. If you're venturing out, call and offer to pick something up. Leave encouraging notes on doors.

EVENTS

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

^^^^^Note: The scheduled events below may change, depending on public health events.^^^^^

June 22 – 26 – **Immanuel Bible Church VBS** Morning program through 3rd grade: Thirsty: Get to Know the Living Water and evening program for 4th -6th grade is Wipeout: So Long Self; Registration opens May 1 at <https://immanuelbible.church/children/vbs>.

+July 20, 6pm – **Ravensworth Pool hosts Individual Medley (IM) Carnival** with six visiting pools. We apologize in advance for tight parking and ask for your patience for this evening. Walk on down and cheer on our Ravens!

July 27-31, 9:30am-12:15pm **Cornerstone E Free Church VBS**: Biblympics! Register at CornerstoneEFree.org/vbs

July 27-31, 6-8:30pm – **Parkwood Baptist Church VBS**, Concrete and Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus, registration at Parkwood.org/vbs

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

Sep 8 & 11, 9:30am – Registration for **English as a Second Language Morning Classes** at Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Rd, Door 1. \$50 for new students, includes book

Sep 8 & 10, 7:30pm – Registration for **English as a Second Language Evening Classes** at Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Rd, Door 3. \$50 for new students, includes book

Check out Lake Braddock Middle School theater production schedules at www.LBMSmusicaltheatre.com and Lake Braddock High School at <http://www.lbtheatre.com/>.



BEVERLY SCHUBERT - "BLAME" IT ON THE CAVES

by Robert Blizzard and Linda Schubert

"It's been wonderful the whole time living here," shared Ravensworth Farm original owner Beverly Schubert during a February interview at which her daughter and one of her three sons were present.

"I am so glad we moved here, and I am glad I am still here," she said about our neighborhood. She and her husband were the original owners of a three-bedroom house with a basement on Gosport Lane near Sedgwick Lane.

Beverly's path to Ravensworth Farm began in the late 1950s in Westchester County, NY — in the suburbs north of the Big Apple.

Born in Tarrytown, and later moving to Hawthorne, Beverly was working for Readers Digest as an administrative assistant in 1956 when a friend introduced her to a man 11 years her senior.

The potential suitor was Wolfgang "Wolf" Schubert, who had moved to the area after serving in the Army during and after World War II, and then working as a cinematographer on a film called *Island of Allah* in Saudi Arabia.

As the son of German immigrant parents, Wolf spoke German fluently, a skill he used as an interpreter for the military police during his time in the Army.

Wolf proposed to Beverly after three months of dating, and they were married a year later, in 1958. They remained in Westchester, where they had the first two of their four children: Chris and Ken.

In 1960, Wolf took a job with the Department of Agriculture in Washington. Because Beverly was pregnant and didn't want to switch doctors, she remained in New York until after Ken was born, living with her mother, brother and sister while Wolf rented a room in Dupont Circle.

Eventually, the couple rented an apartment in the Arlington community of Claremont, where they became friends with another couple — Doddie and Pat Cave.

Both couples quickly outgrew the apartment complex's two children limit and began house hunting. Third son Glenn, named after astronaut John Glenn, caused his family to be officially, though unwillingly, in violation of the apartment rules.

In 1963, the Schuberts visited Ravensworth Farm to look at houses and liked it, but they were waiting for Wolf's government raise before they could qualify for a loan. The Caves also came to look and bought a house. By the time Wolf's raise came through, the available Ravensworth houses had been sold and the family was placed on a waiting list. However, and like magic, one of the families that had planned to buy in the subdivision was transferred by the military to Japan.



Photo: RF basement May 4, 1963



Photo: RF exterior basement May 11, 1963

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Photo: RF exterior1 June 8, 1963



Photo: RF exterior2 June 8, 1963

Their departure gave the Schuberts another chance to move into the Farm, although they were not able to choose their lot. Instead, they had to take the one that had become available, which turned out to be right next to the Caves, their next-door neighbors from Arlington. Absolutely uncanny.

The Schuberts moved into Ravensworth in August 1963. They were the first family on Gosport Lane, still unpaved at the time. Soon, the street was abuzz with young couples with children.

Wolf's life-long interest in photography led him to carve out space in the basement for a darkroom. He also had an interest in astronomy, building his own telescope from scratch.

Beverly served as a room mother at Ravensworth Elementary and as a den mother for her sons' Cub Scouts troops and troop leader for her daughter's Girl Scout troops.

Along with friend and neighbor Doddie, Beverly has been active in Ravensworth's garden club for decades. When the kids were younger, the two also volunteered for the swim team, keeping track of league records and helping at swim meets. For years, Beverly ran one of the most popular booths at the school's Halloween Carnival — the zoo, in which participants tried to win stuffed animals by drawing numbers from plastic pumpkins. New neighbors were always welcomed with one of Beverly's homemade cakes.

In one of her crowning achievements, Beverly was voted Farmer of the Year by the civic association in 1976. She is especially proud of this designation.

When her children were older and starting college, Beverly took a part-time job in a doctor's office—a position she obtained as a result of her friendship with yet another Ravensworth Farm original owner who still lives in our subdivision: Inverchapel Road resident and nurse Sheila Bouchard, who had four of her own children. Doddie worked in the same office, as well as Rita Bouchard, a nurse and original owner who passed away in 2015.

When the Schubert children were young, they and others from the neighborhood were treated by Dr. Steven Yates, a pediatrician who made housecalls in his four-wheel-drive Jeep. Beverly recalled in the 1960s and '70s having milk and eggs delivered directly to Ravensworth homes. Glass milk jugs would be placed in metal containers and then returned when empty.

Oldest son Chris started first grade at Ravensworth Elementary in the mid-1960s and all four Schubert children — including daughter Linda, who was born in 1966 and is the only one of the four born while the family lived in Ravensworth — went to Ravensworth Elementary, Poe Intermediate and Annandale High. Beverly recalled Mrs. Corsepius, who typically taught first grade, was a favorite of her kids.

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RAVENSWORTH FARM ON FACEBOOK

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The kids spent many summer days at the pool, although it took several years on the waiting list before the family was able to get a membership at the popular club. They swam at GARC in Annandale instead.

The boys stayed busy in scouting and sports, including baseball and tennis. "I always loved sports and I loved going to all of the boys' games," said Beverly with a smile.

In the winter, the boys would ice skate and play hockey when Lake Accotink was frozen. Park rangers would chase the boys off the ice, but they would get right back on once the rangers were out of sight. In warmer weather, Lake Accotink was where the boys would go fishing and Chris would sail his fiberglass boat.

In the 1960s and 1970s, the kids on Gosport Lane played dodge ball and kick-the-can in the street until they heard the familiar sound of their parents calling them for dinner. The boys would shoot off homemade model rockets in a field that is now the site of the St. James sports complex.

Ravensworth homes were built without central air. In the early days, people either muddled through with fans or window units. For the Schubert family, an investment in an air-conditioning system came earlier than it did for most neighbors, due to the boys' allergies (which also prevented them from having a dog for many years). At first, all three boys slept in one bedroom with a window unit and Sheila Bouchard would administer their allergy shots at home so they could avoid going in to the doctor's office.

Other memories that the three Schuberts recalled were sitting out on the stoop in the summer and enjoying the company of family and neighbors. They remember going to downtown Washington to see the Woodies and Hecht's department store windows dressed for the holiday shopping season and eating out as a family at the Buckaroo in Ravensworth Shopping Center and the Rustler in central Annandale.

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The family used to assemble the monthly Ravensworth Farmer newsletter, with Beverly typing it, Wolf running the mimeograph machine, and neighbors joining them to put the pages together.

For many years, the Schuberts' other next-door neighbors were the Buschers, an older couple who were surrogate grandparents to the kids (and whose own son and family lived on Hatteras). Beverly remembers her boys picking the neighbor's pansies out of her garden and giving them to her as a bouquet, which she rewarded them for with cookies and candy.

In 1977, Wolf's stepmother Schmidt, a petite German woman, came to live with the family after her husband died. Remembered today as a "crocheting machine," she made all kinds of wearable items for the family and neighbors. Later, Beverly's brother moved down from New York after retirement and lived with the couple while he looked for a place to live. He eventually bought a house on Moultrie Road, where he lived for more than a decade.

Sadly, Wolf passed away in 2014 at the age of 92. Beverly remains in her brick home with two of her four kids nearby.

Happily, son Ken and his family live in Ravensworth on Hatteras Lane and son Chris has a house in the adjacent North Springfield subdivision. Ken has taken his sons fishing at Lake Accotink, just as he used to fish there.

Over the years, there have been lots of weddings and graduations, in addition to the arrival of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The Schubert family tradition is for all the members who can make it to get together at Beverly's house on the Saturday after Christmas.

"I knew I was blessed to have such a big family and see all these generations," Beverly said. "My father died at age 54 and only got to see one of his grandchildren."

And blessed are they to have Beverly as their matriarch.



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THE CAVES: FIFTY SIX YEARS ON GOSPORT LANE

by Robert Blizzard

Pat and Doddie Cave moved into Ravensworth in September 1963. Prior to the move, they had lived in Clairmont Apartments in Arlington. They learned of Ravensworth when a coworker and a neighbor from the apartments moved there.

When the Caves moved in, the community had developed from Braddock Road to Sedgwick Lane. There were no homes on the south side of Queensberry beyond Hatteras Lane. They purchased a three bedroom rambler for their growing family, right next door to a coworker! Most of the community were young couples with small children. Everyone was very friendly and helpful.

Pat was working for the Navy Facilities Engineering Command (Nav Fac) and Doddie part time at a doctor's office. Pat's commute to Old Town Alexandria was 40 minutes and Doddie's to Beauregard Medical Center around 20 minutes. Braddock Road was only two lanes then.

They bought groceries at the Giant Food in Springfield and clothes in Shirlington. Over the years, the community pool, shopping center and Wakefield Park were opened.

Their three children attended Ravensworth Elementary, Poe Middle School, and Annandale High School. Sharon, Rick, and Maribeth were all on swim teams: Sharon at the community Ravensworth pool and Rick and Maribeth were on swim teams at Ravensworth, Annandale High School and with Solotar. Their other activities were varied. Sharon was involved in Girl Scouts, high school drill team and played the piano. Rick played Little League Baseball and Basketball and was on the football and basketball teams at Annandale. Maribeth participated in scouts, played basketball, was a high school cheerleader and on the tennis team.

The children's activities and Pat's and Doddie's involvement in the community kept them very busy. They have enjoyed the Friday night concerts at the lake, the swim meets, and the adult swim parties. Pat participated with the Civic Association. Doddie was a Ravensworth swim team representative for eight years, scout leader for boys and girls, Garden Club President and Vice President and an election official for local and national elections for 50 years so far.

Many changes in the community have occurred as Braddock Road was expanded; a Beltway was built, stores opened nearby, and traffic and development increased. Pat and Doddie miss the Civic Association dances and the freedom and safety their children enjoyed. They especially cherish the lasting friendships they have made over the 56 years as residents of Ravensworth Farm.

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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,
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- many other activities and community-care needs.

If you aren't a member, join now ONLINE at <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org> or contact Elissa Myers to become a member (703-321-7590 or elissa@elissamyers.com). It would be great to welcome every one of our 858 households into the Civic Association!

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Editor for the Farmer

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- Collects information from community groups, clubs, committees, and neighbors by email
- Searches out relevant or interesting information to include in The Farmer
- Proofreads and edits community information
- Attends a monthly board meeting and three annual Civic Association meetings
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- Develops the annual schedule for formatting, printing and delivery of the Farmer
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