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### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

Hello Farmers!

I'm so happy to be serving as the President for the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. This week has certainly been a tumultuous one! As I write this, our country continues to count the votes for the President of the United States. Thank you to the volunteers who staffed Election Day at Ravensworth Elementary School this Tuesday and thank you to YOU for voting! Ravensworth had the highest number of voters this year than ever before.

Huge shout out to Steve Beste! His fast thinking and planning allowed the Civic Association to continue to participate in Election Day, collecting dues and providing RFCA directories – thank you Steve!

We've got the Community of Christ Church Food Drive for just a few more days this month, and the Holiday Lights Judging Contest coming up; see details on page 4.

Three members of our board have been serving for years. They would love to help another volunteer take over; please contact me at [prez@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:prez@ravensworthfarm.org) ; here are the positions in a nutshell:

- Recording Secretary sets up and takes notes during

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**Pay Dues**

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and pay your 2020-2021  
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<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 2020-21

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
December			
January	6	30	
February	3	27	
March	3	20	Mar 25 – General Membership Meeting
April	7	24	
May	5	22	May 27 – General Membership Meeting
Summer			Last weekend of August 2021- BBQ

**All meetings are open to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are 7:30pm online. Contact Diwakar Sharma, Corresponding Secretary, at [CorSec@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:CorSec@ravensworthfarm.org) for a link to join.**

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board/general membership meetings.

- First Vice President conducts the judging of holiday decorations.
- Editor of Farmer makes sure you can read this publication :) by gathering content submissions, writing some articles, and emailing everything to the formatter

Our next General Membership Meeting is March 25, 2021. I have a feeling it will be a Zoom call as the October meeting was; I hope that the upside to this means that more of you will be able to join from the comfort of your own home. Until I see your faces then, I wish you a thoughtful Veteran's Day, a nurturing Thanksgiving, a happy Hanukkah, a cozy Christmas, a joyous Kwanzaa, a prosperous New Year, a reflective Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a loving Valentine's Day, a somber Presidents' Day, and a lucky St. Patrick's Day.

Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Stay safe & healthy,

Marcie  
Ravensworth Farm Civic Association

### **FREE GRAB & GO MEALS AVAILABLE**

Fairfax County Public Schools has been offering no-cost meals to all children under age 18 in the County since March. FCPS will continue offering no-cost nutritious meals to ALL students through June 30, 2021. Meals are available at school sites and along bus routes Monday – Friday (except holidays). The updated pickup schedule at Ravensworth Elementary is 12:26-12:36PM. Pickup at Kings Glen ES is 12:10-12:20pm and at North Springfield it is 12:10-12:20pm or at the corner of Jervis and Ferndale 12:25-12:35pm. Child meals are free. Adult meals are available for \$2. No pre-order required.

Breakfast and lunch meals are offered Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Breakfast and lunch are served at the same time. Breakfast and lunch are also offered at no cost to any student who attends in-person instruction at a school Monday-Friday. Meals for Saturday and Sunday are offered at sites and on bus routes every Friday.

More information is available online, or by calling the Office of Food and Nutrition Services at 703-813-4800.

### **RAVENSWORTH HOLIDAY LIGHTS JUDGING - DEC 12**

Ravensworth's Holiday Lights Judging festivities will be outdoors this year. Saturday, December 12 from 5-8pm (Sunday, 13th for rain date). The Civic Association will host the event at Community of Christ church's back parking lot and outdoor firepit. Households will receive their judging assignments, examine each decorated house on their assigned streets, and bring the results back to the church. While votes are being tallied, households may enjoy their own hot (non-alcoholic) drinks and their s'mores in the parking lot and at the firepit/amphitheater. Cookies will be provided.

Bring your own chairs, s'mores fixins and sticks, and non-alcoholic hot beverages. And don't forget your face-mask.



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## **BLOWING THE CORONAVIRUS AWAY**

As cold weather approaches, consider these ways to minimize indoor coronavirus exposure  
by Charles Horton, M.D; posted September 29, 2020

Mugs of hot cocoa, falling leaves, and—for those in northern climates—an approaching end to warm evenings outside with friends, 6 feet apart but still together.

It's autumn, and the coronavirus has even changed how we think about the changing seasons. We know the virus travels through the air, and as Harvard School of Public Health professor Roger Shapiro told *The Hill* in May, "It definitely spreads more indoors than outdoors. ... The virus droplets disperse so rapidly in the wind that they become a nonfactor if you're not really very close to someone outdoors."

So staying outside makes sense while the weather permits. But what about when it doesn't? Indoors, things get more complicated with that 6-foot rule: Research suggests the virus spreads most efficiently in poorly ventilated spaces. At the website *The Conversation*, several engineering professors described this by pointing to how the smoke from one cigarette travels to every corner of an indoor room—and sticks around once there. Masks help prevent many virus particles from getting into the air, but how can we further reduce the risk of indoor transmission?

The simplest solution is the way we've all cleared the air after burning dinner: Just open a window, or better yet, several windows. A box fan in a window would speed up air exchange further. To consider airflow more precisely in settings like schools and churches, a carbon dioxide meter lets us quantify how we're doing: People breathe out carbon dioxide, and it builds up when air stagnates. Conversely, when ventilation improves, carbon dioxide levels go back toward the near-zero level in outdoor air. (Note that carbon dioxide is the stuff we exhale, while carbon monoxide is the odorless, poisonous stuff in car exhaust.)

When falling temperatures make open windows impractical, air purifiers can still help remove the virus from the air. Their effectiveness does vary, and the simple, charcoal-based filters that take odors out of a room won't remove meaningful amounts of virus from the air. HEPA filters, those old friends of hay fever sufferers, will. They won't remove every last bit of virus, but they can reduce its load substantially. Other filter technologies exist but aren't normally used in residential homes. For commercial settings, a powerful UV-C light system—installed inside an air duct or otherwise aimed away from eyes—can also help disinfect air.

Where a budget allows it, the best solution combines warmth with fresh air: A "heat recovery ventilator" exchanges stale air for fresh air from outside, and it also recycles the heat, using the stale air to warm the colder air coming in. Heat recovery ventilators aren't cheap, but they work. My own church installed one several years ago and testing with a carbon dioxide meter revealed that the system refreshed the air inside the church much better than opening the doors would have. They're also more economical than leaving windows open in the winter. Apart from the amount of virus in the air, one other factor affects potential viral exposure indoors: the amount of time you spend breathing that air. When all else fails, Mom's time-honored advice for visiting friends still applies—don't stick around until they wish you'd leave.

Source: [https://world.wng.org/2020/09/blowing\\_the\\_coronavirus\\_away](https://world.wng.org/2020/09/blowing_the_coronavirus_away)

*Editor's Note: We all know by now that there are no guarantees with this novel coronavirus. Please use caution and common sense when in a group comprised of more than your household and please respect those whose comfort level with interaction may be less than your own.*



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**Prologue**

by Amanda

Kyra hated it. The ever-present clicking of keys, taps of holomice, that constant zing signaling a notification in her wrist. Rie, the sector manager, had denied Kyra's most recent request for a hearing decrease. Minimum wage was tiresome, and Rie had also denied Kyra's raise inquiry. The one bitter consolation was a hearing upgrade, making Kyra wary. A hearing upgrade would be cause for celebration to others. They didn't work in the Tech department.

"Kyra! We have someone on the line asking specifically for you." Bran spoke as if it was a crime, when in reality, he was just bitter Kyra had been giving the upgrade. Gifts from managers were few and far between, often symbolizing future promotions. Bran was clearly an idiot.

Kyra gently stepped towards Bran, having perfected the art of silently moving along. Snatching the holocall from the obnoxious employee, she put on her worker voice. The one who obeyed every command from every stranger, solving problems that had nothing to do with her.

"This is Kyra Landon, at your service. What is the specific nature of your question?" The one high-tech bots hadn't been able to answer?

"Listen, these people won't admit Blue is withholding the newest update." Kyra rolled her eyes, changing the irises violet.

"Do you want a bug filled piece of tech? No. You don't. Next time you have a question, Cyra, don't ask for me." Ending the connection, Kyra was shaking with rage. Not just because Cyra was prank calling the biggest tech company in the world. But because the very piece of tech Kyra had created, she wasn't allowed to claim, the patent stolen from her instead.

What Kyra's twin had complained about held an inkling of truth. But the dangerous weaponry wasn't something the public was ever going to see. Not that she wanted them to.

Kyra slapped the glowing grid into Bran's awaiting hand. "Prank caller." Met with a raised eyebrow, she swiveled on her heel, walking not to her desk, but to a door displaying several locks, a genetic scan, and single card swipe. Swiftly completing the tasks, Kyra discreetly stepped through the small entrance she allowed herself. She didn't want anyone without clearance getting in, or her tech getting smuggled out.

The seemingly endless hallway contained many locked doors, to deter anyone stupid enough to try stealing from Bluegrid. Entering a door far down, Kyra navigated through the maze of rooms, before coming to her lab. It was honestly satisfying to know she was the only employee with access before remembering she was still at minimum wage.

"This is getting old, Lili. Let me in!" A peal of laughter rang from Kyra's wireless. "Sooner rather than later!"

"Okay, okay! No need to get all grumpy about it."

"Grumpy is legally my middle name." The sad part was the seriousness in Kyra's tone. Lili burst out giggling, bending over as to not fall apart. Kyra and Lili were the same age. Lili just hadn't been exposed to the harshness of the world, being the daughter of Bluegrid's owner. She had lived a sheltered life, with anything she wanted at her fingertips. Except friends. It was hard to tell if kids actually liked Lili, or just wanted the newest upgrades, or advanced holoediting.

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Lili and Kyra had met during Kyra's holotour of the building, with Lili as the tour guide. Fast friends wouldn't be the right term, but Lili had slowly broken down the wall around Kyra's heart. Which went immediately back up whenever Lili wasn't around. That was the way of the world.

Walking past the hysterical girl, Kyra snapped on digi-gloves, coding on an invisible keyboard. The work would be nearly impossible for a scholar twice her age, but Kyra hadn't known until recently.

A new piece came out of the 4-D printer, the overtime inner fan to keep the machine from overheating. Gently taking the thinly angled gear, Lili slid it into the spot reserved for the fan, which to the untrained eye, looked like an inset pendant.

The robotic dummy looked, acted, felt, smelled, and sounded like a real baby. Kyra wouldn't know about taste, she wasn't a cannibal. The only difference were the internal organs, genetically hotwired to be long-term substitutes. The other difference was the weapons. The forcefield would turn on depending on certain heart rates or cell damage, an instant quarantine when needed. The tech wouldn't actually kill anybody, unless the child was targeting the forcefield as a ray at somebody. An unlikely occurrence.

"Blue has to give me a raise after this." Lili was crying, messy sobs full of snot and clogged hiccups.

"You saved my sister. We owe you everything."

### **SHEPHERD CENTER CONTINUING TO HELP (IN PERSON & REMOTE)**

The Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke and South County (SCFB) has provided uninterrupted free transportation to medical appointments and to grocery stores throughout this pandemic to older adults living independently in their own homes in their service area who are unable to drive themselves.

SCFB serves senior citizens, 50+ years old, in central Fairfax, all of Burke, and South Fairfax County along the Route One Corridor, who are choosing to age in place by providing free services and programs. There is no income requirement for their services. If you are over 50 years old, unable or temporarily unable to drive yourself, live in your own home within their service area, and are able to get from your front door to a car in your driveway without the use of a wheelchair, you are eligible for their free transportation service.

Each month, they typically have contact with over 150 persons through transportation, friendly phone calls, or exercise programs. New volunteers are always welcome. Remote opportunities are available! Work from the comfort of your own home by providing office support, making friendly phone calls, managing their website, maintaining their social media presence, or become a driver for the medical and companion shopping programs. Contact Jean Browne, Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator at (703) 715-7592, [recruiter@scfbva.org](mailto:recruiter@scfbva.org).

### **ODD-JOBS, YARD WORK, AND MORE**

If you're looking for a bit of help around the yard or house or someone to walk your dog, 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 next year's directory, email [directory@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:directory@ravensworthfarm.org) with a parent's phone number and in which categories you would like to be listed.



**IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH CHRISTMAS "CONCERT" REIMAGINED**

(but not virtually)! and with four-legged friends

Immanuel Bible Church, at the corner of Braddock Rd and Backlick Rd, is well-known at Easter and Christmas for live dramas and concerts that draw in thousands to each performance. Since the usual Christmas concert isn't possible, the Music & Worship team at the church put their heads together and came up with a drive-through Christmas concert and living nativity. The Drive-Thru Nativity, featuring actors and live animals, will be a celebration of Christ's birth. This fun, family-friendly event is absolutely free.



**IMMANUEL  
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Vehicles should enter the Immanuel Bible Church parking lot at the Braddock Road Entrance only, and guests will remain inside their vehicles during the 12-minute-long drive. While being mindful of social distancing, the church encourages you to come with a full vehicle to allow more people to experience the nativity. The first 600 guests will receive a free CD of this year's recording of Christmas 2020: Worship With the Family. More information is available at [www.ibt.church/Christmas](http://www.ibt.church/Christmas)

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**RECIPE SWAP**

Since we all seem to be cooking and baking more than before, this seems like a good time for a neighborhood recipe swap. Marcie Winnit volunteered to start us out.

Marcie says of her Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cake, “This recipe has been in my family since I was 4 years old. I came home from preschool with a slice of this cake and the recipe pinned to the plate, and we’ve been making it ever since. This always makes the menu for Thanksgiving, sometimes for Christmas. As an adult I make this with a cup of chopped walnuts, but traditionally my family has made this a nut-free cake. It’s delicious either way.”

# Recipe

*Recipe:* Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cake

**Ingredients:**

2 cups flour  
2 cups sugar  
4 eggs  
½ teaspoon  
cinnamon  
½ teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons  
baking powder  
2 teaspoons  
baking soda  
1 cup chocolate  
chips  
1 cup chopped  
nuts (optional)  
1 cup vegetable  
oil  
2 cups pumpkin

**Directions:**

Mix together in a large bowl, pour into greased and floured bunt pan.

Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 15 minutes.

When ready to serve, dust with powdered sugar.

Feel free to share your own favorite by sending your submission to [rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org). If you’re desperately searching for the recipe of some treat you ate at a neighborhood potluck, this is your chance to plead that someone share the recipe.

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**NEW NEIGHBORS**

New folks move in all the time. If you have new neighbors, tell Cindy Cho. If you are a new neighbor- welcome! Please let Cindy know you have arrived so that one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Cindy Cho ([choc64@gmail.com](mailto:choc64@gmail.com))

**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](http://RavensworthFarm.org).



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<b>DONATIONS ACCEPTED</b>	Good condition used clothes, baby gear (not cribs), and small, useful kitchen items for Immanuel's Hope and good condition clothes, winter outerwear, new socks, and small toiletries for Central Union Mission in DC. Drop off at Immanuel Bible Church lobby (Braddock Rd entrance #1) or the Ortiz home in Ravensworth Farm. Ortiz Family – 703-321-8757
<b>WANTED</b>	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.

## **VIRGINIA RAILROAD EXPRESS (VRE) WELCOMES BACK BRADDOCK RIDERS**

As more Braddock District residents return to work and congestion increases on the region's roads, many are re-thinking their commutes. One option is the Virginia Railway Express (VRE), which has taken a variety of precautions to protect the health and safety of its passengers. These measures include an enhanced cleaning regimen, installation of social-distancing decals and hand sanitizer dispensers on rail cars and platforms, and a facial covering requirement.

To ensure social distancing, decals guide riders to window seats in every other row. Only 45 of 130 seats in any rail car are available to passengers. Currently, no more than 50 percent of those available seats are in use. VRE's train utilization web page helps riders find the train that best matches their social-distance comfort level. The rail system closely monitors ridership and has been adding and lengthening trains to allow for proper social distancing.

VRE cleans its trains twice a day. Overnight cleanings use acidic electrolyzed water, a potent yet nonirritating disinfectant. The acid produced by electrolyzing the water can be 100 times more powerful than the active ingredient in bleach. Produced on demand, this environmentally friendly product uses only salt, tap water, and electricity.

VRE has five stations in Fairfax County – Backlick Road, Burke Centre, and Rolling Road on its Manassas Line and Franconia-Springfield and Lorton on its Fredericksburg Line. VRE is operating on a reduced schedule, with nine trains running northbound weekday mornings and southbound in the evenings. VRE's mobile app allows for the contactless purchase and validation of tickets. As residents head back to work, VRE is welcoming riders back in the safest and healthiest way possible. Learn more at VRE's Website - [www.vre.org](http://www.vre.org).

## **SMALL BUSINESSES & NONPROFITS CAN APPLY FOR REBUILD VA GRANT**

On October 28, Governor Northam announced that Rebuild VA, a state grant program created to help small businesses and nonprofits affected by COVID-19, will widen eligibility standards and increase the amount of grant money businesses can receive. "Rebuild VA launched in August with \$70 million from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. Governor Northam is directing an additional \$30 million to support the expansion of the program. Businesses with less than \$10 million in gross revenue or fewer than 250 employees will be eligible under the new criteria, and the maximum grant award will increase from \$10,000 to \$100,000." – Office of the Governor

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**HOW WE VOTED—(IN-PERSON AT RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY)**

Important note: This year, we cannot tell how our neighbors in Ravensworth Farm voted. That's because the figures for our precinct show only votes cast in person on election day. This year, about half of us voted absentee. Between early/absentee voting and election day voting, approximately 80% of the Ravensworth precinct's 1,909 registered voters voted.

- According to the Fairfax County Office of Elections, over 600,000 people voted in this election. This includes more than: 185,000 people who voted in-person on election day,
- 190,000 people who voted in-person at an early voting location,
- 140,000 absentee ballots returned by mail, and
- 85,000 absentee ballots returned in a drop-off box.

For comparison, the last time we had a presidential election in Fairfax County was in November 2016, when 563,729 people voted.

	Ravensworth *		Fairfax County *		Virginia *	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
<b>President</b>						
Biden (D)	354	46.8%	404,888	69.9% ✓	2,336,8	53.8% ✓
Trump (R)	381	50.4% ✓	162,295	28.0%	1,927,9	44.4%
Jorgensen (Lib)	12	1.6%	7,535	1.3%	63,467	1.5%
<i>Write-in</i>	<u>9</u>	1.2%	<u>4,208</u>	0.7%	<u>17,923</u>	0.4%
<i>Total</i>	756		578,926		4,346,1	
<b>Senate</b>						
Warner (D)	348	46.0% ✓	400,973	69.3% ✓	2,382,9	54.8% ✓
Gade (R)	396	52.4%	171,717	29.7%	1,900,7	43.7%
<i>Write-in</i>	<u>2</u>	0.3%	<u>667</u>	0.1%	<u>3,972</u>	0.1%
<i>Total</i>	746		573,357		4,287,6	
<b>House (11th District)</b>						
Connolly (D)	348	47.0%	198,889	70.6% ✓	271,384	71.5% ✓
Anantamula (R)	384	51.9% ✓	82,037	29.1%	107,337	28.3%
<i>Write-in</i>	<u>8</u>	1.1%	<u>857</u>	0.3%	<u>1,086</u>	0.3%
<i>Total</i>	740		281,783		379,807	
<b>Constitutional Amendment 1 - Prohibit Gerrymandering</b>						
Yes	405	55.6% ✓	300,640	53.7% ✓	2,556,3	65.8% ✓
No	<u>323</u>	44.4%	<u>259,301</u>	46.3%	<u>1,329,2</u>	34.2%
<i>Total</i>	728		559,941		3,885,6	

**HOW WE VOTED—(IN-PERSON AT RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY) - CON'T****Constitutional Amendment 2 - No car tax for disabled veterans**

Yes	617	84.5% ✓	471,931	83.6% ✓	3,417,642	86.2% ✓
No	<u>113</u>	15.5%	<u>92,480</u>	16.4%	<u>548,185</u>	13.8%
<i>Total</i>	730		564,411		3,965,827	

**Bond: Transportation**

Yes	418	57.1% ✓	381,309	67.7% ✓
No	<u>314</u>	42.9%	<u>181,841</u>	32.3%
<i>Total</i>	732		563,150	

**Bond: Parks**

Yes	483	66.0% ✓	407,980	72.4% ✓
No	249	34.0%	<u>155,197</u>	27.6%
<i>Total</i>	732		563,177	

**Bond: Libraries**

Yes	417	57.2% ✓	372,673	66.1% ✓
No	<u>312</u>	42.8%	<u>190,958</u>	33.9%
<i>Total</i>	729		563,631	

**Bond: Health & Human Services Facilities**

Yes	450	61.5% ✓	408,129	72.3% ✓
No	<u>282</u>	38.5%	<u>156,051</u>	27.7%
<i>Total</i>	732		564,180	

**Turnout**

<i>Registered</i>	1,867		761,573	
<i>Voting</i>	<u>1,508</u>		<u>590,507</u>	
<i>Turnout</i>	80.8%		77.5%	

**Voting Method**

<i>In-Person</i>	762	50.5%	186,253	31.5%
<i>Absentee</i>	<u>746</u>	49.5%	<u>404,254</u>	68.5%
<i>Turnout</i>	1,508		590,507	

**Sources**

Figures from the Virginia Department of Elections and the Fairfax County Office of Elections

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/resultsreports/election-results/>  
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/sites/elections/files/assets/result/resu1120.pdf>

Registered voters = only Active voters.

Voting in Person = In-person + Provisional



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*We love our pool ♥ the kids have so much fun! -Sheilait*



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### Questions?

Contact Jennifer Auble at

[Membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com](mailto:Membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com)

## **INAUGURATION, JUNETEENTH, ELECTION DAY ARE HOLIDAYS**

The Fairfax County School Board voted to designate Inauguration Day as a student and staff holiday. The county's Board of Supervisors also authorized Inauguration Day as a holiday for county employees on the 2021 calendar.

Fairfax County Public Schools typically designates the holiday when it comes around every four years. The next presidential inauguration will happen on Jan. 20, 2021.

The school board also designated June 18, 2021 as a staff holiday to celebrate Juneteenth, which will fall on Saturday, June 19, 2021. Juneteenth refers to June 19, 1865, when news of the Emancipation Proclamation made it to the last state, marking the end of slavery in the United States. Union soldiers, led by Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger, arrived at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

This year, Juneteenth was included as a holiday by FCPS and by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors as a holiday for county employees. After Gov. Ralph Northam announced his intention to make Juneteenth a state holiday, the Virginia General Assembly passed legislation to observe Juneteenth as an official holiday for state employees.

FCPS had designated Election Day on Nov. 3 as a student holiday. New Virginia legislation eliminated January's Lee-Jackson Day as a state holiday and replaced it with Election Day in November.

Below are other key dates to know for the rest of the academic year.

- Nov. 25-27: Thanksgiving
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1: Winter break, classes resume on Jan. 4
- Jan. 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan. 22: Inauguration Day
- Jan. 25: Student holiday/teacher workday
- Jan. 26: Possible return to in-person instruction across FCPS
- Feb. 15: George Washington's Birthday and Presidents' Day
- March 8: Student holiday/staff development day
- March 29-April 2: Spring break
- April 5: Student holiday/teacher workday
- May 31: Memorial Day
- June 11: Last day of school, early release

<https://patch.com/virginia/annandale/s/hb08g/fairfax-county-schools-make-2021-inauguration-day-a-holiday>

## **DEER CRASH ALERT FAIRFAX COUNTY**

Over half of deer crashes occur October through December. Fall is breeding season for deer so you can expect to see more animals on our roads. Please be aware that deer are unpredictable, and crashes with them are a safety concern. There are hundreds of reportable accidents involving deer in the county, and more than half of our annual crashes occur during the months of October, November, and December. Deer are most active before sunrise to mid-morning, as well as at dusk to early evening, times when many of us are headed to and from work or school.

Drive carefully and remember these safety tips:



*Con't Pg. 23*

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- Always wear your seat belt and drive the posted speed limit.
- Do not text and drive. Avoid distractions!
- Watch for eyes shining along roadsides. If you see one deer, it is likely that others are nearby.
- Use high beams (as traffic allows) to spot deer further away. Be careful not to disrupt oncoming cars.
- If a deer is stopped in the roadway, slow down and flash your headlights. Deer can become mesmerized or blinded by bright steady lights.
- Slow down (or stop if necessary) to avoid hitting a deer. You should never swerve out of the lane to miss one. A crash with another car or anything along the roadside is likely to be more serious than hitting the deer.
- Take your foot off the brake at the time of the crash. This reduces the chance of a deer crashing through a windshield or windows when hit.
- If you do crash with a deer, try to move your car off the road and out of traffic.
- If your car is immobilized in the roadway, turn on your flashers and immediately call police. Try to wait at a safe spot off the road.
- Rely on your own senses. Never depend on car horns or other devices to scare deer out of your path.
- If a deer is injured or killed, immediately report the crash to the police on their nonemergency line at (703) 691-2131.

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- 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2021
- Memorial Day 2021
- Labor Day 2021

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