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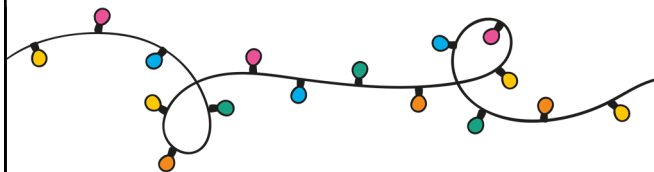
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Issue 3

HOLIDAY LIGHTS JUDGING

As we did last year, the **Holiday Lights Judging will be a virtual event.** Elissa Myers will again put together an online SurveyMonkey to collect the results. Thank you, Elissa! All neighbors may participate by voting for their favorite lights display for Best Overall, Best Religious, Best Window/Door, and Kid's Choice. The judging will take place from **Saturday, December 11 – Saturday, December 18, 2021.** Availability of the Survey Monkey will be announced on Facebook and e-blast*. The winners will be announced on Facebook and in The Farmer.

* If you would like to receive an email for up-to-date events/information through our website, sign up to receive an e-blast at RavensworthFarm.org.



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Community Activities & News**

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December 11—18, 2021**

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Association Meetings & Deadlines 2021-22

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
December	1		
January	5	29/30	
February	2	26/27	
March	2	26/27	March 24 - General Membership Meeting
April	13	May 7/8	
May	4	21/22	May 19 - General Membership Meeting

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 for a link to join.

RAVENSWORTH ES NEWS

Ravensworth Elementary is proud to continue as a Positivity Project partner school this year. The Positivity Project seeks to "empower America's youth to build positive relationships and become their best selves." Why relationships? Because they are the cornerstone of health, happiness, and resilience...and (according to experts) many jobs of the future. The Positivity Project developed a strategy that schools use to inspire positive relationships (student-to-student and student-to-teacher) and cultivate a school-wide #PositivityInAction. Students learn about 3-4 new character strengths per month. Families are encouraged to use the Character Cards to gain a better understanding of each strength, along with the definitions and language being used at school to teach their child about the strength. Families can sign up for P2 Resources for Families. Go to <https://posproject.org/p2-for-families/>. You'll find 1 quote, 1 video, and 3 questions to help you and your children discuss The Positivity Project's character strength of the week. Thanks for your continued partnership!

Erika Aspuria
Principal
Ravensworth Elementary School
#RavensWorth

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 with a parent's phone number and in which categories you would like to be listed.

IN MEMORY OF DIANA LYNN (PUTNAL) WOOD

On October 3rd, 2021 Diana Lynn (Putnal) Wood passed away peacefully at her Hatteras Lane home while surrounded by loved ones. She is now at peace in our Lord's loving embrace and resides in His Kingdom.

Diana spent the majority of her life as a Ravensworth resident. She is the youngest daughter of Richard and Irene Putnal of Ravensworth and sister to Audrey (Putnal) Scott of Springfield. As a child Diana attended Ravensworth Elementary School before graduating from Annandale High School and Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus.

Married in 1985 to her husband, Mike, she was the loving mother to her most recent fur baby, Maggie. Diana was an avid animal lover. In spite of her many illnesses, she supported and advocated for all creatures, domestic or wild. She was known to many upon the Ravensworth Facebook groups as a result.

A caring and giving soul, Diana held many lifelong friendships with current and former Ravensworth and Springfield residents. She treasured each of these relationships.

Diana's family wishes to express to the community their appreciation for the outpouring of love and support offered during her illnesses and after her passing. Many of you have shared cards, phone calls, flowers, donations, words of encouragement, and personal stories in the form of condolences and remembrances. Many community residents attended Diana's celebration of life at the First Baptist Church of Springfield. The Bean family of Hatteras Lane hosted a very special bake sale which many Ravensworth residents supported, raising funds to donate in memory of Diana to one of her favorite animal charities.

Diana truly loved Ravensworth Farm and the people who make it such a special place to live. She was an exceptional person who complimented this neighborhood. As demonstrated by your caring and kindness, she lived in the company of many other special people. Your love toward Diana will never be forgotten.

Thank you and God Bless.

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THE FARM'S FAMOUS FAWN: RAVENSWORTH'S MOST CELEBRATED ALUM

By Rob Blizzard

Fawn Hall. Among Americans of a certain generation and older, likely almost everyone knows that name. For younger folks, however, it's probably a rare American who recognizes the appellation. She was a comet who burned brightly for a short while and then vanished, seemingly by intention, into relative obscurity. And, given what she went through more than three decades ago, who can blame her?

What most residents of this neighborhood, regardless of age, may not be aware of is that Fawn Hall is the most famous alumnus of Ravensworth Farm—at least, that we are aware of at this time.

Her amazing, statuesque beauty and blonde, lioness-like head of big 1980s hair were blazed across newspapers and television screens everywhere nationwide in 1987. That was the year that Fawn Hall became, inarguably, the loveliest figure ever to grace a Washington scandal. She was the secretary to then-Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North, a member of the National Security Council (NSC) team. Both were figures delivering days of testimony on Capitol Hill that summer during the infamous Iran-contra affair about arms-for-hostages in the second term of the Reagan Administration.

About our media-soaked culture, artist and provocateur Andy Warhol once said that everyone will one day get their fifteen minutes of fame. Fawn Hall had a tad more than that. And her road to that legendary, notorious status began right here on Hatteras Lane. 7916, to be exact.

That's where the Hall family lived from some point in the 1960s until the late 1970s when her parents, after Fawn's graduation from Annandale High School in 1977, moved across Braddock Road to Annandale. Her family's Annandale home was where Fawn was living in her late twenties when the Iran-contra scandal came to dominate the news for months. Apparently, media folks sat outside and waited for photos and footage of the woman who not only provided information to Congress, but also spoke with Barbara Walters in an interview and became fodder for newspaper articles, television newscasts and much speculation. Described by the Washington Post as having "the mystique of the classic American beauty," she also, the newspaper reported, drove a red Pontiac Fiero with the license plate "FAWN" and was focused on "the Redskins, home and family."

A February 1987 Washington Post article notes that in three days she went from "devoted personal secretary to astonished media sensation" during the scandal's earliest days. The New York Post deemed her the "Iran scam Beauty." Later, she would be granted immunity by special prosecutors for shredding NSC documents and altering key NSC memos.

A June 1987 New York Times story says the congressional hearings on Iran-contra had become boring until Fawn Hall became a nationally televised witness. The hearing "sprang to life this afternoon," the newspaper reported, "as Fawn Hall testified about sneaking top-secret documents out of the White House in her boots and her back."

"I took the copies of the altered documents, folded them, and placed them inside my boots," the Times reported her as testifying. "I asked him if he could see anything in my back," she said of North. Later, the audience laughed when she related that they were shredding so much that the shredding machine was jammed.

Fawn Hall claimed that North had been "walking a fine line in an effort to do what was right," but she created a bit of a stir when she told Congress that there were "times when you have to go above the written law."

Post-scandal, Fawn Hall remained a bit of a luminary for a while. A search on Google Images reveals some photos of her in a dressy miniskirt outfit on what appears to be a night out with a tuxedoed actor Rob Lowe. There are also photos of her with actress Brooke Shields and singer George Michael. No matter the photo, there is that lovely face and that fabulous, fluffy mane of blonde hair. She has in the intervening decades pursued a modeling career, married a music business figure who passed away many years ago, and lived a quiet, out-of-the-spotlight life by working at a bookstore in West Hollywood, California.

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Con't from Pg. 5

As a kid who was about five years younger than Fawn Hall and who also grew up in Ravensworth Farm, I remember her from the pool. I have a memory, perhaps inaccurate, of watching her jump off the high-dive. And what a knockout I thought she was! With her tall, lean, bikini-clad frame and Farrah Fawcett hairdo. Sort of a dreamlike vision of a high school girl for any younger schoolboy.

Recently, on a Facebook page for people who went to Ravensworth Elementary, I asked if I was correct to remember that Fawn Hall grew up here on the Farm. I was indeed correct, and many folks shared memories of her and her siblings. Neighbors and classmates remembered her and one sent me official student photographs of her from both Ravensworth Elementary and Poe Intermediate (none of which convey the veritable goddess she would become). Another photo was from a Girl Scout trip. Someone related that there was no high school graduation photo of Fawn Hall because the Antenna, which was the high school's yearbook, somehow failed that year to print senior photos for Atoms with last names starting with the letter H; the source mentioned that this slip-up surely vexed journalists of the era. Other people told me about the paparazzi invasion at the Annandale home and a good friend's older brother related that she was a pleasant classmate in one course they had together.

The Washington Post reported that Hall's stepfather was a photographer with the Defense Department and her mother a longtime NSC secretary. The story also noted that Fawn Hall began work as a secretary in the Navy following her high school graduation.

At some point later, I let Supervisor James Walkinshaw, our current representative for the Braddock District to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, know that he lived right next door to the Fawn Hall girlhood home. He was not aware of this picayune factoid and I was grateful to have a scoop about such an important person for such an important person! It made me think, however, that there should probably be one of those silver-and-black historical markers placed there. You know, the kind you see out on the highway but never have time to stop and read.

This spring, I wrote to an address I found for Fawn Hall in the Los Angeles area to see if I could interview her for the Farmer newsletter but have never gotten a reply to my FedEx. I tried to make very clear that I was not interested in writing about the events that forever changed her life and thrust her into the harsh limelight, but, rather, her memories of Ravensworth, does she ever come back to visit, what does she think when she sees the subdivision now, how her parents came to live here, and were they original owners.

Like everyone else thirty-four summers ago, I was transfixed by Fawn Hall. You simply could not help but be drawn in.

I remain hopeful that she will one day write back and permit a Farmer interview. Of course, surely like all Ravensworth residents past and present, I wish her the very best for the future from her far-away starting place—and a wonderful one it's been for so many—right here on Ravensworth Farm. We look forward to her next visit here....

"GEM" REVIEWS

The Ravensworth Farm Community Association board wants to encourage neighbors to share great ideas with neighbors. Whether it's an eatery, theater, tool, park, repair place, preschool, or builder, if you've found a "gem"...please share. Send reviews to rcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org. Thanks for sharing!

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.

HISTORIC SEPTEMBER 11TH NATIONAL MEMORIAL TRAIL ROUTE DESIGNATED

By Roberto Bernate (Story Concept by Elissa Myers)

On October 13, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed **House Resolution 2278** – “**To designate the September 11th National Memorial Trail Route, and for other purposes.**” creating Public Law Number: 117-48.

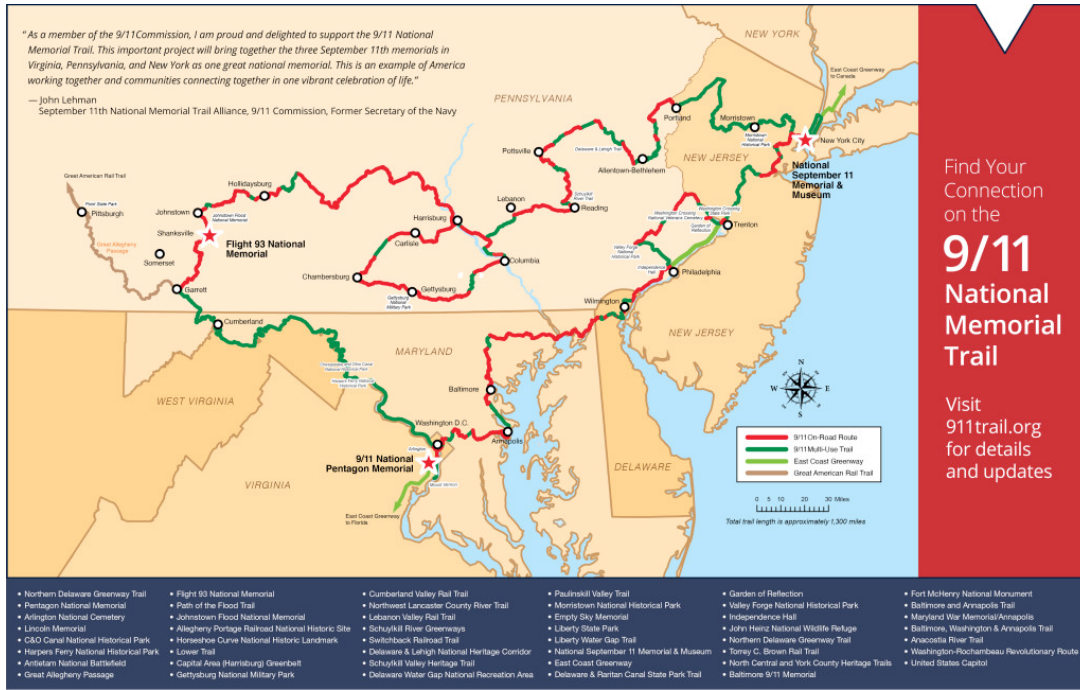


Figure 1: Community Foundation of Washington County Maryland, Inc. News: “September 11th National Memorial Trail Alliance Development Fund Created”



Figure 2: Trail signage. “Biden signs September 11th Memorial Trail into law.” *Altoona Mirror*, October 14, 2021.

The bipartisan bill was introduced on March 29, 2021, by Representative Gerald E. Connolly, [D-VA-11] and cosponsored by Representatives Brian K. Fitzpatrick, [R-PA-1] & Donald S., Jr. Beyer, [D-VA-8] and subsequently passed by the House of Representatives in an extraordinarily rare unanimous vote of 423-0 and later by the Senate with a Unanimous (General) Consent.

This law designates nearly 1,300 miles of select paths, trails, and roadways commemorating the three locations and “to link the National 9/11 Memorial and Museum in New York, New York, the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial in Arlington, Virginia, and the Flight 93 National Memorial in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.” The fourth stop – in Bucks County, Pennsylvania – is The Garden of Reflection 9-11 Memorial, which is listed as “The Official Pennsylvania Memorial to the Victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks,” whose mission statement reads it was “created to remember and honor all 2,973 killed on September 11, 2001.” The trail routes also contain 44 other sites of interest along the circuit between the three states that include cities, wildlife refuges, parks, and scenic views to include such sites as Antietam Battlefield, Harper’s Ferry, and the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. For a full listing of the connected sites, please visit the **September 11th National Memorial Trail Photo Tour** at <https://www.911trail.org/>.

BEST OF BRADDOCK AWARDS CEREMONY

I'm glad to announce that our annual Best of Braddock awards ceremony will return the evening of Wednesday, December 8. After last year's hiatus due to the pandemic, we've decided to move forward with a virtual Best of Braddock. Given the incredible demonstrations of community spirit and service we've seen during the pandemic, it's more important than ever that we come together to recognize individuals and organizations who have put in the work to make their neighborhood or broader community a great place to live. I hope you'll mark your calendar and join us!

A link and additional details will be included on my website in the upcoming days. A selection committee of Braddock residents has been formed and will select the award winners. Interested in submitting a nomination? Please submit nominations for the following categories:

- Young Person of the Year
- Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District
- Neighborhood Beautification, Enhancement or Community-Building Effort
- Braddock District Citizen of the Year

Nominations should be submitted to braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov. Reach out with additional questions using the same email address provided or call (703) 925-9300, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For Braddock District updates, sign up for Braddock's Email List by visiting <https://conta.cc/2XqJBMm>. Make sure to follow me on Facebook @SupervisorJamesWalkinshaw, on Twitter @JrWalkinshaw, and on Instagram @SupervisorJamesWalkinshaw to receive daily updates. I hope to see you on Wednesday, December 8!

- Supervisor James Walkinshaw



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RECIPE SWAP*By Rob Blizzard*

When I was a boy, the winter holidays were always spent at the homes of relatives in East Tennessee. This special dessert was prepared by the women of my mother's family as a Christmas Eve ladies' ritual in the kitchen while the men conversed by the fire in the living room. This light, refreshing dish was meant to sit in the refrigerator until Christmas dinner the next night---24 hours later. But it can be enjoyed any time of year and is especially nice after a heavy meal. Tradition dictates that one peel the grapes so the juice can mix better with the other ingredients, but that is not necessary.

Recipe

Recipe: 24 Hour Salad**Ingredients:**

1 cup red seedless grapes, halved
 1 cup white seedless grapes, halved
 1 20-oz. can of chunk pineapple, drained and cut in half
 3 tablespoons Hellmann's mayonnaise
 2 cups miniature marshmallows
 2 cups heavy cream, whipped
 1.5 cups fresh pecans, chopped
 Juice of half a lemon

Directions:

Yields 10-12 servings and is meant to be made the day before it is to be eaten.

Rinse grapes and allow to dry off. Cut grapes in half. Place halved grapes in large bowl. Add pineapple. Squeeze lemon juice over fruit. Add mayonnaise and mix well. Stir in marshmallows. Whip cream until soft peaks form, and fold into fruit and marshmallow mixture. Add pecans and mix all well. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 24 hours.

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 Shobha McConnell at ravensworth.farmer@gmail.com.

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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)

YOUR INFORMATION NEEDED

Please send along the address (and name, if you know it) for new neighbors, new babies, or deaths. New neighbors' names (adult or infant) will only be reported in The Ravensworth Farmer with their permission. If you are a new neighbor and haven't received a visit from Cindy Cho of the New Neighbor Committee, please let her know you are here at choc64@gmail.com.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in The *Farmer* at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or to PO Box 1733, Springfield, VA 22151. The classified ad section is a service to Ravensworth residents and is not intended for business or commercial use. Ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. will be run in this section once. If you wish to repeat your ad, you will need to purchase advertising in The *Farmer*.

<p>DECORATED CAKES</p>	<p>Teen Farmer will decorate cakes or cupcakes for your event or party or just for fun. One to five dozen cupcakes or one to three cakes per event. Advance notice necessary to work it in around school. Text or call Rebekah at 703-321-8757 with questions or to receive a link to cake albums.</p>
<p>DONATIONS ACCEPTED</p>	<p>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 – 571-331-9138</p>
<p>WANTED</p>	<p>Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale Area. Needed are beds (no kings), dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas (under 84 inches), love seats, end tables, lamps, sheets, blankets, pillows, working flat TVs and microwaves and 9x12 clean rugs. (No sleep sofas.) Contact Annandale Christian Community for Action for pick up by emailing Bill Sinclair at billsinclair2@verizon.net or Mary Lee Dispirito at ddmld@verizon.net.</p>

FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK (FLAP) EVENTS & NEWS

VOLUNTEER FOR MONTHLY FLAP CLEAN-UP

Volunteers gather at the Lake Accotink Marina the **second Sunday of every month from 9:00am to Noon** to pick-up trash bags of debris carelessly dumped, dropped and forgotten, refill and check dog waste stations, clip vines and more. Sign in at Lake Accotink Marina. Pick up your gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps and more. You will also be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. Volunteer 4 times and receive your very OWN Safety Vest to personalize! Masks are mandatory. It is wise to wear long sleeves, gloves, boots, and long pants.

Register: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653

Questions? Contact@flapaccotink.org

CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every month)

TIME: 10:30am

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden, adjacent to the marina

ACTIVITIES: Work alongside FLAP experts as they care for the Pollinator Plants, Watering and Clean-up. Tools and gloves are provided or you can bring your own.

REGISTER: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/186905

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-Park-tickets-158892889911>

EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every Month)

TIME: 10:30am

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden, adjacent to the marina.

ACTIVITIES: FLAP's experts will guide you through the pollinators and pollinator plants, and how to start and maintain your own (any size) pollinator garden.

REGISTER:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158891973169>

FLAP BOARD POSITIONS

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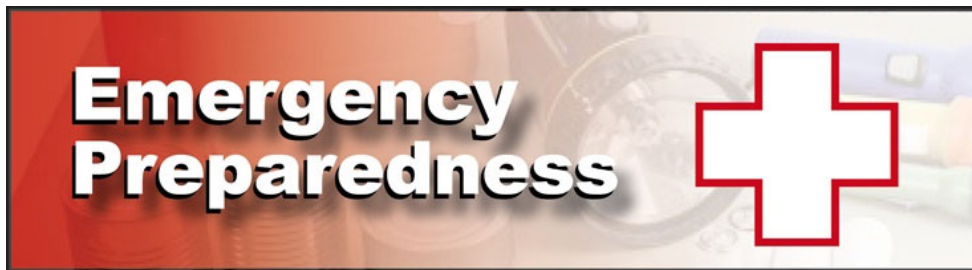
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MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN



From the Fairfax County Government, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Website

Taking time to plan and prepare, will help you lessen your impact for future emergencies. What do you need to do today?

- Host a conversation with family/ friends/ co-workers.
- Discuss hazards that may impact you and how you can prepare for them.
- Determine whether to shelter-in-place or evacuate.
- Discuss how you will communicate if communication outlets are failing.
- Once your plan is ready, print hard-copies and save them in a safe and easily accessible place. Make sure everyone is familiar with the plan and practices it!
- Also, keep a copy in your emergency kits (shelter-in-place, go bag, and vehicle). You should review and update your plans and emergency kits twice a year: when your clock "falls back" or "springs forward."

THE BASICS

Every emergency plan should address the following fundamental information:

- Sign up for local alerts in areas you live, work and visit - knowing where to get reliable information from is critical. **Register for Fairfax Alerts:** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts> to receive information about traffic, weather, and other important notifications from Fairfax County.
- Identify a **shelter-in-place location in your home or business**. This should be an interior room with few windows.
- Choose **two places to meet in case you have to leave your home or business** or are not able to return to your home:
 - **One location** should be right outside your home (maybe across the street), in case of a short-term emergency.
 - The **second location** should be away from your neighborhood (maybe at a friend's house), in case you cannot get home or you have to leave your neighborhood.
- List important supplies and documents. Create a list of items that you will include in your go bag. **Visit how to "Assemble your Emergency Kits" for more information:** <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/readyfairfax/makeanemergencykit>
- **Fill out a contact card from www.ready.gov** to help you keep your important contact information with you at all times.
- Know your home or business' utilities. Document where and how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity safely; know which you can turn back on yourself (**electricity: yes, water: if you know how, gas: never**).
- In an emergency, consider texting instead of calling. A text message may get through when a phone call will not.
- Look into online tools such as Facebook Crisis Response, or use Safety Check to connect with friends and loved ones during a crisis.

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PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

Emergency management professionals talk about planning assumptions - these are conditions we can't control during an emergency. For every emergency plan, you should assume:

Your basic assumption: Prepare to be self-sufficient for three to five days, or longer if there is:

- *No power*
- *No water*
- *No heating or cooling*
- *Difficult or inoperable communications, including: phone (unless you have a copper land-line), Internet, and wi-fi*
- *Limited or no access to money using credit cards or ATMs*
- *Limited or no access to retail, including pharmacies*
- *No mail or package delivery*
- *No trash or recycling service*
- *No outside help*

PRACTICE YOUR PLAN

A plan is only useful if you know it. Take the time to test and practice your plan, including having drills. Practice evacuating and sheltering in place. Studies show that people who have thought about and practiced their emergency plans are much more likely to survive, and to recover more quickly from disasters.

For more information on Emergency Planning to include considerations for Individuals with Access and Functional Needs, Infants and Young Children and Pets and for Emergency Plan Templates, visit:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency/readyfairfax/makeanemergencyplan>

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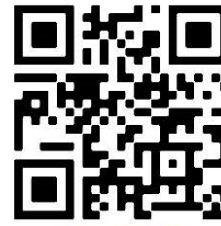


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WHY JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION?

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 Ravensworth Farm 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 other historical information. 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 \$15 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 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,
- coordination and advertising of the fall and spring community-wide yard sales,
- 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 by contacting Elissa Myers to become a member at 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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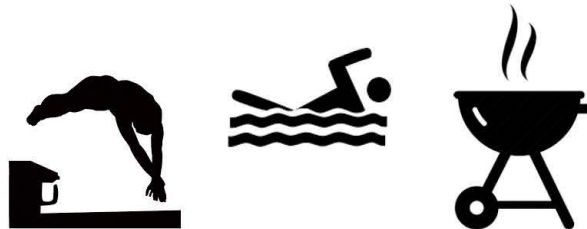
"I love this pool. The community is warm and welcoming and the kids have made lifelong friends here, as have I!" - Heidi

"We joined the pool in 2010/11. We absolutely love being members there. They have a phenomenal swim and dive team, excellent lifeguards, and a wonderful pool compound. There are also wonderful activities held throughout the swim season. You feel like you're a part of a family. We are sad every time it closes for the season, but eagerly look forward to opening day!" - Lisa

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