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**UPCOMING RFCA GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS**

The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association will be holding its Board of Directors Elections at the May 19, General Membership Meeting. The Board is looking for interested candidates to fill its positions:

- President
- 1st Vice President
- 2nd Vice President
- Treasurer
- Corresponding Secretary and
- Recording Secretary

Descriptions of these positions may be found on the Ravensworth Farm web site under the tab Ravensworth Farm Membership > By-Laws, or by contacting the incumbent directly (see page 2, The Farmer, for contact information).

You may contact Ginger Rogers at (703) 321-1151 or by email at [grogers@verizon.net](mailto:grogers@verizon.net) prior to the meeting if you are interested in running, or self-nominate yourself or someone else (with approval) from the floor the evening of the meeting.

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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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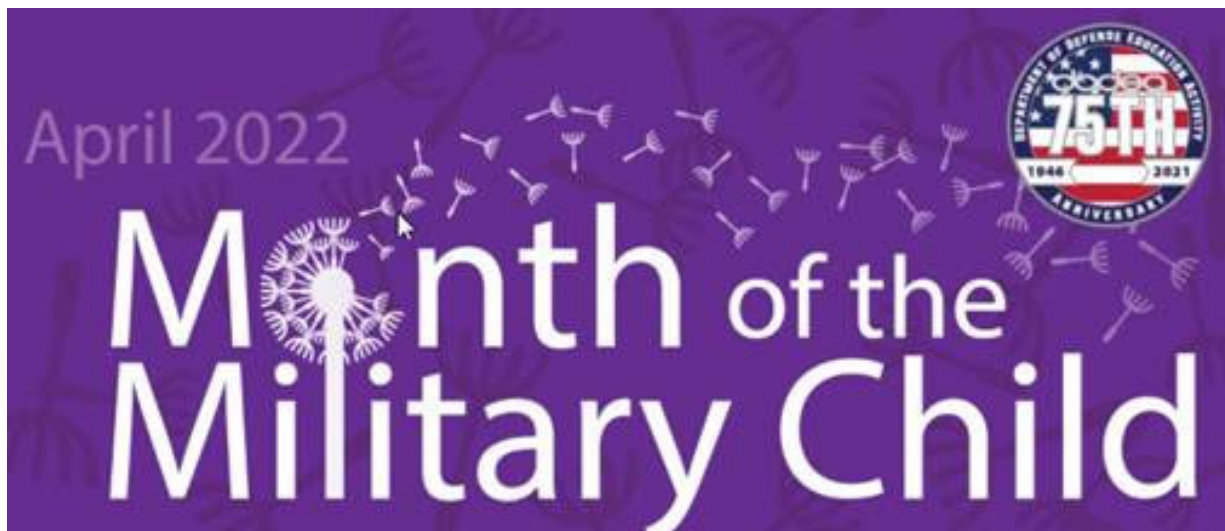
## Association Meetings & Deadlines 2021-22

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
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](mailto:CorSec@ravensworthfarm.org) for a link to join.

### NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY

Every April, we celebrate our military-connected students and thank them for their service. There are over 60 military-connected students at Ravensworth - about 10% of our population! There are around 14,000 military-connected students in FCPS schools. On April 21st, we hosted a ceremony to honor them for their service.



Erika Aspuria  
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### CURRENT FORMATTER OF THE RAVENSWORTH FARMER NEEDS HELP!

After 16 years (!!), the current formatter of The Ravensworth Farmer is looking to step down. All you need is a keen eye for layout and design, and a proficient knowledge of Microsoft Publisher. Interested? Questions? Please reach out to Susan Deyampert at [rfcaformatter@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:rfcaformatter@ravensworthfarm.org) for a complete list of duties. A stipend is available.



## PET WASTE MANAGEMENT IN LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

*By Bob Nielson*

Thanks to the support of Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP), our community has 10 pet waste stands located along the Lake Accotink trail with an 11th to be added soon.

The management of pet waste is a significant environmental concern. Controlling waste is part of a greater community effort to protect our natural resources and preserve the water quality of local lakes and streams that feed into the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay watersheds.

You may be surprised to learn just how much of an impact the “poop stands” have in managing pet waste. The FDA estimates that the average dog excretes roughly 12 oz of waste every day. FLAP supplied over 20,000 bags last year. Using a very conservative estimate of 2 oz of waste per bag, the stands prevented over a ton of pet waste from entering the park ecosystem.

FLAP appreciates all community support! If you wish to donate scan the QR code on any stand or go directly to the FLAP website at [www.flapaccotink.org](http://www.flapaccotink.org)



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**NEW COMMEMORATIONS OF THE BLACK STRUGGLE AND ACHIEVEMENT IN VIRGINIA**

*By Roberto Bernate*

A Virginia license plate commemorating a Black Richmond newspaper has been authorized by the Virginia governor. Separately, a new historical marker has been unveiled in Old Town Alexandria honoring the achievements of a local sports star.

On February 9, 2022, the Virginia Senate passed the bill entitled “**SB 753: License plates, special; issuance to commemorate The Richmond Planet**” with a unanimous bipartisan Virginia House of Delegates vote of 22-Yes, 0-No, and in the Virginia Senate a vote of 38-Yes 0-No, 2-no vote. The Bill was introduced by Democrat Senator Joe Morrissey with the support of Senator Jennifer McClellan (D) and Delegate Jeffrey Bourne (D). The bill went to Governor Glenn Youngkin (R) who signed it into law on Friday, April 8.

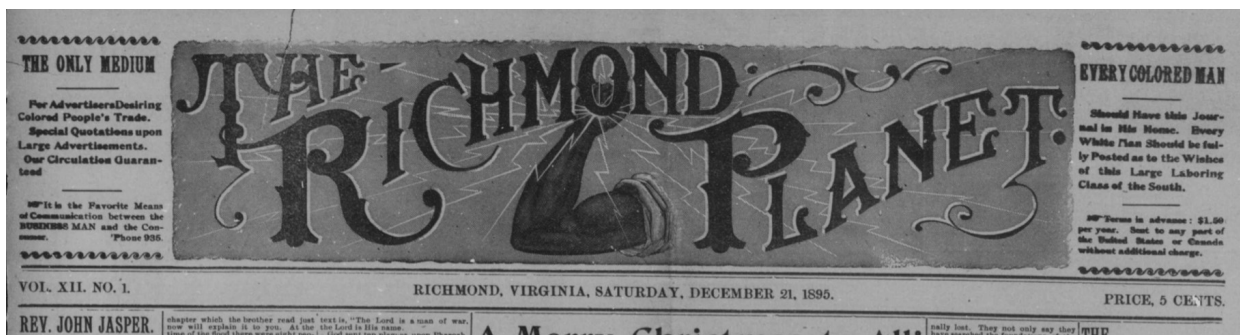


Figure 1: *Richmond Planet, Richmond, VA. December 21, 1895, page 1.*

The Richmond Planet was a Black-owned and operated newspaper dating to 1890 but has its roots much earlier. Historical newspaper research has uncovered references as early as 1882 detailing the Richmond Planet as a “pro-negro organ” and regional Black political-activist group which struggled against lynching and other pervasive persecution. The Planet also published a local paper and endorsed local political candidates. It was a newspaper that officially ran from 1890 through 1930 and catered to the viewpoints of the local Black population. It was founded by 13- male ex-slaves living in the Richmond area.



Figure 2: “License Plate Campaign Pays Homage to Richmond Planet,” July 22, 2021, Reginald Carter/ WTOP.

The license plate initiative was the creation of longtime Richmond area Black activist Reginald Carter, in conjunction with the Dream For Purpose, whose Facebook page lists it as a “research-led creative house,” designed the new plate.

The new design will incorporate an upraised arm symbolizing unity, strength, and struggle - the Black Power symbol, made popular in the 1960s was originally the newspaper’s banner in the publication of the Richmond Planet beginning in the early 1890s.

Reginald Carter’s lobbying for the new license plate required by state law a pre-order of 450 plates at the normal Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) price (\$10) before the deadline of December 24, 2021, for the state’s legislature, to consider taking up a formal vote. The Richmond Free Press reported, on September 2, 2021, that the target had been reached.

According to the DMV new license plate design will be available for purchase after the law goes into effect on July 1, 2022.



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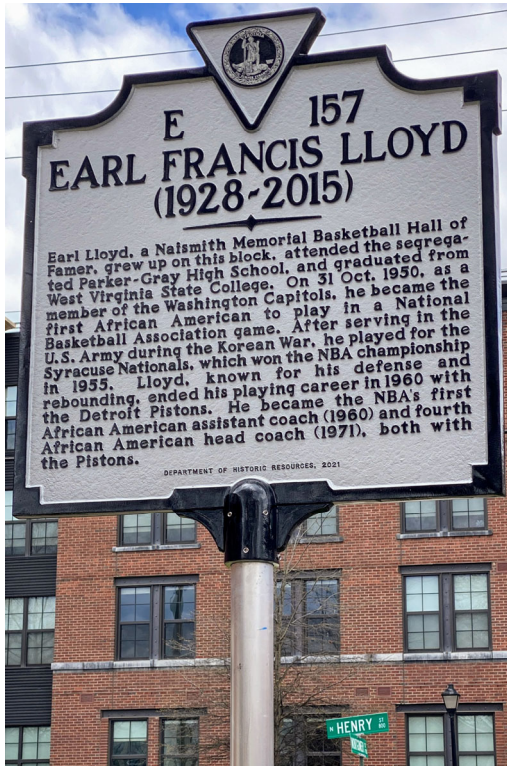
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**NEW COMMEMORATIONS OF THE BLACK STRUGGLE AND ACHIEVEMENT IN VIRGINIA (CON'T)**

*Con't from Pg. 5*

A new historical marker was unveiled in the City of Alexandria on April 2, 2022, with speeches given by Senator Mark Warner (D) and Congressman Donald Beyer (D).



The new marker is located at the corner of North Henry (South US Route 1) & Montgomery Streets in Old Town Alexandria. This marker celebrates the athletic achievements of Earl Francis Lloyd, who grew up near a house nearest this marker at 1200 Montgomery Street. He was the first Black American to play in the National Basketball Association (NBA) in 1950. His achievements further include being named All American at West Virginia State University, the first black player to win an NBA title with the Detroit Pistons, the first black assistant coach, and the third black head coach. He played professionally with the Washington Capitols, Syracuse Nationals, and the Detroit Pistons. He is also named a Hall-of-Famer at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. According to the West Virginia State University Website, other accolades and recognition include being “honored with induction into the West Virginia State University Hall of Fame, the state of Virginia Athletic Hall of Fame, the state of West Virginia Athletic Hall of Fame, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame, the Black College Alumni Hall of Fame, and the Parker-Gray High School Hall of Fame. He was named to the CIAA Silver Anniversary Team and was voted as one of the CIAA’s 50 Greatest Players. In 2001, the Congressional Black Caucus Policy and Leadership Institute bestowed the inaugural “Legends of Black History” Sports Award on Lloyd, and in 2008 the U.S. House of Representatives honored Lloyd with a Congressional Resolution. In 2007, the newly constructed basketball court at T.C. Williams High School [renamed Alexandria City High School] in Lloyd’s hometown of Alexandria, Va., was named in his honor. Lloyd’s remarkable story is the subject of the documentary film ‘The First To Do It.’”

*Figure 3: Photo by David Chandler, April 10, 2022.*

Earl died in his hometown of Crossville, Tennessee in 2015. For more information on this historical marker, search “Earl Francis Lloyd” at <https://www.hmdb.org/>.

**“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 [rfcafamer@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:rfcafamer@ravensworthfarm.org). Thanks for sharing!

## TOILET MATH (REALLY!)

By Lisa Reynolds

Do your kids complain that they'll never use math? If they're asked to answer a word problem about trains traveling different speeds across the country, they're probably right. But they could use math to decide whether it's worth replacing a toilet or other fixture in their house.



Figure 1 - Photo by Giorgio Trovato on Unsplash

For instance, prices for a new WaterSense® toilet at Lowe's range from \$89 to \$399 (That's a throne!). The Kohler® Elliston® is a midrange fixture, priced at about \$270 (\$249 plus gaskets, etc.) and uses 1.28 gallons per flush (gpf). For those of you who are not handy, Lowe's professional installation is \$229. Roughly, about \$500 for a new fixture, installed by professionals.

There are two parts to your water bill – water from Fairfax Water and sewer service from Fairfax County. Fairfax Water charges \$3.46 per 1,000 gallons or \$.00346 per gallon. (Note there are a range of rates and this is the lowest. Higher rates would result in a faster payback.) Fairfax County charges \$7.72 per 1,000 gallons or \$0.00772 per gallon. That's a total of \$0.0112 per gallon to take the dirty water away and refill the tank with clean water. The original toilets installed in Ravensworth Farm probably use about 6 gpf.

The difference between the original toilet and the WaterSense® toilet is 4.72 gpf (6 gpf – 1.28 gpf).

For every flush of the new toilet, you save 4.72 gallons x \$.0112 per gallon = \$.0529.

If a new toilet is \$500 and water costs \$0.0529 per flush, that means you'd break even at about 9,450 flushes. Assume your household has 20 flushes per day, that's 473 days or 1.3 years.

If you install the toilet yourself, buy a less expensive fixture, or pay more for water, the payback would be faster. The payback would also be faster if your existing toilet leaks.

Using the least expensive toilet (\$89 + \$20 in parts = \$109), installed yourself, results in breaking even at 2,060 flushes or 103 days!

For more about EPA's WaterSense® program, visit <https://www.epa.gov/watersense>. It's not just for toilets. WaterSense® also certifies shower heads, bathroom faucets, and other water fixtures.

For more about the KOHLER® Elliston® see <https://www.lowes.com/pd/KOHLER-Elliston-White-WaterSense-Elongated-Comfort-Height-2-piece-Toilet-12-in-Rough-In-Size/1001354516>

[Note: I have rounded many of the numbers above. For fun, or punishment, depending on your parenting style, you can have your student redo the calculations for the exact numbers.]



Figure 2- Photo by StellrWeb on Unsplash



## LAKE ACCOTINK PARK STAFF NOTES

*(From the April FLAP Newsletter)*

By Dan Grulke, Manager of Lake Accotink Park

We thank the community for its continued support and usage of Lake Accotink Park during 2021 and look forward to serving you once again in 2022.

**You May Have Missed This:** Lake Accotink has hired a new Naturalist and Assistant Naturalist to help improve our program offerings at Lake Accotink Park, in 2022 and future years. Please welcome Alex Marstall and Matt Rine.

**In the Cue:** The planned raised trail below the dam has gone out to bid, and bids have been received. More to come on this exciting project.

**In the Works:** As many of you have noticed, the storm water retention work on private property on Accotink Park road has begun. The property owner, the contractor, and Stormwater Management have worked together to correct this issue. The first corrective measures failed, and they are in the process of implementing the new plan that was approved. They are waiting on materials.

**Just So You Know:** Park staff is dedicated to being present and visible during operating hours. The park manager and/or the manager-on-duty will be in the marina office during business hours. We aim to staff this area first, so look for us there first during marina/amusement operational hours.



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## **NEW MEMORIAL HONORS VICTIM OF VIRGINIA TECH MASS SHOOTING**

*(From FFXnow.com website, April 14, 2022)*

A memorial for the late 19-year-old Virginia Tech student Mary Read has been relocated and enhanced with greenery. The Annandale resident was one of 32 people killed on April 16, 2007, in the shooting at the university. A rededication event took place in Canterbury Woods Park (5018 Wakefield Chapel Road) on Saturday, April 16 — 15 years after the attack.

“This was her park,” said Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw, who spoke with the family. “So it was important to them that the memorial stay in this park.”

The site near Braddock Road that the memorial had occupied for over a decade frequently flooded. County staff worked with Read’s family and local advocates to find a “more appropriate and accessible” spot in the park, according to a statement from Walkinshaw.

“Over time, the flooding down there has gotten worse and worse — to the point it’s submerged much of the time,” Walkinshaw said on April 12, during a board meeting.

Earlier this week, a crew relocated the existing bench and plaque to their new spot, which is by the parking lot at a higher elevation.

“The Read family [is] really excited for this and appreciative of the community’s efforts to make this happen,” Walkinshaw said, adding that the community’s efforts will ensure Read’s memory is respected and treated with the dignity that it deserves.

## **LAKE ACCOTINK DREDGING PROJECT UPDATE**

*(From the April FLAP Newsletter)*

By Charles Smith, Branch Chief, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, Stormwater Planning Division, Watershed Projects Implementation Branch.

The public comment period on the revised alternatives analysis information presented at the February 10 virtual public meeting officially ended on March 11, but county staff took additional comments after that date. Over 170 comments were received by county staff and about 300 by the Lee District supervisor’s office. The information from the February 10 public meeting is posted on the project webpage at:

[fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/lake-accotink-dredging](https://fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/lake-accotink-dredging)

County staff continue to look at alternative spoils processing sites proposed by members of the public in Mason District. We hope to know if any of those sites may be feasible soon. Once we know if there are any additional options, we will update members of the board of supervisors and wait for direction from them on what additional analysis is requested so that a decision can be made on a spoils processing site, and we can proceed with a concept design.

At this point we are off of the project schedule published on the website, which showed a concept design being finished by June 2022. We will update the website as soon as we have more information. Questions? Contact Charles Smith at [Charles.Smith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Charles.Smith@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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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))

**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](mailto:choc64@gmail.com).



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<p><b>DECORATED CAKES</b></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><b>DONATIONS ACCEPTED</b></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><b>WANTED</b></p>	<p>Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale Area. Needed are beds (no kings), dressers, kitchen tables &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:billsinclair2@verizon.net">billsinclair2@verizon.net</a> or Mary Lee Dispirito at <a href="mailto:ddmld@verizon.net">ddmld@verizon.net</a>.</p>

## **10TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT AT FORT BELVOIR GOLF CLUB**

On May 20, 2022 at 9am, please join MLB Washington Nationals Michael Pagliarulo “Pags” (MLB Player-Coach, World Series Winner), as he hosts America’s Adopt A Soldier ®10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at the beautiful and challenging Fort Belvoir Golf Club, 8450 Beulah St., Fort Belvoir, VA 22315.

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## **KIDS' CORNER**

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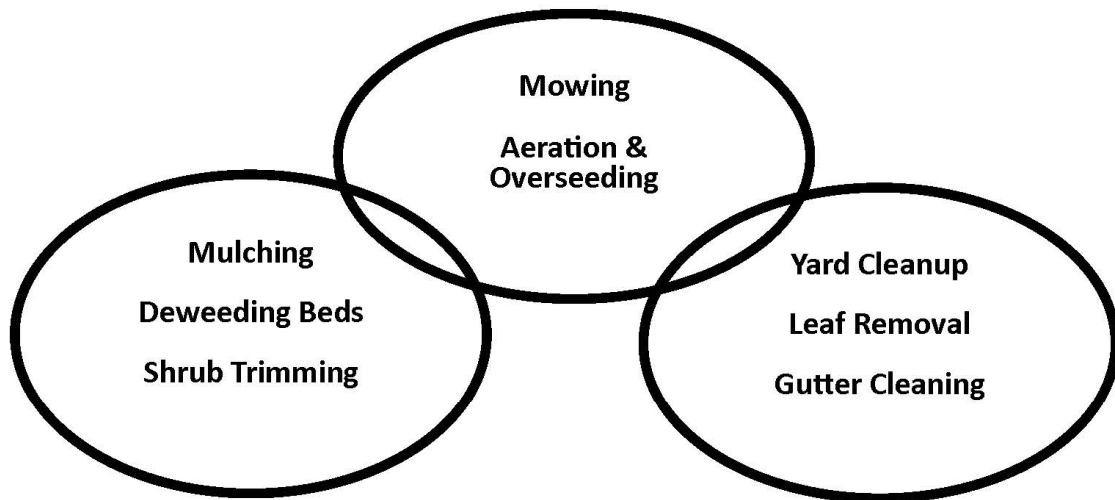
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Here are current membership rates:

<b>Deadlines</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Two Person</b>	<b>Seniors</b>
<b>May 7 and later</b>	<b>\$585</b>	<b>\$415</b>	<b>\$325</b>

**Fledglings** begins June 22nd through July 19th and is a great Learn to Swim program for young swimmers to feel more comfortable in the water and have fun. Our Fledglings Program will operate as normal and have approximately 60 spaces. However, it is a popular program so register early! Families must pay for the program and register their swimmer(s) to officially enroll. We will move to a waitlist if we exceed capacity.

- Fledglings \$135 per swimmer
- Session Time 10:15 am - 11:00 am

**Swim Team** will bring Nate Bennett and Josh Fletcher back as Coach/Assistant Coach for another fun swim season. Practice times can be found on our website.

- Swim Team \$150 per swimmer (\$145 each additional sibling)

**Dive Team:** Troy Young will be coaching the dive team with his partners Max and Jillian. Practice times can be found on our website.

- Dive Team \$115 per diver (\$105 each additional sibling)

Questions about:

Membership: Jen Auble at [membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com](mailto:membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com)

Swim Team: Jill Mowbray at [swimteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com](mailto:swimteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com)

Dive Team: Mary Beth Champlain [diveteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com](mailto:diveteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com)

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**FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK (FLAP) EVENTS & NEWS****VOLUNTEER FOR MONTHLY FLAP CLEAN-UP****WHEN:** 2nd Sunday of every month    **TIME:** 9:00am to Noon**WHERE:** Lake Accotink Marina**WHAT:** Arrive at the Marina, pick up gloves, FLAP information, bags, tools, maps, and more. You will be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. If you volunteer 4 times, you will receive your very OWN safety vest to personalize!**GOAL:** Collect trash, using provided bags, and other items, not intended to be in or around the lake.**Register:** [https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization\\_details/71653](https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653)**Questions?** [Contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:Contact@flapaccotink.org)**DOG WASTE DISPENSERS****ACTIVITIES:** Refill the dog waste bag stations and remove any overgrowth and fallen branches around them.**REGISTER:** [https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization\\_details/71653](https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653)**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://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 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**FLAP board and committee positions are open – it is YOUR LAKE ACCOTINK PARK! Help make a difference for about an hour a month! Accepting candidates. Email for more information: [Contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:Contact@flapaccotink.org)**DONATE TO FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK - FLAP**Online: [www.flapaccotink.org](http://www.flapaccotink.org)

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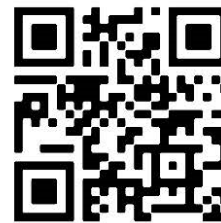


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Your \$15 membership (what a bargain!) helps cover the cost of writing, printing, and delivering this newsletter to all 858 homes in Ravensworth Farm eight times per year.

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 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 via RavensworthFarm.org, contact Elissa Myers to become a member - 703-321-7590 or [elissa@elissamyers.com](mailto: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*

*"I drove past your pool and the pool and grounds look amazing! We have 4 kids so we wanted to have a nice playground and grounds. Most of the others we drove to see were not nearly as nice as yours!" - Paige*

*Submit your testimonial by emailing [membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com](mailto:membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com)*

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



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### Questions?

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