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### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

**HELP  
WANTED**

#### **HELP WANTED: FARMER DELIVERY**

The RFCA continues the search for a few organizations interested in delivering the Farmer to every house in the neighborhood (8 issues between September - June). **If your organization would like to take part in this paid service opportunity (\$150 per issue) or if you are a student interested in volunteering for service hours, please contact:** [ravenworth.farmer@gmail.com](mailto:ravenworth.farmer@gmail.com).

### NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY

On Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a Bravery Breakfast to honor our veterans, active-duty military and reservists. Students invited a veteran, active-duty military or reservist to attend this special event. Our celebration included student work honoring our military and a few performances. After the event, several of our military parents visited classrooms to talk about their military experience. Thank you to our veterans and active-duty military for your bravery and service.

Erika L. Aspuria, Principal  
Ravenworth Elementary School  
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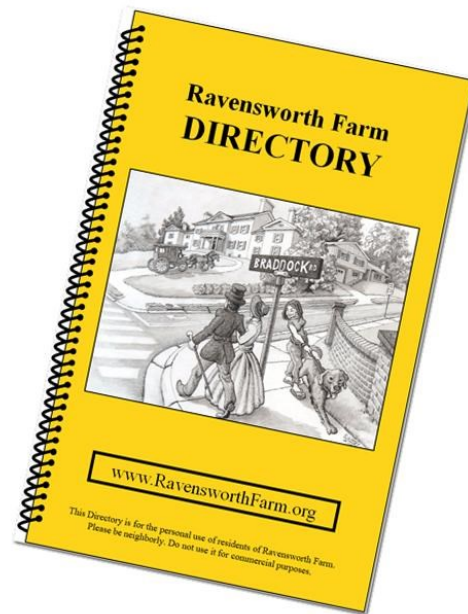
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Article I, Section 3, of the Civic Association's By-Laws provides that the Association shall be strictly non-partisan, non-political, and non-sectarian. Accordingly, the invitation of elected officials and other public figures to speak at Association 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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**Please help fill these open positions with the RFCA!**



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## Association Meetings & Deadlines 2022-23

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE	EVENTS
<b>December</b>	7	
<b>January</b>	4	
<b>February</b>	1	
<b>March</b>	1	March 23 - General Membership Meeting
<b>April</b>	12	
<b>May</b>	3	May 25 - 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.

### OCTOBER 2022 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our first in-person General Membership Meeting since October 2019 was held at the Community of Christ Church and via Zoom on Thursday, October 20, 2022!

It was great to see all those who ventured out. Twenty brave souls attended in-person at the church and five attended via Zoom.

The Association introduced Sue Hillmer and Roberto Bernate, who have volunteered to become the new Director of Advertising Sales (The Farmer and the Directory), and the Web designer/formatter for The Farmer, respectively.

Kristoffer Hull presented the annual budget for FY 2022-23 which was approved by the membership. The Association held its annual Board of Directors election, postponed due to a lack of quorum at the May 2022 General Membership Meeting. There were no nominations from the floor, and the slate of nominees was approved for the new year:

President – Marcie Winitt  
 1st Vice President – John Ritchie  
 2nd Vice President – Richard Hildebrand  
 Treasurer – Kristoffer Hull  
 Corresponding Secretary – Diwakar Sharma  
 Recording Secretary – Ginger Rogers

Congratulations to all on their re-election!

The following topics were discussed during the General Membership Meeting:

The Farmer – Many in the community have questioned the need to have a printed copy of The Farmer. It is felt by some that the value of the printed version enhances a sense of community. A few members stated that they were more likely to read a printed version over an online version. Prior to COVID, a local school printed it (for one-third of the cost of using an online vendor), and the local Cub/Boy Scout troops delivered it. Beginning this school year, the association was advised the school would no longer be available to print it and the Cub/Boy Scouts no longer had the time or number of scouts to deliver it. Several options have been presented, although a final decision has not been made:

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Deal with it – pay the extra money for the printed version.

Delivery – find other organizations, ask for volunteers, provide service hours to middle/high school students.

Go Virtual – By-Laws require notification to all residents of date, time and location of Board and General Membership Meetings, all currently listed in The Farmer. Additionally, advertiser contracts contain a clause that the ads will be seen by all Households. As an alternative, send a postcard to all residents three times a year for General Membership Notifications and rewrite the ad contracts.

Volunteerism – The association would like more people involved in projects that would be beneficial to the community. A call went out for volunteers to host and plan a Fall Festival; those responding stated they would like to participate but not lead the activity. Future events will include the Holiday Lights Judging and, hopefully, the summer BBQ.

Elections – Steve Beste announced that there will be a table at the school to sign up for your annual RFCA membership and pick up the new Ravensworth Farm 2023 Directory on Election Day, November 8, 2022.

FLAP – Jim Hickey announced upcoming events in November and December: On December 18, from 10am to 2pm at the large pavilion adjacent to the Lake Accotink marina, have pictures taken with Santa— Enjoy holiday goodies (humans and dogs), prizes, pictures with Santa, and more!

Free Tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/santa-comes-to-lake-accotink-park-tickets-459088916307?aff=erelexpmlt>

Holiday Lights Judging – Categories: Best Overall, Best Religious, Best Window/Door, Kid's Choice.

Speed Bumps/Speed Tables – One resident concerned with high speed on Inverchapel Road was advised by James Walkinshaw's office that the resident would have to go through the Civic Association. The association put forth the resident's request through to Mr. Walkinshaw's office, not taking sides for or against. The process was then begun by Fairfax County Department of Transportation. The county will send letters to residents on Inverchapel Road seeking input and determine the location of the speed bumps/speed tables. The association is not responsible for making the decision.

Lake Accotink Dredging – Allan Robertson gave a short summary of the project. The project is moving to its next phase with groundbreaking to occur next year. Of the two sites being considered for waste disposal, Wakefield Park or Southern Drive/Highland Park, Wakefield Park is the most likely.

**The next General Membership Meeting will be held on March 23, 2023 – Please Attend!**

## **RAVENSWORTH 2022 CHRISTMAS LIGHT AND DECORATIONS JUDGING!**

The Halloween decorations in the neighborhood were spectacular this year – well... a little spooky but so much fun! Thank you to all the families who went the extra mile to make this a special holiday!

And now the December decorating begins! Christmas and Hanukkah lights, Santa and his reindeer, wreaths, and greenery, and so much more, warming up the long cold December nights!

In keeping with a long Ravensworth Farm tradition, we will again have an opportunity to recognize those homes that stand out as above and beyond – the community favorites. We will recognize:

**Best Overall**

**Best Religious**

**Best Window/Door**

**Kid's Choice**

**Plus...honorable mentions!**

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Beginning on December 12, through December 18, you can drive around and enjoy the sights and then enter your favorites online on Survey Monkey at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/K3DTPGR>

Or on Sunday, December 18, you are invited to come to the home of Elissa Myers and Bill Rogers (and Shadow) at 5315 Moultrie Road for an in-person gathering for hot cocoa and light snacks from 5-7 PM to team up with other neighbors, get a score sheet, and go out in cars to find your favorites and bring them back. Input from those attending will be added to the responses on Survey Monkey.

**Winners will be announced on the 19th!**

**IN MEMORY OF JAMES JOSEPH BURATTI (1936-2022)**

James (known as Jim) Buratti, 85, of Springfield Virginia, died on Friday, September 30, 2022 after a battle with cancer.

Jim was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA on November 23, 1936. After high school, he joined the Army, where he served for 20 years in various locations, including Vietnam, Burma, Romania, the Soviet Union and West Germany. During that time he met the love of his life Sandra, whom he was married to for 52 years. Upon retiring from the army, Jim was hired by Ross Perot's EDS.

Jim is survived by his wife, Sandra, nephew Ed Buratti and wife Deborah, nieces Susan Chapman and husband Neil, Sharon Buratti and Larry Pudlosky, together with British brother-in-law David and wife Rose, nieces Tanya Ames and husband Nicholas, Alexandra Middleton and husband James, Helen Butler and husband John, great nephews and nieces.

Jim's hobbies included an intense love of freight trains and railroad history, as well as reading and travel. He could often be seen with his friends at Alexandria Railway Station, watching the freight trains pass by.

A memorial service to celebrate Jim's Catholic faith was held on October 22 at Demaine Funeral Home, Springfield, VA.

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## TROOP 991 SCOUT ACHIEVES EAGLE RANK

Jaxon Buechler, a long time scout of both Pack 991 and Troop 991 recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Jaxon was recognized at a special Court of Honor on November 5th. Jaxon has worked hard to achieve this coveted rank, including organizing and building scouts a gaga ball pit for his community's many years to come. He's been a dedicated many years of summer camp at both Camp Scout Reservation, in Goshen, VA.



(along with help from his family and other pool, which will benefit local kids for Troop 991 scout for years, having attended Henson in Salisbury, MD and Goshen Congratulations Jaxon!

A note to share with the community: Boy going dormant at the end of this year due to and such has impacted our ability to provide utmost importance. We are very excited, other near-by scout troops to join and will also excited to see VERY STRONG

Pack 991 and hope that the troop will be able younger scouts are ready to cross over into Boy Scouts and continue the long scouting tradition in Ravensworth Farm. The Troop's equipment and resources will stay with the Ravensworth Cub Scouts. Our boys are grateful for the many years of support from the Ravensworth Community, including the Community of Christ Church, which continues to be a strong supporter of our neighborhood scouts, including the Cub Scouts. We hope you will continue to support the Ravensworth Cub Scouts!

Scout Troop 991 will, unfortunately, be low enrollment. COVID, military moves, a strong program for the boys, which is of however, that all of the boys have found continue their scouting careers! We are participation in Ravensworth's Cub Scout to restart in the years to come when the

## CUB SCOUT PACK 991 UPDATE

Scouts from your local Ravensworth Farm - North Springfield Cub Scout Pack 991 have been staying busy camping, hiking, rock climbing, working on advancements... and having fun! On October 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> we had an amazing turnout at our Fall Campout in Greenbelt, Maryland (and the weather was perfect). Then, on November 6<sup>th</sup>, our Scouts were again challenged at ClimbZone.



**Scouting for Food:** Thank you to all who supported the Pack for Scouting for Food! Our Scouts worked hard collecting non-perishable food donations from the neighborhood to benefit our local communities. Scouting for Food is the country's largest annual food drive, and all of YOUR donations were delivered to the ACCA Food Pantry in Annandale. For additional information on this important event, visit: <https://www.ncacbsa.org/scouting-for-food>.

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**Dens are organized according to grade as follows:**

Lion Den: Kindergarten

Tiger Den: First Grade

Wolf Den: Second Grade

Bear Den: Third Grade

Webelos Den: Fourth Grade

Arrow of Light Den: Fifth Grade

**Near-Term Pack-wide Events:**

December 17th - Wreaths Across America

January 23rd - Pack Meeting at Ravensworth Elementary School Cafeteria

March 11th - Pinewood Derby

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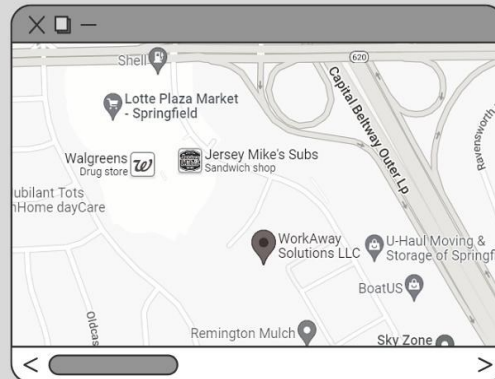
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**NEW NEIGHBORS**

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)).

**FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK - PET WASTE STATIONS COMMITTEE**

A dedicated group of volunteers stock, maintain and repair the pet waste stands (affectionately known as "Poop Stands"). In 2022, we stocked over 25,600 bags in the stands. That is a lot of pet waste not making it into the lake and watershed. We rely on donations to fund our activities.

Please donate by going to our website ([flapaccotink.org](http://flapaccotink.org)) and with QR codes on all the boxes. Mark your donations for "Pet Waste Stands.

Thanks, Bob Nielsen, FLAP Treasurer and Karole Nielsen, Pet Waste Stand Coordinator.



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<p><b>ODD-JOBS, YARD WORK, AND MORE</b></p>	<p>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 <a href="mailto:directory@ravensworthfarm.org">directory@ravensworthfarm.org</a> with a parent's phone number and in which categories you would like to be listed.</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>

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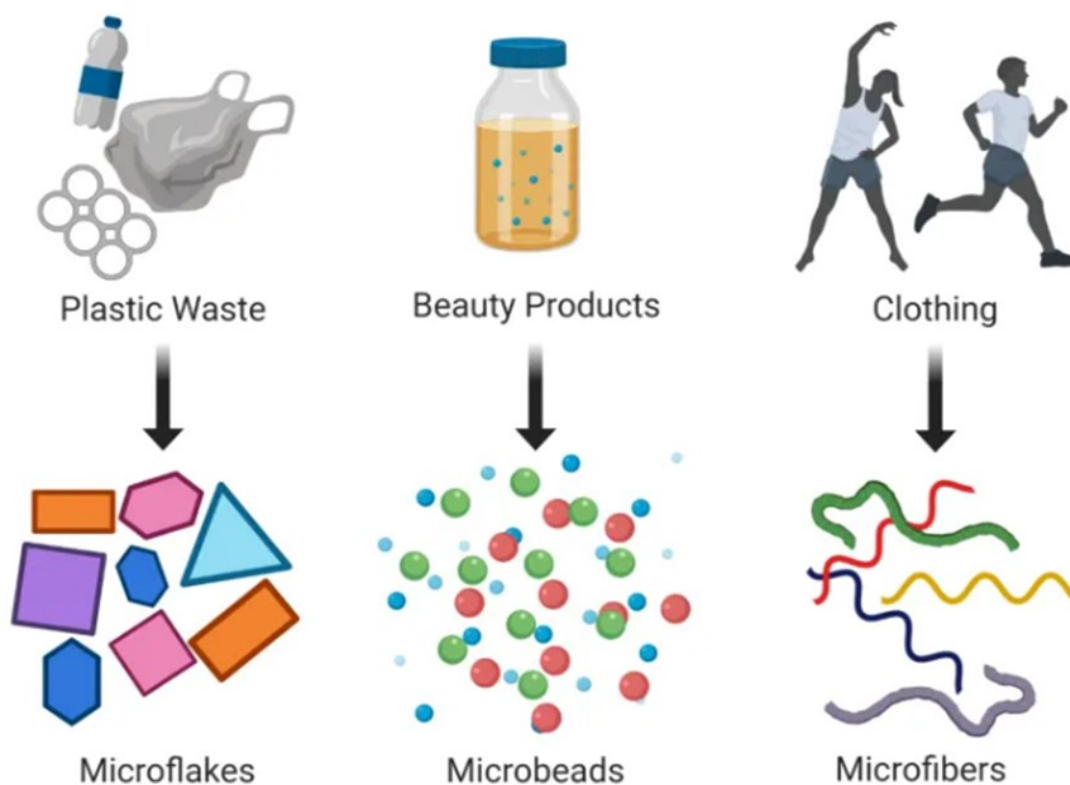
**Recruitment Information:** Pack 991 is open to all boys and girls, Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and we are still growing. We meet throughout the year for Pack (large) and Den (smaller)-level activities at Ravensworth Elementary School and various locations around the neighborhood. If you are interested in joining us on our next adventure, please contact: Matt Kurtz or Sean Tompkins at [cubpack991@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack991@gmail.com) or visit <https://beascout.scouting.org/> and look us up.

## **MICROPLASTICS**

BY LISA REYNOLDS

*What are microplastics?*

Microplastics are tiny (< 5 mm) plastic particles. They can be found in certain commercial products, like exfoliating cosmetics, or they result from the breakdown of larger pieces of plastics, like bottles and bags. Microplastic fibers can be shed from polyester and other synthetic materials. Microplastics are found around the globe: oceans, polar snow and ice, shellfish, drinking water...the list goes on and on. Scientists estimate people could ingest as many as 100,000 microplastic particles daily. Some may be small enough to be inhaled.



**Figure 1: Flavors of microplastics.** There are different types of microplastics, and some are much more common (and dangerous) than others. Large plastic debris such as water bottles and plastic bags will break down into microscopic “flakes”. Plastics in beauty products generate microbead waste, and clothing with synthetic fabric (like polyester, which is especially common in athletic and athleisure clothing) will shed microfibers.

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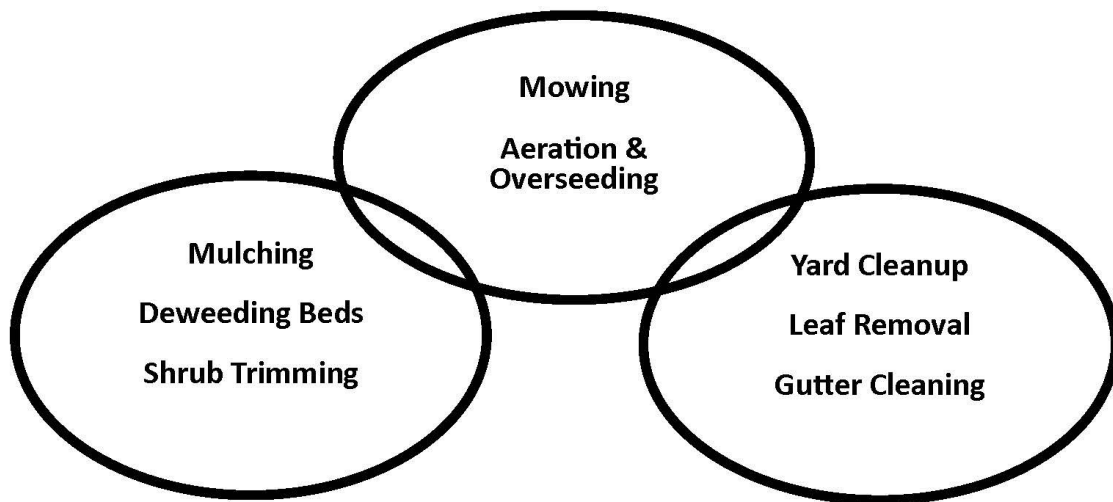
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Source: <https://sitn.hms.harvard.edu/flash/2019/microplastics-crisis/>

*How can microplastics affect animals and people?*

Microplastics are difficult for scientists to study because of the wide variety of sizes and chemical properties. They are so prevalent, it is difficult to ensure samples are not contaminated with microplastics in the laboratory and surrounding environment. Their size also makes them hard to monitor.

When marine animals, like turtles and fish, swallow plastics, their bellies fill with plastic and they don't eat enough to survive. Some scientists think microplastics could affect reproduction of marine microorganisms, like zooplankton, which is the base of the food chain.

There are not many studies showing how humans can be affected by microplastics. It is possible microplastics could accumulate in certain tissues. Researchers think the current level of microplastics, and smaller nanoplastics (1 – 1000 nanometers), are too low to affect human health. But the amount of plastic waste is increasing every year. Much of this waste will eventually become microplastics as it breaks down.

*How can we reduce microplastics in the environment and in our bodies?*

Install a laundry filter to capture polyester fibers from your washing machine.

Buy less synthetic clothing.

Reduce single-use plastics like cutlery, straws, and individual containers.

Reduce use of products like toothpaste and facial scrubs with microbeads.

Sources:

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01143-3>

<https://www.webmd.com/balance/features/what-are-microplastics-how-to-reduce-them>

## **FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK (FLAP) GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Charles Smith from Public Works and Environmental Services will be a guest speaker at the upcoming FLAP General Membership meeting on December 15 at 6:30 pm at Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Road, Springfield. Charles will discuss the Lake Accotink dredging, as well as other projects in the Accotink watershed.

## **COLUMNISTS & WRITERS WANTED**

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## **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).

## **HAVING DIFFICULTY PREPARING MEALS?**

*(Article from the Department of Family Services)*

The Meals on Wheels nutrition program provides home delivered nutrition services targeted to persons 60 years of age or older as well as younger individuals who may have a disability and are temporarily unable to prepare meals for themselves due to illness or accident. Weekly meals are available for in-home delivery. Priority is given to older individuals with the greatest economic and social need, with special emphasis on low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and individuals at risk for institutional placement. The program is targeted to support eligible adults to remain independent in their own homes with support by this program. The meals program currently provides a weekly, contact-free meal delivery of 11 flash frozen meals. Meals are delivered one time per week. Apply by calling the Department of Family Services, 703-324-5409.

## **ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP?**

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can be used like cash to buy food from authorized retailers and online from Amazon and Walmart but cannot be used for delivery fees. Recipients receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer card. Your account is debited each time eligible food items are purchased. A secret Personal Identification Number is required.

Your household must meet certain requirements to be eligible for SNAP benefits. The application process can be done by computer or phone—no need to come in-person. Apply online at <http://commonhelp.virginia.gov/>, or call 1-855-635-4370. For details, call the Department of Family Services Customer Care Line at 703-324-7500, TTY 711.

## **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))

## **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS - BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN**

Block captains deliver pre-paid Directory orders and sign up new Civic Association members and deliver Directories on the spot. Forty of your neighbors volunteered last year. However, many streets didn't have active block captains so membership was down- resulting in a significant reduction in budget for Civic Association activities. Sign up for a block near you or be adventurous and visit the other side of the neighborhood! Contact Elissa Myers to be a block captain- 703-626-9087 or [elissa@elissamyers.com](mailto:elissa@elissamyers.com).

## **KIDS' CORNER**

Kids' Corner is a place where Ravensworth kids 18 and under can have their writing and art published for all of Ravensworth Farm to see. Send your submission of 500 or fewer words or black and white art (high resolution file) to [Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com](mailto: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.



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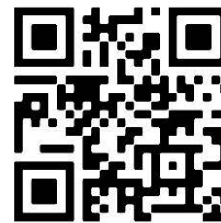


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### **SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS**

Source: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/golden-gazette>

The Shepherd Centers are a nonprofit organization sponsored by local area congregations, community groups, and individuals to serve adults 50 years and older. The centers offer free transportation for medical appointments and companion trips (e.g. grocery shopping) for adults 50 and older who live in the center's service area and are ambulatory. You must apply for this transportation service. Once accepted into the service, a request for a ride must be made four days in advance.

Individual centers also offer additional programs and services. Visit the website or call the center in your area for more information. Interested in volunteering at a Shepherd Center? Contact a center to learn more:

#### **Annandale/Springfield**

703-941-1419, ShepherdsCenter-Annandale.org

#### **Fairfax/Burke**

703-323-4788, SCFBVA.org

#### **McLean/Arlington/Falls Church**

703-506-2199, SCMAFC.org

#### **Oakton/Vienna/Dunn Loring/Reston/Herndon/Great Falls**

703-281-0538, SCNOVA.org

#### **South County**

703-799-0505, SCSC-Transport@Verizon.net

#### **Western Fairfax County**

703-246-5920, SCWFC.org

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!

## **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.

## **"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 [rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org). Thanks for sharing!



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