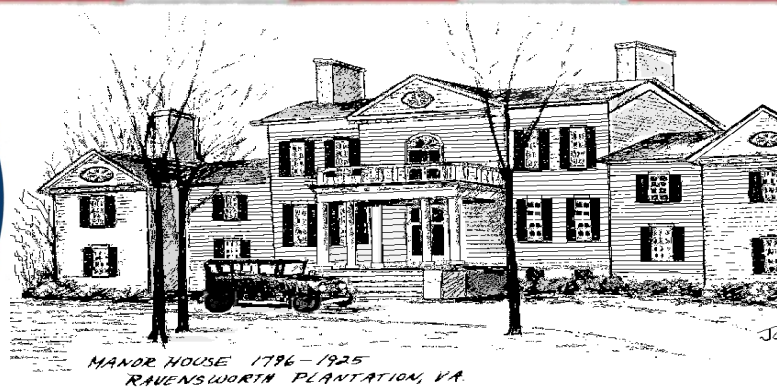


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### RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY NEWS

As the leaves fall and the air gets crisper, we're excited to share all the latest news and activities happening at our school.

This month, we're focusing on two important events: Family Curriculum Night and Run for Ravensworth. [Family Curriculum Night](#) is a great opportunity for our families to learn about how they can extend their child's learning at home. Thanks to all the families who attended! On Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Ravensworth PTA held its yearly Run for Ravensworth fundraiser. The weather was perfect, and our students had a great time running. We appreciate our families and community members who donated and supported our students and school.

Erika Aspuria  
Principal

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### TASKFORCE ON THE FUTURE OF LAKE ACCOTINK

[Matin "Shep" Shepherd](#)

The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink met at the Fairfax County Government Center on Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, for its eighth meeting since June 26<sup>th</sup>. The County's contractor, LimnoTech, provided high-level cost estimates on scenarios they had presented in previous meetings.

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MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE DEADLINE FLYER DEADLINE	DETAILS
September	6	RFCA Board Meeting
October	4	RFCA Board Meeting
<b>October</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>RFCA General Membership Meeting*</b>
November	1	RFCA Board Meeting
December	6	RFCA Board Meeting
January	3	RFCA Board Meeting
February	7	RFCA Board Meeting
March	6	RFCA Board Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>RFCA General Membership Meeting*</b>
April	3	RFCA Board Meeting
May	1	RFCA Board Meeting
<b>May</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>RFCA General Membership Meeting*</b>

General Membership Meetings are held at the Ravensworth Elementary School cafeteria.

All Board Meetings are open to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are 7:30 PM online. For a link to join, contact Ginger Rogers, RFCA Recoding Secretary, [RecSec@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:RecSec@ravensworthfarm.org).

### HELP WANTED: FARMER DELIVERY



The RFCA continues the search for a few organizations interested in delivering The Farmer to every house in the neighborhood which **will now be three issues between September through June - coincident with the General Membership Meetings**. If your organization would like to take part in this paid service opportunity, please contact: [RavensworthFarmer@gmail.com](mailto:RavensworthFarmer@gmail.com).

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They did not include an estimate for a full dredge, so the Task Force was unable to compare process events provided by the previous analysis completed by Arcadis and shared with the community in February when the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) recommended against dredging the Lake, and rather, allow it to become a “managed wetland.” LimnoTech confirmed the costs of individual parts of the dredge activities provided by Arcadis. A lengthy question and answer session followed the presentation, during which members of the Task Force sought clarifications on assumptions that LimnoTech used to arrive at the cost conclusions. Not all Task Force members were satisfied with the answers received.

The last part of the meeting consisted of briefings from each subcommittee chair. The Task Force administration (at Supervisor Walkinshaw’s) office emailed Task Force members with advance copies of these reports for review before the meeting. Following the individual subcommittee reporting, Chairman Bulova asked for a motion to accept their report for incorporation into the Task Force’s final report that will go forward to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) on December 5th and the Environmental Committee on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The Task Force voted to accept the reports for incorporation with considerations for suggested edits and completion of some committee sections.

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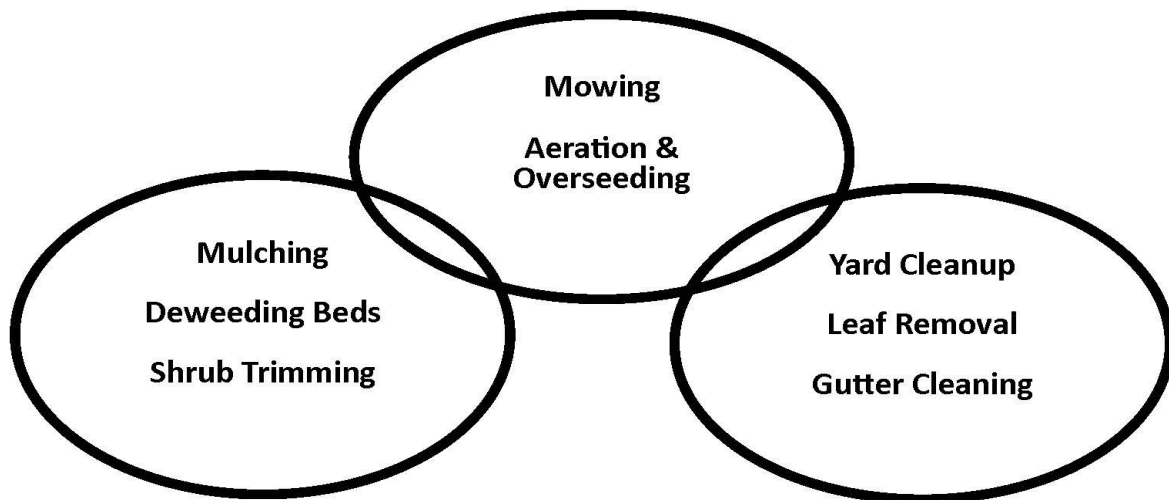
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In addition to the subcommittee reports, [Martin Shepherd](#), the representative for Ravensworth Farm Civic Association, briefed the Task Force on his findings concerning the use of Robinson Terminal as a dewatering and transportation hub. This finding highlights these benefits over other alternatives that caused community concern:

- ✓ Eliminates destruction of mature tree canopy along Accotink Creek and within Wakefield Park
- ✓ Eliminates daily heavy truck traffic in residential neighborhoods
- ✓ Reduces the carbon footprint of transporting dried dredge materials by 87.05%
- ✓ The Task Force accepted Mr. Shepherd's findings for inclusion in the Task Force's final report, with suggested edits.

The Task Force meeting is available for viewing at this link: [https://www.ebmcndn.net/fairfax/fairfax-cable-viewer-vt2-embed.php?viewnode=LakeAccotink\\_11\\_27\\_23](https://www.ebmcndn.net/fairfax/fairfax-cable-viewer-vt2-embed.php?viewnode=LakeAccotink_11_27_23).

The next Task Force meeting will be on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

All meetings are open to the public. Chairman Bulova invites the public to comment before the commencement of each meeting. Remember that channel 16 streams the meetings live on the meeting date.

For more information, visit The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink website at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/lake-accotink-task-force>.

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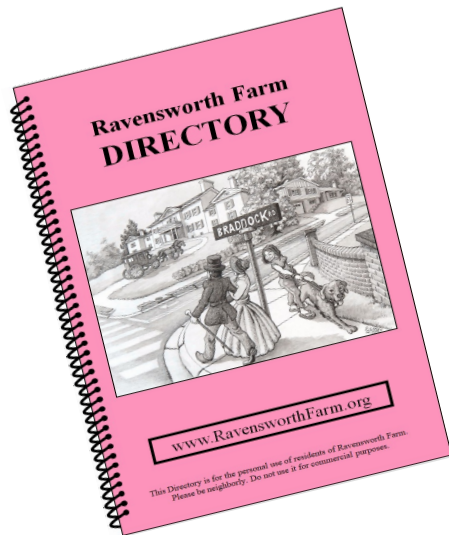
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## **RAVENSWORTH 2023 CHRISTMAS LIGHT AND DECORATIONS JUDGING!**

By [Ginger Rogers](#) & [Elissa Myers](#)

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, and Kid's Choice Plus... honorable mentions!



Beginning on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 2023, 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/62X9935>.

Or, on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 5:00 – 7:00 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](#).

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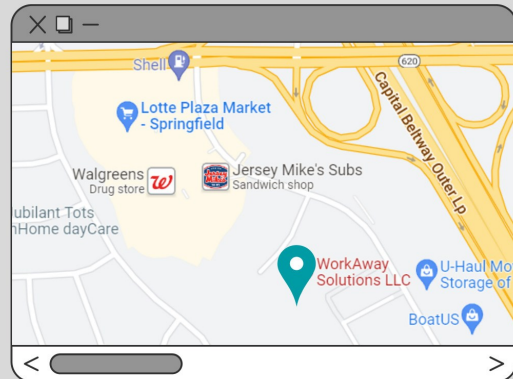
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## **CUB SCOUT PACK 991**

*By Sean Tompkins, Pack 991 Committee Chair*

Greetings Neighbors,

November sure flew by, and we hope you all had a great Thanksgiving.

Last month, your friendly neighborhood Cub Scouts stayed busy doing good turns and having adventures. All that hard work paid off and there were almost too many badges and achievements to count awarded at the last Pack meeting. Scouts received many belt loops for completed Adventures, patches for the Fall Campout and Scouting for Food, and even one for participation in the Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet (JOTA/JOTI). Most notably, many of our first-year Scouts received their Bobcat Badge, certifying that they have memorized and understand the Scout Law, Oath, Sign, Motto, and Salute. Great work, Scouts!

Of note since our last Farmer update, the Pack visited the Children's Science Center at the Fairfax Mall, helped with the Fall cleanup at the Community of Christ Church, and the older Dens worked on the NOVA Stem Award's "Swing!" requirement, disassembling some outdated home appliances and exploring how engineering and simple machines affect daily life.

Next up, the Pack will continue with its annual tradition and join other volunteers for Wreaths Across America at the Alexandria National Cemetery. Their mission is complementary to that of Scouting: "Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve. Teach the next generation the value of freedom." We hope to see you there. <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>.

Additionally in December, along with everyone's monthly Den activities, many older Webelos and Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts will have the opportunity to visit the Burke Fire Station as well as participate in an Archery program at the Izaak Walton League Chapter in Centerville.

Lastly, a continued THANK YOU goes to this awesome community for supporting the Pack, in particular, the Ravensworth Elementary School and Parent Teacher Association and the Community of Christ Church.

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## **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 needs, 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 once per week. Apply by calling the Department of Family Services at 703-324-5409.

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

Block captains deliver pre-paid Directory orders, 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 the 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 at 703-626-9087 or [Membership@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:Membership@ravensworthfarm.org).

## **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 one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Contact Cindy Cho at [New@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:New@ravensworthfarm.org).

## **YOUR INFORMATION NEEDED**

Please send the address (and name if you know it) for new neighbors, 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 [New@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:New@ravensworthfarm.org).

## **COLUMNISTS & WRITERS WANTED**

Are you a writer or a 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](mailto:Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com).

## **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.





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## **SOURCE WATER PROTECTION: BE 'WINTER SALT SMART' THIS WINTER**

Excerpt From: "[Straight From the Tap](#)," Fairfax Water, Fall, 2023

Submitted by Stephanie Hammond

### **What's the problem?**

In the winter, salt keeps us safe while we are on the move, but it also leads to higher levels of salt in the region's drinking water supply, including the Potomac River and Occoquan Reservoir.

### **What is winter salt?**

Winter salt is rock salt (sodium chloride) or ice melt (a blend of sodium chloride, magnesium chloride, and other salts). These materials are used in the winter to prevent the icing of sidewalks, parking lots, and roadways.

### **Why is increased salt in the drinking water supply a problem for water utilities?**

Salt cannot be removed via traditional drinking water and wastewater treatment processes. It can also be corrosive to plumbing and may have health impacts for those on low-sodium diets.

### **What can I do to help?**

- Shovel early. Remove snow from pavements before it turns to ice.
- Use less salt. A 12-ounce coffee mug of salt should be enough for a 20-foot driveway or about 10 sidewalk squares.
- Spread salt evenly. Try to not distribute in clumps. Watch the temps. **When it is colder than 15°F, do not apply winter salt; it will not work.**

Source: <https://www.fairfaxwater.org/news/straight-tap-fall-2023>

### **Reminder from submitter:**

**The storm drains in your street catch, move, and release rainwater into the nearest stream to keep excess water away from your property. But fallen leaves and other debris can cause localized flooding if they cover those storm drains. Blowing or sweeping fallen leaves into the street makes them a safety and stormwater hazard to your property and your neighborhood. You can help prevent this from happening by removing leaves from the street and storm drains near your property, usually with a rake. DO NOT BLOW LEAVES INTO THE STREET. ([Quoted text](#)).**





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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **The 2023 NATIONAL CARE LETTER CAMPAIGN TO HONOR DEPLOYED SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS**

Help Us Honor Veterans and Deployed Service Men and Women this Holiday Season  
by Sharing a Card or Letter in Appreciation of their Service and Sacrifices.

**CARE LETTERS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH 29 DECEMBER 2023**

WASHINGTON, D.C.: November 4, 2023 marks the thirteenth year that America's Adopt A Soldier® will reach out to America to ask for cards of thanks to share with our nation's Service Members who are deployed and Veterans who are in State Veterans Homes and Hospitals.

According to Mary Keeser, America's Adopt A Soldier® Founder, "Annually, over 180,000 care letters, were shared. This year, the goal is to reach over 300,000, which would allow us to send at least four letters to every Veteran in a Veterans Home or Veterans Hospital as well as to our deployed Service Members."

Mary adds, "The cards and letters we receive are drawn or written by a diverse group of individuals, from 3 years-old to the over 100 years- old. From kitchen tables to classrooms, to businesses, to college dorms to faith-based establishments, the pens, pencils, crayons and pieces of paper used to create messages of hope, appreciation, unity and support will have a positive impact. The letters of care are truly the caring pulse of America towards our Service men and women."

To participate in the 2023 National Care Letter Campaign, mail your personal written and designed letter or greeting card to America's Adopt A Soldier, 6744 Gravel Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22310

For more information visit: [www.americasadoptsoldier.org](http://www.americasadoptsoldier.org) or call 703-2783718

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## New Playground At Lake Accotink Park Celebrated With Ribbon-Cutting

Extracted text & photo: Mark Hand, Patch, Burke, VA, 3 November 2023

Fairfax County officials participated in a ribbon-cutting on Thursday to celebrate the completion of a new playground at Lake Accotink Park.

SPRINGFIELD, VA — Fairfax County officials participated in a ribbon-cutting on Thursday to celebrate the construction of a new playground at Lake Accotink Park.

Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw, who asked the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors earlier this year to provide funds for a new playground, was joined by Board of Supervisors Chair Jeff McKay, Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity and Fairfax County Park Authority officials to celebrate the completion of the new playground.

Walkinshaw thanked the Parks Authority for designing, ordering and installing the new playground "in record time."



Source: <https://patch.com/virginia/burke/new-playground-lake-accotink-park-celebrated-ribbon-cutting>.

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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 of 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 are not a member, join now via [RavensworthFarm.org](#), contact Elissa Myers to become a member at 703-321-7590, or [Membership@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:Membership@ravensworthfarm.org), or answer the door when your Block Captain comes knocking. It would be great to welcome every one of our nearly 860 households into the Civic Association!

## **ADVERTISE IN THE RAVENSWORTH FARMER**

Reach nearly 860 homes with news of your services or merchandise seven times over the 2022-2023 year. Contact Sue Hillmer at [Advertising@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:Advertising@ravensworthfarm.org) for information on permanent ads in the body of The Ravensworth Farmer.

## **"GEM" REVIEWS**

The Ravensworth Farm Community Association board wants to encourage neighbors to share great ideas with neighbors. Whether it's an eatery, theater, pool, park, repair place, preschool, or builder, if you've found a "gem" ... please share. Send reviews to [Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com](mailto:Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com). Thanks for sharing!

## **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 500 or fewer-word submissions 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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