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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

At this time the civic association needs volunteers to fill several important positions. The association relies on volunteers to perform the many tasks necessary to serve our community. Please consider calling today to volunteer; don't wait for the other guy to step forward:

- Civic Association Treasurer, call **Brent** at 703-321-8383.
- Volunteers to pick up trash periodically along Braddock Road adjacent to the Ravensworth community, call **Dick** at 703-321-9143.
- Volunteers to participate once a year with the Braddock District Tree Planting Project which maintains the median strip along Braddock Road, call **Dick** at 703-321-9143.
- Managing the advertising flyers for the **Farmer** and facilitating the printing of the **Farmer** at Key Center School on Franconia Rd between September & May. Call **Dick** at 703-321-9143 for questions or more information.

Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Membership Meeting

Speaker: Congressman Tom Davis

Thursday, May 25, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.

Held in Ravensworth Elementary School



Ravensworth Farm Community Activities

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| • International Picnic | Saturday, May 20 ~
RAIN or SHINE |
| • Heritage Festival & Book Debut | Saturday, June 3 at
Lake Accotink Park |
| • Cardboard Boat Regatta | Sunday, June 4 at
Lake Accotink Park |

Ravensworth *Farmer* Online
www.ravensworthfarm.org



STOP! Save this **Farmer**. The **Farmer** is taking a vacation and will return in late September. Don't forget to find information on the website online at www.ravensworthfarm.org

Article I, Section 3, of the Civic Association's By-Laws provides that the Association shall be strictly non-partisan, non-political, and non-sectarian. Accordingly, the invitation of elected officials and other public figures to speak at Association meetings, and the inclusion of paid political or commercial advertisements in the *Farmer* or in the attached flyers, do not constitute endorsements by the Association.

RAVENSWORTH FARM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President	Brent Reynolds	703-321-8383
1st Vice President	Martin Shepherd	703-461-0158
2nd Vice President	Stephen Beste	703-321-9110
Recording Secretary	Mike Edwards	703-321-0176
Corresponding Secretary	Bob Nielsen	703-321-8206
Treasurer	Trong Nguyen	703-425-7650

STANDING COMMITTEES

Legislative & County Affairs	Ruth Orem	703-321-8061
Public Service (Streets & Sidewalks)	Tom Harms	703-321-7476
Schools & Education	Ellen Eggerton	703-321-4948
Parks & Recreation Liaison	Jim Hickey Vacant	703-321-8535
Membership & Communications	Julia Johnson	703-321-8845
Architectural Committee	Brent Reynolds	703-321-8383

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Entrance Committee	Marti Terry	703-321-9668	
Hospitality	Nancy Jarvie	703-321-8319	
	Johanna Canfield	703-321-8483	
	Ruth Hartman	703-321-8063	
New Neighbors	Gloria Brissman	703-321-7871	
	Miffie Clem	703-321-7875	
	Donna Karlinchak	703-321-4805	
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	Spanish	Vacant	
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Green Thumb Garden Club	Mary Ann Rish	703-321-7447	
Golden Ravens	Richard & Allie Hunter	703-321-9549	
Ravensworth Swim and Racquet Club	Enrique Navarrete	703-321-9140	

Association Calendar 2005 - 2006

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
May	3	3	12	15	20	25

Membership or Board Meetings are canceled in the event of Fairfax County Public School's early closing or school cancellation.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Neighbors,

I hope everyone is enjoying Spring. Folks are cleaning up the pool, preparing to open it. Have you gotten your membership purchased?? Recently I had a few complaints about RVs and trailers parked on the street. It would be nice to park those in the driveway if you can. And speaking of transportation, how do our residents like the Metro bus 17? Any ideas on what we can do to increase ridership?

Last month a flag and pole were borrowed from a home on Ravenel. Could someone return it or buy a new one for the family? Feel free to contact me if you need help purchasing your own flag and pole. I have many good sources. In celebrating our interesting history and diversity, mark your calendar for May 20, our "international pitch-in picnic" at the church. And finally, thanks to Cardinal Lawn for volunteering to maintain our entryways in exchange for free advertising. It is much appreciated.

Recently I was chosen as our representative for the "Trails and Sidewalks Committee" for the county. Is anyone in the neighborhood interested in working with the state and county to improve our neighborhood crosswalks? If you have VDOT experience it might be helpful. Contact me.

Enjoy the Spring...the heat's coming.

Brent Reynolds

703 321 8383

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' NOTES

The Board of Directors meetings are held in the Teachers' Lounge of Ravensworth Elementary School. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 6, 2006.

The Civic Association extends its special thanks to Michael Tubbs for typing this month's *Farmer*, and to Deirdre Orem for her role in preparing the *Farmer* and maintaining the paid advertisements.

SWEET CORN! LUSH TOMATOES!

A **Farmer's Market at Wakefield Park** will be held from **2:30 PM to 6:00 PM Wednesdays** beginning May 10 and running to October 25. Volunteers are welcome to assist. Contact **Tom Kennedy** at **703-321-7081**.

CONGRESSMAN TOM DAVIS TO SPEAK AT MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 25th, at 7:30 PM in the Ravensworth Elementary School Cafeteria

Have you been putting off writing that letter to your congressman for too long? If so, this month's Membership Meeting offers a great solution: Your Congressman, In Person! Come hear Congressman Davis discuss today's hot local topics from a Federal perspective. What pressing issues are you concerned with? High and rising gas prices, Medicare and Social Security, controlling government spending and taxes, the wars on terror, drugs, gangs, or poverty, and cable, TV and telephone decisions are all up for debate. Whatever it is, come share your perspective and questions with Congressman Davis. Hear his approach to the issues and how he will represent us in Congress. We will take as many questions and continue discussion for as long as time allows.

This is the RFCA annual meeting. Our budget and execution will be available for review. Election of Officers will also take place. A new Treasurer is needed and nominations from the floor will be taken for any office. Great refreshments are planned. We look forward to seeing you at this important meeting.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

- * To the RFCA officers and committee members for their able leadership
- * To all the block captains and Julia Johnson for another great membership drive
- * To the authors of the articles for the newsletter
- * To our typists: Marianne Cruden, Julie Riegg, Michael Tubbs
- * To our formatters, the Orem's
- * To Dick Sargent for coordinating the flyers and printing
- * To the scouts and their parents who deliver the *Farmer*
- * To the countless others who participate in our community activities and make Ravensworth Farm such a wonderful place to live

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Butler, Bob and Mamie
8107 Bullock Lane



REMEMBER: Call Gloria Brissman (703 321 7871) when a new neighbor appears on your block.

HOSPITALITY

Births:

😊 Baby Boy to the Vo family of Moultrie Rd

Hospitalizations:

♥ Wayne Norby of Ravenel Lane

Ravensworth Farm extends its sympathy to the family of Dolly Carson of Hatteras Lane

Please call Johanna Canfield (703-321-8483) with news of births, adoptions, hospitalizations, and deaths in our community.

INTERNATIONAL PITCH-IN POTLUCK PICNIC

Come and celebrate the tremendous diversity of our Ravensworth Community by participating in the Civic Association's International Pitch-In Potluck Picnic. There will be games, international crafts and lots of interesting food to eat.

- Date:** Saturday, May 20th - Rain Date: Sunday, May 21st
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Where: Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Road
Food: Food from around the world. Please bring your favorite dish to share with 10 others. Hot dogs will be sold for those less adventurous eaters and drinks and paper products will be provided.
Craft: Asian brush painting demonstration, folding paper for children, and sushi demonstration. If you have a craft you would like to share, contact Bill Sinclair (BillSinclair2@cox.net)
Games: Moon Bounce, Volleyball, Badminton, Croquet and Others
Info: Contact Bill Sinclair or Trong Nguyen (trongtnguyen@hotmail.com) with questions or suggestions

Come and connect with your neighbors whom you haven't seen for awhile and meet some new ones! Bring the whole family!! It's going to be fun!!!

SEARCHING FOR BRADDOCK'S GOLD?

Through the years, the legend of gold coins stuffed in cannons and buried somewhere along Braddock Road has sparked the imagination of many residents of our community. Do you also know stories of train wrecks, forest fires, tornados and German P.O.W.s working on dairy farms in our Braddock District? You can read about these and many more stories in the book **Braddock's True Gold! 20th Century Life in the Heart of Fairfax County**, co-authored by a **Ravensworth resident, Mary Lipsey**. The origin of this book came from Supervisor Sharon Bulova who was captivated when listening to residents share their life stories. Ms. Bulova organized A Look Back at Braddock Task Force. Over fifty residents of the Braddock District were interviewed and you may read about their experiences in the book. The book will go on sale at **Lake Accotink's Heritage Festival on Saturday, June 3rd** (See insert flyers). At the Festival, you can also enjoy Native American dancing, Civil War soldier drills, walking tours, crafts, and so much more. Come join the fun and relive the past.

RAVENSWORTH FARM IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Let's work together to make it a lovely place to look at. Observe your recycling and trash company's pick-up days for the various types of trash. Place the appropriate items at the curb the evening before the pick-up day. Please pick up and properly dispose of newspapers tossed at your driveway/curb. Please sweep up the debris (leaves, gravel, sand, cans, bottles, cigarette butts) that collect at your curb. If you live at a corner lot, please do this for the curb at the side of your property, too.

BE SURE TO WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Don't forget to call **Gloria Brissman** at **703-321-7871** when a new neighbor moves in. Our welcoming committee continues to work during the Summer months and doesn't want to miss anyone. Please call!

GOLDEN RAVENS

We would like to thank the Community of Christ Church for allowing our group to meet there. We appreciate their thoughtfulness in sharing with the community. Thank you again.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

For their May meeting, the Garden Club enjoyed a tram ride through the U.S. National Arboretum to see the beautiful display of azaleas. The next meeting will be a luncheon at the home of Kay Medigovich for the installation of new officers.

The club awarded the **Garden of the Season** awards to the families listed below. Congratulations to the winners. The neighborhood is alive with color.

- ☆ **1st Place:** 7916 Slidell Lane - Gary & Wendy Loehrs
- ☆ **2nd Place:** 5227 Kepler Lane - Carlos & Maria Santizo
- ☆ **3rd Place:** 8111 Ellet Lane - Joe & Doreen O'Connor



Honorable Mention:

- ⌘ 5513 Ravenel Lane
- ⌘ 7910 Ellet Road
- ⌘ 5415 Moultrie Road
- ⌘ 5313 Kepler Lane
- ⌘ 8133 Drayton Lane
- ⌘ 5221 Inverchapel Road
- ⌘ 5238 Inverchapel Road
- ⌘ 5309 Nutting Drive
- ⌘ 5311 Nutting Drive
- ⌘ 8021 Ellet Road



GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE/JULY/AUGUST

- Prune azaleas, rhododendrons, and other Spring flowering shrubs before mid-July.
- Watch out for pests including bagworms, lacebugs, and spider mites.
- Harvest your vegetables frequently.
- Plant verbena, aster, and butterfly bush to attract butterflies and birds to your garden.
- Check plants frequently for water during hot weather.
- Eliminate mosquitoes in birdbaths and ponds with mosquito bits or dunks. Keep unnecessary standing water out of your garden.



CONSIDERING BUILDING OR IMPROVEMENTS?



Before starting, one needs to research if a building permit is required. For example, removal, addition or relocation of any wall or partition requires a permit. For clarification and/or additional information, please contact Fairfax County, Department of Environmental Management, Division of Inspection Services, Permits Branch at 703-324-1555 or Code Enforcement at 703-324-1937. Online: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes

POOL NEWS

When I initially wrote the newsletter that appeared in the April issue of the *Farmer* (located in the flyer insert), I had not heard that Royal Pool in the neighborhood next to us, Kings Park, would be closing this year due to a lack of membership. The challenges faced by older community pools are numerous. Our pool is now over 40 years old and, as you can imagine, requires a great deal of upkeep in order to remain attractive. As the costs of repairs and insurance continue to increase year after year, membership levels must stay strong in order to meet the rising expenses. Please take a moment to read the newsletter and consider your support of the pool from a perspective you may not have ever considered before. And please, if you know any families from the Kings Park area, encourage them to join our great pool.

Thanks,
Enrique Navarette
ravensworthfarm@aol.com

COOK SAFELY WITH TEFLON

A recent Post article informed readers about the problem when Teflon breaks down; hazardous materials then enter the environment. The article described simple rules to follow when using nonstick cookware:

- ☞ Never leave an empty pan unattended on a burner
- ☞ Don't preheat a pan before adding butter or oil
- ☞ Don't sear meat in the pan
- ☞ Don't broil in the pan
- ☞ Always use the exhaust hood to prevent noxious fumes escaping into the kitchen

AS MOSQUITO SEASON APPROACHES...

Make sure that you are not providing a breeding ground. Mosquitoes need only a few tablespoons of water to breed!

- ❶ Clean out your gutters of debris
- ❶ Discard cans or containers
- ❶ Remove old tires
- ❶ Clean and change water in birdbaths
- ❶ Turn over wading pools when not in use
- ❶ Cover canoes and boats with a tight fitting tarp or turn upside down
- ❶ Drain or fill in wet and soggy areas with soil or vegetation

CONTROL OF RATS AND MICE

Unfortunately this is the time of year that rodents are looking for food and nesting sites. Protect your home and yard by doing the following:

- ☑ Closing any holes or cracks the rodents could use to access your home
- ☑ Store your firewood up off the ground
- ☑ Remove any piles of debris or building material which could provide shelter
- ☑ Clean up bird seed from the ground daily or remove your bird feeders during the Summer months
- ☑ Do not leave any uneaten pet food outside

COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association wants to thank Dick and Martha Sargent for all their years of service to the community. This couple has spent countless hours with the *Farmer* publication, the yard sale, Garden Club, Golden Ravens, the community clean-up, Lake Accotink Park activities, etc., etc. No, they are not moving, just downsizing. They are looking forward to more hours of rest and relaxation.

Thanks to Deirdre and Ruth Orem for formatting the *Farmer* newsletter in such a professional way. Deirdre is looking forward to joining the collegiate world next year.

Susan Deyampert, our webmaster, will be following in the footsteps of the Orem's and begin formatting the newsletter in September.



CLASSIFIED ADS are placed in the *Farmer* and on the Ravensworth Farm web page at no cost to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Classified ads must be mailed to: The Ravensworth *Farmer*, P.O. Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151. This classified ads section is a service to Ravensworth residents, and is not intended for business or commercial use. Accordingly, we will run ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. in this section once; if the advertiser wishes to repeat them, he/she must shift them to the paid ad category.

FOR SALE	Lawnmower, Lawn-Boy, 6 HP, self propelled, four cycle, good condition. \$75 or offer. 703-321-9268
FOR SALE	Home gym. 20 programmable resistance exercises. Retail \$850, asking \$250.00. 703-321-9268
FOR SALE	Matching sofa and loveseat. Green and white plaid, originally purchased from Stanis Furniture Co. In good condition. Sofa, \$75.00. Loveseat, \$50.00. Call: 703-321-7594
WANTED	Carpool from Ravensworth to Fairfax County Government Center. Working hours 7:30 - 4:00 M - F. Willing to drive or share driving. Call 703-321-4948
WANTED	Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables and chairs, sofas, end tables, lamps, kitchen utensils, dishes and pans. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the ACCA warehouse 703-256-1991. Call the warehouse on Saturday mornings only.

