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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

Topic: *Lake Accotink Dredging*

Thursday, March 23, 2006 - 7:30 p.m.

**Held in the Ravensworth Elementary
School Library**



Ravensworth Farm Community Activities

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| • April Farmer Deadline | Wednesday, April 5 |
| • Trout Fishing at Lake Accotink | February 10 - April 23 |
| • Community Clean-Up | Saturday, March 18 |
| • Lake Accotink Park Clean-Up | Saturday, April 8 ~ more info page 5 |
| • Community Yard Sale | Saturday, May 6 ~ see page 6 for details |

Ravensworth *Farmer* Online
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	Vacant	
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
Cultural Committee	Vietnamese	Trong Nguyen 703-425-7650
	Spanish	Vacant
	Korean	Monica Kim 703-321-0338
Directory	Coordinator	Stephen Beste 703-321-9110
	Advertising	Martin Shepherd 703-461-0158
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	Preparation	Deirdre Orem 703-321-8061
	Printing, Flyers, Assembly	Dick Sargent 703-321-9143
	Distribution	Stephen Beste 703-321-9110
Neighborhood Watch	Larry Lippolis	703-321-8966
PTA President, Ravensworth Elementary	Alicia Mooradian	703-764-8575
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
March	1	1	10	13	18	23*
April	5	5	21	24	28	
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.

*** Snow Date March 30**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Folks,

I read in the newspaper that the U.S. Geological Survey had found pesticides in all of our waterways. Most of these pesticides and chemicals are resulting from farming or suburban run-off. So this Spring when you contract with a lawn care company, be sure to discuss with them what are the effects of the run-off from the chemicals they use. The run-off from our neighborhood ends up in Accotink Creek and eventually the Chesapeake Bay.

If you have any suggestions for a good contractor, lawn care company, mechanic, etc., please pass on the information to me so it can be posted on our website.

Recently I met with the shopping center management, Don McIlvaine, VDOT, Department of Forestry, and Colin Campbell from Supervisor Sharon Bulova's office regarding the sidewalk from Queensberry to the shopping center. As a group, we plan to stabilize the hill, beautify the plantings, and maintain the sidewalk better, as well as plow off the snow regularly. Watch for major changes in that area. Thanks first to Bill George for pestering us to do something. Diplomatic persistence pays off. Thanks to Don McIlvaine for being flexible and interested in improving this area at his expense. Thanks to Jim Betz at VDOT and the Department of Forestry for being responsive and offering excellent suggestions. And finally thanks to Sharon Bulova's office for always being responsive, professional, and sympathetic.

If anyone has ideas or thoughts about new stores you would like to see in the shopping center, let Don McIlvaine or myself know. There is regular turnover up there and it would be nice to get some long-term successful stores serving our needs better. You can also contact a store owner or franchise directly and suggest they attempt to get a store put in there. Don't we need a coffee shop? Any ideas?

Last, thanks to the supportive resident, who appreciated our community's efforts to reach out to and celebrate our diversity.

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, April 5, 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.

JOIN US AT MARCH'S MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

TOPIC: DREDGING OF LAKE ACCOTINK

The long awaited project to dredge Lake Accotink is at last underway, and operations are about to begin. Come to the Civic Association's March General Membership meeting and hear about the status of this project from persons in the know: staff from the Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, and the contractor performing the work. These folks will report on how the project has progressed so far, and on what's coming next. This is important information for all of us who enjoy our neighborhood parks. The meeting will take place at **Ravensworth Elementary School on Thursday, March 23, at 7:30 P.M.** Hope to see you there!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Carrillo, Renzo and Rachel
8113 Bullock Lane

Cousin, Eric and Gail and family
7902 Slidell Lane

Cuellar, Julio
Baldelomar, Selva
5312 Pillow Lane

Sowa, Adam and Amy and family
5680 Ravenel Lane



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

HOSPITALITY

Births:

☺ Girl, born to Matthew and Renee Keast of Pillow Lane

Ravensworth Farm extends its sympathy to the Brown family of Inverchapel in the tragic death of her grandson.

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

POOL NEWS

Please take a minute to read the attached pool newsletter and 2006 membership application included in this edition of the *Farmer*.

We are currently looking for a Pool Manager for the 2006 season. Candidates must have experience in pool management, a current pool operator's license, and be lifeguard certified. This would be the perfect job for a stay-at-home parent or school teacher. Competitive salary. Approximately 30-40 hours per week. Interested applicants should contact **Enrique Navarrete at 703-321-9140**.

Those interested in lifeguarding or working at the snack bar/front gate this Summer should contact **Christine Hannam at 703-321-7398**. All lifeguard applicants must have current certification. All snack bar/gate guard applicants must be 14 years of age, and have a work permit. Work permits can be obtained through your local high school.

REMEMBER - all employees who worked last Summer must reapply for consideration.

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP AND SAVE-THE-BAY WORKDAY SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. (RAIN OR SHINE)

Help support Lake Accotink Park and the 18th Annual Potomac River Watershed Clean-up by cleaning up the park. The Bay starts here and needs your help! Be part of the solution! Meet at the **Lake Accotink Park Marina** at **9 A.M.**, dressed for the weather, and bring a pair of gloves; trash bags will be provided. Volunteers who help clean up Lake Accotink Park will receive a free lunch. This community event is perfect for families, scouts, school and civic groups. Hope to see you there! For more information, you can **contact the Park at 703-569-0285 or Jim Hickey at 703-321-8535**.

CROSS COUNTY TRAIL CONNECTOR NEARS COMPLETION



While driving on the outer loop of the Beltway, under and near Route 236, you may have noticed a concrete sidewalk. This is one of the newest parts of the Cross County Connector, a trail that will extend through the County for about 40 miles. Running in a north-south direction, the trail extends from the Potomac River at Great Falls, to the Occoquan River in the south. This project is nearly complete and the undertaking will be celebrated by the Park Authority on May 6. Watch for more information as plans get firmed up and the date gets closer. More information is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/cct or by contacting the Trails office at 12055 Government Center Parkway.

WHY NOT TRY NATIVE PLANTS FOR YOUR LANDSCAPING?

There is a trend in landscaping and gardening to use native plants, which are perfectly fitted to our local birds, insects, weather, and other growing conditions. In order to foster the use of these plantings, the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District offers seedlings of a selection of native plants. This year's set of plants includes one groundcover selection. Planting instructions will be included. See the flyer in this issue entitled "2006 Shrub and Tree Seedling Sale: A Harvest of Fruit and Nuts" to order some for your yard. This is especially convenient for us in Ravensworth Farm because the pick-up site is in the nearby neighborhood of Red Fox Forest, which is located just off Braddock Road west of the Kings Park Shopping Center.



27TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE: SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2006



The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association will sponsor the 27th Annual Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 6th** at the **Ravensworth Swim and Racquet Club** from **8:30 AM to 1:00 PM**. This opportunity to participate in a multi-family sale is restricted to residents with no charge to participants (one of the benefits from membership dues). Advertising costs and arrangements will be handled by your Civic Association.

If you are new to our community or have never participated in this popular event, we urge you to join us this year. Reservations are not required -- just show up early, pick a spot, and "set up shop". If you have no items to sell, plan to attend, meet your neighbors, browse for bargains, and enjoy the congenial atmosphere. Remember -- there is no cost to participants, and all residents are encouraged to take part. There are no plans for a Fall Community Yard Sale, so use this opportunity to clear out the basement or attic. Questions, call **Suzie Eggleston** at **703-321-2070**.

RECYCLE OLD COMPUTERS AND MONITORS

Since old computers and monitors can't be accepted at the community clean up day, they can be recycled at:

Service Source
6295 Edsall Rd, Suite 175
Alexandria, VA
703-461-6153



There is a \$20 donation when dropping the item off.

"MY ACHING BACK" (TOPIC AT GOLDEN RAVENS)

If you are one of the many who suffer with back pain, we invite you to meet with the Golden Ravens on **Wednesday, March 22nd** at **11:00 A.M.** at **Community of Christ Church** to hear an excellent presentation by **Karen Gasper**. Arthritis, osteoporosis, or injury due to trauma such as vehicle accident, falls, muscle spasms, etc., will be discussed. Karen has a passion for working with people in prevention and treatment of injuries and back pain. She has certification as an Emergency Medical Technician, Personal Trainer, Post Rehabilitation Specialist and Senior Fitness, and Reike Practitioner.

Karen will discuss her work with athletes and seniors as well as her own personal experience with pain from injury. She has a wonderful sense of humor as she demonstrates and involves her audience in exercises. She will also distribute hand-outs to take with you. This will be a program you shouldn't miss. Bring a bag lunch (beverages and desserts will be provided) and enjoy meeting with neighbors after the program.

On **April 26th**, we will have **lunch at Greenspring** along with former Ravensworth residents. We will meet at the church at 12 noon and carpool to Greenspring for lunch at 12:30 P.M.

We are fortunate to have a room provided at the church, Community of Christ, at 5610 Inverchapel Rd., for our meetings. If you want information or need a ride call **Allie or Dick Hunter (703-321-9549)** or **Dick or Martha Sargent (703-321-9143)**.

ATOMS 5K RUN/WALK

The Annandale High School (AHS) Athletic Booster Club will sponsor a **5K Run/Walk** on **Saturday, May 20, 2006 starting at 8:30 a.m.** to benefit the athletic programs at AHS. The race course starts at the school, meanders through the neighborhood, and ends on the track. There will be T-Shirts, food, prizes, and music by the AHS Marching Band. The price for participants is \$20 (\$18 if paid by April 30). Last year's events attracted over 150 participants, which included seasoned runners, families, and local politicians. Registration forms will soon be available at **www.Annandaleatoms.com**. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer for this event, or get on the mailing list, please contact **Jim Connor** at **703 321-2827** or at **jconnor3@cox.net**.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE HAS NEWS

The Welcome New Neighbors Committee is pleased to welcome a new member - Donna Karlinchak. Donna (nee Quackenbush) grew up on Adair Lane - and when the time came for her young family to buy a new home, she told her husband that they could buy a house anywhere as long as it is Ravensworth. Lucky for us!

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club held its February meeting at the home of Nancy Jarvie. The members made beautiful arrangements using fresh flowers. Spring is definitely in the air.

GARDENING TIPS FOR APRIL

- ⌘ Clean and prepare water gardens for Spring.
- ⌘ Plant early vegetables such as lettuce, broccoli, kale and cabbage.
- ⌘ Apply Crab-ex to prevent Summer weeds.
- ⌘ Use Bayer Advanced Tree and Shrub Insect Control to protect plants all season long.



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.

NEEDED	Family needs daycare out of house one or two days a week. Please call 571-214-9068.
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.