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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: Representative Tom Davis

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

Held in Ravensworth Elementary School



### Ravensworth Farm Community Activities

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| • May <i>Farmer</i> Deadline   | Wednesday, May 3                     |
| • Garden of the Season Judging | Tuesday, May 2 ~ article page 8      |
| • Community Yard Sale          | Saturday, May 6 ~ see Flyer inside   |
| • Garden Club Plant Sale       | Saturday, May 13 ~ see Flyer inside  |
| • International Picnic         | Saturday, May 20 ~ details pages 5-6 |

Ravensworth *Farmer* Online  
[www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://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	
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
<i>Farmer</i>	Co-editors, Advertising	Chris & Mary Lipsey	703-321-2824
	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
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.**

### FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### Folks:

It is nice to see those flowers popping up again. If you need help sprucing up your lawns, be sure to check out the landscapers and lawn mowing companies who advertise in the newsletter and directory.

You may have seen the improvements in landscaping on Braddock Road between Queensberry and the shopping center. Watch for more improvements at our entranceways soon. If you are interested in helping with these improvements, please contact me. Our Civic Association also needs a new treasurer. If anyone likes working with money, not just spending it, contact me.

Kids swimming in a creek and swinging off a rope swing, folks boating through clean water, young fish moving downstream to the Chesapeake...are these days gone? If you value the health of our local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay, as well as that of Accotink, consider contacting: Supervisor Sharon Bulova at [Sharon.bulova@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Sharon.bulova@fairfaxcounty.gov), 703 425 9300; Chairman Gerald Connolly at [chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov), 703 324 2321; or Congressman Tom Davis at [chrisepinoza@mail.house.gov](mailto:chrisepinoza@mail.house.gov), 703 916 9610 to ask for their support for increase funding for the dredging of Lake Accotink. Limited dredging is set to begin on Accotink in June to alleviate the massive silting of the lake and to create a deeper lake with better water flow and healthier aquatic life. With the limited funds currently available, only part of the lake will be dredged. But with additional funds available through Storm Water Management or through Congressman Davis' possible access to Federal funds, a more thorough dredging could be completed.

Think Globally, Act Locally.

Regards,  
*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, May 3, 2006.

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

## COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

At the March 18th clean-up, **two truck loads of metal (3.99 tons)** and **two truck loads of trash (6.78 tons)** were collected and removed from our community. All of this **10.77 tons** would be burned, crushed or recycled. This was slightly more than last year's total and many "Farmers" were pleased with the results. In addition to what was taken away, several items such as file cabinets, speakers, patio chairs, lawn mowers, and bikes were claimed by residents. Bill Sinclair also rescued several items of furniture which he delivered to ACCA for distribution to needy low income families.

**Dick Sargent, the coordinator**, would like to thank **Mitch Filipowicz** and the several members of **Boy Scout Troop 991** for their excellent assistance. Other adults who worked with the boys in unloading vehicles were **Jim Hickey, Suzanne Dorick, Paul and Betty Morgan, and Paul Thieberger**.

Thank you also to **Don Hillmer**, who loaned his pick-up truck and **Rich Utano**, who drove it and assisted the Scouts in picking up many items from a dozen homes. Thanks to **Gloria Brissman** and **Martha Sargent** for providing refreshments for the workers.

## SPRUCE UP YOUR PROPERTY - PLANT SALE



The **Green Thumb Garden Club** will hold its annual plant sale on **Saturday, May 13th** at the **Ravensworth Shopping Center** from **9 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Shop early to get the best pickings!

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Kamara, Amara  
Murad, Fatima  
5226 Inverchapel

Hancock, Ronchez  
Holland, Steele  
5601 Inverchapel

Arnibar, Fernandu and Jenny and family  
5718 Nutting

Paz, Jaime and Zaida and family  
5303 Nutting

Gill, Tom and Debbi  
5640 Inverchapel

Alvares, Miguel and Sonia and family  
5225 Kepler Lane



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

## HOSPITALITY

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

**SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006**

Come enjoy food from around the world and visit with great neighbors and friends. Mark your calendars, **May 20, 2006** for the **Ravensworth International Pitch-In Potluck Picnic** from **4:00-7:30 p.m** at the **Community of Christ Church** on Inverchapel.

**PICNIC INTERNACIONAL - - GRATIS**

La Asociación Cívica de la Comunidad de Ravensworth te invita a ti y a toda tú familia a gozar un día de campo o picnic internacional. Celebramos la diversidad de culturas que tenemos en nuestra comunidad. Esta se una gran oportunidad de conocer a nuestros vecinow y que ellos no conozcan también.

Compartamos nuestra comida, manualidades, musica y todo lo bueno que nos caracteriza a los hispanos.

- Cuando:** El sabado 20 de mayo  
(Si llueve se hará el domingo 21 de mayo)
- Donde:** En la Iglesia de Cristo de la comunidad en  
5610 Inverchapel Road
- Hora:** Por la tarde de 4:00 a 7:30 p.m.
- Requisito:** Traer un plato de comida favorita de tú pais de origen, lo suficiente para compartir con 10 o mas personas.



Habrà comida gratis de paises de alrededor del mundo!! Para niños habrá demostraciones de como doblar papel y hacer figuras y muchas actividades más. Para más información llame a **Dinora González al (703) 321-0160**, a **Bill Sinclair (Billsinclair2@cox.net)** o a **Trong Nguyen (trongtnguyen@hotmail.com)** si tiene preguntas o sugerencias.

**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](mailto:BillSinclair2@cox.net))
- Games:** Moon Bounce, Volleyball, Badminton, Croquet and Others
- Info:** Contact Bill Sinclair or Trong Nguyen ([trongtnguyen@hotmail.com](mailto: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!!!

# 국제 친선의 날



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때: 2006년 5월 20일(토요일, 비가 올시에는 일요일)

시간: 오후 4시부터 7시 30분 까지.

장소: 5610 Inverchapel Rd(Community of Christ Church)

(마을 중앙에 있는 교회 마당)

♣여러 가지 다양한 음식과 공놀이등의 간단한운동을 즐길 수 있습니다.

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☎ 703 321 0338 모니카 김.

**Thân mời các bạn đến dự:**

**NGÀY HỘI NGOÀI TRỜI CỦA MỌI SẮC DÂN Ở RAVENSWORTH FARM**

**Thứ Bảy 20 tháng 5 từ 4:00 đến 7:30 chiều tại nhà thờ Tin Lành đường Inverchapel Rd.**

**(nhớ mang theo một món ăn Việt Nam để mọi người cùng thưởng thức)**

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



The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association will sponsor the 27h 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**.

## BOY SCOUTS LEND A HELPING HAND AT COMMUNITY YARD SALE (SATURDAY, MAY 6)

The Scouts are trying to raise money to pay for new camping equipment and a trailer to carry their equipment to their outings. The Scouts will be available to help set up tables, carry items to/from your vehicle and they will be cooking and serving food for donations.

Please come out on **Saturday, May 6th**, sell some of your family goods, help support the Boy Scouts of Troop 991. Call Suzie Eggleston if you have any questions about this fundraiser or the Community Yard Sale at 703 321 2070.

## MEETING PLACE AVAILABLE FOR GROUPS

Does your group need a place to meet? The **Community of Christ Church** at **5610 Inverchapel Road** is willing to let non-profit Ravensworth community groups use the church facilities upon availability. The church has had Girl and Boy Scout groups, singing groups, and the Ravensworth Golden Ravens meeting on a regular basis and is willing to allow additional groups use the facilities. Our congregation would like the community to know that our facilities and new playground are available to members of the community at large. If you would like additional information on the use of these facilities, **please contact our Facilities Coordinator, Wally Evers at 703 313 8254 or our pastor, Virginia Bateman, 703 368 4481.**

## CHECK OUT THOSE FACTS WITH WWW.SNOPES.COM BEFORE SHARING THOSE EMAILS

The next time you are thinking about passing along an email which you think contains startling, fascinating or helpful information, stop and check out the truthfulness of the information. Go to the website, **www.snopes.com**, which tracks the misinformation and hoaxes which travel around via the internet. The chances are very good that what you found so earthshaking is out-of-date, grossly exaggerated or untruths which support someone's hidden agenda. Look before you leap and check it out before you pass it on.

## **GARDEN OF THE SEASON JUDGING - MAY 2**

The spring judging of the Garden of the Season will take place **Tuesday, May 2**. First, second and third place winners will have signs placed in their yards. In lieu of prizes, contributions will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House next to Inova Fairfax Hospital. The addresses of the winners and the honorable mentions will be listed in the May *Farmer*.

Please keep your lawns mowed and trimmed. Prune overhanging branches of trees and shrubs away from sidewalks and windows (a safety feature). Cluttered carports, trash cans, yards equipment, bikes, etc. constantly left in front yards are also distractions and could be security risks. Thank you for keeping Ravensworth Farm attractive and safe for all of us.

NOTE: Garden club members are ineligible and first place winners are excluded from winning for the next four judgments.

## **GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB**

At the April meeting, the members enjoyed an informative presentation about herbs by Kurt Schmidt of Eclectic Nature in Alexandria. The club discussed the garden of the season judging and the annual plant sale. Anyone who is interested in joining, please call President Mary Ann Rish (703 321 7447) or the Treasurer Beverly Schubert (703 321 9617) for more information. The club's next meeting will be a tram tour of the U.S. National Arboretum on May 3, 2006.

## **GARDEN TIPS FOR APRIL/MAY**

- ⌘ Prune spring flowering shrubs after blooms fade
- ⌘ Fertilize azaleas and rhododendrons with 5-10-5 azalea fertilizer
- ⌘ Divide primroses and other spring blooming perennials after flowers fade.
- ⌘ Let daffodil foliage ripen and brown; do not cut it back.
- ⌘ Divide chrysanthemums when they are 2-4 inches high. Also pinch growing tips until mid-July for fuller plants.

## **ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 5312 BACKLICK ROAD, IS CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR.**

Many exciting events are planned:

- Saturday, May 13:** UMW Tea  
**Sunday, July 2:** UMM Freedom Picnic  
**Saturday, September 16:** Homecoming Weekend - Church Open House, Golf Outing, and Homecoming Banquet at Green Springs Retirement Center.  
**Sunday, September 17:** Homecoming worship service. Guest speakers and special music with reception to follow.

If you or anyone you know are members or have attended St. John's over the past 50 years, we invite you to celebrate with us. For more information on any of these events, please call **Jean Summers, 703 569 4857**, e-mail: [cjnggsummers@aol.com](mailto:cjnggsummers@aol.com) or [www.stjohnsumc.org](http://www.stjohnsumc.org). Come help us celebrate 50 years in Ministry!

## **GOLDEN RAVENS**

On **Wednesday, May 17**, a professor from George Mason University will be the guest speaker. His topics will include recreation, health and other topics important to seniors and everyone. So plan to be with us and invite all. For questions or rides, call **Allie or Dick Hunter (703 321 9549)**, **Dick or Martha Sargent (703 321 9143)**, or **Ruth Miller (703 321 7477)**. We look forward to seeing you at the Community of Christ Church.





**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.

<b>WANTED</b>	I am looking for two (2) window boxes that fit the 3 bedroom rambler (4' 8" wide by 8-3/4" deep). Ours were accidentally thrown away during construction of our new front porch. I am having a very hard time finding new replacement ones that will fit the brackets. If you have or know where I can get some window boxes that will fit the brackets on the house, please call 703 321 3021.
<b>FOUND</b>	In early March an abandoned bicycle was found on a resident's property. Please call to identify: 703 321 8397.
<b>CHILDCARE</b>	Available in home. I am a Spanish teacher who provides enriching activities. I will care for all ages, weekdays/evenings. First aid and CPR certified. State licensed. Excellent references. Call 703 321 2821.
<b>WANTED</b>	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.

