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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Hi Neighbors,

It looks like Fall is finally here and it sure is nice to be outside enjoying the brisk weather and lovely foliage. In your busy schedules, please take some time out to recognize some people who make our community special: Pam McClelland, Sara Hammersley, and Lavern at Ravensworth Elementary School; Dick and Martha Sargent for 40 years of volunteer work; Tom Panther for his efforts to organize our community emergency response team, the folks at the Community of Christ Church for constantly opening their home to our activities, Julia Johnson for organizing the membership drive and the block captains, and all our volunteers who work hundreds of hours without recognition. Remember that many people make sacrifices to help with our community. Our community is in need of several volunteers (**Please see inside**). Everyone is busy and expects the other person to volunteer, but what will happen if no one volunteers to edit the newsletter or to deliver the newsletter for printing, for example? Call me or email today if you are interested.

Recently, my company had a fire in Winchester which burnt our entire warehouse and ruined our office. One  
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**  
**See inside for details**

**Ravensworth Farm  
Community Activities**

**Deadline for Next *Farmer***  
Wednesday, November 29th

**Holiday Decorations Judging**  
December 16th and 17th—See inside for details  
Winners will be announced online!

**Holiday Caroling in the Neighborhood**  
December 17th, 6PM—See inside for details

**Halloween Party Photos Inside!**

**We're 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	703-321-8777
2nd Vice President	Stephen Beste	703-321-9110
Recording Secretary	Mike Edwards	703-321-0176
Corresponding Secretary	Bob Nielsen	703-321-8206
Treasurer	Richmon Tun	703-321-1404

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Legislative & County Affairs	Ruth Orem	703-321-8061
Public Service (Streets & Sidewalks)	Brenda Soares	703-321-7856
Schools & Education	Ellen Eggerton	703-321-4948
Parks & Recreation	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	Ruth Hartman Ramona Michels	703-321-8063 703-321-7664
New Neighbors	Gloria Brissman Miffie Clem Donna Karlinchak	703-321-7871 703-321-7875 703-321-4805
Cultural Committee		
Vietnamese	Vacant	
Spanish	Dinora Gonzalez	703-321-0160
Korean	Monica Kim	703-321-0338
Directory	Coordinator Advertising	Stephen Beste Martin Shepherd
		703-321-9110 703-321-8777
<b>Farmer</b>	Co-editors, Advertising Preparation Printing, Flyers, Assembly Distribution	Chris & Mary Lipsey Susan Deyampert Dick Sargent (Acting) Stephen Beste
		703-321-2824 703-321-3150 703-321-9143 703-321-9110
Neighborhood Watch	Vacant	
PTA President, Ravensworth Elementary	Sarah Hammersley	703-426-3600
Green Thumb Garden Club	Mary Ann Rish	703-321-7447
Golden Ravens	Richard & Allie Hunter	703-321-9549
Ravensworth Swim and Racquet Club	Tom Panther	703-321-7704

## Association Calendar 2006 - 2007

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
November	1	1	3	13	18	
December	Nov. 29	Nov. 29	1	11	16	
January	3	3	5	16	20	
February	Jan. 31	Jan. 31	2	12	24	
March	7	7	9	19	24	29
April	11	11	13	23	28	
May	2	2	4	14	19	24

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

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day your business is fine and the next it is gone. Thankfully no one was hurt and no firefighters were hurt. Luckily, I had very committed employees who found a new location and had the business operational the next week. Relationships matter. We all need to be thankful for family and friends.

If anyone has an interest advocating: better Muslim-American relations through an exchange program; encouraging county and state builders to mandate or agree to better controls which would retain and increase our trees (tree canopy); and/or helping to organize our community emergency response team, please contact me. If you like your morning coffee, could everyone call our shopping center manager and ask for a coffee shop up there?!

Supervisor Bulova recently hosted two Town Meetings to speak about the county's history, where we are now and why, and where we should be going. She organized some fine speakers to come and offer up their viewpoints. We then broke into smaller groups to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of our area adding our hopes.

Transportation became a common theme with many advocating for much more mass transit. Single occupant autos continue to be the main problem. Consider using the Internet to locate carpoolers. Take a friend with you to the grocery store. Transportation will be addressed strongly in this area with increased funding for mass transit, but the real solution is on the individual level. Maybe we should each try not to drive a car one day a week. How would a 15% reduction in daily traffic affect everyone's lives? Don't forget the nitrous oxide pushed out the autos' exhaust and raining down on our kids and into the creeks and Chesapeake. With a 10% asthma rate and air quality failing many federal standards, we have the choice to come up with solutions ourselves or to have the state mandate solutions. Get that old bike out and reacquaint yourself with the joys of biking through the neighborhood or around the lake. Relax and enjoy nature.

Thanks very much,  
*Brent Reynolds*  
brent@madbomber.com

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Our community has many opportunities where volunteers can explore and enhance their interests. Our nation relies on volunteers and so does our community. Our goal is to create some new committees or re-energize existing groups. Below you will find an initial list of areas in which we need more residents to be involved:



- **Farmer Newsletter Editor** (4-5 hrs. a month; 9 months a year)
- **Advertising Coordinator** for the Telephone Directory and Newsletter (August to November, primarily)
- **Concerns Committee** (volunteers would address any neighbor complaints including architectural, zoning violations, noise, trash, and the like)
- **Activity and Volunteer Coordinator Committee** (coordinate all activities, communications, and volunteers for community events)
- **Managing the advertising flyers** for the *Farmer* and facilitating the printing of the *Farmer* .
- **Architectural Committee** (respond to resident's concerns and questions about zoning regulations and violations)
- **Corresponding Secretary** (writes all "official" correspondence for the Board)
- **Accotink Crew** (work with Accotink Park staff to monitor stream quality, remove invasive plants, coordinate events)
- **Covenants Committee** (check and update covenants with county/state; suggest appropriate changes)

Please contact Brent (brent@madbomber.com) if you wish to volunteer for any of the positions listed above.

## PARKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS BETHLEHEM WALK

**December 9-10, 2006, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
 Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA  
 across from the King's Park Shopping Center



Stroll Back in Time . . . Come and revisit a busy street in Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. This FREE interactive program has something for everyone. It features townspeople working at their trade and sharing their goods with visitors -- and ends with the stable where you will find a Live Nativity where children can pet the animals. Upstairs you will be welcomed with Christmas Carols, refreshments and gifts for the children. Visit our website at [www.parkwood.org](http://www.parkwood.org) for more information.

## GOLDEN RAVENS CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAYS

In November the Golden Ravens met at Houlihan's Restaurant for great food and a wonderful time. December's meeting will be held earlier on **Wednesday, December 13th**. Our group will celebrate the holidays with a pot-luck luncheon. Please bring one dish to share. We will meet at the **Community of Christ Church** (6710 Inver-chapel Rd) and begin lunch around **11:30 A.M.** We request no gifts please, just your presence. Everyone is welcome to join in on the fun. If you have any questions or need a ride, please call Dick/Martha Sargent at 703-321-9143 or Dick/Allie Hunter at 703-321-9549.

## SPRUCE UP THE COMMUNITY. ADD SPARKLE TO YOUR HOME.

As you rake the leaves, don't forget the acorns and twigs. Anything that is left on the sidewalks becomes very slippery when wet. Remember fire safety precautions as you decorate your house for the holidays and don't forget our community holiday judging in December.



## SIGHTS AND LIGHTS OF THE SEASON



Greetings fellow residents! With only a few days left until Thanksgiving, time is near to untangle your strings of lights, test the bulbs and make sure that all the holiday decorations, which were carefully stored last year, are in top-notch shape for another fabulous **Ravensworth Holiday Display!** This year's judging will take place on **Saturday and Sunday, December 16th and 17th.** Remember that the categories of judging will be:

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|---------------------------|--|
| * <b>Best Overall</b>     | * <b>Most Original</b>                               |
| * <b>Best Religious</b>   | * <b>Kid's Favorite</b>                              |
| * <b>Best Door/Window</b> | * <b>Best Daytime Display (garden of the season)</b> |

If you wish to be included for consideration of an award, please have your lights and displays on both Saturday and Sunday from 6 P.M. until 10 P.M. Garden Displays will be viewed during daylight hours on both days as well. As in year's past, if you spot a home deserving of special recognition, please e-mail [RFCAholiday@att.net](mailto:RFCAholiday@att.net). This year, residents will have an extra week to decorate. **The winners will be posted at our website:**

**[www.ravensworthfarm.org](http://www.ravensworthfarm.org)** as soon as judging is complete. Also, the results will be published in the January edition of the Farmer. Please remember that we invite everyone's participation. However, homes that won a category last year are not eligible to win this year. Good luck!

## HOLIDAY CAROLING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

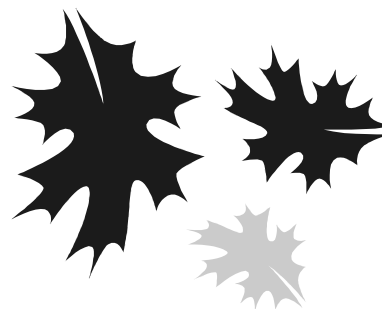
On Sunday evening, **December 17 at 6:00 P.M.** we invite you, your family (of all ages) and neighbors to join in an evening of holiday songs to residents of the Ravensworth Farm community. It has been our tradition for well over 20 years now for our singers to join together at the **Community of Christ Church at 5610 Inverchapel Road** where we will receive songbooks and join together for caroling around the Ravensworth Farm community. When we finish singing, usually about 1 to 1 ½ hours, (or when it grows too cold!) our group will return to the church for baked goodies and beverages. This time together provides additional opportunity for the singers from around the neighborhood to visit with each other. So mark your calendars, bring your flashlights to see the songbooks, and come on out to enjoy a fun evening while bringing joy and heartfelt holiday greetings to your neighbors in Ravensworth Farm. Please contact Wally Evers at 703-321-8254 before December 15 to let us know how many to expect, or to find out any other information. Also, call Wally if the weather that evening is questionable. Unless there's a rain-storm or heavy snow, it's usually "a go".

## GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The speaker this month was Harlin G. Turner, a design and flower show procedure instructor. During his informative lecture, he artfully arranged several holiday floral pieces for us to admire. The Garden Club welcomes anyone who is interested in beautifying your home inside and out. Please call Mary Ann Rish (703-321-7447) for information about meetings.

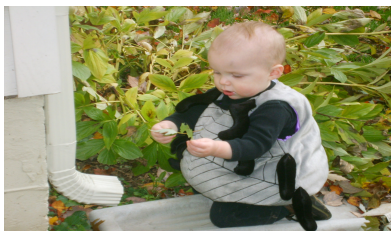
## GARDEN TIPS

- \* You can still plant flowering bulbs
- \* Make another application of fertilizer for cool season grass
- \* Rake and bag leaves and add to compost pile
- \* Clean leaves and debris from gutters and curb areas
- \* Be sure plants are well watered going into Winter



### **HALLOWEEN PARTY PHOTOS**

Thanks to all in the community who helped make this possible. For electronic copies of photos, please contact Nader at [imnotnader@gmail.com](mailto:imnotnader@gmail.com).



**Volunteers!**

**Our Tech**



**Christine**



**Joumana**



**Susie**



**Thanks to Megan Hollinger**

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**Costumes!**



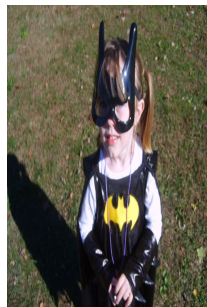
**Cakewalk!**



**Moms & Dads!**



**Sack Races and Hay Rides!**



**Kevin The DJ**



**Hay Ride By Cardinal**



**Haunted House!**



**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

Gualberto and Marina Delboy  
Daniel Delboy  
5302 Landgrave Lane

Bonavy and Sophy Hoeung  
Puthearine Hoeung  
Lueky Hoeung  
5316 Landgrave Lane



Miguel and Teresa Lozano and family  
5307 Juxon Place

Javier Arispe Zupata  
Ysabel V. Camacho Urquieta  
5422 Inverchapel Rd

When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please give **Gloria Brissman** a call at 703 321 7871.

**HOSPITALITY**

- ♥ Elaine Norby of Ravenel Lane - Hospitalization
- ♥ Barbara Rogers of Inverchapel Road - Hospitalization

The residents of Ravensworth Farm extend our sympathy to the family of Ann Matulis of Moultrie Road.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in the **Farmer** 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>FOR SALE</b>	Treadmill - Pro-Form commercial grade almost new - heart monitor, calorie count and many more features. \$300.00 or best offer. 703-321-0367
<b>FOR SALE</b>	Time Share - Deeded Property - one week float between Aug 15 to Dec 15 outside of Disney World. 2 bedroom - 2 bath condo sleeps up to 8 people. \$5,000.00 or best offer. 703-321-0367
<b>FOR SALE</b>	2006 White House Christmas ornaments. Free delivery within Ravensworth/North Springfield. \$18.00 each includes state sales tax. Each purchase benefit's the Junior League of Northern Virginia, an organization devoted to preparing area children for success. Call 703-321-7456 to arrange delivery.
<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.

