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**The Ravensworth *Farmer***

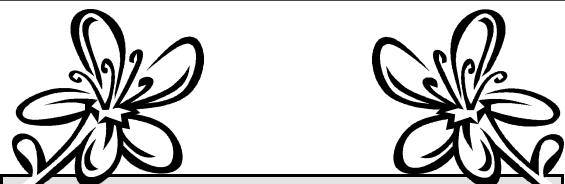
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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well folks, the promise of Spring is in the air although recently the wind chill makes it difficult to believe.

With Spring approaching, we have many upcoming activities organized by our volunteers. Remember this community is so nice because of the efforts of everyone. Thanks to Pam McClelland, the principal at Ravensworth Elementary, for taking extra time to help promote better safety for our kids to, from, and around our school through the Safe Routes to School Initiative. Within the last couple of years, the number of cars dropping off and picking up students at the school has jumped tremendously. Thanks to Ken Schubert and Karen Aftergut for initiating the Safe Routes program at Ravensworth and for forming our Streets and Sidewalks Committee. The goal is simple: encourage biking and walking, riding buses (80 times safer than an auto), and carpooling to school. Parents of students will soon receive a survey addressing the issue of transporting students to school. Please take five minutes to fill these out so we can work on improving our neighborhood and the safety of our kids.

Speaking of cars, did you know there is legislation that allows for the removal of inoperable vehicles from our community? Learn more at <http://www.municode.com/resources/gateway.asp?pid=10051&sid=46>. If you have a non-working auto, please consider selling or removing it.



**Ravensworth Farm  
Community Activities**

**Deadline for Next *Farmer***  
Wednesday, April 11th

**Ravensworth Membership Association Meeting**  
Ravensworth Elementary School  
Thursday, March 29th—7:30PM  
**Topic: Community Issues**

**SEE FLYER INSIDE**

**Lake Accotink Park Clean Up**  
Saturday, March 31st—9:00AM to 1:00PM  
See inside

**Community Yard Sale**  
Pool Parking Lot  
Saturday, May 5th—8:30AM to 1:00PM  
See 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

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Golden Ravens	Richard & Allie Hunter	703-321-9549	
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## Association Calendar 2007

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
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.**

Many thanks to our new volunteers: Thomas Mathis for setting up our Blog on our website, Ellen Eggerton and Stan Orndorff for taking over the Architectural Committee, and Katherine Craig for her work on our entranceways, etc.

We have many tree SEEDLINGS coming in April and need volunteers/students to help distribute and plant them. Thanks to Virginia for providing these trees and helping to improve our tree canopy; it is an important source of oxygen and a natural method to filter out pollution from our poor air. Special thanks to Jim Hickey and Suzanne Dorick for working diligently all these years on improving our neighborhood environment. Be sure to read their new Green Corner in this issue. Thanks to Lori Nelson for also offering her help. Please contact me if you want to get involved. The goals of this group are: 1. clean up Braddock Road; 2. educate more persons through the *Farmer* in our new "Green Corner"; 3. support nature walks; 4. increase tree canopy/plantings; 5. coordinate, liaise, and better support Friends of Accotink; 6. establish a dog park and a handicapped accessible playground at Accotink.

Is there a resident who would like to organize a group of students who would help with invasive plants or stream monitoring? Please contact me. Also, remember the Lake Accotink cleanup is on March 31st.

Fairfax County is very proactive now in addressing our tree canopy preservation. We have 41% coverage and the minimum national standard for an urban area is 40%. That means we need to continue planting new trees to replace dying older trees or those lost to development. We can take three important actions: 1. commit to preserve current trees; 2. increase the quantity and quality of trees; 3. integrate urban forestry into our planning and policy making.

You can contact our excellent Supervisor Sharon Bulova or any of our representatives to let them know if this issue is important to you. Remember, we are planting for our kids and their kids. Volunteers and suggestions are always welcomed.

*Brent Reynolds*

prez@ravensworthfarm.org

### **LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP AND SAVE-THE-BAY WORKDAY** **SATURDAY, MARCH 31TH, 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. (RAIN OR SHINE)**

Help support Lake Accotink Park and the 19th 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 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.**

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# 2007 Native Seedling Sale

## "Winter is Our Season" Collection

Your response to our 2006 groundcover sale convinced us. For 2007, we've added a groundcover to our traditional tree and shrub package! Christmas fern, a gorgeous, evergreen groundcover will brighten your shady areas and control erosion year-round. However, like the dogwood's beautiful bark and the bright, cheerful berries of holly, we most appreciate it's determinedly green leaves in winter. You will enjoy the seedlings in this year's package throughout the year, but a few will remind us to set our hearts towards spring.

### 16 Plants for \$17.95! Supplies are limited. Order now! \*

To see images of the seedlings, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm)

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| <p>2 River birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>). Deciduous multi-stemmed tree valued for its attractive, peeling bark and clear yellow fall color. Tolerant of dry sites, but prefers moist locations. Likes sun or partial shade. Height: 50-75 feet. Spread: 35-50 feet.</p>   | <p>4 Winterberry holly (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>). Versatile, deciduous shrub grows to 10-12 feet. Flourishes in sun or full shade, and tolerates dry to saturated soils. Inconspicuous summer flowers on female plants, become brilliant red berries that persist from August to February. Male plant needed for pollination, but is not showy. A favorite of birds!</p> |
| <p>2 Red osier dogwood (<i>Cornus sericea</i>). Hardy, low-growing (6 to 10-foot) deciduous shrub. Grows well in sun to full shade. Branches stay brilliant red throughout the year. White flowers in spring and white berries in fall. Often used for erosion control, stream bank protection, and wildlife food.</p>  | <p>2 White oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>). Common tree of dry to moist woodlands, and a majestic shade tree for the home landscape. Leaves turn a coppery red in fall and may persist into winter. Produces acorns, a wildlife staple. Prefers sun to partial shade. Height: 75-100 feet. Spread: 75-100 feet.</p>   |
| <p>2 Buttonbush (<i>Cephalanthus occidentalis</i>). Height: 15-20 feet. Spread: 15 feet. Deciduous shrub or small tree grows well in sun to partial shade and in moist conditions. Bright, glossy green foliage. Showy, fragrant, cream-colored ball-shaped flowers bloom in summer followed by rust-colored nutlets that persist through the winter. Great source of food for birds and butterflies.</p> | <p>4 Christmas fern (<i>Polystichum acrostichoideif</i>). Glossy green, stocking-shaped leaflets are evergreen. A wonderful groundcover for part to full shade and moist locations. Grows in clumps and can be divided. An attractive addition to the naturalistic or formal garden.</p>  |

A full, nonrefundable payment must accompany your order by **April 16, 2007**, or until supplies run out. You will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site (in Fairfax County, off of Braddock Road, two miles outside the Beltway, near Rolling Road). These bare root seedlings may be picked up on **Friday, April 20, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or on Saturday, April 21, between 9:00 a.m. and noon.**

### 2007 Seedling Order Form

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Where did you hear/read about our seedling sale? \_\_\_\_\_

Seedling Packages @ 17.95 (sales tax included) each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make your check payable to NVSWCD and mail to:  
NVSWCD Seedling Sale  
12055 Government Center Pkwy,  
Suite 905  
Fairfax, VA 22035**

**NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Our walking students really appreciate all of our neighbors who cleared their sidewalks during our recent winter weather. Being able to walk on the sidewalk, rather than in the road, really does help to ensure the safety of our children.

If you know of any neighbors who have a child who will attend our kindergarten next year, please have them contact our school office (703-426-3600) for registration information. Our kindergarten Open House (for rising kindergarteners and their parents) will be on Monday, April 30, beginning at 2:00 PM.

We hope you can join us for the following events:

- PTA Silent Auction/International Dinner on Friday, March 23rd (6:00-9:00 PM)
- Art Walk/Language Arts Night on Tuesday, April 10th (6:30-8:00 PM)

Spring is coming!!!

Pam McClelland, Principal  
Ravensworth Elementary School

**CIVIL WAR LIVING HISTORY PROGRAM—SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2007**

Lake Accotink Park Pavilion, Springfield, Virginia—8:00 AM -7:30 PM

Relive the Civil War. Load the musket, participate in the drills, and sample thehardtack. Learn about Civil War medical treatment, experience the life of a soldier and artillery fire, and hear the stories of the battlefield. An all day program is scheduled at Lake Accotink Park for 40 interested adults. All registrants will receive materials to further enhance their interest in the Civil War. Registered teachers will receive educational materials in accordance with the Virginia SOLs and a certificate of attendance.

Registration fee is \$30 and is payable to FCPA by April 13. Meals are included in the registration fee. To register by phone, using VISA or Mastercard, call 703-569-0285.

**GREEN THUMB GARDEN THUMB**

The March meeting was held at the home of Katrin Fletcher. The guest speaker was Karen O'Meara and the subject of her talk was "between a rock and a hard place". The April meeting will be held at Lake Accotink. If you are interested in becoming a member of the club, please call Mary Ann Rish at 703-321-7447.

**GARDENING TIPS FOR MARCH**

- Transplant almost anything.
- Trim shrubs after the temperature consistently reaches 40 degrees or above.
- Fertilize lawns and start weed control.
- Prune roses.
- Don't prune spring blooming shrubs until they have bloomed.
- Don't panic. Most plants look their worst in March after winter.
- Wait at least 6 weeks before giving up on sad-looking specimens.



## **28TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE: SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2007**



The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association will sponsor the 28th Annual Community Yard Sale on **Saturday, May 5th** 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**. RAIN DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 19TH.

## **GOLDEN RAVENS START SPRING CLEANING**

Right now take out your pen and mark your calendar for March 28th at 11am because we are having a super program. Our own residents and Busy Buddies, Mary Ann Brewer and Nancy Loyd, will talk with us about **DOWN-SIZING** (they are THE experts). They will help us decide what to do with our accumulated "riches" that we can't part with. Bring friends, neighbors or anyone interested. Meeting time: Wednesday, March 28, at 11am. Meeting place: Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Rd. Bring your bag lunch, beverages are provided. If you have questions, call Dick or Allie Hunter @703-321-9549, Dick or Martha Sargent @703-321-9143, or Ruth Miller @703-321-7477. This is guaranteed to be a really great meeting. So don't miss out.

## **GREEN CORNER**

Let's all do our best to prevent litter. Anything dropped onto the curb, whether it is a cigarette butt, fast food wrapper, bottle or can, will be washed into Lake Accotink, then the Potomac River and eventually to the Chesapeake Bay. This debris can also clog the storm drains and cause flooding. Cigarette filters are made of plastic fibers and take years to degrade. These filters have been found in the stomachs of waterfowl and marine life. When we all work together to pick up the litter, both our neighborhood and the environment benefit. As a bonus, we get better water quality and a healthier place for wildlife. To learn more, go to the following websites: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/newsletter> and <http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/cigarettelitterhome>.



**Free dinner and a show!** That was the offer the Civic Association made to parents of young kids last month. Pizza at the church (many thanks to the Community of Christ Church for donating their facility) followed by reserved seats at Annandale High School for the annual children's play, starring Ravensworth's own **Jennie Patton** as Beauty and **Ellen Beste** as the cat.

About thirty people got to see for themselves what a wonderful high school we have. Next year, we'll do more publicity.

In the meantime, go see **The Music Man** at Annandale. Seventy-six trombones will lead the big parade as Professor Harold Hill finds trouble right there in River City. Members of the AHS Orchestra and Band provide the pit orchestra for this grand show. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows, April 19-21 at 7:30 at the school. \$6 beforehand, \$7 at the door. Don't miss it.

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

**HOSPITALITY**

Ravensworth Farm would like to extend its sympathy to the family of William George of Carrick Lane and to the family of Kathryn (Lockie) Lott of Ravenel Lane.

**Hospitalizations:**

- ♥ William Johnson of Inverchapel Road
- ♥ Marjorie Shroeder of Inverchapel Road

Please call **Ramona Michels**, (703 321 7664) with news of births, adoptions, hospitalizations, and deaths in our community.



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<b>FOR SALE</b>	Piano, Wellington Spinette, Needs Tuning; includes bench: \$400.00 Cash Call 703 321 7075
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<b>FREE</b>	Total Gym workout center as sold on TV and a set of more than 100 souvenir water glasses with decals. Pick up. Call 703 321 9268 or email lewttag@aol.com.
<b>SERVICE</b>	Licensed for Fairfax County, child care provider in Ravensworth; 14 years experience, CPR and first aid training; Ages 3 months to 2 years. Call 703 321 3262.
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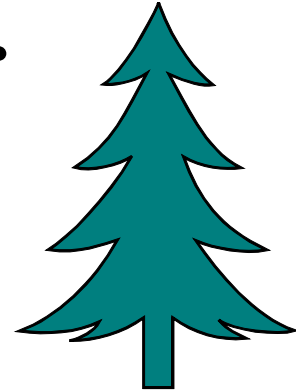
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Ravensworth Community Picnic  
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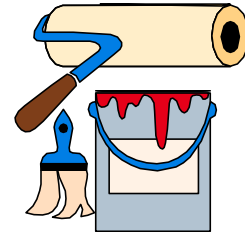
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