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FROM THE PRESIDENT

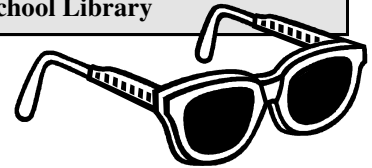
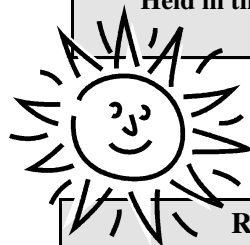
Folks,

Many thanks to our recent volunteers: Thomas Mathis, Ellen Eggerton, Stan Orndorff, Hans Jansen, Bill Sinclair, Duane Murphy, Katherine Craig, and others who contribute so much unrecognized work behind the scenes. Thanks to Supervisor Sharon Bulova's staff for responsiveness and support, to Mike Knapp our Urban Forester, and to Chairman Dan Storck and the School Board for their excellent work and responsiveness. Especially thanks to Alyssa Navarette for her article in last month's Farmer about our fine community high school Annandale whose accomplishments are not well-known. We are working hard at improving the water quality in the Accotink Stream; contact coordinator@accotink.org to get involved. We will soon be starting an electric conservation program; and you can contact thansjansen@hotmail.com to help. Also, if you are interested in a water conservation program, contact coordinator@accotink.org. Expect to see some changes soon at the entryways. Please continue to give us your input in

**Ravensworth Farm Civic Association
Membership Meeting**

NEW DATE
Wednesday, May 30 at 7:30PM

**Held in the Ravensworth Elementary
School Library**



**Ravensworth Farm
Community Activities**

Braddock Nights—FREE Summer Concerts
Begin, Friday, June 1—7:30PM

Springfield Days
Saturday, June 2
Parade 10AM— Monticello to Springfield Plaza
10AM to 8PM—Family Festival, Springfield Plaza
10AM to 8PM—Art Show, Springfield Plaza

Sunday, June 3
11AM to 8PM—Family Festival, Springfield Plaza

Cardboard Boat Regatta
Sunday, June 3—2PM, Lake Accotink

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.

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Association Calendar 2007

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
May	2	2	4	14	19	30

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

developing our Vision for the community. Those emails and phone calls are appreciated. We don't mind if you voice disagreement, but do tell us what you want. The Ravensworth Swim and Racquet Club needs more volunteers to help with various activities so contact TPANTH@AOL.COM. You may see a resurrected Neighborhood Watch program soon; contact michael.wood@fairfaxcounty.gov to help. Our community volunteerism is what makes Ravensworth such a great place to live. So get involved today!

Enjoy the Farm and your gardens and plants.

Brent Reynolds, prez@ravensworthfarm.org

ATTEND THE NEXT RFCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The May Ravensworth Farm Membership Meeting will be held **Wednesday, May 30th** (please note this is a new date) at **7:30 PM** in the **Ravensworth Elementary School Library**.

Crime Prevention Officers from the West Springfield District Station will provide a brief community crime update, tips for securing your home during the summer vacation months, and tips for kid safety. We hope to see everyone there.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NIKOLAS REYNOLDS!

Congratulations to Nikolas Reynolds, who won a county award in the Reflections program for his video based on "My Favorite Places." Nikolas's favorite place was visiting the Target store.

SPRINGFIELD DAYS RETURN—SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 2 AND 3

For the 19th year in a row, residents and friends of Springfield can look forward to a weekend full of family fun and celebration at Springfield Days 2007.

Saturday includes a parade and a family festival with rides, games, stage entertainment, and an art show by local artists. On Sunday, the family festival continues at the Springfield Plaza and the Cardboard Boat Regatta takes place at Lake Accotink Park, 2 p.m.; parking fee \$4 per vehicle. There is still time to build a cardboard boat. School, Scout, civic and performing groups are encouraged to participate in the parade or the regatta. For updated information, entry forms, etc., check out the Springfield Days web page at www.springfieldchamber.org.



BRADDOCK NIGHTS RETURN—FRIDAYS, 7:30PM

Free Summer concerts are presented on Friday evenings at Lake Accotink Park Pavilion near the marina. June 1st will feature Ruthie and the Wranglers (Rock), and June 8 the United States Army Blue Ensemble will perform. The concerts feature local performers June through August.

TAP YOUR FEET AND SING ALONG!

The Wakefield Chorale will present its 25th Anniversary Spring Concert on Sunday, May 20th, at 7 p.m. at the Ernst Cultural Center located on the Annandale campus of NOVA Community College. Donations will be gratefully accepted as the price of admission. Free parking is available on B Service Lot behind the center. Please do not use the parking garage. For further information, please call Dale at 703-938-8044.



GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will meet Wednesday, June 6 at 11 a.m. at the home of Mary Ann Rish for the installation of new officers. Afterwards, the members will dine at Spartans Restaurant in Burke. The club welcomes new members; please call Mary Ann if you are interested or have any questions (703-321-7447).

GARDEN OF THE SEASON WINNERS

Congratulations to the following winners for Garden of the Season Judging.

First Place - 5227 Kepler Lane -Carlos and Maria Santizo

Second Place- 8111 Ellet Road -Joe and Doreen O'Connor

Third Place- 5309 Nutting Drive- James and Sandra Buratti

Honorable Mention

- 8108 Bullock Lane
- 8101 Carrick Lane
- 8133 Drayton Lane
- 8021 Ellet Road
- 5221 Inverchapel Road
- 5315 Pillow Lane
- 5228 Queensberry Avenue
- 5309 Oldcastle Lane
- 5616 Rathbone Place
- 5513 Ravenel Lane



GARDENING TIPS FOR JUNE

1. Water frequently.
2. Control weeds.
3. Remulch before extreme heat begins.
4. Pinch back chrysanthemums.
5. Cut off heads and stalks of irises and day lilies after they finish blooming.

THROW A LIFE PRESERVER TO OUR DROWNING STREAM

News from the Friends of Accotink Creek

Accotink Creek is drowning. One of the problems impairing the health of Accotink Creek is water itself. Flooding has become only partly an act of nature.

See: <http://accotink.org/WSPanningDrown.htm>

Throw a life preserver to a drowning stream. Watch for "Livable Neighborhoods Water Stewardship" soon coming to RFCA. Homeowners and Civic Associations can help improve storm water management in their yards, grounds and homes to keep our streams from drowning. Check www.accotink.org calendar, contact Friends of Accotink Creek, and ask how you can get involved. Many activities provide students with community service hours. Many young men may earn their "Eagle" and lots of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts may earn badges while protecting Accotink Creek. Visit www.accotink.org and make a real difference to the water quality in Accotink Creek; help make it a more pristine environment for all to enjoy! See: <http://www.accotink.org/PDF/ThrowLifePreserver.pdf>

TIPS FROM THE GREEN CORNER

1. Try a new light bulb Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb (CFL). Read the package descriptions to match these bulbs to ones you currently use. If every American home replaced one light bulb with a CFL, we would save enough energy to light more than 2.5 million homes for a year and reduce greenhouse gases by a substantial amount.
2. Save water each time you flush. Fill a plastic container with sand and secure the lid. Put it in your toilet tank, away from moving parts. Voila; you are using less water and saving money!

THINKING OF CONSTRUCTION?

Please read our covenants and restrictions on pages 6-8 of our phone directory before you make your plans. For example, did you know that our covenants state that no building shall be located on any lot nearer than 30 feet to the front lot line, or nearer than 30 feet to any side street line?

FYI: The Farmer's Market has returned to Wakefield Park on Wednesday afternoons. The homemade ice cream will definitely satisfy your sweet tooth.

Overgrown Lawns (12 inches or higher)?
Call 703-324-1931 to report the address to the County.

ANOTHER MONOPOLE

An application has been filed for the construction of a monopole in the Springfield Industrial Park. The monopole would be located near the Lake Accotink Park entrance, a stone's throw from our community. Tawny Hammond, Manager of Lake Accotink Park, has information packets on this matter for residents to borrow and study in order to inform themselves about the implications of installing a monopole at this location. Tawny can be reached at (703) 569-3464.



NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The end of the school year is always very busy and exciting! We invite all of our neighbors to join us in any of these activities:

- May 25 Field Day (morning)
- May 31 5th grade musical (7 PM)
- June 5 6th grade musical (7 PM)
- June 7 Strings Concert (7 PM)
- June 8 Renaissance Day (all day)
- June 14 Variety Show (afternoon)
- June 15 Awards Assembly (morning)



We are looking forward to some new landscaping around our school sign, thanks to the generous donation by your Civic Association. This will complement all of the beautiful landscaping done by our wonderful GROW Team. We often hear comments about how attractive and inviting our school is.

After I leave Ravensworth this summer, I know that I will continue to hear great things about our school and the surrounding community! I wish you well!

Pam McClelland
Principal

GOLDEN RAVENS

Please join us at our May meeting for a farewell party for Dick and Allie Hunter (our Co-Presidents) who are retiring to Missouri. We will meet on Wednesday, May 23rd, at 11:30 a.m., at the church (Community of Christ), 5610 Inverchapel Road. We all wish them a fond farewell and much happiness in the future. This will be a potluck lunch (except for our honored guests), and everyone in Ravensworth Farm is invited. Questions or suggestions? Call Dick or Martha Sargent (703) 321-9143, or Ruth Miller (703) 321-7477. Hope to see you there.

MORE PRAISE FOR ANNANDALE HIGH SCHOOL

This was written by Ravensworth resident Ellen Beste, 17, when asked to write about the preamble to the U.S. Constitution. She is graduating from Annandale High School and will be going to the University of Mary Washington in the fall.

I remember that when I had to memorize the preamble in fourth grade; I had no idea what it meant besides a few extra credit points. Looking at it now, I actually consider the phrase "to form a more perfect union." This kind of union exists in America, and I have experienced it right here in Virginia.

Going to Annandale High School, I take diversity for granted. I've never thought twice about the fact that whites are almost the minority at my high school. My boyfriend is part Thai, two of my best friends are Chinese and Syrian, and most of the faces in the hallway are a pleasant shade of tan or brown. It makes me forget that in other cities, in other states, and probably even within Virginia; race is still an issue, something that people notice when they think about someone. When I think of my friend Yamen I think of his interesting insights and cute laugh, not the fact that he's a Muslim from Syria. I remember gaping in shock at my friend who went to governor's school and said that someone she met there had never seen a black person before. I remember the surprise I felt when I heard that one of my Asian friends who went to college in Indiana was thought of as a "colored person" and treated with prejudice. I thought we had all grown past this sort of thing, since that's how it always seemed to me growing up.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBOR COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU

Gloria Brissman and Miffie Clem would be delighted to welcome a new member to this committee, which greets our new neighbors with a bag full of goodies and important community information. A nice smile and persistence are prerequisites, as it may take several tries to find the new neighbors at home. Call Gloria (703-321-7871) for more information.

HOSPITALITY

Please remember during the Summer months to call Ramona Michels (703-321-7664) with news of births, adoptions, hospitalizations, and deaths in our community.



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.

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<p>WANTED</p>	<p>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.</p>

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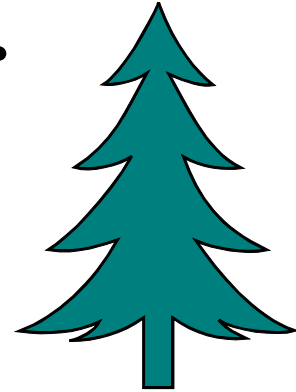
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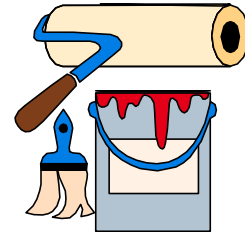
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