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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Neighbors,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer even with the drought and heat wave. Despite the weather, I heard the Virginia grape crop will be producing some of the best wines in years, if that's any consolation. As we move into the fall season and hopefully cooler weather, we are working on a number of initiatives and hope to interest more neighbors in helping. I want to thank Tom Mathis, Ellen Eggerton, Stan Orndorff, Brenda Soares, Hans Jansen, and Kathleen Powers (our new editor) for all their help on the blog, zoning, streets, and conservation of electricity. If anyone has an interest in these areas please contact me as we could always use more help.

School has started so plan to drive more carefully. Try to get out of your car and walk or bike with your kids in our neighborhood. Anyone interested in helping to promote safe biking and walking to school can contact me. Two good role models I saw this summer: Joe Reynolds who rode his bike to the pool and Katherine Craig who walked to the pool with her kids.

We are working on a plan to make Ravensworth a model community for: safe walking and biking, electric and water conservation, mass transit use, tree canopy, landscaping, and cleaning up non-maintained proper-

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**Directory Update
Questionnaire Attached**

Please be sure to complete the enclosed flyer to update your information for our annual community Directory. This is the only chance you'll have to submit this information! **The deadline is October 15th.**

**Ravensworth Farm
Community Activities**

Golden Ravens

Wednesday, September 26—11:30AM, Pg. 7

Swiss Bakery GRAND OPENING

Saturday, September 22—8AM to 5PM, Pg. 5

Party in the Park

Sunday, October 7—12PM to 4PM, Pg. 3

Garden of the Season Judging

Tuesday, October 1

RFCA Membership Meeting

Thursday, October 25—Ravensworth Elementary

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 - 2008

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
September	5	5	7	17	22	
October	3	3	5	15	20	25
November	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	2	12	17	
December	Nov. 28	Nov. 28	Nov. 30	10	15	
January	2	2	4	14	26	
February	6	6	1	19	23	
March	Feb. 27	Feb. 27	Feb. 29	10	15	27
April	2	2	4	14	19	
May	Apr. 30	Apr. 30	2	12	17	22

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

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ties. You can help by volunteering a few hours per month or by simply maintaining your home and yard. Do try to get those cars off the grass. To all those neighbors who keep their landscaping nice: many thanks. And thanks to everyone for the home-grown cucumbers and tomatoes.

As many of you know, there are quite a few controversial "topups" or lots where the owners completely tear down a home and rebuild a much larger house. But have you noticed some of the very fine renovations taking place on other lots? We could use someone to take regular photos of the renovations to post on our website.

Remember, try to walk or bike short distances and occasionally use the bus to travel into DC. Those code Orange days are especially dangerous for our kids and grandparents. And the simple solution is in the mirror. Each of us can make a difference.

Thank you,
Brent Reynolds, prez@ravensworthfarm.org

PARTY IN THE PARK—OCTOBER 7TH

Join us for a fun filled day of free activities at LAKE ACCOTINK PARK — Sunday October 7th from 12PM - 4PM: FREE activities - Face painting, crafts, and amusement attractions. Additional free tickets for putt-putt, boating or carousel rides while supplies last. Come and go as you like. Worship Service 10:00AM – 11:30AM in the upper pavilion (all welcome). Hosted by Church of the Apostles, Fairfax 703-591-1975.



ANNANDALE FARMERS' MARKET AT WAKEFIELD RECREATION CENTER FLOURISHES IN SECOND SEASON

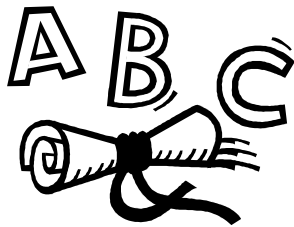
Wakefield Recreation Center's Farmers' Market is now open for its second year, providing locally produced, high quality fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and baked goods just off Braddock Road. The market started last May 2, and will continue every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. through October 24. The market is the newest of 11 sponsored by Fairfax County, and one of the few afternoon markets. Vendors from rural Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania offer seasonal specialties, organically grown products, ice cream, breads, pies, and sweets in a cheerful open-air setting where the aromas of fresh peaches, cantaloupes, and hot buns combine to entice the buyer. Mark your schedule for Wednesday afternoon – or on your way home from work – and drop by the Farmers' Market at Wakefield for good things to spice up your evening!



FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

September is a thrilling time at Ravensworth Elementary as we eagerly open our doors to new students and staff and look forward to a wonderful year.

We are excited about the addition of a number of new staff members. Tim Paper has accepted the position of Assistant Principal. Betty Morgan has joined the front office staff and several new staff members (Barbara Archibald, Aline Genuardi, Kathryn Fairman, Carolyn Moncrief, Nidia Ruiz and Bonnie Cohrs) will begin working with our students this year. Welcome to all. These folks are wonderful additions to the Ravensworth Staff.



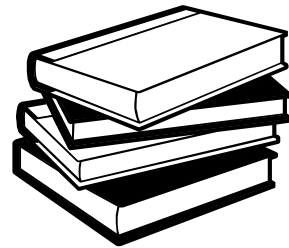
Ravensworth bids fond farewell to two staff members who are leaving due to promotions - Jeff Wilkinson who will be a language arts resource teacher in the central offices and Bonnie Bowman who will now be at Lake Braddock Secondary. We thank them for their contribution over the years and they will be missed by all.

We are also pleased to announce that Mt. Kim Martial Arts and Ravensworth are finalizing partnership arrangements. The formal signing of a business partnership agreement will occur at a school-wide assembly the end of September.

Pam O'Connor, Principal
Ravensworth Elementary
(703) 426-3600
(703) 426-3697 FAX

POE MIDDLE SCHOOL'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Poe Middle School offered a reading program in partnership with the George Mason Regional Library to assist students in completing their FCPS summer reading assignment. Teachers from the Poe English Department volunteered their time to assist students with their projects. Students could attend one of three afternoon workshops at the school or one of five "Poe Nights" at the George Mason Library. Teachers were on hand to guide students in choosing appropriate books, and completing their assignment. Students who attended received encouragement, materials and snacks to help them. In addition, several teachers acted as Reading Mentors, communicating with student partners via phone, letters and email during the summer months. These programs were designed to encourage and support students with their reading.



SWISS BAKERY—RAVENSWORTH SHOPPING CENTER

The Swiss Bakery in Burke, VA recently opened its second location in the Ravensworth Shopping Center. With an emphasis on modern environmental design, the construction, decoration and operations of the bakery were modeled to integrate ecologically friendly and socially responsible principles whenever possible.

For the last six years, the original Swiss Bakery in Burke has been a haven for epicurious Washington natives and European expatriates searching for authentic artisan breads, pastries and chocolates. The stores are under the strict supervision of Swiss-trained Baker and owner Reto Weber and Award Winning Pastry Chef Laurie Weber who creates upscale desserts and special occasion cakes.



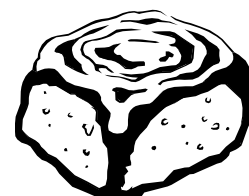
- Millwork of bamboo plywood with low Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) water-based finishes
- Display countertops of Neapolitan Strand bamboo
- Service countertops of high pressure laminate recycled paper called PaperStone
- Backsplashes of Ecoresin sheets with floating rings of bamboo
- Yolo zero VOC latex paints utilizing milk protein and naturally occurring materials
- Non-toxic water-based finishes used to seal the woodworking
- Solvent-free pigments, varnishes and adhesives used with the flooring
- Energy efficient LED (light-emitting diode) lights and compact florescent energy efficient light bulbs
- Energy efficient, tank less hot water heater
- Water efficient low-flow toilet
- Use of recycled and salvaged cabinets, chairs and appliances from a bakery ending its business
- Use of recycled wood from the former Swiss Embassy Residence, Washington, DC.

Reto and Laurie enlisted the help of architect, Michael Vallese of Evoluza Studios and Swiss craftsman Patrick Janser to assist them with this endeavor. The team decided to take the conscientious route when they started the project and committed themselves to using a Green approach, namely:

The Weber family and their team invite you to stop by the bakery for a tour and sample of our signature tastes from Switzerland.



A Grand Opening for the community and neighborhood is planned for **Saturday, September 22, 2007 8AM—5PM.**



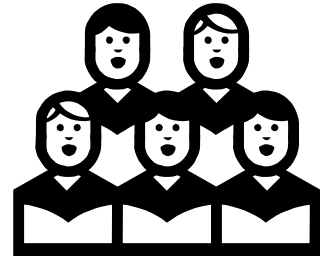
RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY CUB SCOUTS ARE REVERENT!

The Ravensworth Elementary Cub Scout Pack 991 presented a Memorial Wreath at the Arlington National Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on June 10, 2007. Michael Wulfestieg, Wade Strain, Ben Wulfestieg and Robert Wallace were the Cub Scouts selected to lay the wreath, representing each of the four Cub Scout ranks from Ravensworth's Pack 991.

WAKEFIELD CHORALE

The Wakefield Chorale, a group who has shared a love for performing all kinds of music in a friendly atmosphere for 25 years, is looking for men and women for our 2007 fall and winter singing session.

All rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:30 pm in the choral room of Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church, Virginia. (Please park between the back of the school and athletic fields and look for our sign at the back of the school.) Our first rehearsal is September 11th. No audition is required. Feel free to come at any time. For more information, please call Dale at 703/938-8044. Hope to have you join us!



WHO'S DIGGING IN THE STREETS?



Verizon will be installing fiber optic cable throughout our neighborhood during the next two months. You will see contractors doing aerial work and small excavations, as some cable needs to be buried. Please remember these contractors have been granted the right to work in the utility easement near the curb. This FIOS upgrade replaces the existing copper cable and will provide high-speed voice, data and TV options for homeowners. For more information, see their website at <http://www.verizon.com/Virginia> or call the Verizon Customer Service Center at 1-888-250-9710. We will post additional details on the Ravensworth Farm website, as well. Tentative completion date for Ravensworth is October 30.

OAK HILL AND FINDING BRADDOCK'S TRUE GOLD

Supervisor Sharon Bulova invites you to relive Braddock District's history at the Oak Hill mansion built circa 1790.

- Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 12PM to 5PM
- Oak Hill mansion—4716 Wakefield Chapel Road, Annandale, VA 22003
- Period music, living history demonstrations, children's activities, story telling, food and a peek into the mansion
- Book sales of Braddock's True Gold – 20th Century Life in the Heart of Fairfax County



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Busy Buddies will be hosting a community wide shredding opportunity on **Saturday, November 3, from 10:00 am-2:00 p.m.** Details will follow in the October *Farmer*. All residents are encouraged to start cleaning out those file cabinets and shoe boxes and participate in a safe way to dispose of sensitive material.

GOLDEN RAVENS

We Golden Ravens are anxious to see each other again, so our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 26 featuring a potluck lunch at 11:30 am. We welcome newcomers, so come and join us as we gather in the Fellowship Hall of the Community of Christ Church, located at 5610 Inverchapel Road. Bring a favorite dish to share. If you need more information or a ride, please contact Dick or Martha Sargent at 321-9143 or Ruth Miller at 3212-7477. We'd like to thank the church for sharing their facilities with us since 1989. We invite and encourage new seniors and others to join us!

GARDEN OF THE SEASON JUDGING

The Garden of the Season judging will be Tuesday, October 1st. The October meeting of the garden club will be at Meadowlark Park in Vienna. We will have a picnic lunch after the tour. Anyone interested in becoming a member, please call Laura Asiello at 703-321-7840.

GARDENING TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Shear hedges and prune unshapely shrubs.
- Plant hardy chrysanthemums and other perennials.
- This is the best month for lawn renovation.



THANK YOU!

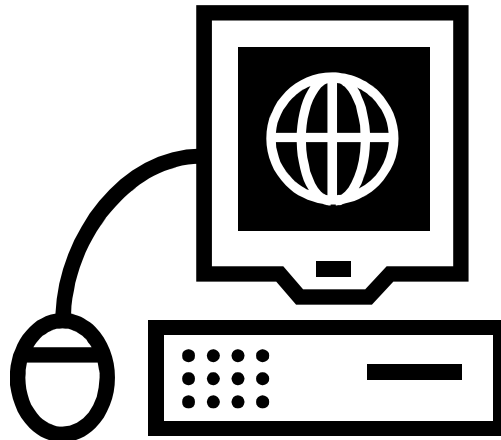
Thank you to all our residents that painted their house numbers on the curbs! This makes identification of your house easy and is very helpful for emergency personnel to reach your residence quickly.

WE'RE ONLINE!

Don't forget... our community has a website: <http://www.ravensworthfarm.org>. On the site, you'll find:

- Calendar of Community Activities
- Committee Announcements
- Neighborhood Covenants and County Code
- History of Ravensworth & Our Street Names
- The Ravensworth Blog
- Back issues of The Farmer
- Helpful Fairfax County Links

If you have a suggestion for a community activity or wish to volunteer, please fill out the form on the "Feedback" page. We're also looking for volunteers to take pictures around our wonderful neighborhood. You can send your digital photos to the webmaster at webmaster@ravensworthfarm.org.



WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Antonio Dibari, Kevin Robertson, Ryan Unthank
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Mr. & Mrs. Roberto Fernandez
8114 Bullock

Renzo & Rachael Carrillo
8113 Bullock

Juan Lahad, Luis & Lara
8132 Drayton

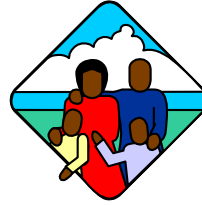
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Family
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Chelle Anderson
5641 Inverchapel

Brian & Jill Mowbray & Family
5229 Oldcastle

Kwon Chon & Sok Chon
5619 Ravenel

Valerie Zeatch
5605 Ravenel

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



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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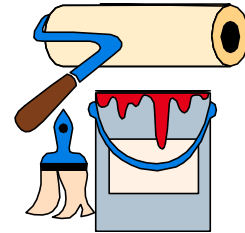
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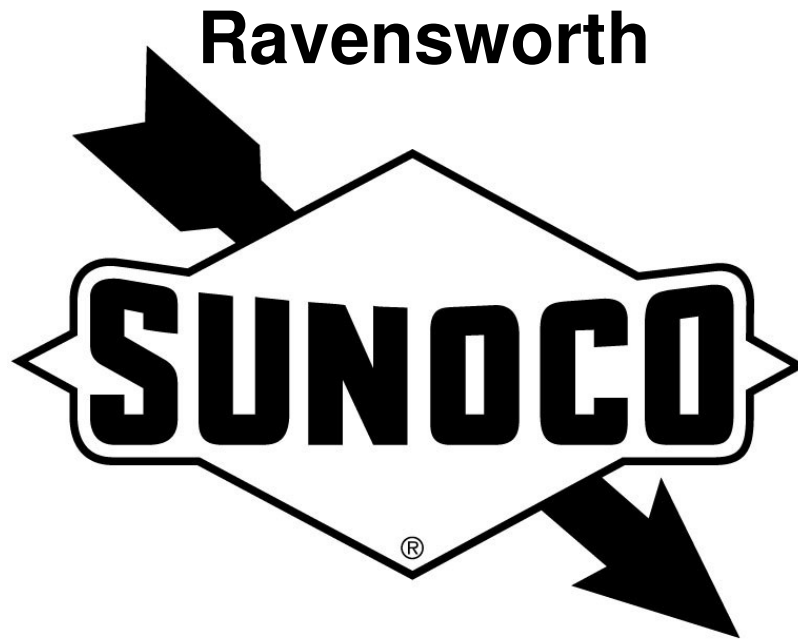
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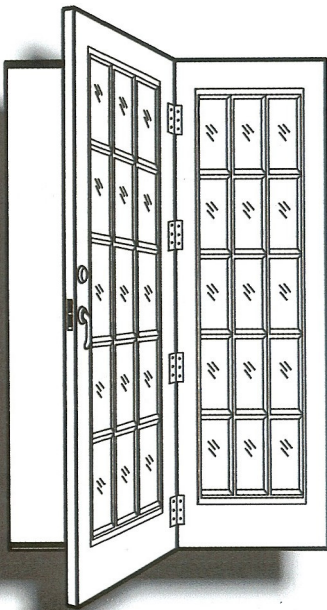
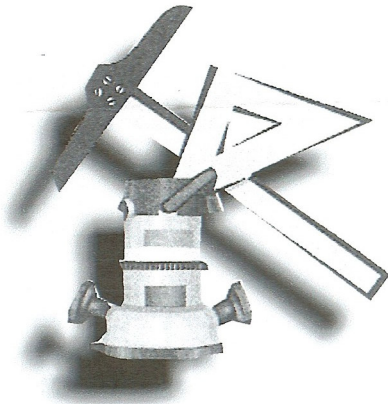
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