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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Farmers,

The holidays are upon us and I hope everyone enjoys all the neighborhood decorations and festivities. Thanks to everyone who came out to our last set of meetings. Congratulations to Ellen Eggerton who was voted onto the Board as a First Vice President. Accolades also go to Don Wilcox for his efforts during our community response to the tragedy on Moultrie Road and for his offer to serve on our committees.

Check out our community website for upcoming events and have a great holiday season. During this time of joy and celebration, try to remember the less fortunate in some way. Walk and bike safely or drive very carefully.

Brent Reynolds
President
Ravensworth Farm Civic Association
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FOR COMMUNITY UPDATES

Be sure to register your email address at the Ravensworth Farm Website for community news, emergency information and updates:

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Ravensworth Farm Community Activities

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Neighborhood

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Watch! Pg. 4**



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 2008 - 2009

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
December	3	3	5	12	20	
January	7	7	9	16	31	
February	4	4	6	13	21	
March	4	4	6	13	21	26
April	1	1	2	17	25	
May	Apr. 29	Apr. 29	1	8	16	28

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

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Topic: "Hot Lane construction traffic in our neighborhood"

When: Thursday, January 29

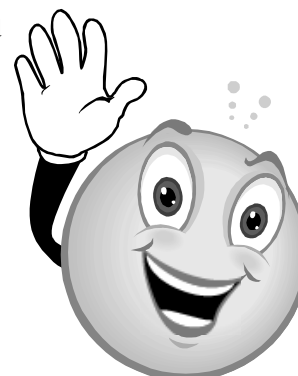
Time: 7:30 pm

Where: Ravensworth Elementary School

One or more speakers will discuss the impact of the HOT lane construction on our neighborhood, especially the possibility of traffic being diverted through our streets during the construction phases. Join us for an informative meeting.

SPOT A GOOD NEIGHBOR

As I was walking my dog on Gosport, I saw Dick Sargent outside a home raking and mulching leaves. I stopped to chat with him and learned it wasn't even his house! He takes care of the yard work at a vacant house on his street. Why? "Because it makes the street look better," he replied. Thanks, Dick for making your street—and our neighborhood—a better place. Have you spotted a good neighbor on YOUR street? Let Kathleen know at 703-321-7523 or Kathleen@ravensworthfarm.org. Let's celebrate the good people around us!



WHAT DO YOU DO IF...

... You have concerns about something “not quite right” in the neighborhood? Or see a suspicious car, person or persons? Do you see emergency vehicles or personnel in the area and wonder what’s going on? Then call the NON-EMERGENCY Police, Fire & Rescue phone number: 703-691-2131

Here are other numbers of interest:

West Springfield Police Station:	703-644-7377
Braddock Supervisor’s Office	703-425-9300

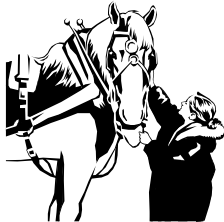


Other frequently used phone numbers can be found on page 13 of our current Directory. And always call 911 for immediate emergencies.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

It’s time to resurrect the Neighborhood Watch Program! Please help to make our streets safer by volunteering to be part of our Neighborhood Watch program. It only takes a few hours a month. Interested? Contact Brent Reynolds at 703-321-8383.

HOLIDAY HORSE & WAGON RIDE FOR CHILDREN



The Belgian Draft horses are coming back! On Sunday, December 21st from 5:00 – 8:00 pm your children can experience an old-fashioned wagon ride through our neighborhood. Please meet at 5622 Inverchapel—bike or ride, if possible, since parking is limited. Come and enjoy the sights of the season from this unique perspective with your children.

GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club will meet at 9:30am on January 7th at the home of Katrin Fletcher. Photographer Malcolm Fletcher will be showing us how to take good flower pictures. We’d love to have you join us! Call Laura Asciiello with questions: 703-321-7840.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS LADIES' GROUP—“FOOD, FRIENDS, AND FUN!”

Join us on the following Friday nights: January 9, February 6, 7:30 to 9:30 pm at: 5601 Ravenel Lane Springfield, VA 22151

(It’s OK to come late or leave early ...we are very relaxed.) There will be kid’s activities too, so feel free to bring the little ones. Please RSVP to Erin Coelho or Anita Aberle at: Erin's Phone: 703-321-4878, Anita's Phone: 703-321-3379, Erin's E-Mail: compositea@verizon.net, Anita's E-Mail: aaakindermusik@cox.net

Get to know your neighbors and take a break too!

DINE OUT WITH THE GOLDEN RAVENS AND HAVE SOME FUN!

Our Holiday party was a happy get-together and we would like to share our happiness with others, so newcomers are always welcome.

On January 28, we plan to eat out, so if anyone knows of a good restaurant, please call Martha Sargent 703-321-9143 or Ruth Miller 703-321-7477 with suggestions. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Celebrate the New Year with friends and neighbors—and join us for a fun lunch!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Sterling & Yolanda Cooper
5301 Inverchapel Rd.

When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please give Gloria Brissman (703-321-7871) or Miffie Clem (703-321-7875) a call.

HOSPITALITY

Sympathy is extended to the families of:

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Richard “Dick” Morgan, Ellet
Ryan and Terry Strobe, Moultrie

Andres Yelicie, Moultrie
Doris Birchell, Nutting

Contact Ramona Michels 703-321-7664 to report births, deaths, hospitalizations or adoptions.



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SEEKING WORK	Seeking work: Neighborhood college students available for babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting, yard work, etc. Please call 703-321-8206.
CARPOOLERS WANTED	I am looking to form a carpool to the Government Center building complex. I work in the Herrity building 7:30 to 4 but can shift my day 30 minutes later. I would like to share the driving. We can arrange for any number of days a week. I may have to pick up kids one day a week for after school activities. Please call me at 703-321-4948 or 703-324-1861 at work.
WANTED	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.

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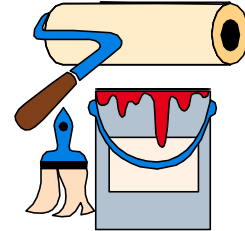


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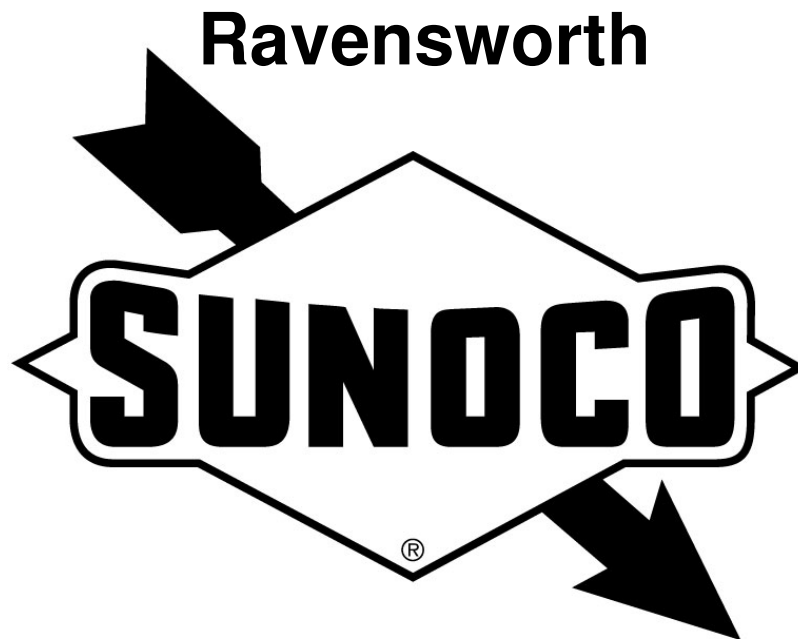
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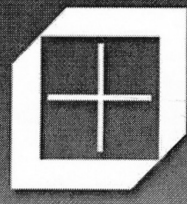
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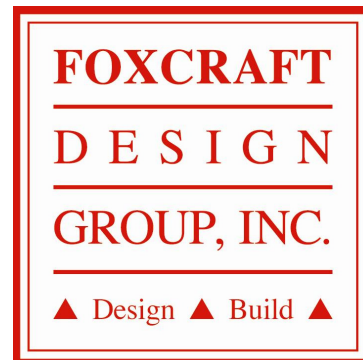


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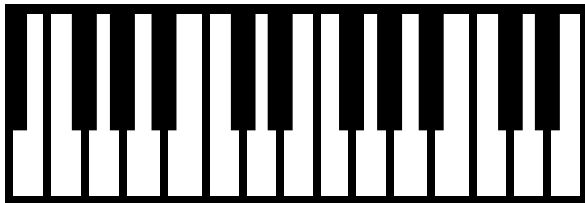
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