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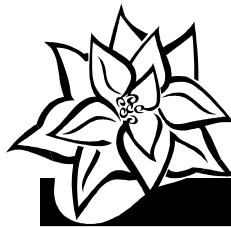
PRESIDENTS LETTER

As spring struggles to free itself from winter, it's time to look forward to the neighborhood activities as the weather warms. As we enjoy our neighborhood, please look at the Farmer, the community signs and Lake Ac-cotink park notices for events happening in and around Ravensworth. Even without formal activities, it's a great time of the year to take a walk, run or bike ride around the lake.

Right around the bend is May 1, our Community Yard Sale at the Pool parking lot. So don't forget to spend some of your April spring cleaning so we can head down to the pool and sell all your cool stuff at the yard sale. Speaking of the pool, now is the time for members to be helping out with the pool spring cleaning. Volunteering for any activity can be a big help, particularly in these tight economic times. And if you are not a member, join now to meet and really get to know your neighbors. Give your kids a great summer filled with fun and new friends. For pool membership, contact Amy Reynolds at 321-9773.

Our March General Membership meeting gave you a jump start on your spring gardening plans from a true soil expert, Dan Schwartz. Speaking of inspired garden-

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Happy Spring

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**Next Civic Association Meeting
Thursday, May 28th—7:30PM
Ravensworth ES**

**One more Farmer left until we take a break
for the summer. Sign-up to receive the
RFCA e-newsletter at
www.ravensworthfarm.org and get
neighborhood news during the summer!**

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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Golden Ravens	Martha Sargent	703-321-9143

Association Calendar 2008 - 2009

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

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ing, our Garden of the Season judging is on May 4th. Enjoy walking around our community to see all the blossoms and talk to your neighbors. Come to the May meeting and bring a neighbor. And please remember, don't be shy. We are urgently looking for new board member candidates. Give me a call if you have interest in becoming more positively involved in your community. We would love to have you.

Steve Price
President
703-321-8711

TIMELY TRASH REMINDER

If you have AAA trash service - remember that from now until the end of the year the garden debris pick-up day is on WEDNESDAY. Please do not put out your garden trash until the day before.



SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE BLOCK CAPTAINS

The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association and I thank you very much for your cooperation and hard work in the completion of delivering the 2008 Directories.

— Julia Johnson, in charge of Distribution

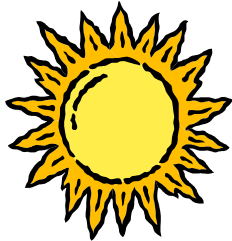
NEIGHBORHOOD DIRECTORY

Get listed in next year's neighborhood directory. It's free!

Call Steve Beste at 703-321-9110.

Update your listing? Call Steve.

Get this year's directory? It's free when you join the Civic Association for \$10. Call Julia Johnson at 703-321-8845.



COMMUNITY YARD SALE



Saturday, May 2nd

8:00 am to 1 pm

**Ravensworth Farm Swimming Pool
Parking Lot**

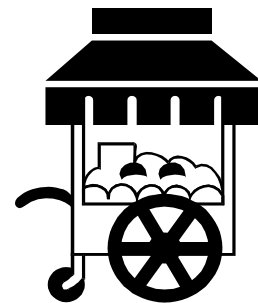
Food & Drink on Sale!

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**RAIN DATE:
Saturday,
May 16, 2008**



**FOR INFORMATION CALL:
Suzie Eggleston 703-321-2070**



ANNUAL PLANT SALE

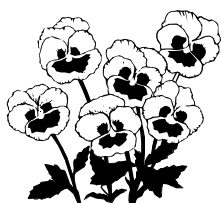


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Saturday, May 9th

9 am - 1 pm

**Home-Grown Plants and Shrubs
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**Ravensworth Shopping Center
In front of the vacant Bouquet Florist Shop**



IT'S YARD SALE TIME!

The Ravensworth Farm community yard sale will be on **Saturday, May 2, 2009**, starting at 8 a.m. at the Ravensworth Farm Swim and Racquet Club parking lot. The rain date for the yard sale is Saturday, May 16, 2009.

This is an opportunity for residents of Ravensworth Farm to sell some of your family's items and make some cash. The sale of goods is open to all community families, and no pre-registration is required. Set up will start at 7:30 a.m. so come early to claim your family's spot.

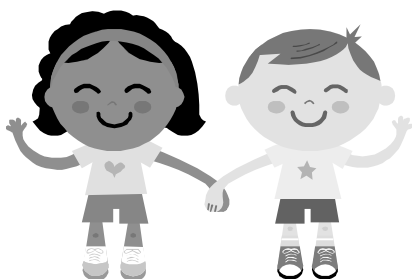
Boy Scout Troop 991 will be available at 7:30 a.m. to help families unload their vehicles and during the yard sale to help as needed.

The Boy Scouts will also be manning a concession stand during the yard sale.

Any questions, please contact Suzie Eggleston at 703-321-2070.



RAVENSWORTH MOM & DADS!



Are you looking for a way to connect with other moms and dads in the neighborhood? Well look no further than Ravensworth Mom and Dads Club.

This group was created to build a community between our preschoolers, their younger siblings & parents. We offer weekly play-dates and other events for parents and their families, with plenty of opportunities for making new local friends. As the group grows, we will schedule play-dates, field trips, moms/dads nights out, running/walking groups, book club, family get-togethers, etc. Events will be scheduled so that working as well as stay at home parents can be involved. Come out and have some fun!

Ravensworth Moms and Dads Club is run through a Yahoo Group online. This format makes it easy for everyone to communicate, share ideas, and stay on top of the latest activities.

To join send an email to:
ravensworthmomsanddads-subscribe@yahoo.com

If you have any questions and/or comments, please feel free to contact Maria Dastur at safekidsatc@hotmail.com or 703-321-8228.

Come out and Play!



RAVENSWORTH FARM STUDENTS LIKELY TO CHANGE SCHOOLS



On April 2, the Fairfax County School Board voted to undertake a limited Boundary Study to relieve overcrowding at Annandale High School (AHS) and Poe Middle School (Poe). Under the proposed plan, all students from Ravensworth Farm would be reassigned to Lake Braddock Secondary School, instead of Poe and AHS, beginning in the school year 2010-2011. A final decision is scheduled for June 25.

Normally for a boundary study, there would be many public meetings, focus groups, and different scenarios considered over many months throughout the fall. Not this time. Because of concern to relieve even some of the crowding at AHS, the Board voted to limit the scope to one proposal, and the timing to this spring, which will also limit the time for public meetings and comment. At the recent Board meeting, there was vocal opposition to this truncated study.

Will the changes be for next year?

The changes would not be implemented until the 2010-2011 school year.

Will my student get to finish at Poe and Annandale if they have already started there?

Current juniors and seniors at AHS will finish there. Sophomores will likely finish their senior year at AHS. Current freshmen will only finish at AHS if they are an IB Diploma Candidate. Poe 8th graders this year will finish at Poe, go to AHS for freshman year, then to Lake Braddock. Poe 7th graders will finish at Poe, then attend Lake Braddock. Ravensworth 6th graders will go to Poe for 7th, and probably move to Lake Braddock.

Will my student be able to finish the IB Program?

When your student moves to Lake Braddock, they will not be able to continue IB, but they can take AP courses. The only way to continue with the IB Program would be a pupil placement at Stuart High School, which has IB. Since AHS is already overcrowded, and will remain so even with this proposal, they will not accept any pupil placements, except for juniors and seniors in 2010-2011 who are already IB Diploma Candidates.

Can I share my input into this decision?

Yes. School staff will be sending notices to parents, publishing press releases, and posting information on the FCPS website on dates and locations of town meetings for late April and May. There will be public comment at a School Board meeting in June, before the final vote. You can also your PTA or PTSA. The Civic Association will post links to this information on our website:

<http://www.ravensworthfarm.org/index.html>.

I have been involved with two previous boundary studies, and would be happy to discuss this further as well.

Contact me at school.issues@gmail.com.

— Linda Beste



GOLDEN RAVEN NEWS

Your patience has been rewarded! We've rescheduled our luncheon that was cancelled in January due to a snow storm. We will visit and enjoy a lovely spring lunch at Green Springs Retirement Community.

Date: Wednesday, April 22

Time: 11:00 a.m. (Meet at the Community of Christ Church to carpool.)

Cost: \$9 (no additional tax or tip)

We will enjoy seeing former Ravensworth residents, but be sure to invite any present resident who might like to join us!

We will need an accurate lunch count soon. Any questions? Call Dick or Martha Sargent at 321-9143 or Ruth Miller at 321-7477.

LADIES SOCIAL - FABULOUS FRIDAYS

Each month there is a "sweet" time together with dessert, intentional talk around a theme, a game and a door prize. (Children 5+ are welcome to come and play while we visit – sitter available)

Ladies, we hope you can make it sometime to Fabulous Fridays! 7:30pm - 9:30pm

The dates for our upcoming meetings are:
May 1 and June 5 at 5601 Ravenel Lane

Contact Erin Coelho at 703-321-4878 or Anita Aberle at 703-321-3379 for more information or to RSVP.

GREEN GARDEN CLUB



The Green Thumb Garden Club will meet at 9am at Laura Asciiello's house before going on a boat tour of Great Falls. Please bring your lunch, drink, and \$5. We'd love to have you join us; we always welcome new members. Call Laura Asciiello with questions. 703-321-7840

Spring Gardening Tip: Do you drink coffee? Don't throw out the coffee grounds; use them as fertilizer for your azaleas! After your azaleas bloom is a good time to prune them. Be sure the branches are pruned in a way that allows light to enter the center of the bush. This will help to keep your azaleas healthy.

Get Ready!!! Garden of the Season judging will be on May 4th.

Also, our annual plant sale at the Ravensworth Shopping Center will be on Mother's Day weekend, May 9th.

WAKEFIELD'S SENIOR CENTER REACHES OUT TO SPANISH SENIORS

Wakefield's senior center is reaching out to people who speak Spanish and are 55+. The center provides hot lunches and transportation; please call us to 703-321-3000.

El centro de Wakefield esta buscando personas que hablen Espanol y sean mayores de 55+anos. El centro provee almuerzo caliente y transportation, por favor llamar al 703-321-3000

Ravensworth is turning 50 — So let the party begin!

The first sales open house for our subdivision was held December 1959 and the county officially recognized the Deed of Dedication in February 1960.

So we want to celebrate.

Here are ideas being considered:

Block party with food, DJ and moon bounce

Fun walk / run

Scavenger hunt which could include a search in Accotink Park

Art contest and show for young and old.
The theme: Ravensworth Farm

History trivia contest about Ravensworth Farm



We would love more volunteers to plan the activities.

Interested? Let us hear from you if you want to volunteer and/or if you any additional ideas.

Mary Lipsey at christopherlipsey@verizon.net

HOSPITALIZATIONS

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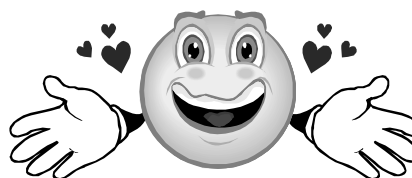
- Kenneth Hamilton, Gosport Lane
- Mary Ann Rish, Bullock Lane
- Bob Karnes, Moultrie Road
- Elaine Norby, Ravenel



SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the families of:

- ♥ Don Lorenzi, Bullock Lane
- ♥ Kathy Falatko, Slidell Lane



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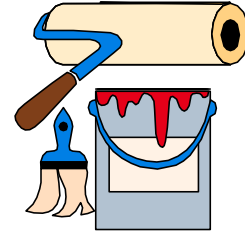


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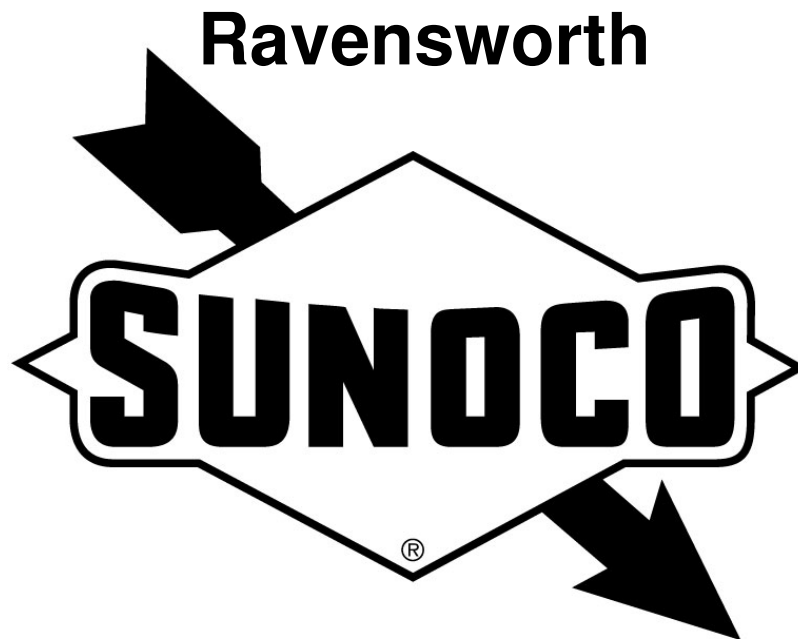
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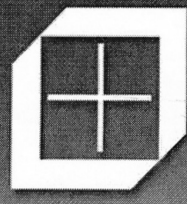
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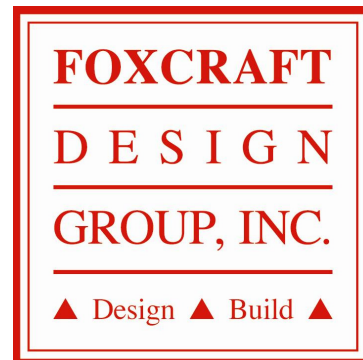


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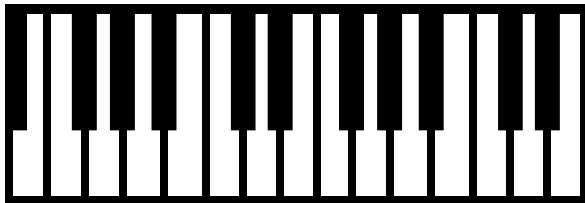
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