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DEAR NEIGHBORS:

Autumn, the season of change, is here! The days are growing shorter and the temperatures are falling. We are blessed to live in a neighborhood that displays some of the most beautiful sights of this season. The leaves are changing, and the mature trees of Ravensworth Farm and the lake dazzle us with all their fall colors. As I walked around Lake Accotink recently, I saw two bald eagles, two snowy egrets, one blue heron and a white-tailed deer leapt across the trail.

I'm grateful to live in neighborhood that has such close ties to nature—and to people, too. Your Civic Association has several fall activities that I encourage you to attend. On October 18, (rain date Oct. 25) the children had their annual Halloween party at the pool. A special thanks to Katherine Craig for organizing this event and to the pool for supporting it.

Ravensworth Farm has always been a beautiful and safe neighborhood. But certain incidents in the past year have shaken and upset us all. I'm pleased to announce that our next general membership meeting on October 29 will address the issue of our community's safety. We will host three speakers. One from the Police Department will update us on those incidents. Two others will help us revive the Neighborhood Watch program. Please come to the October 29th meeting at the elementary

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RFCA Community Activities

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 29th, 7:30PM
Ravensworth Elementary School Library

Topics:

Community Safety
Neighborhood Watch Program
Budget Approval for this year

We're Online:

www.ravensworthfarm.org

... and on Facebook

Check the website for details

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 2009 - 2010

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
October	7	7	9	15	24	29
November	4	4	6	12	21	
December	2	2	4	10	19	
January	6	6	8	14	23	28
February	3	3	5	11	20	
March	3	3	5	12	20	25
April	7	7	9	16	24	
May	5	5	7	14	22	27

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

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school. Hear what they have to tell us. Consider giving a couple hours a month to make our streets safer.

As I walked around Lake Accotink, it startled me to see the lake drained and very little water in the lake area. On-going construction will reface the surface of the dam and repair the sidewalk directly in front of it. Despite the numerous signs which say, "Stay off the Mud," I saw many footprints and bike tracks in the silt beds. Parents, please take a moment to remind your children not to disturb the mud flats in order to protect the many creatures and organisms that live there.

I know that after a hard day's work, it's easy to put your feet up, grab the remote control and relax in front of the TV set with the fireplace burning on these chilly fall evenings. Please make the effort to set your DVR, step out of your house and join your neighbors at our autumn meeting. Together we can continue to make Ravensworth Farm a great place to live. The first step is simply to show up.

Kathleen Powers
Editor, Ravensworth Farmer

RAVENSWORTH PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

I would like to start a Ravensworth Farm Photography Club, where you can share your knowledge and meet new people who aspire to become better photographers.

If you are interested, please call Bernard Chen at (703) 321-0166 or visit me at www.bernardchen.com.



2010 RFCA BALANCED BUDGET & PROJECTIONS—FISCAL YEAR OCT. 1— SEPT. 30

Annual Operations		08 Actual	09 Actual	Proposed 10 Budget
Annual Operating Revenue				
Membership		6,033	5,971	6,000
Advertising - Directory		1,296	2,590	2,500
Advertising - Farmer		4,074	3,760	3,700
Interest on Savings			1,675	953
<i>Withdrawal from (Contribution to) Savings</i>		<i>1,065</i>	<i>(982)</i>	
Total Annual Operating Revenue		12,468	13,014	13,153
Annual Operating Expenses				
Farmer	Printing		1,340	1,500
	Distribution		1,350	1,350
	Typing and Formatting		500	500
		3,208	3,190	3,350
Directory	Advertising Costs		0	300
	Printing		2,964	2,964
	Block Captain/Distribution		81	100
		2,830	3,045	3,364
Hospitality	New Neighbor Welcome		183	200
	Get Well/Hospitalizations		150	200
	Funeral Tributes		113	150
		306	447	550
Braddock Road Maintenance	East of Queensberry		583	600
	West of Queensberry		282	600
	Entranceways		1,047	800
		2,100	1,912	2,000
Community Services & Events	Annandale H.S. Theater Event	173	0	0
	International Festival	0	0	700
	Halloween Party	0	781	650
	Holiday Hay Ride	825	905	700
	Ravensworth Elementary	1,554	500	500
	Springfield Day	300	300	0
	Pool Enhancement Matching Funds		500	150
		2,852	2,986	2,700
Contingencies	Entranceway maintenance	2,950	0	539
	Door replacement		500	
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			500	539

2010 RFCA BALANCED BUDGET & PROJECTIONS (CON'T)

Administrative Expenses	195	307	250
Website / e-Blasts	83	93	150
Annandale Volunteer Fire Department	500	500	100
Cultural Committee		0	0
Green Committee	228	0	100
Miscellaneous	166	34	50
Total Annual Operating Expense	12,468	13,013	13,153
Annual Revenue minus Expenses	(0)	0	0
Non-Recurring/Capital Expenditures - from Savings			
Entrance Upgrade		5,500	
Youth Leadership	404	500	
Sign Upgrade			1,500
Tree Trimmings			500
50th Anniversary Party			7,000
Total Non-Recurring/Capital Expenditures	404	6,000	9,000
Net Increase (Decrease) in Savings Balance	(1,469)	(5,018)	(9,000)

CALLING ALL LOCAL HISTORY BUFFS!



Dear History Enthusiasts,

The Fairfax County History Commission is hosting its fifth annual History Conference: "Fairfax: This Is YOUR County!" on Saturday, November 7th, 2009 at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, from 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM. Keynote speaker, Dr. Robert A Selig's address will be "The American Revolution and the Washington-Rochambeau Route in Northern Virginia." Other presentations include a panel discussion with war veterans; "James Lee's Journey of Freedom"; the Battle of the White House (1812); Fairfax County and the War Between the States; and the Origins of Springfield. Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to visit the archaeology lab and talk to the professionals. Additionally, there will be exhibits by local history authors and organizations. Included in the \$20 registration fee is a continental breakfast and box lunch. Please

join us for this exciting historical experience.

For more information contact: Mary Lipsey 703-321-2824

PARENT GROUP IS GOING STRONG!

Are you looking for a way to connect with other moms and dads in the neighborhood? Well look no further than the 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. Events will be scheduled so that working as well as stay-at-home parents can be involved.

Ravensworth Moms and Dads 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 703-321-8228 or safekidsat@hotmail.com

We head into our second year with 20 members. Come out and have some fun!

WOMEN OF ALL AGES AND STAGES ARE INVITED TO COME TO FABULOUS FRIDAY!



A women's social with: food, fun, intentional conversation, special guests, games, and door prizes!

This is our 4th year — Comments from last year “I’m so glad we are doing this”, “great to know more neighbors”, “I had no idea you lived right up the street from me!”

Ravensworth Farm is known for having a good community! We believe Fabulous Friday is part of building and keeping our community strong. Come by for one or all of the meetings.

Meetings are the First Friday of the month (except for Jan. & April):
Nov. 6, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5, March 5, April 9, May 7 & June 4
7:30PM – 9:30PM, 7938 Ellet Road (The home of Anita Aberle)

Contact: 703-321-3379, aaberle@netzero.net or Erin Coelho at 703-321-4878 for more information or to sign up for our e-vite reminder.

GOOD TIMES WITH THE GOLDEN RAVENS

Join us for a good meal, good laughs and good conversation as we eat lunch out at Brion's Grill on Wednesday, October 28th at 11:30 a.m. Brion's Grill is located at the intersection of Braddock and Ox Roads across from George Mason University. (10621 Braddock Road, Fairfax, VA.) You can meet us there or car pools will form at 11:15 a.m. in the parking lot of the Community of Christ Church at 5610 Inverchapel Road. Let us know if you will attend. Questions? Call Martha or Dick Sargent at 321-9143 or Ruth Miller at 321-7477.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club will have its November meeting on Wednesday, November 4th at 9:30 am at the home of Laura Asciiello. We will be learning about how to put our gardens to sleep. I bet you're curious! (I am!) We always welcome new members! Call Laura Asciiello with questions. 703-321-7840

GARDEN OF THE SEASON...

And the winners are...

1st Place: 8105 Gosport Lane (Armstrong & Ward)

2nd Place: 5227 Kepler Lane (Santizo)

3rd Place: 5616 Rathbone Place (Daimler)

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8101 Carrick Lane

8000 Gosport Lane

5221 Inverchapel Rd

5406 Nutting Dr

5309 Nutting Dr

5500 Ravenel Lane

5513 Ravenel Lane

5617 Ravenel Lane

7916 Slidell Lane



FREQUENTLY ASKED CODE ENFORCEMENT QUESTIONS

Can a vehicle or trailer be parked on the lawn?

Vehicles must be parked on the street or on a paved driveway. The only exception is if a vehicle is being actively cleaned, repaired or loaded. A vehicle may be parked on the lawn for these reasons, but for no longer than 48 hours. More information on parking and neighborhood traffic rules can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm>

To report inoperative vehicles on residential property, call the Police Department at 703-280-0716

Can I store unused, unwanted items in my yard, such as tires or furniture?

You can store items in your yard, but they must be put in the backyard. They also must be screened with a fence from view from the first-story window of nearby homes. The storage area cannot exceed 100 square feet on most residential properties.

Are cars with out-of-state license plates allowed to park on the street or in a driveway?

Yes. However, new residents must get valid Virginia license plates within 30 days of moving here. Military and diplomatic personnel are exempt from this requirement, but they must have current license plates on their vehicles.

Can a commercial vehicle be parked on a residential street?

No—except for one licensed taxicab or limousine per home. Commercial vehicles—such as tractor-trailers, semi-trailers, cement-mixers, garbage trucks, construction equipment and trucks, trailers or semi-trailers for transporting lawn-care equipment or storing or selling food—are prohibited on a residential street. However, vehicles commonly perceived as commercial vehicles—such as U-Haul trucks and trailers or vans used by a plumber or an electrician—may be parked on a residential street.

Excerpted from: Neighborhood Concerns & County Services, a publication of Fairfax County, VA. October 2009.

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Wayne and Roberta Lacey and Family
5312 Moultrie

Clay and Hayley Davis and Family
5320 Moultrie

Brian and Molly Lachance
5322 Moultrie

Ho Thao T.
7928 Ellet

Rob and Dan-Tam Alwood and Family
7923 Gosport
703-354-1350



When a new neighbor moves in on your street, please call Melanie Bennett at 1-571-282-3291 or email melanieannebennett@gmail.com.

HOSPITALITY

Get well wishes are extended to:

Fay Shipley, Hatteras Lane
Ty Simpson, Hatteras Lane
Norma Gardner, Inverchapel Road

Suzanne Dorick, Nutting Drive
Lois Kraft, Queensberry Avenue
Miffie Clem, Inverchapel Road

Congratulations on the new baby to:
Melanie and Dan Bennett, Inverchapel Road who had a little boy.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to the family of: Patricia Tildes of Inverchapel Road who passed away in July.
Bob Karnes, of Moultrie Road who died in September.



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.

FOR SALE	One standard size Ping-Pong table 9 ft x 5 ft; folds for easy storage and comes complete with net and 4 paddles. Asking \$35, Please contact Bill Peterson at 703-321-7886
FOR SALE	Craftsman ball bearing bench grinder; good condition. Brookstone therapy massaging seat topper with heat. Fits most chairs or recliners; fully equipped. 100 percent wool rug, 5 x 8 multi-floral design. Excellent condition. Reasonable Prices! Call 703-321-9546
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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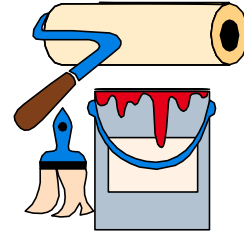
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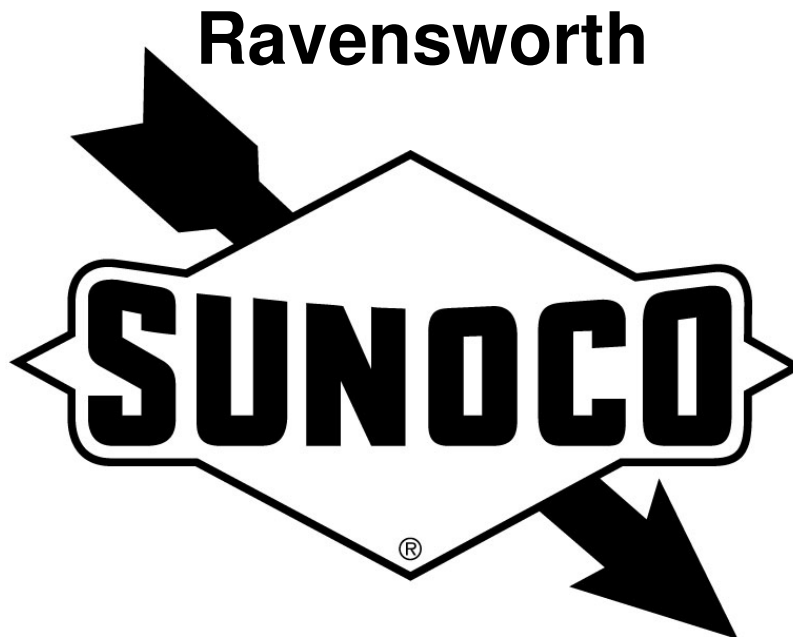
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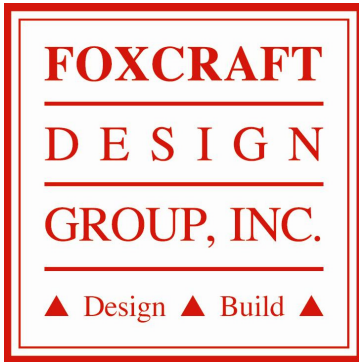
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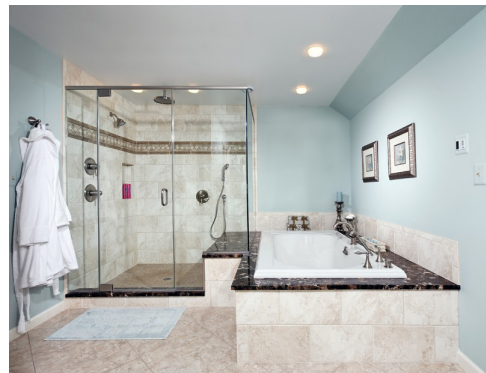
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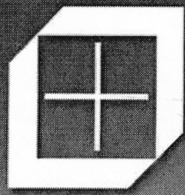
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