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**DEAR NEIGHBORS:**

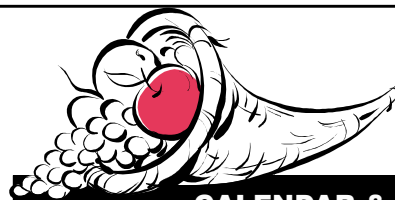
There is much to discuss in the neighborhood, so let's get started.

**Farmer and Directory Advertising Volunteer Needed:**

Your board has been busy pulling the advertising together for both the Farmer and the Directory. Our advertising contracts have been issued, and many have been signed and submitted. However, we remain in need of a daytime volunteer who would be willing to track our advertising accounts, the incoming revenue, and amounts still due and owing. It is essentially an administrative task that can be done from home, with perhaps the need for an occasional follow up phone call to a given business. Please let me know if you are willing and able to assist. Your service to the community would be a big help. With advertising being the Civic Association's main form of revenue, you will be directly contributing to our ability to enhance our community as we begin to consider projects requiring capital funding.

**Neighborhood Watch:** We had a very informative presentation by the Fairfax County Police at our General Membership meeting in October. The officers walked us through an overview of the organization and value of a successful neighborhood watch program. There was also valuable input from neighbors attending the meeting about what they envision a Ravensworth Neighborhood

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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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Green Thumb Garden Club	Laura Asiello	703-321-7840
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
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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Watch program might look like. What is clear is that we have the ability to structure it as we wish. Based upon the input at the meeting, as well as many conversations that I have had in the past several months, I feel that further exploration of re-establishing a Ravensworth Farm Neighborhood Watch is supported. Of course, re-establishing will not occur unless we have two things: 1) A dedicated Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, and: 2) A committed group of volunteers to perform the functions (a minimum of 25 volunteers were recommended by the Police for a neighborhood of our size, however the most successful watches have the most dedicated volunteers—and a mix of daytime and evening volunteers.) If you are willing to be a part of this initiative, either as the coordinator or as a volunteer member, call my number (703-321-8711 or email me at [pricey5@cox.net](mailto:pricey5@cox.net)). Do it now, before you forget.

**Safety and Security Tip:** Even without a formal neighborhood watch in place, the Fairfax County Police urges everyone to call 911 or the County Police non-emergency hotline number (703-691-2131), as appropriate, if you observe something out of the ordinary. They will respond. Also to minimize the opportunity for vandalism and theft, lock your cars when parked and do not leave valuables (lap tops, GPS devices, tools, purses, etc.) in your automobiles.

**Save the Dates: December 20th- Holiday Hayride and March 20th - Neighborhood 50th Anniversary Celebration:** Mark your calendars for the December 20th Hayride (5-7 pm) and the afternoon and evening of March 20th for our community's 50th birthday celebration. We will revel in 50 years of the rich tradition and history of Ravensworth Farm as a welcoming and warm community. Ravensworth has, and continues to be, a place where families and neighbors support one another, where our children are raised and educated, where our leisure days are often spent in the park, at the pool, or raking leaves and planting gardens. Our planning committee is putting together a wonderful event, which we hope everyone will partake in. So please reserve the date! It will be a great beginning to the next 50 years.

Steve Price,  
President, RFCA

# SAVE THE DATE

## RAVENSWORTH FARM CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!!



Saturday, March 20, 2010—5PM to 8:30PM

Ravensworth Elementary School



Pot luck dinner and entertainment for every age.  
Meet new and old neighbors and enjoy sharing memories of our wonderful community.

### DEFRAY THE COST OF FOOD WITH THE SNAP PROGRAM

Many Braddock residents may be facing loss of income during the current economic downturn. To help make it through difficult times there are several programs that provide assistance. One is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance or SNAP program which can help to defray the cost of food for your family:

<http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/foodstamp.html>

While the application process can be complex, a family of four with a monthly gross income of less than \$2050 could receive up to a maximum of \$668 a month in benefits. The money is placed on a debit card that can be used for eligible purchases and are exempt from state sales taxes. Residents may submit an application to the Department of Family Services on-line (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs>); by mail, or fax.

The following link will take you to a site that may help you determine whether to pursue an application:

[http://www.fns.usda.gov/FSP/applicant\\_recipients/eligibility.htm#income](http://www.fns.usda.gov/FSP/applicant_recipients/eligibility.htm#income)

Your application will be reviewed on the day that it is received for possible eligibility, although it may take up to 30 days to actually process your application.

### PARKWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS BETHLEHEM WALK

Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA across from the King's Park Shopping Center. Stroll Back in Time... Come and revisit a busy street in Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. This FREE interactive program has something for everyone. It features townspeople working at their trade and sharing their goods with visitors -- and ends with the stable where you will find a Live Nativity where children can pet the animals. Upstairs you will be welcomed with Christmas Carols, refreshments and gifts for the children. Visit our website at [www.parkwood.org](http://www.parkwood.org) for more information. Dates: December 12th & 13th from 4:00PM to 8:00PM.

## **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):

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.

## **GARDEN CLUB GETS READY TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON**

The Green Thumb Garden Club will be celebrating the holidays with their annual holiday luncheon at Doddie Cave's house at 11am. Bring a yummy dish to share and a gift pertaining to the great outdoors! We always welcome new members! Call Laura Asiello for information: 703-321-7840.

Winter Gardening Tip: Now is a great time to sharpen your tools so you'll be ready for the spring.



## **FESTIVE & FUN TIMES WITH THE GOLDEN RAVENS**

Mark your calendars! Our December meeting is December 9th. It's early this month, so you don't have any excuse for not joining us. Plus, it's our annual Holiday Feast. You won't want to miss it!

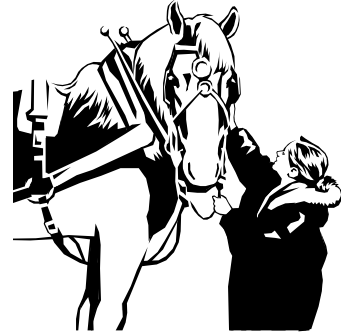
Date: Wednesday, December 9  
 Time: 11:00 a.m.  
 Feast: Potluck  
 Place: Community of Christ Church  
 (5610 Inverchapel Road)

Bring your favorite dish. Coffee & tea will be provided. The Golden Ravens always welcome newcomers. Plus, we'd like to express our gratitude to the Community of Christ Church for providing us with such a perfect meeting place--right in our own neighborhood! For questions or suggestions, contact Dick & Martha Sargent at 703-321-9143 or Ruth Miller, 703-321-7477.



## HOLIDAY HORSE & WAGON RIDE FOR CHILDREN

The Belgian Draft horses are coming back! On Sunday, December 20th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm your children can experience an old-fashioned wagon ride through our neighborhood. Please meet at the Community of Christ Church (5610 Inverchapel Rd)—bike or walk, if possible, since parking is limited. Come and enjoy the sights of the season from this unique perspective with your children.



## SIGHTS & LIGHTS OF THE SEASON

Greetings fellow residents! With only a few days left until Thanksgiving, time is near to untangle your strings of lights, test the bulbs and make sure that all the holiday decorations, which were carefully stored last year, are in top-notch shape for another fabulous Ravensworth Holiday Display! This year's judging will take place on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 12th, 13th and 14th. Remember that the categories of judging will be:

- |                           |                                                      |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| * <b>Best Overall</b>     | * <b>Most Original</b>                               |
| * <b>Best Religious</b>   | * <b>Kid's Favorite</b>                              |
| * <b>Best Door/Window</b> | * <b>Best Daytime Display (garden of the season)</b> |

## LAKE ACCOTINK HOLIDAY EVENTS



Pet Pictures with Santa Claws—Saturday December 19, 1 - 2 pm. Don't leave your furry, feathered or scaly friend out of the holiday photo. Registration fee: \$5 per pet. To register: Call 703-569-0285, TTY 711

Santa's Hayride—Saturday December 19, 3:00 - 8:00 pm. Enjoy a horse or tractor drawn wagon ride, stories and hot chocolate and visit Santa to tell him what's on your wish list (Please bring a camera for this photo opportunity.) Pre-paid reservations are required; \$8 per person. Mastercard and Visa is accepted. To register: Call 703-569-3464, TTY 711

## LOOKING FOR A JOB?

A listing of local administrative job opportunities working within a church community can be found at the following website from the Alexandria District of the United Methodist Church:

<http://www.novaumc.org/employment.html>

## TEENS HAVE A NEW HANGOUT

New Teen Center Opens in Annandale behind Annandale High School. It's open every Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for those enrolled in school (grades seven through 12) and it's free! Come and meet some new friends. Featured are games, movies, arts, crafts, field trips and opportunities for community service. For information, call 703-324-TEEN (8336) or visit the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services' website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec/teens/>

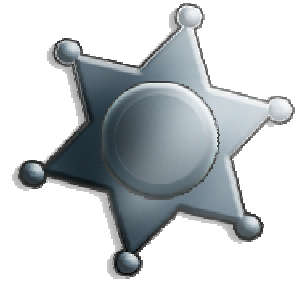
Additional Teen Center locations are listed. For reasonable ADA accommodations, call 703-324-5714.

**SEEKING:**

The whereabouts of:

- old Neighborhood Watch hats and walkie-talkies;
- the magnetic car signs that the old Neighborhood Watch program used in the past
- any other organizational tools used in the Neighborhood Watch program

Contact: Steve Price, RFCA President

**TWO LOCAL ROAD CLOSURES YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT**

1. Exit 166-B off I-95 South Bound closed during the first week in November.
  - The detour route is using Exit 167, immediately north of the Closed Exit Ramp.
2. Fullerton Road closed at the Fairfax County Parkway in early November due to construction on the Fairfax County Parkway Project.
  - Traffic on North Bound Fullerton Road north of Boudinot Drive will have access to the Fairfax County Parkway east bound, Fairfax County Maintenance/Bus Facility and I-95 Ramps ONLY.
  - Fullerton Traffic off Backlick Road will have access to local businesses north of Fairfax County Parkway and Belvoir North Area ONLY.
  - Fairfax County Parkway West Bound traffic will have access to south bound Fullerton Road, Central Motors Property and Boudinot Drive. Access to Backlick and Alban Road will be using Boudinot Drive.

Both Closures will last approximately 12 months!!!

Details and maps are available at: <http://www.fairfaxcountyparkway.org/>

**NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE--OUR VERY OWN "RAVEN'S LIST"**

Let's create our very own version of "Angie's List" right here in Ravensworth Farm. We all need good recommendations for services. Have you had a good experience with a plumber, a contractor, or a handyman? How about an electrician, cleaning service, dog walker, or pest removal company? If so, tell your neighbors about it. Don't forget to recommend snow removal and lawn care, too! Please go to the Ravensworth Farm website, click the **Feedback** button (top, right-hand side) and submit your recommendations to our webmaster. In the future, you might see our "Raven's List" as a useful feature on our website.

**'TIS THE SEASON TO BE THANKFUL...**

... for all the neighbors who made this past Halloween such a great one in our neighborhood! Did you smile at the giant spider on the corner of Queensberry and Ravenel? Thanks to Erin & Marcel Coelho for the great decorations! Their neighbors call them the "spider people." Despite being rained out one weekend, 60-70 children enjoyed the annual Halloween party and parade. A BIG thank you goes out to Katherine Craig, who organized and ran it. And the O'Neill family reports that 80-90 people toured their Haunted House on Moultrie Road this year despite the rain. Sadly, this was the last year for the Haunted House since Tim O'Neill will be going off to college next year. Thank you to Nan, Kevin & Tim for giving us some great Halloween memories.



# WANTED!

Do you walk your dog around the neighborhood?  
Do you jog or walk for fitness in Ravensworth?  
Do you pick up your children and walk them  
home from school each day?  
Do you and your baby take an afternoon or  
morning stroll?  
Do you bike around the neighborhood on a  
regular basis?

THEN... we need you! Would you be willing to continue what you normally do, but wear a baseball cap that says "Neighborhood Watch" on it? And carry a cell phone on you? We'd like to start a visible Neighborhood Watch program by simply and easily incorporating it into what we already do each day. It just means putting on a hat, carrying a cell phone and being a little bit more aware of what's going on around you. Please consider doing this little part to make our streets safer. The more visible we are --the safer we will be! Call Steve Price if you are interested.



## **SECURITY TIPS FROM THE LOCAL POLICE**

Did you know that 60 percent of car thefts and vandalism occur in unlocked vehicles? That most home break-ins occur between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.? At our recent General Meeting, we learned some tips to keep our neighborhood safe:

- Do you see something out of the ordinary? **DON'T RATIONALIZE IT.** For example, you might think, "Oh, that man entering the house down the street is probably a workman." Or, "that person is just looking inside my car because they like the make & model." Or, those people are probably going to visit someone further down the street." Call and report unusual people around you.
- Please report suspicious or unusual behavior, people and noises. You are not bothering the police; they have cars out patrolling and want to respond. It's better to call and have it be nothing, than not to call at all. You may be helping the police determine a pattern of behavior that can be stopped.
- A visible presence discourages crime by eliminating opportunity and deterring teenagers. The patrol car will come and investigate. If a group of kids is thinking about getting into mischief, this will stop them.
- If a solicitor comes to your door, **IMMEDIATELY CALL THE POLICE.** Most solicitors are really just canvassing the neighborhood looking for opportunities. Anyone who comes to your door should be licensed by the county and carrying a permit that says so. Call the non-emergency number and describe the person at your door and the direction they are heading. The police **WILL** come and investigate to see if they are properly licensed.
- Lock your doors--house and automobiles. Most electronics are taken from unlocked cars. Teenagers look for small change in open cars
- Don't leave your garage doors open or unlocked. Trust your woman's intuition. If something feels wrong, report it.
- Program the Police Non-Emergency number into all land and cell phones: 703-691-2131 Do this today.
- Consider joining the Neighborhood Watch group. Communities with active Watch groups have significant fewer crimes and far less vandalism.

Thanks to Officers J. T. Frey and Pete Fiegleson and John Bower for this timely advice.

## **EMERGENCY HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE**

Residents who need help to pay home heating bills or who face an emergency heating situation this winter may be able to obtain assistance from a federally funded program locally administered by the county's Department of Family Services. The Crisis Assistance program helps households in emergency situations by providing security deposits for heat and funding the repair or replacement of heating equipment. The Crisis Assistance application period runs through Monday, March 15, 2010.

To apply for this heating assistance program you can download an application online at <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea/fuel/forms.cgi>; complete it and fax it to 703-324-8242, or mail it to Fairfax County Department of Family Services – Pennino Building, c/o Energy Assistance, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 232, Fairfax, VA 22035. This application cannot be completed on-line.

Applicants may also call the Department of Family Services' energy assistance phone line at 703-324-7604 (TTY

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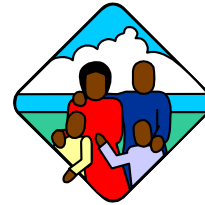
703-222-9452) and ask for an application to be mailed to them. You can also visit the following DFS locations between 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday:

- Fairfax – Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, 703-324-7500
- Falls Church – 6245 Leesburg Pike (Route 7), Falls Church, 703-533-5300
- Reston – Lake Anne Office Building, 11484 Washington Plaza West, Reston, 703-787-4900

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

Thomas Lopez  
8013 Ellett

Cari Gordon  
8139 Drayton



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<b>FREE</b>	Charcoal Barbecue 21 " x 21" Call 703-321-0672
<b>FOR SALE</b>	Airline Kennel for large dog, asking \$20. Call 703-321-0672
<b>WANTED</b>	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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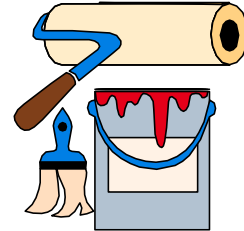
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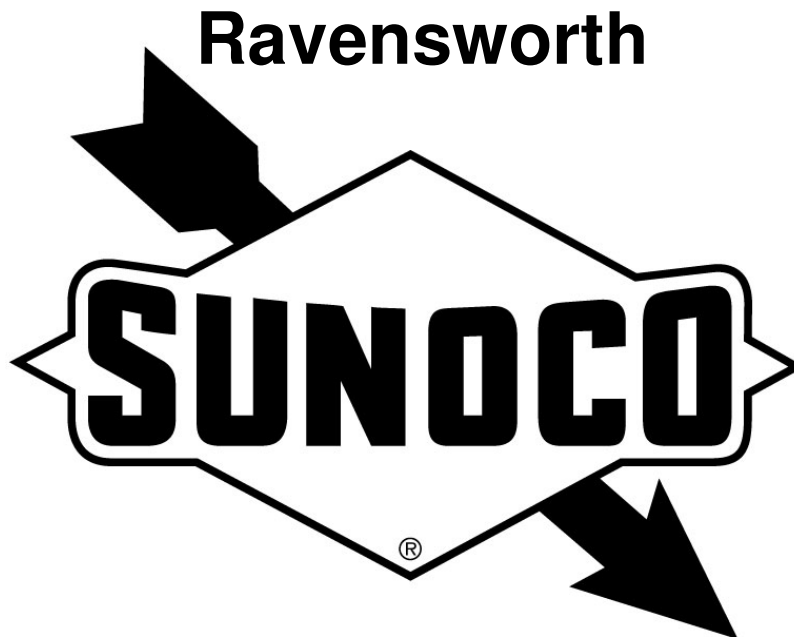
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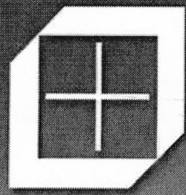
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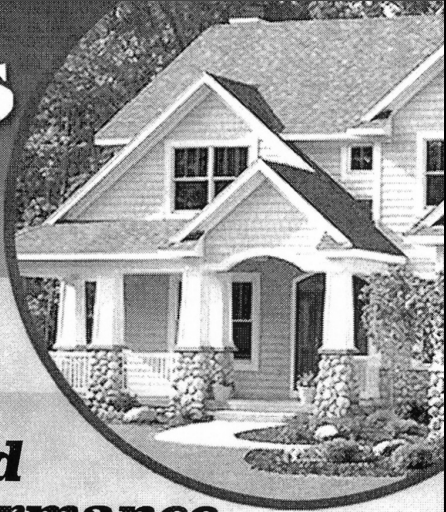
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