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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Neighbors:

It is April Fool's Day and I am sitting at my computer watching the news. New England got another sixteen inches of snow and we once again dodged the bullet, just a little rain that will help out our flower beds. Other than that one good snow early in the season, we seem to have had a mild winter. I guess my going out and buying a huge snow blower had something to do with that. If I hadn't, I am sure it would have been a repeat of last year's mega blizzard.

At our board meeting this week we were discussing upcoming events in our community. On Sunday, April 3 we will have the Hay ride after multiple postponements due to inclement weather. On the following Saturday, April 9 will be the clean-up at Lake Accotink. Each year this clean-up has a great turnout and the participants were given a box lunch in appreciation for donating their time to clean up the lake. This year, however, due to fiscal constraints, they were not able to buy lunch for the volunteers. Our Association has decided to chip in and try to defray the cost of lunches for the volunteers of this worthy cause. Lake Accotink is a great recreational facility and having it in our backyard adds value to our homes, keeping it clean benefits us all.

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www.ravensworthfarm.org

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 2010 - 2011

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	Farmer DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT Farmer	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
April	Mar. 30	Mar. 30	1	6	30	
May	4	4	6	11	21	26

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

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Please support our local plant sale at the Ravensworth Shopping Center on Saturday, May 7th. Our garden club does a great job and sells plants that do well in our yards. Plus, the price is great, too.

Another big event is the very popular neighborhood YARD SALE being held on May 14. This annual event is held at the Ravensworth Community Pool parking lot and all are encouraged to bring items to sell. As always, the Boy Scouts will be on hand to sell refreshments.

Just around the corner is the opening of Ravensworth Community Pool. Membership is available to families living in Ravensworth Farm and the cost for the whole summer is a bargain when you consider going on vacation between gas prices and rental costs. Our Community Pool has an excellent swim team and they compete against neighboring towns.

There are lots of things going on in our community every month. Make sure you check out The Farmer for upcoming events, and please support the advertisers in our paper.

Marty Robinson, President, RFCA, prez@ravensworthfarm.org

#### RAVENSWORTH RESIDENT MARY LIPSEY HONORED

Mary Lipsey has been selected to receive the Fairfax County Volunteer Champion Award from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Mary, a retired history teacher, is being honored for her work researching and preserving historical cemeteries across the county.

Lipsey started an organization called the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association. Together with volunteers, she has organized restorations of almost a dozen private cemeteries.

Visit her website at: http://www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org/about

The Connection papers did a great article honoring Mary and her work. Read more about her at:

http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp? article=349466&paper=61&cat=104



## BUILD-YOUR-OWN RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP (RESIDENTS OF RAVENSWORTH FARM ONLY)

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011 Time: 6:00PM — 9:00PM

Location: Ravensworth Elementary School Cafeteria, 5411 Nutting Drive,

Springfield, VA 22151

The RFCA in partnership with the Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division is sponsoring a rain barrel workshop. Make a rain barrel and collect rainwater from your downspout for your garden. The rain barrel is sturdy, made from recycled pickle and olive barrels, and can hold 55 gallons. Rain barrels can help save water and they mitigate some HOT lanes storm water impacts by reducing runoff into Lake Accotink from adjoining neighborhoods. Reusing rain water helps promote healthy ecosystems in our streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay.



#### Please note:

- you must be a resident of Ravensworth Farm
- there is a limit of one free rain barrel per household.\*
- limited to the first 50 individuals who sign up (due to space constraints please limit attendance to 2 people per household)

\*a second barrel will be available at the workshop (first come first serve) if supply exceeds demand

The rain barrels are being paid for by a grant from Transurban and Fluor (HOT lanes' developer). Some rain barrels can cost upwards of \$100.

Register here: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WVQ22LL

## REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! RAIN BARRELLS STILL AVAILABLE!

For more information on rain barrels and installation, see the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District website at **http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrels.htm**. If you do not own a computer and would like to register for the workshop, please call Fairfax County Stormwater Planning Division at 703-324-5500 and ask for Catie Torgersen.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NEXT RFCA MEETING

Plan now to join us for the last RFCA general meeting of the year.

When: Thursday, May 26

Time: 6:30 pm business meeting

7:00 pm rain barrel workshop

During the short business meeting, we will elect the RFCA board of directors. Please sign up for a rain barrel and join us!



#### RFCA BOARD MEETINGS MOVE BACK TO WEDNESDAYS

The monthly board meetings of the Civic Association will move back to Wednesday evenings for the rest of the term:

The next meetings are:

Weds. May 4th

Time & Place: 7:30 pm School Faculty Lounge

#### PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGY...

The RFCA board apologies for the last-minute cancellation of the wildlife presentation scheduled for the March general meeting. The speaker's husband was involved in a car accident that evening. RFCA will try to reschedule her again for the Fall General meeting. Over 60 residents came out to hear her. We're sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you for your interest in this topic.

#### IT TAKES A VILLAGE... FOR THE GOLDEN RAVENS

Sec. of State, Hillary Clinton once said it takes a village to raise a child. Some villages have definite traditional rituals to mark the passage from childhood to adulthood. At the other end of life, in some villages the senior citizens are respected and consulted for their well earned wisdom. But there are no formal rituals to mark the passage of older adults into their natural maturity here in America.

Someone said that life here is a race between retirement and obsolescence. When the time comes to face obsolescence and retirement it helps to have a village for support. There are many groups organized in Fairfax County to provide such a place for its seniors. The Golden Ravens have been such a group for the senior residents of our village.

Sharing a meal or learning a new idea once a month together provides a way to feel the energy of community when the daily commute to work no longer is calling. We meet the fourth Wednesday of each month in the Community of Christ Church, unless we venture out to lunch. In April we will be lunching at Green Spring Village. The Golden Ravens invite all Ravensworth seniors to join us.

We also wish to acknowledge the support and hospitality provided by the Community of Christ Church which provides facilities for the monthly meetings. Call Joan Crofford to get acquainted at 703-321-7809.

#### GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

Join the Garden Club on the first Wednesday of the month, May 4 as we take a field trip to Great Falls.

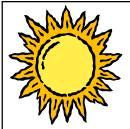
Bring a bag lunch and call Laura Asiello with questions. 703-321-7840

Don't forget-- join us at our annual Plant Sale on Saturday, May 7th at the Ravensworth shopping center. The best and most affordable plants in my yard have come from this sale!

#### **Gardening tip for May:**

After your azaleas have bloomed is the best time to prune them. Make sure you let plenty of light get to the entire plant, so don't "hedge" them off. They can die from the inside-out that way.





# COMMUNITY YARD SALE \( \xi \)

Saturday, May 14th 8:00 am to 1 pm

Ravensworth Farm Swimming Pool
Parking Lot

Bring Your Tables, Etc & Set Up Your Items For Sale On the Outer Edges of the Parking Area.

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RAJN DATE: Saturday, May 21, 2011





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#### NEW PHONE NUMBER: TOP TEN NAILS

Top Ten Nails, located in the Ravensworth Shopping Center has a new phone number: 703-321-7720. Please change this in your directory.

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Check out their website for more details: http://www.americasadoptasoldier.org

or contact Ravensworth Resident, Mary E. Keeser, Chairman and Founder.

#### FLY THE FLAG PROUDLY!!

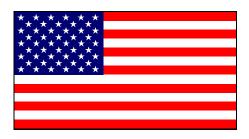
We hope you enjoyed seeing all the flags in Ravensworth Farm this year. If you would like to have a flag in your yard next year email us or give us a call.

#### 2011 Schedule only \$25 for year

- July 4th 2011
- Labor Day 2011
- President's Day 2012

The boy scouts will set up a flag pole and a flag in your front yard for each of these holidays from sunrise to sunset. They then return and remove it. Get together with your neighbors and see if your entire block can proudly fly Old Glory on your street!

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#### TORNADOS & RAVENSWORTH HOMES

This question was submitted to the forum, Ask Fairfax:

During a tornado, where is the best place to seek shelter since our homes are 50 years old? Plus, both our bathrooms have windows and we have no walk-in closets. We cannot fit in a closet the depth of a hanger that is also full of clothes. Some homes in our neighborhood don't have any interior rooms, as well.



#### Answer:

During a tornado, one of the hazards that you have to protect yourself against is flying debris. There is also a limited amount of warning time, so staying in the house is likely to be your best bet. Since you have windows in all of your rooms, here are some suggestions to help protect yourself and your family:

- Take shelter under a bed, heavy table or heavy furniture
- If time permits, cover yourself with a heavy blanket to help protect against glass
- Take shelter in the bathtub

Inside a sturdy structure is always best. Pre-planning and identifying how you and your family will react to an emergency is great way to get prepared.

Marcelo Ferreira, AEM Community Liaison Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management

Welcome to Ask Fairfax!, a forum for you and county staff to engage in online discussions about key topics in our community. To participate, visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/askfairfax/.

#### BACKYARD WILDLIFE

If you have any question whether you may have a rabid or dangerous animal nearby, call either the police non-emergency phone number, 703-691-2131, or 911.

Don't approach animals you don't know. Any animal can react unpredictably. For safety, just let the animal move on, then take a look at your backyard and consider making it animal-proof. Animals that are around people or homes could be sick or injured, which could make them act aggressively. They also could be rabid or carrying ticks. Interaction alone could be grounds for having an animal destroyed. If your goal is to get the animal to leave, don't approach it or make contact with it. Let it move along on its own.

Why not trap or relocate a nuisance beast? For one, it's against the law. It violates state game regulations, and relocation rarely works. The animal sometimes returns to the site of the problem, starts conflict problems in new areas, or doesn't survive the stress of the move. In addition, if the animal was there because the habitat was good for it, another animal of the same species may move in. It is against Park Authority regulations, state law, and sound wildlife management to release any

#### **Aggressive Animal**

Do not approach any animal.

animal, wild or domestic, on parkland.

If you have any question whether you may have a rabid or dangerous animal nearby, call either the police non-emergency phone number, 703-691-2131, or 911.

Report any wildlife acting in a dangerous manner, whether on parkland or in your neighborhood, to the Animal Control Department at 703-691-2131.

#### **Injured or Sick Animal**

People with the best intentions can get into the worst situations. A few years ago, a good Park Authority friend rescued a raccoon from her own property shortly after she moved to Virginia. She was not aware of rabies issues in Virginia, and after the raccoon sickened and died, rabies was discovered. The raccoon had been in contact with the rescuer's children and other neighborhood youngsters, and 27 people underwent rabies vaccinations. It was not the best of first impressions.

The Wildlife Rescue League, a non-profit organization, provides wildlife rehabilitation services in Fairfax County. The Rescue League hotline number is 703-440-0800. Although it's usually best for wildlife to be left in the wild, sometimes an injured animal may not recover on its own. To learn about helping wildlife, check our article "Ten Ways to Help Your Wildlife!". Wildlife rehabilitation is not an amateur hobby. It's regulated and licensed by the state.

#### **Nuisance Animal**

The best action is preventive. Try animal-proofing your home or yard. No single action will work every time, and you may have to try several things, but here are some ideas that may help keep wildlife away.

General tips to animal-proof your yard:

#### Remove or reduce sources of food

In other words, please don't feed the bears. Take pet foods (and pets!) indoors; secure trash; fence gardens.

#### Remove sources of shelter

Wood piles, mounds of yard clippings, and other vegetative debris can attract rodents and reptiles.

#### Keep the animal out of your yard

Fences, chemical deterrents, and creative plantings may prevent unwanted wildlife from trespassing.

Source: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/nrp backyardwildlife.htm

## EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER FOR WASTEWATER AND STORM WATER BACKUPS

Service has been restored to the county's regular 24/7 emergency phone number for reporting sewer back-ups. To report these problems, residents should now call 703-323-1211.

This number also can be used to report storm drain flooding after normal business hours. During business hours, however, residents should call 703-877-2800, to report storm drain flooding.

For street flooding, call the Virginia Department of Transportation at 1-800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623).



#### CALENDAR OF RECYCLING AND TRASH EVENTS

#### **Household Hazardous Waste Events**

The Fairfax County Household Hazardous Waste Program accepts hazardous chemicals from residents free of charge and disposes or recycles them according to all local, state and federal regulations. Hazardous wastes from businesses are handled separately. For a list of hazardous materials, please go to: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/disphhw.htm

**May 14: Household Hazardous Waste Event**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

**Sept. 10**: **Household Hazardous Waste Event**, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

#### **Document Shredding Events**

The Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program will be sponsoring one secure document shredding event in each supervisory district per calendar year. Shredding is a free service for Fairfax County residents.

**May 21: Document Shredding Event**, 8 a.m. - Noon at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

**June 25: Document Shredding Event**, 8 a.m. - Noon at Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean, VA 22101

**July 23: Document Shredding Event**, 8 a.m. - Noon at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309

**August 27: Document Shredding Event**, 8 a.m. - Noon at the Braddock Governmental Center, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015

**Sept. 24**: **Document Shredding Event**, 8 a.m. - Noon, at the Sully Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly, VA 20151

#### **Electric Sunday**

Fairfax County residents can recycle televisions, computers and peripheral devices – including keyboards, speakers, printers, external drives and other such materials – and unbroken fluorescent light bulbs and tubes on Electric Sundays. The Electric Sunday recycling program is a free service to Fairfax County residents.

May 22: Electric Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

June 26: Electric Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

July 24: Electric Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

August 28: Electric Sunday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

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For a comprehensive list of recycling events in Fairfax County, go to: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm

#### **HOSPITALITY**

Get well wishes go out to:

- Stacie Swagart on Moultrie Road
- Dorothy Choate on Sedgwick Lane

#### **NEW NEIGHBORS**

Michael Audette 8117 Carrick Julie Levy, Sean Kayes, and Family 5227 Oldcastle





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FOR SALE	Broyhill Cherry formal Dining Room Suite consists of one dining room table, two arm chairs, four side chairs, and China Cabinet. \$1500.00 Call home: 703 321-8854 cell: 703 864 6553
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- Wednesday Bible Study 11 am and 6:30pm
- Monthly Men's and Women's Breakfasts
- Choirs voice and bells
- English as Second Language classes
- Quilting group and Knitting/Crochet group
- And more!

#### Calendar notes:

- Ash Wednesday services, March 9 11am and 7pm
- Lent services, Wednesdays March 16, 23, 30, Apr 6, and 13 11am and 7pm
- Palm Sunday, April 17 10 am Palms distributed
- Maundy Thursday, April 21 11am and 7pm
- Good Friday, April 22 7pm
- Easter Sunday, Festival Service, April 24 10 am

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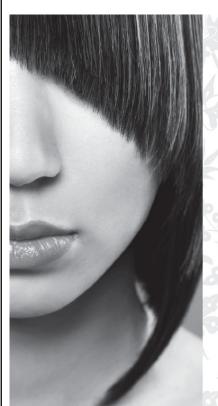
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