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**FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Dear Neighbors:

Here it is October already and I am still sad to see summer end. Although we had some oppressive heat waves; an earthquake; and a hurricane, it was still a fun time in Ravensworth. This was our first year that we got to use the pool on a regular basis. The pool is a great asset to have in our community and I love the fact that there is a safe, close recreational facility for our kids. We also took advantage of the Braddock Night series of concerts held in Lake Accotink Park. We saw the US Navy Jazz Band, "The Commodores" and the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra's Brass Quintet. There is a great mix of young and old, and lots of folks with their dogs. As you sit there with the sun setting, listening to professional musicians, looking over the beautiful lake, you realize how lucky we are to live in our neighborhood.

After Hurricane Irene had passed through we realized it was time to replace the gutters on our Rambler. After a few false starts on companies, and some over the top estimates, we turned to our friends for advice. Once we found a good company, a few of us on Hatteras called and were able to get a good price by dealing in volume.

Just a reminder to all of us in our neighborhoods: Now that school is back in session, please slow down and pay

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**Halloween Party & Parade**

**Sunday, October 23  
4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Community of Christ Church  
See pg. 6 for details**

**Meet the Candidates Night**

**Thursday, October 27  
7:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
Ravensworth ES  
See pg. 7 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.

## RAVENSWORTH FARM CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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## Association Calendar 2011 - 2012

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
October	5	5	7	11	22	27
November	2	2	4	9	19	
December	Nov. 30	Nov. 30	2	7	17	
January	4	4	6	11	21	26
February	1	1	3	10	25	
March	Feb. 29	Feb. 29	2	9	24	29
April	4	4	6	9	28	
May	2	2	4	11	26	31

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

*Con't from Pg. 1*

attention when driving through Ravensworth. One of the top complaints I get is about speeding in the neighborhood. A few of the residents had reached out to Supervisor Cook's office and asked for an increased police presence to deal with the speeders. I have noticed a decided increase in the number of police cars in the neighborhood since this was brought to his attention.

Another call that has been quite frequent is the downed tree on top of the house on the 5000 block of Inverchapel. The owner of the house no longer lives in Springfield and the only forwarding address is a PO Box in Illinois. We have sent out numerous attempts to contact these folks, but so far to no avail. Once again, without knowing where to turn, I reached out to Supervisor Cook's office. Because it is private property, and since there is no inherent danger to people passing by, there is not a lot they can do about it. Ann, from the Supervisor's office, came out to take pictures of the damage and is trying to see if there is some way to get this tree removed.

We are still looking for someone to take the lead with our Neighborhood Watch? Any takers?

Marty Robinson, RFCA President, prez@ravensworthfarm.org, 703-297-7255

### SPEED TRAPS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

You will soon notice more police presence and speed traps located in our neighborhood. Please SLOW DOWN to the posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour.



## **CRIME SUMMARY FOR RAVENSWORTH FARM**

Recently Kevin Joyce asked JT Frey at the West Springfield Police Department to provide a crime summary of our neighborhood. It covers Ravensworth Farm, only. The report is below and covers a 12 month period from 9-27-10 to 9-27-11. 25% of the incidents were animal-related which is no surprise given all the foxes, deer, and coyotes we share our space with. We had a total of 105 incidents, which is not bad, considering the number of homes we have.

The #1 crime in the general West Springfield area is Larceny from Vehicles and this is reflected in our neighborhood, as well. Most of our larceny cases were work-type vans or vehicles but some of the others included tires and other assorted electronic gadgets.

Here is the breakdown of the 105 incidents –

Accident Related = 3 (mainly Hit and Run Type)

Alcohol Violation = 1

Animal Type Calls = 25

Assault = 3 (mostly acquaintance's)

Destruction = 7 (tires, windows, eggs)

Domestic Type Calls = 9

Fraud = 6 (Identity Theft Type, Credit Card)

Indecent Exposure = 1

Larceny = 16 (1 from a shed – all others from vehicles as described above)

Police Service = 19 (Warrant Service, Missing People, Medical / Emotionally Disturbed Calls, Natural Death)

Property Cases = 4 (Lost or Found Property)

Suspicious Events / Vehicles / Persons = 6

Telephone Violations = 4

## **WARNING: DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM IN EFFECT AT THE LAKE!**

Yellow signs were recently posted on the trails around the lake stating, “NOTICE: Deer Management Activity September 24, 2011 to February 11, 2012.” This means that there will be controlled hunts in the parkland to reduce the deer population. According to the county’s website on deer management, the Lake Accotink area was selected for an archery program using “qualified bow hunters” shooting from tree stands who are selected via a lottery system. If you frequent the trails—or your children do—please be on alert! For more information, visit:



<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/animals/wildlife/management/deer-management/program.htm>

## **WAKEFIELD FARMERS MARKET**



Don't forget to enjoy one of our local Farmers Market right across the street in Wakefield Park. Every Wednesday, seven farms from Virginia's Northern Neck to Pennsylvania sell a variety of seasonal produce, baked breads, cheeses, and homemade ice cream. Join the crowds to get some great veggies:

Wakefield Farmers Market  
Every Wednesday  
2:00 – 6:00 pm

**LAST DAY: OCT. 19, 2011**

## DESPERATELY SEEKING...

... One or two volunteers for the new neighbor committee, which greets new residents in our neighborhood. Duties include visiting new neighbors and delivering a basket of goodies (paid for by RFCA) and a directory, compiling a listing of those neighbors and submitting it monthly to the Farmer. This is a great way to meet new people and make a favorable impression on those moving into our neighborhood. If you are interested, please, please contact Marty Robinson at 703-297-7255.



## GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Club met on Wednesday, October 5 at the home of Martha Sargent. Julie Tahan, Lake Accotink Park Supervisor, spoke about recent damage due to flooding and the deer management program.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 2 at 9:30. Our hostess will be Laura Asiello at 5306 Inverchapel Road. Guest are always welcome.

### Gardening Tip of the Month

Perennials that flower late in the season (chrysanthemums, aster, astilbe, dianthus) benefit from not being cleaned up until spring. Trim spent flower stalks 7-12 inches and leave the plant intact over the winter.

## BIRDS OF A FEATHER—GOLDEN RAVENS

In a neighborhood like ours, there are very few planned opportunities to know your neighbors unless you make a special effort. We don't have village plazas like they do in Latin countries where people just hang out to talk and complain. Ravens are a bird species that could teach us a lot about community. Ravens are very resourceful and have been known to claim human habitat for their own nests. In our case, the humans invaded the bird habitat so now we must live together. That is the thing with Golden Ravens – living together in community. They meet each fourth Wednesday at the Community of Christ Church, and we greatly appreciate their generous hospitality. The group plans to brunch together at Brians near GMU on October about 11:30AM....come join the birds.

## RAVENSWORTH FACEBOOK PAGE— IT'S AMAZING!

Join Facebook just to keep in touch with community events, problems, and activities. This is a very active website—full of interesting information, photos, advice, contractor recommendations, “freebies,” lost pet information and a lot more! This website has become an essential link in our community's communication system. Recently posted were photographs of snakes found in Ravensworth and some fascinating photos of the mushrooms and fungi sprouting up after all the rains. Even if you not into “social networking,” it is worth getting a Facebook account just to keep in touch with our community. Go to: <http://www.facebook.com> and search “Ravensworth Farm.”





Ravensworth Farm Community  
***HALLOWEEN PARTY AND  
PARADE***

Come out and join in the neighborhood fun

Sunday, October 23

4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Community of Christ Church  
(Inverchapel Road)

Parade will begin at 4:30

**BRING A SIDE TO SHARE!!!!**

Costumes encouraged for both old and new

**Games**

**Cupcake Walk**

**Deejay**

**HOT DOGS**

**Parade**

Rain Date:  
Sunday, October 30

## MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

**Mark your calendars now!**

Our next civic association meeting will feature the three people running for the office of Supervisor of Fairfax County:

**John Cook, Janet Olszek and Carey Campbell**



Date:  
Thursday, October 27

Time:  
7:30 – 9:00PM

Place:  
Ravensworth Elementary School



### What is a Supervisor in Fairfax County?

Fairfax County has an elected Board of Supervisors consisting of nine members elected by district, plus a chairman elected at-large. The law requires that districts be of approximately equal population and that the supervisors (other than the chairman) be residents and qualified voters of their districts and be elected only by voters living in those districts. All voters in the county may vote for the chairman. Board members are elected for four-year terms. There is no legal limit to the number of terms a member can serve.

### What are the responsibilities of a Supervisor?

The Board establishes county government policy, passes resolutions and ordinances (within the limits of its authority established by the Virginia General Assembly), approves the budget, sets local tax rates, approves land use plans and makes appointments to various positions. These actions are taken in open meetings, which residents are encouraged to attend. All discussions are held in public, with the exception of issues exempt by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, such as legal or personnel issues.

Source: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/government/board/about-the-board-of-supervisors.htm>

## **LAKE ACCOTINK DAMAGED BY TROPICAL STORM LEE**

County parks sustained flood damage from Tropical Storm Lee estimated at \$600,000, according to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA).

“Our first priority is to make the parks safe and accessible,” said Todd Johnson, divisional director of park operations at FCPA. “After Lee, we immediately sent out crews to assess the situation, which included monitoring trails, dams and bridges, and clearing what we could.”

Lake Accotink Park was among the hardest hit, topping current individual park estimates with over \$150,000 needed in repairs.



Johnson said park trails are built in stream valleys and flood plains, so it's expected they will flood occasionally. “We plan for weather events, with our staff, resources and budgets, but this was a major storm,” he said. “The power, speed and amount of the water are not something you can predict. Similar to our winter snowstorms, we plan but don't know how much of an impact a storm will have until it's over.”

Park repairs will mostly be paid by the Fairfax County Park Authority. Because the floods were not declared a FEMA event at state level, they do not qualify for additional funding. According to the FCPA, private insurance along with operating and maintenance funds already allocated will pay the bulk of the costs.

Adapted from an article by Patricia Moreis-Stiles and Susan Larson, The Burke Patch, September 28, 2011.  
<http://burke.patch.com/articles/area-parks-still-to-recover>

## **MORE ACTIVITIES AT LAKE ACCOTINK**

**Nov. 5, 2011**

**AKC Canine Good Citizenship Test 14+**

**Start Time/Day: 1pm Sat**

Test requires a basic understanding, on the part of both dog and handler, of basic obedience commands. Students must complete appropriate paper work, and bring a brush or comb to be used during the test. Visit [www.AKC.org](http://www.AKC.org) to read the rules and get a list of commands that will be tested. Test is open to all breeds and is used by many insurance companies when providing homeowners insurance. Dogs who have successfully completed Level 2 or equivalent of obedience classes should be able to pass this test.

**Nov. 5, 2011**

**Beading Basics (8-Adult)**

**Start Time/Day: 10am Sat**

Students begin with simple beading projects and create more complex projects as they expand their knowledge. Students should bring nail clippers to class. Supply fee payable to instructor at the first class.

All fee programs at Lake Accotink Park require advance registration and payment. You may register online through Parktakes Online. To register, all you need is your member number (or barcode number), a valid email address and a Visa or MasterCard. Not a member yet? Sign up today! You may also call 703-569-0285 for information and to register.



## THE WILDLIFE RESCUE LEAGUE HOTLINE

If you find wildlife and you believe is in need of human assistance, call the WRL Wildlife Hotline at:

(703) 440-0800

A volunteer will return your call and give you instructions on how to proceed or visit our Animal Help Tips for answers.

The Wildlife Rescue League is a non-profit organization providing care for sick, injured and orphaned wildlife in order to return them to the wild. Our licensed rehabilitators, located throughout Virginia and suburban Maryland, work with animal shelters, humane societies, wildlife groups, nature centers and veterinary hospitals to provide care to creatures in need.

WRL operates a wildlife hotline in the Northern Virginia and surrounding areas to assist the public in obtaining information and assistance in locating a wildlife rehabilitator. WRL is also committed to educating the public about the natural history of native wildlife, coexisting with it and preventing the need for wildlife rehabilitation. They can provide brochures, educational material and educational programs to suit your needs.

Website: <http://www.wildliferescueleague.org>

## HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES AT LAKE ACCOTINK

### **“Howloween” Dog Costume Contest and Boneyard Hunt, Saturday, October 29: 2-4 p.m.**

Are you and Fido ready for some howlin’ good Halloween fun? Show off your costume creativity and help your furry friend compete for special prizes and treats! The contest is followed by a walk through the “boneyard” to sniff out well-earned treats. All dogs must be leashed and friendly toward other dogs, children and people of all ages. \$6 per dog. Advance payment and registration required.

### **Halloween Goblin Golf and Bonfire (All ages), Saturday, October 29: 6-9 p.m.**

Join us for this spooktacular event! Dare yourself to venture onto the haunted golf course to play a round of golf with glow-in-the-dark golf balls, ride the spooky carousel, and join in storytelling over a cup of hot chocolate around a beach bonfire. \$7 per person. Costumes welcome. Advance payment and registration required.\

To register: All fee programs at Lake Accotink Park require advance registration and payment. You may register online through Parktakes Online. To register, all you need is your member number (or barcode number), a valid email address and a Visa or MasterCard. Not a member yet? Sign up today! You may also call 703-569-0285 for information and to register.



**HOSPITALITY**

Get well wishes go out to our neighbor Eloise Blair on Nutting Drive. She had a stroke and is currently in the Burke Nursing Center.

Congratulations to Whit and Meredith Copley on Moultrie on the birth of their baby boy.

We extend our sympathy to the families of:

- Dennis Jones on Landgrave Lane (The Jones' are original owners)
- Kate Smith on Inverchapel Road (Former long time resident of Ravensworth)



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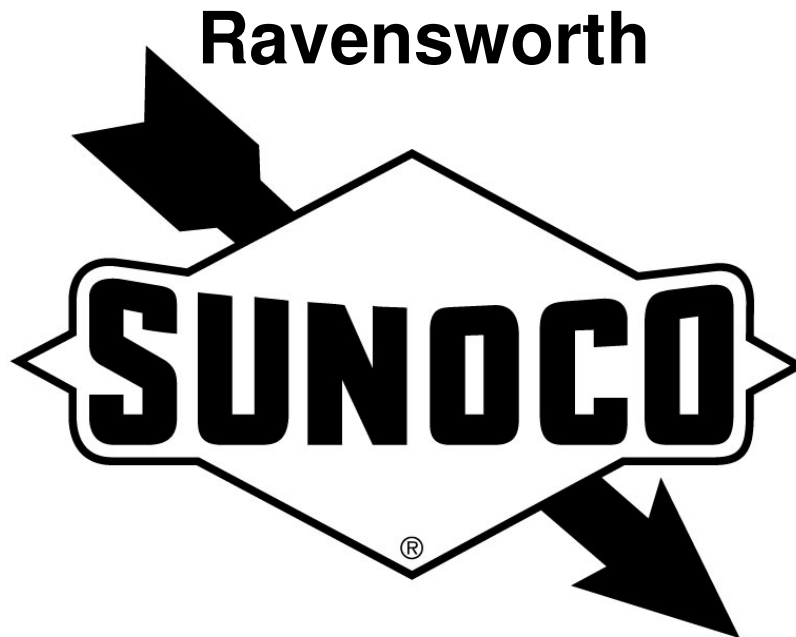
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