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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

As you know this is the last issue of the Farmer until after the summer and along with that I get to take a break from coming up with all these things to write about. It's been a great start to 2013 in Ravensworth Farm and I look forward to all the fun activities this Spring and Summer will bring. Looking back to September when our "fiscal" year began I wasn't sure what to expect. I've learned a tremendous amount about our community and the many volunteers who keep it running. It's a diverse and energetic group of people with a single common denominator, love for their neighborhood and neighbors.

I'd like to end this season with a huge thanks to our army of volunteers, new and old, who devote time from their busy schedules to help out in all sorts of ways like planning our yard sale, picnic, Halloween party, knocking on doors collecting dues, managing block captains, editing our newsletter, managing the Facebook page, arranging for speakers at our general membership meetings, documenting our meetings and keeping archives, providing refreshments at meetings, serving as liaison between Ravensworth ES and the board, neighborhood watch, community and lake cleanup, putting up and maintaining signs, greeting new neighbors, selling advertising, managing Farmer delivery, maintaining our website, managing our finances, responding to neighbor concerns/

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****Membership Meeting—May 23****

**Ravensworth Cooperates to Watch
Kids & Neighbors**

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 2012 - 2013

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
May	1	Apr. 29	3	8	18	23
September	4	4	6	12	28	
October	2	2	4	8	19	24
November	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	1	7	23	
December	Nov. 21	Nov. 21	6	2	14	

General and Board meetings are held at Ravensworth Elementary School. Meetings are canceled in the event of Fairfax County Public Schools' early closing or school cancelation. Meetings are at 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.

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complaints, the great people at Community of Christ Church who are big supporters of RF, and all the others I may have missed who make our community what it is.

Before I became president I took a lot of this for granted until I met representatives from other communities in the Braddock District. What I learned is we have a very good reputation from all of the hard work. Other communities notice and there's something to be said about that. So I just wanted to say thank you to everybody who puts in the time to make our place what it is because this doesn't just happen by itself.

Have a great summer, have fun, and feel free to write me about whatever's on your mind. I'd love to hear from you- prez@ravensworthfarm.org.

Cheers,
Kevin Joyce, RFCA President
prez@ravensworthfarm.org

2013-2014 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR RFCA

At our May RFCA meeting, we will vote on the following slate of officers for the Board of the Civic Association. Nominations for vacant positions and any positions to be contested will be accepted in advance by president Kevin Joyce or from the floor at the meeting.

President - Kevin Joyce
1st Vice President - VACANT
2nd Vice President - Dean Fix
Treasurer - Richmon Tun
Recording Secretary - Ginger Rogers
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ADD GOLDEN RAVENS TO YOUR BUCKET LIST

Retirement comes with both burdens and benefits, but one of the benefits is the monthly gatherings of the Golden Ravens in Ravensworth Farm. Part of the county volunteer services for seniors, they meet monthly to share life stories and new experiences with each other. So why not include them on your calendar of events the fourth Wednesday of each month - September through May. Whether sharing conversation at lunch in a local restaurant or learning something useful from a guest speaker and just enjoying company of senior neighbors with a potluck meal at the Community of Christ church or a picnic and boat ride in Accotink Park, you will wonder how you lived without it – the Golden Ravens. For upcoming details for the fall season call Joan Crofford at 703-321-7809.

COMMUNITY PICNIC

Thank you to Jennifer Auble, Lucy Cronin, and Mark Yohn for volunteering to coordinate and help with the May 5 Community Picnic. If you missed out on the fun, keep your eyes open for details in the next *Farmer* (October edition) about the Halloween Party, which Jennifer is also coordinating. Contact her at jenmarzouk@yahoo.com or (703) 922-9353 to volunteer.



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- 1st 5311 Nutting Drive - Mike & Shirley McGrady
- 2nd 7909 Hatteras Lane - Loan & Sonny Ngo
- 3rd 5323 Pillow Lane - Sharon Statzke

Honorable Mention:

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| 8124 Carrick | 5633 Inverchapel |
| 7940 Ellet | 5300 Queensberry |
| 7925 Ellet | 5309 Nutting |
| 7910 Ellet | 5309 Oldcastle |
| 5314 Inverchapel | 5315 Pillow |

Our annual plant sale was held at Ravensworth Shopping Center May 11. The Garden Club meets at 9:30am on the first Wednesday of the month from September through June. If you're interested in joining us for a meeting and to find out more, please call Nancy Jarvie at 703-321-8319.

**RAVENSWORTH COOPERATES: BABYSITTING CO-OP,
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH**

Date: Thursday, May 23

Time: 7:30PM

Location: Ravensworth Elementary School Cafeteria

Ravensworth Farm cooperates to take care of its own - children and neighbors. Come hear about how the Ravensworth Babysitting Cooperative provides free (and guilt-free!) childcare for the kiddos. Ravensworth Farm's newly-forming Neighborhood Watch will provide additional security in the neighborhood if enough of us cooperate. Tom Terry will share how. There will also be a short business meeting to elect the Board members for the 2013-2014 year.

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TWO BOARD POSITIONS OPEN



Corresponding Secretary The board has an opening for a Corresponding Secretary who will conduct official Board of Directors correspondence, share *The Farmer* (via email) with local government offices and other communities, and retain/preserve copies of all deeds, leases, contracts, association instruments. There is opportunity to be creative in self-directed projects and have some fun. It will take as little or as much time as you have.

First Vice President The primary responsibilities of the First Vice President are to secure speakers for the general membership meetings and to preside over the judging of the holiday displays. In the absence of the president, this person would perform the duties of the president. In the past, this position has also served as delegate to the Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations and as representative to the Braddock District Council.

FARMERS MARKETS & MASTER GARDENERS

The Farmers Market at Wakefield Park reopened May 1. It will be held every Wednesday from 2:00 - 6:00pm until October 30. For information on other Fairfax County farmers markets, see fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm. Smart Market's Springfield farmers market has moved to 6417 Loisdale Rd at Springfield Mall. It is Saturdays from 10am-2pm, May 11 to November 23. For other Smart Markets locations, see smartmarkets.org.

There are generally Master Gardeners available at the Wakefield Farmers Market to help you identify plants and give advice for growing just about anything. They often have soil sample testing kits to give away. Master Gardener Clinics are offered every Saturday at 10:00am at Kings Park Library.



FAIRFAX SCHOOLS DRAMA

If you're a fan of middle school and high school theater, or just enjoy a good show without the Broadway ticket prices, check out www.fcpsdrama.com/ for dates and shows for all the Fairfax County schools' productions.

WHO PAYS FOR THIS NEWSLETTER?

Your neighbors who have joined the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association and the advertisers who advertise in The Farmer pay for the printing and distribution of The Farmer to every household in Ravensworth Farm- whether or not they're a member of the Civic Association. Currently, fewer than 500 of the 800+ homes in Ravensworth Farm are members of the Civic Association. If you aren't a member, thank a neighbor who is a member for giving you this Farmer and then contact Elissa Myers to become a member yourself. You will also receive a community directory with lots of useful information and voting rights in all Civic Association meetings.

CELEBRATE FAIRFAX

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, arrives June 7-9 to the Fairfax County Government Center. The 25-acre site is magically filled with fascinating sights and sounds of more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for kids is the Inova Train Ride to Good Health.

Nightly fireworks are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Main Stage features top national headline performers: The B-52s, Spin Doctors and the Summerland Tour 2013 - Alternative Guitars starring Everclear, Live, Filter and Sponge! www.celebratefairfax.com



BRADDOCK NIGHTS CONCERTS ARE BACK



The 2013 season of concerts at Lake Accotink Park (7500 Accotink Park Road, Spfd 22152) and Royal Lake (5344 Gainsborough Dr, Ffx 22032) has been announced. The musical styles include folk, big band, orchestra, swing, German, Russian, Country, and Old-time, among others. Concerts will be Friday evenings, 7:30 - 8:30pm. Concerts are free but are cancelled if it is raining. If bad weather threatens, call 703-324-SHOW (7469) one hour prior to the show for updates. Bring a flashlight to help you safely exit the park.

See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for specific events listings.

SUMMER CAMPS & CLASSES

Don't forget to check your Fairfax County Park Authority Parktakes catalog or the website (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/) for classes and camps for children and adults all summer long. Use the keywords Accotink and Moore to find lots of options at Lake Accotink and at the Audrey Moore REC Center. After all, there's no point commuting to camp when you can walk there!

PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

The Ravensworth Parent Teacher Association currently has open positions for Vice President for Communications & Outreach, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. Contact outgoing PTA President Joey Stengell at 703-272-8647 or president@ravensworthpta.org for more information on the positions.



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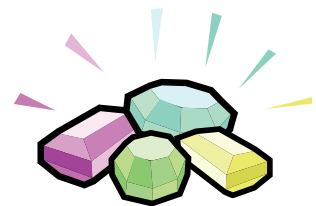
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GEM REVIEW: EDDIE'S SHOE REPAIR

Reviewed by: Kevin Joyce

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Most if not all Ravensworth Farm residents have seen Eddie's Shoe Repair which is situated between Kilroy's and the post office in the Ravensworth shopping center. But I'm sure not everybody has shopped there. My first experience with Eddie's was when I needed a pair of shoes resoled. They were able to do it in a timely manner and at a reasonable cost. When I picked them up I noticed a lot of other repairs going on like leather jackets, purses, and luggage. Not everything in the shop was leather so I took our compact outdoor folding chair with a loose seam to them. They examined the damage and agreed to fix it for a very reasonable price. Now, I have Eddie's polish all my shoes. At \$8 a pair it's hard to beat plus the shine lasts much longer than a DIY job and is far more durable

The Ravensworth Farm Community Association board wants to encourage neighbors to share great ideas with neighbors. Whether it's an eatery, theater, tool, park, repair place, preschool, or builder, if you've found a "gem"... please share. Send reviews to rfcafarmers@ravensworthfarm.org. Thanks for sharing!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

There will be new folks moving in all summer. Be sure to give them a warm Ravensworth Farm welcome and then tell Jill Mowbray (703-865-8368, bjm820@hotmail.com) about your new neighbors so they can receive a new neighbor goody packet. If you're new or not-so-new and we've missed you, please let Jill know you have arrived.



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WANTED

Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991 Call the warehouse **ONLY** on Saturday mornings.

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MRS. O'CONNOR RETIRING FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY

After ten enjoyable years at Ravensworth Elementary, Principal Pam O'Connor is retiring. At Kindergarten Orientation on April 22, she said that her replacement would likely be announced before the school year ends.

REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL

Children who will be five years old by September 30 are eligible for kindergarten in Fairfax County. Children who will be six years old by September 30 are required to be enrolled in a public, private, or homeschool program. Kindergarten and Move-in registration forms for all ages for Fairfax County Schools are available at www.fcps.edu/parents/start/. Ravensworth Elementary's registrar Rossana Lemaitre would be delighted to help you. Give her a call at 703 426-3600.



PARK TRIPS & RAVENSWORTH PLAYGROUP

If your kids think "been there, done that" about the playgrounds at Lake Accotink, the Ravensworth Farm pool, Community of Christ Church, Wakefield Park, Oakwood School, and Ravensworth Elementary, check out this website for some new ideas. The site, our-kids.com, has Parks and Spraygrounds for the metro area listed in the Outdoor Activities section. One mom uses the site for spontaneous "park breaks" on cross-county trips. If you have pre-school and younger elementary children, be sure to join the Ravensworth Playgroup Facebook page to find out where and when other Ravensworth Farm families are heading out.

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THERE'S STILL TIME FOR PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

The WEE Center at Braddock Rd and Kings Park Dr reports they have a few spaces in each class for ages 16 months to five years for one to four day classes. Tel: 703-978-0640. The director, Ann Lipton, grew up in Ravensworth Farm. You'll find many other local preschools listed in the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association's community directory. The directory is free when you join the Association.



WHICH MIDDLE SCHOOLS HAD THE MOST STUDENTS ACCEPTED TO THOMAS JEFFERSON HS?

By Sherell Williams writing on Annandale.Patch.com, April 17, 2013

Of the 3,121 students who applied to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 76 percent of applicants were from Fairfax County. For the second consecutive year, the majority of students accepted to the incoming freshman class at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST or TJ) will come from middle schools in Herndon and Falls Church.

According to data from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS), Carson Middle School in Herndon had the most students accepted, a total of 64, for the class of 2017. Longfellow Middle School in Falls Church and Rocky Run Middle School in Chantilly each had 55 students accepted. Last year, 76 students were admitted from Carson and 72 from Longfellow.

A total of 3,121 students applied to TJ this year, according to statistics released by FCPS. Seventy-six percent of those students are from Fairfax County schools. Carson also had the highest number of students apply to TJ this year, a total of 217, followed closely by Longfellow, which had 214 students apply to the governor's school. Nearby schools with students due to attend TJ include:

Frost Middle School - 105 applied - 21 Admitted to TJ
 Glasgow Middle School - 66 applied - under 10 admitted to TJ
 Lake Braddock - 149 applied - 21 admitted to TJ
 Robinson - 48 applied - under 10 admitted to TJ

SUMMER FUN WITH CUB SCOUTING!

Parents! Do you have a son entering 1st – 5th grade next fall? Looking for some good clean fun for him to participate in without breaking the bank?

Come check out Ravensworth's own Cub Scout Pack 991 and join us for any/all of our fun summer activities. They're all low cost, take place locally, and will help your son make new friends from the neighborhood and encourage him to grow and be all he can be!

Activities will include pool parties, Scout Night at the Potomac Nationals and more! Check out our website (<http://pack991.scoutlander.com>), contact Cubmaster Chris Lewis (pack991cubmaster@verizon.net). We look forward to seeing your son soon!



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RAVENSWORTH POOL NEWS

The Ravensworth Farm Swim & Racquet Club met April 18. The pool will open May 25. There will be a "Meet & Greet" party May 18. The Board introduced Will Shaffer as the new pool manager. Mr. Shaffer is a Physical Education teacher at Weyanoke Elementary and has previously worked as Parliament Pool's manager. Heather Vogus is the Dive Team coordinator, Melinda Young coordinates the Swim Team and Cathy Krogel will coordinate Fledglings. Swim Team is Division 6 this year. All practice schedules are already on the Pool's website, as are A meet schedules. B meet schedules will be settled soon. Dive Team is Division 5 and is a developmental team so divers are not required to dive in meets unless they choose to do so.

In the past, Ravensworth Farm and Parliament Pool have had a reciprocity agreement to use each other's pools when their own pool is closed for swimming due to a meet. It is probable the agreement will continue this year. If you don't plan to cheer on the Ravens during their first home meet on June 22, head on over to Parliament Pool (8510 Parliament Drive, Kings Park) for a swim.

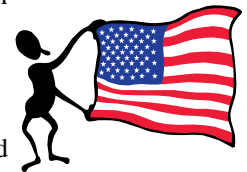
Lifeguards age 16 and older are encouraged to get their Operator's Certificate to take on more responsibility in working with the pool chemicals. Those with an Operator's Certificate will be paid \$1/hour more. Brenda Tobin is hiring students age 14 and up to work in the concession stand. Students aged 14 and 15 must obtain a work permit from their high school's counselor.

There are many opportunities for involvement with the Pool. The Board position for Activities Director is currently open. Board members receive a free family membership in exchange for their hard work and attendance at meetings every month of the year. Pool Members who show up for Pool Work Days will receive free visitor's passes. To join the pool, join online at ravensworthfarmpool.com and pay via PayPal. Seniors wishing to take advantage of the senior discount for long-time pool members must contact Scott Houghton, Membership Director, at membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com.

FLY THE FLAG PROUDLY AND SUPPORT THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scouts will set up their pole and flag in your front yard at sunrise and return at sunset to remove it on four annual holidays for only \$40. Get together with your neighbors and see if your entire block can proudly fly Old Glory! The Scouts will fly the flag for you on Independence Day 2013, Labor Day 2013, President's Day 2014 and Memorial Day 2014.

The Boy Scouts will be knocking on your door to renew and sign up supporters on Monday, May 27 or you can easily sign up this way: Make a \$40 check payable to "BSA Unit 1147" and send to Kyle Curd at 8316 Tobin Rd, Apt T2, Annandale, VA 22003. Contact Kyle Curd with questions at 703-229-2062 or FlagFundraiser@gmail.com.



SPRINGFIELD DAYS JUNE 1 & 2

Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that takes place the weekend after Memorial Day each year in Springfield, Virginia. Saturday, June 1 is the Party in the Park at South Run REC Center featuring PetFest, Paws on Parade, FitnessFest, OutdoorFest, Entertainment Stage, Pool Party, Outdoor Movie, and a Car Show. Sunday, June 2 is the Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink. More information and schedules can be found at www.springfielddays.com.

PAWS TO READ

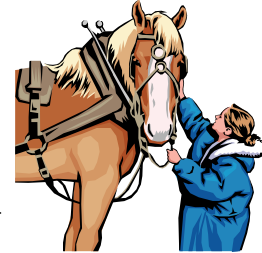
If you need a new way to encourage your child to read, sign up for a 15 minute time for your child to read to Grace, a trained therapy dog that visits Kings Park Library. Register by calling the library at 703-978-5600.

LAPS 4 LEARNING RESULTS

On April 19 the students of Ravensworth Elementary ran as many laps as they could in 20 minutes. Sixth graders Richard Myers and Nolan Tobin ran the most laps at 30 laps each. Congratulations guys! Laps 4 Learning is the Ravensworth PTA's biggest fundraiser. The PTA is trying hard to avoid raising funds by having students sell "stuff".

HORSING AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Over ninety neighbors turned out for the April 7 horse drawn hayride sponsored by the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. The parents and children had a great time and the Harmon's Carriages horses didn't seem to mind. The Belgian draft horses weigh in at around 2,000 pounds apiece and can pull up to three times their weight so the ups and downs of Ravensworth Farm were no problem for the horses. Thank you to the Community of Christ for allowing the horses to use their driveway.



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EVENTS

May 18 - **Pre-Season Pool Party** - Ravensworth Pool - bring 13 x 9 dish of food to share & byob (no glass), 6-9pm, all welcome, www.ravensworthfarmpool.com

May 19 – 10am - 3pm – **Electric Sunday Recycling** - I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

May 23 - 7:30pm - **RFCA General Meeting** - Ravensworth Elementary cafeteria.

May 25 - **Ravensworth Farm Pool Opening Day** - no membership required until noon - ravensworthfarmpool.com

May 28 - **Swim and Dive Team** after school practices begin

June 1 - **Rain Barrel Workshop**, Messiah Methodist Church in Springfield. Register at <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/be-green/live-green/barrel/>

June 1-2 - **Springfield Days** - South Run REC Center and Lake Accotink. springfielddays.com

June 2 - **Cardboard Boat Regatta** - judging at noon, race at 2pm - Lake Accotink - springfielddays.com, \$4/vehicle to park, free to walk in

June 4 - **5th Grade Chorus Concert** - Ravensworth Elementary School - 7pm

June 4 - **Calling All Guys: Book Discussion Group** - Kings Park Library - Book discussion group for boys. The 100-Year-Old Secret (The Sherlock Files, Book 1) by Tracy Barrett. Age 8-12 with adult. A different book every month. Call the library or check online for July and August dates and books. - 7:00pm

June 5 - **Strings Concert & PTA Meeting** - Ravensworth Elementary School - 7pm

June 6 - **Band Concert** - Ravensworth Elementary School - 7pm

June 7 - **Celebrate Fairfax!** - Fairfax Government Center - \$12/\$5 - celebratefairfax.com

June 8 - **Rain Barrel Workshop**, Nannie J. Lee Rec Center in Alexandria. Register at <http://www.arlingtonenvironment.org/be-green/live-green/barrel/>

June 8 - **Master Gardeners Plant Clinic** - 10am - Kings Park Library - Master Gardeners from the Fairfax County Cooperative Extension will host plant clinics each Saturday morning through the summer to answer your gardening questions.

June 9 - **Annual Watershed Friendly Garden Tour**, featuring rain gardens, permeable driveways, native plants, composting, a cob shed (similar to adobe), ponds and edible landscaping. This year's tour will focus on the Alexandria and Mount Vernon areas of Fairfax County. Contact Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District; 703-324-1423, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd

June 11 - **Let's Hear It For the Girls** - Kings Park Library - All girls book discussion group. The Book of One Hundred Truths by Julie Schumacher. Age 9-12 with adult female. A different book every month. Call the library for July and August dates and books. 7pm

June 17 - **By the Sea Storytime**, 10:30am, Kings Park Library. Stories, songs, and fun about the beach. Ages 3-5 with adult.

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June 18 - scheduled **Last Day of School for Fairfax County schools**

June 18 - **Adult Afternoon Book Discussion Group** - Kings Park Library - Skeletons on the Zahara: A True Story of Survival by Dean King 1:30 PM

June 18 - **Adult Evening Book Discussion Group** - Kings Park Library - "Destiny of the Republic" by Candace Millard - 6:30 PM

June 19 - **The Fabulous Five Senses/Dinosaur Puppet Show** - Kings Park Library - Go back in time to the land of the dinosaurs with The Goodlife Theater puppets. Please register each child and adult separately online or by calling the library. All ages - 2:30pm

June 19 - **Morning Swim & Dive Practices** begin - Ravensworth Farm Pool

June 20 - **Fledglings Learn-to-Swim program** begins - 10:15am - Ravensworth Farm Pool (Register and pay in advance at ravensworthfarmpool.com.)

June 22 - first **Home Swim Meet** - Come cheer on the Ravens! - Ravensworth Farm Pool

June 22 - 8am-noon - **Secure Document Shredding** - Braddock District Office (co-located with the Kings Park Library), 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

June 23- 10am - 3pm - **Electric Sunday Recycling** - I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton

June 24 - Stories By Hand - 11:30am - **Kings Park Library** - Interactive, high-energy songs and games introducing basic American Sign Language with Kathy MacMillan. Please register each child and adult separately online or by calling the library. Children of all ages

June 24 - **Ravensworth Farm Babysitting Co-op Meeting** - 8:00pm - call Sara Ortiz for location - 703-321-8757.

June 24-28 - **Immanuel Bible Church Vacation Bible School** - Ages 4 by 9/30 through rising 3rd Grade - "Every Day is a Holiday" - 9:30am-noon. Ages 4th grade - rising 6th - "Glow" - 7-9:00pm. \$20, immanuelbible.net

June 25 - **Kings Park Library Friends Meeting** - 6:30pm - Kings Park Library

June 27 - Eat My Dust - 7pm - **Kings Park Library** - Meet Charlie Williams, vocal sound impressionist and noise-making kids' comedian; you won't believe your ears! Age 6-12.

July 12-14 - 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, (also 2:30 & 3:30 on Sundays) - **Stories in Art**: Explore Winslow Homer (Breezing Up (A Fair Wind)) - National Gallery of Art - ages 4-7, free, first-come, first-served

July 15 - **Hotter Than July Storytime** - 10:30am - Kings Park Library - Stories, songs, and fun about summer. Ages 3-5 with adult

July 15-19 - **Burke Community Church Vacation Bible School** - morning and afternoon times. <http://www.burkecommunity.com/#/children/athens-vbs>

July 16 - **Afternoon Book Discussion Group** - 1:30pm - Kings Park Library - Maisie Dobbs by Jacqueline Winspear

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July 16 - **Adult Evening Book Discussion Group** - 6:30pm - Kings Park- House of Stone by Anthony Shadid

July 17 - **All Creatures Great And Small** - 10:30am - Kings Park Library - Meet amazing local animals from the Blue Ridge Wildlife Center. Age 6-12.

July 18 - **Tips For Buying A New TV** - 7pm - Kings Park Library - Fairfax County Dept. of Cable & Consumers Services will discuss up-to-date options, costs, technology and other aspects of purchasing a new TV. Adults.

July 19-21 - 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, (also 2:30 & 3:30 on Sunday) - **Stories in Art: Explore Jasper Francis Cropsey's autumn paintings** - National Gallery of Art - ages 4-7, free, first-come, first-served. Artful Conversations sessions for ages 8-11 will be scheduled. <http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/education/families.html>

July 21- 10am - 3pm - **Electric Sunday Recycling** - I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

July 22 - **One Man Band** - 10:30am - Kings Park Library - Clap, sing and dance to great music performed by Peter McCorry. Please sign up each child and adult separately online or by calling the library. Preschool

July 24 - **Dig Those Dinosaurs** - 10:30am - Kings Park Library - Display your knowledge of dinosaurs and win prizes while enjoying funny poems, songs and stories with Gary Lloyd. Age 6-12.

July 26 - 28 - 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, (also 2:30 & 3:30 on Sunday) - **Stories in Art: Explore Edward Hicks' paintings of the PA countryside** - National Gallery of Art - ages 4-7, free, first-come, first-served

July 22-26 - 9am-noon - **Parkwood Baptist Church Vacation Bible School** information at www.parkwood.org. 8726 Braddock Rd, Annandale (across from Kings Park Dr), (703)978-8160.

July 30 - **Children's Science Center** - 2:30pm - Kings Park Library - Fun, hands-on science experiments come to you. Age 6-12.

August 1 - **Improv And Comedy Theater Workshop** - 7pm - Kings Park Library - Join Letty Tomlinson and friends for a laugh-filled night of improvisation and acting, plus a chance to win door prizes. No experience required. Teens.

August 2-4 - 10:30, 11:30, 12:30, 1:30, (also 2:30 & 3:30 on Sunday) - **Stories in Art: Explore Thomas Moran-National Gallery of Art** - ages 4-7, free, first-come, first-served

August 3 - **Groovy Nate** - 2:30pm - Kings Park Library - Sing and dance with Groovy Nate and his puppets. All Ages, Children. Please sign up each child and adult separately online or by phone.

August 5-9 - 9:30am-noon - **Cornerstone Church's Vacation Bible School** - rising K - rising 4th. 3901 Gallows Rd, Annandale, VA 22003, Tel: 703-256-6220 or Ursula Schuttinga at 703-321-3535.

August 8 - **Preparing Your Fall Garden** - 7pm - Kings Park Library - Tips on getting your lawn, garden and compost pile ready for fall, presented by a professional gardener.

August 10 - **KICKIN' BACK Barbershop Quartet** - 2pm - Kings Park Library - A barbershop quartet sings popular songs from days gone by. All ages.

August 12 - **Classic Fairy Tales** - 10:30am - Kings Park Library - Stories, songs, and fun based on classic fairy tales. Ages 3-5 with adult.

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August 14 - **Uno, Dos, Tres Con Andres** - 2:30pm - Kings Park Library - Sing and move with music and dance from Latin America. Presented by Andres Salguero. All ages. Please sign up each child and adult separately online or by phone.

August 15 - **Light On Dark Water** - 7pm - Kings Park Library - Author Stephen Hayes will discuss "Light on Dark Water," based on his experiences both sailing and in the Vietnam War. Book signing to follow. Adults.

August 16 - 5:30-7:30pm - **Funtastic Friday at Parkwood Baptist Church** - outdoor fun and dinner, Parkwood.org, 8726 Braddock Rd, free

August 17 - 8am-noon - **Secure Document Shredding** - North County Human Services Center, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston

August 18 - 10am - 3pm - **Electric Sunday Recycling** - I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

September 2 - **Labor Day Holiday**

September 3 - **Fairfax County Public Schools Begin** - www.fcps.edu

September 9 - **Preschool Storytime** - 10:30am - Kings Park Library - Stories, songs, and fun for preschoolers. Ages 3-5 with adult.

Sept. 21 - 8am-noon - **Secure Document Shredding** - Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly

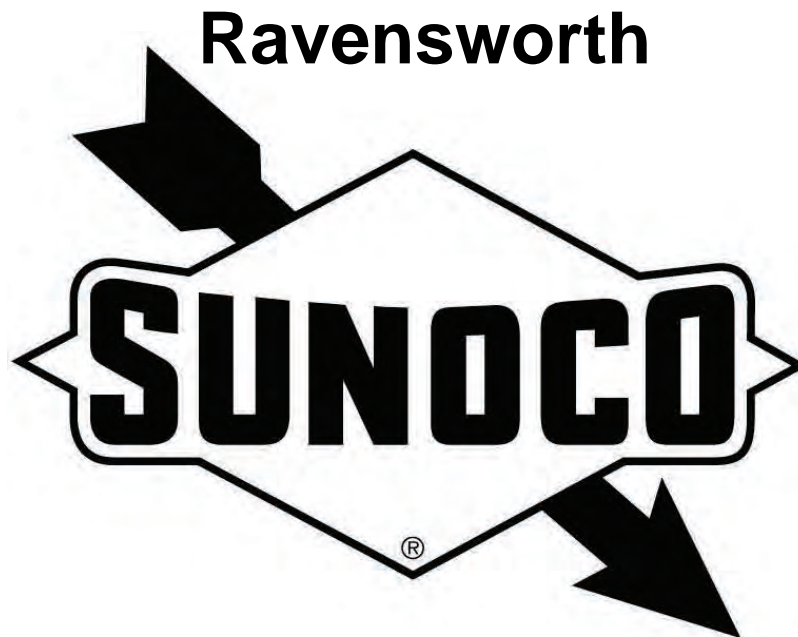
Sept. 22 - 10am - 3pm - **Electric Sunday Recycling** - I-95 Complex, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton

October - **Fall Community Yard Sale** - details/date TBD

October 24 - **RFCA General Meeting** - What are the Ravensworth Elementary School construction goals and plans?

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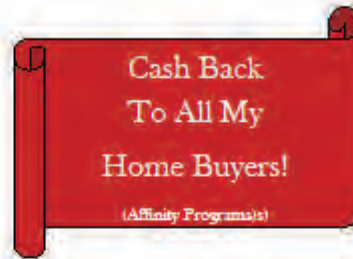


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