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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I typically like to write about happenings in the community or provide updates on issues of interest but over the weekend I was talking to some family members about the history of Ravensworth Farm. It was then I realized I didn't have all my facts straight so I went to our website for some schooling. That's when I wondered how many other residents haven't brushed up on their local history either? This month I'm going to do something a little different by sharing a summary of Ravensworth's history.

First, I'd like to thank the entire Ravensworth Farmer team for making our newsletter a reality. They really work hard and without them this wouldn't be possible. Please join me in thanking:

Laura & John Asiello  
Katherine Craig  
Jackie & Dean Fix  
Scoutmasters for Troop 991 and Pack 991  
Susan Deyampert  
Jeanne Glasser and her Career and Transition students at the Key Center School

This is my last letter of our fiscal year so enjoy the summer. Hopefully we'll see you at the pool!

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**\*\* Membership Meeting—May 22\*\***

Ravensworth Elementary, 7:30PM  
Topic: Aging in Place

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## Association Calendar 2013 - 2014

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	PRINT <i>Farmer</i>	DELIVERY	ASSOC. MEETING
May						22

**General and Board meetings will be 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.**

### ONE MORE TIME - CALL FOR GOLDEN RAVENS

Another season, another reason for inviting retired folks in Ravensworth to join up with friends and neighbors once a month for chats, eats, and topics of interest. Special thanks to the Community Church for providing much appreciated space for lunch meetings and occasional speakers. Meetings are suspended during summer but if there are special needs or concerns among the aging members, there is always a neighbor nearby to help. Friends made are friends remained. So, call to chat or express concerns and needs to Joan Crofford at 703-321-7809 and mark your calendar for the first meeting of the new season on September 24, the fourth Wednesday in September.

### GARDENS OF THE SEASON

The Green Thumb Garden Club enjoyed judging "Garden of the Season" for Spring 2014 at the beginning of May. The Farm is looking gorgeous. It was no easy task but our results are below. Walk around the neighborhood and enjoy the beautiful flowers and landscape designs.

#### **Garden of the Season, Spring 2014**

- First - 5315 Pillow Ln - Keeser
- Second - 8133 Drayton Ln - Ghoreishi
- Third - 7921 Gosport Ln - Panther

#### **Honorable Mentions:**

- 5675 Ravenel
- 5504 Queensberry
- 5402 Nutting
- 5513 Sedgwick
- 7916 Slidell
- 7910 Ellet
- 8123 Bullock
- 5309 Oldcastle
- 5633 Inverchapel
- 8103 Carrick



For more information about the garden club, please call Nancy Jarvie at 703-321-8319.

## SCHOOL BEGS PARENTS TO REGISTER THEIR KIDS NOW

Current Ravensworth Elementary School enrollments for the 2014-15 school year are down. Fewer parents have registered rising kindergarteners than this time last year. Principal Roxanne Salata requests parents enroll their rising kindergarteners and transferring children immediately to allow for proper school staffing. She reports that the reduced enrollment projections have already affected school staffing for the fall.

This information is from Ms. Salata. "As of Monday [April 21], the positions I had to cut are..."

- one General Education Teacher
- one General Education Instructional Assistant
- one Special Education Teacher
- one day per week of our second Music teacher
- one Kindergarten Teacher



In addition to the cuts above, in order to maintain our four full-time Office Staff, I had to kick in \$15,000 [from other monies] because I think it is really vital with the renovation that we have a fully staffed office." The school office will be open throughout the summer. Mrs. Rosanna Lemaitre, the school registrar, will be happy to help you register your child. The school's number is 703-426-3600. Mrs. Lemaitre also speaks Spanish.

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## **RAVENSWORTH FARM SWIM & RACQUET CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

The general membership of the RFS&RC met Wednesday April 30, 2014 in the Ravensworth Elementary School Cafeteria 7:30pm.

The meeting was well attended despite torrential rain and local flooding, with 17 families represented, 36 more via proxy, and 12 pool staff and Board members.



Treasurer Chris Lewis reported that the pool operated at a loss in 2013, but this year appears to be on track for more balanced financials. For one thing, 18 NEW families have signed up as members, this early in the season.

Membership Director Scott Houghton added that in terms of memberships, the pool is further along than it was this time last year. The pool offers numerous incentives: (1) a referral bonus of \$25 for families who refer new members (2) senior discounted memberships for \$275 (for residents over 65 who have been pool members for many years past) (3) discounts for live-in nannies and (4) guest pass "book" discounts, available up until the pool opens. And of course there are the "intangible" benefits of the pool as a social hub for the neighborhood and family togetherness. The swim and dive teams help develop skills and sportsmanship for all levels and ages. The pool facilities continue to undergo improvements and upgrades, making it one of the finest in the area, and in demand for parties (reservations are available online). Scott encouraged everyone to capitalize on the pool's social media—the web page - [www.ravensworthfarmpool.com](http://www.ravensworthfarmpool.com) - and the Ravensworth Farm Community group on Facebook. It is a closed group, please send a request to join in order to keep current with what's happening in the community, including pool hours, competitions, and social events.

Vice President Erich Telfer announced that his job would be taking him out of Virginia, so the Board would have a vacancy in June. He invited anyone interested to talk with him or other Board members about the duties of the position, which would include preparation for the role of President.

Concessions Manager Brenda Tobin confirmed she is stepping down, and the membership voted Jill Mowbray to the Board as her successor.

Key dates: The pool opens on May 24 at 1:00 PM, with guests encouraged to visit at no cost until 5:00 PM. Activities for the entire family will include a moon bounce, cotton candy, popcorn, and games. May 25 will mark the kickoff potluck dinner (at 6:30) for the Swim and Dive Team (and mini-Ravens and Fledglings), an opportunity to meet the coaches and staff, and learn about the various programs. While school is in session, the pool will observe late hours, with the first full day being June 26. Labor Day Monday will be the last day of the regular pool season.

To learn more about the Ravensworth Farm Swim and Racquet Club, please visit its web page, or contact any of the Board members via the e-mail addresses there. You may also leave a voice message at 703-321-4903. Enjoy a lovely summer at your neighborhood pool, and invite your friends!

## **AGING IN PLACE - MAY 22 GENERAL MEETING**

Bruce Wallachy of the Braddock District Council and Braddock District Aging in Place Committee Chair will present at our May 22 meeting. His topic is: Aging in Place: "Villages"; How Neighbors Can Help Neighbors Live in Their Homes Longer.

Description: A number of national and local communities have tailored and implemented a form of this concept to address the desire of 80% of older adults to live in their current homes longer.

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## **FAIRFAX WATER ANNUAL WATER MAIN FLUSHING**

Information provided by Fairfax Water. Each spring Fairfax Water flushes its water mains by opening fire hydrants and allowing them to flow freely for a short period of time. We do this to maintain the high water quality in our distribution system.

You will likely notice Fairfax Water personnel in your neighborhood operating hydrants from April through June. You will be able to recognize our employees by the logos on the vehicles, the Fairfax Water uniforms worn by the employees, and a sign identifying the employee as part of the Fairfax Water flushing program.

Flushing may result in temporary discoloration and the presence of sediment in your water. These conditions are not harmful and should be of very short duration. Keeping an open container of drinking water in the refrigerator allows the chlorine to dissipate, which usually improves the taste of the water.

If you have questions about this program or the work being conducted in your area, you may call our dispatch operator any time of the day or night at 703-698-5613, TTY 711

### **Temporary Change to Free Chlorine**

During this flushing period, a slight change is made in the water treatment process to facilitate an effective flushing program. Throughout the year, chloramines, also known as combined chlorine, is added to the water as the primary disinfectant. During the spring flushing program, chlorine is added in an uncombined state, commonly referred to as free chlorine. Free chlorine is somewhat more volatile than combined, which allows it to react with sediments suspended during flushing.

Depending on your usage patterns and location within the distribution system, it could take up to a week for your drinking water to transition from combined to free chlorine at the beginning of the flushing season (mid-March or April 1st depending on your location), or from free chlorine to combined chlorine at the conclusion of the flushing program (April 30th or July 1st depending on your location)

You may notice a chlorine taste and odor in your drinking water while free chlorine is utilized. If you are especially sensitive to the taste and odor of chlorine, try keeping an open container of drinking water in your refrigerator. This will enable the chlorine to dissipate, thus reducing the chlorine taste. Remember – drinking water has a shelf life! Change out the water in your refrigerated container weekly.

**Please note:** If you have an aquarium or pond, throughout the year always test the water you add to your aquatic environment to be sure it is free of chlorine before adding fish or other animals. Chemical additives with directions for removing either free chlorine or chloramines from water for use in fish tanks or ponds are available at pet/fish supply stores. See our Water Quality webpage for more information.  
[http://www.fairfaxwater.org/current/free\\_chlorine.htm](http://www.fairfaxwater.org/current/free_chlorine.htm)

## **THANKS TO GREAT NEIGHBORS**

Thanks to great neighbors, the tree that fell across Queensberry the evening of April 22 didn't stay long. Thank you to the many other great neighbors throughout Ravensworth Farm who shoveled and snowblowed MUCH more than their own patches of sidewalks during the long, snowy 2014 winter.



## **FROM THE PRESIDENT (CON'T)**

*Con't from Pg. 1*

Now on to some neighborhood history... The following was written by Ray D'Amato and is published on our community website and in the community directory. Enjoy!

Ravensworth Estate was the largest and most historical land grant in Fairfax County. The mansion, which had been built in the late 1700s, was destroyed by fire August 1, 1926. The Ravensworth mansion was the oldest of the three famous Fitzhugh homes of the Annandale area, similar in line to the others: Ossian Hall across Braddock Road, and Oak Hill on Wakefield Chapel Road.

Ravensworth was an extremely handsome home with wide, pillared two-story verandas extending the length of the house, and its landscaping was done with great care.

The spacious rooms were about 27 feet square. The furnishings were priceless heirlooms of the Lees, Custises, Parkes, Fitzhughs, and Bollings. The walls were hung with probably the finest private collection of early American portraits in existence. Fortunately, many of the portraits had been removed before the fire, and a number were saved during the conflagration, but 17 paintings were burned.

In the late 1600s the plantation which was the background for these homes was granted to William Fitzhugh, originally from Bedford, England. He had settled in Westmoreland County and in 1685 purchased from John Matthews nearly 22,000 acres in what was to become Fairfax County. William Fitzhugh never lived on his Ravensworth plantation, but secured a party of French Huguenots as tenants and set them to raising tobacco.

Ravensworth has been so named for the ancestral estate in England, the seat of the Barons of Ravensworth. However, it was not until the fourth generation that some of the Fitzhugh family lived on Ravensworth land.

William Fitzhugh, the namesake great-grandson of the emigrant, was the first of the family to reside at Ravensworth. He was born in 1741. According to George Washington's diary, Mr. Fitzhugh had been spending some time there as early as 1786, so it is assumed that the house was built between these two dates.

William Fitzhugh's daughter, Mary Lee, at the age of 16, married George Washington Parke Custis (Martha Washington's grandson) and became the mistress of "Arlington House." William Fitzhugh had also purchased a townhouse in Alexandria at 607 Oronoco Street in 1799, which his family in 1818 loaned to their cousin, the widow of "Light House Harry" Lee, and her eleven-year-old son, Robert Edward.

William Fitzhugh died in 1809 and was buried at Ravensworth beside his wife, who had died four years before.

The son, William Henry Fitzhugh, became a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention, and it was said that he was headed toward the governorship before he met an early death. He had no children, and his estate went to his wife, Maria, in trust for his sister's daughter, Mary Anna Randolph Custis, who married her childhood playmate, Robert E. Lee, in 1831.

As the Fitzhugh's Alexandria home had been a haven for young Robert E. Lee and his widowed mother, Ravensworth would thrice more shelter his loved ones in time of distress. Two years before his marriage, Robert E. Lee had been summoned from West Point to his mother's deathbed at Ravensworth, where she had been brought by the Fitzhughs when she became ill at her Georgetown home. Upon her death she was buried temporarily at Ravensworth.

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Ravensworth was eventually apportioned among the Lee children and became a refuge of Mrs. Robert E. Lee and her children at the outbreak of the Civil War. However, Mary Lee soon realized that her presence might endanger her beloved hostess and bring retribution upon the home by the Northern forces, so she departed for her Randolph cousin's home further south.

Years later, after the war and the loss of her husband, Mary Lee came again to visit "Aunt Maria" at Ravensworth. They made a last pilgrimage to "Arlington House" ... empty rooms ... her mother's tangled and neglected garden! Her death came within the year (1873), Maria Fitzhugh's the following year. Thereafter, Ravensworth estate was apportioned among the Lee children. The house with 563 acres was allotted to Representative W.H.F. Lee, who died in 1891. He willed his estate to his widow in trust for their two sons, Robert E. Lee III and Dr. George Bolling Lee. Dr. Lee acquired sole ownership following the death of his brother in 1922; he died in 1948. His widow sold the estate in 1957 for development, and remains in the family cemetery were removed to Fairfax Cemetery across from Truro Episcopal Church.

Today the land known as Bristow Tract holds many major subdivisions including Springfield, North Springfield, Bristow, Ravensworth Farm, and West Springfield.

- Kevin Joyce, prez@ravensworthfarm.org

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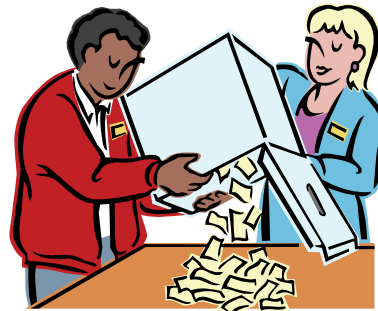
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### CIVIC ASSOCIATION OFFICER ELECTIONS

Elections for Civic Association officers will be held at the general meeting May 22. There is currently one vacancy, for the position of First Vice President. The 1st VP is instrumental in coordinating speakers for the three to four general membership meetings held each year.

#### The slate of nominees includes:

President - Kevin Joyce  
 1st Vice President - You?  
 2nd Vice President - Dean Fix  
 Recording Secretary - Ginger Rogers  
 Corresponding Secretary - Stephanie Hammond  
 Treasurer - Richmon Tun



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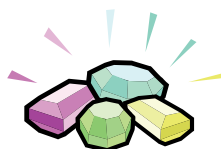
Outdoor Adventures. Camporee Olympics! The boys captured medals in Scout Craft and Scout Spirit! We'll be camping along the Shenandoah River and gearing up for Summer Camp! 6th – 12th grade boys Visit us Wednesday nights - 7:30pm at Springfield Community of Christ Church (June, July & August); Scoutmaster Mitchell at 703-321-8072 or Scoutmaster991@yahoo.com

**WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS**

New folks move in all the time. If you have new neighbors, tell Jill Mowbray. If you are a new neighbor- welcome! Please let Jill know you have arrived so that one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Jill Mowbray (703-865-8368, [bjm820@hotmail.com](mailto:bjm820@hotmail.com))



**CORRECTION: GEM REVIEW OF FOX FIRE GRILL**



The editor apologizes for a misprint in the previous edition of The Ravensworth Farmer. Fox Fire Grill, while it serves many delicious dishes, is not a BBQ place as the title of the review suggested.



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**EVENTS**

Wednesdays - **Wakefield Farmers Market**, 2-6pm, Wakefield Park/Moore RECenter

\*\*May 22 - 7:30pm - **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association General Meeting** - Ravensworth Elementary

May 24 - **Pool Opens** - 1pm, free until 5:00pm, then membership required

May 26 - **Memorial Day**

May 27 - **Swim/Dive Team Practices begin** - after school

May 31 - **Springfield Days**, all day, various locations, SpringfieldDays.com

June 1 - 2pm - **Cardboard Boat Regatta** at Lake Accotink Park, boat drop-off at 10am, \$4/vehicle, walk in for free

June 21 - **First Swim Team HOME Meet**, 9:00am, come cheer on the Ravens! Pool closed for regular swim during meet.

June 25 - **Last Day of School**

June 26 - **First FULL DAY of Pool**, 11am-9pm, Morning practices and Fledglings begin

June 28 - **Swim Team HOME Meet**, 9:00am, come cheer on the Ravens! Pool closed for regular swim during meet.

July 19 - **Swim Team HOME Meet**, 9:00am, come cheer on the Ravens! Pool closed for regular swim during meet.

July 21 - 25 - **Parkwood VBS**, "Agency 3D", free, register online at parkwood.org

July 28 - August 1 - **Immanuel Bible Church VBS** for ages 4 (by 9/30/14)- rising third grade. 9:30 am-Noon, Theme: Superhero, \$20 (\$15 before July 1); for rising 4th - 6th: 7:00-9:00 pm, Theme: Transformed, \$20 (\$15 before July 1); online registration at <http://immanuelbible.net/children/vacation-bible-school>

August 18 - 22 - **Cornerstone VBS**, 9:30-noon, [cornerstonefree.org](http://cornerstonefree.org), (703) 256-6220, or call Ursula Schuttinga at (703) 321-3535.

September 1 - **Labor Day, Pool Last Day**

September 2 - **First Day of School**, Fairfax County Public Schools

September 24 - **Golden Ravens** reconvene at Community of Christ Church

\*\*Oct. 4 - **Fall Community Yard Sale** - Ravensworth Farm Pool

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## **SPRINGFIELD DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN**

The annual Springfield Days Festival is held the weekend after Memorial Day. This springtime tradition brings together local businesses, organizations and residents to celebrate our community and enjoy family-friendly activities.

On the schedule this year will be the Springfield 5K back for its fifth year, PetFest at South Run Park, an enthusiast's car show, and the famous Cardboard Boat Regatta at Lake Accotink Park.

The Springfield 5K kicks off the weekend Saturday morning, May 31. This is the signature race event for southern Fairfax County. The 2014 course uses the roads around the re-developing Springfield Town Center. After the race, stick around and enjoy live music, great food, prize drawings, wellness specialists, and a sponsor expo to browse through. Register online at [RunSpringfield.org](http://RunSpringfield.org). Also, stop by the farmers market located across the parking lot at Springfield Town Center.

Pet lovers will once again find PetFest and Paws on Parade at South Run Park on Saturday, 9am to 3pm. Mark your calendar and come on out for a day full of family, and pet, friendly activities. There will be fun for kids, treats for pets and pet-friendly vendors for all.

American Legion Post 176 will host CarFest on Saturday 10am to 2pm. Car enthusiasts will find the line-up of vehicles, spanning the years, in the commuter lot on Old Keene Mill Road at Springfield Boulevard. Call the Legion to register and show your car, 703-440-0335.

Come back to South Run Park at dusk for our outdoor movie. Bring a blanket or your lawn chairs.

If you've never experienced the Cardboard Boat Regatta you may think cardboard and water simply don't mix. But at this popular event, to be held Sunday, June 1, cardboard boat creations will be judged on design and seaworthiness as their captains and crews attempt to keep their waterlogged cardboard craft from submerging in the race to the finish. Visit [SpringfieldDays.com](http://SpringfieldDays.com) for a complete list of activities, times, locations and registration forms.

## **PHONE SCAMS THROWING KITCHEN SINK AT FAIRFAX RESIDENTS**

Posted by Greg Hambrick (Editor) , March 07, 2014; Annandale Patch

Scam artists have been exhausting the greatest hits of phone tricks in the latest police reports from Fairfax City.

On Feb. 27, a surprised local resident was contacted with news that she'd won an undisclosed amount of cash and a car. The catch? She needed to purchase a money card to pay taxes on her winnings.

She bought the money card, and it wasn't until she contacted the card company that she learned she'd been duped. The company refunded her money, according to police.

On Friday afternoon, a caller claimed to be from the IRS, telling a local woman she was in tax trouble — a familiar scam this time of year that has led some area law enforcement agencies to preemptively warn residents.

The woman ignored the call, but contacted police when she kept getting repeated phone calls from the same number. She wasn't alone, a second resident called Fairfax police Monday when she got a similar call and knew that she didn't owe any back taxes.

For another resident, it was a very personal scam that she reported on Saturday: a man claiming to be her grandson said he was in trouble and needed her help, but said not to tell "his parents." When she questioned him, the man hung up. She also contacted police after repeated phone calls from the same number.



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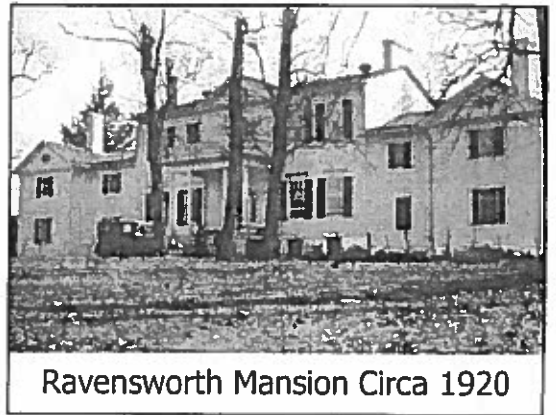
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