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OPEN CIVIC ASSOCIATION POSITIONS

Advertising

This could be a one-person position or a shared position. The duties are to solicit advertising for the community Directory and this Ravensworth Farmer newsletter. The advertising is used to offset the costs of printing and distributing the directory and newsletter. Generally, this is done in the late summer by contacting existing advertisers to nail down their decision to advertise again and by contacting new businesses in the area who might not know about these low-cost means of reaching 856 homes just miles from their business locations. The Advertising Director would collect the annual payment and forward it to the Treasurer. The Advertising Director would also answer emails and calls from others interested in advertising in either of the publications. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Alan Robertson at prez@ravensworthfarm.org.

Treasurer

This critical Board position prepares the Civic Association's operating budget and other financial plans; manages the financial assets of the Civic Association; prepares the Treasurer's Report for the General Membership and Board of Directors meetings; pays all legitimate debts of the Civic Association. Qualifications include some bookkeeping or accounting background, experience with Excel or similar spreadsheets, clear passage of credit and background checks. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Alan Robertson at prez@ravensworthfarm.org.



Trunk or Treat / Fall Festival

The combined Civic Association and Ravensworth Farm Swim Club Annual Trunk or Treat will be at the Pool on Sunday, October 29. Always a blast!!!! Decorate your trunk! Wear a costume! Come on Down! Trick or Treat! Bring potluck sides and desserts to share. Hotdogs will be provided. Open to all!!!! Time: 3-6pm.

Please check the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page and www.RavensworthFarmPool.com for added information as the dates approach.



Article 1, 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 Meetings & Deadlines 2017-18

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
October	4	4			29 – Trunk or Treat @ Pool, 3-6pm
November	1	1	2	Dec. 2	
December	6				15-20 – Holiday Lights Judging
January	3	3	4	27	
February	7	7	8	Mar. 3	
March	7	Feb. 28	1	17	7 – Civic Assoc Mtg
April	4	4	5	28	
May	2	2	3	Jun. 2	24 – Civic Assoc Mtg
June				2	BBQ – 1st weekend of August @ Pool

General and Board Meetings and Events are held at Ravensworth Elementary School on Nutting Drive unless otherwise noted. Meetings are 7:30pm unless otherwise announced.

GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Green Thumb Garden Club met at Laura Asiello's home in October. Following the business meeting, members carpooled to view the very impressive home gardens of Master Gardener Bill Gorham in Camelot housing development. It was an amazing display of native plants with 'year around' color to be seen.

New members are welcome to join the Club at any time. Please call Membership Chairperson Agnes Hite at 703-321-4808 for information.

POOL BOARD POSITIONS OPEN - FREE MEMBERSHIP

As for pool announcements, we would like to announce that there are four positions open, we will be holding elections at the Pool General Membership meeting on Wednesday 10/25, 7:30pm, at Ravensworth Elementary in the SACC room (109). The offices are - Grounds and Maintenance Director, Web Director, Membership Director, and Swim Team Representative. Katherine Craig is running for Swim Team but there are no other nominations/candidates for the other positions. We would like to encourage anyone who enjoys the pool and wants to keep making it a great part of our community to join the board and make it happen. All board positions also get free pool memberships as an extra incentive. Also, all pool members that cannot attend should submit an online proxy form so that we may have a proxy to vote on agenda items.

MOMS IN PRAYER GROUP

Several moms in the neighborhood meet on Tuesday mornings to pray for their children, schools, teachers and staff. If you would like to learn more, please contact Sara Ortiz at (703) 321-8757 or slkortiz@gmail.com.

PAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES ONLINE

The timeline for joining the Civic Association is short this year, with membership dues required to be turned in by December 31. Make life easier for your block captain by joining online now. Go to <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org> to join the Civic Association. You can pay via PayPal or credit card. All Civic Association members will receive a free copy of the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory when it is printed in November.

The Ravensworth Farm Community Directory is only available to those Ravensworth Farm residents who join the Civic Association. It is not for commercial use. Besides neighbors' names and addresses, it also contains the neighborhood covenants, a list of very useful phone numbers, and information on teens looking to do odd jobs. Civic Association dues are \$15 and cover the cost of activities ranging from entrance beautification to the Community BBQ, as well as publication of The Ravensworth Farmer.

TRIM UP THE SIDEWALKS

Okay, it's not really your sidewalk that needs a trim, but it might be your bushes. If the trees or bushes that border your sidewalk could "reach out and touch someone", it's time for a trim. Please make it easy for sidewalk shovelers, stroller pushers, students, dog walkers, and everyone else who uses the sidewalks to get past your place. You'd be surprised how quickly your bushes have grown since the last trimming.

RAVENSWORTH BABYSITTING CO-OP

If you have children in the baby to younger elementary years, you may need the Babysitting Co-op for no-cost, no-guilt babysitting swaps. Join the co-op through sponsorship by a current co-op member. Contact Marcie Winitt at marciwinitt@hotmail.com or any other co-op member for more information or to attend the next meeting.



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REMEMBER TO VOTE NOVEMBER 7

This year's elections will decide our next Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and member of the House of Delegates. There is also a school bond referendum. All registered voters are eligible to vote from 6am-7pm on Tuesday, November 7. Remember to bring your photo ID. We're expecting a large turnout in Ravensworth Farm so make a plan to vote on Tuesday, November 7.

Lines are generally short in the Ravensworth Precinct but voting between 1:00 and 4:00pm pretty much guarantees you won't have to deal with a line. If your registered address is in Ravensworth Farm, you vote at Ravensworth Elementary School. Since there is no school that day, parking will be easy and voting will be in the cafeteria. If you've read the School Bond question in advance, you'll be in and out very quickly.

If you think you will be unable to vote on November 7, you can also vote absentee in-person at a number of locations around Fairfax County. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm> to see the available locations and hours for absentee in-person voting. Saturday, November 4 is the last day for absentee in-person voting.

On the Ballot in Our Precinct

Governor: Ralph S. Northam (D), Edward W. "Ed" Gillespie (R), Clifford D. Hyra (L)

Lieutenant Governor: Justin E. Fairfax (D), Jill H. Vogel (R)

Attorney General: Mark R. Herring (D), John D. Adams (R)

House of Delegates 39th District: Vivian E. Watts (D)

School Bond: Shall Fairfax County, Virginia, contract a debt, borrow money, and issue capital improvement bonds in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$315,000,000 for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system? Yes or No

FAIRFAX WATER TRANSMISSION MAIN PROJECT TO IMPACT BRADDOCK ROAD

Fairfax Water began a year-long water main construction project on Braddock Road starting at the end of August. The project will primarily affect the area between Shirley Gate Road and Campus Drive. The road work will occur from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 9:30 pm to 2 pm on Fridays. Fairfax Water says traffic will be maintained in both directions of Braddock Road throughout the project, yet occasional lane closures will occur. The project is part of Fairfax Water's Integrated System Master plan. This component will consist of building a new 24-inch diameter water main approximately 12,000 feet long on GMU and VDOT property. It will become the primary source of water for a larger tank being constructed on the GMU campus. According to Fairfax Water "these projects will improve water service by increasing delivery pressure to areas of higher ground elevation in the southern portion of the City of Fairfax and portions of Fairfax County in the vicinity of GMU." If you have any questions or concerns please call Supervisor Cook's office at 703-425-9300.

ADVERTISE IN THE RAVENSWORTH FARMER

Reach more than 850 homes with news of your services or merchandise seven times over the next year. Contact Sara Ortiz at ads@ravensworthfarm.org for ad sizes, rates, and information on permanent ads in the body of The Ravensworth Farmer. If you prefer a month-to-month insert in The Farmer so you can change it each month, provide 900 copies of your flyer and a check for \$35 to Laura Asiello before each month's flyer due date (see inside front cover). You can reach Laura at 703-321-7840 to coordinate drop-off.

JOIN UP! CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES & BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED

By Elissa Myers, RFCA Membership Chair

We are gearing up for the fall membership drive and membership directory distribution for the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. As a resident of Ravensworth Farm, we hope you will join the voluntary Civic Association. Unlike some neighborhoods where “civic association membership” can run into the hundreds of dollars, membership in the RFCA is only \$15. Your contribution comes with a directory packed with useful information about the area – schools, churches, local merchants, and much more. Our young people willing to dogwalk or rake leaves or do other jobs offer their services through the directory. And each household is profiled with the family name, address and phone number, in a cross-indexed master list.

But Membership in RFCA is so much more than a directory! From support of the doggie litter bags at the park entrance to hospitality visits to new neighbors, from this wonderful volunteer-written and -distributed newsletter to special events and community get togethers, this is a warm supportive community.

Information for the directory, and membership dues, and directory delivery is done from around November through January by a wonderful, intrepid band of “block captains.” It’s easy to be a block captain. When you sign up, you will be asked to visit 10-12 homes – usually on your block – to say hello, invite the neighbor to join or renew, and deliver a directory. Some of our wonderful block captains have been serving for 20 years or more.

This letter is an appeal to you...yes YOU! ... to:

- Sign up to be a block captain – the neighborhood is counting on you! Call Elissa Myers at 703 626 9087 or email to elissa@elissamyers.com to volunteer
- Say thank you to your block captain when they come calling – it’s NOT a solicitation, it’s a good neighbor visit!
- Join and support the RFCA!
- See you at the Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat! Have a Happy, Safe Halloween!

Thanks for being one of the best neighborhoods in the Universe!

BOY SCOUT TROOP 991 = FUN + LEADERSHIP

This summer Troop 991 Scouts were as good as billy goats! That’s because we hiked the 4.7-mile Billy Goat Trail at Great Falls Park in Maryland. We climbed and scaled rocky mountains and had a great view of the falls. In addition, we camped out on the Shenandoah River in early October. Last month we helped out at the Ravensworth Farms Fall Yard Sale.

Other activities to come this winter include more campouts, hiking and even a weekend of skiing! So, join us for all the fun plus great leadership training - Boy Scouts: boys in grades 6 through 12. Visit us Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Ravensworth Elementary School cafeteria.

BE A 50+ AMBASSADOR

If you have ever dreamt of becoming an ambassador to travel the world and make it a better place—it’s not too late. Just localize your dream! Fairfax County is seeking volunteers to become 50+ Community Ambassadors. These ambassadors can make a world of difference by distributing information about county services for older adults to their friends, coworkers, neighbors, faith communities and online networks. Contact Linda Hernandez-Giblin at 703 -324-5859 or email her at linda.hernandez-giblin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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The Transitional High Schools do not offer a diploma; however, when students attain the intermediate level of WIDA 3, they may continue their studies at the adult or adult alternative high school, earning their high school diploma from that location.

Degree Completion at Adult High Schools

Fairfax County Public Schools offers three ways for adults to complete their high school credential through the Fairfax County Adult High School. A student may take traditional classes (Adult High School), demonstrate their skills through a portfolio process (NEDP), or take the General Equivalency Diploma (GED) exam. To learn about the options and the support available to adult students, call 703-503-6444, email start@fcps.edu, or visit <http://www2.fcps.edu/adulths/index.html>.

Residents of Fairfax County who are 18 years of age and older (no age limit) and who have not earned a high school diploma are eligible to attend the Adult High School. Tuition for the 2016-2017 school year is \$160, for up to six classes. ESOL learners aged 18-22 attend for free. General Education learners aged 18-20 attend for free. Students may enroll in one to six classes at any given time, building a schedule that meets their academic needs. The classes are like regular high school classes in that there is a teacher, students must attend class regularly, are expected to hand in assignments, and will be expected complete homework. They are different in that as soon as a student completes the requirements for one class, the student may start the next class. Students can start a new class the first week of each month. They do not have to wait until the next enrollment period. The number of credits needed for graduation depends upon the year the student first entered the ninth grade. The number of required credits could be anywhere from 16 to 20 credits for a standard diploma.

WHAT TO DO IF A SEVERE THUNDERSTORM IS APPROACHING

Editor's Note: This was sent to me by Fairfax Alerts. Some of it is contrary to what I was taught as a kid in the Midwest. I thought some others in the "Farm" might need an update, too.

If you are boating or swimming, get to land, get off the beach, and find shelter immediately. Stay away from rivers, lakes, and other bodies of water. Water is an excellent conductor of electricity. When lightning strikes nearby, the electrical charge can travel through the water. Each year, numbers of people are killed by nearby lightning strikes while in or on the water.

Take shelter in substantial, permanent, enclosed structures, such as reinforced buildings. Sturdy buildings are the safest place to be. Avoid unprotected gazebos, rain or picnic shelters, golf carts, baseball dugouts and bleachers. While many people take shelter from rain in these locations, they are often isolated structures in otherwise open areas, and, therefore, a target for lightning. In addition, gazebos and picnic shelters are often poorly anchored and subject to being uprooted and blown around in strong thunderstorm winds. They also offer little protection from large hail.

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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS - BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN

Block captains deliver pre-paid Directory orders and sign up new Civic Association members and deliver Directories on the spot. Forty of your neighbors volunteered last year. However, many streets didn't have active block captains so membership was down- resulting in a significant reduction in budget for Civic Association activities. Sign up for a block near you or be adventurous and visit the other side of the neighborhood! Contact Elissa Myers to be a block captain- 703-321-7590 or elissa@elissamyers.com.

NEW NEIGHBORS' NEEDS HELP

Pam Ryan of the New Neighbors "committee" is having trouble keeping up with welcoming new neighbors. Although it doesn't take long to do, welcoming up to 15 families by herself is hard. It's a great thing that sets our neighborhood apart from others and she wants to continue it but really needs a committee to assist. At this time, no one has volunteered. Please e-mail Pam at pkryan74@gmail.com if you would like to help or please let Ms. Elissa Myers know if you would like to be a block captain. (You can do both!)

You don't have to be a long-time resident of Ravensworth Farm to greet new neighbors or be a block captain. A friendly face and a few minutes a week are enough.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in The *Farmer* at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rfaefarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or to PO Box 1020, Springfield, VA 22151. The classified ad section is a service to Ravensworth residents and is not intended for business or commercial use. Ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. will be run in this section once. If you wish to repeat your ad, you will need to purchase advertising in The *Farmer*.

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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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If there are no reinforced buildings in sight, take shelter in a car. Keep car windows closed and avoid convertibles. Rubber-soled shoes and rubber tires provide no protection from lightning. However, the steel frame of a hard-topped vehicle provides increased protection if you are not touching metal. Although you may be injured if lightning strikes your car, you are much safer inside a vehicle than outside.

If you are in the woods, find an area protected by a low clump of trees. Never stand underneath a single large tree in the open. Be aware of the potential for flooding in low-lying areas.

As a last resort and if no structure is available, go to a low-lying, open place away from trees, poles, or metal objects. Make sure the place you pick is not subject to flooding. Have as little contact with the ground as possible. Squat low to the ground. Place your hands on your knees with your head between them. Make yourself the smallest target possible. Do not lie flat on the ground this will make you a larger target.

Avoid tall structures such as towers, tall trees, fences, telephone lines, and power lines. Lightning strikes the tallest objects in an area. Stay away from natural lightning rods, such as golf clubs, tractors, fishing rods, bicycles, and camping equipment. Lightning is attracted to metal and poles or rods.

If you are isolated in a level field or prairie and you feel your hair stand on end (which indicates that lightning is about to strike), drop to your knees and bend forward, putting your hands on your knees. Crouch on the balls of your feet. Do not lie flat on the ground. The electrical build-up just before lightning strikes will cause your hair to stand on end. Make yourself the smallest target possible and minimize contact with the ground.

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EVENTS

Something to add? Email RFCAFarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or call 703-321-8757 to add to the calendar of events.

++Oct 29 – 3-6pm - **Trunk or Treat at the Pool, all invited
 ** Nov 1 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Nov 6 – **Parent-Teacher Conferences**, no school
 Nov 7 – **Election Day**
 Nov 23-24 – **Thanksgiving**, no school
 ** Dec 6 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ** Dec 15-20 – **Holiday Lights Judging**
 Dec 18-Jan 1 – **Winter break**, no school
 ** Jan 3 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Jan 15 – **Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday**, no school
 Jan 26 & 29 – **Teacher Workdays**, no school
 ** Feb 7 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Feb 19 – **Presidents Day Holiday**, no school
 ** Mar 7 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ** Mar 22 - **Civic Association General Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Mar 25 – **Palm Sunday**
 Mar 26-Apr 2 – **Spring Break**, no school
 Apr 1 – **Easter Sunday**
 ** Apr 4 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 Apr 16 – **Teacher Workday**, no school
 ** May 2 – **RFCA Board Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ** May 22 – **Civic Association General Meeting**, school, 7:30pm
 ++May 26 – **Pool Opens**
 May 28 – **Memorial Day**, no school
 June 15 – **Last Day of School**

KIDS CORNER

Kids' Corner is a place where Ravensworth kids 18 and under can have their writing published for all of Ravensworth Farm to read. Send your submission of 500 or fewer words to Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and where you live (your address won't be published). All genres appropriate for a general audience are welcome.

"GEM" REVIEWS

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 rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org. Thanks for sharing!

COLUMNISTS & WRITERS WANTED

Are you a writer or wanna-be writer? Do you have information to share on a regular or semi-regular basis? Join the "staff" of The Ravensworth Farmer and share your expertise or information with the other 856 homes in our neighborhood via the only medium they all receive- The Ravensworth Farmer. Call or email Sara Ortiz at ravensworth.farmer@gmail.com or 703-321-8757.

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CHURCH AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS

The Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Road is available for meetings, get-togethers, and other social events. Contact Deb Van Heest, Pastoral Team Member, at springfieldpastors@gmail.com

'NEW NEIGHBORS' NEEDS HELP

Pam Ryan of the New Neighbors "committee" is having trouble keeping up with welcoming new neighbors. Although it doesn't take long to do, welcoming up to 15 families by herself is hard. It's a great thing that sets our neighborhood apart from others and she wants to continue it but really needs a committee to assist. At this time, no one has volunteered. Please e-mail Pam at pkryan74@gmail.com if you would like to help or please let Ms. Elissa Myers know if you would like to be a block captain. (You can do both!)

You don't have to be a long-time resident of Ravensworth Farm to greet new neighbors or be a block captain. A friendly face and a few minutes a week are enough.

RAVENSWORTH FARM ON FACEBOOK

Want to keep up with issues, have firewood to give away, lost or found a dog, or you're wondering what surprises others have run into during renovations? The Ravensworth Farm Facebook page is the place to go. Send Tom Mathis, the group's moderator, a join request and he'll add you to this lively and informative community. You can adjust your notification settings and visit the page as little or as often as you choose. While an excellent communication tool, the Facebook page is not supported or endorsed by the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. For Civic Association news (and old issues of The Farmer), visit RavensworthFarm.org.



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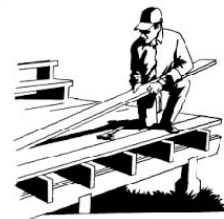
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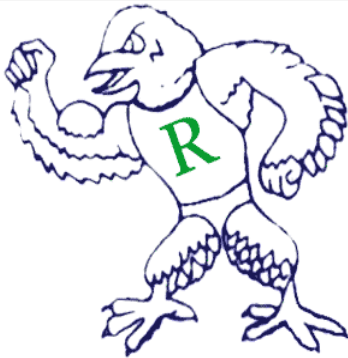
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