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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Farmers,

This is the last Farmer of the season. It's been an auspicious year for Ravensworth Farm. We've enjoyed a full civic association board. We've restarted the Entrance Committee to great effect. And we've seen Farmers make a tremendous impact on the Fairfax County Community.

So please join me on August 4 at 4:00 pm to celebrate Ravensworth Farm and thank a few of the many wonderful people who have worked to make our neighborhood such a great place to live. And there will be food. Everyone is invited to the pool for our BBQ and awards ceremony. (Meat is provided, bring a side or dessert to share.)

Lake Accotink Update

On April 30, Supervisors Cook and McKay hosted another community meeting about Lake Accotink, at which all the options for the lake's future were discussed. Supervisors Herrity and Gross were also in attendance. All of the supervisors spoke to me approvingly of keeping the lake much as it is now. In addition, Supervisor Cook confirmed that, in the long run, dredging and adding a forebay, which had been billed as the most expensive of the options for the lake, is actually the least expensive of all the options. That is because of the hidden costs of losing Lake Accotink associated to the requirements of water

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September.

Check the website, Facebook page,
and sign up for the RFCA
newsletter to receive up-to-date
information during the summer.

PAY CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES ONLINE

If you still need to pay your Civic Association dues for 2017-2018, you can do so by going to <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org>.

You can pay via PayPal or credit card. All Civic Association members will receive a free copy of the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory. 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.

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 Meetings & Deadlines 2017-18

MONTH	EVENTS
August	BBQ & Awards Ceremony– Aug. 4 @ Pool, 4pm Awards, 5-7pm Eat & Swim All Ravensworth Farm residents invited to eat and swim, even if not pool members. Bring a side dish

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.

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quality regulations. Because of what the lake is already doing to help meet regulatory obligations by trapping polluting sediment, it would cost twice as much to lose the lake as it will to save the lake, according to Supervisor Cook.

With the support of so many County Supervisors, the future of Lake Accotink looks favorable for now. But there is still much to be done.

In this issue is an insert that is addressed to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Please use this form to let the Board of Supervisors know that you support Lake Accotink. And while you're at it, add a personal comment to tell them why you support saving the lake and just how much Lake Accotink means to you.

In the space that is left for my letter I wish to thank the many people who have committed so much time and money to saving Lake Accotink. What a wonderful experience it has been to see the community come together to achieve a common goal. Thank you.

And come to the **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association BBQ!** I'll see you August 4.

Truly yours,
Allan Robertson, President of the Board
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GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club will meet through the summer this year - March through December- in order to enjoy the 'garden season' and avoid winter months. Meetings are generally the first Wednesday of each month. Please call Agnes Hite at 703-321-4808 for meeting location and membership information.

JOIN RAVENSWORTH'S CUB SCOUTS

Do you have an incoming kindergartner - 5th grader interested in scouting? If so, Ravensworth's Cub Pack 991 is waiting for you! Contact new Cubmaster Dallas Richards at cubpack991@gmail.com to learn more. We are a very active group with a focus on having fun while learning important skills. Our Pack hosts two family campouts each year that are very popular. Come see what you are missing!



RUN FOR RAVENSWORTH - UPDATE

Run 4 Ravensworth, the biggest fundraiser of the year for Ravensworth Elementary School PTA. Around 520 students ran as many laps in the school parking lot as they could in 20 minutes on May 4 to raise money for the school. Each student asked family, friends, and neighbors to sponsor him or her per lap. While pledges had not been tallied as The Farmer went to print, at least 600 laps had been tallied. The goal was to raise \$20,000. If that challenge is met, the school principal, Ms. Roxann Salata, will be put "in jail" in the school lobby.

One hundred percent of the money donated goes to the PTA. The funds are used to pay for school-wide online learning licenses, author visits, new library books, special assemblies, field trips, workshops, and more.

REWARD FOR LOST TRASH

REWARD for the return of all LOST TRASH! Calling all Lake Accotink past-present-future trail users- We need VOLUNTEERS to capture all the lost trash (someone owned it and obviously lost it) around the trails of Lake Accotink. We'll start off meeting once a month, we'll increase frequency and days if you can gather the volunteers. ALL ages welcome! Why should you Volunteer? Someone needs to, why not be the positive change! Almost forgot your reward? Here it is: take a look at the area and your filled trash bag = Clean Park and you Feeling Good

WHEN: 2nd Sunday of Each Month

WHERE: Lake Accotink Trail - Ellet and Inverchapel Road trail entrance

TIME: 9:00am -11:00ish

ACTIVITY: Meet at trail entrance, pick up your trash bags and hit the trail-feel free to wander back in the woods

GOAL: Fill your trash bags with debris carelessly dumped, dropped - forgotten

HOSTED BY: FLAP (Friends of Lake Accotink Park)

Note: Long sleeves and pants are encouraged, boots if desired.



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PEDESTRIAN OVERPASSES ON BRADDOCK ROAD

By Supervisor John Cook

I am organizing a series of community meetings for residents to learn about and comment on the proposed pedestrian crossings on Braddock Road, the designs being considered, and possible locations for additional crossings. The first meeting will take place in June and the second will be scheduled for October. The specific dates will be announced in upcoming weeks through the Cook Advisory and Social Media.

Members of the community suggested the County research pedestrian overpasses as part of the Braddock Road Multimodal Study. The overpasses would provide an “elevated crossing alternative” that would not affect traffic flow at major intersections on Braddock Road. These overpasses would further promote connectivity in Braddock by providing pedestrian access to more neighborhoods, shopping centers, and public transportation. After receiving feedback from the community and the Braddock Road Task Force, the County planned a pedestrian overpass across Braddock Road in between the Red Fox Drive (East) intersection and the Burke Lake Road/Woodland Way intersection. The County also offered the option of placing an overpass “across Braddock Road in between the Kings Park Drive intersection and the Stone Haven Drive intersection” or “across Braddock Road in between the Southampton Drive intersection and the Wakefield Chapel Road intersection (closer to the Wakefield Chapel Road intersection).” Ultimately, the location of additional overpasses would depend on community interest. The County is open to any viable location with community support.

Please stay tuned for further information on the upcoming meetings. Please stay tuned for further information on the upcoming meetings. If you have any questions, please contact my office by email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-425-9300.

“WIN” FOR ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Supervisor John C. Cook has been named the Sponsoring Chairman of the Welcoming Inclusion Network (WIN), a collaborative committee dedicated to improving employment opportunities and day services for people with developmental disabilities. Adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities face a number of challenges when it comes to finding employment and day services. The County has historically provided these services to individuals with intellectual disabilities in light of inadequate state funding levels. Recent state and federal regulatory changes now mandate that such services be provided equally to individuals with developmental disabilities, thus doubling the population served. Funding, however, has not increased, requiring changes in our services.

In order to help the County revise its programs, a collaborative group of stakeholders called the Welcoming Inclusion Network was created in February 2018. WIN stakeholders include a wide range of people in the community including parents, service providers, advocates and Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board developmental disabilities services staff. The group’s goals fall under the four terms of “Network, Design, Employment, and Inclusion.”

The goal associated with Network entails building opportunities for increased information and resource sharing among agencies, companies, other organizations, and the community at large. The Design goal is to ensure service equity and efficiency through community-designed services. Employment includes boosting employment opportunities through existing and new service models. The final goal of Inclusion lies in identifying and addressing other challenges those with developmental disabilities face in achieving full community inclusion. WIN is still open to community members interested in improving these services and community inclusion for those with developmental disabilities. If you have any questions, please contact John Cook’s office by email at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or by phone at 703-425-9300.

SNEAKY SUMMER INJURIES

by Cathy Garrard, July 25, 2012

'Tis the season for easy living—until a bug bite, a burn, or a little too much booze does you in. More than 29 million people are treated in the ER for injuries every year, according to the CDC, and summertime is far and away the busiest season. (This is especially bad news when you consider the fact that hospital medication errors—and fatalities—also spike in summer.) Here's how to avoid becoming a statistic, and some treatment tips if you're reading this a little too late.



1. BBQ blunders

Making burgers and kabobs sounds like a brilliant idea, until you remember that you aren't a grill master. U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 8,200 home fires involving grills, hibachis or barbecues per year, and burns to the skin and smoke inhalation are far more numerous.

Sidestep it: Exercise caution when lighting the grill and opening the cover, since once it's fired up, the whole shebang is hot.

Treat it: If it's a minor burn, hold the skin under cool running water to reduce swelling for up to 15 minutes or until the pain subsides. "If the burn is on the face, hands, or over a large part of the body, you may want to seek medical attention," says Dr. McGinnis.

2. Killer sunburns

They not only hurt, they are evidence of a weakened skin defense. "A burn is an inflammatory reaction by our skin to the sun," says Ranella Hirsch, MD, a Boston dermatologist. Plus, extensive research shows that repeated burns can damage your DNA and increase your risk of skin cancer.

Sidestep it: Dr. Hirsch recommends sunscreens with broad spectrum UVA and UVB protection. "But more important than the number is how often you reapply it," says Dr. Hirsch. Slather on another two or three tablespoons every 90 minutes, whether you've been in the water or not.

Treat it: If your skin is scorched, mix one part whole milk with one part cool water and gently apply it into the affected areas with a washcloth. "The proteins in the milk will take away the sting immediately," says Dr. Hirsch. And as it heals, resist the urge to peel off the flaking skin. "You're opening up ports of entry for infection."

3. Lawn mowing injuries

Cutting the grass is not only dirty and loud, it's dangerous: Each year 80,000 Americans require hospital treatment for lawnmower accidents, the majority of which are caused when other things—think rocks and sticks—are accidentally picked up and thrown by the mower blades.

Sidestep it: Make sure your mower is in good working condition, clear the yard of any objects that could be flung by the lawnmower blades, and don't mow without enough daylight. "Always wear proper protective equipment, including pants, long sleeves, closed toe shoes, sunglasses and, ideally, hearing protection," says Dr. McGinnis.

Treat it: It depends on where you get hurt but see a doctor right away if your eyes are injured. If you've cut yourself, clean the wound with soap and water, and control the bleeding with pressure. "If the injury is severe, seek immediate medical attention," says Dr. McGinnis.

Source: <https://www.prevention.com/health/health-concerns/9-surprising-summer-pains>

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EVENTS

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++June 1 – **Teen Night at the Pool** – 7th grade grads through 2018 HS grads ONLY, \$10, Lock-in 8pm - midnight

June 3 – **Cardboard Boat Regatta** – 11am, Lake Accotink Park Marina

June 9 – **History Walk & Talk** – led by Ravensworth's own Mary Lipsey, call Jim Hickey at 703-321-8535 for details

June 15 – **Last Day of School** for Fairfax County

++June 15 – **Elementary Night at the Pool**, rising kindergarten to 2018's 6th grade graduates, adult chaperone must be present. \$8, 6-9pm (rain date June 16)

++June 18 – **Morning Swim Team Practice** begins

June 25-29 – **Vacation Bible School** at Immanuel Bible Church, Camp Gonnawannasee, 9:30-Noon for ages 4 through entering 3rd grade; Jump!, 7-9pm for entering 4th-entering 6th grade (\$15 early bird, \$20 after June 1), immanuelbible.church/children/vbs

++ July 4 – **Pool Party** free for members and non-member military families, otherwise \$10/family, Noon-3pm, Belly Flop/Splash contests, Military Raffle, Cake, Music, Activities

July 23-27 – **Fine Arts Camp**, rising 4th – 7th graders, see website for auditions for speaking parts, \$50 early-bird, register at <https://immanuelbible.church/music/fine-arts-camp>

July 23-27 – **Vacation Bible School: Game On!**, 9am-Noon, \$10, ages 5 (by September 30, 2018) thru grade 6, Parkwood Baptist Church, parkwood.org (Braddock Rd and Kings Park Dr)

July 30 – Aug 3 - **Vacation Bible School: Kids Under Construction**; Rising K-Rising 4th Grade. It's free and fun! Register at: www.cornerstoneEfree.org/vbs

Aug 4 – **Civic Association Community-Wide BBQ, Pool, Farmer of the Year awards at 4pm, Food 5-7pm (bring a side or dessert to share), all Ravensworth Farm residents, even if not a pool member.

Aug 17 - **Americas Adopt-a-Soldier Charity Golf Tournament**, Volunteers and Golfers needed, Ft. Belvoir Golf Club, <http://americasadoptasoldier.eventbrite.com>

Aug 28 – **First Day of School** for Fairfax County Public Schools

Sep 3 – **Labor Day & Pool Closes**

Sep 16 – **Americas Adopt-a-Soldier 5k-10k Run-Walk**, Volunteers and Runners needed, <http://americasadoptasoldier.eventbrite.com>

Fall – **Community Clean-Up Truck**, date and time to be announced when finalized by the County

**UPCOMING POOL EVENTS**

June 15 - Elementary Night (rain date June 16). DJ, Dinner, and Drink included with ticket. Open to ALL Rising Kindergarteners to 2018's 6th grade grads. No younger or older siblings, please. An adult chaperone must be present. Volunteers welcome. \$8 admission. 6pm-9pm

June 1 - Teen Night with a Rain Date June 8th. Open to all Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers (7th grade thru current HS grads ONLY). DJ, food, and fun! \$10 admission. Lock-in 8 pm to 12 am.

July 4 - Annual Pool Party (for members and military families only) from 12pm -3pm. Cake, music, and activities galore! Belly Flop/Splash Contests, and Military Raffle. Non-member military families are also welcome to come with a \$10 family admission (need to show military ID).

July 11 – Relay Carnival Swim Meet – Come cheer on our Ravens. (Oh, and please be patient with all the visiting swimmers' families who are lost and looking for parking.)



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NEW NEIGHBORS COMMITTEE

Pam Ryan is still looking for volunteers to join the committee. However, she would like to thank Cindy Cho and Ashton Streavig for volunteering and joining the committee. They have been a great help!

Please e-mail Pam at pkryan74@gmail.com if you would like to help or please let 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.



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GEM REVIEW - FLEDGLINGS

review by: Sara Ortiz

We moved to Ravensworth Farm too late in the summer of 2011 to join the pool. As we met neighbors through the winter, we heard great things of the pool and how easy it would be to find friends for our then four-year-old daughter if we joined. We were told we would especially make friends with younger kids and parents if we joined something called Fledglings. They said Fledglings was swim lessons. Our daughter had already taken swim lessons at various REC Centers but we were going to join the pool anyway and it is just blocks from our house, so we signed her up. We figured she probably wouldn't advance more than she had done in her REC lessons.

Boy, were we wrong! It's amazing what a four-year-old can learn in four concentrated weeks of five lessons per week! It's extra-helpful that the coaches are "big kids" that the little kids really want to impress. After her first summer of Fledglings, our daughter had conquered the shallow end. After her second summer, the deep end held no fear (or danger). After her third summer, she won her event in her first swim meet. She became a fully-fledged Ravens Swim Team member for her fourth summer alongside many of her previous Fledglings coaches. Now, she's waiting to turn 13 and be a junior Fledglings coach herself. Only three years to go! (Oh, and we made a lot of friends at the pool. Between the pool and the babysitting co-op, she knew LOTS of fellow students when she started kindergarten.)

Note: Your household must be a member of the pool to enroll non-swimmers four to seven in Fledglings or swimmers in Ravens Swim and Dive teams. To join the pool and teams, go to www.ravensworthfarmpool.com. Early bird discounts have flown for the year but it's still a worthwhile entertainment and community-building investment.

"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 rfcafamer@ravensworthfarm.org. Thanks for sharing!

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LISTEN TO THE LOCKSMITH FOR KEYS TO A SAFE HOME **(CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS ISSUE)**

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High Security Locks Locks are getting better all of the time. It's been said that every lock can be defeated, but why make it easy for the bad guys. Grade 1, high security deadbolt locks are made with high security materials and are next to impossible to pick or drill open which means a potential intruder will have to find another way in.

Garage Doors Garage doors provide easy access for locksmiths and burglars. That red pull-cord that hangs just inside the door can be grabbed from outside with a simple tool or even a coat hanger to release the drive motor and manually lift the door. There are bolt on products that make that impossible.

Locksmiths The state of Virginia requires licensing of locksmiths. The process includes schooling, experience, background checks and finger printing. Once licensed, locksmiths have a code of rules and ethics to follow or risk losing their license and their ability to work legally. Some of the tasks a residential locksmith can perform for you include re-keying cylinders, making new keys, repairing locks, supplying and replacing locks, installing new locks, servicing and replacing hinges, and some provide door repairs and emergency lockouts.

Beware There are a number of scammers working as unlicensed locksmiths who take advantage of unsuspecting homeowners. They have toll-free 800 area codes and advertise \$19 service fees and low rates over the phone but that all changes when they show up. I had a recent customer complain that he was charged \$700 for the installation of a new lock that he later saw for sale at a local big box store for \$15. Plus his door was a mess when the scammer left. Beware of "cheap" service providers and always ask to see ID and license of any locksmith before granting them entry into your home.

Cheap locks—Too many home builders install cheap, low quality, grade 3 residential locks on their doors that offer limited security at best. While almost any lock can be defeated, don't make easy for the bad guys to get in.

Worn or cracked keys—Keys wear out. The more you use them the faster they wear to the point where they no longer function. We see a lot of keys that have been used to pry or dig something free and now they're bent or cracked to the point where they no longer slide in to their cylinder or they to break off inside the cylinder. Worn and broken keys are a leading cause for lockouts.

Lock box—Lockouts are a locksmith's bread and butter. The person locked out is at the mercy of the locksmith who is going to charge \$100 to \$300 (depending on time and distance traveled) for less than an hour's labor. He may be able to get you in by some nondestructive method like picking your lock or using some device to jimmy your door open. However, he may have to drill your lock open which means an additional expense to replace and re-key your lock. An extra key secured in a hidden combination lock box bolted to a deck post or some other inconspicuous spot with long screws can solve an otherwise expensive situation.

Combination Locks—There are several brands of residential combination locks that enable multiple user codes to be added and/or deleted as needed, WiFi access, key override and provide the same security as traditional key-only locks. They are available in different colors and styles in both deadbolts and lever sets.

Deadbolts—One of the most critical components to securing a door is a good reliable deadbolt. Selecting the correct style is very important: single cylinder deadbolts require a key to lock and unlock from the outside and have a thumb-turn inside providing fast and simple locking and unlocking which can be lifesaving if you need get out in a hurry; double cylinder deadbolts require a key on both sides of the door and should only be used when there is glass near, or on the door. Unlocking in an emergency may not be possible if you can't find the key.

In closing, most locksmiths are available to provide a security survey of your home for a small fee. He or she can point out vulnerable areas that may be at risk and suggest solutions to help keep your doors and locks operating properly and securing your property. Many of which can be performed using simple tools.

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- Preparation and Day-Of Volunteers for August 17 Charity Golf Tournament and Auction
- Spirit Fridays, First Fridays, 10-Noon, Ft. Belvoir Community Hospital (1st Floor, Eagles Pavilion), collect & package toys, clothing, care packages, books, etc.

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