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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

My dearest fellow Farmers:

It is a pleasure to address you once again after a long Summer sabbatical. The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association is getting back into gear for our upcoming year, and we're excited. Please check the calendar of events located in this issue of The Farmer for all the wonderful details.

On the Saturday before Labor Day, we enjoyed an outstanding turnout for the annual BBQ and Farmer of the Year Awards ceremony. This year we honored four extremely deserving individual who have contributed mightily to Ravensworth Farm. Our Farmer of the Year is Terry Powers; Young Farmers of the Year are Connor and Ryan Lytle; and our Life of Service Award recipient is Elissa Myers. You can read more about their contributions inside. And, if you run across them on the street or on the park trail, please take the time to thank them for all the things they do to make Ravensworth Farm the nigh on utopia it is. (Disclaimer: I was concerned about the feedback I might get for using the term "utopia" to describe Ravensworth, so I consulted with my daughter Hannah. She confirmed that "utopia" is appropriate in this context.)

For some unknown reason, Ravensworth Farm attracts great people to reach outside themselves and make our

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The Civic Association's Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 26, 2019**, from **2 PM - 4 PM**, at the Community of Christ Church on Inverchapel Rd.

Games. Prizes. Costume Parade. Bobbing for apples. Hot dogs, pot luck, hot chocolate, cider, and maybe a campfire!

Bring a side dish to share. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends - or rediscover old ones!

Be sure to check the Ravensworth Farm web site (RavensworthFarm.org) and/or the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page for updates as the Fall Festival approaches.

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 2019-20

MONTH	BOARD MEETING	<i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE	FLYER DEADLINE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
September	4	4	4	29/29	
October	2	2	2	26/27	12 – Community Yard Sale (pool lot, 8-11am) 17 – Civic Assoc Mtg 26 – Fall Fest (church, 2-4pm)
November	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	Oct. 30	23/24	
December	4	4	4		14-15 – Holiday Lights Judging
January	8	8	8	Feb. 1/2 (Feb. 8/9 snow)	
February	5	5	5	29/Mar. 1	Leap Year!
March	4	4	4	28/29	19 – Civic Assoc Mtg/ Taste of Ravensworth/ 60th Anniversary Celebration
April	1	1	1	25/26	
May	Apr. 29	Apr. 29	Apr. 29	16/17	9 – Community Yard Sale 21 – Civic Assoc Mtg
Summer					Last weekend of August 2020- BBQ

All Board Meetings are 7:30pm at Community of Christ Church; All Civic Association Meetings are 7:30pm at Ravensworth Elementary School.

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community the shining light on a hill that it is. We have an unusually high concentration of exemplary community leaders. One thing I have learned in my time as president of the Civic Association is that it is easy to become just such an exemplary community leader. All that is needed is a willingness to get involved and help out wherever you see that help is needed or in some way wanting.

If you would like to help us continue to even further improve Ravensworth, or if you see a need that isn't being met and would like some help meeting that need, please let us know. Our contact information is inside. I look forward to hearing from you.

With great affection and appreciation,
Allan B. Robertson, President
Ravensworth Farm Civic Association

BOY SCOUT TROOP 991

Troop 991's recent Eagle Scout renovation project was a massive success. On Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th of May, Sam Kluck led Troop 991 in renovating the amphitheater at the Springfield Community of Christ. The youth and adult volunteers cleaned up trash and natural debris, built a brand-new fire pit, made efforts to prevent weeds from growing, and installed a bat house to help counteract mosquitoes. An Eagle Scout project is organized and led by a Boy Scout who is trying to reach the rank of Eagle Scout and it cannot be completed without the help of friends, family and fellow scouts. Very few people get to this point in their scouting journey and if you know anyone that is working on their Eagle project, please consider helping them. They need it and it will likely benefit the community.

In the last four years eight Scouts of Troop 991 have joined the ranks of Neil Armstrong, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, the founder of Walmart Sam Walton, Steven Spielberg, and Mike Rowe by becoming Eagle Scouts. If you're interested in your child following a similar path check out Troop 991, a Scout-led Troop in your neighborhood, sponsored by the Ravensworth Elementary PTA. Learn more about us at: <http://www.troop991.com/>. Contact Scoutmaster Ed Haggerty @ 703.622.5831 or Edwardhaggerty1@me.com if you are interested... Or come by and see for yourself what you're missing!





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RAVENSWORTH FARM AWARDEES & HUGE THANKS

At the August 31 Ravensworth Farm Annual BBQ at the pool, four outstanding Ravensworth “Farmers” were honored.

Farmer of the Year: Terry Powers-Assisted with the installation of the RFCA message boards at the entrances to the neighborhood. He also assists in the maintenance of the entrances. Terry also cares for the Soldiers Memorial at Howery Field Park, which honors six servicemen from Fort Belvoir who were electrocuted in 1967 as they erected a flagpole at Howery Field, just across Braddock Road from Ravensworth. He also administers several different Facebook pages that serve the community, including Dogs of Lake Accotink and Soldiers Memorial at Howery Field.

Young Farmers of the Year: Connor and Ryan Lytle-The Lytle twins have, for several years, assisted their elderly neighbor in taking trash and recycling to the curb, clear snow from his sidewalk and driveway, and occasionally check in on him and help with various other needs in his home and yard. They also do yard work for another neighbor and have participated in numerous Lake Accotink cleanups and Boy Scouts service projects in the community.

Life of Service Award: Elissa Myers-In addition to all the wonderful things she does outside the community and around the world, Lisa has served more than ten years as Membership Chair for RFCA. She enlists and coordinates the Block Captain program for delivery of the annual Ravensworth Farm Directory and collection of membership dues. Lisa also created and administers the Dogs of Ravensworth Farm Facebook page and hosts the annual holiday lights judging event.

Thank You! The Civic Association would also like to give a huge thanks to those who helped with the annual BBQ. A very special THANK YOU to Scott Houghton and Angie, Ella, and Luke Houghton. Scott and his family organized the purchasing and food logistics for the BBQ. On top of that, they were at the pool at 5am to start the meat cooking and remained until the event was over after 8pm. Diwakar Sharma and his visiting father-in-law pitched in to grill and organize in the hours before the event, too.

JIM HICKEY BRADDOCK CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Jim Hickey is the September Citizen of the Month. Jim has been a continuing presence at multiple Braddock District events. You may know him from many events at Lake Accotink Park, including about a decade emceeing the Cardboard Boat Regatta, Braddock Nights and the Howloween dog costume contest, posing for pictures as Santa with kids and dogs, coordinating volunteers at the semi-annual cleanups.

Jim has also served for 12 years as a Boy Scout leader and four years coaching kids roller hockey at Audrey Moore Rec Center. Additionally, he was a member of the Wakefield Park Master Plan Committee and participates in cleanups at the park. “Mostly I just show up and help out at things,” Jim said. “And occasionally get a tee shirt out of it.”



The logo for "Citizen of the Month" features the word "Citizen" in a blue, cursive font. Below it, the words "OF THE" are written in yellow, uppercase letters inside a dark blue rectangular box. The word "MONTH" is written in large, bold, blue, uppercase letters with a yellow outline.

RFCA FY2020 BUDGET

Oct 1 - Sep 30		RFCA
		20 Budget
Membership		\$ 4,500
Membership via Paypal		
Advertising - Directory		\$ 2,500
Advertising - Farmer		\$ 4,000
Total Annual Income		\$ 11,000
Farmer	Printing	\$ 2,000
	Distribution	\$ 1,200
	Content	\$ 500
	Formatting	\$ 500
Community Events	BBQ	\$ 1,200
	Fall Festival	\$ 800
	Taste of Ravensworth	\$ 500
Directory		\$ 1,400
Entrance Maintenance	Mowing	\$ 500
	Landscaping	\$ 500
	Signage	\$ 100
Administrative	Braddock District Council and FFX Fed of Civic Assns	\$ 115
	VA state corporation commission	\$ 35
	PO Box	\$ 125
Website/eblasts		\$ 300
Donations	Ravensworth Elementary	\$ 250
	Annandale Fire Department	\$ 250
	Church	\$ 250
Hospitality	New Neighbor Welcome	\$ 150
	Food for Membership Meetings	\$ 100
	Get Well/Hospitalizations	\$ 75
	Food/drink for election volunteers	\$ 50
Total Expenses		\$ 10,900
Income minus Expenses		\$ 100.00

FAIRFAX COUNTY FIRST IN NATION FOR 'FILL THE BOOT'

By Emily Leayman, Patch.com Staff, Sep 4, 2019

Fairfax County firefighters and paramedics once again raised the most donations in the U.S. for the annual Fill the Boot campaign to help those with neuromuscular disease. The \$447,571 raised over Labor Day weekend benefits the DC/VA Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).



Firefighters and paramedics collected donations at intersections throughout the Labor Day weekend. International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2068 kept track of donations by date, fire station and battalion. The most successful day was Friday, Aug. 30 with \$128,686.71 raised, followed by Sunday, Sept. 1 with \$114,944.40 raised.

One fire station was the overwhelming leader for donations collected. Franconia Fire Station 5 collected \$37,290.95 throughout the weekend. The next highest donations were \$20,577.87 collected by Bailey Crossroads Fire Station 10, \$19,904.14 by Tysons Corner Fire Station 29, and \$19,142.10 by Fairfax Station Fire Station 40.

IAFF Local 2068 coordinated the county effort with assistance from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue and Department of Public Safety Communications. This marks the 40th year Fairfax County Fire and Rescue has participated, while IAFF has been involved for 65 years.

The donations support numerous efforts of the DC/VA Muscular Dystrophy Association. This includes the annual MDA Children's Summer Camp, the MDA clinic at Georgetown University Hospital and Children's National Medical Center, research at the National Institutes of Health and Georgetown University, and programs to help people with neuromuscular disease live, go to school and work independently.



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TASTE OF ANNANDALE OCT 5

By Ellie Ashford, Patch Contributor, Annandale.Patch.com

Come out and meet your neighbors at the fifth annual Taste of Annandale. This family-friendly and pet-friendly street festival is Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., along Tom Davis Drive in the heart of Annandale, Va.

The Taste of Annandale features live music and dance, food trucks, restaurants, a bigger beer garden than at last year's event, a 5K race, best-dressed pet contest, chili cook-off (police vs. firefighters), a full-program of children's entertainment (live shows, games, costumed characters), a law enforcement display, photo booth, and lots of vendors. There is no charge to attend. For more information, visit the Taste of Annandale website: bit.ly/2bEp3T



The certified 5K Race will start at 9:30 a.m. at the Kmart parking lot, 4251 John Marr Drive. Runners can register online here: bit.ly/2BMXVUr

FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK

By Mary Keeser

FLAP (Friends of Lake Accotink Park) is your official Caretaker of Lake Accotink Park (LAP). We need your help to continue our educational, care programs and projects. Please volunteer a few hours a month. Service hours are provided for students. Committee positions are open for Communications Outreach - Special Projects. and many more: Contact@flapaccotink.org

WHEN: 2nd Sunday of every Month
TIME: 9:00am -11:00ish

- *Lake Accotink Trail entrance Ellet and Inverchapel Road
- *Lake Accotink Marina
- *Lake Accotink Trail entrance at the end of Danbury Forest/Lonsdale Dr.
- *Lake Accotink Trail entrance Queensbury and Hatteras



Register: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653 or just show up.

Note: Long sleeves, gloves, boots and long pants are encouraged
QUESTIONS: contact@flapaccotink.org; <https://www.facebook.com/friendsoflakeaccotinkpark/>

CANDIDATES FORUM - ACCOTINK UPDATE OCT 17

At the October 17 Civic Association Meeting, Ravensworth Farm will host a Candidates Forum and an update on Lake Accotink's future. The Civic Association's October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020 budget will be up for a vote. The budget is published in this issue of The Ravensworth Farmer. Come prepared to join the Civic Association. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at Ravensworth Elementary at 7:30pm.



DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you're new to the neighborhood or you know that new folks have moved into a house on your street in the past few years (even if you don't know their name), let Steve Beste, Ravensworth Farm's "Directory Guy", know so he can update the neighborhood directory. Steve can be reached at directory@ravensworthfarm.org or 703-321-9110. Directories will be available in November. You can reserve yours now for immediate delivery by paying your Civic Association dues online at <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org>.

BLOCK CAPTAINS - SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME, BIG REWARD

Block captains deliver pre-paid Directory orders and sign up new Civic Association members and deliver Directories on the spot. You can usually complete your duties in one November afternoon. When neighbors aren't home, leave them a note so they can contact you to join. Some of your neighbors volunteered last year. However, many streets didn't have active block captains so many households that normally would join did not join. Sign up for some blocks 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.

ADVERTISE IN THE RAVENSWORTH FARMER

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BE A BIG LOSER

Registration is open for the Losing to Live team weight loss competition at Capital Baptist Church Don't try to lose weight alone. Join a team of losers!! This team competition offers you an opportunity to lose weight in a fun and supportive environment. The competition starts Sunday September 22nd and ends on Sunday December 8. Speakers include Pastor Steve Reynolds, Doctors, Nutritionists, Fitness Instructors and Personal Success Stories. The Losing to Live Competition started September 22 for eleven (11) weeks but you can join until October 6. Weekly team meetings are held on Sunday nights. The team meetings include a large group time from 6-6:30PM to hear speakers and a small group time from 6:30-7:30pm to receive support. Come and be part of a team!

Cost is \$40. Register at <https://capitalbaptistchurch.wufoo.com/forms/losing-to-live-weight-loss-competition/> or call (703) 560-3109.

MOMS IN PRAYER GROUP

Several moms in the neighborhood meet to pray for their children and their schools (Ravensworth, Keene Mill, Lake Braddock, other FCPS, private schools, etc.), teachers and staff. If you would like to learn more, please contact Sara Ortiz at (703)321-8757 or slkortiz@gmail.com.

POOL NEWS

We had a wonderful summer playing at the pool! Keep your eyes out for fall events: September Movie Night, October Chili Cook-off and Movie, November Campfire Social.

LONG-TIME RESIDENTS NEEDED

Ravensworth Farm will celebrate 60 years in 2020. The Ravensworth Farmer would like to share memories from original residents of Ravensworth Farm. If you think your neighbor should be interviewed, please email the editor at rfca-farmer@ravensworthfarm.org with your suggestions. If you would like to interview your neighbor, even better!



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS - BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN

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NEW NEIGHBORS

New folks move in all the time, especially over the spring and summer. If you have new neighbors, tell Cindy Cho. If you are a new neighbor- welcome! Please let Cindy know you have arrived so that one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Cindy Cho (choc64@gmail.com)



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EVENTS

Something to add? Email RFCAFarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or call 703-321-8757 to add to the calendar of events. * notes Civic Association Events +notes Pool events



- *Oct 12 – 8-11m, **Community Yard Sale**, Ravensworth Farm Pool
- Oct 13- time **TBD Healthy Strides Wellness Book Club** @ City of Fairfax Library; Book: “Crazy Sexy Cancer Tips” by Kris Carr, plus film screening and cancer resource fair!
- *Oct 17 – 7:30pm **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting**, Ravensworth ES, Candidates Forum, Lake Accotink update, budget vote
- +Oct 23 – 7pm – **Pool Membership Meeting**, Ravensworth ES
- *Oct 26 – 2-4pm **Ravensworth Farm Fall Fest**, Community of Christ yard on Inverchapel Rd
- Nov 4,- 11am-12pm **Healthy Strides Wellness Book Club** @ George Mason Regional Library, Book: “Meditation for Fidgety Skeptics” by Dan Harris
- Dec 2- 11am-12pm **Healthy Strides Wellness Book Club** @ George Mason Regional Library, Book: “Why We Sleep” by Matthew Walker, PhD
- *Dec 14 or 15 – evening- **Holiday Lights Judging**, details TBA
- *Mar 19 – 7:30pm **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting**, Ravensworth ES, Taste of Ravensworth and 60th Anniversary Celebration
- *May 9 – 8-11m, **Community Yard Sale**, Ravensworth Farm Pool
- *May 21 – 7:30pm **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting**, Ravensworth ES
- +May 23 – 11am **Ravensworth Farm Pool Opens**
- *Aug 29 – **Annual Ravensworth Farm BBQ**

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