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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The October 20th General Membership Meeting will be held in-person at the Springfield Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Rd, Springfield, VA 22151. For those unable to attend in-person, the meeting will be broadcast live virtually on Zoom.

The RFCA Board of Directors Elections will take place at the General Membership Meeting, along with the review and approval of the annual RFCA budget. Information will also be shared on the speed bumps/tables being proposed on Inverchapel.

NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY

Ravensworth Elementary opened its doors to 599 students on Monday, August 22nd. We are excited about the possibilities that this new school year has in store for us. During the 2022-2023 school year we will focus on Academic Conversations, Social-Emotional Learning, Family Engagement, and FCPS Portrait of a Graduate.

We encourage you to follow us on Twitter at @RavensworthES or on Facebook at @RavensworthElementary.

Erika L. Aspuria
Principal
Ravensworth Elementary School
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Please help fill these open positions with the RFCA!



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**Please contact Marcie Winitt (prez@ravensworthfarm.org)
for additional information
or to volunteer.**

Association Meetings & Deadlines 2022-23

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	EVENTS
October	12	October 20 - General Membership Meeting
November	2	
December	7	
January	4	
February	1	
March	1	March 23 - General Membership Meeting
April	12	
May	3	May 25 - General Membership Meeting

All meetings are open to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are 7:30pm online. Contact Diwakar Sharma, Corresponding Secretary, at CorSec@ravensworthfarm.org for a link to join.



HELP WANTED: FARMER DELIVERY

The RFCA continues the search for a few organizations interested in delivering The Farmer to every house in the neighborhood (8 issues between September - June). If your organization would like to take part in this paid service opportunity, please contact: ravensworth.farmer@gmail.com



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Boys and girls in kindergarten through 5th grade are welcome to join. We are looking forward to an exciting year filled with some new and exciting activities including camping, hiking, fishing, pinewood derby races, climbing, ropes course, and service projects.

Each den (small grade group) meets once a month and the pack as a whole meets 5 times per year at Ravensworth Elementary. Learn new skills, help your community, make new friends and have fun!

For more information email: Cubpack991@gmail.com

IN MEMORY OF ANN BLIZARD**1937 -2022**

Ann Blizard of Ravenel Lane passed away on Sunday, August 7. She had just celebrated her 85th birthday two weeks after experiencing a major stroke in July.

Ann lived in the Washington area since 1960 after marrying Marvin Blizard in Johnson City, Tennessee. He then worked for the Naval Research Laboratory in the District and they settled in the Eastover area of Southwest Washington. During that time, she worked as a nurse for a doctor's office in the city.

Eventually, Ann and Marvin moved to Annandale, Virginia and lived in the Americana Fairfax apartment complex off Little River Turnpike. While living there, the couple's son, Rob, was born at Fairfax Hospital. In 1964, they moved across Braddock Road to Ravensworth Farm; they were original owners who lived on Ravenel Lane for the rest of their lives. Marvin, who spent most of his career with the Office of Naval Research, passed away in June 2021 at age 85.

Ann was born in Jacksonville Beach, Florida and lived for a while as a toddler in Norfolk, Virginia. She graduated from East Tennessee State College (now University), which are both located in Johnson City. A member of the Sigma Kappa sorority, Ann majored in nursing and became a registered nurse. She met Marvin while at East Tennessee State. Later, Ann obtained her master's degree in psychology from George Mason University and then worked for many years as a nurse in an Annandale doctor's office.

Survived by her son, Ann had interests including travel, cooking, movies, crossword puzzles, and pets. She also loved family, the city of Washington, shopping at Tysons Corner mall, Christmas, and Elvis. She had been a den mother for Cub Scouts and a room mother at Ravensworth Elementary School.

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ELLEN EGGERTON

DIES AT AGE 66

Ellen Eggerton, resident and one-time Civic Association president, died of cancer on September 7th. She is survived by her husband John, a brother and two sisters, daughters Patricia, Pamela, and Virginia, their husbands, and a recent grandson.

Ellen and John moved to Ravensworth in 1993. By 1994, in her typical can-do fashion, Ellen had volunteered to be President and spearheaded that year's successful effort to have assessments reduced.

She was a co-founder of the association's while her daughters were young, and led just last year.

Ellen had an extraordinary superpower: and they cheerfully did it. Does your to the Eggertons for dinner. With a smile, eat without protest. People said yes to her about it. You never felt that she was obviously telling you to do a task her way just found yourself saying, "OK, sure. the level of "these are not the droids taint of calculation. She took charge, a thinking how glad you were to be on her team.



Halloween Party, active at the school our zoning committee for 25 years until

command. She told everyone what to do daughter not like her vegetables? Send her Ellen will tell her to eat them, and she will partly because she was always so cheerful making you wrong even when she was instead of the way you had in mind. You That'll work." It was magical, almost at you're looking for", though without any force of nature, and you found yourself

A Professional Engineer (HVAC), she joined the county in 2007 as the ombudsman for people dealing with building and code issues. If you were a pastor or imam trying to add to your parking lot and bewildered by the county's rules, Ellen was your best friend. Crisply, "You can do this, this, and this, but you can't do that unless you spend money for this, which doesn't make any sense." Ellen was the engineer the county would send to Richmond whenever the state building code was being reviewed. After ten years, she moved to the City of Alexandria as their green buildings advocate. Green buildings never had a more passionate or able advocate.

Naturally, she nudged her own house closer to being a green building: she installed additional insulation and a rain barrel. So now, even the rain goes where she tells it. It says, "Yes, Ellen, happy to go where you send me."

KIDS' CORNER

Kids' Corner is a place where Ravensworth kids 18 and under can have their writing and art published for all of Ravensworth Farm to see. Send your submission of 500 or fewer words or black and white art (high resolution file) 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.

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. Email Shobha McConnell at ravensworth.farmer@gmail.com.



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The Garden of the Season fall judging will take place on October 11th. We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful fall gardens!

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-Monthly meetings (1st Wed of every month through June from 10am -Noon)

-Guest talks from local gardening experts on a plethora of topics to inspire and encourage you towards cultivating beauty in the garden you're stewarding

-Visits to some of our local historical gardens

-Volunteering to serve a few local organizations

-Spending time together enjoying the beautiful outdoors, with some coffee, tea, and snacks along the way :-)

See the pictures from our last gathering.

If you are interested in joining and/or making a guest visit to one of our meetings, we'd love to have you!



Please call or email with any questions:

Tess Warmka, Green Thumbs Communications Coordinator
661-209-9591
teamwamka@sprynet.com



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

By Lisa Reynolds

September is Emergency Preparedness Month. We've experienced a wide range of emergencies in Fairfax County: snowstorms, hurricanes, tropical storms, a derecho, and even an earthquake. Emergencies are not always natural; some can be man-made. In an emergency, conveniences we rely on may not be available. Being prepared and having a plan in place can minimize inconvenience, increase safety, and expedite recovery.

When you're developing a disaster plan for your family, be sure to include babies, pets, and the elderly. Some emergencies will require sheltering in place, others may require leaving your home. It helps to be prepared for both types of situations.

A family communication plan is a critical part of emergency planning. In some situations, the cellular service we use regularly for texting, phone calls, and social media may not be available so it is important to have an alternative plan in place for connecting and communicating. It helps to practice the plan, like you would a fire drill.

Creating an emergency supply kit is another step to take before an emergency occurs. Items to consider including are:

- Water – 1 gallon per person per day for at least 3 days.
- Food – non-perishable food, baby formula, pet food (include a manual can opener and utensils)
- Cash and change – electronic payment may not be available for gas, food, lodging, etc.
- Radio – battery operated or hand crank
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit
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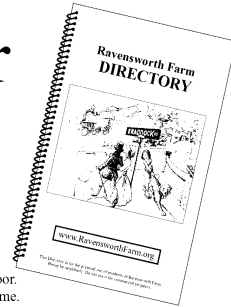
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- b) Or, Steve will deliver it to your door by November 19th.



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You may not be home when an event occurs so consider keeping smaller kits at work and in your car. It is important to check your kit every six months or so to remove expired food, ensure batteries are fresh, and update sizes of clothing and diapers.

Supplies are important but you should also collect critical documents such as:

- Property deeds or leases
- Insurance policies (home, auto, etc.) and inventory of belongings
- Bank statements and other financial documents
- Medical information (insurance cards, medical records, doctors' contact information)

Store these documents in a waterproof / fireproof container with electronic copies on a flash drive or other portable format.

Staying informed and getting involved are other ways to prepare. Fairfax County has a service to alert the community about weather, traffic, public safety, taxes, elections, and other events. Citizens can sign up for up to five addresses. More information is available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/alerts. The County also offers public events, trainings, and presentations. If you're interested in participating or volunteering, there is more information at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/volunteer.

There are many resources, including templates for family emergency plans, available to help with emergency planning. Some examples are:

FEMA's www.Ready.gov website

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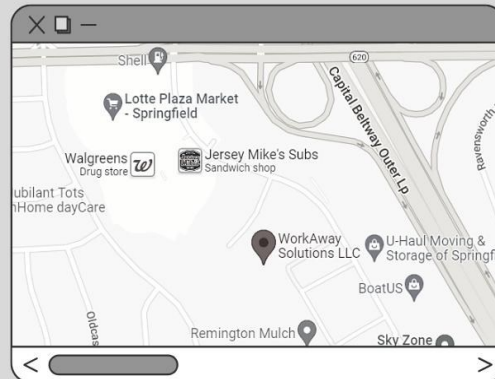
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NEW NEIGHBORS

New folks move in all the time. 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)

YOUR INFORMATION NEEDED

Please send along the address (and name, if you know it) for new neighbors, new babies, or deaths. New neighbors' names (adult or infant) will only be reported in The Ravensworth Farmer with their permission. If you are a new neighbor and haven't received a visit from Cindy Cho of the New Neighbor Committee, please let her know you are here at choc64@gmail.com.



CLASSIFIED ADS may be placed in The *Farmer* at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rcafamer@ravensworthfarm.org or to PO Box 1733, 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*.

<p>ODD-JOBS, YARD WORK, AND MORE</p>	<p>If you're looking for a bit of help around the yard or house or someone to walk your dog, remember to check the Youth Services listing in the Ravensworth Farm Directory. It contains a list of your younger neighbors who would like to help out and earn some money, too. Kids 12 and up, if you would like to be included in the Youth Services section of next year's directory, email directory@ravensworthfarm.org with a parent's phone number and in which categories you would like to be listed.</p>
<p>DECORATED CAKES</p>	<p>Teen Farmer will decorate cakes or cupcakes for your event or party or just for fun. One to five dozen cupcakes or one to three cakes per event. Advance notice necessary to work it in around school. Text or call Rebekah at 703-321-8757 with questions or to receive a link to cake albums.</p>
<p>DONATIONS ACCEPTED</p>	<p>Good condition used clothes, baby gear (not cribs), and small, useful kitchen items for Immanuel's Hope and good condition clothes, winter outerwear, new socks, and small toiletries for Central Union Mission in DC. Drop off at Immanuel Bible Church lobby (Braddock Rd entrance #1) or the Ortiz home in Ravensworth Farm. Ortiz Family – 571-331-9138</p>
<p>WANTED</p>	<p>Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale Area. Needed are beds (no kings), dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas (under 84 inches), love seats, end tables, lamps, sheets, blankets, pillows, working flat TVs and microwaves and 9x12 clean rugs. (No sleep sofas.) Contact Annandale Christian Community for Action for pick up by emailing Bill Sinclair at billsinclair2@verizon.net or Mary Lee Dispírito at ddmld@verizon.net.</p>

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY INVASION SPREADS: HOW TO STOP THE PEST IN VA

From The Patch, August 16, 2022

by Deb Belt, Patch Staff

Adult spotted lanternflies can damage grapes and many kinds of VA trees. Here's how you can help stop the spread of invasive species.

Invasive spotted lanternflies, first discovered eight years ago in Pennsylvania and expanding its territory in Virginia, appear to be moving westward into the central United States, with new reports filed with the state agriculture departments this year in Iowa and Michigan.

But Virginia still plays an important role in stopping the pest, which can seriously damage peaches, grapes, hops, and other crops.

Spotted lanternflies were confirmed in Kansas in 2021 and in North Carolina earlier this year. States farther west, including Utah, California, and Oregon, have observed dead lanternflies, though it's unclear if the plant hoppers naturally migrated there, or hitched a ride with humans.

Even in states where infestations or dead lanternflies haven't been found, landscapers and gardeners are wise to keep an eye on them. They move quickly, jumping from plant to plant, and hitching a ride as products like landscaping plants, firewood, and other products move across the country.

If you find a spotted lanternfly, file a report with state officials. The U.S. Department of Agriculture says most states are at risk, and timely reports are the best way to eradicate the insects before they become even more invasive.

The spotted lanternfly was first detected in Frederick County, Virginia, on Jan. 10, 2018, according to the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service.

Clarke, Frederick, and Warren counties and the city of Winchester are heavily infested with spotted lanternflies, and authorities no longer need reports from those areas, which the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Service put under quarantine.

Anyone who finds spotted lanternflies outside of these areas is asked to report the finding to their local Virginia Cooperative Extension Office.

In 2022, the quarantine was expanded to the counties of Albemarle, Augusta, Carroll, Page, Prince William, Rockbridge, Rockingham, Shenandoah, and Wythe, as well as the cities of Buena Vista, Charlottesville, Harrisonburg, Lexington, Lynchburg, Manassas, Manassas Park, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

A quarantine means businesses have to have regulated items leaving the quarantine area inspected to check for spotted lanternflies.

Fairfax County, which is not in the quarantine area and has not reported any sightings, asked residents to look out for spotted lanternflies. Residents are especially encouraged to avoid moving spotted lanternflies when traveling through infested areas. Spotted lanternfly sightings in Fairfax County can be reported to ReportSLF@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-5304.

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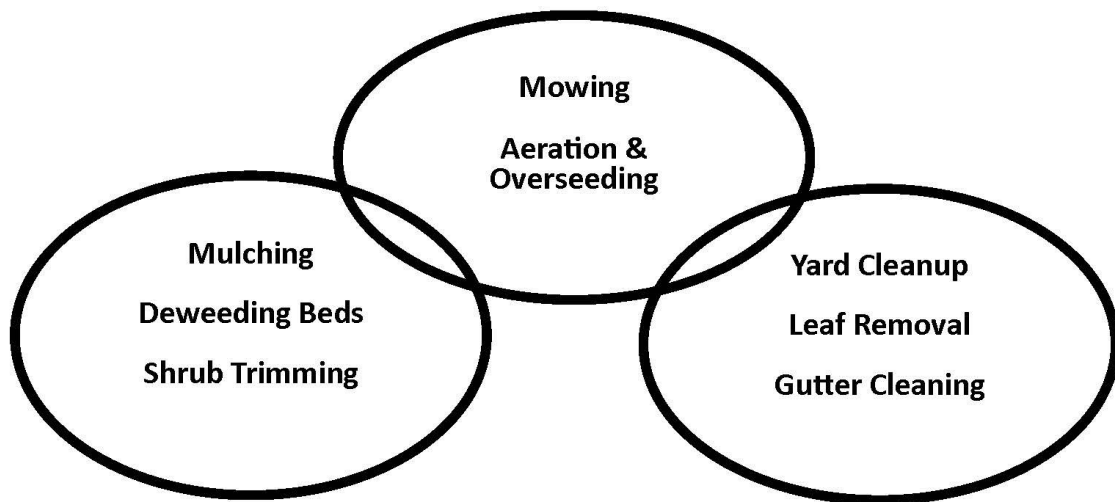
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Loudoun County, where spotted lanternflies have been detected, encourages residents to inspect outdoor surroundings like tree trunks, vehicles, and lawn furniture and report a photo of spotted lanternflies or egg masses through an online form.

Adult spotted lanternflies, meanwhile, can be seen from July until December, according to agriculture experts. They lay egg masses from September through December.

Spotted lanternflies have a three-stage life cycle. They are prolific breeders and lay masses of 30 to 50 eggs in one place. The eggs are covered with a waxy, mud-colored substance called an ootheca that dries and cracks, an effective camouflage. They overwinter as eggs, go through four nymphal development stages (instars) and an adult stage.

Right now, spotted lanternflies are in their adult stage.

The Cornell College of Agriculture and Life Sciences notes that while many photos show them with their wings unfolded, exposing their red-spotted underwings, that only happens when they're ready to take flight. It's more common to see adults resting with their black-spotted, pinkish-tan wings folded over their backs. When females are carrying eggs, their abdomens swell to the point they can barely fly.

If you see them, trap them.

New Jersey Patch collaborated with Duke Farms environmental experts to show readers how to make do-it-yourself lanternfly traps.

See the 11-minute step-by-step video online at: <https://youtu.be/f5AW30VG1o0>

You'll need:

- 2 plastic 1-gallon milk or water jugs that can be cut with scissors
- 2 one-half-inch thick rubber bands
- 1 22-inch-long piece of 16-gauge metal wire
- 1 24-inch-by-36-inch plastic coated screen, such as a window screen replacement
- 1 2.5-gallon Ziplock bag
- 1 6-inch-long piece of all-weather tape
- Hot glue gun and glue sticks
- All-natural string or twine

Here are more things to know about spotted lanternflies:

The plant hoppers aren't picky eaters as nymphs, feeding on more than 100 varieties of fruit, ornamental and woody trees, as well as vines, vegetables, herbs, and grains. Areas with substantial grape industries are worried because a spotted lanternfly infestation can not only reduce yield but lower the sugar in remaining grapes.

Although lanternflies usually do not kill plants, they suck out sugars that significantly weaken their hosts and leave behind massive amounts of honeydew — that is, excrement — which is typical of the true bug order Hemiptera.

The honeydew can attract other insects, including wasps, ants, and bees, and can also cause a sooty mold to grow on the plant, interfering with its ability to photosynthesize and create the energy it needs to survive and grow.

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Some plants that are at risk: are grape, peaches, hops, and other crops, along with tree varieties including black walnut, red maple, silver maple, eastern white pine, weeping willow, black willow, black cherry, and sycamore. The tree of heaven is the primary host for spotted lanternflies.

FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK (FLAP) EVENTS & NEWS

VOLUNTEER FOR MONTHLY FLAP CLEAN-UP

WHEN: 2nd Sunday of every month **TIME:** 9:00am to Noon

WHERE: Lake Accotink Marina

WHAT: Arrive at the Marina, pick up gloves, FLAP information, bags, tools, maps, and more. You will be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. *If you volunteer 4 times, you will receive your very OWN safety vest to personalize!*

GOAL: Collect trash, using provided bags, and other items, not intended to be in or around the lake.

Register: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653

Questions? Contact@flapaccotink.org

DOG WASTE DISPENSERS

ACTIVITIES: Refill the dog waste bag stations and remove any overgrowth and fallen branches around them.

REGISTER: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653

CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every month) **TIME:** 10:30am

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden, adjacent to the marina

ACTIVITIES: Work alongside FLAP experts as they care for the Pollinator Plants, Watering and Clean-up. Tools and gloves are provided or you can bring your own.

REGISTER: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/186905

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158892889911>

EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every Month) **TIME:** 10:30am

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden, adjacent to the marina.

ACTIVITIES: FLAP experts will guide you through the pollinators and pollinator plants, and how to start and maintain your own (any size) pollinator garden.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158891973169>

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