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**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**

It is a new-Issue Year for the RFCA Farmer Newsletter and we beginning, in earnest our new publication guidelines. This issue will be one of only three printed issues coincident with the RFCA General Membership Meetings:

Thursday, October 19, 2023, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Thursday, March 21, 2024, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM  
Thursday, May 23, 2024, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

This new delivery format is a result of the inability of RFCA to timely deliver printed versions of the Farmer. This measure will be monitored by the RFCA Board and revised as warranted.

The October issue is being delivered by the generosity of Boy Scout Troop 991, in concomitance with their Scouting for Food sticker delivery, on October 28<sup>th</sup> & November 4<sup>th</sup>.

I look forward to serving the Ravensworth Community as new Farmer editor as well as the current newsletter layout formatter & RFCA webmaster.

Please contact me at [Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com](mailto:Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com) for any questions or comments.

Roberto Bernate

**FROM THE OFFICE OF JAMES  
WALKINSHAW (BRADDOCK  
DISTRICT SUPERVISOR)**

Dear Neighbor,

On July 26, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) hosted the third in a series of public information meetings on the Braddock Road Multimodal Improvements Project. The in-person meeting reviewed the nearly decade-long planning process that has taken place, shared significant changes that have been made to the design in response to community feedback, and outlined the next steps. Participants also had the

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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 2023

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE DEADLINE FLYER DEADLINE	DETAILS
September	6	RFCA Board Meeting
October	4	RFCA Board Meeting
<b>October</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>RFCA General Membership Meeting*</b>
November	1	RFCA Board Meeting
December	6	RFCA Board Meeting
January	3	RFCA Board Meeting
February	7	RFCA Board Meeting
March	6	RFCA Board Meeting
<b>March</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>RFCA General Membership Meeting*</b>
April	3	RFCA Board Meeting
May	1	RFCA Board Meeting
<b>May</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>RFCA General Membership Meeting*</b>

General Membership Meetings are held at the Ravensworth Elementary School cafeteria.

All Board Meetings are open to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are 7:30 PM online. For a link to join, contact Ginger Rogers, RFCA Recoding Secretary, [RecSec@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:RecSec@ravensworthfarm.org).

### HELP WANTED: FARMER DELIVERY



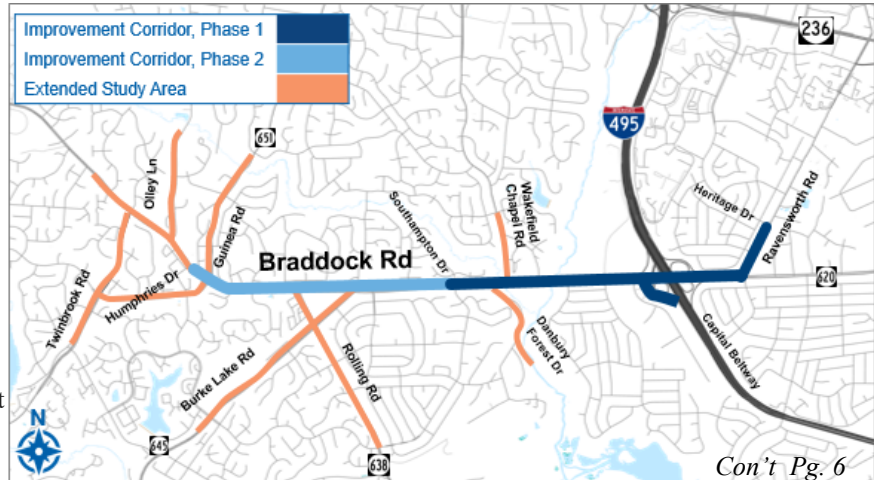
The RFCA continues the search for a few organizations interested in delivering The Farmer to every house in the neighborhood which **will now be three issues between September through June - coincident with the General Membership Meetings**. If your organization would like to take part in this paid service opportunity, please contact: [RavensworthFarmer@gmail.com](mailto:RavensworthFarmer@gmail.com).

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opportunity to see and discuss each design segment in detail.

During previous meetings and public comment periods, community concerns were raised about the amount of tree loss caused by earlier designs. I've urged VDOT to be flexible and creative in the design to minimize impacts on trees and surrounding neighborhoods. I was pleased to

see that they have made significant progress in preserving trees by:



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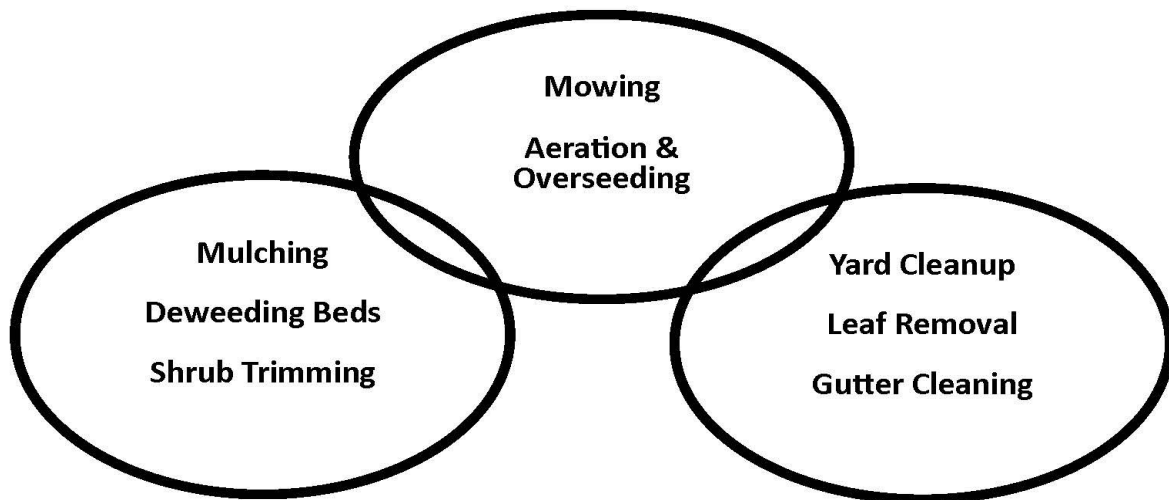
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- Incorporating segments of the existing trail into the new shared-use paths
- Consolidating stormwater management facilities into fewer locations
- Using retaining walls in key locations to reduce the need for grading and preserve tree buffers for adjacent neighborhoods
- Committing to provide new/replacement landscaping, including street trees.

These changes will increase tree preservation by 68% (from 28% to 47%) within VDOT right-of-way. Money saved by the elimination of a previously planned pedestrian bridge has been reallocated to creative techniques to preserve trees, including the construction of a retaining wall adjacent to Ravensworth Farm that will allow for the preservation of most of the buffer between the neighborhood and Braddock Road. I want to thank all community members who have participated in the process to stress the need for flexibility and creative solutions to preserve trees and minimize the impact. If you were not able to attend the meeting, or if you have a specific question, I encourage you to review the project webpage. It hosts the presentation in several formats, including voice-over and PDF, and is also available in Spanish and Vietnamese.

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The public comment period ended on August 7. Currently, VDOT is reviewing comments and will be conducting additional analysis. The next step will be a Design Public Hearing which will be scheduled for later this year or in early 2024.

Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw  
Braddock District | Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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**MESSAGE FROM MARTIN SHEPHERD, RFCA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FAIRFAX COUNTY LAKE ACCOTINK TASK FORCE**

June 26<sup>th</sup> was the first meeting of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors #LakeAccotinkTaskForce!

More than 30 representatives from community and government organizations took part in the initial discussion and information session while over 25 additional concerned citizens observed the dialogue. Channel 16 aired the meeting live.

This initial meeting involved introductions and a historical brief of the lake as well discussions on the use of sub-committees and outside experts to help conduct the analysis on how to save the lake.

Meetings are scheduled every 2 weeks on Monday in the Government Center with the goal of completing the task force’s analysis by the end of 2023.

Read more here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lake-accotink-task-force>

View the 6/26 Task Force meeting here:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/lake-accotink-taskforce>



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<p><b>WANTED</b></p>	<p>Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale Area. Needed are beds (no kings), dressers, kitchen tables &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:billsinclair2@verizon.net">billsinclair2@verizon.net</a> or Mary Lee Dispirito at <a href="mailto:ddmld@verizon.net">ddmld@verizon.net</a>.</p>



**LAKE ACCOTINK UPDATE**

*By Martin Shepherd*

*RFCA Representative to the Fairfax County Lake Accotink Task Force*

The Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink held its fifth meeting on September 11.

The group heard a presentation from the Fairfax County Park Authority on managed wetlands with a focus on Huntley Meadows Park. This presentation confirmed that the Huntley Meadows model would not work for Lake Accotink due to several factors. 1. The significant difference in the size of the watershed, 2. The significantly higher amount of water flowing into Lake Accotink, and 3. The high (and increasing) number of severe storms that lead to flash floods (which would likely wash away or damage installed walkways or boardwalks.

Also, the WSP/LimnoTech team (a contracted consultant for the County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services) will help the Task Force explore options should the lake not be fully dredged, such as a managed wetland or a hybrid option including a smaller area of open water along with a managed wetland, was introduced and talked about their process. Their presentation is at the Task Force website. That discussion is probably best viewed on Channel 16. Found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/stream](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel-16/stream)

The three subcommittees created by the Task Force also reported on their planned activities. They are the Subcommittee on the Value of Lake Accotink to Lake Accotink Park and to the County, the Subcommittee on Impacts of and Issues with the Staff Recommendation to Not Dredge, and the Subcommittee on Options to Consider Other than Full Dredging. Subcommittee meetings are open to the public and posted in the County's Public Meeting Calendar.

The next full Task Force meeting will be on Monday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in Conference Room 11 at the Government Center. At that meeting, WSP/LimnoTech will provide a progress report and the subcommittees will provide updates on their work. Subcommittee meetings are also open to the public.

Meetings are open to the public, and interested community members are welcome to attend to observe the Task Force's work or livestream the meeting on Channel 16. Recordings of previous meetings, meeting materials, minutes, and a full list of upcoming meetings of both the Task Force and subcommittees can be found on the Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink webpage. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/.../lake-accotink-task-force>

I invite your comments and questions, please send them to [RFCA.Lake.Accotink@gmail.com](mailto:RFCA.Lake.Accotink@gmail.com)

**CUB SCOUT PACK 991 UPDATE**

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 program year! Your Cub Scouts had quite an eventful summer and are looking forward to more exciting adventures. Many participated in **District Day Camp** at Occoquan Regional Park in June and attended Sleep Away **Camp Ross** at the historic Goshen Scout Reservation in July. Adventures were had and memories were made while Scouts learned outdoor skills and about nature, hiked, camped, launched rockets, engaged in STEM activities, climbed rock walls, and tested their marksmanship skills on the archery and sling-shot ranges. Over the summer, several Scouts earned the National Capital Area Council's coveted **Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award** which focuses on environmental conservation and best practices when enjoying nature. A special thank you to all of our dedicated adult volunteers who made these events happen.





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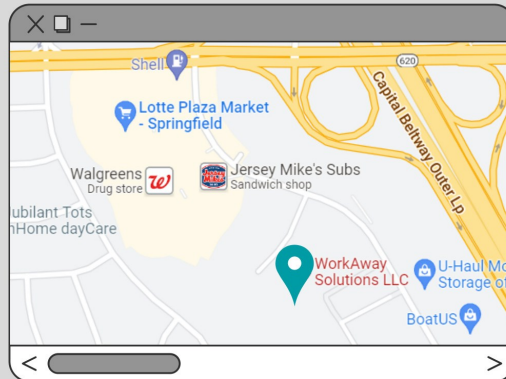
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In October, we had a packed agenda of activities at our **Fall Family Campout** at Burke Lake. We took a nature hike, fished, made, and launched rockets, did more scoutcraft activities, and cooked delicious desserts in traditional Dutch ovens. In the evening, we had an awesome campfire program complete with skits, songs, stories, jokes, and of course...marshmallows and s'mores.



In addition to our monthly Pack and Den meetings and working on multiple badges and awards, our Scouts will be “doing good turns” in the annual **Scouting for Food Drive**, with all donations going to ACCA Food Pantry which serves our local community. Please consider donating non-perishable canned and dry food items for this event. If you live in the Ravensworth Farm neighborhood or the Long Pine Loop of North Springfield, and you leave a bag or box outside your front door by 8:30 AM, Scouts will be out and



about on the morning of November 4<sup>th</sup> to pick them up. The Pack will also have drop-off points at both Ravensworth and North Springfield Elementary Schools that morning to maximize donation opportunities. We hope to see you then!

**Do you want to join us?** Cub Scout Pack 991 is open to all girls and boys, Kindergarten through 5th Grade. We camp, hike, create, race, launch, explore, and volunteer throughout the community all year long. If you have a child who is interested in joining, please contact Matt Kurtz or Sean Tompkins at: [cubpack991@gmail.com](mailto:cubpack991@gmail.com) or visit <https://beascout.scouting.org/>. To see what else we have going on, visit us at: <https://sites.google.com/view/cubscoutspack991/> or follow “Scout Pack 991” on Facebook, or scan the QR codes above.

## **Saying Hello Linked to Higher Wellbeing, but With Limits**

*BY [Kayley Bayne and Dan Witters, Gallup News](#)  
Submitted by Sara Ortiz*

Adults in the U.S. who regularly say hello to multiple people in their neighborhood have higher wellbeing than those who greet fewer or no neighbors. Americans' wellbeing score increases steadily by the number of neighbors greeted, from 51.5 among those saying hello to zero neighbors to 64.1 for those greeting six neighbors. No meaningful increase in wellbeing is seen for additional neighbors greeted beyond six.

These results were collected as part of the Gallup National Health and Well-Being Index. The index is calculated on a scale of zero to 100, where zero represents the lowest possible wellbeing and 100 represents the highest possible wellbeing. The Well-Being Index score for the nation comprises metrics affecting overall wellbeing and each of the five essential elements of wellbeing:

- Career wellbeing: You like what you do every day.
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- Physical wellbeing: You have energy to get things done.
- Community wellbeing: You like where you live.

These findings, from a poll conducted May 30-June 6, 2023, are based on 4,556 U.S. adults surveyed by web as part of the Gallup Panel, a probability-based panel of about 100,000 adults across all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

### **All Five Elements of Wellbeing Correspond With Greeting Neighbors**

Not only is a person's overall Well-Being Index score closely related to the number of neighbors they regularly greet, but the pattern is also seen across all five elements of the index. As with the Well-Being Index itself, social, community, career and physical wellbeing peak at greeting six neighbors, while financial wellbeing hits its numeric high point at 11 to 15 such interactions.

Apart from where they peak, financial and community wellbeing -- followed by social -- are most closely associated with saying hello to neighbors, with the largest gaps in scoring between greeting zero people and greeting six.

### **Greeting Neighbors More Common Among Older, Higher-Income Adults**

Americans report saying hello on a regular basis to five neighbors, on average, with 27% reporting greeting six or more. This varies substantially by age, however. Young adults (those under 30) say hello to an average of 2.9 neighbors, compared with 6.5 among those aged 65 or older. About one in seven among those under 30 (14%) greet six or more neighbors, compared with 41% of those aged 65 and older.

Having children under 18 in the household marginally improves the chances of greeting neighbors, as does having an annual household income of \$120,000 or more.

In addition to the correlation between greeting neighbors and personal wellbeing, this study finds a strong connection between Gallup's Life Evaluation Index and neighborly relations.

The chance of being categorized as "thriving" in Gallup's overall life ratings increases from just 38.1% among those who regularly say hello to zero people in their neighborhood to 60.5% among those who say hello to five. At this point, however, no further gains are found among those who greet greater numbers of people.

For its Life Evaluation Index, Gallup classifies Americans as "thriving," "struggling" or "suffering" according to how they rate their current and future lives on a ladder scale with steps numbered from zero to 10, based on the Cantril Self-Anchoring Striving Scale. Those who rate their current life a 7 or higher and their anticipated life in five years an 8 or higher are classified as thriving. Just over half (51.2%) are thriving, based on the most recent Gallup estimates.

### **Implications**

Social wellbeing, to which greeting neighbors is certainly related, has been linked to faster healing, reduced stress and better engagement at work. Recent Gallup research in partnership with Meta has shown that the U.S. compares favorably with other nations around the world in social interactions, with those in the U.S. more likely than those in countries such as Mexico, India and France to interact with the people who live near them.

Social interactions also do not necessarily yield the same wellbeing outcomes for all people. For example, prior Gallup research has shown that older adults receive a boost in their mood with less social time than what is found among young adults, reaching a near-optimal point at just three hours of social time with friends or family per day, compared with seven hours for those younger than 30. As we age, social interactions typically become more limited, but with those opportunities tending to yield bigger boosts of happiness and enjoyment, it may help to explain why those 65 and older are investing in neighborly relationships at higher rates than younger adults. Urbanicity may also play a role, with younger adults increasingly likely to live in urban areas and older adults more likely to live in rural areas or small to medium-sized towns, thus increasing the chances of having neighbors to greet.

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The similarity between the optimal number of greetings for general life ratings and the more granular five elements of wellbeing provide good internal validation of the natural cutoff for the number of neighbors routinely greeted. Among the elements, it may be expected that neighborly interactions foster stronger social and community wellbeing in people's lives. But notably, greeting neighbors is also linked to career wellbeing (liking what you do each day), physical wellbeing (having energy to get things done) and financial wellbeing (managing your money well). The associations found among these latter three elements are likely more multifaceted in nature and could be reinforced in part through the correlations found with social and community wellbeing.

Other related external factors could also be involved. For example, the links to financial wellbeing -- which peaks at a greater number of neighbors than the other four elements -- may be supported with higher levels of safety in the community, thus increasing the chances of openly greeting neighbors. And those with better physical wellbeing have the energy to move about their neighborhood, increasing the chances of greeting neighbors. Future research on the topic would shed more light on these underlying connections and the strength of the directionality between being neighborly and wellbeing outcomes.

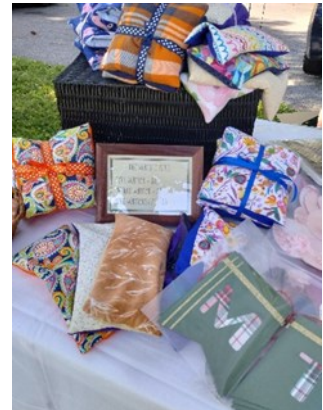
At a minimum, knowing how many neighbors someone greets on a routine basis appears to be a useful marker of their personal wellbeing.

### **Community of Christ Church Craft Fair**

The Community of Christ Church and the Ravensworth Community sponsored the first-ever Community Craft Fair on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The fair was geared toward vendors of all kinds featuring homemade jewelry, children's items, books, pottery, toys, t-shirts, and artwork. In total, we had 26 vendors, and our highest profiting booth went to our hot dog stand. Food was the winner! We had a broad diversity in the crafts with a couple, who, recently arrived from India teaching pottery for \$5 and the arrival of a Himalayan Soul Food truck. "We love providing opportunities like these to engage in conversation and activities for all age and ethnic groups," said the Mission Center President Deborah Van Heest - Elder in the Community of Christ Church.



With events like the craft fair turning into an annual event, the church hopes to encourage and remind the surrounding neighborhoods that they are ever more present after COVID and eager to host future events that will benefit both communities! Feel free to reach out to host a campfire at the renovated campsite on the grounds, use the playground, reserve the building for an event, or walk the trails around Lake Accotink. There is an access point right off church property.



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## **FLAP MONTHLY 2023 LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP**

**WHEN:** October 8, November 12, December 10 (2nd Sunday of every month)

**TIME:** 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Lake Accotink Marina (at the sign-in tent)

Pick up gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps, and more. You will be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. *Volunteer 4 times, and receive your very OWN safety vest to personalize!*

**ACTIVITIES:** Pick-up trash bags and find debris carelessly dumped, dropped, or forgotten. Refill dog waste bag stations if they are empty or near-empty. Clip vines and more.

**REGISTER:** [https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization\\_details/71653](https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/organization_details/71653)

Questions? [Contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:Contact@flapaccotink.org)

## **CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month)**

**WHEN:** October 8, November 12, December 10

**TIME:** 10:30am – 12:00pm

**LOCATION:** Lake Accotink Park, Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden – (next to the signup tent / near the restrooms)

**ACTIVITIES:** Work alongside our experts as they care for the pollinator plants, watering, and clean-up. We provide tools and gloves or you can bring your own.

**REGISTER:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-602959567297>

## **EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month)**

**WHEN:** October 8, November 12, December 10

**TIME:** 10:30am – 12:00pm

**LOCATION:** Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden - (next to the signup tent / near the restrooms).

**ACTIVITIES:** Our experts will guide you through the Pollinators and Pollinator Plants, Starting and maintaining your own (any size) Pollinator Garden.

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## **2023 FLAP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

**LOCATION 1:** (Ravensworth Farm): Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Road, Springfield

**WHEN:** November 16 (Q4 GM Mtg.)

**TIME:** 6:30-7:30pm

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**Margaret Kinder Educational Pollinator Garden at Lake Accotink Park – brochure is now available, scan the QR Code:**



### **FLAP BOARD POSITIONS**

Board positions are open- It Is YOUR LAKE ACCOTINK PARK. Help make a difference for about an hour a month! Accepting candidates. Send email to [contact@flapaccotink.org](mailto:contact@flapaccotink.org)

### **DONATE TO FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK**

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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 at [New@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:New@ravensworthfarm.org).

### **MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS - BE A BLOCK CAPTAIN**

Block captains deliver pre-paid Directory orders, 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 the 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 at 703-626-9087 or [Membership@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:Membership@ravensworthfarm.org).

### **YOUR INFORMATION IS NEEDED**

Please send the address (and name if you know it) for new neighbors, 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 [New@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:New@ravensworthfarm.org).

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## **WHY JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION?**

Your \$15 membership (what a bargain!) helps cover the cost of writing, printing, and delivering this newsletter to all 858 homes in Ravensworth Farm eight times per year.

It also covers the cost of updating and printing the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory each year. The Directory is only available to members. In addition to providing the names, addresses, and phone numbers of your neighbors (so you'll know where to go to pick up those items being offered on the [Ravensworth Farm Facebook page](#)), the Directory also provides you with emergency numbers (for when your internet is dead), and useful non-emergency numbers. It contains the history of Ravensworth Farm and other historical information. It even contains contact information for youth looking to work! If you need a teen to babysit, pet sit, shovel, rake, or wash your car, just \$15 gets you a copy of this coveted list.

In addition to The Ravensworth Farmer and the Ravensworth Farm Directory, the Civic Association also funds:

- Three informative general meetings per year,
- Community-wide Fall Festival,
- Holiday decoration judging,
- Summer picnic/BBQ/bash,
- Maintenance of the plants and signs at the three community entrances,
- Donations to the Scouts and the school,
- Coordination and advertising of the fall and spring community-wide yard sales,
- Community large-trash-items clean-up day every spring, and
- Many other activities and community-care needs.

If you are not a member, join now via [RavensworthFarm.org](#), contact Elissa Myers to become a member at 703-321-7590, or [Membership@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:Membership@ravensworthfarm.org), or answer the door when your Block Captain comes knocking. It would be great to welcome every one of our nearly 860 households into the Civic Association!

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## **"GEM" REVIEWS**

The Ravensworth Farm Community Association board wants to encourage neighbors to share great ideas with neighbors. Whether it's an eatery, theater, pool, park, repair place, preschool, or builder, if you've found a "gem" ... please share. Send reviews to [Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com](mailto:Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com). Thanks for sharing!

## **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 500 or fewer-word submissions or black-and-white art (high-resolution file) to [Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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