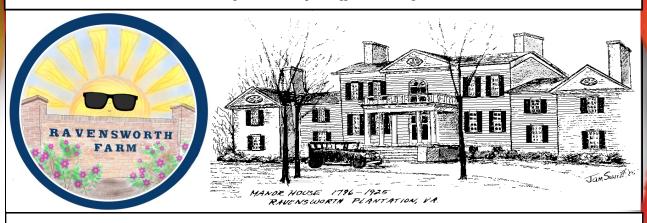
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November 2023

#### The Ravensworth Farmer

Issue 2

#### RFCA LOGO CONTEST



Please congratulate the winner of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association (RFCA) Logo Contest:

Ms. Samantha Acantilado Age 12, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Lake Braddock Secondary School



Ms. Marcie Winitt, RFCA president, presented the winner with her prize at the 19 October General Membership Meeting. See all of the contest submissions on page 15.

The winning logo is being introduced above and will be included in all-future newsletters, websites, correspondence, directories, & RFCA emails.

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Be sure and "fall back" on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 am by one hour, returning us to Eastern Standard Time (EST).

#### December RFCA Newsletter Deadline

The submission deadline for the December RFCA Newsletter is 22 November. Thank you.

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#### **Important Links**

Join the RFCA & receive the Ravensworth Farm Directory through this web link:

#### https://www.ravensworthfarm.org/join

Subscribe to the RFCA mailing list to receive important email blasts and the Farmer (scroll down to the bottom of the page for the form to subscribe):

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#### Please help fill these open positions with the RFCA!



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Please contact Marcie Winitt (<a href="mailto:prez@ravensworthfarm.org">prez@ravensworthfarm.org</a>)
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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
October	19	RFCA General Membership Meeting*
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
March	21	RFCA General Membership Meeting*
April	3	RFCA Board Meeting
May	1	RFCA Board Meeting
May	23	RFCA General Membership Meeting*

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.

#### HELP WANTED: FARMER DELIVERY



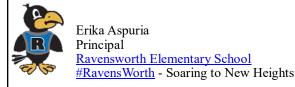
The RFCA continues the search for a few organizations interested in delivering The Farmer to every house in the neighborhood which will now be three issues between September through June - coincident with the General Membership Meetings. If your organization would like to take part in this paid service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

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#### RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY NEWS

This fall, Ravensworth Elementary celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Thank you to the many families and community members who came out to celebrate our school on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

We were honored to have Dr. Reid, FCPS Superintendent and Dr. Ponce, FCPS Chief of Schools attend our ceremony. The highlight of the event was our students singing the school song and leading everyone in the school chant. We are looking forward to another 60 years filled with memories and student successes.







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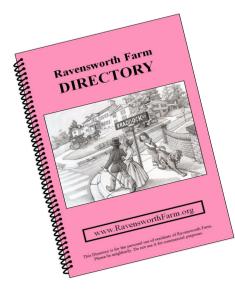
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Join at the School on Election Day (November 7<sup>th</sup>), or online at <u>ravensworthfarm.org</u>.

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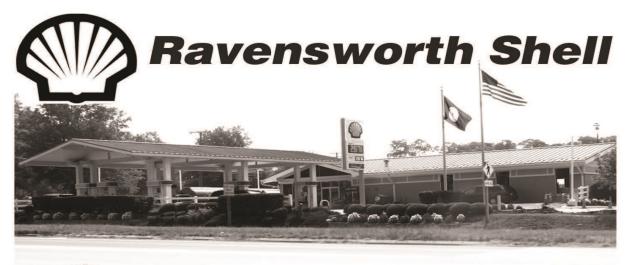
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#### SCOUTS DELIVER THE OCTOBER FARMER NEWSLETTER

An enormous "Thank You" goes to the Scouts who delivered the October issue of the RFCA Farmer.



RFCA recently voted on a tentative change to the paper printing and delivery of the RFCA Farmer Newsletter. Beginning with the October issue through May 2024

The October 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 was 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>.



<u>CLASSIFIED ADS</u> may be placed in The **Farmer** at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rfcafarmer@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**.

ODD-JOBS, YARD WORK, AND MORE	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.
DECORATED CAKES	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.
DONATIONS ACCEPTED	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
WANTED	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 Dispirito at ddmld@verizon.net.

#### 2023 HOLIDAY LIGHTS & DECORAIONS JUDGING!

By Ginger Rogers & Elissa Myers

The Halloween decorations in the neighborhood were spectacular this year — well... a little spooky but so much fun! Thank you to all the families who went the extra mile to make this a special holiday! And now the December decorating begins! Christmas and Hanukkah lights, Santa and his reindeer, wreaths, greenery, and so much more, warming up the long cold December nights!

In keeping with a long Ravensworth Farm tradition, we will again have an opportunity to recognize those homes that stand out as above and beyond – the community favorites. We will recognize: Best Overall, Best Religious, Best Window/Door, and Kid's Choice Plus...honorable mentions!



Beginning on Sunday, December 10, 2023, through Sunday, December 17, 2023, you can drive around and enjoy the sights and then enter your favorites online on Survey Monkey (link will be provided at a later date) or on Sunday, December 17, you are invited to come to the home of Elissa Myers and Bill Rogers (and Shadow) at 5315 Moultrie Road for an in-person gathering for hot cocoa and light snacks from 5-7 pm to team up with other neighbors, get a score sheet, and go out in cars to find your favorites and bring them back. Input from those attending will be added to the responses on Survey Monkey.

Winners will be announced on Monday, December 18, 2023!

#### CUB SCOUT PACK 991 UPDATE

By Sean Tompkins, Pack 991 Committee Chair

Greetings Neighbors,



We hope everyone had a fantastic Halloween. Your Cub Scouts sure did! Before closing out October, we held a spooky-themed Pack meeting complete with relay races, scout crafts, pumpkin decorating, and of course the famous bobbing for doughnuts...on a string.

Throughout the Fall, Scouts continued to work on various rank advancements and awards, and they are already well on their way to completing promotion requirements by the end of the

program year. From the Lions (Kindergarteners) to the Webelos and Arrow of Light Dens (4th and 5th Graders), the tireless efforts of our Den Leaders continue to be the backbone of our Pack's success. Our volunteer Scouters are trained and dedicated, and we appreciate them...A LOT!

Additionally, during November, Scouts hiked, visited the Children's Science Center, and worked on NOVA STEM awards. One Wolf (2nd Grader) even participated in both the annual Jamborees on the Air and Internet (JOTA-JOTI) that are sponsored by the World Organization of the Scout Movement, connecting Scouts from all over the globe.



Finally, a special **Thank You** to everyone that donated and/or volunteered your time for the annual nationwide Scouting for Food program. The local ACCA food pantry and many of our neighbors rely on this resource to replenish supplies, especially before the holidays, so your generosity is most appreciated and timely. Additionally, this event demonstrates to Scouts how the principles they recite in the Scout Law and Oath have tangible, positive impacts on the community.

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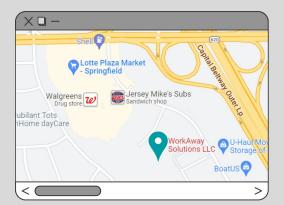
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#### THANKSGIVING DAY TURKEY TROT

By Kristoffer Hull

It is November, and that means the holiday season is almost upon us. One of the great traditions that we have in our neighborhood community is our annual <u>Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot</u>. This is a free event that brings people together to clear some space in our bellies by moving our bodies through either a 5K run or 1+ mile walk.

We start at Ravensworth Farm Pool and loop along Inverchapel Road until we reach either the Lake Accotink Trail entrance on Ellet Road for our walkers or the Hatteras Lane Trail entrance for our 5k runners. Then along the lake trail within all of the fall foliage before coming back behind the pool for the home stretch to the finish line.

The agenda for our event is as follows: 7:30-7:45 am - gather in the pool parking lot 7:50:8:00 - quick group stretch to loosen up 8:00 - walkers start 8:10 - runners start

Afterwards we'll have some drinks and fresh fruit to charge you up for your holiday celebrations.

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#### RFCA LOGO CONTEST SUBMISSIONS

Below is the full list of contestants submitted before the September 30<sup>th</sup> contest deadline.



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Olivia N.

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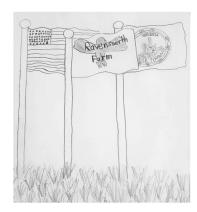
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Bryce B.



Lucy F.

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#### HAVING DIFFICULTY PREPARING MEALS?

(Article from the Department of Family Services)

The Meals on Wheels nutrition program provides home-delivered nutrition services targeted to persons 60 years of age or older as well as younger individuals who may have a disability and are temporarily unable to prepare meals for themselves due to illness or accident. Weekly meals are available for in-home delivery. Priority is given to older individuals with the greatest economic and social needs, with special emphasis on low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and individuals at risk for institutional placement. The program is targeted to support eligible adults to remain independent in their own homes with support by this program. The meals program currently provides a weekly, contact-free meal delivery of 11 flash-frozen meals. Meals are delivered once per week. Apply by calling the Department of Family Services at 703-324-5409.

#### 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 <a href="Membership@ravensworthfarm.org">Membership@ravensworthfarm.org</a>.



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#### YOUR INFORMATION 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.

#### COLUMNISTS & WRITERS WANTED

Are you a writer or a 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.

#### ODD-JOBS, YARD WORK, AND MORE

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"We joined the pool in 2010/11. We absolutely love being members there. They have a phenomenal swim and dive team, excellent lifeguards, and a wonderful pool compound. There are also wonderful activities held throughout the swim season. You feel like you're a part of a family. We are sad every time it closes for the season, but eagerly look forward to opening day!" - tien

"I drove past your pool and the pool and grounds look amazing! We have 4 kids so we wanted to have a nice playground and grounds. Most of the others we drove to see were not nearly as nice as yours!" - Paige

Submit your testimonial by emailing membership@ravensworthfarmpool.co m

We love our pool ♥ the kids have so much fun! -Sheilait







- √ Swim Team
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- ✓ Learn to Swim Program
- √ Playground
- ✓ Mushroom Kiddie pool
- √ Snack bar
- √ Volleyball Courts
- √ BBQs
- √ Fun activities all summer long!



Questions?

Email:

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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 <u>RavensworthFarm.org</u>, contact Elissa Myers to become a member at 703-321-7590, or <u>Membership@ravensworthfarm.org</u>, 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!

#### ADVERTISE IN THE RAVENSWORTH FARMER

Reach nearly 860 homes with news of your services or merchandise seven times over the 2022-2023 year. Contact Sue Hillmer at <a href="mailto:Advertising@ravensworthfarm.org">Advertising@ravensworthfarm.org</a> for information on permanent ads in the body of The Ravensworth Farmer.

#### "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 <a href="mailto:Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com">Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com</a>. 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 <a href="Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com">Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com</a>. 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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