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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Farmers,

Due to delivery delays with the May issue, this last issue of the Farmer until the fall is considered the June/July issue. Next year, we will go back to the regular June issue published in June.

Thank you to the RFCA Board Members who have served the community for several years in many roles and will be moving on in the Fall:

Diwakar Sharma, Corresponding Secretary (5+ years)

Richard Hildebrand, 2nd VP (4+ years)

Thanks for keeping the Civic Association running through challenging times—the pandemic—and getting us back to in-person meetings.

The community would like to give **Walter Monroe** a huge hug and thanks for fixing the formerly dilapidated tennis courts.



We appreciate his hard work resurfacing, painting the courts, and providing a new net, bench, and sports equipment for the community.

As Walter focuses on creating the retaining walls to help prevent the tennis courts from falling into the creek he could use help with vegetation control so it does not reach the fence again since it already has in some places. Any help is appreciated. Walter advised there will be more updates to come on pickleball and a lock on the gate will be added in the future since only pool members can use the courts. There is still time to join the pool with August memberships available starting July 24th! See the advertisement on page 17 for more information.

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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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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):

<https://www.ravensworthfarm.org/>

Join the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page for community sharing and discussions and event updates:

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/134665557176/?ref=share&mibextid=q5o4bk>

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Please help fill these open positions with the RFCA!

**President, 1st & 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary,
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& Distribution for The Farmer**

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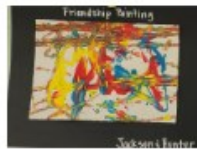
**Please contact Marcie Winitt (prez@ravensworthfarm.org)
for additional information or to volunteer.**

**HELP
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2023-2024 Registration is Open

We are currently open for registration and offering tours by appointment.



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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
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
April	3	RFCA Board Meeting
May	1	RFCA Board Meeting

*Dates of the RFCA General Membership Meetings are TBD and will be announced in September 2023.

All meetings are open to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are 7:30 pm online. For a link to join, contact Diwakar Sharma, Corresponding Secretary, at CorSec@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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The Board and the RFCA would like to thank the following individuals for serving in their roles supporting the RFCA and community. We appreciate the hours of your life dedicated to serving on behalf of the community.

Katherine Craig for serving for 10+ years as Director of Advertising for The Farmer and Directory.

Scott Houghton for maintaining the entrance signs and grounds.

Steve Beste and **Roberto Bernate** for their many hours dedicated to revising the Ravensworth Farm website.

Shobha McConnell for managing and editing the Farmer for the past two years. (Roberto will be taking over as the new Editor for the Farmer in Fall 2023.)

Thanks to the many others who have been serving in roles in the RFCA Standing and Special Committees for several years to support the RFCA and the neighborhood! Thanks to all of the contributors of the great articles submitted to the Farmer these past two years. We couldn't do it without all of you!

We had so many volunteers who stepped up this year to help deliver the Farmer's 8 issues due to a lack of available organizations who could help out. Thanks for helping out when we were in a bind and hope we can meet and celebrate at a future RFCA social event!

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In order for us to have a community RFCA social event, it requires a volunteer who will coordinate and manage the event for the RFCA and community. Please let us know if you would like to help plan a BBQ or other RFCA-funded social event!

Unfortunately, the board had to cancel the last Ravensworth Civic Association Membership meeting scheduled for May 25 due to a lack of speakers and though a vote for RFCA Board members could have taken place, several board members were unable to attend. Voting will take place in the Fall.

We encourage new residents and others who haven't yet been in person to start coming in person to the RFCA General Membership meetings. All are also welcome to attend the virtual monthly RFCA Board meetings (from September to May). The vacant RFCA board positions are great volunteer opportunities to gain experience with running a board on behalf of the community where you can have a direct impact. Please consider devoting your time to supporting the community and volunteering for these positions!

Have a safe & fun summer!

Marcie Winitt, RFCA President

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.

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- ◆ Hours: 7:30-6:00
- ◆ Full or Part time and Drop Ins are Welcome

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for our neighbors !!!

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

June 26th 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>



CLASSIFIED ADS 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*.

<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 Dispirito at ddmld@verizon.net.</p>

CRAFT FAIR

WHAT: Community Craft Fair

WHEN: Saturday, August 12, 2023, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

WHERE: Community of Christ Church, 5610 Inverchapel Rd., Springfield, VA

DETAILS: No charge for booths. The setup will be on the lawn; if it rains, activities will be moved inside. A limited number of tables/chairs will be available, first come, first serve. Vendors may bring their own table/tent.

POINT OF CONTACT: For questions or to RSVP please contact Deb Van Heest by email at:

dmlvanheest@yahoo.com.

RAVENSWORTH LOGO CONTEST!

The winning logo will be awarded \$500.00!!!

On behalf of the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Board, I would like to announce a contest to discover a logo to be the header of **the new Ravensworth Farmer newsletter and the RFCA Website**, starting in October 2023.

The logo contest will be taking submissions through 31 August 2023.

This contest is open to all Ravensworth Farm residents and students at Ravensworth Elementary School.

Submissions are now open and can be remitted to webmaster@ravensworthfarm.org **no later than 31 August 2023**.

See the contest rules [here](#).

Roberto Bernate (RFCA's Web Designer, Incoming Editor, & Webmaster)

TASK FORCE ANNOUNCED TO HELP SAVE LAKE ACCOTINK

Media Release - For Immediate Release from Allan Robertson - President, [Save Lake Accotink](#)

Nonprofit [Save Lake Accotink Organization](#) to Join Task Force to Evaluate Options for the Lake, Springfield, VA — June 5, 2023

The not-for-profit Save Lake Accotink organization is joining forces with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to evaluate all options for Lake Accotink's future.



The creation of a new task force was approved unanimously by the Board of Supervisors during a May 23 meeting.

“We are excited about the county’s commitment to save this precious lake,” said Allan Robertson, Save Lake Accotink President. “We are ready to get to work immediately with our neighbors and other stakeholders. We don’t have any more time to waste. We need to act now to ensure Lake Accotink remains a viable recreational, aesthetic, and environmental asset for generations yet to come.”

The task force will be led by former Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova and will include former Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, as well as a Fairfax County Park Authority representative, and members of local community, environmental and nonprofit organizations. The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services will provide support to the task force.

“The goal is to find alternatives to the current dredge plan,” Robertson said. “I know there is a solution that is cost-effective and less disruptive to the surrounding communities that will efficiently remove the sediment that is killing this Fairfax County treasure. Lake Accotink

Meeting Schedule at the Fairfax County Government Center (Conference Rooms 2 and 3)

- Monday, June 26, 7 to 9 p.m.
View this meeting [here](#)
- Monday, July 10, 7 to 9 p.m.
View this meeting [here](#)
- Monday, July 24, 7 to 9 p.m.



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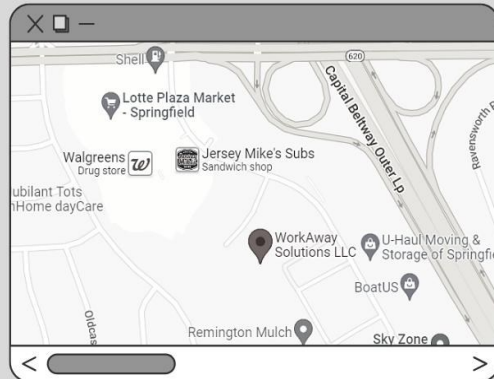
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is not only the most ADA-accessible lake in Fairfax County, its location near the Capital Beltway and the Mixing Bowl, makes it the most generally accessible lake in the county. We must act now to save this invaluable park asset from falling to neglect and indecision.”

Save Lake Accotink is waiting to hear from former Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova on when the task force will begin meeting. In the meantime, the SLA team is building a list of options to explore and working with local communities to gain support.

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The 55-acre Lake Accotink is a man-made reservoir located in the middle of a densely developed 30-square-mile watershed. It has required regular dredging to remove sediment and prevent it from filling in. The lake is loved for its beauty, recreation, and wildlife.

The lake also performs an important function, trapping sediment that would otherwise choke lower Accotink Creek, which is in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The most recent dredge took place in 2008. Since 2016, Fairfax County has been exploring ways to address increased sedimentation and preserve Lake Accotink.

In early February 2023, the Fairfax County Park Authority and Department of Public Works and Environmental Services publicly announced their recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that Lake Accotink be allowed to fill in with silt from Accotink Creek. This is a sudden and unexpected reversal of the Board of Supervisors’ 2019 unanimous endorsement in favor of financing the Lake Accotink Dredging Project, which would have saved the lake. Dredging was slated to begin in 2023.

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

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THE GARDEN OF THE SEASON

The Gardens of the Season were selected on Wednesday, May 10 – a beautiful sunny day. It was a difficult choice, as so many residents have created wonderful landscapes. If you’re looking for some gardening inspiration or just a lovely way to spend a spring day, walk or drive by these and the many other delightful yards in our neighborhood.

First Place:
5323 Pillow Lane
Sharon Stutzke



Second Place:
5313 Kepler Lane
Vym Duy & Le Ho Truong



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Third Place:

5400 Inverchapel Road
Andrew and Katherine Craig



Honorable Mentions:

8117 Adair Lane
5505 Moultrie Road
5513 Sedgwick Lane

8124 Carrick Lane
5313 Nutting Drive
7916 Slidell Lane

8126 Carrick Lane
5313 Pillow Lane

8133 Drayton Lane
5619 Ravenel Lane

We were pleased to see many gardeners using more native plants, which help sustain the pollinator insects, birds, and other wildlife. Native plants also require less pesticide use, watering, and weeding – so less work and expense for you!

If you want to support monarch butterflies, plant some milkweed (*Asclepias*). These are the host and food plants for Monarch caterpillars. Goldfinches love seeds from plants like asters and sunflowers. Oak trees are the caterpillar host for hundreds of butterfly and moth species, making it a keystone tree. To learn more about great native options for this area, you can visit: Home - Native Plants Finder (nwf.org), www.PlantNovaNatives.org, or even the native pollinator garden near the Lake Accotink Marina.



Happy gardening!

Lisa Kurtz, [Green Thumb Garden Club](#)



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CUB SCOUT PACK 991 UPDATE

Happy Summer Friends and Neighbors,

Your friendly neighborhood Cub Scout Pack has had quite a busy year camping, hiking, learning new Scout skills, and generally “doing their best” to be good citizens, respect nature, and give back to the community.



In late April four of our Pack’s Den Chiefs from BSA Troop 980 and two alumni from Troop 1131 were elected by their peers and subsequently completed their Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Snyder. For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow has recognized Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen and women are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit and providing cheerful service to others.

The Order of the Arrow’s service, activities, adventures, and training are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth. Congratulations: Henry, Gabriel, Connor, Ryan, John, and Michael!



On May 6th, we promoted and then said farewell to our eight Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts who graduated into Scouts BSA Troops. As they enter 6th Grade next year, they will use their gained experience at summer camp as they begin working on their respective “Trails to Eagle.” Notably, we both graduated our first-ever girl AOL, Cata Zuniga and had another AOL Scout, Eli Morton, earn every available NOVA (STEM) award. These are both historic events for the Pack and for the broader BSA program. Great job (1) lady and (7) gentlemen.



On May 10th Cub Scout Pack 991, BSA Troop 980, and Girl Scout Troop 120 jointly supported the [North Springfield Civic Association's](#) monthly meeting by handling the joint flag detail and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Another job well done!

On May 27th, our Scouts participated in the annual flag-raising ceremony at the [North Springfield Swim Club](#) (NSSC) pool opening. Following this, the Pack had its world-famous Raingutter Regatta race set up. Scouts, friends, and siblings got to design, build, and race their sailboat creations.

Upcoming:

On June 12th we will hold our annual awards and advancement ceremony at the [Ravensworth Farm Pool](#). The Pack will get the opportunity to gather one last time before summer break and congratulate its Scouts (and especially to thank the adult volunteers and BSA Den Chiefs) for all their hard work this last program year. Now that everyone has officially moved up to their next Den, we are looking for new recruits, especially to join the Lion Den (Kindergarten), this coming school year.

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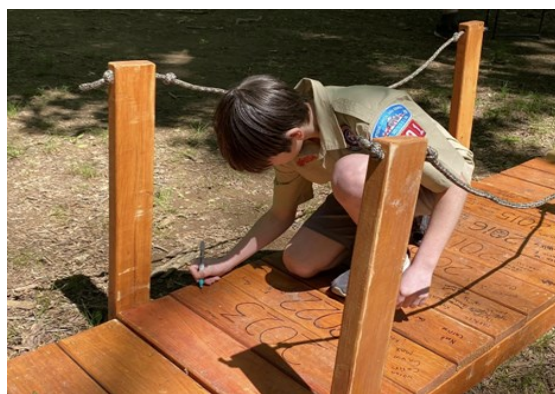
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2. Your phone #
3. Your email
4. Address where we will put the flags

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Throughout the Summer, many of our Scouts will have the opportunity to attend the [Old Dominion District's Day Camp](#) at the Occoquan Regional Park, the National Capital Area Council's Day Camp at Camp Snyder in Haymarket or sleep away camp at the Goshen Scout Reservation (Camp Ross). They will shoot, hike, climb, craft, explore STEM, and do other Scouty things.

Are you ready for adventure? Cub Scout Pack 991 is open to all boys and girls, Kindergarten through 5th Grade. We camp, hike, and "do good turns" throughout the year in many Den and Pack activities. We meet at Ravensworth Elementary School, the Community of Christ on Inverchapel Rd., Lake Accotink, around North Springfield, and at various nearby locations.

If you have a child that is interested in joining the Pack, please contact Matt Kurtz or Sean Tompkins at: matthewkurtz@gmail.com or robert.sean.tompkins2@gmail.com or visit <https://beascout.scouting.org/> and look us up. You can also follow the Pack's Adventures on our Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cubpack991>.



FLAP NEWS & EVENTS

FLAP MONTHLY 2023 LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP

WHEN: July 9, August 13, September 10, 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 nearly empty. Clip vines and more.

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

Questions? <mailto:Contact@flapaccotink.org>

CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN (2nd Sunday of every month)

WHEN: July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

TIME: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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>

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EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN (2nd Sunday of every month)

WHEN: July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

TIME: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

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.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-602955284487>

THE FLAP TRASH OFF: A HIGH SCHOOL SHOWDOWN!

WHAT: Quarterly Clean-Up Competition For FCPS High Schools

COMPETE AGAINST RIVAL HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS - THE TEAM THAT COLLECTS THE MOST TRASH WINS A PIZZA PARTY!

WHEN: July 23, October 29

TIME: 12-2:00 pm

WHERE: Lake Accotink Park Marina

REGISTER Under Your High School at [Lake Accotink Trash Challenge Registration](#)

EMAIL: youngflappers@flapaccotink.org to join the team!

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

DATE: August 26 (The park was officially dedicated on August 25, 1962)

TIME: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Marina

*****ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE**

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK MASTER PLAN

The plan is on hold.

Questions & Concerns: Adam Wynn: Adam.wynn@fairfaxcounty.gov

Link to county updates and info (note this county page has not been updated since 2020): [Lake Accotink Park Master Plan Revision | Park Authority \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

LAKE ACCOTINK PARK JOBS

Park staff is still hiring. Open positions include Marina Specialist, Marina Supervisor, and Lakefront Park Seasonal Park Attendant. To apply please email the Lake Accotink Park Manager: Dan.Grulke@fairfaxcounty.gov or fill out the lake jobs interest form here: [Lake Accotink Jobs Interest Form](#)

COMPOST DROP-OFF

Source: [Fairfax County Farmers Market News, June 16, 2023](#)

Compost drop-off will now be available at all 10 Fairfax County Park Authority-operated Farmers Markets!

With a successful season last year, where 36.94 tons of compost were collected at five markets, the program has been expanded to include six additional markets.

Learn more about composting by visiting our [website](#).

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.

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CUSTOMER TESTIMONIALS

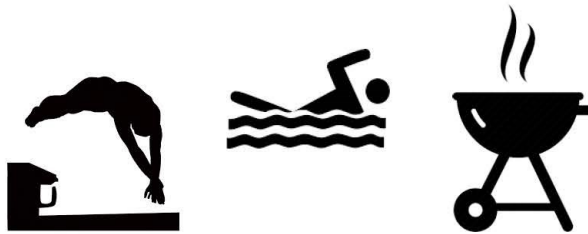
"I love this pool. The community is warm and welcoming and the kids have made lifelong friends here, as have I" - Heidi

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"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.com

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DOUBLE YOUR SNAP BENEFITS AT PARK AUTHORITY FARMERS MARKETS

Fairfax County residents receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits can now DOUBLE their benefits at five of the Fairfax County Park Authority's 10 Farmers Markets through a SNAP Matching Program. Bring your EBT cards to the SNAP Information Table at the following markets and receive double the amount to purchase extra fruits and vegetables:

McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 8:00 am to noon (April 19 to Dec. 20)
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

Wakefield Farmers Market

Wednesdays, 2 to 6:00 pm (May 3 to Oct. 25)
8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

Annandale Farmers Market

Thursdays, 8:00 am to noon (May 4 to Nov. 2)
6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Reston Farmers Market

Saturdays, 8:00 am to noon (April 28 to Dec. 16)
1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston

Lorton Farmers Market

Sundays, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm (May 7 to Nov. 19)
8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton

SNAP doubling at Park Authority Farmers Markets is made possible thanks to funding from Virginia Fresh Match and community partners Arcadia, Britepaths and Cornerstones. Beneficiaries may simply swipe your EBT card for your desired amount and receive tokens worth double that value.

For example, if you charge \$20 to your card, you will receive \$20 in SNAP tokens and \$20 in Match tokens to spend in the market. SNAP tokens can be spent on any SNAP-eligible item, while Match tokens can only be spent on fresh fruits and vegetables. For more information on the SNAP Match program, [visit the Farmers Market website](#).

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budget of needy families so they can purchase healthy food and move toward self-sufficiency. For information or to apply, go to the [Common Help website](#) or call 855-635-4370.

For more information about the Park Authority's 10 Farmers Markets, please [go to the Farmers Market website](#).

ASSISTANCE WITH WATER BILL

Need Assistance Paying Your Past-Due Water Bill? The Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) may be able to help! LIHWAP is a program that will help eligible low-income households by providing a one-time payment directly to their water and/or wastewater provider. LIHWAP runs through September 2023 or until the funds are exhausted. The Virginia Department of Social Services has selected Promise Network to administer LIHWAP. To apply for the LIHWAP or for questions about the program, visit VirginiaLihwap.com or call 1 (888) 373-9908. ¿Necesita ayuda para pagar sus facturas de agua? El Departamento de Servicios Sociales de Virginia se ha asociado con las empresas de servicios públicos locales para distribuir fondos para ayudar a los hogares de bajos ingresos a pagar sus facturas de agua y aguas residuales. LIHWAP (Programa de asistencia de agua para hogares de bajos ingresos) está disponible para ayudar a los hogares elegibles que tienen dificultades para pagar sus facturas de agua y aguas residuales vencidas. Cómo aplica En línea: <https://virginalihwap.com/lihwap> Teléfono: 1(888) 373-9908 Asistencia con la aplicación está disponible comunicándose directamente con Promise entre las 7:00 am y las 7:00 pm de lunes a Sábado.

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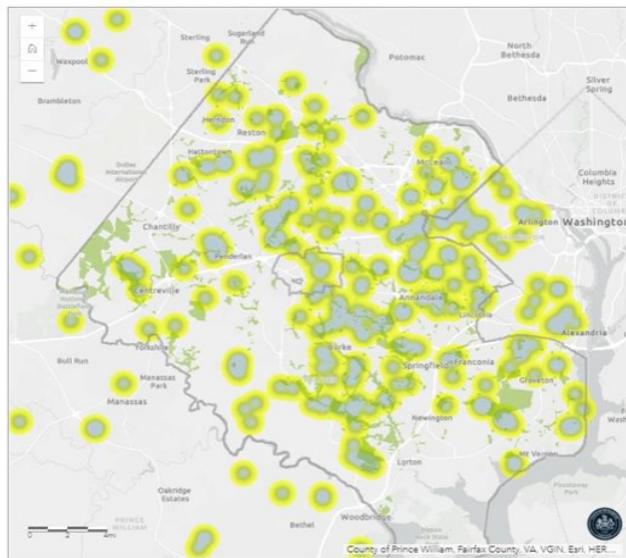
Visit the [Watch the Green Grow](#) webpage to learn about easy green actions you can do at home to benefit the surrounding environment. Report your easy, green actions at the webpage and see your action appear as a dot of green on the map.

- ✓ Do you pick up pet waste on walks and in your yard? ✓ Do you put your yard waste out for pickup at the curb? ✓ Do you mow only your land and not public property? ✓ Have you planted native plants or removed invasive plants?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, report your actions at the webpage to share your good work. Help us turn the map green as a visual representation of environmental stewardship in the county

SEE YOUR GREEN ACTIONS ON THE MAP.

The effects of our yard care practices extend beyond our yards into the environment. Together our green actions have a visible impact in the county.



Outreach to HOAs and schools

Watch the Green Grow will focus its outreach to residents living near **Cub Run, Sugarland Run, and Accotink** stream valley parks.

Outreach extends to residents through Homeowners Associations & Community Associations and through elementary schools.

HOA outreach:

- Presentations or workshops at HOA or community association meetings by the WTGG coordinator or representatives from partner organizations.
- WTGG educational articles may be shared in HOA newsletters.
- Help organizing green community projects with partner organizations, such as tree plantings, invasive plant removal, or litter cleanups.
- Help organizing community engagement events like neighborhood or school eco fairs or bio-blitzes.
- The WTGG Coordinator is available as a FCPA contact person for questions.

School outreach:

12 elementary schools bordering Cub Run, Sugarland Run, and Accotink stream valley parks are receiving free Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences ([MWEE](#)) for 4th or 5th graders during the 2022-2023 year.

Contact: Alex Marstall, Watch the Green Grow Coordinator

Alexandra.marstall@fairfaxcounty.gov

Phone: 703-324-9580



To request this information in an alternate format, call Inclusion and ADA Support at 703-324-8563. TTY 711.



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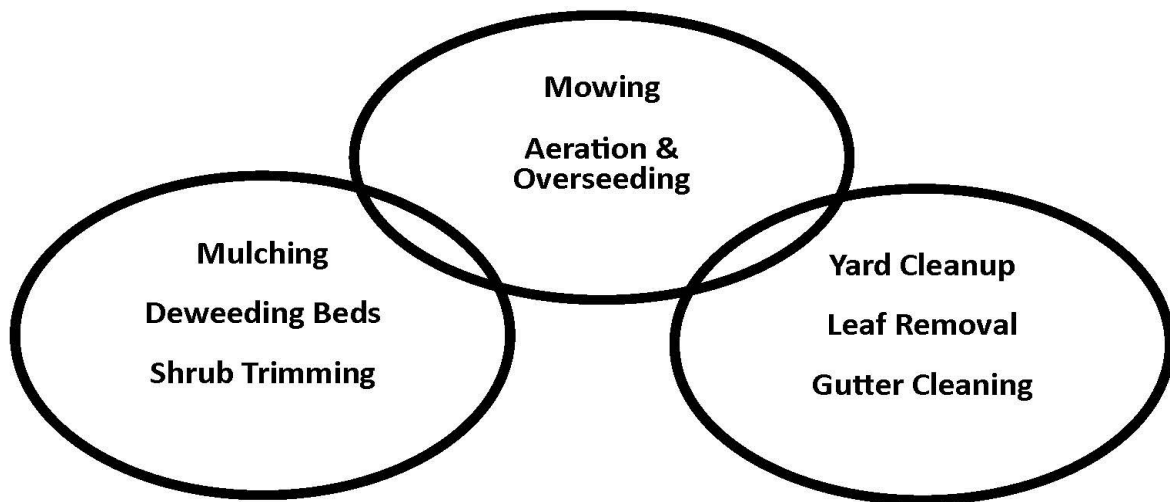
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