



**RAVENNA NEWSLETTER**  
**MARCH, 2019**

**Ladies Get Together** - Welcome all recent homeowners. Ravenna has an active Ladies Bunko group that meets monthly. They are always looking for new players. It is a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and learn of local events/news. If interested in participating, contact Debbie Ayres (dlayres@verizon.net). The Housewives of Ravenna, Social Events is an occasional gathering of the neighborhood ladies both to socialize as well as welcome new ladies to the neighborhood. So, if you are new to the neighborhood or have not participated in the past and would like to, please forward your name and contact information to Shawna Hulen at [gotstress@gmail.com](mailto:gotstress@gmail.com). An alternative is to search for the group on Facebook at The Housewives of Ravenna, Social Events.

**Eggstravaganza Reminder** - The Ravenna Easter Eggstravaganza (an egg hunt for children ages 1-12 and a scavenger hunt for teens) will be held April 7, 1:00-4:00 PM on Riviara Place. **If you plan to go, do RSVP to the invitation.** Anyone wishing to volunteer to help, contact Shawna Hulen ([gotstress@gmail.com](mailto:gotstress@gmail.com)).

**Ravenna Yard Sale** – Put it on your calendar! The spring Ravenna neighborhood sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, rain backup date Sunday, May 19. This event is advertised and attracts loads of potential buyers. Good luck on your sale!

**Ravenna Unity** - If you have any ideas for bringing the Ravenna neighborhood together as a community, please present your ideas to the Board of Directors (use "Contact Us" hot link at <http://www.ravennahomeowners.net>).

**Welcome Newcomers** – Welcome! If you are new to Ravenna and have not received a welcome packet, please notify the Board of Directors using the "Contact Us" hot link at <http://www.ravennahomeowners.net>. An information packed/multi-reference welcome packet will be provided to you.

**Spring Inspection Checklist** - The Ravenna June maintenance inspection checklist is provided as an attachment. Please be proactive. Conduct your own home inspection this spring and correct any issues to avoid receiving a violation notice.

**Substandard Lawns – Lawns have recently been and continue to be the highest priority inspection item this spring as they significantly affect the appearance of the neighborhood.** For the first time, a few owners were summoned to a January hearing for neglected lawn violations. Monetary assessments will be levied this spring should the home owners fail to demonstrate marked improvement.

**Lawn Service/Maintenance Recommendations** – The Board of Directors, in conjunction with Community Group, identified a number of model lawns last fall. A survey was sent to

each in order that other Ravenna homeowners could better select lawn service or maintain their lawns. Below is a compilation of the responses.

Compilation of Fall 2018 Model Lawn Surveys														
Homeowner	Address	Lawn Service	# Yrs with Service	Lawn Serviced	Annual Cost of Services	Fertilizing	Pre-emergent Weed/crab grass killer	Active Weed Control	Seeding	Aeration	Liming	Soil Testing	Nutsedge Control	Bermuda Grass Control
Jeff Edwards	320 Vespasian Cr	TruGreen	10	Entire Lawn	\$600	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	X	X
Anonymous		TruGreen Jerry - Moseley Lawncare	2	Entire Lawn	\$800	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	N/A	N/A
Jen Saintsing	1601 Cicero Ct	TruGreen/ Mow&Fo	9	Entire Lawn	\$700	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-
Anonymous		Lawn Doctor	2	Entire Lawn	\$500	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
Ludevina Santy Benito	300 Lambardi Ct	Lawn Doctor	10	Just Front	\$272	X	X	X*1	X	-	-	-	-	-
Connie Ramsay	213 Genovese Reach	ALM	15	Entire Lawn	\$1,452	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Joe Martin	315 Riviara Place	Do it Yourself	Reseeds (early October) and fertilizes in fall. Applies preemergent weed/crabgrass killer in early spring. Uses Round up, Weedbgone, and TSC Crabgrass preventer. Spot applies Sedgehammer to control Nutsedge. Does not apply Bermuda grass control. Limes lawn every other year. Does not aerate. He both spot kills weeds and applies pre-emergent weed killer. Annual cost of seed and lawn care products is \$250/year.											
*1 - Only once by Lawn Doctor														
Xs indicate service provided, - indicates service was not provided, N/A indicates not answered														

**Speeding - Speeding in Ravenna, particularly along Ravenna Course has become the number one concern for the Board of Directors.** For years, the Board has identified speeding along Ravenna Course as a problem and requested homeowners abide by the speed limit. There are a select few who continue to feel they do not need to comply. The Board is taking steps to resolve this problem. 1. Readdress the issue with the Chesapeake Police. 2. Address the issue with the City Manager to include the option of installing speed bumps. 3. Since this is also a problem in adjacent neighborhoods, generate a petition and bring the issue to the City Council for resolution. 4. Identify the habitual offenders. The Board requests home owners along Ravenna Course report vehicles they know have been habitual offenders as a start. Then, each time you see a vehicle you believe to be speeding or being driven irresponsibly, report as much of the following information as possible at the "Contact Us" hot link on [Ravennahomeowners.net](http://Ravennahomeowners.net) web page: infraction, time, direction of travel, vehicle model, vehicle color, license number, and description of driver, and identification of driver if known. The Board, as well as the Police, assures all reporters will remain anonymous. From these reports, habitual violators will be identified. The Police have already consented to visiting the repeat offenders who will be identified by these reports. 25 MPH is the speed limit within Ravenna.

**Animal Droppings, a continuing problem** –It is disrespectful to your neighbors not to pick up your dog droppings. Keep the peace. If you walk your animal, be sure to bring a plastic bag and clean up after your pet. Per Chesapeake City Code Sec. 10-23, failure to do so is a City Class 4 Misdemeanor with fines up to \$250. The HOA encourages those who witness a violation to call the Chesapeake police non-emergency number, 382-6161, press 2 and register a complaint. Your information will be kept confidential.

**New Landscaping** – The trees and shrubs that make up the Ravenna sign landscaping have grown out of control. The Board of Directors is currently working with our new landscaper to develop and implement a new landscaping plan. Do not be alarmed when the hollies on each side of the sign wall are removed and the hedge behind them appears to be dead. The hedge will fill in once it is exposed to the sun.

Attachment: Spring/Fall Inspection Check List

## **Spring/Fall Inspection Check List**

There will be careful check list inspections in June and again in November of each year. Each home will be assessed against the following items:

1. Lawns (green, dense, consistent, grass, weed free, uniform height, as viewed from roadway curb )
2. Siding (Clean and free of mildew)
3. Steps (Clean and free of mildew)
4. Mail box (Clean and free of mildew)
5. Clutter (as seen from roadway and that which is more visible to your neighbors than to yourself)
6. Stain free driveways
7. Shutters (free of aged/faded appearance)
8. Front and Side Doors/Door Jams (free of aged/faded appearance & in good condition)
9. Garage Door (free of aged/faded appearance, free of mildew, & in good condition)
10. Rust free light fixtures
11. Vegetation free flower beds
12. Removal of vegetation from pavement seams and cracks