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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Farmers:

It's one of my favorite times of the year. Ravensworth Farm Civic Association is ramping up our preparations for the Sixth Annual BBQ and Farmer of the Year Awards Ceremony! We get to enjoy great food, good times together, and celebrate the people who make Ravensworth such a wonderful place to live. So many of our neighbors do things great and small to improve and enrich our lives, so please nominate one or more of them for a Farmer of the Year Award!

The Farmer of the Year Awards were created to recognize our neighbors who have served the community without fanfare and without thought for such recognition. We have three awards to present at the BBQ this summer:

**FARMER OF THE YEAR
YOUNG FARMER OF THE YEAR
LIFE OF SERVICE**

We need your nominations. The deadline for nominations is April 30, 2020. All nominees must be current residents of Ravensworth Farm. RFCA Board members are ineligible during their tenures and for a period of five years thereafter. Neighbors who have received a Farmer of the Year award in the past are ineligible for a period of five (5) years after receiving an award.

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JUNK TRUCK—APRIL 4

**8AM to 11AM
Ravensworth Pool**

See pg. 24 for details.

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Association Meetings & Deadlines 2019-20

MONTH	BOARD MEETING, <i>Farmer</i> DEADLINE, FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
April	1	25/26	4 – Junk Truck @ Pool
May	Apr. 29	16/17	9 – Community Yard Sale 21 – Civic Assoc Mtg
Summer			Last weekend of August 2020- BBQ

Unless noted otherwise, all Board Meetings are 7:30pm at Community of Christ Church; All Civic Association Meetings are 7:30pm at Ravensworth Elementary School.

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The Farmer of the Year will be awarded for act(s) of service done within the last year. The act(s) of service must directly benefit the Ravensworth Farm community.

Young Farmer of the Year will be awarded according to the same criteria as Farmer of the Year but is reserved for Ravensworth residents eighteen years old or younger.

The Life of Service Award is to recognize a neighbor who has provided service to the community over a number of years.

I can hardly wait to read about all the wonderful things my neighbors have been doing for the community this year, so get those nominations in.

Truly yours,

Allan B. Robertson
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RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Erika Aspuria, Principal

In 2014, the FCPS School Board developed and adopted the Portrait of a Graduate (POG). This was in collaboration with a variety of stakeholders including students, educators, parents, families, community members, and FCPS leadership. This adoption of POG acknowledges that in our rapidly changing world, education needs to evolve to fulfill our mission of supporting student success in school and in life. POG prioritizes the development of skills that will empower students to be productive citizens of a global community and successful in the workforce of the future. The Portrait of a Graduate attributes include: Communicator, Collaborator, Ethical and Global Citizen, Creative and Critical Thinking, and Goal-Directed and Resilient Individual. At Ravensworth we strive each day to develop and foster the Portrait of a Graduate attributes in each of our students. This year our students have demonstrated ethical citizenship by collecting socks for the homeless, used their creative and critical thinking skills through the use of Advanced Academic curriculum, and collaborated with their peers to deepen their learning. In the months to come, we look forward to sharing with you how we plan to prepare our students for their future.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 991

On the Saturday of Presidents' Day weekend, Troop 991 headed to Liberty Mountain for one of the Scouts' favorite event, the annual Skiing/Tubing/Snowboarding Weekend. It was the coldest day of the year, but that didn't diminish the fun.

This is just one of many opportunities Troop 991 provides for Scouts to learn, lead, and develop great friendships. Troop 991 is a Scout-led Troop in your neighborhood sponsored by the Ravensworth Elementary PTA. Learn more about us at: <http://www.troop991.com/>. Contact Scoutmaster Bill Thewes at 253-985-0687 or William.Thewes@gmail.com.



ODD-JOBS, DOG SITTERS, BABYSITTERS, AND MORE

If you're looking for a bit of help around the house or yard, 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 the directory that will come out this fall, email directory@ravensworthfarm.org with your phone number and in which categories you would like to be listed.



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JINNY CLYDE'S NOTES OF A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD

by Robert Blizzard

Author's Note: Farmer Readers, we are focusing on original owners this year in the newsletter because it is the 60th anniversary of our neighborhood. Certainly, we are dealing with folks of advanced age. The interview we are publishing today was written and approved by the interviewee in late 2019. She passed on in early February. We have left it written as if she were still alive and we hope this neighbor and friend of ours rests in peace.

She came to Ravensworth Farm to look for a new house in 1961—nearly sixty years ago. And she is still living here on Drayton Lane!

One of the neighborhood's original owners still in her Ravensworth Farm home, Virginia "Jinny" Clyde was living in an Arlington apartment on Columbia Pike back in 1961. Some friends—a sorority sister and her husband—had recently bought a home in Annandale. They told her the company that developed their subdivision was developing a new community: Ravensworth Farm.

Jinny came to look, liked it and decided to buy. She picked her particular house because the backyard was larger than yards of other properties. She still has a postcard used to sell the lots by the developer.

She said that the neighborhood was not completed when she moved in and explained that construction started with the streets closest to Braddock Road, which was a two-lane country road at the time, and then moved progressively toward the North Springfield subdivision. Streets were dirt and paving was not done till all the homes were completed on each street.

Upon moving in, even Drayton Lane was not fully occupied and few people lived near her where the street meets Inverchapel Road. She also noted that neighborhood residents were concerned about the safety of a female living alone in a house.

Jinny began working at the CIA in 1955 and she could commute to her job in McLean using the partially completed Beltway in its early years. An analyst who retired in 1985, she worked with one of the original huge mainframe computers and was asked to come back after retirement to develop a computer training manual because her expertise was unique.

In 1961, there was no Ravensworth Shopping Center and Jinny typically bought groceries at the Giant on Little River Turnpike. She would also go to Bradlick Shopping Center. When going out to eat, she usually went to Annandale.

Jinny says that the Braddock Road bridge crossing the creek that runs behind the pool property was raised and rebuilt because it frequently flooded out after heavy rains.

Over the years, Jinny made many friends with neighbors, most of whom have moved away. Her closest friends were her next-door neighbors who have retired to Florida—but they remain in touch. She also once visited former neighbors in their new home in New Hampshire.

These days, Jinny shares her home with her caregiver Betty as well as Jack, a black cat who necessitates a warning sign on the side door that leads to the kitchen. The sign urges people to be careful and not let Jack sneak through the open door since he is somewhat of an escape artist.

We wish Jinny and Jack happy holidays and many more happy years in Ravensworth Farm!

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We will also be including an Easter Egg Hunt with prizes (must be registered). The plastic eggs will be placed at various locations throughout the clean-up location. Our special Egg Team will be placing (hiding) and retrieving all Eggs.



DATE: Saturday 11 April 2020
 TIME: 9am - 11am Clean-up; 11:45 Prizes (Marina)
 REGISTER: www.nature.org/fairfaxcleanup

LOCATIONS:

- *Lake Accotink Trail entrance Ellet and Inverchapel - Dave Gibson, Jim Hickey
- *Lake Accotink Marina - Arika VanBrunt, Karole Nielson
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As part of the assessment, you will also get a personalized report containing cost-effective options and easy-to-follow recommendations to help you further reduce your energy usage. This program also offers additional incentives to help offset the costs of larger energy efficiency items that customers may wish to consider such as:

- Heat pump tune-ups
- Heat pump system replacements
- A/C system duct sealing and insulation installation
- Upgrade to heat pump water heaters
- ECM fan motor replacements

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RAVENSWORTH POOL ACTIVITIES - SAVE THE DATES!

The **entire community** is invited to celebrate **Cinco de Mayo** on **Saturday, May 2, 7-10pm**. This is an **adult only** event. BYOB and food to share!

Opening Day is for EVERYONE!!! Join us on May 23 as we open the pool for the summer!

Check out our Facebook page or the pool's website for more details:
Ravensworthfarmpool.com

JOHN PELDO - I'LL BE HERE AS LONG AS I CAN

by Robert Blizzard

John Peldo chuckled when reminiscing why he selected his Ravensworth Farm home on Ravenel Lane, near the intersection with Sedgwick Lane and facing the Lake Accotink park from across the street.

“I liked the fact there was southern exposure and that snow and ice would melt faster out in front of my house,” the 84-year-old father of four said in a recent interview. “It meant less work on the driveway!”

He and his wife Regina (“Reggie”) moved in to their home in April 1964, along with their oldest daughters Ann and Pat. At the time, Reggie was pregnant with third child Susan. Baby brother Rob would be born in 1969. Unfortunately, Reggie passed away in 2017 after 59 years of marriage.

John and Reggie were married in 1958. He was from Oregon and she was from Brooklyn, New York. Neither one wanted to move to the other’s home state, so they settled on Northern Virginia, where John had spent some time during his Army service. He had looked at homes in Vienna but found the property taxes expensive and began looking elsewhere in Fairfax County.

Starting in 1959, the Peldos lived on Dunston Street in the North Springfield subdivision for almost five years. The couple was concerned that their Virginian-style house with three bedrooms was getting too small, especially with hopes to expand the family. They began looking at four-bedroom homes in Ravensworth Farm based on the recommendation of Al Falatko, an original Farm owner who lived on Slidell Lane until he passed away in 2019.

Al’s wife, Kathy, and Reggie looked at houses together, as did John. Their search focused on the part of Ravensworth bounded by Queensberry Avenue and the Ravenel Lane horseshoe, which was the last section of the neighborhood to be built and is the closest to the Flag Run boundary shared with North Springfield. At the time, many of the streets in the development were not yet paved.

Almost implausibly, they purchased their Ravensworth home from the same salesman who’d sold them their North Springfield home a few years before. They waited an extra month to move in after closing so that sod would be put down on their lawn prior to their arrival. The Peldos sold their North Springfield home by putting out a “For Sale by Owner” sign; a young couple agreed to buy it the very next day.

John said that different builders worked on some of the final houses constructed on Ravenel Lane, Penley Place and Ravenel Court; in fact, the look of homes is different. John said that Ravensworth Farm was initially intended to end on Ravenel Lane before where it ultimately ended, hence the need for an additional builder to complete the work. Perhaps this explains the vacant space with no homes on it at the Ravenel Lane entrance to Lake Accotink?

John worked for years with C&P Telephone as an engineering manager, well before the nationwide Bell break-up. He worked in the District, Marlow Heights and Silver Spring. John explained that much of the Beltway was not finished when he would make these long commutes over the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Traffic was light and back-ups were rare. “It was a piece of cake,” he declared, “but not now!”

John had been working for the phone company in the Annandale-Springfield area even before he lived here. The first time he even heard the word “Annandale,” he thought to himself, “Where the hell is that?” He mentioned that the area had a rural character in the late 1950s. The Beltway had not been graded yet and the land was a mix of rolling hills and forest. Parts of the burned-down Ravensworth mansion could be seen in the area that would later become home to the Port Royal Road industrial park.

Remains of another mansion were left decaying along Backlick Road, near its intersection with the Southern Railroad track that runs by Lake Accotink. For a while, John worked out of a building that today sits in the industrial park just off Backlick Road and near the track.

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Reggie worked at different points at the Northern Virginia Bank, when it had a branch in the Ravensworth Shopping Center. Her role was at the customer service desk. The name of the bank would change over the years but Reggie stayed through some of the transformations; she spent 20 years in banking. Later, she went to work for an attorney whose office was on Rolling Road.

In the 1960s, Braddock Road was a rural, two-lane thoroughfare with very few homes along it, according to John. It went up and down over hills. He remembers a friend once left him his Corvette to babysit and use while he went out of town. John had fun driving the sports car along the woodsy winding road that is now a traffic-clogged, eight-lane highway.

John said that according to the telephone company, the Washington metro area ended at Accotink Creek, which is the subdivision boundary for most of the homes on Inverchapel Road. Beyond that, he pointed out, was a different phone company region—essentially, a rural area—handled by the telephone company division based in Richmond, rather than the DC office of C&P.

In those early days, Lake Accotink, he remembered, was owned and run by Fort Belvoir. The shoreline was different than it is now. The areas where there are swingsets, picnic tables and a covered structure were underwater. Military people raced sailboats using a circular course around the lake.

Upon moving in to Ravensworth, the shopping center was not complete. Landmark Mall and Springfield Mall were “gravel lots” and Seven Corners is where one went to shop at higher-end department stores. The family would eat at the Villa Maria restaurant in Annandale, which later became Fritzbe’s and is now Silverado.

Springfield was less developed than Annandale in the early 1960s, but the family would visit the McDonald’s on Commerce Street, which, at the time, was only a carry-out joint and did not offer tables for dining in. The Peldos would also visit the nearby Howard Johnson’s restaurant—the parking lot was an easy in-and-out from Shirley Highway—and were big fans of the fried clams.

Reggie and John enjoyed the neighborhood because it was, he said, “overflowing with kids,” who were frequently playing out in front of his Ravenel Lane house.

“It was a very good place to raise a family,” noted John, who said there were always parties with neighboring families and Fourth of July celebrations out in the street.

He laughed that as the decades went by, men on the street would greet him by saying “Hello, Mr. Peldo.” He often did not recognize them because they were smaller children or teenagers the last time he’d seen them. But that continuity always warms his heart.

Over the years, neighbors have been extremely kind, according to John. When Reggie died two years ago, several brought food for a number of days and assisted in several ways. John said that neighbors also helped out when Reggie went in to the hospital to deliver their fourth and final child in 1969. The Peldos had bought all kinds of food so he could cook meals for himself and the other three children while she was away, but because neighbors brought over so much food during this time, he never had to cook once while his wife was in the hospital. The neighbors also babysat so he could visit her.

John stays in touch with some of his Ravensworth neighbors who have moved away. A number of his original-owner peers have, of course, passed away; however, he noted that in many cases, original owners in his little corner of the development have been replaced by their children, who inherited the homes from their parents and have put down even more decades of roots as second-owner adults. Three of the four Peldo children still live in Northern Virginia, but none are on the Farm.

When asked if he wishes there was anything he could have changed about Ravensworth Farm, John said he would have liked the lots to be bigger with more space between homes. Nevertheless, once they were empty nesters, he and Reggie talked about downsizing but never went through with it. John now plans to stay in the home.

“I like this area and I will be here as long as I can,” John explained.

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RAVENSWORTH FARM ON FACEBOOK

Want to keep up with issues, have firewood to give away, lost or found a dog, or you're wondering what surprises others have run into during renovations? The Ravensworth Farm Facebook page is the place to go. Send Tom Mathis, the group's moderator, a join request and he'll add you to this lively and informative community. You can adjust your notification settings and visit the page as little or as often as you choose. While an excellent communication tool, the Facebook page is not supported or endorsed by the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association. For Civic Association news (and old issues of The Farmer), visit RavensworthFarm.org.



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WANTED	Good used furniture for needy low income families in the Annandale area. Needed are beds, dressers, kitchen tables & chairs, sofas, love seats, end tables lamps and TV's. Unfortunately, we cannot take sleep-sofas. Call Bill Sinclair at 703-321-7529 or the Annandale Christian Community for Action warehouse at 703-256-1991. Call the warehouse ONLY on Saturday mornings.

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

The neighborhood yard sale will be May 9 from 8-11am (or noon, if sales are brisk) at the Pool parking lot. Space is available first-come, first-served but don't come before 7:00am. Bring your own tables, chairs, shade, change, etc. The yard sale will be advertised on Craigslist as a multi-family, community yard sale. **Food sales are reserved for the Boy Scouts who, in turn, assist with traffic control and unloading/loading large items.**

RFCA/COMMUNITY OF CHRIST JOINT FOOD DRIVE

A BIG Thank You to all who donated to the February Food Drive. We contributed 43 bags of food to re-stock the shelves at ECHO, a local food pantry in Springfield!

And . . . thanks to Scott Houghton, Richard Hildebrand, John Ritchie, and Diwakar Sharma for staying after the Board Meeting to load up two cars with the donated food.

And . . . last but, not least, another BIG Thank You to Wade Corder for transporting the donations to ECHO, not once, but twice, during the drive.



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EVENTS

Something to add? Email RFCAFarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or call 703-321-8757 to add to the calendar of events. * notes Civic Association Events +notes Pool events

*April 4– 8-11am - **Junk Truck** at Pool.

+May 2 7-10pm – **Cinco de Mayo Party**, Adults Only, Bring food and BYOB, Pool.

*May 9 – 8-11am (7am set-up), **Community Yard Sale**, Ravensworth Farm Pool Parking

*May 21 – 7:30pm **Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Meeting**, Mary Lipsey presenting on Ravensworth Farm history; Ravensworth ES

+May 23 – 11am **Ravensworth Farm Pool Opens**

June 22 – 26 – **Immanuel Bible Church VBS** Morning program through 3rd grade: Thirsty: Get to Know the Living Water and evening program for 4th -6th grade is Wipeout: So Long Self; Registration opens May 1 at <https://immanuelbible.church/children/vbs>.

+July 20, 6pm – Ravensworth Pool hosts **Individual Medley (IM) Carnival** with six visiting pools. We apologize in advance for tight parking and ask for your patience for this evening. Walk on down and cheer on our Ravens!

July 27-31, 9:30am-12:15pm **Cornerstone E Free Church VBS**: Biblympics! Register at CornerstoneEFree.org/vbs

July 27-31, 6-8:30pm – **Parkwood Baptist Church VBS**, Concrete and Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus, registration at Parkwood.org/vbs

*Aug 29 – **Annual Ravensworth Farm BBQ**

Sep 8 & 11, 9:30am – Registration for **English as a Second Language** Morning Classes at Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Rd, Door 1. \$50 for new students, includes book

Sep 8 & 10, 7:30pm – Registration for **English as a Second Language** Evening Classes at Immanuel Bible Church, 6911 Braddock Rd, Door 3. \$50 for new students, includes book

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35% OF NEIGHBORS HAVE JOINED CIVIC ASSOCIATION

So far, 35% of the Ravensworth Farm households have joined the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association this year. If you haven't seen your block captain between November and now, you can pay online at <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org> or by calling Elissa Myers, Membership Chair at 703-321-7590.

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 for your neighbors (so you'll know where to go to pick up those items being offered on the 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 the Covenants and Restrictions associated with the neighborhood. 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 \$10 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 costume parade and 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,
- advertising of the spring community-wide yard sale,
- community large-trash-items clean-up day every spring, and
- many other activities and community-care needs.

If you aren't a member, join now ONLINE at <http://pay.ravensworthfarm.org> or contact Elissa Myers to become a member (703-321-7590 or elissa@elissamyers.com). It would be great to welcome every one of our 858 households into the Civic Association!

ADVERTISE IN THE RAVENSWORTH FARMER

Reach more than 850 homes with news of your services or merchandise seven times over the 2020-2021 year. Contact Katherine Craig at ads@ravensworthfarm.org for ad sizes, rates, and information on permanent ads in the body of The Ravensworth Farmer. Alternatively, you can include an insert in The Ravensworth Farmer that you can change each month, provide 900 copies of your flyer and a check for \$45 made out to Ravensworth Farm Civic Association to John Ritchie before each month's flyer due date (see page 2). You can reach John at 703-321-8427 to coordinate drop-off.

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Junk Truck—April 4



You know you have stuff that has to go. Now's the time!

The Civic Association has arranged for a Fairfax County trash disposal truck to be parked at the Ravensworth Farm pool parking lot on **Saturday, April 4 from 8:00am to 11:00am** to collect items which are not accepted by private trash collectors at curbside. Now is the time to get rid of old appliances, furniture, mattresses, boards, doors (no glass), swing sets, lawn mowers (thoroughly drained of fluids), piping, etc.

Items that CANNOT be accepted include hazardous waste (batteries, including the small "button" and rechargeable batteries, paint, used oil, pesticides and lawn care products), tires, sheetrock, stone or crushed rocks, and products that can be recycled - such as newspapers, cans and glass. Also, brush and yard waste will not be collected.

THIS IS IMPORTANT!!

You may not dump your trash at the pool prior to the arrival of the County trucks or after the trucks depart!

For instructions on where to dispose of hazardous waste, call 703-324-5068, and for where to dispose of stumps, rocks and tile, call 703-690-1703.

For our senior neighbors and others who cannot get their larger items to the Junk Truck, call Jim Hickey at 703-321-8535. If you have a truck, trailer, or other means of moving bulky items and are willing to help for a few hours, call Jim Hickey at 703-321-8535.



Editor for the Farmer

The current editor of The Ravensworth Farmer has been doing the job for eight years and is ready to step down. Can you step in and fill this position? This is a great position for people who like to know what is going on in the neighborhood. A stipend is available. The editor:

- Collects information from community groups, clubs, committees, and neighbors by email
- Searches out relevant or interesting information to include in The Farmer
- Proofreads and edits community information
- Attends a monthly board meeting and three annual Civic Association meetings
- Writes articles based on the content of some of the meetings
- Sends a complete file of the information to the formatter
- Develops the annual schedule for formatting, printing and delivery of the Farmer
- Works with RFCA Board to produce annual schedule of events for community
- Answers questions by email and phone regarding The Ravensworth Farmer
- Necessary skills include good writing, good organization, email, MS Word or similar. No formatting skills are required.

If interested, please contact Sara Ortiz (rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or 703-321-8757) or Allan Robertson (prez@ravensworthfarm.org or 703-627-0219)



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Questions? Contact Jennifer Auble at
Membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com