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### NOTES FROM THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

*Editor's Note: Many thanks to Ginger Rogers for taking fast notes at the March 25 General Membership when I was unable to attend.*

#### **Feature Speaker – Megan McLaughlin, Fairfax County School Board – Braddock District**

Megan is the longest serving school board member having served for the past ten years. The Fairfax County School System is the tenth largest in the nation.

Prior to becoming a board member, Megan worked as a Social Worker and before that as an Admissions Officer at Georgetown University. She, her husband and three sons live here; her husband and his brother raised here. Her sons attended school in the Fairfax County School System.

The current Superintendent of the Fairfax County School System, Scott Brabrand announced his retirement but his contract, normally four years, will be extend one year, until June 30, 2022, to give the board an opportunity to conduct a nationwide search to replace him.

Why did the schools open 2 days per week? Fairfax County had to rely on better data to open. The Superintendent is still reviewing the CDC data regarding the change in social distancing from 6' to 3'. Loudoun, Stafford, and Montgomery Counties have moved to 4 days/week.

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**The Wakefield Farmers Market will re-open May 5, 2—6pm. Social distancing will be in effect. Some vendors will allow pre-orders. Find out more at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/wakefield>.**

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 2020-21

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
April	7	24	
May	5	22	May 27 – General Membership Meeting
Summer			Last weekend of August 2021- BBQ

**All meetings are open to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are 7:30pm online. Contact Diwakar Sharma, Corresponding Secretary, at [CorSec@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:CorSec@ravensworthfarm.org) for a link to join.**

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Fairfax needs to strive towards the goal of 4 days “in person” schooling by the 4th Quarter. It has 200 schools, 150 of which are elementary schools. The Covid rates in Fairfax County must be viewed in comparison with the data in the surrounding districts.

Wide-ranging themes discussed during the Q&A session included:

- The number of in-school days for students.
- Cost savings due to Covid school closure, if any.
- County Executive Budget, Revenues, Operating Costs, and raises for teachers.
- School Calendar and Religious Holidays

### Q&A

#### **1. Is the current plan to have the classes 5 days/week in the Fall?**

Looking to have 5 day “in school” learning, not concurrent; concurrent learning will be limited to students that are unable to attend in person. (In school = in person learning; concurrent = in person and virtual.)

#### **2. The communications from the Superintendent regarding the CDC change from 6’ to 3’ was a bit “wonky.”**

Megan said she had just received the e-mail today and it seemed a bit unclear. She will be reviewing it over the Spring Break and thinks she needs more details. The county needs to offer 4 day in school in the 4th quarter unless there are medical restriction. The county is striving for 4 day/4th Q after spring break.

#### **3. Has there been a financial analysis to determine if there was a cost savings to having schools closed?**

The Fiscal Year ends on June 30, 2021, which will give us a chance to look at the costs and operational expenses. Expenses are \$15K/student. If we had fewer students, what were the costs? For example, it cost \$1.5M this month to run the food program; \$10M transferred to food services; 50% comes from paying students, and we had no students. Needed 110,000 meals for 1 day from paying students but did not have that many. \$3.1B budget.

#### **4. What do we do now? How do we prepare for the Fall?**

We have 25% in school now, how do we get to 100%? Based on the Covid results last summer, we could have had children in school in September and October. How we handle the 4th Q and how we bring children to school and the CDC guidelines will help parents.

#### **5. We have a rising Kindergartner which we have enrolled in a Catholic school since we were unsure the school would be open, and we did not know what to do.**

We are sorry parents were put in this situation and understand every family must make its own decision. I understand that the date for cancellation may not coincide with Fairfax County decision for school reopening,...

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...but please monitor our progress as our goal is to have 5 days in school by the Fall. Per the General Assembly, state funding will be tied to 5-day instruction and I welcome this decision.

**6. There are the pros for having virtual learning. How can they be continued as students go back to school?** Examples: decrease in bullying, the students can sleep longer, and introverts are flourishing. The board recognizes the needs to monitor the overall mental health of students, especially in the age of bullying, intolerance, hate, and racism. Federal dollars are available to deal with learning, mental gaps, and creating a healthy, respectful, inclusive learning environment. The old K-12 curriculum is no longer appropriate for today's students. They do not need to learn by rote, but by being taught to find information and determine if it is fact or opinion. When Megan visits schools, she hears comments such as "I love being in school!" from the children.

**7. What can the Ravensworth community do to support teachers? What is their "wish list"?**  
The Civic Association can contact the Principal and the PTA to determine their current needs.

**8. Can the principal bring in more students?**  
Megan wants to see principals have more autonomy. If one school can do it other schools should be able to decide if they can or not.

**9. What can we do to help about teacher raises? The County Executive does not have the money to pay the raises. Would it help for us to contact our supervisor?**  
Megan has discussed with James Walkinshaw. It is a challenge. Fairfax County is at a disadvantage due to the formula used to disburse funds to the counties. And, due to our large commercial real estate, the pandemic hit us hard – net revenue was down 2%. Where do we find the funds for raises? The Board of Supervisors and the School Board wrote to the Governor who gave 5% raises for teachers. But we must match with \$70M which we cannot. It is not that the Board of Supervisors does not care, it is that the revenue is not there, and it cannot cut services. However, the question is, how was the State able to give state employees a 5% raise and there is no data on why they are getting the raise.

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#### **10. Religious holidays and the Calendar year.**

Megan brought up the subject as it had been reported in the Washington Post that Fairfax County had added religious holidays to its school calendar.

In fact, the Superintendent had created a Religious Task Force to determine the feasibility of adding four holidays to the calendar: 2 Jewish (Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur), 1 Muslim (Eid), and 1 Hindu (Diwali). However, the Task Force never did its due diligence regarding absences or sought legal guidance and it did not involve the School Board in its decision. Seven School Board members, including Megan, voted to keep the calendar secular until the religious holidays were further researched. Those students taking the holidays will not be penalized and staff will be allowed two observances per school year.

### **TROOP 991 HOG FEST - MAY 8**

Are you craving some homemade pulled pork, grilled cheeseburger or all beef hot dog? If so, mark your calendar for May 8th and plan to stop by the pool parking lot for lunch! Boy Scouts from our own Troop 991 will be cooking and serving up lunch. All proceeds directly benefit our scouting unit. In fact, the success of the event in the fall allowed the troop to purchase some new camping equipment, including a cast iron Dutch oven, new lanterns, and camp stove. Thank you Farmers!

Troop 991 is a very active troop. We camp most months and will be heading to summer camp at Goshen Scout Reservation at the end of June. Want to learn more? Contact Scoutmaster Bill Thewes at [William.thewes@gmail.com](mailto:William.thewes@gmail.com)

### **MAY 21 AMERICAS ADOPT A SOLDIER GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*by Mary Keeser*

#### **9th Annual Charity Golf Tournament Fort Belvoir Golf Club**

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### **OUT WITH THE OLD! IN WITH THE NEW!**

*by Sara Ortiz*

I am delighted to report that Shobha McConnell will be taking over the editorship of The Ravensworth Farmer starting with the next issue. I have enjoyed nearly 10 years as editor of The Ravensworth Farmer but increasing work demands and decreasing new ideas on my part call for a changing of the guard. Please welcome Shobha. She can be reached at [rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org](mailto:rfcafarmerr@ravensworthfarm.org).



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## **SO GLAD THEY STAYED LONGER THAN THEY INTENDED**

*by Robert Blizzard*

In February 2021, original Ravensworth Farm owners Ann and John Meekins were kind enough to be interviewed about how they came to our neighborhood and their brick rambler home of 57 years on Ravenel Lane. The funny thing, they mentioned during the interview, is that in 1964 they never initially intended to be here so long. But now they are very glad they've stayed for almost six decades.

John is originally from Massachusetts and Ann from Maine. While John was attending Bowdoin College—which was then for men only—in Brunswick, Maine, he met Ann, who was working at the time as an x-ray technician.

After graduating, John moved to Washington in 1959 and lived in the Southeast quadrant of the city. He began a 42-year career as a physicist with the federal government's Naval Research Laboratory, obtained his doctorate in 1973, and retired in 2002. John would carpool on occasion with other Ravensworth residents to the office. Upon leaving the federal government, he went to work for another 16 years, until 2018, at The Aerospace Corporation.

Despite the distance from Maine, the couple remained close and then married in 1961. Ann preferred to stay up north but relocated down south. The two rented an apartment in Shirlington. While living in this apartment building, the couple made friends with another couple who bought a house in Ravensworth Farm on Nutting Drive. Visiting these friends was the Meekins' first exposure to the neighborhood.

After looking at several other communities, Ann and John decided they would purchase in Ravensworth. In the spring of 1964, they selected from only three lots available for sale. No house was yet built on the lot. Their new home would be on Ravenel Lane near the street's western intersection with Queensberry Avenue and just north of Rathbone Place.

The couple was impressed with how well built the houses were. John had inspected one of the basements and found the construction of the Crestwood Homes team to be exceptional. He found the masonry to be high-quality, noting that the bricks were tied to cinder blocks. He appreciated that a brick rambler would not require a lot of outdoor painting, keeping maintenance costs low. The couple also liked the hardwood floors.

Moving in during August of 1964, Ann and John initially intended to stay on the Farm for only about a decade and then relocate farther out in the Northern Virginia suburbs. Later, however, the growing amount of traffic and ever-increasing prices of homes dissuaded them from moving. They decided instead to stay and modify their home and are now extremely happy they have remained in this community.

Commenting on the growth in Braddock Road traffic, John said that when he and his wife first moved to Ravensworth, there was no traffic light at the Queensberry entrance to the community. But there was one at the Port Royal Road intersection with Braddock, which was a two-lane country road with no divider in 1964. In those early years, when they would drive to Maine to visit Ann's family, that Port Royal Road signal was the only traffic light for hundreds of miles until they reached Ann's hometown many states away.

Over the years, the Meekins have found the subdivision to be friendly and safe, as well as a terrific place for family life. In the 1960s, it was easy to get to know others since everyone was about the same age; almost all the houses were owned by young, married couples with children. The couple has made friends with other original owners, some of whom are still in the neighborhood and others who moved away after retirement.

Ann served for 20 years as Ravensworth Farm's crossing guard, helping children get safely across Queensberry near the intersection with Gosport Lane as they walked to school in the morning and then home in the afternoon. She says she feels lucky to have had this job because it was enjoyable getting to know all the kids. Many years ago, a grown man said hello to her when she was on her shift and asked if she remembered him; she joked that she couldn't recollect the face because he didn't have a mustache back when he would have been crossing Queensberry.

Later, after serving as a room mother at the school, Ann joined the staff of Ravensworth Elementary as a teachers' aid between her crossing-guard shifts, meaning she had to change clothes a few times a day. The guard position was part of the police department and she was required to wear that uniform while on the street with the children but could not wear it while working at the school.

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The Meekins were active in the Civic Association, with Ann serving as secretary, and the PTA, for which John served as parliamentarian. They also helped with the annual Halloween fun fair and spaghetti dinners held at the school.

The Meekins' two sons, David and Brian, are about 50 now and each holds a doctorate degree. They were schooled, as most Farmers of that generation were, at Ravensworth Elementary, Poe Intermediate and Annandale High. These days, they make their homes in Newport News, Virginia and Germantown, Maryland.

The boys spent a lot of time in the Lake Accotink park. Both of them played soccer and John coached soccer for eight years. The Meekins sons also were Eagle Scouts, with John serving as a scout master and Ann as a den mother and den leader coach for the Cub Scouts. John still remembers the Boy Scouts delivering the Ravensworth Farmer newsletter to a count of 832 homes in the community.

The couple has fond memories of merchants in the Ravensworth Shopping Center including the old Safeway, Uncle Sam's restaurant and its successor Kilroy's, the High's convenience store, Pizza Bazzano, a knitting store, and a small hardware store.

Memories from the early years include the county changing addresses for houses in the community to make it easier for emergency crews to find homes. They also recall a 30-inch snowstorm during the winter of 1966. John could not go to work for more than a week and neighborhood roads remained unplowed for several days. Eventually, a D9 Caterpillar bulldozer—a huge machine—traveled down Ravenel Lane and caused the house to shake. At one point, the bulldozer's scraping blade hit a manhole cover, sending it flying into someone's yard.

"We had planned to be here for only 10 years and, yet, here we are," laughed Ann. "It has been, and still is, a great place to raise children. We have never been sorry that we picked this community."

John agreed. "Ravensworth Farm has been a community in which we have always felt very comfortable and made a lot of friends," he said. "We definitely made the right choice all those years ago."

## **RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY NEWS - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & BRAVO MS DOWD**

*by Erika Aspuria, Principal*

We hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Spring Break. Upon our return we found out that Ms. Olivia Dowd, our General Music Teacher, was selected as the Region 4 Outstanding New Teacher. We are so proud to have Ms. Dowd as a member of the Ravensworth Family. We know she will represent us and the region well as she goes onto the county selection process.

April is the Month of the Military Child! Over 10% of our Ravens are Military Connected Youth. Let's celebrate them by wearing purple on Wednesday, April 21 for Purple Up Day!

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open! If you, or your neighbor, has a child who will be 5 years old by September 30, 2021 please contact us at 703-426-3600.



## **LANDLORDS: APPLY FOR THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR YOUR TENANTS**

*Source: The Walkinshaw Advisory, March 17, 2021*

Funds are now available for Fairfax County landlords seeking rental assistance on behalf of their tenants. A new Landlord Portal, which launched recently, is connected to the efforts of the Evictions Taskforce and will provide landlords a front door to access the Emergency Rental Assistance funds.

To be eligible for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, tenants must meet three criteria:

1. They must be experiencing income loss as a result of COVID-19.
2. The monthly rent for the property must not exceed 150% of the Fair Market Rent (FMR) value. In Fairfax County, that means the rent cannot be more than the values below:
3. The annual household income of the tenants must not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). In Fairfax County, that means the household income cannot be more than the certain amounts, depending on household size. Find out more at the Landlord Portal - <https://hhsncs.powerappsportals.us/>.

If your tenants meet these criteria, apply now through the Landlord Portal. For more details, the eligibility and application process provides instructions to access the portal, information needed to complete requests, FAQs and specific instructions to create rent assistance requests. You can also contact staff at (703) 324-5580 or [NCSEvictionSupport@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:NCSEvictionSupport@fairfaxcounty.gov) with questions.

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Governor Ralph Northam announced April 1 that all individuals in Virginia age 16 and older will be eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine starting on Sunday, April 18, ahead of the May 1 nationwide goal set by President Joe Biden. Governor Northam made the announcement during a visit to a vaccination clinic at First Mount Zion Baptist Church in Prince William County, where more than 1,000 vaccines will be administered today.

This news comes as nearly every Virginian in the highest risk groups who has pre-registered for a vaccination appointment has received one, and those still on the pre-registration list will receive appointment invitations within the next two weeks.

“The COVID-19 vaccine is the light at the end of the tunnel—and that light is getting brighter every day as more and more Virginians get vaccinated,” said Governor Northam. “We continue to work with diverse providers and community partners across the Commonwealth to distribute vaccines in a fair and equitable way and ensure those at the highest risk are vaccinated first. Expanding vaccine eligibility to all adults marks an important milestone in our ongoing efforts to put this pandemic behind us, and I thank all of the public health staff, health care workers, vaccinators, and volunteers who have helped make this possible.”

**CICADA BINGO!**

Visit Fairfax, the official tourism organization of Fairfax County, has created a fun-filled Cicada Stroll Bingo Card that encourages visitors and locals to look for and snap photos of cicadas in various settings around Fairfax County.

A sampling of these spots include:

- Cicadas Near the Water, where cicadas may be trying to cool down at one of Fairfax County’s waterfront parks like Great Falls, Burke Lake, or Pohick Bay.
- Cicadas on Public Art, where cicadas may be posing at the colorful murals at Mosaic or taking in the sculptures along Reston’s splendid public art trail.
- Cicadas at Historic Sites, where cicadas may be soaking up some culture learning about George Washington at his Mount Vernon estate or checking out Sully Historic Site’s connection to the Underground Railroad.
- Cicadas at a Brewery or Winery, where cicadas may be looking for the perfect mate to flirt with over a locally poured beer or a crisp glass of Virginia wine.



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<b>WANTED</b>	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 <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> .

## **A LIVING LEGEND IN OUR LOVING COMMUNITY**

*by Robert Blizzard*

A place. A time. A person. Once in a while, all three can come together in an extremely admirable and beneficial way. When longtime Ravensworth Farm residents look back on its first six decades, there's likely no one they'll say better reflects our warm, we-are-family spirit than Doddie Cave.

An original owner who moved to her Gosport Lane home with her husband Pat in the early 1960s, this one-of-a-kind lady is still enjoying life in our neighborhood with Pat. She remains active in our little corner of the world and revels in friendships with folks who've been here for decades, like the Caves, and those who've arrived recently.

Truly, I think of Doddie Cave as the preeminent member of our community. As the son of original owners who still live on Ravenel Lane, I grew up in Ravensworth Farm and remember seeing Mrs. Cave several times and in several places. Perhaps shopping at the Safeway, which has since gone away, or walking around our neighborhood for exercise. In fact, I still see her, fit as a fiddle, walking throughout the community, despite now being in her eighties.

In my opinion, she deserves a life achievement award or a crown and throne as our reigning empress—something to signify all she has done for this spot on the map that we all cherish and how she has embodied the kind, giving essence of Ravensworth Farm.

When the Farmer first announced at the end of 2019 that it sought people to interview Ravensworth's remaining original owners for the subdivision's sixtieth anniversary in 2020, I jumped at the opportunity and interviewed my parents. After that, the person I most wanted to interview was Mrs. Cave; I know what a prominent citizen she has been. But someone beat me to the scoop and a profile on her appeared in the newsletter last spring.

As I have been searching for other original owners to profile, I kept thinking I still wanted to interview Mrs. Cave, so I called late last year and she agreed. I was thrilled to be able to interview the Farm's true living legend for this additional story.

Because an original-owner profile had already appeared on her family, I asked Mrs. Cave if I could write about her active involvement in so many facets of our Ravensworth lives. It would be an interview with a community institution about our community institutions—and how she played a significant role in so many of them.

Her boundless energy for the Farm's endeavors has been there for us all, even while this amazing mother of three and grandmother of five worked part-time in a doctor's practice with three other original Ravensworth Farm owners. Mrs. Cave spent 43 years in the business office and retired only about ten years ago.

"We were a very busy community. There was always something going on," this Ravensworth Farm original owner told me during a February 2021 interview. And this stalwart with the big smile was often at the heart of the activity. That's appropriate since she is the beating heart of our community.

Doddie Cave is an inspiration to so many folks on the Farm and we all owe her an enormous debt of gratitude. Below are some vignettes this great lady recalls from nearly 60 years of activity in this place we all call home.

**Ravensworth Elementary School** – Doddie was a room mother at Ravensworth Elementary while her children attended the school. She assisted teachers with activities such as Smithsonian museum visits that allowed children to see exhibits ranging from King Tut to the inaugural gowns of the first ladies.

She fondly remembers the school's second principal, Gil Meadows, who would come to Ravensworth swim meets long after he left the school and went on to another position. Other memories include popular teachers: Ms. Corsepius, who was especially well-liked by many children; Ms. Price, whose entire teaching career took place at Ravensworth Elementary; and physical education instructor Mr. Pinhey, whom the Caves would see on occasion at Kilroy's many years later.

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Doddie says she was never very active in the PTA, an exception when compared to other neighborhood organizations. She did, however, sometimes help organize events at the school, including a Halloween open house for kids dressed in costume. This to-do featured a parade and booths inside the school cafeteria, including one that asked kids to wear a blindfold and put their hands into a bucket of what they were told was plucked-out human eyes. Doddie says the kids would scream with a mix of fear and delight as they felt what was really a bucket of grapes.

As her kids grew, Doddie remained engaged with their schools. She volunteered one day a week as a nurse's aide in the clinic at both Poe Intermediate and Annandale High. She also attended many sporting events at the high school because her older daughter Sharon was on the drill team, her son Rick was on the football team, and her younger daughter Maribeth was a cheerleader. Atom spirit ran high in their home and in the larger community.

"This neighborhood would be empty on Friday nights when there were football games at Annandale," Doddie recalls. "You had to be there early just to get a seat in the bleachers."

**Pool and Swim Team** – In the pool's first several years of operation during the 1960s, Ravensworth families were only allowed to join when it came their turn on a waiting list. Some families waited two years or more. Once the Wakefield (now the Audrey Moore) Recreation Center opened across Braddock Road in the 1970s, demand for pool memberships dropped and a waiting list was no longer necessary. The pool also dispensed with the requirement of living in Ravensworth Farm as a condition to join.

Several Ravensworth residents served on the pool's board of directors and competition for board slots could be competitive. Doddie says the desire to be on the board was mainly driven by a free membership for all board members.

In the 1970s, Doddie served for seven years as the swim team representative. In this role, she assisted the team coaches whom she hired. Coaches had to live outside the neighborhood to avoid a conflict of interest. They also had to wear a swimsuit when working with the team and one coach who refused to change into a swimsuit for practices was promptly fired.

Team managers chose three swimmers per race and more for relays. No swimmer could participate in more than two types of strokes per event. One year, the team came in third in its division but in another year, the team did not win a single swim meet. After competitions, orders of pizza for as many as 75 kids would arrive from the old Pizza Bazzano up in the Ravensworth Shopping Center.

Doddie remembers a talented, young swimmer who once didn't want to swim for a relay carnival. She was ultimately convinced to participate but then, immediately afterwards, threw up in the pool. The event had to be canceled so the pool could be cleaned. She ended up getting her way, after all.

About three times each summer, the pool would host teen nights open to any teenager in the community and not just the children of families who belonged to the pool. A deejay was often hired so teens could dance. Doddie helped chaperone these events for years. Occasionally, some kids would misbehave and were asked to leave, but that number was small. There were other events for pre-teens and younger children.

The pool also hosted special evenings for adults in the neighborhood. These event featured music and dancing, too. Several were crab feasts.

When the sport of tennis was popular during the 1970s, a women's tennis group would gather for practice and matches on the tennis courts.

**Scouting** – Since she had two daughters and one son, Doddie became quite involved with scouting for both girls and boys.

She remembers camping with the Girl Scouts when her daughter Sharon was a member. The group included about 25 girls who pitched their own tents. Doddie was impressed that one of the mothers was able to light a bonfire in the rain with only two matches.

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On this outing, the girls' tents were near a pond and the rain caused the water to rise. All of the campers had to pack up their tents and spend the night in a structure with a tin roof. The rain against the roof was so loud that few people slept.

When her daughter Maribeth was a Brownie, Doddie went with a group of the young girls to Arlington Cemetery. Upon seeing the eternal flame at the grave of President Kennedy, some of the girls explained that they didn't know who Kennedy was. Doddie remembers realizing how many years had passed by since the early 1960s, when she first moved into Ravensworth.

When her son Rick was active with the Cub Scouts, Doddie was a den mother. Once, the troop went to a Krispy Kreme shop to see how donuts were made. While the production process interested them, the boys were more focused on the free dozen donuts they would get to take home.

**Winter Holiday Celebrations** – For a few years running, the church on Inverchapel Road would host a bonfire in December for everyone in the community to enjoy. The event featured access to Lake Accotink and kids would ice-skate on the frozen lake in an area with shallow water.

In some years, Christmas carolers from the neighborhood would meet at the church before beginning their door-to-door efforts. The church would host everyone at the end of the evenings and provide hot chocolate and cookies.

**Garden Club** – Doddie was active in the subdivision's Garden Club for decades. At its peak, more than 50 women belonged.

Every year, the group would judge the garden of the season in the spring and then in December pick the houses with the best holiday decorations. Initially, people not living in the neighborhood were recruited to be judges but finding willing volunteers became too difficult. Later, winners were selected by groups of club members who would drive around in their cars with one designated driver and three judges in each car. Doddie says she was both a driver and a judge umpteen times.

The club established a tradition of giving cash gifts to the Ronald McDonald House at Fairfax Hospital in the names of the top three winners, who also were given a sign to place in their yard for three weeks. Occasionally, the club would get complaints that the same people won too frequently. The ladies ultimately adopted a policy of not giving awards to any club members.

Other efforts by the Ravensworth Farm garden club included planting dogwood trees in front of the elementary school. Each year, the ladies would prune the trees and they were disappointed when the county decided to remove the dogwoods several years later. The club also handled decorating the entrances to the community for different holidays and taking care of a flower bed near the marina at Lake Accotink. These efforts were discontinued, however, because, according to Doddie, "The ladies just got too old!"

"On the whole, we still have a beautiful neighborhood," Doddie reflected. "There are a lot of gorgeous homes."

**Other Clubs** – While Doddie was active with her ladies' bridge club, she did not participate as much in other women's groups. A babysitting club sprung up in the early years. One mother would drop her kids off with another mother and then owe her the same number of babysitting hours on a future date. (The babysitting club is again active.) Doddie was so busy with other activities that she also did not join in much with the Golden Ravens, which was set up for neighborhood seniors.

**Ravensworth Farmer and Directory** – Doddie was active with the team organizing our directory, noting that for 20 years she served as a Block Captain, collecting money on her street annually for the publication. Also, she always helped next-door neighbor and original owner Bev Schubert and her family compile the Farmer newsletter. Pages would be set out on a dining room table and attendees would walk around the table putting the pages together in order.

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**Ravensworth Shopping Center** – Doddie notes that the shopping center was not open when her family moved into the subdivision. But she and others were “thrilled” when it finally did.

Some of the bygone merchants she remembers include the Puppy Palace pet store, Drug Fair (now a Walgreens), a men’s business-wear shop, a ladies’ dress shop called Mademoiselle, the Buckaroo steak house, a restaurant preceding Kilroy’s called Uncle Sam’s, and the Northern Virginia Bank (in what is now the Anita’s space) that had a drive-through window. Tellers at the window would pass out dog biscuits if your pooch was in the car. Another favorite was The Raven gift shop, which employed one resident of the community from the time it opened until the time it closed decades later.

**Lake Accotink** – Doddie says that the lake was a nice place to live near because of the opportunities for family fun, including fishing for the kids, a putt-putt course, and Friday night concerts. In the 1970s, class walks to the lake were popular field trips when she served as a room mother. These days, her grandkids enjoy visiting the lake and Grandma Doddie enjoys taking them.

She notes that kids don’t ice-skate at Lake Accotink anymore due to the lake not freezing over in recent years. She also chuckled that in the early days of the Farm, snowplowing was rare. She laughed while making this comment because her interview took place on a February afternoon that saw a tiny amount of snow that didn’t stick to the streets – but Doddie said that, ironically, she’d seen the county snowplow more than once that day.

Decades ago, the county dredged Lake Accotink and brought in a fleet of trucks to take out the sludge. Kids got a kick out of watching all the trucks come and go.

**Voting** – Doddie has been an election official at the Ravensworth Elementary polling station for decades. Another resident was in charge of the voting operations for years and would always bring candy for the voters.

Doddie enjoys checking in with longtime residents when they come in to vote, as that may be the only time she sees them. She also sees a lot of adults who grew up here and whom she remembers as children.

One year, bad weather during a primary election resulted in only 17 voters. Such low turnout, even for a primary, was unusual because the subdivision often has a strong showing. Other voting memories include a community member so irate that he would not be let in to vote 15 minutes after the polls had closed that he yelled through the window. She termed one man in Ravensworth a “life saver” because he has rescued the election day staff a few times when weather was poor by voluntarily showing up with his snow shovel and putting down sand so that everyone would get home safely.

**Civic Association** – In the Farm’s early years, the civic association hosted about three dances a year for adults. Doddie says she didn’t start these events but she ended up running them for about four years. They were often held at a firehouse in Fairfax. The festivities featured food, drinks and live music.

Several years ago, the civic association gave Doddie a well-deserved accolade: Ravensworth Farm’s outstanding citizen award. She still has the silver bowl and cherishes not only the gift, but also the many experiences that were part of her deep, longtime involvement in our neck of the woods that the award represents.

“Ravensworth has been the best place in the world to raise children. There were always people helping people,” Doddie said.

“It is a very loving community,” she added. “We really do care about each other.”

And we really do care about you, Doddie. I mean, Mrs. Cave. (She will always be “Mrs. Cave” to me.) Thank you for doing so much to make Ravensworth Farm a better place to live and for being such a caring, seemingly tireless neighbor. You’ve been a booster, go-getter, and role model to us all. Your legacy to our collective home is profound and greatly appreciated.

**WORKING TO REDUCE THE TECHNOLOGY GAP AMONG OLDER ADULTS**

*from the Department of Neighborhood & Community Services*

One year ago, senior centers in Fairfax County were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the Virtual Center for Active Adults launched so that older adults and adults with disabilities could stay connected by participating in virtual classes and events. One major barrier for successfully participating in events is a lack of technology skills or fear of technology among older adults. Recognizing this, VCAA staff and their partners have been working to remove this barrier.

When the VCAA launched, one of the first classes offered was Learn Zoom Basic Skills to help older adults acquire the skills to join programs on Zoom. Although initially offered twice a week, the frequency of the class tapered to every other week as participants gained confidence using Zoom. In addition to the class, NSC offers tech support via email (NCSVCAA@fairfaxcounty.gov). The inbox is monitored by NCS tech educators who respond with advice and help troubleshoot issues.

Lack of devices among older adults is another barrier to connection. This fall a computer loaner program launched at Little River Glen Senior Housing. Conceived by NCS, ServiceSource and Senior Housing and funded by a donation from Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, seven tablets were purchased for the loaner program. If proven successful, loaner programs are planned for other senior housing locations.

VCAA partner ServiceSource has also created a Technology Grant Program to combat the technology gap. The grant will be used to purchase tablets for older adults and people with disabilities most at need. To learn more, visit [servicesource.org/service/senior-services/](http://servicesource.org/service/senior-services/).

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 2 Cloves peeled and chopped garlic  
 1 can (28 oz) Cut Roma Tomatoes  
 1 container (32 oz) vegetable stock  
 2 T fresh chopped oregano  
 2 T herbes de Provence  
 2 t sea salt

**Directions:**

1. Drain and rinse all beans; set aside.  
 2. Heat oil in stockpot on MED-HIGH; add mirepoix. Cook, stirring, about 5 min. until soft but not browned. Add garlic; cook, stirring 1-2 min, until soft but not browned.  
 3. Add tomatoes, vegetable stock, and beans. Stir; bring to a boil. Reduce heat to MED-LOW, add herbes, salt, and pepper. Simmer 15 min.

\*Mirepoix: 2 parts onion, one part carrots, one part celery. You may purchase an 8 oz container at Wegman's.

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