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RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BEGINS STEAM CLASSES

Ravensworth is excited to offer our students STEAM Classes as part of the instructional day this school year. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. STEAM helps students develop the FCPS Portrait of a Graduate 21st century skills. Students investigate current, real-world problems. They collaborate in groups, ask questions, think critically, and communicate their thinking. Students persist through a challenge to develop resilience and goal directed skills. Students develop creative solutions to benefit the community. In the process, students explore STEAM careers and develop as ethical and global citizens.

Erika Aspuria
Principal
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Association Meetings & Deadlines 2021-22

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
November	2	20/21	
December	1		
January	5	29/30	
February	2	26/27	
March	2	26/27	March 24 - General Membership Meeting
April	13	May 7/8	
May	4	21/22	May 19 - General Membership Meeting

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 for a link to join.

CAMPING, SCUBA, HIKING, COOKING, SHOOTING, SNOW TUBING— TROOP 991 DOES IT ALL

For nearly 60 years Ravensworth's Boy Scout Troop 991 has been an outdoor troop having fun doing all types of activities. Our scouts have already planned activities for this fall that include camping each month, SCUBA, hiking, Dutch Oven cooking, and attending a local camp-o-ree this month that will be filled with lots of great outdoor competition!

If your son is over 10 years old or has completed the 5th grade and is interested in coming by to learn more about scouting we would love to have you! Please send an email to our scoutmaster, Mr. Bill Thewes, at bsatrop991sm@gmail.com. We meet most Wednesday evenings at the Community of Christ Church in Ravensworth Farm.

KIDS CORNER

Kids' Corner is a place where Ravensworth kids 18 and under can have their writing published for all of Ravensworth Farm to read. Send your submission of 500 or fewer words to Ravensworth.Farmer@gmail.com. Be sure to include your name and where you live (your address won't be published). All genres appropriate for a general audience are welcome.



CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family and friends of Diana Wood, a lifelong resident of Ravensworth Farm who passed away in October. Diana was a wonderful, kind friend to many in the Farm.

RAVENOUSLY RESEARCHING RAVENSWORTH **PART ONE: HISTORIAN FOCUSES FREQUENTLY ON THE FARM**

By Rob Blizard

We all enjoy exploring our own history from time to time. But what about when you become the history? Did you know that your residences are the subjects of one amazing historian's avid research? Her work constitutes a labor of love devoted to the very structures we all call home.

Inhabitants of Ravensworth Farm will be fascinated to know that there is a self-styled historian laser-focused on Springfield neighborhoods developed in the twenty years or so following World War II—when a prosperous economy and the affordability of automobiles caused suburbs to flourish nationwide. A former resident of Springfield's Edsall Park in her late fifties who now lives in Hagerstown, Maryland, Robyn Carter regularly posts on the Farm's Facebook page, sharing facts, photos and other historical nuggets. Sometimes, she even clears up or corrects misunderstandings about the past that have developed into urban legends among Ravensworth denizens. She graciously agreed to an interview with the Farmer newsletter to share her passion for our subdivision in the wake of its sixtieth anniversary and nearby subdivisions created by local development companies active in the 1950s and 1960s—primarily, the Crestwood Construction Corporation, which built Ravensworth Farm, and Carr, Inc., as well as sub-corporations of the two.

After a career in various aspects of the property insurance industry as a licensed agent in Virginia and surrounding states, Robyn now boasts a substantial avocation examining those older communities that came into existence within just a few miles of Ravensworth. Her endeavors include a book titled *Post WW2 History of Springfield, Virginia* and *The Crestwood Construction Corporation*, which she wrote in 2016 at the urging of Lynne Garvey-Hodge, who is the Fairfax County History Commission's Vice-Chair and Representative for Springfield.

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“To my shock and delight, my book did promote interest within the Commission since no one seemed to ever really dig into or cover the postwar build-up of Springfield. And it received the Edith Moore Sprouse Achievement Award that fall,” remembers Robyn. The award commemorates an original Commission participant who wrote books and monographs on Fairfax County history and mentored other local researchers.

The tome is available free via PDF files to those who request it from Robyn directly and via several Springfield-related Facebook groups and civic association groups. A hard copy is housed at the main branch of the Fairfax County Public Library’s Virginia Room; however, those interested in the book should request the PDF from Robyn at bettygrbl@aol.com and place “Springfield History Book Request” in the subject line of the e-mail.

In 2015, Robyn wrote articles for the North Springfield subdivision’s newsletter during its year-long sixtieth anniversary celebration. She still writes for them as well as for the *Springfield Reporter*, the newsletter for the Springfield Civic Association.

Robyn bemoans the “apathy, especially by commercial property owners, in Springfield” that has destroyed much of the community’s “root architecture.”

“I am always hoping that a group of history-loving residents will learn the unique and important part of the county’s history that Springfield’s early growth period means and perhaps start now—before it’s too late—to preserve some of what is so generally dismissed to keep any real historic grounding to Springfield’s early development period,” she proffers.

Robyn says she has no formal training in acting as a historian or journalist, but credits her skills to her “late mother, Brenda Carter who was a fantastic amateur but amazingly gifted genealogist.”

Her greatest research resources are now available online, unlike before. She can conduct all of her research from the comfort of home in Hagerstown—on any day of the year and even in the middle of the night. Gone are the days when she would need to spend whole business days at the land records office of the Fairfax County Courthouse, as if she were conducting professional title search work. Reliance on land records ensures the accuracy of Robyn’s information because the law requires those records to be factually correct.

“The online archives of the DC-area newspapers, both the *Washington Post* and the defunct *Washington Star/Evening Star*, are an enormous help as a starting point with ads and articles about the new and growing Springfield suburbs of the 1950s and 1960s,” she says. “As with any sort of historical work, having access to newspapers of the era involved gives great insight.”

She also uses four huge, bound volumes of the *Springfield Independent* newspaper covering the crucial years of 1953 to 1958. She says these volumes, which contain the editor’s copies, were given to her by the son of the couple who were the originators, editors and publishers of that “foundational source of Springfield’s early history since the eyes of the paper were witnessing the growth of the community literally from the beginning.”

Robyn’s primary research sources also include the people who live or have lived in the very communities she studies. “I [must] give credit to the incredible generosity of so many people who have donated original documents such as sales brochures, original purchase documents, settlement papers and other items created by the builders themselves,” points out Robyn. These documents, she explains, “serve as points of both information and self-proving ones for things like the model home names, architectural drawings, floor plans, prices, [and] options available to the buyers.”

Editor’s Note: See pg. 22 for Ravensworth Farm ads from the early 1960’s.

Another helpful research resource was an interview with Roger Hildee, who was the last and longest surviving partner in the Crestwood Construction Corporation, who spoke with Robyn in the months before he passed away.

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Robyn's interest in this swath of Northern Virginia stems from her late aunt and uncle—Jane and Bill Huffman—and their purchase of one of the earliest homes built in the early days of Springfield at 6020 Backlick Road. That purchase took place in the summer of 1973 when the Huffmans acquired a 1952 “Chesterfield Rambler,” which, according to Robyn, was the grandfather model of what eventually became the basement Rambler models built in Ravensworth Farm. The home is in Crestwood's Springfield—which lies on the west side of Backlick Road, running approximately just south of the Beltway overpass, down Highland Street to the west and then to Brookfield Park and back east up Essex Avenue with some sections further south closer to Old Keene Mill Road. The historian says the neighborhood is “the bedrock subdivision from which all of developed Springfield grew.”

“I was just under nine years old but I remember walking through that house before they moved in and it was like a magic spell came over me,” recalls Robyn. “The house was roughly ninety-five percent original with all of its mid-century modest charm intact from the kitchen cabinets and counters to the soft green bathroom tiles and the steel casement windows that would crank out to catch the breezes and direct them into the house. Even at that young age, it was love at first sight and for the next thirty-two years, my parents and I spent many wonderful Friday night visits there. With each passing year, it became my personal standard for what my dream home would be.”

Later, Robyn's parents bought a tri-level split home in the Edsall Park subdivision built by the Crestwood company in 1957. They lived there during some of her high school years until 1980. Twenty-five years later, three cousins sold the Backlick Road home of her aunt and uncle. She says that the sale meant that her “days of being in my dream house also came to an end.”

Robyn said that she could not afford to buy her aunt and uncle's home but compensated in another way: “During that first year, I decided to salve my feelings of loss by preserving the home through documenting everything I could about it.” Her efforts then led her to develop her own archives about other Crestwood's Springfield houses, including information on its builder, and history, as well as the Crestwood Construction Corporation's role in the growth of Springfield and other parts of Northern Virginia in the post-WWII decades.

As for Ravensworth Farm, Robyn's interest in our own community stems from it being one of the Crestwood Construction Corporation neighborhoods. She likes to drive through the subdivision on occasion as well as through the Corporation's other communities: Edsall Park, North Springfield, Crestwood Manor in Annandale, and “of course, my first love, Crestwood's Springfield.”

“I don't remember the specific point at which I became familiar with Ravensworth Farm but I know I ran across it in my earlier years of research of the Crestwood Construction Corporation in general, and began to dig in on it as I have all the various neighborhoods that they built during their roughly twenty-five years of creating thousands of homes in Northern Virginia,” explains Robyn.

She likes that so many Ravensworth Farm houses have either not been adapted or only minimally adapted in their construction.

“Being a person who deeply loves the houses as they were built—and I'm a real purist in that regard—I just love to drive through the neighborhood where I can soak up the rows of homes that are virtually untouched by time and trendy updates or remodels. It's sort of my version of a visual feast that feeds my old historian soul,” smiles Robyn.

Stay tuned for a second article on additional tales of historian Robyn Carter's research on our community in an upcoming edition of the Ravensworth Farmer newsletter.

COMPOSTING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Source: From the Fairfax County Government Website

Composting is nature's way of recycling. It is the controlled breakdown of yard waste, food scraps, and other organic material. Composting is the way that nature recycles. In nature, when a leaf falls to the forest floor, it is consumed and digested by a host of creatures, from worms and insects to microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi.

Organic waste comes from plant or animal sources. Commonly, they include food waste, fruit and vegetable peels, yard waste; even the food left on your plate can be classified as organic waste. They are biodegradable (this means they are easily broken down by other organisms over time). Many people turn their organic waste into compost and use it in their gardens.

Compost improves the soil's porosity and reduces the frequency of watering. See more on the benefits of composting at these websites: Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and Virginia Cooperative Extension have information you can use to start composting.

COMPOSTING OPTIONS

Fairfax County residents now have several options for managing their organic waste. Whether you decide to compost at home, contract for curbside collection, or take your organic matter elsewhere, know that you will be doing your part to make the environment a safer, cleaner place for everyone.

COMPOSTING AT HOME

You can buy a compost bin or make one yourself. In a few months, you will have a great (and free) soil amendment for your garden and flowers.

Composting involves combining food waste and yard waste to help bring vital nutrients back to the soil. To compost correctly and efficiently, there are four ingredients in the recipe: Nitrogen, Oxygen, Water, and Carbon. The ratio of each depends on the weather conditions and type of organic waste you have. By mixing these ingredients, the result is usually a dark, crumbled mixture comprised of organic decaying material. For more information, visit the Virginia Cooperative Extension website.

COMPOST DROP-OFF

Food waste makes up as much as one-third of the trash we dispose of every day. Fairfax County has been composting yard waste for several years -- now ready to tackle food waste. Fairfax County recently opened two new locations where residents can drop off food waste to be composted. The pilot program launched in November 2020 at the I-66 Transfer Station and the I-95 Landfill Complex. They are open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. seven days a week.

County residents interested in composting food scraps will now have several additional convenient drop-off locations. The Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (DPWES) and the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) have been working together to get the Farmers Market Composting pilot program expanded.

Farmers Market Composting provides a convenient solution to keep food out of the waste stream. Food scrap composting diverts our food waste, to a beneficial use. When we compost organic waste, it is used as a natural fertilizer or soil amendment, where the nutrients are put back into the soil.

On June 23, the pilot program was implemented at Farmers Markets in four county districts:

Burke Farmers Market: Saturday | 8 a.m. to noon | April 10 thru December 18

Mosaic District Farmers Market: Sunday | 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. | year around

Mount Vernon Farmers Market: Wednesday | 8 a.m. to noon | April 21 thru December 22

Herndon Farmers Market: Thursday | 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | April 22 thru November 4

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Please verify market hours before heading out to drop off your food scraps. Do not drop off scraps when the market is closed. For a full list of items that are compostable, visit the Fairfax County website composting page:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/food-scraps-composting-drop>

For updates on DPWES related projects, services and events visit on Facebook @fairfaxcountyenvironment and on Twitter @ffxpublicworks.

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THE RAVENSWORTH CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

By Roberto Bernate (Story Concept by Rob Blizzard)

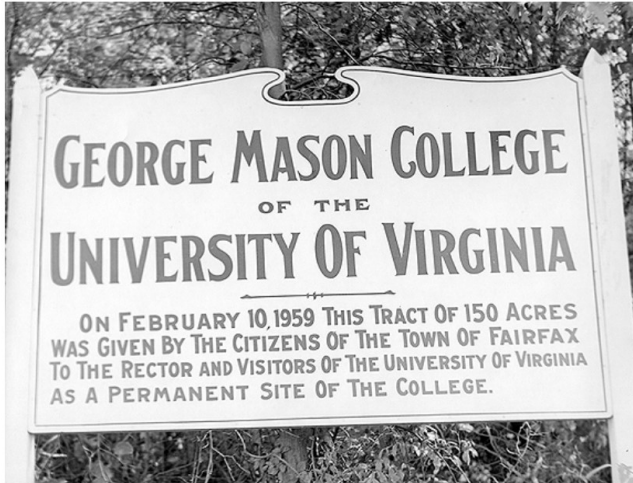


Figure 1: Photo from George Mason University Archives, Connect2Mason.com.

Imagine a world [insert Rod Serling voice-over here] where you have opened your door facing Inverchapel Road and what you see is a quad of dormitories and a flurry of students starting their new college year. The year is 1956 and freshman year students eagerly await activities such as “night club,” where extracurricular endeavors are forged. You might groggily venture out to the Ravensworth Farm Shopping Center and fill up your gas tank at the Esso Icebox & Modern Gas Station on the corner or dine at the Stucky’s in the strip or perhaps a stroll along the Fort Belvoir Reservoir – oh, wait, you cannot – it is on a military reservation. It was only for serendipity (and a generous land donation) that, Ravensworth Farm – the first choice among competitors – **did not** become what is now George Mason University.

The Candidates

In 1956 the Virginia House of Delegates passed a Joint Resolution giving the University of Virginia the authority to open a branch in Northern Virginia.

Until 1958 the original satellite campus for the University of Virginia was located in a former elementary school in Bailey’s Crossroads called The Northern Virginia Branch of the University of Virginia. It offered two-year transitional studies for those looking to transfer to permanent college endeavors.

In 1955 plans began for a permanent location headed by the appointment of the University of Virginia’s Board of Visitors. Of the more than half dozen sites proposed, three finalists emerged as the ideal location in terms of location, land donation, and infrastructure grants.



Figure 2: Ravensworth Farm & Environs, 1956, OldMapsOnline.org.

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<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>

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Maplewood Estate, McClean – Once the summer home for President Woodrow Wilson this property was offered by the Ulfelder Estate.

Ravensworth Farm, Springfield – Originally owned by William Fitzhugh - a prominent Virginia politician, farmer, and the grandfather of Mary Custis Lee.

Sunset Hills, Reston/Herndon – The Bowman property was originally held by the wealthy founders of a distillery that included Virginia Gentleman bourbons.

Pros & Cons

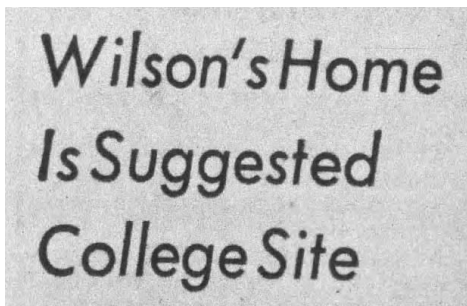


Figure 3: *Kingsport Times, Tennessee*, 31 July 1956, p. 3.

Maplewood Estate – This offering included 50-acres and a 24-room mansion to serve as the university's focal point. This site had always been a last option of the top-tier proposals mostly due to the land not hitherto being for sale. The property owners had supposed a land sale providing it would house a hospital or a university but no options were ever realistically considered.

Ravensworth Farm – Ravensworth was a top candidate early in the proposal process due to the original land donation being 50-acres with an optional donation of an additional 240-acres as well as road access along VA Route 620 (Braddock Road). This location was immediately deemed the top-pick by the University Board of Visitors due to its proximity to Alexandria-Washington, DC metropolitan with an ample-existing road network with Braddock Road and Little River Turnpike to the north, the Henry G. Shirley Memorial Highway to the east, as well as the already planned Eisenhower Interstate Highway which would create what we know today as the I-495 Beltway and Interstate 395. Arguably, the largest negative of this location was its future proximity to the Civil Air Administration's (CAA) erstwhile planned international airport in Burke. By 1955, growing opposition to the planned airport had squashed the purchase completion for the 4,570 acres of land required for the airport (FAA's "White Elephant" document). The airport that was finally established is what we know as the Washington-Dulles International Airport (IAD). Ravensworth's location was finally killed by a decision by the University of Virginia's Board of Visitors citing: "...future flight path went from east to west, the Ravensworth site would be directly in the path of jet planes during takeoff and final approach for landing. It was suggested by some that the noise could be detrimental to the everyday operations of the campus." (GMU-A History).

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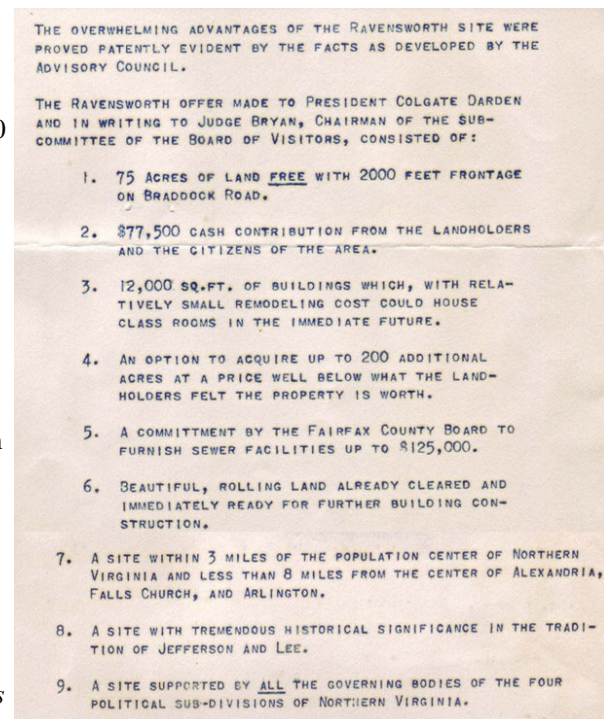


Figure 4: Springfield Committee for the Northern Virginia University Center, "Springfield Committee for the Northern Virginia University Center, September 24, 1956. To the editor," *A History of George Mason University*, Pp. 1-2.

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Arlington Backs Site At Herndon

Sunset Hills – The Bowman proposal called for an initial donation of 50-acres (later upped to 250) along with a cash donation of \$25,000.00 and the option to expand an additional 250-acres. However the largesse of the donated property and money the largest impasse to this location at what is now near the community of Reston was its lack of infrastructure. Few roads and the Old Dominion Rail served the area and fewer existing accesses to power, sewer, or gas made this location far less desirable than its competition but was kept in contention due to the generous land donation proposal.

Figure 5: *Times (Richmond) Dispatch*,
3 February 1958, p. 4.

... and the Winner was...

By 1958 no clear victor for the Northern Virginia Campus, University of Virginia had been determined until the Town of Fairfax submitted a “win-win” proposal to the Board of Visitors to donate the “Farr Tract” – a 146-acre parcel that it had already been partially purchased from the Farr Estate. A Dark Horse candidate no one had foretold which had everything the Board was looking for: Free land, infrastructure, and a proximal location to the Washington area. In 1959 the new institution was formally named “George Mason College.”



Figure 6: unknown, “The Farr Property, ca 1958,” *A History of George Mason University*, accessed October 5, 2021, <http://ahistoryofmason.gmu.edu/items/show/233>.

HAVING DIFFICULTY PREPARING MEALS?

(Article from the Department of Family Services)

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

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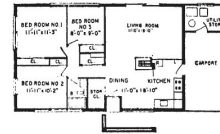
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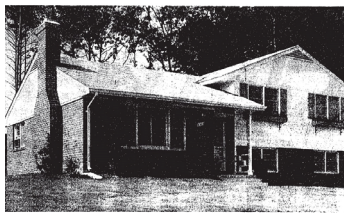
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