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The Ravensworth Farmer May 2023 Issue 7 **THIS ISSUE:** MESSAGES FROM THE WEBMASTER Logo Contest Announcement: Messages From the Webmaster, pg. 1 The Farmer Newsletter & Ravensworth Fam Civic News From the Braddock Association (RFCA) website needs a logo! **District Supervisor & Braddock Bark** We are opening a contest with a prize amount of \$500.00 Returns, Pg. 1 for the winning submission. Message From RFCA Second The contest is open to all Ravensworth Farm residents & Vice President Pg. 7 students at Ravensworth Elementary. Submissions need to be sent to **Discovering Our Nation's First** Webmaster@ravensworthfarm.org in a graphics format Monuments, Part VII: The Imposters by August 31 2023 to be considered. Among Us, Pg. 8 Hardcopy Farmer Newsletter Distribution: Cub Scout Pack 991 Update. Pg. 14 Due to the high printing costs and delivery challenges, the RFCA Board voted to scale down distribution of paper copies of the Farmer newsletter starting October Early Voting in Fairfax County, Pg. 16 2023. Ravensworth Pool Registration, Pg. 16 The Farmer will continue to be published eight times a year from October to June with all issues available online. Three issues of the Farmer will be printed and Playground, Pg. 17 distributed to all Ravensworth Farm residents three times a year in conjunction with the General Membership Friends of Lake Accotink meetings. News & Events, Pg. 17 We need your emails! With the aforementioned change to the Farmer Printing, if you would still like to receive **Important Links** notification of RFCA news and online newsletters sign up at ravensworthfarm.org or at the Ravensworth Farm Join the RFCA & receive the Ravensworth Farm Direc-Facebook page. tory through this web link: Questions or comments may be sent to https://www.ravensworthfarm.org/join Layout@ravensowrthfarm.org or to any member on the RFCA Board Executive Committee, listed on Page 2 of Subscribe to the RFCA mailing list to receive important this newsletter. email blasts and the Farmer (scroll down to the bottom of the page for the form to subscribe): https://www.ravensworthfarm.org/ NEWS FROM THE BRADDOCK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR Join the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page for community sharing and discussions and event updates: Thank you for inviting me to the March Civic https://m.facebook.com/groups/134665557176/? Association meeting and Taste of Ravensworth. It was ref=share&mibextid=q504bk

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Please help fill these open positions with the RFCA!



President, 2nd Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Green Committee Lead, & Distribution for The Farmer



Please contact Marcie Winitt (<u>prez@ravensworthfarm.org</u>) for additional information or to volunteer.

Association Meetings & Deadlines 2023

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	DETAILS
May	3	Board Meeting
May	6	Yard sale at the Ravensworth Farm Pool (Rain date: May 13)
May	25	General Membership Meeting *

* The May 25 General Membership Meeting will be held in person at the Ravensworth Elementary School cafeteria. (If this meeting will be streamed live, it will be broadcast on the <u>Ravensworth Farm Facebook page</u>.)

All meetings are open to residents of Ravensworth Farm. Unless noted otherwise, all meetings are 7:30 pm Online. For a link to join, contact Diwakar Sharma, Corresponding Secretary, at: <u>CorSec@ravensworthfarm.org</u>

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great to catch up and discuss the FY 2024 County budget process and the future of Lake Accotink.

BRADDOCK BARK RETURNS!

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Braddock Bark coming up on Sunday, May 21 at Lake Accotink Park!

Last year's first-ever Braddock Bark was a huge success, with hundreds of dogs and dog lovers joining us to celebrate our favorite friends.

The event will include adoption info, activities for pets, tables and booths featuring local businesses and nonprofits, food vendors, and more!

Leashed dogs are welcome – I hope to see you there! Check out Celebrate Fairfax's website for more information at <u>bit.ly/bbark23</u>

For updates about Braddock Bark and other things happening in the Braddock District, sign up for the Walkinshaw Advisory (weekly) and Braddock Beacon (monthly) publications at <u>bit.ly/braddocklist</u> or by emailing my office at <u>braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>

-Braddock District Supervisor James R. Walkinshaw

MESSGAGE FROM THE RFCA SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Farmers,

I was planning to address the membership about opportunities for volunteering with Ravensworth Farm Civic Association (RFCA). My name is Richard Hildebrand, and I am currently the Second Vice President for RFCA. As you know RFCA is an all-volunteer group, and our success is determined by the level of participation of our members. We currently have a small but dedicated group of people that actively participate in making Ravensworth Farm a great place to live. If you are one of those people, I know I speak for the Board of Directors and the rest of the membership when I say thank you so much for your willingness to share your time and energy.

For those of you who may not have had an opportunity or thought about volunteering yet, there are many opportunities to contribute. And you don't have to commit a lot of time to participate. Unless of course, you want to, in which case, we always say YES, thank you!

May 2023



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UPCOMING SESSION:

• Wednesday, May 17th, 5 PM - 7 PM (Maggiano's catering dinner is provided)

Seminar location: 3918 Prosperity Ave. #114, Fairfax VA 22031

Visit our YouTube Channel for Monthly Market Update Beyond the Headlines youtube.com/DDArealestate

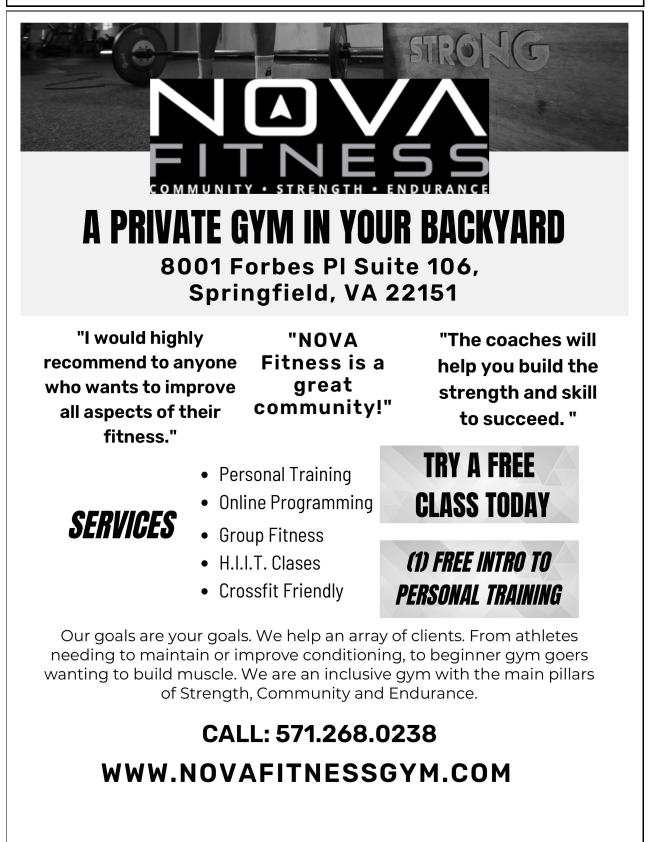




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Our volunteers currently produce the Farmer newsletter, produce and distribute the Ravensworth Farm directory, greet new neighbors, collect membership dues, maintain the entrances and entrance signs, help organize and run our annual events, and serve on the Board of Directors.

If you are unsure how you can help, feel free to reach out to me or one of the other Board members, and we can chat about opportunities that are a good match for your time and talents. Our phone numbers and email addresses are in the newsletter. Most of our opportunities to serve require a low level of time commitment. Even Board of Director positions don't require much beyond a 2-hour meeting once a month. And we don't even meet during the summer months!

I have been on the Board of Directors for three years and I can tell you that I have enjoyed the experience very much. It has been an opportunity to meet neighbors that I did not know, learn about what is happening in our neighborhood, and help make a difference.

At the next General Membership meeting in May, elections will be held for all of the Board positions. Three Board positions do not currently have any candidates running, so we are looking for some people to step into those spots. We need people to volunteer for the Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and 2nd Vice President positions. No one has come forward to volunteer for any open Board position in the past few years and as a result, the incumbents have had to remain in place. That will not be possible this year.

Finally, you may not know that the Boy Scout troop that had been delivering the Farmer in past years is no longer able to deliver it. So, this year we have been reaching out to the community for volunteers through the Facebook page. The response has been awesome. We have had a number of people volunteer and were able to get all of the newsletters delivered for each issue. The Board would like to thank everyone that has volunteered to make that happen. It was a real community effort and showed that we can get the job done if we all pitch in.



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Thank you for considering how you can help the RFCA and the Ravensworth Farm community.

Take care,

Richard Hildebrand

2nd Vice President

DISCOVERING OUR NATION'S FIRST MONUMENTS, PART VII: THE IMPOSTERS AMONG US

By Roberto Bernate

Various editions of this article were published by the Sun Gazette's Arlington, Fairfax, Weekend, and the <u>Sun</u> <u>Gazette E-Edition</u> Newspapers.

Traveling the Old District Boundaries alongside the DC-Maryland-Virginia borders one is certain to encounter stones, offtimes confused with the forty-boundary stones delineating the Territory of Columbia.

A recently identified marker in Virginia hitherto thought lost to history has been rediscovered – hiding in plain sight. Eight markers remain and are located along essential transportation routes into the District from Maryland and Virginia but are completely unrelated to the Original Boundary Stones of the



Rediscovered "Garden Stone," Rosslyn, VA, Author, 2021.

<u>District of Columbia</u>. Instead, these stone markers are the <u>Garden Club of</u> <u>America's ceremonial entrance markers</u>.

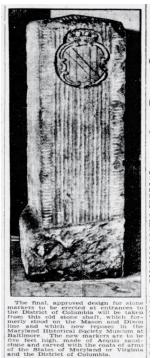
Now over 90 years old - these markers were cut from the same sandstone and quarry location at Aquia Creek and chiseled to resemble markers delineating the Mason-Dixon Line along the Pennsylvania-Delaware-Maryland-West Virginia borders. The design likely was a tribute to Andrew Ellicott, who played a key role in laying the Mason-Dixon Line boundary markers and was also an instrumental figure in surveying and placing the forty-<u>Original Boundary Stones of the</u> <u>District of Columbia</u> in 1791-1792.

The markers were chiseled with the coat of arms for Maryland and official seals for Virginia and the

District of Columbia on the facet opposing their respective jurisdictions. The marker used to design the Garden Club entrance markers was the Mile Marker 50 of the Mason-Dixon line, from the west boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland. <u>This marker</u> is on display at the <u>Maryland Center for History and Culture</u>, formerly the Maryland Historical Society Museum.

According to concomitant press reporting, these commemorative markers were to be placed in six sets of two and one individual marker in the following manner (from north to south):

- Two markers along 16th Street, Northwest, and Maryland Route 29 on the District line on Blair Circle. **Both markers are missing.**
- One marker at the pedestrian island at the intersections of Georgia Avenue (US Route 29), Alaska Avenue, and Kalmia Road, Northwest. **The marker is extant.**
- Two markers in Friendship Heights/Village on either side of the north intersection of Wisconsin and Western Avenues. **Markers are extant.**



Washington, DC - Evening Star, Saturday, 12 December 1931, p A-16.



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Chevy Chase Circle, Western Avenue, Washington, DC, Photo: Author, 2021.

• Two markers in the Chevy Chase traffic circle on the northeast and southwest sides at the intersections of Western Avenue. Markers are extant.

• Two markers in the Westmoreland traffic circle nearest the north intersection of Western Avenue and on the south side near Dalecarlia Parkway, Northwest. Markers are extant.

• Two markers on the Virginia and/or District sides of the Francis Scott Key Memorial Bridge (US Route 29) in Arlington. **One marker is missing; the second was recently rediscovered.**

• Two markers on the Virginia and/or District side of the Highway Bridge (now part of the 14th Street Bridge complex) (Interstate 395/US Route 1 north). Both markers are missing.



Con't From Pg. 10

The newly rediscovered marker stands at the Virginia entrance to Key Bridge in the furthest north grassy median separating the westbound entrance to the George Washington Parkway, North Fort Myer Drive, and North Lynn Street. A recently felled tree likely had been obscuring its view. It and the other markers were placed between April 1932 and October 1933 (left inset) as part of a <u>congressionally authorized</u> national commemoration of the bicentennial of George Washington's birth.



Further commemorations included the opening of the Mount Vernon Memorial Boulevard (a portion of the George Washington Parkway), a commemorative natural rock garden in Rock Creek Park, a "World War Memorial" in West Potomac Park in the District, and <u>memorial</u> <u>columns</u> on the entrances to the Arlington Memorial Bridge.

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Chevy Chase Circle, Western Avenue, Washington, DC, Photo: Author, 2021.

kind of historical amnesia about the ty, with little historical documentation. 1942 report on its achievements, fails to report simply notes that markers "mark itive note, all seven of the extant Mary-<u>National Register of Historic Places</u>

It is likely that the two remaining as-yet-Blair Circle have been destroyed, stolen, Virginia/D.C. markers may remain near been cast aside by unknowing construcrepair work over the decades.

LAKE ACCOTINK UPDATE

Source: The Walkinshaw Advisory, April 7, 2023

Supervisor Walkinshaw provided the latest update on Lake Accotink advising that at his request, the Board of Supervisors Environmental Committee received a briefing and update on Lake Accotink. County staff shared the history of the project, the results of the community survey, and the staff recommendation to not move forward with the planned dredge. You can watch the video of the meeting <u>here</u>.

Marker on Virginia side of Key Bridge,

p. B-1.

Rosslyn, VA, Evening Star, 24 April 1932,

The meeting provided an opportunity for Supervisor Walkinshaw to share how many residents in our community feel – that Lake Accotink is a treasure, beloved by generations of residents, in Fairfax County and beyond. The fact that Fairfax County made a commitment to dredge the lake in 2019, and now there is a staff recommendation recommending the opposite has created anger and distrust. While the 1000+ responses to the <u>community survey</u> reveal that views are mixed as to whether the benefits of dredging outweigh the costs, clearly there are still many people who feel passionately about the Lake and are not yet convinced that every possible option has been explored. *Con't Pg. 12*

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Western & Wisconsin Avenues, Friendship Heights, MD, Photo: Author, 2021.

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Con't From Pg. 11

That's why, along with Chairman McKay and Supervisor Lusk, Supervisor Walkinshaw announced that they will ask the Board of Supervisors to form a Task Force on the Future of Lake Accotink to review the existing studies, analyses, and recommendations, participate in a detailed study of the managed wetland option, and explore the possibility of a hybrid approach that maintains an open water feature.

The Task Force will deliver its findings to the Board of Supervisors to inform their decision. To date, the process has been that staff and consultants conduct studies, then present their recommendations to the community for comment. This Task Force will enable community members to be at the table to ensure that options are thoroughly explored, and questions from the public are answered.

While other Board members expressed deep concern with the \$395 million cost to dredge and maintain the Lake over 25 years, there was unanimous agreement to withhold making any decisions until the Task Force can complete its work.

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Summary of the Public Survey and Comments

Of 1,078 responses

- · 84% lived within 5 miles of lake (all but 5 responses in Virginia)
- · 89% were somewhat or very familiar with study
- 51% visit weekly or monthly; 32% occasionally; 9% daily; 8% rarely
- Hiking/walking/running most reported use (89%); boating was 8th most reported use (26%)

From open-ended comments:

- Nearly equal number support dredging versus not dredging (26% Dredge vs 27% Don't Dredge)
- 20% concerned about dredging costs
- 16% needed more information
- 16% supported return to park visioning
- 14% supported transition to wetland; 5% concerned about wetlands

LAKE ACCOTINK DAM STREAM CROSSING

The Fairfax County Park Authority has finished the pedestrian bridge at the Lake Accotink dam and is now open to pedestrian traffic. The ADA-accessible crossing now completes the full loop of the Lake Accotink trail and is open to cyclists and pedestrians. This new bridge will make it easier for everyone to cross the stream and enjoy the trails around Lake Accotink, rain or shine!

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CUB SCOUT PACK 991 UPDATE

Greetings Friends and Neighbors,

It's already been a busy Spring for your Cub Scouts.

In late March, many of our Scouts participated in a STEM hike through Washington, DC, where they made multiple stops to discuss STEM topics. This hike focused on both private and government organizations and monuments in our Nation's Capital that related to the tenets of STEM. As a reward, they earned a very cool patch and bragging rights.

In April, we joined BSA flag ceremony for the North tion's monthly meeting and ing job on short notice. Well

Next, we had a fantastic Spring Campout at Camp played field games, hiked, Regatta boats, and practiced formed skits, sang Scouty the campfire. Scouts fo-Day and conservation, and to retire an unserviceable performed with dignity, quette.



Troop 980 for the opening Springfield Civic Associathe Scouts did an outstanddone!

turnout for our annual Wilson, where the Scouts made, and raced Raingutter leatherwork. They also persongs, and cooked around cused activities on Earth then learned the proper way American Flag that they respect, and proper eti-

After camping, we didn't slow down. Scouts and families then conquered their fear of heights at the "Go Ape" treetop adventure ropes course. Fun was had by all!

On May 6th we say farewell to our eight Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts as they cross over into Scouts BSA Troops. Best of luck to you with Summer Camp and all of your new adventures as you move up through the ranks towards Eagle.

Most importantly, thank you to all of the parent volunteers who devote time and energy to make Pack 991 successful! It really is a team effort.

Upcoming Events:

May 27: North Springfield Pool Opening and Activities - Raingutter Regatta

June (date to be confirmed): Advancement Ceremony (Ravensworth Farm Pool)

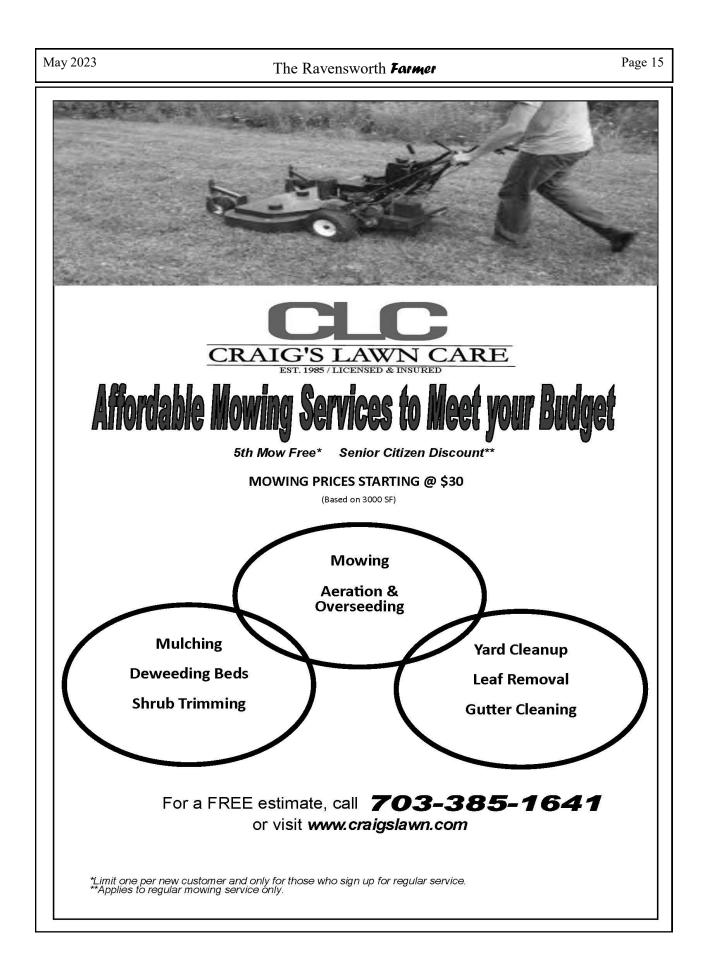
June 26-30: District Day Camp (Occoquan Regional Park): Archery, Climbing, STEM Scout Skills, Arts and Crafts, and more!

July 23-29: Webelos and Arrow of Light Summer Camp, Camp Ross (Goshen Scout Reservation)

August (date to be confirmed): Annual Planning Meeting

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

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



EARLY VOTING IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Source: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/early-voting

What You Need to Know:

Any registered Fairfax County voter may vote early at any Fairfax County early voting location In-person early voting is available for the June 20, 2023, Primary Election from May 5 to June 17 according to the schedule below

If you received a ballot in the mail, you must bring it with you and surrender it to vote in person **Curbside voting** is available for eligible voters

Drop boxes are available during satellite operating hours

Email mailto:earlyvoting@fairfaxcounty.gov with questions about early voting.

RAVENSWORTH POOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Summer is coming before we know it and membership for the 2023 season at the Ravensworth Pool is on sale now. The pool will be open for members starting Memorial Day weekend and will close Labor Day weekend.

Here are current membership rates:

Deadlines	Family	Two Person	Seniors
May 6 and later	\$635	\$440	\$325

Swim Team will bring Nate Bennett back as Coach for another fun swim season. Practice times can be found on our website.

Swim Team \$150 per swimmer (\$145 each additional sibling)

<u>Dive Team:</u> The Ravens are excited to welcome all new and returning swimmers to the Dive Team this summer! No experience is required to join the team - just bring an eagerness to learn and commit to a minimum of 45 minutes per practice. We are excited to announce that Randy Rogers will be joining our coaching staff this year. Randy is a former diver for the Air Force Academy, and we are thrilled to have him onboard! Practice times can be found on our website.

Dive Team \$115 per diver (\$105 each additional sibling)

<u>Fledglings</u> begins June 21st and goes on through July 18th and is a great Learn to Swim program for young swimmers to feel more comfortable in the water and have fun. Fledglings are our youngest swimmers who are learning to enjoy the water in a fun atmosphere and build proficiency in beginning swim strokes. Fledglings must be 4 years old by September 1 and be a current member of the pool. While there is no age limit for Fledglings, most kids move to the swim team around the age of 7 or 8. Families must pay for the program and register their swimmer (s) to officially enroll. The program is currently full and accepting registrations for the waitlist.

Fledglings \$135 per swimmer: Session Time 10:15 am - 11:00 am (Note: A parent or guardian must be on premises during Fledglings practices.)

Questions about: Membership: Erin Grace at <u>membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com</u> Swim Team: Jill Mowbray at <u>swimteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com</u> Dive Team: Mary Beth Champlain <u>diveteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com</u> Fledglings Coordinator: Melanie Bennett at <u>fledglings@ravensworthfarmpool.com</u>

We can't wait to see you poolside!

PLAYGROUND

Compiled by Shobha McConnell

Sources: https://patch.com/virginia/kingstowne/300k-funding-approved-board-replace-lake-accotink-playground https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/development/lake-accotink-playground-replacement? fbclid=IwAR1hJLB11kibPh9zcxG_KBgbTesyRRFj4nJp8w5uVWX_14epFsBORaWxsb4

The Lake Accotink Park (LAP) playground was closed due to safety concerns. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted on May 2nd to approve \$300,000 in funding for the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) to replace the playground at LAP as part of the board's third quarter review of funding adjustments to its budget. According to the Fairfax County website, the playground features will be organized to fit within the footprint of the previously existing playground. There will be no impact to the surrounding trees and landscape. The new playground will feature a variety of equipment for children of all ages and abilities. The design will feature a tower play structure with a winding slide, boulder climber, four swings, net climber, playhouse, dragonfly teeter-totter, musical panels and tactile/visual features to provide children with a wide variety of play experiences. According to Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw, the timing of the installation of the new playground will depend on the availability of the playground equipment. The county website lists Summer/early Fall 2023 for estimated installation dates.

Questions or comments? Email the LAP Manager <u>Dan.Grulke@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>

Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) News & Events

FLAP board and committee positions are open – it is YOUR LAKE ACCOTINK PARK! Help make a difference for about an hour a month! Accepting candidates. Email for more information: <u>Contact@flapaccotink.org</u>. **DONATE TO FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK**

We are a 100% Volunteer organization, 100% of all activities, events, projects, supplies, and equipment provided and or purchased by your donations. Please help us to educate and train volunteers to take care of our Lake Accotink Park and its inhabitants today and in the future. Donate in person at any event or online: www.flapaccotink.org Mail: FLAP, P.O. Box 1203 Springfield VA 22151 (Make check out to FLAP).

FLAP MONTHLY 2023 LAKE ACCOTINK PARK CLEAN-UP

WHEN: June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 (2nd Sunday of every month)

TIME: 9:00am to 12:00pm

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Marina (at the sign-in tent)

Pick up gloves, FLAP information, clean-up bags, tools, maps, and more. You will be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. Volunteer 4 times, and receive your very OWN safety vest to personalize!

ACTIVITIES: Pick-up trash bags and find debris carelessly dumped, dropped, or forgotten. Refill dog waste bag stations if they are empty or near-empty. Clip vines and more.

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

Questions? Contact@flapaccotink.org

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

WHEN: June 11

TIME: 10:30am – 12:00pm

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park, Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden – (next to the signup tent / near the restrooms) ACTIVITIES: Work alongside our experts as they care for the pollinator plants, watering, and clean-up. We provide tools and gloves or you can bring your own.

REGISTER: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park tickets-</u>602959567297

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

WHEN: June 11

TIME: 10:30am - 12:00pm

LOCATION: Lake Accorink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden - (next to the signup tent / near the restrooms). ACTIVITIES: Our experts will guide you through the Pollinators and Pollinator Plants, Starting and maintaining your own (any size) Pollinator Garden.

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



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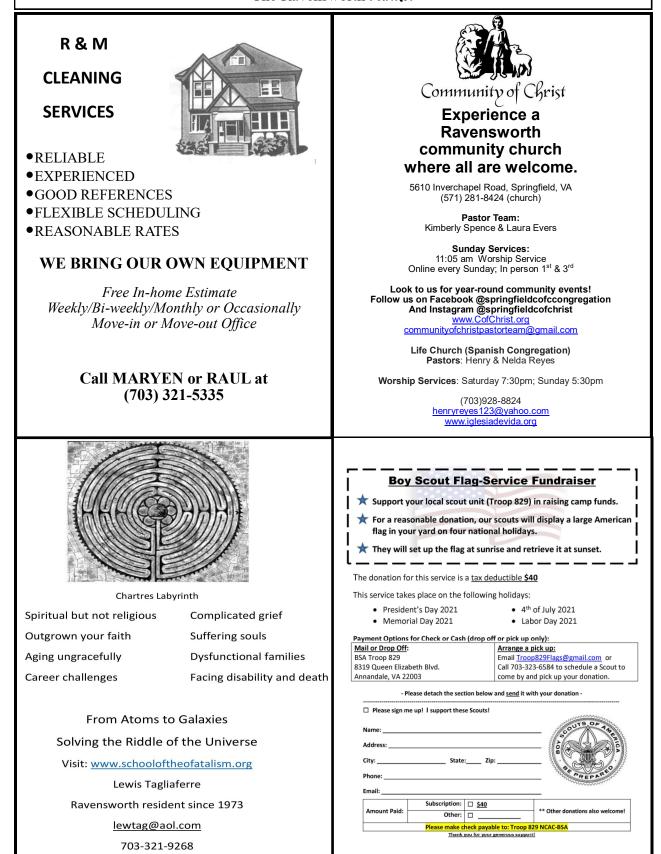




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