

2010 FRANKLIN FARM ELECTION

Meet the Candidates!

Each April, the owners and residents of Franklin Farm elect representatives to Neighborhood Boards and members to the Board of Trustees (BOT), which governs the Foundation. This year, five (5) BOT seats are available

The following candidates have submitted petitions to run for two-year terms on the Board of Trustees — **Cindy Bogus** (Wildmere), **Jim Cannon** (Rosemere), **Paul Dykeman** (Willow Glen), **Graham Tracey** (Cross Creek), and **Jack Weeks** (Willow Glen).

Personal statements and photos of the candidates appear below and on the following two pages. We invite you to take this opportunity to learn about them and their aspirations for Franklin Farm before you cast your vote in the 2010 election.

Cindy Bogus



Our family moved here in 1983, when Franklin Farm was a very new community. I can still remember the first time we drove in from West Ox Rd and thought, “I’d really like to live here.” I still feel the same today.

During those early years, as homes were being built and neighborhoods were forming, I became the chair of the Wildmere Neighborhood. I then served on the Board of Trustees from 1986 until 1991 and was vice president from 1987 to 1991. I rejoined the Board in 2006.

Franklin Farm has been fortunate to have many residents step forward and volunteer their time and talents to keep the community a very desirable place to live. Over the course of the last 30 years, the Board of Trustees, along with the Financial Advisory Committee and various other committees and Foundation staff, has worked diligently to keep our community on a sound financial basis while maintaining our many amenities.

This year, the Board will be undertaking a major project to restore the earthen dams at the ponds. The vegetation on the earthen dams of each of our six ponds has become so dense that it will have to be removed and replanted so the dams will not weaken and breach. The scope and cost of this project will be large, but because of careful capital reserve planning over the years, the cost of this project will not affect our assessments.

At the end of the 2009 pool season, the Foundation sent out a survey to those who joined the pool, asking their opinions on a variety of topics regarding the operation of the pool. Many members took the time to give us their opinions and suggestions, and the Board voted to implement a number of their suggestions. Additional lighting will be installed at the Dairy Lou Pool, which will allow for longer pool hours and better security for the area, and we will be renovating both bathhouses for the first time since they were built. These are just two of the suggestions on which we are taking action.

Franklin Farm turns 30 years old this year. In order for Franklin Farm to continue to be a very desirable community, we must continue to plan for the future while keeping our eye on the present. As I look at surrounding communities — some older, some younger — I am still glad that my family and I chose Franklin Farm for our home.

Election Timeline

April 2

Ballots mailed to owners and residents

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April 17

Ballots due at Foundation office by 8 a.m.

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April 22

**Annual Meeting
7:30 p.m.
Still Pond Community Center
(Election results announced)
All residents are invited to attend.**



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Jim Cannon



When my wife and I were searching for a home, we were immediately attracted to the large amount of open space, the many amenities, and the well-maintained new homes in Franklin Farm. As original owners, we have lived in the Rosemere Neighborhood since 1984 and raised our daughter — now in college — here in this community.

During most of my years of residence, I have been active in the community. I served as chair of the Rosemere Neighborhood Board, and when we did not have the requisite three volunteers to form a board, I instead served as the Rosemere point of contact. I was a long-term member of the Council of Neighborhoods and served as co-chair for two years.

In 2003, I led Rosemere in the implementation of reserved parking on Elevation Lane. In summer 2007, as a member of the Rosemere Board, we worked with the Foundation office in the planning, approval, and contracting for the resurfacing and repair of our Rosemere streets and sidewalks. In addition we made the Elevation Lane “circle” one-way and installed speed humps, directional signs, and stop signs, which resulted in a net gain of 14 visitor parking spaces and improved safety for our neighborhood.

In 2007, I was asked to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees. I completed that term and ran again and was selected for a two-year term. As part of my BOT role, I am a liaison to the Open Space Committee. If elected to another term, I will work to maintain and improve Franklin Farm as a community for the benefit and enjoyment of all of our residents.

Paul Dykeman

I have lived in Franklin Farm since 1982. I was a member of the Willow Glen Neighborhood Board from 1983 to 1985, a founding member of the Foundation’s Zoning and Land Use Committee and the Transportation Committee, and I was a member of the Franklin Farm Foundation Board of Trustees in 1985 until I was assigned to military duty in Italy in 1986.

I rejoined the Board of Trustees in 1989 and was president of the Board in 1991–1992 and 1993–1994. I did not seek re-election to the BOT in 1996 due to the increasing demands in my new position at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).



When I retired in 2004, I had time to devote to this community again. In 2005, I saw that there was a critical need to provide stability to the Foundation management, and I decided to run for the Board. I returned to the Board in 2006, and I have been the president of the Board since then.

My purpose for seeking re-election to the BOT now is to ensure that the Board continues to provide sound management and oversight of the Foundation’s activities while being responsive to our residents’ needs. In the past four years, we have stabilized the Foundation staff, hired friendly and responsive staff members, and improved the Foundation’s management and administrative practices. We now have a vigorous periodic review process for all Franklin Farm properties to ensure compliance with our maintenance and architectural standards, and we have an enforcement process that is effective.

Franklin Farm is an attractive and family-friendly community. Your Trustees owe it to the residents and to the Executive Director to provide proper guidance, support, and staff to ensure that the activities of the Foundation are executed in an effective and efficient manner and to see that this community remains an attractive and family-friendly place to live.

I urge you to vote. The candidates elected in this election will serve terms of two years, and, if reelected as a Trustee, I promise to serve with the best interests of Franklin Farm as a guide to my actions. I ask for your support.

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Graham Tracey



For years, my wife and I thought Franklin Farm was the hidden gem of Fairfax County. After the birth of our second child, we outgrew our former town house and zeroed in on Franklin Farm as a place to live. We've been living here since 2002 and we couldn't be happier with the quality of life this community affords us. With all of the wonderful established trees, walking paths, access to major roadways — wrapped in a school district that is among the finest in the nation — what else can you ask for?

As one who works from home, I've become even more embedded and tied to the success of Franklin Farm. So, I've decided it is time that I give back to the community and give some of my time to help maintain and enhance the things that make this community great. As a technology professional and consultant, I believe that I have a unique set of skills to help bring creative solutions to existing problems, while at the same time, plan for the future.

One thing that I would like to see is an increased involvement from those who live here in the community decision-making process. One way to facilitate this is through a revitalized Web site. The *Almanac* is a fantastic resource, but it would be great to have a Web site with proactive and timely information, ways to communicate among community members, and perhaps even electronic means to pay for services, etc. This can be done in the short term and even with an extremely limited budget.

Longer term, I would like to think about ways to work with local organizations and government agencies to look for cost-effective ways to maintain our open space, make it safer for our children to walk or bike to friends' houses or to the local businesses, and to maintain the facilities that make this community great.

Jack Weeks

My wife, Liz, and I are charter members of the community, having lived in Franklin Farm nearly 30 years. A lot has changed as we have watched the community, at first, grow and, then, mature.

In the early years, I served on both the Open Space and the Finance committees. Then, as business and family commitments required extensive travel, I was unable to participate for a period of time. However, in 1996, I rejoined the Finance Committee and the Council of Neighborhoods.

Nine years ago, the Board of Trustees appointed me treasurer of the Franklin Farm Foundation, a position which I have held to date, including election to the Board of Trustees in 2004, 2006, and 2008. I am seeking reelection this year.

My duties as treasurer and as a member of the Board of Trustees include oversight of all expenditures and management of our investment portfolio. It has been particularly rewarding to be able to develop a close working relationship with our excellent staff as we have worked on improving financial systems, internal controls, and employee retention.

The last couple of years have been especially challenging. We have \$1.8M in cash and investments, which we have protected from the ravages of the recession through sound investments in short-term, government-insured investments. Fortunately we are in a position to use our reserve funds wisely to take care of our maintenance and renovation needs as the community ages.

The record snows of this winter have created additional challenges, challenges which we will be addressing in the coming weeks and months. I have a separate article in this month's *Almanac* addressing these issues.

I have worked on the Board to strengthen communications with new residents, recruit new volunteers, and explore interests among our resident groups. This is especially important as our first generation of volunteers retires, travels, or leaves the area.

I am active in the community as a member and past president of the Dulles Airport Rotary Club and as a fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation. I am a CPA. My practice in Reston works with other associations. That experience is a benefit as I work with the office staff and Franklin Farm's auditors.

I look forward to continuing my service to our residents and would appreciate your vote to continue to serve on the Board of Trustees.

