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IN SEARCH OF AN RFCA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Board is in search of members to participate on a committee responsible for searching out and nominating a slate of candidates for the RFCA Board positions. The election of board members occurs each May at the Annual Membership meeting, which, this year, will be on May 19, 2022.

The responsibility of the committee will be to review the responsibilities of each of the offices, search for candidates, and present the slate at the March General Membership Meeting, on March 24, 2022. As previously mentioned, the election will be at the May 19th meeting. The offices include: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary.

To assist in the search, the committee may review the responsibilities of each office, outlined in the By-laws on the Ravensworth Farm website, RavensworthFarm.org, under the tab Ravensworth Farm Membership > By-Laws. Also, each board member will provide the committee a description of their current Duties and Responsibilities.

For those interested in running for any of the positions, you may nominate yourself to the committee or at the May meeting. Once formed, the members of the Nominating Committee will be named and published on

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CANCELLED

NO JUNK TRUNK/ COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY FOR 2022

Fairfax County has informed the Civic Association that the Community Clean Up event for 2022 is canceled. Therefore, the annual event will not be held at Ravensworth Farm this year.

Editor's Note: The Farmer's February 2022 printed issue of the Table of Contents contained a spelling error in the title of Roberto Bernate's article, "The Etymology of Street Names in Ravensworth Farm." This was corrected in the online version posted on the RFCA website.

The following is an addition to the article: Oldcastle Lane is possibly a reference to the English village of Oldcastle Heath, originally named by the Romans. No other significant reference can be identified.

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 2021-22

MONTH	BOARD MEETING/FARMER DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE	<i>Farmer</i> DELIVERY	EVENTS
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.

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Facebook and the website. Also, anyone may nominate someone from the floor if the nominator has the approval of the person nominated.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please contact Ginger Rogers at grogers@verizon.net or by phone at 703 321-1151.

NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY

We are so excited to announce that we have two Lake Braddock Pyramid Employee of the Year Recipients. Ms. Amanda Kennedy was named the Lake Braddock Pyramid Outstanding New Teacher. Ms. Kennedy is in her second year of teaching at Ravensworth Elementary. She builds a warm and positive climate in her classroom where students are willing to take risks and make mistakes in order to further their learning. Ms. Fresdesbinda Sierra Pavon was named the Lake Braddock Pyramid Outstanding Operational Employee. "Ms. Fredy" as she is affectionately known at Ravensworth was just recently named as our building supervisor. She goes above and beyond for our students and staff every day. Ms. Fredy considers Ravensworth her extended family and she maintains our building as such! Please join us in celebrating our outstanding employees.

Erika Aspuria
Principal
Ravensworth Elementary School
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EGBERT'S LAW

By Steve Beste

Donald Egbert had been a professor of architectural history at Princeton for decades when I took his class in 1965. In every lecture, he showed us slides of historical buildings, of course. One day he showed us a picture of the Smithsonian's Arts & Industries Building (1879) and asked us what we thought of it. He warned us that previous classes had not cared for it at all, deriding it as being in the "greasy bacon" style. But how about us? We liked it! It was colorful, which was a change. And it had all that charming ornamentation that nobody could afford to do anymore. At that, Professor Egbert shouted "Yes!" triumphantly and proceeded to tell us Egbert's Law, which I pass on to you. It goes like this: Father's architecture is dowdy, an embarrassment best ignored. Grandfather's architecture is godawful, a blight on the landscape that should be torn down as an act of public mercy. But great-grandfather's architecture - now there is a style with unappreciated charm.

Alas, it will be some years yet before our houses become great-grandfather's architecture. But a bright future awaits them if they survive so long. Egbert's Law guarantees it.

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RAVENOUSLY RESEARCHING RAVENSWORTH **PART TWO: HISTORIAN COLLECTS CRESTWOOD CABINETRY AND** **CONNECTIONS**

By Rob Blizzard

In our November 2021 issue, we told you about historian Robyn Carter, who in 2016 published a book on the early suburban development of Springfield titled *Post WW2 History of Springfield, Virginia and The Crestwood Construction Corporation* that received a Fairfax County History Commission award. Based in Hagerstown, Maryland, Robyn lived in Springfield's Edsall Park neighborhood during part of her childhood in the late 1970s but became especially fascinated by the neighborhood further south off Backlick Road known as Crestwood's Springfield while her aunt and uncle lived there.

For about sixteen years now, Robyn has conducted significant research on local builders active in the 1950s and 1960s—primarily, the Crestwood Construction Corporation, which built Ravensworth Farm, and Carr, Inc., as well as the sub-corporations of the two. Other subdivisions built by these companies include Edsall Park, North Springfield, Crestwood Manor in Annandale, and what Robyn refers to as her “first love,” Crestwood's Springfield.

But Robyn's interest in nearby communities goes well beyond the tome she has written about the “brick and mortar history, rather than the human history” of the communities. It plays a role in other parts of her life—including her own house!

Knowing that her “dream of owning a Crestwood home wasn't likely to be,” she decided to take advantage of all the remodeling that goes on in houses built by the corporation. Some years ago, Robyn began to collect original cast-off architectural items like kitchen cabinets, Formica counters with the stainless steel edging, light fixtures, doors, hardware, plumbing fixtures, and more that were ubiquitous features of Crestwood homes.

“All these materials were stored in my mom's garage in Arlington with the ultimate plan to ‘Crestwood-ize’ whatever home I might eventually own, no matter where it might be, in a more affordable area than Springfield,” she explained. That home turned out to be in Hagerstown and it was built in the early 1960s, like Ravensworth Farm.

“I was thrilled to find that my house has, like Ravensworth, those beloved double-decker closets in all the bedrooms plus one in the hall and one in the foyer,” Robyn smiles. “I knew I could be at home here as soon as I spotted those!”

Since moving in almost five years ago, she “retro-renovated” her Maryland house using the salvaged original Crestwood-issued cabinetry, light fixtures and other pieces so that “my forever home has parts of the houses I love so much surrounding me every day,” said the historian.

The Crestwood look has been augmented via the gift of one Ravensworth Farm family who gave her an entire set of original cabinets that were, according to Robyn made by Vienna Pattern Works (of Vienna, Virginia) as well as a complete countertop from this same family's 1961 basement rambler which she now has in her own basement. Also, her hall bathroom contains a mint green toilet and matching wall-mounted sink from a Crestwood-built tri-level split from 1960 that a kind Ravensworth Farm resident grabbed off a curb with Robyn in mind before trash trucks arrived. The toilet and sink matched her existing original tub, so, she points out, and thus her bathroom “is very much rooted in Ravensworth Farm.”

Does her passion for Crestwood homes, including the Farm, cross the line into obsession? She says it has not but, rather, her strong interest has “become a way of life and, without intending to, it seems to have become my legacy.”

Her hope is that her work will live on beyond her lifetime so that Springfield's 1945-1970 period will be known by future generations. She says that her late mother, a self-driven, home-grown genealogist, would sometimes make a face when Robyn would store another set of cabinets in her mother's already overloaded garage. Some family members also now make faces but “they don't really get it,” said the researcher who claims to have “always been rather quirky and different.”

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During her sixteen years of research and involvement, Robyn says there is one common misconception of not only our neighborhood, but also others in the vicinity that often comes to her attention. She's observed that some residents incorrectly believe that developer Edward R. Carr "built all the homes in Springfield," including the Farm.

"Mr. Carr deserves the credit for having the idea to develop Springfield and launching the effort to purchase huge tracts of its undeveloped land in 1946 and 1947, and it was he who pre-planned and laid out the original parts of Springfield, North Springfield and West Springfield; however," she clarifies, "his firm and its various sub-corporations were not the builders of all the mid-century housing in the Springfield area. A huge amount to be sure, but not all."

Robyn believes this misunderstanding is quite common in Ravensworth Farm because Carr built what was known as the Flag Run Estates subdivision, which now is now often assumed to be part of the original Ravensworth Farm: the southeastern portion of the neighborhood including Queensberry Avenue and Ravenel Lane west of Sedgwick Lane, as well as Penley Place and Ravenel Court. She says that only "a really observant student of the differences between the Crestwood and the Carr designs might conclude that different builders were involved but the proof is in the deeds."

Her understanding is that the homes in Flag Run Estates were placed under the Ravensworth Farm Civic Association despite the fact that they were, in the beginning, a distinct and separate entity which was and is still legally deeded as part of the larger North Springfield community. For instance, if folks on Penley Place look at the legal description of their properties on their deeds, they will not find them as being in Ravensworth Farm, but, rather, North Springfield. The original 1960-1964 Ravensworth Farm houses were built by sub-corporation entities of the Crestwood Construction Corporation—all presided over by Bernard Steinburg as president, E. Carl Hengen as secretary, and Roger Hildeen in charge of both the sales and warranty work on the houses through Crestwood's "Southern Properties" division.

"There are many more urban legends and misunderstandings about the early post-war history of Springfield's development and because of that, I feel squeamishly compelled to respectfully correct such things whenever I have the chance," she notes, "but I really hate to step on anyone's firmly rooted, though incorrect, memories of who did what. In the case of Ravensworth Farm and the other subdivisions, the land records have been the solid foundation on which I have been able to confirm my facts with supporting evidence from original ads, articles and builder literature."

One, perhaps, little known fact about the Virginian Rambler models in Ravensworth Farm is that the design originated not with Crestwood, but, rather, with Levitt & Sons, whose Levittown development on Long Island in New York has become synonymous with large pre-planned, post-WWII communities. While attending a home show in the Empire State during early 1953, Crestwood's designers saw the details of the "Levittowner" house that was being built as a frame dwelling there, copied the design, and brought it back to Springfield. Since Hengen owned a masonry firm, the Virginian was changed to a block-and-brick construction. Those models remained a staple with Crestwood from September 1953 to about 1971, when the company stopped building single-family homes. During that approximately eighteen years, several features and details of the imported New York design evolved but the basic floor plan and style remained throughout its run.

Robyn expresses regret that the developers did not preserve the 1926 house on the old Ravensworth property that replaced the much more historic original mansion destroyed by fire. She explains that the property boasted a horse stable and other out-buildings that apparently pre-dated the 1926 home.

"I have always thought it rather sad that my Crestwood guys—as I affectionately call them—didn't work around some of those old buildings and re-purpose them for a community house or club house that would have kept some of the pre-1960s history in place. I would have liked to have seen some of those old plantation-era buildings given a new life and a new context in the decades since they were built," she adds. "I certainly would not want them to celebrate the truly tragic parts of Ravensworth's plantation era history, such as slavery, but I would have liked to have seen them given a new and more positive purpose rather than having them destroyed."

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“It’s not often I criticize my Crestwood guys but that is one approach that I feel could have been handled better. As a historian, I have come to learn the sad truth that within all eras, there is a mindset that if a building or home has not yet reached some elusive magical age, it is considered fodder for teardown to make way for progress. Its reputation as something historically important too often comes long after it wasn’t trendy enough to keep and thus it was destroyed. How can any building survive to become a cherished building of 100+ years old when it’s not allowed to survive past the time in which it’s perceived as just old, unimportant and out of style at age 60 or 70? Similar was the case with the pre-suburban Ravensworth structures.”

One of Robyn’s hopes for the future is acquiring an August 1960 edition of the nationally published Saturday Evening Post magazine that mentions Ravensworth Farm. “I have not yet snagged a copy of that magazine for my collection but when I do, I will check to see if the Crestwood ad, which told me about this mention, is correct. If so, I will be happy to share images of that on the Facebook page for Ravensworth.”

Robyn makes her book available free via PDF files to people who request it from her at bettygrbl@aol.com. Place “Springfield History Book Request” in the subject line of the e-mail.

10 LIFE-CHANGING LAUNDRY HACKS YOU'LL WISH YOU KNEW SOONER

By Stephanie Hammond

Source: <https://www.ehow.com/13724534/life-changing-laundry-hacks-youll-wish-you-knew-sooner>

1. Banish Stains with baby wipes.
Keep baby wipes on hand to treat stains on those delicate fabrics.
2. Treat grease spots with chalk.
Keep white chalk in the kitchen and laundry room to rub into those oily stains.
3. Use vinegar to treat sweat stains.
Soak stained areas in vinegar for at least a few minutes before laundering these items.
4. Fluff laundry with tennis balls.
Use fresh tennis balls to fluff your laundry.
5. Lift sticky stains with ice.
Cover the sticky spot with ice and let it sit for a few minutes, then use a butter knife.
6. Skip dryer sheets and use foil instead.
Foil balls disperse static electricity, so your clothes won’t cling when they come out of the dryer.
7. Reverse shrinking with baby shampoo.
Soak the shrunken item in a solution of warm water and a little bit of baby shampoo.
8. Treat musty smells with vodka.
Soak musty items in a solution of water and vodka to get them smelling fresh.
9. Try eco-friendly soap nuts.
To use soap nuts instead of detergent, put a handful of them in a mesh bag and add the bag to a load.
10. Use a flat iron to get rid of wrinkles.
A narrow hair straightener is easier to work into those tight spots with those hard-to-navigate areas like the collars, arms, and plackets.

COLUMNISTS & WRITERS WANTED

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DISCOVERING OUR NATION'S FIRST MONUMENTS: PART III - THE NORTHWEST LINE

By Roberto Bernate

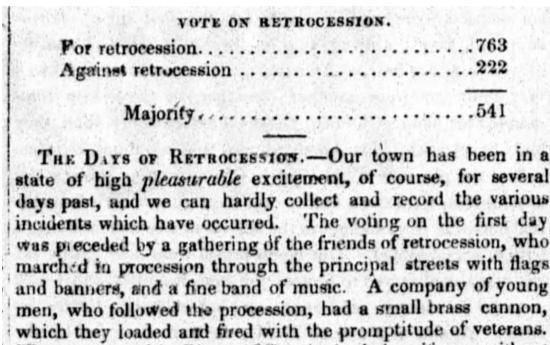


Figure 1: Weekly National Intelligencer, Washington, DC, September 5, 1846, p. 3.

In February 1846 the Virginia General Assembly began formal deliberations (see actual vote results at left) that had been simmering as early as 1804 as to the passage of a law retroceding the land given to the Territory of Columbia on December 3, 1789. Under debate, were several key issues that might sound familiar today – First, Northern Virginians (called Alexandrians) had been appalled at having lost their Virginia Citizenship – fueled further at having lost their right to vote for Congressional nor Presidential elections.

The second was the ideal George Washington had promoted where he desired the portion of the Territory of Columbia south of the Potomac River to be left as an agrarian & pastoral land with no federal government property built there (Residence Act of 1791 [Amended]).

Lastly was the issue of slavery. Many farmers in Virginia were fearful that machinations for ending slavery on the Territory of Columbia would abolish slavery in the southern portion of the Territory ending a profitable enterprise in both the Town of Alexandria and within the District of Columbia. The slave trade was a prosperous empire within Alexandria and made the town an economic competitor with the flourishing port of Georgetown.

Many farmers in Virginia were

In mid-1846 formal bills had passed the House of Representatives in a vote in favor 96-65. Senate soon also voted in favor 32-14. On July 9, 1846, President James Polk signed the bill into law formally returning 31.66 square miles to the Commonwealth of Virginia – to include all land, property, and the fourteen boundary stones. Thus, leaving 68.34 mi² for the District of Columbia, far short of the Constitutionally mandated 100 mi².



Figure 2: West Cornerstone, Author, August 2018.

The Northwest Line encompasses ten boundary stones Starting at the convergence of the City of Falls Church and Arlington & Fairfax Counties, spanning the City of Falls Church in Virginia and across the Potomac River northwest through Bethesda, Chevy Chase, and into Silver Spring, Maryland in Montgomery County. In Northwest Washington, DC, the northwest line traverses neighborhoods including Palisades, Friendship Heights, Tenleytown, Chevy Chase, and Colonial Village. Today these markers still partially delineate the borders between the City of Falls Church and Arlington & Fairfax Counties in Virginia and with Montgomery County, Maryland & the District of Columbia.

West Cornerstone: Andrew Ellicott Park at the West Cornerstone, Arlington & Fairfax Counties, and the City of Falls Church

The boundary stone is in the center of this small park at 2824 North Arizona Street on the Arlington County border. It is a street sandwiched between Meridian Street on either side of the City of Falls Church & Fairfax County and still delineates the borders of the three governances. This is only one of two cornerstones located in Virginia (South Cornerstone at Jones Point being the first) and is the furthest west of any of the 40-boundary stones delineating the Original Federal Territory of Columbia (Washington, DC).

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NEW NEIGHBORS

New folks move in all the time. If you have new neighbors, tell Cindy Cho. If you are a new neighbor- welcome! Please let Cindy know you have arrived so that one of her New Neighbor Committee members can stop by with information and some goodies. Cindy Cho (choc64@gmail.com)

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Please send along the address (and name, if you know it) for new neighbors, new babies, or deaths. New neighbors' names (adult or infant) will only be reported in The Ravensworth Farmer with their permission. If you are a new neighbor and haven't received a visit from Cindy Cho of the New Neighbor Committee, please let her know you are here at choc64@gmail.com.



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Northwest 1 Boundary Stone: 3607 Powhatan Street, Arlington County

This marker is located within the property of a private residence. However, the property owners made a separate enclosure alongside the west edge of the property to allow visitors to view the stone without interruption to the residence. It has been noted as early as the first boundary stone survey in 1847 that the top of this stone has been “sheared off.” This stone is still the border between Arlington & Fairfax Counties.

Northwest 2 Boundary Stone: 5145 North 38th Street & 5298 Old Dominion Drive, Arlington County

This boundary stone is situated within a property easement between the two private properties but can be accessed via Old Dominion Drive. Otherwise, it is best to seek the property owners’ permission as the stone sits behind backyards. Early reports of this stone’s condition noted that “parts of the stone had been chipped away and carried off to be used as whetstones” for tool sharpening. This stone delineates the border between Arlington & Fairfax Counties.

Northwest 3 Boundary Stone: 4013 N Tazewell Street, Arlington County

This marker is located at the rear yard of a private residence and is extremely well maintained by the property owners who are always amenable to visitors coming to view the stone. This is the last stone in the state of Virginia before the delineation of the Original Federal Territory of Columbia crosses the Potomac River into Maryland and Washington, DC. This stone continues to delineate the border between Arlington & Fairfax Counties.



Figure 3: Northwest 7 Boundary Stone, Author, September 2018.

Northwest 4 & 5 Boundary Stones: Washington Aqueduct Complex & Dalecarlia Reservoir Grounds, Washington, DC, and Montgomery County, Maryland

These two markers are the first on the Maryland/Washington, DC line and placed in 1792 which still demarcate the border. They separate the neighborhoods of Palisades & Spring Valley in Northwest Washington, DC, and Brookmont in Maryland. Northwest 4 is the first boundary stone placed on the Maryland side of the Potomac River but is not placed at the exact one-mile interval as that would have situated it in the Potomac. Instead, it was placed on solid land northeast of the river with an annotation of 4 Miles 100 P (or 1650 feet) from the previous stone. Northwest 5 is situated northeast of the Dalecarlia Reservoir. Neither stones are open for public viewing as they are located on secure government grounds but were available for visits by escort only until 2019. Unfortunately, the Novel Coronavirus 19 and subsequent retirement of the facilities manager shut down any future visitations until further notice.

Northwest 6 Boundary Stone: Boundary Park Neighborhood Conservation Area, Montgomery County

Northwest 6 is only the third of the forty stones to have an associated Historical Marker (SW6 & 8 are the others) which is in this park near a Metrobus stop along the Maryland side of Western Avenue but has the unfortunate history of

being molested by traffic mishaps, at least twice in the last twenty years, leaving the iron enclosures destroyed but with minimal damage to the stone.

Northwest 7 Boundary Stone: 5600 Western Ave, Montgomery County

This stone is in the front of a residence at the intersection of Western Avenue & Cedar parkway. It is the first marker no longer secured by a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) enclosure.

Northwest 8 Boundary Stone: 6422 Western Ave, Montgomery County

This is another stone no longer wearing its DAR enclosure. It is situated in a central garden of the circular driveway facing Western Avenue on the Maryland side of the current border.

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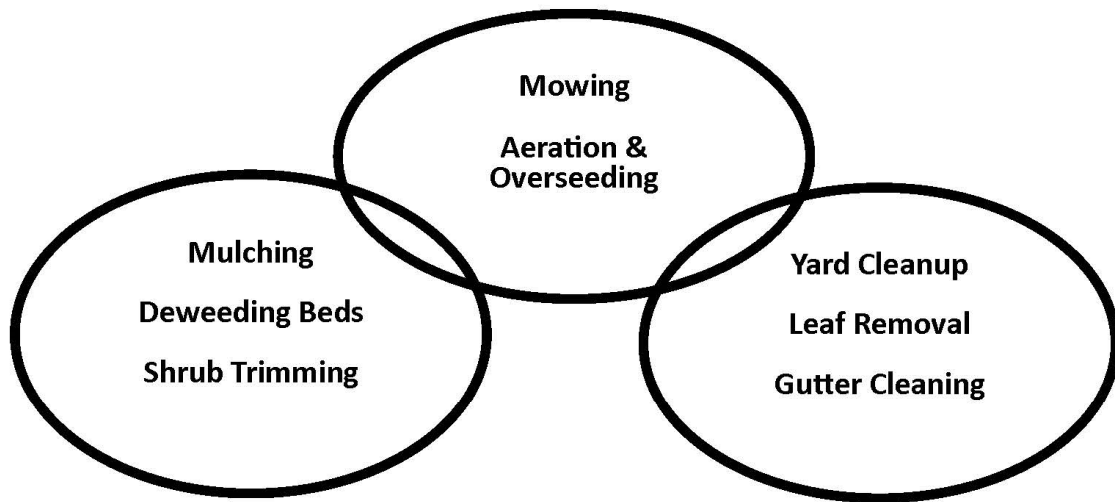
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Northwest 9 Boundary Stone: 2701 Daniel Road, Montgomery County

This stone is located east of the residence and along a shared driveway and has a commonality only found along with the Northwest Line stones: Under the inscription reading "Maryland" is etched the number of miles from the beginning of the Maryland side of the Potomac River, in this example, it reads "Maryland" a simple "5," indicating this is the ninth boundary stone along the northwest line, but the fifth in Maryland.



Figure 4: "Maryland 5," Northwest 9 Boundary Stone, David Chandler, September 2020.

In continuing analysis, the retrocession of the Virginia land made economic and political sense for the Commonwealth. In terms of slavery. Those concerned about the abolishment of the trade within the Territory were correct as slavery did end on April 16, 1862, in the Territory of Columbia and within the District almost a year before Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. The irony here is that the slavery issue cannot be considered the sole impetus for Virginians wanting retrocession as the Congressional votes saw an even split, some southern states opposed retrocession and some northern states desired the split. Notably, Andrew Johnson, Vice President & successor to President Abraham, Lincoln voted in favor and Jefferson Davis, future President of the Confederate States of America, voted against retrocession.

Author's note: It is relevant to impart the importance of state identity. Before Virginia and Maryland ceded their respective lands. Those citizens were part of a geographic identity - state citizenship - which was stripped from them when the lands were ceded as was their vote in a representative government (sound familiar?). State identity did not wane until well after the Civil War as noted by the late Civil War historian Shelby Foote:

"Before the war, it was said 'The United States are.' Grammatically, it was spoken that way and thought of as a collection of independent states. And after the war, it was always 'The United States is,' as we say today without being self-conscious at all. And that sums up what the war accomplished. It made us an 'is.'"

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May 7 and later	\$585	\$415	\$325

We will continue using the same membership portal and swim/dive team website as last year. It is important to note that you must pay for your membership and team dues before registering for our swim/dive programs.

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Pictures of all members will be on file at the front desk and will be used to check in members. Member pictures loaded last year are saved to your account. House guests need new pictures every year, and we'll probably need to update some of the kids' photos since they grow so much in a year! You may save time and upload your pictures through the membership portal before opening day.

As a reminder, the Two-Person Membership entitles two people in a single household to enjoy the pool over the summer. This is ideal for our small families, young adults/couples without children and empty nesters. Children under age 2 (born after 6/1/20) may be added to this membership at no cost.

House guest passes are once again available for \$60/individual. If you have someone who lives with you, a babysitter who is taking your children to the pool regularly, or someone you are babysitting for the summer, you may add them to your family membership as a house guest.

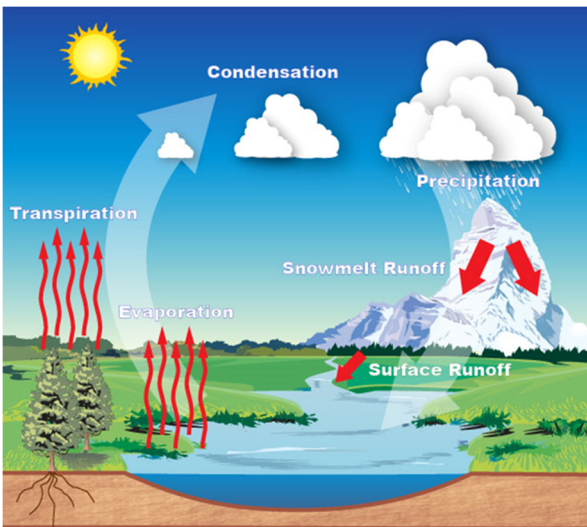
Membership is for a household with the exception of if there are clearly two families with children living in the same household, it will be considered two separate memberships. For instance, if your tax returns are separate, two separate memberships are needed.

We look forward to a great summer. If you would like more information about joining the pool, please contact Jen Auble (Ravensworth Pool Membership Director) at membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com.

WATER CYCLES

By Lisa Reynolds

Many of us probably recall learning about the natural water cycle in elementary school:



Source: <https://www.weather.gov/jetstream/hydro>

Evaporation occurs when energy from heat or sunlight changes water from a liquid to a gas.

Transpiration is the evaporation of water from plants through small openings on the underside of leaves.

Condensation is created when water vapor turns back into liquid.

Precipitation (rain, snow, sleet, hail) results when water particles formed from condensation become heavy and fall to earth.

When soil is saturated and can't absorb any more water, precipitation will **runoff** into lakes, streams, or rivers. Then the cycle can begin again.

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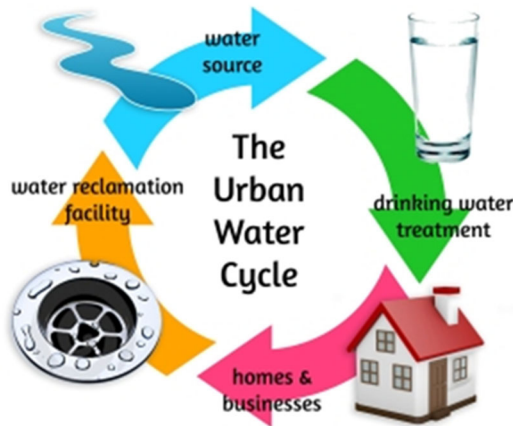
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The “urban water cycle” is probably less familiar. For most people in Fairfax County, the urban water cycle is the flow of water from your tap, through your household use, to the sewer, to the wastewater treatment plant, and then discharge to a natural water body. Some residents may be using wells and/or septic systems for water supply and sanitary waste disposal.



Source: <https://thinkatthesink.wordpress.com/2017/03/09/reduce-reuse-re-water-cycle/>

In our neighborhood, water service is provided by Fairfax Water and sewer service is provided by Fairfax County. Both services are billed by Fairfax Water on a quarterly basis.

As you can see from the water bill excerpts, the charge per 1000 gallons of water (\$3.33) is less than half the sewer charge (\$7.72). So, any water saving device installed in your home will save twice as much in sewer fees as in water fees. Not all water used in warmer months will reach the sewer (e.g., car washing, lawn watering, swimming pool filling) so sewer rates are based on winter quarter consumption.

Sewer rates increased in July 2021 to support protection of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay and to fund replacement of the aging sewer system. More details are available at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/wastewater/sewer-charges>. Fairfax Water rates will increase on April 1, 2022 but both water and sewer rates will still be lower than many other regional utilities. For more information see <https://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates>.

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Subtotal for Fairfax Water	\$48.15

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Sewer Base Charge	\$36.54
Sewer Usage Charge (10 x 7.72) (Sewer Based On Winter Quarter Consumption)	\$77.20
Subtotal for Fairfax County Government	\$113.74

In addition to usage charges, each utility has a base or service charge that is incurred by all customers. The Fairfax Water service charge offsets costs for “meter reading, repair, and replacement; service repairs; billing, postage, collecting, accounting and customer service operations.” The sewer base charge is intended to “partially recover fixed expenses for billing, wastewater collection, engineering, planning and administration.” These costs are the same for each customer, regardless of usage.

For additional information, Fairfax County has some excellent resources about the urban water cycle, stormwater, and how you can protect our regional water resources at:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/waters-journey>

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