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NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY

We are starting to prepare for the 2022-23 academic year. Children who will be five (5) years old on or before September 30, 2022, are eligible to attend kindergarten next fall. If you have a child who will attend kindergarten at Ravensworth next school year, and you have not already been in contact with our registrar, Teresa Dunbar, please complete the survey found at this link: <https://ravensworthes.fcps.edu/student-services/student-registration>

Please spread the word to your neighbors who don't already have a child at Ravensworth. Feel free to pass this form along or have neighbors with rising kindergarteners call the office at 703-426-3600 to be added to our kindergarten mailing list. Registration information will be provided to all families who complete and return this survey. If preferred, you may request a mailed packet of registration forms by calling the office or emailing our registrar: tdunbar1@fcps.edu

A child's record of immunization, physical examination (within 12 months prior to entering kindergarten), proof of residency, and original birth certificate must be submitted when registering the child. For more information regarding kindergarten registration, you may visit the Fairfax County Public Schools' website at: <https://www.fcps.edu/registration/general-registration-requirements>

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REMINDER

**NEXT GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

May 19, 2022—7:30PM (Online)

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
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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The information on this survey will help the school plan for adequate facilities and personnel for the 2022-2023 school year. We thank you in advance for returning the form no later than March 31, 2022.

Kindergarten Orientation will be scheduled soon, and the event will be announced through the Ravens' Nest and on the school website.

Erika Aspuria
Principal
Ravensworth Elementary School
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CUB SCOUTS - PACK 991

Are you looking for a Volunteer Opportunity?

Our neighborhood cub scouts - Pack 991 is looking for a web designer to help build our pack's website and update our website with information every 1-2 months. We meet as a leadership committee every month to discuss upcoming events at Kilroy's if interested in joining our merry crew! For more details, please email Erika Peterson at: peterston.erika90@gmail.com

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.

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR SNAP?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can be used like cash to buy food from authorized retailers and online from Amazon and Walmart but cannot be used for delivery fees. Recipients receive an Electronic Benefit Transfer card. Your account is debited each time eligible food items are purchased. A secret Personal Identification Number is required.

Your household must meet certain requirements to be eligible for SNAP benefits. The application process can be done by computer or phone—no need to come in-person. Apply online at <http://commonhelp.virginia.gov/>, or call 1-855-635-4370. For details, call the Department of Family Services Customer Care Line at 703-324-7500, TTY 711.

LAKE ACCOTINK DREDGING PROJECT UPDATE

From the Fairfax County Government, Public Works and Environmental Services Website

A virtual town hall meeting was held on February 10, 2022 to provide updates to the community on the alternatives analysis to determine where dredge spoils processing and associated pipelines could be located. The Alternatives Analysis Report dated July 2021 identified four potential locations: Sediment Basin in Lake Accotink Park near Danbury Forest, Dominion power line easement in Wakefield Park, Lake Accotink island and the area near the maintenance shop in Wakefield Park. The county's consultant, Arcadis has conducted further analysis of the preferred alternatives, and two additional alternatives were evaluated at industrial parks on Port Royal Road and Southern Drive. At the February 10 public meeting results of that analysis were presented and county staff recommendations shared that two sites remain viable for dredge spoils processing: the Wakefield Park Maintenance Area and the vacant parcel on Southern Drive.

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LAKE ACCOTINK DREDGING PROJECT UPDATE (CON'T)

Con't from Pg. 4

The public comment period on this information was extended until March 11, 2022. Arcadis will move forward with development of a conceptual design for the Lake Accotink Dredging after conclusion of the public comment period. The conceptual design will include a dredging plan, identify the routes and materials for pipelines to move dredged material, and determine the location for dredge spoils processing and truck routes to remove the material. Arcadis will also develop refined cost estimates for the base dredge and future maintenance dredging operations.

The conceptual design is anticipated to be ready by Summer 2022. County staff will share the conceptual design with the community at that time for review and comment. Additional information will be shared with the public in the interim.

Please check this website often for upcoming public meeting dates and posted information about the project:

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/plans-projects/lake-accotink-dredging-ac89-0009>

Additional comments can always be submitted through the comment box on the website above or via email to F515@PublicInput.com, or by US Mail to Fairfax County DPWES - Lake Accotink Dredging, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax, VA 22035.

WATER CAREERS

By Lisa Reynolds

It's almost high school graduation time – which can be very scary or very exciting or both at the same time! For many seniors, “Decision Day” means choosing a university to attend. Another four years of classroom education may not appeal to everyone. And thank goodness for that because there are so many important jobs that don't require one. Hopefully, if we learned one thing from the pandemic, it's the importance of having clean water. The water industry is experiencing the beginning of a “Silver Tsunami” where many experienced water operators and maintenance staff are retiring without sufficient staff to fill the vacancies.

If you're someone who likes solving problems, working with your hands, and performing an important environmental and public health service, maybe a career in the water industry would be a good fit for you. Operators are detail-oriented and have good analytical, math, and mechanical skills. Some of the many opportunities are described briefly below. More details can be found at www.workforwater.org and www.baywork.org.

Electricians – Wherever water needs to be pumped from one location to another, electric power is needed. Power is also needed to operate fans for odor control, for instrumentation, and for other operations. Electricians are needed to install and maintain critical power generation and transmission equipment and ensure reliability of operations. Electricians need to understand basic math, how to operate measuring and testing devices, and how to use hand tools. Electricians typically have a high school diploma and progress through a four-year apprenticeship program.

Instrumentation Technicians – Many pieces of equipment used for water and wastewater treatment are operated using electronic controls. This equipment needs to be installed, inspected, tested, calibrated, and maintained. Instrument Techs also install and maintain communications systems at treatment plants, pump stations, power generating facilities, electrical substations, and remote locations. Cybersecurity for many of these control systems is a growing problem as well.

Mechanics - The heavy and light equipment used to transport and treat water and wastewater need to be maintained on a routine and emergency basis. Preventive maintenance ensures ratepayers' investments last as long as possible. Mechanics ensure the equipment is properly maintained and repaired when needed. Typical tasks could include drilling, welding, soldering, gearing, threading, and grinding using the appropriate tools. Mechanics also need to read drawings and schematics. Education usually consists of an apprenticeship program lasting from two to six years.

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WATER CAREERS (CON'T)

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Water Resource Recovery Operators – These workers work with equipment to ensure continuous operation of facilities used to clean wastewater. Operators need to have knowledge of the equipment and treatment processes, basic math, safe handling of disinfectant and hazardous chemicals, and how to collect and test water samples. Education required is usually a high school diploma and on-the-job training.

Water Distribution Operators - Water distribution operators generally monitor and control water system facilities and equipment to regulate the raw water supply and treated water distribution. Operators may also conduct tests to monitor water quality. Understanding pumping systems, reservoirs, and control valves is necessary. Education requirements vary by state but usually include obtaining a high school diploma and completing a defined amount of on-the-job training.

Drinking Water Treatment Operators – The complex machinery and equipment used to treat drinking water is operated by drinking water treatment operators who maintain the safe and reliable water supply to customers. These operators use electronic equipment to operate treatment process equipment. They also oversee the inventory of water treatment chemicals, fuel, and supplies. Education requirements vary by state but generally consist of a high school diploma and on-the-job training.

Wastewater Collection Operators – The sanitary and storm sewers, storm drains, pump stations, pipes, manholes, and catch basins used to collect wastewater need to be constructed, repaired, and maintained. Wastewater collection operators use power equipment to effectively operate these systems and prevent sewage overflows and blockages to safeguard public health.

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (bls.gov), the median annual wage for water and wastewater treatment plant and system operators was about \$49,000 in May 2020. Wages in the metropolitan DC area tend to be higher. These jobs usually come with benefits such as health insurance, paid time off, and retirement plans. At medium and larger plants such as those in the DMV, operators work in shifts around the clock. States require certain licenses for operators, often in multiple levels. Pay increases are often tied to obtaining higher level licenses.

If any of these opportunities sound interesting, there may be an opening at a utility near you. Here are links to some of our local water utilities:

- Alexandria Renew Enterprises www.alexrenew.com
- American Water <https://www.amwater.com/vaaw/>
- Arlington County <https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Careers>
- Fairfax County <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/jobs>
- Fairfax Water <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfaxwater?>
- Loudoun Water <https://www.loudounwater.org/>
- Prince William County Service Authority www.pwcsa.org/careers
- Upper Occoquan Service Authority www.uosa.org



DISCOVERING OUR NATION'S FIRST MONUMENTS: PART IV -- THOMAS JEFFERSON WAS WRONG!

By Roberto Bernate

Oops, I said the quiet part out loud... before you lambast me for besmirching the memory of one of the most venerated of our Founding Fathers, permit me to engender to you a brief history lesson.

Three hundred feet due west of the Washington Monument lies an innocuous monument with a curious inscription:

POSITION OF JEFFERSON
PIER ERECTED DEC. 18, 1804,
RECOVERED AND RE-ERECTED
DEC. 2, 1889
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Figure 1: Jefferson Stone (Pier), Washington, DC, Author, 2020.

Most unwitting tourists and passersby may not even notice this monument, much less know its relevance in the founding of Washington, DC. More on this later.

Excerpts from “Proclamation I - By the President of the United States of America,” January 24, 1791:

“Whereas the general assembly of the State of Maryland, by an act passed on the 23d day of December, A. D. 1788, intituled "An act to cede to Congress a district of 10 miles square in this State for the seat of the Government of the United States,"... "And the general assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia, by an act passed on the 3d day of December, 1789, and intituled "An act for the cession of 10 miles square, or any lesser quantity, of territory within this State to the United States in Congress assembled, for the permanent seat of the General Government," did enact that a tract of country not exceeding 10 miles square, or any lesser quantity,"... " I do hereby declare and make known that the location of one part of the said district of 10 miles square shall be found by running four lines of experiment in the following manner; that is to say: Running from the court-house of Alexandria, in Virginia, due southwest half a mile, and thence a due southeast course till it shall strike Hunting Creek [Jones Point, Old Town Alexandria], to fix the beginning of the said four lines of experiment.”

This proclamation established the fundamental framework for laying out both the future Federal City and encompassed by the Territory of Columbia, both, later to be renamed the City of Washington in the District of Columbia.

It was invariably Jefferson’s intent that the geographic center of the forty boundary stones played several roles: first, it was to define the exact geographical centers of both the City of Washington & the Federal Territory; second, this point was to delineate the longitudinal southern point of L’Enfant’s hypotenuse triangle connecting the center point of the President’s Mansion (White House) as the longitudinal northern point, and the hypotenuse (now Pennsylvania Avenue) connecting the President’s Mansion with the easternmost point at the center of Congress’ House (US Capitol); third, this point, (in conjunction with what is now the Zero Milestone at the Ellipse), was to be the Prime Meridian for all roads and trails of the United States and as Jefferson projected, the world, a dream posthumously dashed when Greenwich England took the honors in 1884; fourth, this marker would be the site of the commemorative George Washington Equestrian Statue (never realized) but later as the center point of the Washington Monument. The latter was attempted in 1884 but quickly moved to higher ground 100-meters to the east due to the unstable & sandy soil where Jefferson’s Marker was located.

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At a point after the forty federal boundary stones (milestones) were placed between 1791-1792 and after Peter (Pierre) Charles L'Enfant's plan of the city was drafted in 1791 and capital construction commenced in 1793, Jefferson planted a small wooden marker on the southwest border of the city on the bank of the Tiber Creek (Goose Creek) – now diverted running under the National Mall. In 1784, after Jefferson became President, the spot was permanently memorialized with a blue rock base and sandstone (freestone) capstone marker in a ceremony attended by Jefferson and his wife. This marker became known as "Jefferson Pier, No. 1" as schooners mooring along Tiber Creek would use this marker.

This drawing (right inset), dated September 1850, was drawn by Montgomery Meigs. The Jefferson Pier with its sandstone cap is in the left-center at the edge of Tiber Creek. It is one of the only known depictions of the original Jefferson Stone (Pier).

This marker along with three other markers – one each at the north and south basement entrances to the President's Mansion, and the third placed at Peter's Hill (now Meridian Hill/Malcolm X Park) - these four markers were along the exact meridian line Jefferson envisioned connecting the South Cornerstone at Jones Point, Virginia to the North Cornerstone in Silver Spring, Maryland (see previous issues "Discovering Our Nation's First Monuments", Parts I-III).

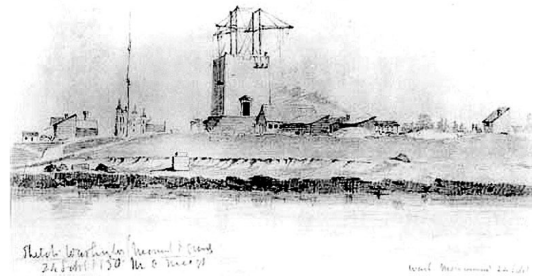


Figure 2: Smithsonian Institution (Neg. 35576B).



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Con't from Pg. 9

Somewhere, something went very wrong. The original calculations leading to the placing of the meridian line (now 16th Street, Northwest) at the Jefferson Stone were approximately a third of a mile southeast of the actual center point. The actual geographical center point of the Territory of Columbia (pre-Virginia Retrocession in 1846) lay in the rear of what was to become the headquarters of the Pan-American Union in 1889 - now the Organization of American States (OAS) between 17th, 18th, & C Streets, and Constitution Avenue, Northwest.

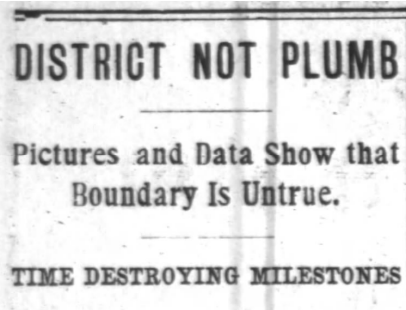


Figure 3: The Washington Post, Washington, DC, Sunday, May 27, 1906, p2.

As early as 1832, this error was known by the US Office of Coast Survey (now part of the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration) and subsequently reported widely in newspapers after the turn of the 20th Century. However, a possible reason this error was not reported earlier was out of respect for President Jefferson who died in 1826.

Nevertheless, the inaccurate promulgation of this marker's cogency continued. In 1874 the monument was mistakenly removed by the Army Corps of Engineers during road construction, and its foundation was buried. It was not until 1880 that the foundation of the marker was rediscovered. In 1889, a new granite monument was placed at the location over the original base.

So, let us return to my observation: the original inscription contained the fifth line, later chiseled out by an unknown party at an unknown time.

The chiseled-out words are "BEING THE CENTRE POINT OF THE..." which would have originally looked like this:

POSITION OF JEFFERSON
PIER ERECTED DEC. 18, 1804,
RECOVERED AND RE-ERECTED
DEC. 2, 1889
BEING THE CENTRE POINT OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

In 1917, the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) in its annual report chronicled rededications of several of the Original Federal Boundary Stones with plaques and wrought-iron enclosures. In addition, the report chronicled a rededication of the Jefferson Pier to be the "...exact center of the original territory, 'about 100 yards west of the Washington Monument...'" This DAR rededication was never seen to fruition as reported in a 1917 newspaper article "It was decided to postpone the ceremonies incident to the marking of the Jefferson Pier which had been planned for April, owing to the unsettled condition of national affairs." This "unsettled condition" was likely a reference to the Great War (World War I).

In addition to the regular boundary stones, a gray freestone was set in the exact center of the original territory, "about 100 yards west of the Washington Monument, and on a line almost due south from the President's house at a distance of about one-half mile"—in other words, quite near to Memorial Continental Hall. This has been taken by the Mary Bartlett Chapter, of the District, which expects to hold dedicatory exercises during the week of the Continental Congress in April, 1917.

Figure 4: United States Congressional Serial Set, Volume 7119.

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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)

YOUR INFORMATION NEEDED

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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<p>DECORATED CAKES</p>	<p>Teen Farmer will decorate cakes or cupcakes for your event or party or just for fun. One to five dozen cupcakes or one to three cakes per event. Advance notice necessary to work it in around school. Text or call Rebekah at 703-321-8757 with questions or to receive a link to cake albums.</p>
<p>DONATIONS ACCEPTED</p>	<p>Good condition used clothes, baby gear (not cribs), and small, useful kitchen items for Immanuel's Hope and good condition clothes, winter outerwear, new socks, and small toiletries for Central Union Mission in DC. Drop off at Immanuel Bible Church lobby (Braddock Rd entrance #1) or the Ortiz home in Ravensworth Farm. Ortiz Family – 571-331-9138</p>
<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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Con't from Pg. 11

It was decided to postpone the ceremonies incident to the marking of the Jefferson Pier stone which had been planned for April, owing to the unsettled condition of national affairs.

Figure 5: *Evening Star*, Washington, DC, 04 Mar 1917, p19.

results are evident: the center of the Territory of Columbia is not at the Jefferson Stone, as postulated, at the rear of the headquarter of the OAS, nearest the José Cecilio del Valle Memorial.

Map Legend: a) postulated center point; b) Jefferson Stone; c) Zero Milestone; d) White House

From the hypothesized center point to the North Cornerstone at Silver Spring is 7.13 miles with an azimuth of 359.75 degrees; to the South Cornerstone at Jones Point is 7.09 miles with an azimuth of 179.97 degrees. These measurements leave little argument as to where the actual center of the District of Columbia was pre-retrocession.

Analysis: I replicated the boundary stone analysis originally carried out by the US Office of Coast Survey in 1832 using traditional mapping and survey techniques (ground-truth triangulation using map reference locations) as well as modern tools (Global Positioning System and computer-aided plotting). Using these techniques, I was able to garner an average of all the mediums to plot on an orthorectified 1891 map of Washington, DC. The re-

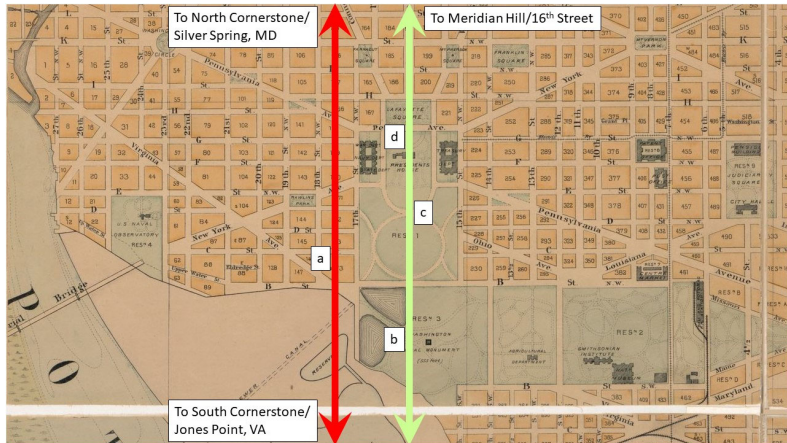


Figure 6: 1891 Map of the District of Columbia from official records and actual surveys. Philadelphia: G.M. Hopkins, Library of Congress, Orthorectification by Author.

Very early on, even during Jefferson’s lifetime, there were questions regarding the veracity of the center of the District, as evidenced by William Marbury (Marbury vs. Madison) who was so earnestly confident the center of the District being shifted by at least one-quarter mile to the west that he purchased land surrounding the Southeast 8 Boundary Stone in what is now the Blue Plains-Oxon Hill area of the city, in 1808.

We return to my original premise – President Thomas Jefferson was wrong. The liability for this error may never be determined. It may have been Jefferson, who was known to be stubborn. It may have been Nicolas (Nicholas) King, surveyor for the Three Commissioners and later the first Surveyor for the City of Washington. It was King who laid the first marker, later to be called the Jefferson Stone, at Jefferson’s behest. It was likely not L’Enfant, who developed the city plans but was not involved in the actual survey work.



Figure 7: Rear of the Organization of American States, Author; 2020.

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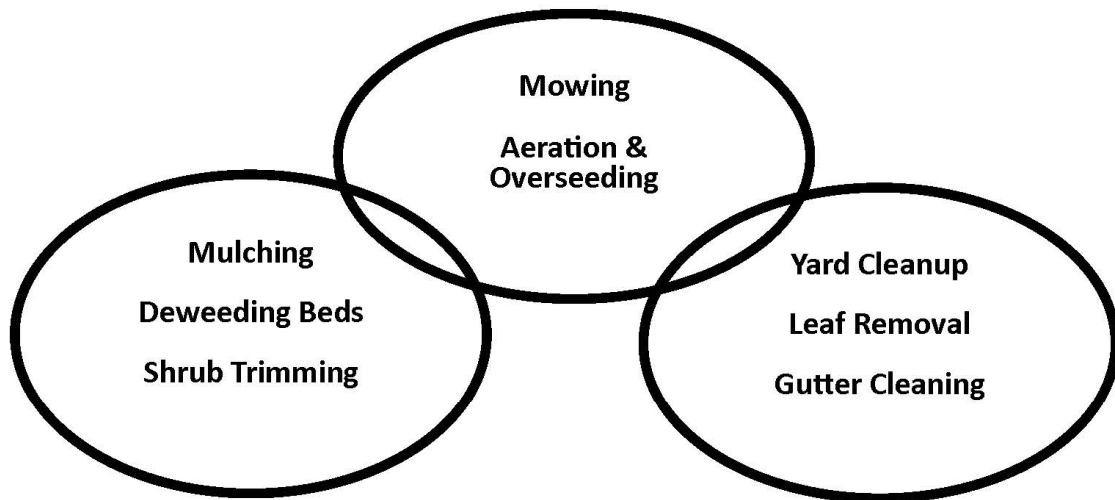
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DISCOVERING OUR NATION'S FIRST MONUMENTS: PART IV -- THOMAS JEFFERSON WAS WRONG! (CON'T)

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Curiously, located at the exact-predicted center point of the City, there lies a marble tablet, hitherto undiscovered, that was buried. Inquiries to the current residents (OAS) were returned with no information on this blank tablet. So, where might you ask lies the center of the District of Columbia now? Using the same methodologies described above, it is generally recognized as being at the median of New York Avenue (US Route 50), and the intersections of 4th Street Northwest, and Interstate 395.



Figure 8: New York Avenue at 4th Street, Northwest, Washington, DC, Author, 2020.

FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK (FLAP) EVENTS & NEWS

VOLUNTEER FOR MONTHLY FLAP CLEAN-UP

WHEN: 2nd Sunday of every month **TIME:** 9:00am to Noon

WHERE: Lake Accotink Marina

WHAT: Arrive at the Marina, pick up gloves, FLAP information, bags, tools, maps, and more. You will be loaned a FLAP Safety Vest. If you volunteer 4 times, you will receive your very OWN safety vest to personalize!

GOAL: Collect trash, using provided bags, and other items, not intended to be in or around the lake.

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

Questions? Contact@flapaccotink.org

DOG WASTE DISPENSERS

ACTIVITIES: Refill the dog waste bag stations and remove any overgrowth and fallen branches around them.

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

CARING FOR THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every month) **TIME:** 10:30am

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden, adjacent to the marina

ACTIVITIES: Work alongside FLAP experts as they care for the Pollinator Plants, Watering and Clean-up. Tools and gloves are provided or you can bring your own.

REGISTER: https://volunteer.fairfaxcounty.gov/custom/1380/#/opp_details/186905

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/caring-for-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158892889911>

EXPLORING THE POLLINATOR GARDEN

WHEN: (2nd Sunday of every Month) **TIME:** 10:30am

LOCATION: Lake Accotink Park Margaret Kinder Pollinator Garden, adjacent to the marina.

ACTIVITIES: FLAP experts will guide you through the pollinators and pollinator plants, and how to start and maintain your own (any size) pollinator garden.

REGISTER: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/exploring-the-pollinator-garden-at-lake-accotink-park-tickets-158891973169>

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FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK (FLAP) EVENTS & NEWS

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FLAP BOARD POSITIONS

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: Contact@flapaccotink.org

DONATE TO FRIENDS OF LAKE ACCOTINK PARK - FLAP

Online: www.flapaccotink.org

Mail: FLAP, P.O. Box 1203 Springfield VA 22151 (Make check out to FLAP)

RAVENSWORTH POOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Summer is coming before we know it and membership for the 2022 season at the Ravensworth Pool is on sale now. The pool will be open for members starting Memorial Day weekend and close Labor Day weekend.

Here are some dates/membership rates to remember:

Deadlines	Family	Two Person	Seniors
April 2nd - May 6th	\$560	\$400	\$315
May 7 and later	\$585	\$415	\$325

Fledglings begins June 22nd through July 19th and is a great Learn to Swim program for young swimmers to feel more comfortable in the water and have fun. Our Fledglings Program will operate as normal and have approximately 60 spaces. However, it is a popular program so register early! Families must pay for the program and register their swimmer(s) to officially enroll. We will move to a waitlist if we exceed capacity.

- Fledglings \$135 per swimmer
- Session Time 10:15 am - 11:00 am

Swim Team will bring Nate Bennett and Josh Fletcher back as Coach/Assistant Coach for another fun swim season. Practice times can be found our website.

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

Dive Team: Troy Young will be coaching the dive team with his partners Max and Jillian. Practice times can be found on our website.

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

Questions about:

Membership: Jen Auble at membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com

Swim Team: Jill Mowbray at swimteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com

Dive Team: Mary Beth Champlain diveteam@ravensworthfarmpool.com

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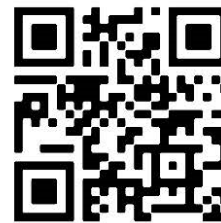


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WHY JOIN THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION?

Your \$15 membership (what a bargain!) helps cover the cost of writing, printing, and delivering this newsletter to all 858 homes in Ravensworth Farm eight times per year.

It also covers the cost of updating and printing the Ravensworth Farm Community Directory each year. The Directory is only available to members. In addition to providing the names, addresses and phone numbers for your neighbors (so you'll know where to go to pick up those items being offered on the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page), the Directory also provides you with emergency numbers (for when your internet is dead), and useful non-emergency numbers. It contains the history of Ravensworth Farm and other historical information. It even contains contact information for youth looking to work! If you need a teen to babysit, pet sit, shovel, rake, or wash your car, just \$15 gets you a copy of this coveted list.

In addition to The Ravensworth Farmer and the Ravensworth Farm Directory, the Civic Association also funds:

- three informative general meetings per year,
- community-wide Fall Festival,
- holiday decoration judging,
- summer picnic/BBQ/bash,
- maintenance of the plants and signs at the three community entrances,
- donations to the Scouts and the school,
- coordination and advertising of the fall and spring community-wide yard sales,
- community large-trash-items clean-up day every spring, and
- many other activities and community-care needs.

If you aren't a member, join now via RavensworthFarm.org, contact Elissa Myers to become a member - 703-321-7590 or elissa@elissamyers.com, or answer the door when your Block Captain comes knocking. It would be great to welcome every one of our 858 households into the Civic Association!



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"I drove past your pool and the pool and grounds look amazing! We have 4 kids so we wanted to have a nice playground and grounds. Most of the others we drove to see were not nearly as nice as yours!" - Paige

Submit your testimonial by emailing membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com

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Questions?

Contact Jennifer Auble at
Membership@ravensworthfarmpool.com