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#### The Ravensworth Farmer

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#### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Hello Farmers!

On behalf of the RFCA board and Staff of The Farmer, we would like to extend a sincere thank you to Susan Deyampert, who has served as the Formatter responsible for the overall layout of The Farmer for the past 16 years. It has been a pleasure to work with Susan and she will be missed! We appreciate all of her hard work and dedication to The Farmer!

With Susan looking to transition out of this role, the RFCA is looking for a new Formatter starting in early September 2022. If you have a keen eye for layout and design and proficient knowledge of Microsoft Publisher or similar type software and are interested in this position (includes a stipend/8 issues a year), please contact for more information: rfcaformatter@ravensworthfarm.org.

The delivery of the Farmer would not be possible without the help of the Boy Scouts Troop 991 and Cub Scouts Pack 991. Much gratitude to the Scouts for delivering The Farmer on every doorstep of our neighborhood eight times a year! Thank you for your service!

With the Boy Scouts Troop 991 and Cub Scouts Pack 991 moving on from their role delivering the Farmers, starting in September 2022, the RFCA is seeking a few organizations that would be interested in delivering The

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STOP—SAVE THIS FARMER! It's the last one until September.

Check the website, Facebook page and sign up for the RFCA e-newsletter to receive up-to-date information during the summer.

# Please help fill these open positions with the RFCA!

Recording Secretary
Advertising for The Farmer
Formatter for The Farmer
Distribution for The Farmer
Advertising for the Directory

Please contact Marcie Winitt for additional information or to volunteer.



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.

#### The Ravensworth Farmer

### RAVENSWORTH FARM CIVIC ASSOCIATION P.O. BOX 1733, SPRINGFIELD, VA 22151

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### **Association Meetings & Deadlines 2021-22**

| MONTH     | BOARD MEETING/FARMER<br>DEADLINE/FLYERS DUE | Farmer<br>DELIVERY | EVENTS       |
|-----------|---|--------------------|--------------|
| Summer    |   |                    | BBQ—Date TBD |
| September | 7   |                    |              |

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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Farmer to every house in the neighborhood. If your organization would like to take part in this service opportunity, please contact: ravensworth.farmer@gmail.com

I would also like to extend a huge thank you to all of our regularly contributing writers from The Farm who have been providing unique articles and interviews on a variety of topics that are very informative and entertaining!

I hope that if you or your organization has any time to give to The Farmer and the RFCA (see the additional VACANT positions on p. 2), or to other local organizations such as the Ravensworth Farm Pool and Friends of Lake Accotink (FLAP), please reach out and get involved, it is a great way to meet neighbors and help serve the community!

Stay tuned for more information coming on the RFCA Summer BBQ. Updates will be sent out to those on the RFCA mailing list and also posted on the Ravensworth Farm Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/134665557176

If you would like to subscribe to the RFCA mailing list, the link can be found by clicking on "Ravensworth Farm Civic Association" on the top left of the screen on the RFCA homepage found at this address: https://www.ravensworthfarm.org/

Have a great summer!

Stay safe & healthy, Shobha McConnell

#### NEWS FROM RAVENSWORTH ELEMENTARY

Thank you to our staff, families, and community for supporting our students this past year. Through the many challenges that we faced this year we supported one another and rallied to support our learners. We appreciate your patience, cooperation, and grace. We look forward to opening our doors for the 2022-2023 school year on Monday, August 22, 2022. Continue to follow us on Twitter and Facebook for updates. #RavensWorth—Our Ravens Are Worth It!

Erika Aspuria Principal Ravensworth Elementary School #RavensWorth

#### BOY SCOUTS HONOR LONGTIME LEADER

Ravensworth's Troop 991 recently honored Mr. Bill Mitchell, a Farmer resident and long time Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. For over 16 years Bill has helped shape boys into young men, including guiding many Troop 991 scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout, including his own son.



On April 20th, current and past scouts from troop 991 along with families and a representative from the Community of Christ Church gathered in the outdoor classroom behind the church for a Court of Honor. Current scouts were recognized for their achievements and advancement. Following those presentations former scout leaders and scouts were invited to come up to say a few words in honor of Bill. A plaque was unveiled in his honor so that

neighbors and scouts alike will remember the many contributions made by Bill Mitchell which have made our community a better place. Bill, his wife Nadine, and son Ronal recently moved as Bill will soon begin retirement.



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I am excited to welcome you back to this year's Braddock Nights summer concert series and Children's Arts in the Parks series! This series of free concerts and children's events will present a wide array of performances from classical, to bluegrass to comedy, with something for every music lover. I hope you'll bring a picnic, snacks, blankets, and lawn chairs to enjoy this fun-filled series. Come relax with friends, family, and neighbors. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, please contact my office at (703) 425-9300 or braddock@ fairfaxcounty.gov. I look forward to seeing you this summer.

James R. Walkinshaw, Supervisor, Braddock District

#### Royal Lake Park

5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax Friday Evenings • 7:30 - 8:30 p.m

#### JULY

- 8 Thrillbillys (Roots Rock)
- 15 The Hillbilly Gypsies (Bluegrass)
- 22 Black Masala (Funk, World)
- 29 Jess Eliot Myhre and Honky Tonk Heroes (Country)

#### **AUGUST**

- 5 Daryl Davis (Swing)
- 12 Mars Rodeo (Rock)
- 19 Frank Solivan & Jillian Lea (Bluegrass)

#### Lake Accotink Park

7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield Friday Evenings •7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

#### JULY

- 8 Kings Park Band (Big Band)
- 15 Common Ground (Smooth Jazz)
- 22 The Annandale Brass **Ensemble (Light Classical** & Popular Songs)
- 29 The United States Army Blues (Jazz)

#### **AUGUST**

- 5 City of Fairfax Band Alte Kameraden German Band (Music of Germany)
- 12 The Nitehawks Swing Band (Swing)
- The Annandale Jazz Ensemble (American Popular Music)





A Free Children's Entertainment Series

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#### Wakefield Park in front of the Audrey Moore Rec Center 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale

- JUNE 18 Mr. Lilo (Children's Songs)
- 25 Ms. Niki (Children's Songs)

- 2 the grandsons, Jr. (Children's Songs)
- 9 Rocknoceros (Children's Songs)
- 16 Blue Sky Puppet Theater (Puppets)
- 23 The Great Zucchini (Comedy, Magic)
- 30 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Percussion Ensemble (Children's Music)

#### **AUGUST**

- 6 Marsha and the Positrons (Children's Sonas)
- 13 Rainbow Puppets Production (Puppets Show)
- 20 The Uncle Devin Show (Children's Songs)

Braddock Nights is presented in partnership with the supporters of Braddock Nights and generous contributions from the following sponsors:













The Summer Entertainment Series is made possible through corporate and private donations. To donate, visit www.fairfaxparkfoundation.org/projects.



The Hillbilly Gypsie

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#### WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

By Lisa Reynolds

In early April there was some sobering news from the United Nations when the UN Secretary-General commented on the latest findings of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Antonio Guterres said "This is not fiction or exaggeration. It is what science tells us will result from our current energy policies."

Source: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/04/1115452

This is overwhelming news and difficult to process. The situation can seem hopeless and it is tempting to think there's nothing an individual can do to reduce the harm. But that's not true. There are small scale actions that everyone can take and every little bit helps.

Like what? The UN's ACTNOW website (https://www.un.org/actnow) has these suggestions:

- 1. Save energy at home (See https://www.dominionenergy.com/virginia/save-energy)
- 2. Walk, bike, or take public transport (There are many bike paths, bus routes, Metro stations and a commuter train (VRE) near our neighborhood. If you're worried about getting home in an emergency, check out <a href="https://www.commuterconnections.org/">https://www.commuterconnections.org/</a>.)
- 3. Eat more vegetables (For a list of local Community Supported Agriculture see https://www.mwcog.org/documents/2021/02/22/metro-dc-csa-directory/)
- 4. Consider your travel Going to Florida? consider the Auto Train https://www.amtrak.com/auto-train
- 5. Throw away less food Buy less or share your extra with your neighbors
- 6. Reduce, reuse, repair, recycle (These are listed in order of preference notice recycling is last)
- 7. Change your home's source of energy (See https://solarizenova.org/ for information about Fairfax County's community campaign to reduce the cost and complexity of going solar.)
- 8. Switch to an electric vehicle there are many charging stations in our area
- 9. Choose eco-friendly products Loop (https://exploreloop.com/shop/us) is not in our area yet but hopefully soon
- 10. Speak up https://www.kaine.senate.gov/, https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/, https://connolly.house.gov/

And don't be discouraged, the UN has positive climate stories to share too.

- Use of electric vehicles, including e-scooters and e-bikes, is increasing.
- Costs for low-emission technologies (e.g., solar, wind power and EVs) are decreasing.
- Policies and laws related to climate change are increasing, including carbon taxes and emission trading systems.
- Although challenging, it is still possible to reduce industrial carbon emissions.
- Urban areas provide key opportunities for climate mitigation like creating more walkable areas and concentrating renewable energy systems.
- Economic measures can support emissions reductions and stimulate innovation.
- Citizens care about and are engaged in climate action.
- Carbon dioxide removal actions like tree-planting provide co-benefits like enhancing biodiversity and ecosystem function.

Source: https://news.un.org/en/story/2022/04/1115512

As you're going about your normal day, please take a moment to think about what you might be able to change and make a small difference. As Helen Keller said, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

# PROJECT TO ADDRESS TRAIL FLOODING BY LAKE ACCOTINK DAM SET TO START THIS SUMMER

From FFXNow.com, May 9, 2022

By David Taube

One of the most heavily used trails in Fairfax County will undergo construction starting this summer to address recurring flooding issues.

The Fairfax County Park Authority is planning to upgrade a portion of the trail at Lake Accotink Park in Springfield. The \$3 million project will add a 325-foot-long, elevated, concrete pedestrian crossing over the park's dam outfall, along with approximately 300 feet of asphalt trail improvements.

"The contractor, Franco's Liberty Bridge Inc, will be mobilizing on site with active construction activities beginning this summer," the FCPA said in an announcement on Wednesday (May 4). Parts of the Lake Accotink Loop Trail will be closed during construction. The FCPA says signs will be posted on the site and advises nearby residents to expect occasional construction traffic entering and exiting the park.

Despite the short-term inconveniences, the project will likely come as welcome news to visitors like Milo Nekvasil, who says he sometimes takes off his shoes and socks to walk through flooded areas on the trail during light rains. Heavy rains make it impassable for him.

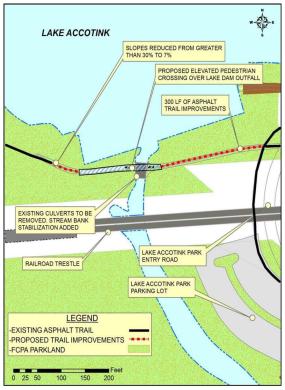
Tree limbs, logs and other debris can clog along the path, causing backups where water would normally flow under the path.

Nekvasil's experiences aren't unique. Flooding is frequent and can be sudden, stranding trail users or leading them to wade through waters, according to the community group Friends of Lake Accotink Park.

"Excessive damage due to major storm events has required a total reconstruction of the trail twice in the last five years," the Park Authority said. "This project will resolve these issues, enhancing safety and accessibility for park users."

The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2023.

https://www.ffxnow.com/2022/05/09/project-to-address-trail-flooding-by-lake-accotink-dam-set-to-start-this-summer/



#### 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.

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#### AUNT KATHLEEN'S MACARONI AND CHEESE

By Rob Blizard

When I was a kid, we would visit my Uncle Bill and Aunt Kathleen in the summer at their cabin near Abingdon, Virginia. The cabin was on a small bluff that overlooked the Holston River, where we would swim. Many members of my extended family would often gather at the cabin and eat outside at picnic tables on sweet, warm evenings. This dish was always popular.



#### Recipe: Aunt Kathleen's Macaroni and Cheese

#### Ingredients:

shells)

#### 1 lb. box of macaroni pasta (elbows or small

- 1 10-oz. block of sharp cheddar cheese, cut into thin slices
- 1 12-oz. can of whole peeled tomatoes, cut into small chunks (save the juice from the can)
- 1 stick butter, cut into thin slices
- Salt and pepper to taste

#### Directions:

Yields 6-8 servings. Can be a main dish or a side dish. Nice with cool salad and light, dry wine to cut the heaviness.

Grease a two-quart baking dish or use Pam spray. Cook pasta according to package directions. Be careful not to overcook pasta since it will cook for about an hour in the oven. Drain pasta, rinse with cold water and then salt to taste. Now, preheat the oven to 400 degrees.

In a baking dish, put one layer of pasta, and then layers of tomato, cheese and butter. Repeat the layering so that you have two layers of all four ingredients. Sprinkle pepper on the top. Pour tomato juice from the can down the side of the dish and into the bottom of the dish to provide moisture during the baking.

Place the baking dish on a cookie sheet (consider tin foil on the cookie sheet) as the dish will likely bubble over. Bake for one hour. Once the dish begins to bubble, turn over to 350 degrees or lower, if necessary. This dish is best when cooked slowly for a long time, but at least for one hour. Once the top turns brown, cover with foil. If it gets too dry, put a little water in the baking dish and re-cover with foil, baking for a few more minutes.

#### "GEM" REVIEWS

The Ravensworth Farm Community Association board wants to encourage neighbors to share great ideas with neighbors. Whether it's an eatery, theater, tool, park, repair place, preschool, or builder, if you've found a "gem"... please share. Send reviews to rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org. Thanks for sharing!

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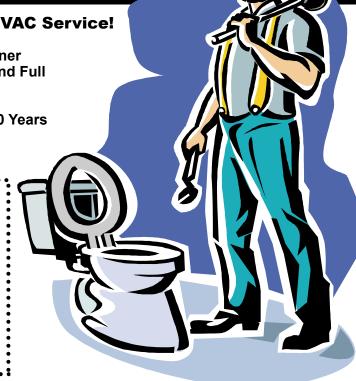
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#### **NEW NEIGHBORS**

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.



<u>CLASSIFIED ADS</u> may be placed in The **Farmer** at no cost to Ravensworth Farm residents. Classified ads may be placed by sending them to rfcafarmer@ravensworthfarm.org or to PO Box 1733, Springfield, VA 22151. The classified ad section is a service to Ravensworth residents and is not intended for business or commercial use. Ads for house sales, commercial services, etc. will be run in this section once. If you wish to repeat your ad, you will need to purchase advertising in The **Farmer**.

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| DECORATED<br>CAKES    | 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.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| DONATIONS<br>ACCEPTED | 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                                                                                                       |
| WANTED                | 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. |

# <u>DISCOVERING OUR NATION'S FIRST MONUMENTS: PART V - THE NORTHEAST LINE</u>

By Roberto Bernate

The forty boundary stones epitomize, nay, define our nation's capital's actual birth, as some at the placing of the first boundary stone attest: On May April 15th "...the first substantial act was the placing of the first boundary stone of the District on what we may call the birthday of the city and District." (Evening Star, Washington, District of Columbia, Friday, May 22, 1931, Page 29).

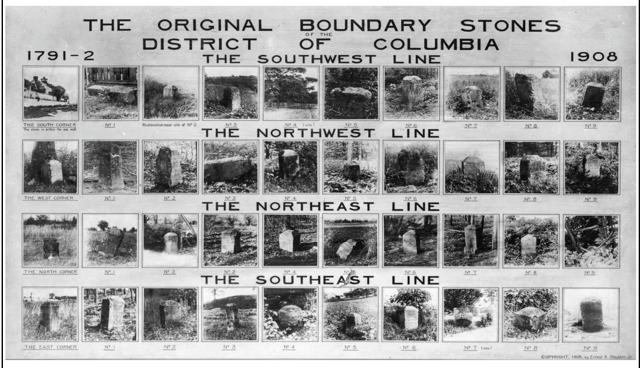


Figure 1: Ernest A. Shuster, United States Geological Survey, 1908. Original courtesy of the Chevy Chase Historical Society.

The above photo compilation was published as an addendum to a 1909 National Geographic article detailing the status of the boundary stones following similar surveys conducted by Fred Eugene Woodward and Marcus Baker's

survey of the District Boundary Stones in 1894 & 1904, respectively. This compilation reveals the state of the stones as they appeared in 1908.

# THE ORIGINAL BOUNDARY STONES OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

BY ERNEST A. SHUSTER, JR., U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Unfortunately, the time has not been a good custodian of the

Figure 2: The National Geographic Magazine - v.20: no.1-6 (1909: Jan.-June), page 356.

boundary stones. Of the forty, only thirty-six remain extant and nearly all have been moved to some to a degree to allow for our nation to progress. Some were moved or partially destroyed to allow for road expansion, building construction, or farming. Unfortunately, some have met even worse fates. Two stones, Northwest 2 & Southeast 8, have been lost to history entirely; only replica stones remain at their respective locations. Others fell prey to the onslaught of an invention hitherto not envisioned in 1791 -the automobile—more on this later.

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#### North Cornerstone: 1832 East-West Highway (MD410), Montgomery County, Maryland/Washington, DC

This is the northernmost of the forty boundary stones and intersects with the South Cornerstone at Jones Point, Virginia. The North Cornerstone is unique in two ways, and one is very, very strange.

First, it is one of the four cardinal points of George Washington's rhombus (diamond) delineating the new Federal Territory. Second, this stone was at the center of a local scandal in the early 1900s after Fred Woodward's survey determined this stone was out of alignment by more than 100 feet. A decade before the discovery of this error, a minister performed a wedding over the stone. However, the minister was only licensed to perform marriages in Maryland, and after the mistake was discovered, the wife contested the validity of the marriage, and it was annulled after revealing that the marriage took place in Washington, DC, where the officiating minister was not licensed to marry.

This stone is located adjacent to the North Portal Estates, on the eastbound lane of the road. This cornerstone even now delineates the border between Washington, DC & Montgomery County, Maryland, and is west of Silver Spring, Maryland.

#### Northeast 1 Boundary Stone: 7847 Eastern Ave, Silver Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland



Figure 3: Northeast 1 Boundary Marker, Author, 2018.

This marker replaced the original stone placed in 1792. It is located on the Maryland side of Eastern Avenue. The extant stone at this location was destroyed in September 1952 during the construction of adjoining shopping storefronts. Due to the high pedestrian traffic of this original location on a sidewalk storefront, the stone remnants were removed and replaced by a bronze plaque in 1960 by a local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). This plaque is currently at the storefront entrance of Tiramisu Café & Bakery. According to a representative of Washington DC Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), local lore was that the

stone fragments were discarded in a nearby residential backyard in the neighborhood, but this has never been confirmed. In 2015 a replica of the original stone was commissioned, however, debate among local business owners and government could not agree on an appropriate replacement location. The finished replica currently resides at DCRA's Office of the Surveyor in Southwest Washington, DC. The inset to the right is the first published photograph of this replica.



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Figure 4: Replica Stone, Roland F. Dreist, Jr., Surveyor, DCRA, 2020.

# Northeast 2 Boundary Stone: 6980 Maple Avenue/Maple Street Northwest, Takoma, Washington, DC/Takoma Park, Montgomery County, Maryland

Northeast 2 delineates the current Washington, DC and Montgomery County, Maryland border. It is situated on the edge of the sidewalk along Maple Avenue/Street in between a residence at 7100 Maple Avenue on the Maryland side and 6980 Maple Street, Northwest on the Washington, DC side. It is one of the few stones whose position has remained extant since its placement in 1792.

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# Northeast 3 Boundary Stone: Fleetwood Village Apartments, Chillum Road & Eastern Avenue Northeast, Prince George's County, Maryland

This boundary stone is located along Eastern Avenue on the Maryland side adjacent to a small strip mall parking lot. It is the first boundary stone within Prince George's County. Previous publications as well as several local documentaries have sensationalized this stone's location by stating it is in a nearby McDonald's parking lot. The truth is the McDonald's parking lot is located approximately 52 meters to the north-northwest of the actual stone location. Care must be taken when visiting this stone as it usually is collocated with temporary homeless dwellings as well as indications of drug use. This location's misuse is further continually observed with tents, garbage, and spent hypodermic needles.

#### Northeast 4 Boundary Stone: 5400 Sargent Rd, Hyattsville, Prince George's County, Maryland

This boundary stone is located along Eastern Avenue on the Maryland side alongside the fenceline of a residence. It is nearest the intersection of Sargent Road and Eastern Avenue along the Maryland – Washington, DC border. This stone is one of the most-intact stones of the forty. It has been observed that boundary stones that remain on private property appear to have weathered the centuries far better than those found on public lands.

### Northeast 5 Boundary Stone: 4609 Eastern Ave Northeast, Mount Rainier, Prince George's County, Maryland



Figure 5: Northeast 5 Boundary Stone, Author, 2018.

This boundary stone is also located along Eastern Avenue on the Maryland side in the front yard of the residence at 4609. The longtime property owner reported that he allows neighborhood children to re-etch the inscriptions with charcoal on holidays. This activity does not harm the stone and was practiced with chalk by Woodward & Baker when photographing the stone such that the inscriptions would be highlighted.

# Northeast 6 Boundary Stone: 3601 Eastern Avenue Northeast, Prince George's County, Maryland

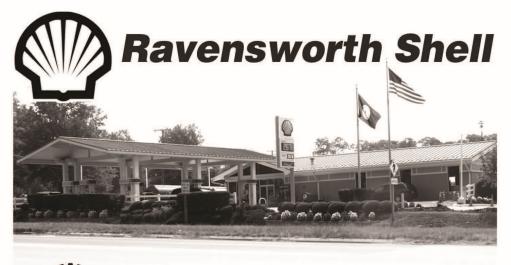
Northeast 6 is located at the southeast corner of a residential fenced front yard along Eastern Avenue on the Maryland side. It is nearest the intersections of 34th Street on the Maryland side, Monroe Street Northeast on the Washington, DC side, and Eastern Avenue along the border. This intermediate stone has had some misfortune in its history as it has been extensively repaired from being completely severed near ground level, likely by a vehicle impact.

Northeast 7 Boundary Stone: Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Colmar Manor, Prince George's County, Maryland

This stone is located at Block 18 inside Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Fort Lincoln Cemetery is located on Bladensburg Road (Alternate Route 1) in Colmar Manor. It is within 10 feet of the Washington, DC line but does not define the border. According to Woodward, this stone was struck by lightning in the early 1800s causing it to split in two. Evidence of this split can still be seen after multiple and extensive repairs were made to the stone.



Figure 6: Northeast 7 Boundary Stone, Author, 2018.





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Author's note: This stone is in, perhaps, the most tranquil and beautiful settings of any of the forty stones. Its serene location belies the din of the metropolitan area just outside of the cemetery. The area surrounding this boundary is stone is both gorgeous and historic. Also, within the cemetery is found the Fort Lincoln Earthwork Fortification where President Lincoln was known to come and contemplate the ongoing war due to its peaceful setting. Just outside of the cemetery can be found the Bladensburg Dueling Grounds, the Battle of Bladensburg, and the Bladensburg waterfront. This location would be ideal to come and spend a day exploring the multitude of history found near here.

#### Northeast 8 Boundary Stone: Eastern & Kenilworth Avenues Northeast, Prince George's County, Maryland

Located just inside the Maryland boundary, Northeast 8 is located adjacent to an asphalt milling company near the intersections of Kenilworth & Eastern Avenues Northeast. It is in an empty marshy area adjoining the Kenilworth Park & Aquatic Gardens. This boundary stone can be considered the third-most difficult stone to reach. Northeast 9 Boundary Stone: 919 Eastern Avenue Northeast, Prince George's County, Maryland This boundary stone is also located along Eastern Avenue Northeast on the Maryland side in the fenced front yard of the residence at 919 Eastern Avenue Northeast. The stone is not well maintained and is difficult to find as it is usually covered in weeds and vines.

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