

# 'Raised Reston!'

## KRISTINE JENKINS

It isn't often that you get to interview your child for an article, but this month's Raised Reston subject is my daughter, Kristine Jenkins.

Kristine was born when my husband and I lived on Newport Springs Court, Reston. Starting school at LANK preschool, Kristine made lots of friends, many of whom we are still in contact with today. She attended Buzz Aldrin Elementary, Forest Edge and Langston Hughes Middle School, before moving to private school. Kristine's favorite teacher over the years was Mrs. Crittenden, her first-grade teacher.

As a child, Kristine and her friends would ride their bikes to the pools, tennis courts, and roam around in the woods. She feels like she got to have kind of an "old school" childhood.

Kristine's formative years included North Hills Swim Team, Reston Lightening Travel soccer and years of rec league basketball and soccer. She also enjoyed her time at Reston Day Camp. Kristine said, "I loved playing capture the flag games in the Owl Woods. There were also other games we played with complicated rules involving markers and various props. I don't remember what all the games were called, but they lasted hours and were epic."

"My favorite Reston place when I was a kid was the North Hills area" shares Kristine. One of my fondest memories from childhood is the neighborhood Pipe Stem Parties, which were informal summer gatherings where we'd order pizza, the parents would hang out, and kids would play until dark. It was great fun."

After high school, Kristine went to UVA for college, and after graduation, she moved to D.C. living in Georgetown and Adams Morgan with Will, who would become her husband.

In 2017, she and fiancé, Will, asked me to help them find a house in Reston. I suggested other communities in addition to Reston; however, they were firm in their desire to move here, citing the pools, tennis courts,



and walkability of this suburban, yet urban feeling community. Kristine says, "Will and I knew we would miss living in the city, so we wanted to move somewhere that was vibrant and walkable. It's vibrant and walkable in a different way, but we love it!"

Kristine and Will purchased a home in Coleson Cluster, one of Reston's earliest townhouse communities within easy walking distance to both Reston Town Center and Lake Anne Plaza. Recently, they had a baby, so baby Anna makes three generations of our family in Reston.

Now, as a young wife and mother, Kristine's favorite place in Reston is the Green Trail to Lake Anne. "I love walking to Lake Anne Plaza, especially to Lake Anne Coffee House and the Saturday Farmers Market, with some combination of my husband, my baby, or my dog!"

When Robert E. Simon created Reston he had a goal, 'that it be possible for anyone to remain in a single neighborhood throughout his life, uprooting being neither inevitable nor always desirable.' What a joy it is to have my daughter determine that her family should return to live and grow in the community where she was raised!

Do you want to share your 'Raised Reston' story?  
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