

# History of Fox Hills

Potomac, or Patawomeke, is an Algonquian word meaning place where people trade or place where tribute is brought. When John Smith explored our area in 1608, Fox Hills was part of Tsenacommacah, the vast empire of Chief Powhatan, whose real name was Wahunsenacawh. In the early 1600s Wahunsenacawh's preteen daughter, Pocahontas was said to have saved Captain John Smith's life. The name Cabin John, a mispronunciation of Captain John, is derived from the name of Captain John Smith of Virginia.

After Captain John Smith explored Potomac, many European settlers followed in his footsteps. The first white settler to make a home in our area was Edward Offutt who settled in Potomac village in 1714. During that time, Potomac was known as Offutt's Crossroads named for the crossroads of Falls and River. Offutt's Crossroads was mainly farmland. Offutt's land was sold to various farmers and the crossroads of Falls and River grew up.

In 1967, Pulte Homes turned Potomac farmland into Fox Hills. In 1959 farmers John Safer, Joseph M Harris, Victor R. Beauchamp, Richard LaGarde owned the area which we live in today. Within ten years, the whole area had transformed into suburbia. Around this same time, the schools and swimming pool of Fox Hills were built as well.

Today, Fox Hills is home to more than 500 homes, three schools, one swimming pool, and thousands of people. The land of Fox Hills has gone through many great transformations, from American Indian Empire, to fertile farmland of European pioneers, to a thriving suburb of America's capital. We can only imagine what are land will look like in the future.