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Our Friends and Columnists Write *Why I Love Living in ...*

COS COB



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I love to live in Cos Cob, because it was where I grew up and holds many vivid memories where doors were never locked and where I learned to love nature and the outdoors.

After moving back from Florida in 2006, I reconnected with the loveliness of Strickland Pond, The Bush Holley House, the marina, train station, Bible Street and Loughlin Avenue Parks and all the trails we walked. A

once private estate, where Mr. Pomerance would let us skate on this pond, is now a park connected to the riding and walking trails to Pinetum.

The neighborhood is still thriving with activity, has a new library and many other differences, but where one can always count on the fire station to stand guard over us.

As kids we all walked everywhere, every day unless it was raining buckets. We walked to school with books, bags and even instruments (Cos Cob, Central and GHS).

Some of the landmarks, now gone, were: Lou's Stationary, Peel's Hardware, White's Drug Store Soda Fountain and a yummy German Bakery. All of the shops and restaurants were family owned, which is something, I am happy to see, lives on for the most part and makes our little hub so special.

The Mianus River, a super spot for skating, swimming and rowing was and is such a gift of nature and beauty. I recall some of the courageous kids would swing from a rope, tied to a tall tree, into the water just before the majestic waterfall.

We had no cell phones or watches, we lived by sunrise and sunset and when the street lights went on we knew our parents would be waiting for us. It is, as it was, a unique enclave where one can connect with nature while having diverse businesses at your fingertips. I love Cos Cob. It is still an amazing mix of coolness, friendliness, exploration and friendship.

