

Preserving Local History's Jewels

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Historic St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church in Fairfax, which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War last summer. Fairfax County is considering a new "resident curator" program to save historic properties like this church.

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Woman Charged With Fraudulent Tax Prep

Fairfax County Police detectives have charged a Fair Oaks woman in connection with an investigation involving fraudulent preparation and submission of income tax return documents. She is Thuy Tien Le, 40, of 12808 Madeley Court.

The investigation began in early July when police received a report from a resident that Le, owner of T2 Advantage LLC, a tax preparation company, had prepared their income taxes. That person received the prepared documents, including a statement indicating exactly what federal and state refunds to expect.

Shortly thereafter, say police, the resident "was in the process of refinancing [his or her] mortgage and discovered that the tax documents the mortgage company obtained from the Internal Revenue Service were different than the ones Le provided to [him or her]."

Detectives, working with IRS special agents, determined that Le was allegedly altering the tax documents prior to submitting them to the IRS. They say



Thuy Tien Le

she reportedly increased the amount of the refunds and had those proceeds electronically deposited into an account other than the resident's.

Police arrested Le last Tuesday, Aug. 6, charging her with one count each of money laundering and obtaining money by false pretenses, plus two counts of identity theft with intent to defraud. She has an Oct. 30 court date. The investigation is continuing and additional charges are possible. Detectives want to hear from any other people who believe they might have been a victim of this type of fraud.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org, text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

—BONNIE HOBBS

Jewish Community Center Launches Adult Learning Institute

The Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV) has announced the inaugural semester of the Adult Learning Institute (ALI). Located at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, ALI is dedicated to offering adults of all ages fulfilling opportunities to continue their love of learning and nourish their intellectual curiosity.

Course topics include: arts and entertainment, history, Israeli and Jewish culture, health and well being, and politics. To register for classes, visit www.jccnv.org or visit the JCCNV to complete a registration form. Course registration kick-off will be held during the week of Aug. 19 in the JCCNV lobby. The first 50 people to register for one or more classes will receive a special gift.

Fall 2013 ALI Course Schedule:

- ❖ Coming to America in the Early 1900s: The Immigrant Experience—Tuesdays, Sept. 17–Oct. 1 (3 weeks), 9:45–11 a.m. Instructor: Sharon Hodges, genealogist, teacher and lecturer. Fee: \$36/\$24 JCCNV member. Code: #4567

- ❖ The 2013 Virginia gubernatorial Election—Mondays, Sept. 23–Oct. 7 (3 weeks), 12:15–1:30 p.m. Instructors: Debra Gold Linick, director for DC and Northern Virginia, Jewish Community Relations Council; Dr. Toni Travis, associate professor of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University; and Ron

Kampeas, Washington Bureau chief, Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Fee: \$36/\$24 JCCNV member. Code: #4565

- ❖ Inside Israel Today: Israel at 65—Mondays, Oct. 28–Nov. 25 (4 weeks, no class Nov. 18), 9:45–11 a.m. Instructors: Arielle Farber Poleg, Israel Action Center director, Jewish Community Relations Council; Alexis Schwartz, program associate, Israel Action Center, Jewish Community Relations Council; Robert Budoff, Temple B'nai Shalom vice president and founder/leader of IsraelTalk discussion group; and a representative of the Embassy of Israel (TBA). Fee: \$48/\$32 JCCNV member. Code: #4659

- ❖ Computer and Network Security for Dummies—Thursdays, Oct. 10–24 (3 weeks), 7:30–9 p.m. Instructor: Susan Attas Zuckerman who has more than 13 years of experience working as a senior INFOSEC scientist at a federally funded research and development center, supporting the Dept. of Defense in the areas of information awareness policy and the development of secure software configurations to protect DoD computers against malicious code. Fee: \$55/\$48 JCCNV member. Code: #4454

For more information about the JCCNV Adult Learning Institute, call 703-323-0880 or contact Carla Rosenfeld at CarlaR@jccnv.org or Sheila Budoff at Sheila.Budoff@jccnv.org.

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Fairfax County Public Libraries: Version 2.0?

Staff, volunteers urge supervisors to reconsider “disastrous” library reorganization plan that cuts staff and services.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

In a world where the Internet has replaced newsprint, e-books have supplanted paperbacks and the latest films stream directly to laptops, how do public libraries compete?

Like almost every other institution, public libraries are adapting. Self-check-out, online renewal and computer catalogues have replaced the fusty file drawers of index cards and leather-bound periodicals of the past.

“I think changes have to be made to the way libraries operate — to accommodate ways people get their information, do research and use libraries as community centers,” said Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman, on Monday, Aug. 12. She cautioned that any change, however, “needs to be done with the engagement of our staff and the community.”

But the changes proposed by the Fairfax County Public Library administration — which include reduced staffing and cross-training staff members — have sparked outrage among library volunteers, staff and patrons who call the plan “misguided,” and a “radical reinvention” of the library system.

CRITICISM OF THE PLAN has been building since July, when Library Director Sam Clay unveiled a program that would test a new organization model this fall at the Burke Centre Library and the Reston Regional Library, the busiest library branch in the county. The reorganization, Clay has said, streamlines staffing while retaining a high level of service.

“It includes a one-desk model of customer service, with cross-trained staff answering account and information questions, and increased programming conducted within the branch as well as in the community,” Clay said.

In response to questions and criticism of the reorganization, Clay and his staff prepared a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). In the document, Clay said there are multiple factors driving these changes.

“The way customers use the library has been changing over time; technology is having a major impact on library customers and staff with 76 percent of customers now checking out their own materials. The county is still undergoing a budget crunch, and the library is required to reduce its annual budget,” reads the FAQ document.

“Libraries in general are at a pivotal crossroads as we are called upon to meet the changing needs of our customers, brought on by technology and the Internet while providing resources with shrinking tax dollars. Libraries all across the country are trying new ways of operating,” Clay stated in the document.



PHOTO BY ELEANOR LAMB/THE CONNECTION

Safari Bingo creates a gigantic bubble around the head of a librarian at a children’s event at Burke Centre Library in June 2013. The library was scheduled to be one of two libraries tested with a reorganization plan on Sept. 1. That plan has been put on hold after criticism from library volunteers, staff and patrons.

Braddock Supervisor John Cook, who met with library supporters, said Fairfax County Public Libraries are facing the reality of budget restrictions and “are adjusting to the fact that with the Internet and electronic books, libraries are changing”

But critics of the plan maintain that the “sweeping changes” proposed by the library board will have “disastrous effects on the quality of library service that Fairfax County residents expect and deserve.”

On Aug. 3, a group called “Friends of the Library” launched an online petition urging the Library Board of Trustees to halt the reorganization plans and reevaluate the changes. The petition states:

“For the good of the community, this plan must be re-evaluated with thorough input from those who will be affected by the changes. This petition serves as a chance for library patrons, staff and friends to make their voices heard.” By Tuesday morning, Aug. 13, 547 people had signed the petition.

“The lack of input, transparency and respect is the greatest fatal flaw in the whole plan. ... This entire plan is hugely unpopular with staff, volunteers and patrons,” said Charles Keener of Oakton, an information assistant at Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library who has worked in the library system for nearly 40 years.

One widely criticized proposal in the reorganization: lowering the educational standards for librarians. Instead of requiring a master’s degree of library science for librarians, the job description will say that the advanced degree is “preferred,” but not “required.” Clay has said the change will allow more flexibility in hiring.

Keener counters it will “dumb down” the library and take the “librarian out of the library.”

Scott Railton of Great Falls, a long-time

library patron who contacted the Connection on Monday, agrees.

“Who would believe you can replace professionals with untrained clerks and retain quality? Current advancements in technology simply will not suffice to replace libraries and professional librarians,” Railton said.

“We are concerned that the drive to economize in this way will not serve the library, the county or the public in the long run,” said Jennifer McCullough, president of the Fairfax County Public Library Employees Association, who addressed the Library Board at its June 2 meeting. “Will a library system that does not require any librarians on staff flourish, or will librarians prefer employment in localities that still find an MLS degree necessary...?”

LIBRARY STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS have been meeting with Fairfax County supervisors — who appoint the 12 volunteer members of the Library Board of Trustees — urging them to hold off on tests and hold public hearings on the proposed changes.

“Those who use libraries and pay for libraries need to be included in decisions which will drastically change the character and quality of library services. Parents have a right to be part of any decision to eliminate youth services staff,” said Keener.

Kathy Kaplan, a Reston resident and library volunteer who is actively involved in Fairfax Library Friends, said the group is already working with the union on a post-card campaign, online petition, email campaign, web site and other ideas to reach out to the broader public and get their input on changes to the libraries.

“One reason staff and Friends are only now organizing a response is that they were unaware of plans until they were dropped like a ‘bombshell’ not long ago. People can’t

Fairfax County Public Libraries—By the Numbers

USAGE STATISTICS—2012

(source: fairfaxcounty.gov/library/aboutthelibrary/factsht.htm)

- ❖ 495,831 registered customers.
- ❖ 5,246,854 visits to library branches.
- ❖ 13,034,816 items loaned.
- ❖ 4,162,599 visits to the library’s Internet website.
- ❖ 172,630 people attended 8,934 events.

PHYSICAL LIBRARY VISITS

Overall decreasing trend since 2008 with bump in 2009. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2012/advertised/volume1/00152.pdf>)

- ❖ 2008: 5,794,036
- ❖ 2009: 6,128,289
- ❖ 2010: 5,685,827
- ❖ 2011: “over 5.4 million visits”

VISITS TO INTERNET WEBSITE

Overall increasing trend since 2008. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2012/advertised/volume1/00152.pdf>)

- ❖ 2008: 16,732,257
- ❖ 2009: 17,483,534
- ❖ 2010: 22,025,596

BRANCH HOURS PER YEAR

Decreasing with budget. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2012/advertised/volume1/00152.pdf>)

- ❖ 2008: 65,174
- ❖ 2009: 67,473
- ❖ 2010: 58,119

formulate a reasonable response to such a massive proposal overnight. It takes time for information to be absorbed, understood and reacted to,” Kaplan said.

Kaplan said the effort is picking up steam. Early Tuesday, Aug. 13, she said in an email that the fall calendar for the Fairfax League of Women Voters and the Fairfax libraries are on the schedule for Oct. 1 for discussion at all localities in the county, on an emergency basis.

“We are moving heaven and earth to delay this,” Keener said. “I have never seen lower morale or greater anxiety, fear, discouragement and anger from our staff. ... We want people to contact the library board and to contact their supervisor. Tell everybody breathing what’s happening at the library.”

It’s likely the Board of Supervisors will consider a motion at its Sept. 10 meeting, the day before the library board’s monthly meeting on Sept. 11, requesting further community outreach through public hearings or other forums, according to several Fairfax County officials.

❖ For more information on the petition, go to www.ipetitions.com/petition/stop-and-re-evaluate-proposed-changes-to-fairfax/.

❖ To read the strategic plan on the library website, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/news/strategicplan.pdf>.

❖ To read a copy of the FAQ document, or to provide comments or suggestions regarding the Fairfax County Public Library, email libcustomerservices@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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Fairfax County considers new "resident curator" program to save historic properties.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

George Washington slept here. He really did. And Mount Vernon, the first president's historic Northern Virginia estate, is the nation's most-visited historic home.

While not many properties can compete historically with Mount Vernon, Fairfax County is the site of many historic homes, farms and estates, from the Revolutionary War era through the American Civil War. But preserving historic homes can be prohibitively expensive, and are not for the financially timid.

In an effort to preserve publicly owned historic buildings, Fairfax County is currently drafting a plan for a resident curator program. If established, the county would make history as the first locality in the state to implement one.

THE FUNDAMENTAL IDEA behind the resident curator program is to take some of the burden of maintaining historic properties off taxpayers by offering individuals and entities the opportunity to rehabilitate and maintain deteriorating buildings, at their own expense, in exchange for a long-term lease for little or no rent.

"A successful resident curator program would allow the county to restore, maintain and protect important historic properties at little or no cost to the public," said Cindy Walsh, Fairfax County Park Authority's Resource Management Division director. "In return, a curator will have an opportunity to live or conduct business in a property in Fairfax County that perhaps offers a great lesson in the history of the county."

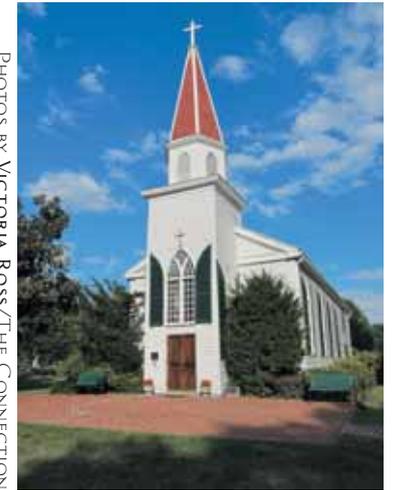
In addition to preserving significant historic buildings, Walsh said they could be put to practical use as residential, office or commercial space depending on how they are planned and zoned, community input and other factors.

Under the program, curators would be required to provide opportunities for the public to visit and tour the properties in order to appreciate and understand their historic and architectural significance.

"Fairfax County, through a variety of means, continues to demonstrate its commitment to cul-



The historic Silas Burke House is the site of the Burke Historical Society monthly meetings.



Historic St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, which commemorated the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War last summer.



The historic Trummers on Main Street in Clifton.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



Gunston Hall in Lorton was the home of George Mason, one of the nation's founding fathers.

tural stewardship and the preservation of historic places," Walsh said.

The county has hired a historic preservation firm to develop the

plan, and will hold two initial public meetings later this month to gather public input to determine

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how the program should operate.

After the resident curator plan is developed, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will determine the next steps for the proposed program.

"We encourage interested parties to join in the discussion and attend one of the two meetings," Walsh said. "We are interested in diverse viewpoints and suggestions and hope in the long run we will find the perfect blend of past and present."

The county hired John Milner Associates Inc. to write the plan, which is expected to be completed by May 2014. It will address a number of issues, including candidate properties and selection criteria; how the program should be administered; potential tax incentives; and responsibilities for potential curators and the county.

IN 2011, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors directed staff to work with the History Commission to evaluate a Resident Curator Program. In conjunction with the commission, the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning and Fairfax County Park Authority are jointly managing this study.

For more information, visit the Resident Curator Implementation Study web page, or call the Park Authority Public Information Office at 703-324-8662, TTY 711.

What is a 'Resident Curator Program?'

Resident curator programs identify publicly-owned historic properties with no immediate or practical public use and through an open and competitive process, select outside parties with skills, resources and vision to rehabilitate a property in accordance with accepted preservation standards for historic buildings. In exchange for rehabilitating the property, the curator gains use of the property and pays little or no rent. The county's plan will set out standards for properties to qualify for the program, as well as identify specific sites as candidates. At a minimum, they must be eligible to be listed in the county's Inventory of Historic Sites.

To learn more about the program, plan to attend one of two public meetings:

◆ Thursday, Aug. 22, 7 p.m., Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

◆ Tuesday, Aug. 27, 7 p.m., Green Spring Gardens Park Horticulture Center, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria



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Library Mission

Further cuts to library budget must be analyzed for impacts on families in need.

The current proposal to “streamline” services at Fairfax County Public Libraries comes on top of disproportionate, and some would say Draconian, cuts since 2009.

Here is a summary of those cuts from the library department’s own strategic plan:

“In FY 2010, ... the library’s budget was reduced by 15 percent. Drastic adjustments to staffing levels occurred. Virtually all of the library’s exempt part-time staff were lost and with them, the flexibility needed to operate libraries under existing hours of operation. Consequently, hours of operation were reduced 19 percent. ... In FY 2011, the library’s budget was reduced an additional 6 percent. Additional staff were lost and operating hours reduced again by 9 percent. ... With a more stable budget outlook, the focus has shifted from survival, to becoming as vital to the lives of Fairfax County residents as possible.”

In 2012, Fairfax County libraries welcomed 5,246,854 visitors to library branches, and loaned 13,034,816 items.

In Fairfax County, where nearly 20 percent of the households have annual income of under \$50,000, about 8 percent live below the poverty line and more than 47,000 public school students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals, the public libraries are indispensable. Access to library resources goes beyond books, and includes the very digital

access that many people cite as a threat to libraries. Public access to computers and to the Internet for those who do not have other access is a critical service.

According to a 2010 report, Opportunity for All: How the American Public Benefits from Internet Access at U.S. Libraries, funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation:

❖ 44 percent of people in households living below the federal poverty line (\$22,000 a year for a family of four) used public library computers and Internet access.

❖ Among young adults (14–24 years of age) in households below the federal poverty line, 61 percent used public library computers and Internet for educational purposes.

❖ Among seniors (65 and older) living in poverty, 54 percent used public library computers for health or wellness needs. “People of all ages, incomes, races, and levels of education go to the library for Internet access

“This access has also proven to be critical in times of disaster, where libraries may be the only access point still operating that can provide a delivery point for government and social services to those displaced.”

Budgeting and restructuring must take into consideration the disproportionate effect of cutting library services on lower income households especially. But it is also true that the li-

braries are vital to all residents.

On Federal Dollars In Virginia

We received some emails and phone calls about the expansion of Medicaid in response to last week’s editorial. Many asserted that Virginia should not accept federal dollars for its residents without health insurance in order to help control federal spending.

Virginia already receives more federal money per capita than any other state except Alaska. Virginia received \$136 billion in federal funds in 2010, more than \$17,000 from the feds per capita, and paid \$2,807 per capita in federal income taxes. (Data from Consolidated Federal Funds Report for Fiscal Year 2010 by State and County from the Census Bureau, analyzed by 247wallst.com)

Two examples: \$1.3 billion in federal transportation money came to Virginia. Virginia was on the receiving end of more than \$5,000 per capita in defense spending. Do the people (who almost certainly have their own health insurance) who think that we should turn away federal money to expand Medicaid think we should lobby to reduce defense and transportation spending in Virginia to help control federal spending?

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Skeptical on Medicaid

To the Editor:

Judging by your editorial [“Issues That Matter: Mental health services discussion gives insight into real differences between candidates,” Connection, August 7-13, 2013], gubernatorial candidate Ken Cuccinelli has a real problem with a key demographic: voters who believe in Santa Claus, the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny. You fault Ken for being skeptical of what you see as Virginia’s opportunity to expand health care for poor residents, with the bill paid by the federal government. Would that it were so.

Ken is trained as an engineer and given the opportunity will be Virginia’s Innovation Governor. By training and experience he knows what works and what doesn’t in the real world.

Yes, the federal government is supposed to pay the full cost for Medicaid expansion during the first three years (2014-16) but the costsharing rate would be reduced from 100 percent to 92.8 percent by 2019.

Medicaid is already the largest budget item for the states, accounting for 22 percent of their budget expenditures as of 2010,

and recent studies such as that by Jagadeesh Gokhale of the Cato Institute suggest that for some states, even without any expansion, Medicaid expenditures are already unsustainable. Moreover, the unprecedented federal budget deficits projected through 2019 and beyond put Medicaid support for states and all other general revenue-supported federal programs at risk. Therefore, perhaps you will forgive Ken for looking forward a bit and being skeptical of what you apparently regard as free money.

With respect to mental health, Ken has an outstanding, demon-

strated record of personal dedication. He has served on the Virginia Supreme Court Commission on Mental Health in the Justice System and has personally represented individuals in Virginia’s civil, involuntary commitment process.

Finally, perhaps we should be at least a little careful as to what we wish for. A University of Virginia study shows that surgical patients on Medicaid are 13 percent more likely to die than those without any health insurance at all.

Burton Jay Rubin
Burke

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FRIDAY/AUG. 16

American Red Cross Blood Drive. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The American Red Cross Greater Chesapeake and Potomac Blood Services Region is taking blood donations. Schedule a blood donation appointment at 1-800-733-2767 or www.redcrossblood.org.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 21

“Are They Doing That On Purpose?” Understanding Behaviors. 1:30 p.m. Alzheimer’s Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Learn how to successfully interpret communication by those with memory impairments. Free admission. 703-204-4664.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 19

Lunch N’ Life. Noon-2 p.m. The Abiding Presence, 6304 Lee Chapel Road, Burke. Robert Thompson of the Washington Post discusses traffic issues and plans for the area’s future. \$10, for ages 50 and up, checks payable to the Shepherd’s Center of

Fairfax-Burke. Call Faye Quesenberry at 703-620-0161 to make reservations; the S.C.F.B. office at 703-323-4788 for transportation; scfbva.org for more information.

ONGOING

Nomad Camp. Begins Aug. 12. Pick-up and drop-off at Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Families and individual campers enjoy a week of special field trips. Children must be accompanied by adults; adult chaperones must also pay. For prices and more information, call 703-385-7858.

Diabetes Self-Management Workshop. Wednesdays, Sept. 4-Oct. 9, 10 a.m.-noon. Bruen Chapel

United Methodist Church, 3035 Cedar Lane, Fairfax. Adults with diabetes learn to become empowered self-managers for a healthier and happier life. Free; register by Aug. 30 at 703-281-0538. Direct questions to Maureen Riddel at 703-481-2371 or Colleen Turner at 703-324-5489. www.scov.org.

Adventures in Learning. Mondays, Sept. 30-Nov. 4, 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke sponsors a day designed to exercise the body and mind. \$30; open to adults 50 and older; bring a bag lunch; registration begins Aug. 30 at www.scfbva.org or at 703-343-4788 and continues throughout the session.

Local REAL ESTATE

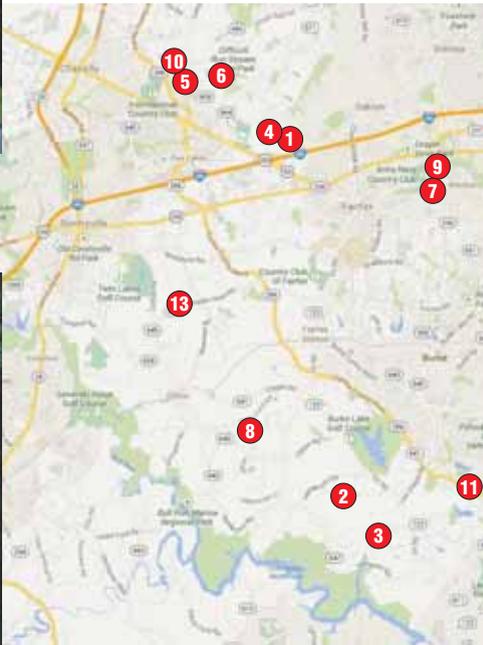
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3 9803 Thorn Bush Drive,
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City of Fairfax Remembers Geraldine 'Gerry' Estep Sherwood

Avid arts supporter, community center visionary, died Aug. 5.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Geraldine Estep Sherwood, a longtime city resident and avid supporter of the arts, died Aug. 5 in Fairfax, leaving a legacy as the visionary behind the Stacy C. Sherwood Center.

Mrs. Sherwood donated \$5 million for the construction of the state-of-the-art facility. Opened in 2011, the center was named in honor of her husband, who served as a member of the Town of Fairfax Council (1956-60) and City of Fairfax City Council (1960-64) and who died in 2002.

MRS. SHERWOOD served with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, the Fairfax Music Guild and Fairfax Choral Society, and the Arts Council of Fairfax County, among other organizations.

"Mrs. Sherwood was a wonderful and generous person. Her legacy to the arts, parks and recreation and the city will never be forgotten," said Michael McCarty, the city's parks and recreation director, who worked closely with Mrs. Sherwood during the construction of the center.

"The city will be forever grateful for her contribution of the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center," McCarty said. "Personally, I will miss my chats with Gerry, where she would tell the history and her involvement in shaping the arts in the City of Fairfax, or stories about Stacy and his golf buddies."

"Mrs. Sherwood was the supportive lady behind the power, and very gracious as a human being," said Robert Lederer, former City of Fairfax Mayor. "She is the one who made the contribution to the city that made the community center possible. This was during major budget cuts in the city, and the center was not even on the drawing board when she made the contribution."

When Mrs. Sherwood served as the honorary chair of the Spotlight on the Arts Festival in 2010, John Mason, a close family friend who served as the city's mayor from 1990 to 2002, wrote movingly about her life and contributions to the city:

"Since early childhood music has been a part of Mrs. Sherwood's life. As a child, when offered the gift of a large toy piano, she refused, saying that she wanted a real one! Subsequently, a real baby grand piano was purchased and lessons began at age 6 and continued into high school. As a young-



Geraldine Sherwood was surrounded by dignitaries during the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the grand opening celebration of the Stacy C. Sherwood Center in February 2011.



During the grand opening celebration of the Stacy C. Sherwood Center in 2011, Michael McCarty, the City of Fairfax's parks and recreation director, gave Geraldine Sherwood a tour of the spacious, state-of-the-art community center.

ster, she participated in singing in school and church. In college, she majored in music, with voice being of special interest.

When Mrs. Sherwood joined the faculty at Fairfax High School in 1947, Fairfax was a 'village' of about 1,000 residents. The surrounding area was farmland and 'a waste land as far as music was concerned.' Washington was not a large city. The National Symphony was a young organization. A season ticket could be purchased for \$10. Washington newspapers had few advertisements of concerts. At Fairfax High School, she initiated a choral music program. Seven very enjoyable years followed as she grew a choral program. Following public school teaching, Mrs. Sherwood provided private lessons in piano and voice and directed junior and senior choirs in the old white frame Methodist Church on the corner of Page Street through its move to the new building on Stratford Avenue back in 2010. Mrs. Sherwood's music-related activities in the community were numerous and significant."

PRIVATE GRAVESIDE SERVICES will be at a date yet to be determined. The family requests remembrances are in the form of donations to the Sherwood Legacy Fund/The Stacy C. Sherwood Center City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation.

Home Life Style

Outdoor Elegance Meets Cutting Edge Technology

A design/build team explores fine architecture in weather-resistant materials.

By JOHN BYRD

If anything in the summer of 2013 points to still evolving homeowner expectations, it may be the frequency with which locals are integrating screen porches, patios, fire pits and outdoor kitchens into original landscaping schemes that artfully marry the house to its setting. Gone are the days of minimal outdoor improvements; today's homeowners are inclined to stay put and express themselves — which is why the traditional house as we've known it is becoming more personalized — in short, a home.

"It's a real renaissance," said Craig Durosko founder and chairman of Sun Design Remodeling Specialists, and one of the housing industry's more prescient trend spotters.

"Interestingly, when we started this company in the 1980s our core specialty was opening up views and creating visual continuum, so indoor/outdoor solutions are just a logical extension of what our culture has always been about."

Asked about current projects, Durosko said that Fairfax County's more affluent homeowners are actively seeking to better articulate the relationship of the house and grounds — an impulse which has gradually become a passion for outdoor spaces that can be used in both the hottest days of summer and fall's chilly nights.

"Homeowners want outdoor rooms — spaces that are wired for entertainment, useable for seven or eight months of the year, and so easy to maintain that the usual repair and replacement tasks are mostly eliminated," Durosko said. "Naturally, the changes must also enhance the home architecturally."

To meet a rising criteria, Durosko and colleagues constantly stay on top of a new generation of weather-resistant materials, absorbing and applying fine building techniques that will shape non-traditional materials into designs perfectly suited to the home's style and setting.

And as the standard has risen, so, too, the need to stay ahead of the curve.

TYING A NEWLY-DESIGNED outdoor feature to the existing home is fundamentally an architectural proposition, and one that Sun Design's Dawn Parker handles with practiced dexterity.

Starting with a blank canvas — the unadorned rear elevation to a Georgian-style brick home in McLean — Parker imagined a six-sided pavilion, with 10-foot ceilings and sweeping vistas.

The structure would segue from the pre-existing sunroom, courtesy of two sets of matching French doors. The white exterior trim is now crowned with a white balustrade visually connected to a columned "arbor trellis" that adds definition to the rear elevation. Since the high-ceiling interior the owners wanted precluded a conventional "pitched" roof — which would have ob-



Bringing the outdoors inside: a light-filled sunroom boasting views in all directions opens to a spacious dining deck. The sunroom features a gas fireplace and a custom-designed skylight that fills most of the ceiling. The owners find it an ideal spot for cool weather nature-watching.

structed a second floor window — Parker designed an inverted membrane ceiling that accommodates internal drainage tied into the existing underground system.

Rainpouts are concealed inside the trimmed porch columns and extended, unseen, along the ogee end "eagle head" trellis. The trellis "ends," in turn, continue as a decorative motif around the top of the porch.

The overall design, as Parker envisioned, perfectly elaborates the home's classic architecture while spotlighting the impressive "English garden" that dominates the backyard. The existing barbecue grill remains steps from either the kitchen or the porch, but now there are multiple dining venues. From the porch, in fact, the owners can keep an eye on the pool when the children are playing.

The patchwork design of the English garden, the old, flagstone patio, the small pond with running water, the crepe myrtles along the property line — all give the setting a refined textural elegance.

"I wanted the whole to look inevitable — as if the design had always been there," Parker notes. "This is what good architecture is always about."

"WE THINK OF AN OUTDOOR living plan is a creative response to an owner's personal requirements," says Bob Gallagher, whose extensive design/build portfolio extends back some 25 years. "The important point is not how much of it is open or enclosed, but how well the whole supports a lifestyle in which exposure to nature is the primary goal."

A recent dining decking plus sunroom solution in Oak Hill illustrates the point.

After years of occupying a home custom-designed precisely to exploit a pretty wooded setting, the owners had decided they wanted a still stronger link to the outdoors. Low-maintenance was an essential ingredient, but they initially envisioned an "outdoor room," free from insects — yet with dramatic views in all directions.

"They had looked at screen porches," Gallagher said. "The idea was an enclosed

space on the new dining deck. Something of a place apart. A transitional foot print between house and open air."

As the conversation developed, however, extending the room's seasonal usefulness gradually became a rising aspiration.

"If we could create a dramatic connectedness to nature and extend the room seasonally, we were heading to the right solution," Gallagher said.

At a glance, the resulting 10.5-foot by 12.5-foot sunroom is a neatly balanced space plan that seems neither closed nor overexposed to the elements. Floor-to-ceiling windows define the room on every elevation. Overhead, two skylights installed on a hipped roof allow 25 square feet of natural light. Ceramic tile flooring and other neutral finishes reinforce the natural, open ambiance, which is visually linked to the welcoming dining deck.

To preserve generous views on the existing rear elevation, Gallagher and team placed the sunroom directly off the kitchen to the left of the family room. Built-ins and a fireplace comfortably integrate the space to the existing interior. The room is a favored spot to watch the trees, and mostly opened-up for cross breezes on temperate days.

Since upkeep requirements were to be restricted to an annual pressure wash, even

the sunroom's exterior paneling is low-maintenance Hardiboard. Trex decking, aluminum balusters and vinyl-clad posts further an outdoor design scheme that is also easy to maintain.

SOMETIMES DUROSKO'S FIRST CALL from a homeowner comes when some weather-exposed part of an existing house has conspicuously failed.

To repair the front facade of a Fairfax home, for instance, Durosko and team replaced a leaking flat roof portico with an architecturally-appropriate alternative that features a concave metal roof. In lieu of the original wood-trimmed front-window, the remodeler called for an aluminum-framed arch-topped window integrated with other exterior elements. For added weather-protection, new portico supports are trimmed in PVC.

In the rear, the outdoor living plan called for a 17-foot by 16-foot screen porch and a grilling deck, a ground-level patio and a stand-alone fire pit complete with cushioned wicker couches, table and settee.

"We were tasked with finding the best way to visually rationalize the whole," Durosko said. "Views and focal points were considered essential to the project's success."

To keep sightlines from the kitchen uncluttered, for instance, Durosko situated the grilling deck immediately outside the kitchen door, flanking the new screened porch to the right. From the grilling deck, a stairway descends eight steps before arriving at a landing where it splits in two directions.

"A steeper descent would have undermined the project's proportionality," Durosko said. At ground level, the staircase reconnects with a semicircular stone planter. Several "built" features were designed to accommodate new landscaping. The curvilinear patio segues to a second platform crowned with an eight-foot stone hearth perfect for fire gazing.

The screen porch, meanwhile, demonstrates how durable materials can be shaped to meet demanding aesthetics. A Trex "transcend" railing with black aluminum balusters was selected since it won't interfere with views by reflecting light. Fiberglass charcoal screen, likewise, preserves an element of privacy.

Pressure-treated southern yellow pine flooring undergirded with screen mesh assures that bugs stay out. A fir-beaded tongue-and-groove wood ceiling lends the open-air setting a natural burnish.

Durosko chose paneled Hardiboard for the porch's inside wall — a neutral backdrop for the wide-screen plasma TV mounted next to a window that serves as a food and beverage pass-through.

Sun Design Remodeling frequently sponsors tours of recently remodeled homes as well as workshops on home remodeling topics. Headquartered in Burke, the firm recently opened a second office in McLean. Call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com.

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How it Works:

1. Exhibition Theme: "Green Earth, Beautiful US"
2. Eligible Participants: Children and young adults from 5 to 18 years old. Bring your own bottle (plastic or glass).
3. Paint Your Bottle Classes: August 21st - September 11th, children are welcome to join our teachers in drawing their designs onto the bottles.

Class Times:

5-11 years old 9am-10:30am; After 9/4 5pm-6:30pm (Wed-Fri)
 9am-12:30pm (Sat-Sun)
 12-18 years old 11am-12:30pm; After 9/4 3:30pm-5pm (Wed-Fri)
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4. We welcome any submission of artwork with our theme before September 11th.

Awards Ceremony:
 September 21st, 2013 (11:00am to 12:00pm). The best artworks will be chosen by our jury panel and the winners will receive free classes and other exciting prizes from YMM Art Space. Artworks will be judged base on creativity and execution of 2 age groups: 5-11 and 12-18.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 15

Ryan Montbleau Band. 5-6:30 p.m., Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. In their 10-year career, this band has built their catalog by introducing new songs to their live set, before committing to a definitive version. www.ryanmontbleauband.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 16

IONA. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. IONA's trademark is a high-energy, pan-Celtic weave of the traditional music of Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cornwall (England), Brittany (France), the Isle of Man and Galicia (Spain), featuring fiddle, vocals, flute, guitar and percussion. www.ionamusic.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 17

DC Fest With Newsboys. 3 p.m.,

Ryan Montbleau's new album, "For Higher," features a distinctive New Orleans style, and has been classified as feel-good, retro funk by critics. Montbleau plays at the Fairfax County Government Center Thursday, Aug. 15.

George Mason Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A range of performers take the local stage in this Christian musical festival.

SUNDAY/AUG. 18

27th Annual Pakistan Independence Day Festival USA. Noon., at 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. The Pakistan Independence Day Festival includes musical performances, rides and games. <http://www.pakistanfestivalusa.com/>.

THURSDAY/AUG. 22

Natty Beaux. 5-6:30 p.m., at Fairfax



FOR HIGHER

RYAN MONTBLEAU

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County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Natty Beaux is a new combo featuring musicians from Billy Coulter Band, The Junkyard Saints, Alexandria Klezmet and Western Bop. www.nattybeaux.com/about.html.

FRIDAY/AUG. 23

Inaugural Golf Tournament. 2 p.m., Fort Belvoir Golf Club, 2920, 8450 Beulah St., Alexandria. Prizes include a chance to win \$5,000 for a hole in one, year-long BMW lease and several door prizes. 703-470-2137 or www.fairfaxnaacp.org.

Shenandoah Run. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Shenandoah Run invites you to share in the songs and sounds of American folk music, from the 1960s to today. www.shenandoahrun.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 24

Fancy Cats Rescue's Psychic Tea Party Fundraiser. 4-9 p.m. Address TBD. Fairfax Fancy Cats Rescue Team Events presents an evening with renowned animal communicator Diane Roadcap, a silent auction, psychic reading sessions, and more. All proceeds benefit Fancy Cats' rescue efforts. http://www.fancycats.org/index.php?option=com_jcalpro&Itemid=25&extmode=view&extid=651.

THURSDAY/AUG. 29

Elikeh. 5-6:30 p.m., at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Elikeh mixes Afro-beat with traditional Togolese polyrhythms to produce captivating tunes that are as listenable as they are danceable. www.elikeh.com.

FRIDAY/AUG. 30

Bruce Molsky and The Jumpsteady Boys. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Bruce Molsky performs Appalachian folk music on the fiddle, guitar and banjo. www.brucemolsky.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 15

Jeffrey Siegel's "Gershwin and Friends." 7 p.m., George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, MS 2F5, Fairfax. Steinway Piano Gallery of Washington, D.C. sponsors the acclaimed pianist's performance of American music. \$19-\$38, Mason ID permits 1 free ticket. cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 21

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At the ceremony, state Sen. J. Chap Petersen (D-34) presented Tran with his official commission. Alexandria Circuit Court Judge Lisa Bondareff Kemler ceremonially administered his oath. Tran previously took his oath of office on June 27.

Before joining the Fairfax Circuit Court, Tran served for five years as a substitute judge for the



John M. Tran

19th Judicial District while in private practice with the Alexandria law firm DiMuroGinsberg, P.C. He brings to the bench his experience as a former state and federal prosecutor as well as carrying a diverse practice that included civil litigation and criminal defense.

Tran earned his bachelor's degree from George Washington University in 1981 and graduated from the George Washington University Law School in 1984.

For more, contact Kim Pratt, Fairfax Circuit Court, at 703-246-4166, TTY 711.

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- ❖ Aug. 16, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax,
- ❖ Aug. 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at All Saints Episcopal Church, Sharon Chapel, 3421 Franconia Road, Franconia,
- ❖ Aug. 20, 1:30-7:15 p.m. at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield,
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Lake Braddock QB Henderson Settling Into Comfort Zone

Bruins loaded with talent entering 2013 season.

BY JON ROETMAN
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In 2012, Caleb Henderson was a junior quarterback at Lake Braddock and a high-profile college football recruit.

He was also a kid getting acclimated to a new school, new classmates and a new offensive system while trying to decide where he would play at the next level.

Henderson played his sophomore season at West Potomac but transferred after his father, Eric Henderson, was informed he would not return as head coach. Caleb Henderson became the starter at Lake Braddock and led the Bruins to the Patriot District title and the No. 2 seed in the Northern Region playoffs. However, Lake Braddock lost at home in the opening round to No. 7 Oakton, which went on to win the region crown.

Nine months later, Henderson is entering his senior season as the Lake Braddock signal caller. He's familiar with his teammates, coaches and the Burke secondary school. He made a decision about his football future, committing to the University of North Carolina. He's playing in a different offensive system again, but he'll have a familiar face helping him along the way as Eric Henderson, who was the Bruins' defensive coordinator last season, has moved to offensive coordinator.

"He's comfortable with who he is and he's comfortable with being a Lake Braddock Bruin," head coach Jim Poythress said at a recent practice. "Last year, he was trying to transition, his brother [linebacker Jon Henderson] was here, his dad's trying to transition, but now they all have a year under their belt. They're familiar with everything we do. It's a lot easier. It's been much smoother that way."

THE LAKE BRADDOCK FOOTBALL TEAM is again loaded with talent and it starts with Henderson, who is ranked No. 186 in ESPN.com's list of the nation's top 300 recruits in the class of 2014. At 6-foot-4 and 217 pounds, he received four of five stars and a grade of 83 out of 100. ESPN ranks Henderson as the 11th-best quarterback in the class.

"I feel a lot more comfortable because I know everyone," Henderson said. "I know how I can throw to AJ [Alexander], I know how I can throw to Ryan [Antonellis], I know how I can throw to Vince [Sica]. They're all different players, they all catch the ball differently, they all run their routes differently, and now that I've had a whole year to get to know them and lift with them and run with them, it really instills confidence in me to know how I can throw to them."

Poythress said Henderson has matured. "Last year, he would just blow up when things didn't go his way," the head coach said. "I think he's much more in control of himself and he's friends with all these guys now. He had a whole year where he's hung



The Lake Braddock offense works during practice.



Lake Braddock quarterback Caleb Henderson is committed to the University of North Carolina.



PHOTOS BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION
Junior receiver AJ Alexander is one of Lake Braddock's top pass-catching threats.

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—Lake Braddock football coach Jim Poythress on quarterback Caleb Henderson

out with them and done things with them outside of school. They've played tons of seven on seven games, so there's some chemistry there."

Henderson played for his father at West Potomac, but Eric Henderson didn't call plays for the Wolverines that year. This season will be the first time the two have worked together from a play-calling standpoint at the high school level.

"Sometimes it gets heated just because

that's my dad," Caleb Henderson said of their quarterback/offensive coordinator relationship. "Sometimes I disagree with him, but usually—all the time—I'm wrong [and] he knows the offense a lot more than I do. First couple days were getting a little rough, but now I'm just getting through his play calls, learning what he wants me to see and just trusting him."

Eric Henderson said the two try to separate football from family time.

"When we go home and we're not watching film or doing something along those lines, we flip the switch and go to the other side," the elder Henderson said. "When it comes to football and practice and watching film and doing those things, I think our relationship changes."

What about disagreements?

"We don't butt heads," Eric Henderson joked, "I win."

"More often than not, if he can explain his way through something, then OK, fine, let's do it," Eric Henderson said. "[Caleb has] played a lot of football, he knows what he's doing."

CALEB HENDERSON will be playing behind a sturdy offensive line. Poythress, who is also the O-line coach, said each of the five starting linemen can squat at least 500 pounds. Junior center Randall Bills is one of the lighter players in the group at 250 pounds. Senior right guard Lance Hammond can bench press 380 pounds, and 340-pound senior left guard Reece Burnett can bench press 400. Junior right tackle Caleb Montemayor and senior left tackle Michael Wold will also start.

Alexander is one of the Bruins' top receivers. The 6-foot-3, 210-pound junior said he has received an offer from the University of Virginia. Sica and Antonellis are also pass-catching threats.

Senior Trevor O'Brien, junior Dejon Lee and senior Jon Carrier could see time at running back.

On defense, Poythress called senior Dwight Lomax a physical "specimen." The 225-pounder can bench press 350 and will move from linebacker to pass-rushing end. Junior edge rusher Ian Reilly could also be an impact player up front.

Tim Coulter and Kyle Edwards will likely be the safeties. Senior linebackers Kevin Hankton and Patrick Farrell could be impact players.

Lake Braddock will play in 6A North's Conference 7 after the VHSL's six-class realignment. The conference is composed of seven of the eight members which comprised the former Patriot District (Lee moved to 5A North's Conference 13).

The Bruins will travel to scrimmage Osbourn at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 15 and Seneca Valley (Germantown, Md.) on Aug. 23 before opening the season at Robinson at 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 30.

"I think there are certain years when you're hoping to get into the playoffs, and then there are years where you're expecting to get into the playoffs and then you're expecting to make a run," Poythress said. "I thought last year's team could move forward in the playoffs and we got Oakton first and they were kind of a buzzsaw. ... I think this group is more advanced than that group."

Caleb Henderson also believes in the Bruins.

"We have the talent and the physicality," he said. "If we stay consistent and do what we do and execute, we can beat anyone, I think."

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