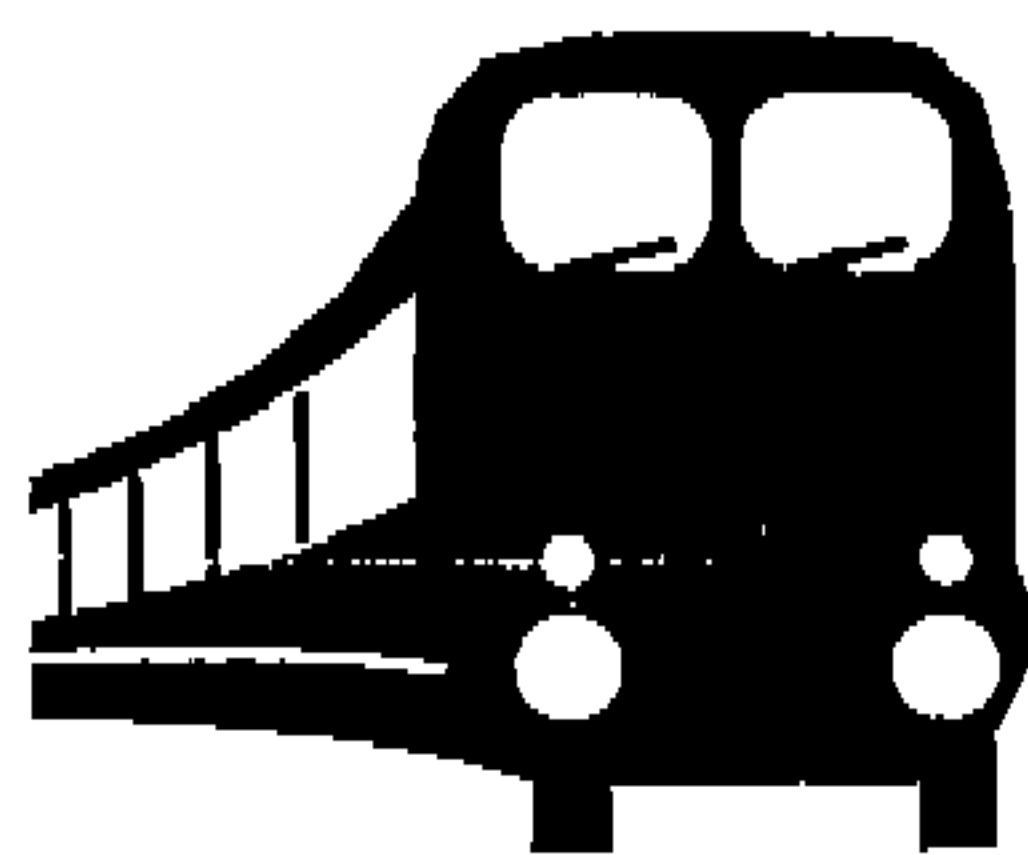


# The Village Way

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## VPIS Fall Meeting Scheduled for November 9th

The VPIS Annual Meeting will be held November 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Women's Club of Falls Church, 222 North Washington Street. This is the annual general membership meeting to elect officers for 2001 and board members for three-year terms or to fill vacancies. Refreshments will be served at the social hour following the meeting.



Rob Puentes, the interim chair of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Transportation, will give an update of key transportation issues such as the Electrek Bus and the City's new Transportation Task Force. He will also report on proposals that will affect the City, such as the I-66 widening and Beltway Rail.

Peter Adriance, the National Coordinator for the Earth Charter USA campaign, will present the Earth Charter background and goals. The Earth Charter is a statement of global ethics for living sustainably on Earth. VPIS members will soon receive a copy of the Earth Charter and related information by mail as the Society is being invited to consider a formal endorsement of the Earth Charter at this meeting. Members who wish to get more information prior to the meeting should visit the Web site [www.earthcharter.org](http://www.earthcharter.org), or call Peter at (703) 241-7015.



A discussion period will follow the Transportation Committee report and Earth Charter presentation. Keep current on Falls Church issues by attending the VPIS Annual Meeting to hear the presentations and discussion of these two timely and provocative topics.



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### *Invitation to Membership*

If you are not a member, won't you join the Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society and assist us in our efforts to see the city develop in a manner which will sustain the "village" atmosphere that probably attracted you to Falls Church in the first place? Call any officer or board member for information. Their telephone numbers are on page 2.



### VPIS Gift Brochure Inside

Fold to tri-fold size; use blank to order for yourself or gifts for family... pass along as well!



## Nominations for VPIS Officers and Board of Directors

at the November 2000 Fall Meeting

President Ruth Rodgers  
Vice-President Rob Puentes  
Treasurer Carl Close  
Recording Secretary Brad Gernand  
Corresponding Sec. Martha Lostrom

### Board of Directors

Ending Dec. 31, 2003

Nancy Brandon

Mark/Ellen Gross

Joanne Rodman

Gail Wadsworth/Peter Markham

Cay Wiant

Ending Dec. 31, 2002

Les/Cindy Brorsen

Ending Dec. 31, 2001

William Fry

## The Neighborhood Tree Program

### Tree Planting Parties!

November 4  
Sherrow Avenue

November 11  
Hillwood Avenue



The public is invited to attend two planting parties commemorating the inauguration of the Neighborhood Tree Program. Sherrow and Hillwood avenues have been selected as program pilot areas to receive the first street trees. All trees will be planted in the City-owned right-of-way near the street.

Participants will help prepare the soil for the trees, learn how to plant a tree, and take part in a tree-planting ceremony. Free refreshments will be served.

Volunteers may call the Recreation and Parks Division at 703-248-5077 to register and to receive further information.

The full planting of all of the trees on these streets will be completed in Spring 2001. Co-sponsors of the Neighborhood Tree Program are the City of Falls Church, the Tree Commission, and the Village Preservation and Improvement Society.

## Design Guidelines for Falls Church Note 'Historic Character'

The Design Guidelines Committee of the Planning Commission held a public session on October 5, with the award winning design consultant William Frazier, AICP to solicit preliminary

comments on the proposed design guidelines he will be developing.

Speaking about appropriate guidelines for Falls Church, Mr. Frazier recently wrote, "The challenge is to respect the historic character that remains but create the flexibility to allow contemporary quality development. Scale, setback, spacing, massing, roof design, materials, articulation, fenestration patterns and plantings are just some of the elements that play a role in defining a place. Also underlying zoning requirements obviously have a prominent role in affecting the appearance of a place as well. It is necessary to build on all the existing work of past community efforts and studies and create a set of guidelines that will benefit the entire city."

Other sessions will be held with City Council and the EDA and conclusions drawn from all these sessions will go into the draft guidelines. The public will have another chance to review the draft guidelines before they are finalized and presented to the Council for public hearings and approval. Ruth Rodgers represents VPIS on the Design Guidelines Committee.

### Cultural Resources in Falls Church

Joanne Rodman, VPIS vice president, will represent the Village Society on the Cultural Resources Working Group that has recently been established by the City. Their goal is to help Falls Church City staff identify the community's priorities in the preservation of the City's cultural resources as they prepare budgets for the coming year. The VPIS representative will keep us informed of the Working Group's activities and seek recommendations from the Society to present to the group. The next meeting of the Working Group will be November 14, at 7:30 p.m.



## President's Message

I hope you all will take special notice of the enclosed brochure showing the wonderful products VPIS has for sale this year. And just in time for your holiday shopping! Quantities are limited so place your orders so that you are not disappointed.

I would like to use this space to say thank you to all the officers, directors and VPIS members who have given so much of their time and talent to make this year a fulfilling and successful one for the Village Society. From the traditional 32nd Annual Attic Treasures Sale to the brand new Neighborhood Trees Project, VPIS members have stepped forward to make valuable and diverse contributions to the Society and ultimately the community of Falls Church. Why not join us in our activities? Come to the Annual Fall Meeting, November 9, at 7:30 to hear our speakers, find out about VPIS activities and visit with your friends and neighbors. I hope to see you there.



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## Recent Actions of the VPIS Board

**May 11, 2000:** Announcement of the George Mason 8th Grade Garden planting scheduled for May 16. Membership chair reported 276 VPIS membership renewals and new members. There was a Board consensus that complimentary VPIS memberships should be given to new Falls Church City residents. Volunteers were requested for the VPIS Memorial Day booth, which will display and sell new VPIS products: shirts, mugs, membership pins and VPIS beanie animals. After a discussion of maintenance options for the Presidents' Garden, the Board voted to supply Barry Buschow with a lawn mower to help with special moving requirements. Volunteers were requested at the annual Attic Treasures Sale to be held this year at Thomas Jefferson School.

**Spring meeting, June 8, 2000:** Report on 1999 activities and accomplishments. Keynote speaker Wesley Warren on "Falls Church: A livable community." Approved funding of \$1,500 for the summer

Concerts in the park, \$1,450 for expenses connected with the Farmers Market booth and \$4,000 for planting trees in the City. Report on Attic Treasures Sale and net profit of \$2,996. Special VPIS recognition of Nan and Ross Netherton for years of contributions to VPIS and the City of Falls Church. Refreshments for the social hour after the meeting provided by Midge Wang and Cay Wiant.

**September 14, 2000:**

Appointment of a Nominating Committee of Frank Ross, Peter Adriance and Annette Mills. Nominations will be discussed at the October board meeting and presented to the general membership at the Annual Fall meeting, November 9th. The search for storage space for VPIS files and products has been unsuccessful so far. Members were asked to keep alert to possibilities for storage other than commercial storage lockers. Volunteers requested for the Farmers Market booth through November. Report on the

Neighborhood Tree Project needing the approval of City Council to proceed. The board voted to have Annette Mills draft a resolution to present to Council later in the month, approving the Neighborhood Tree Project. VPIS President will speak in support of the resolution. An additional \$1,840 was approved to purchase trees for the project. A motion was passed to investigate the possibility of funding the Sue Olom Memorial Garden in the median planned for Hillwood Avenue at the entrance to the City. A motion passed to continue the sponsorship of the Fall Home Concert Series; they will begin in October. The board approved funding of \$500 for the September 27 leadership Roundtable on business Opportunity and Economic Development. The board agreed to schedule time at the next board meeting to hear a presentation by a representative of the Falls Church Episcopal Church about their proposal to close Fairfax Street.

# Watch Night 2000

Mark your calendars for December 31, 2000 to join your friends and family members in celebrating New Year's Eve again in downtown Falls Church. The Village Preservation and Improvement Society joins with the Victorian Society, Chamber of Commerce and various businesses and community organizations to cosponsor Watch Night 2000. Free and open to the public, the celebration will begin at 8 pm and continue to the countdown at midnight. Entertainment will include blues and bluegrass at the Falls Church Presbyterian Church, two dance bands at the Falls Church Episcopal Church, reenactment of a Victorian Christmas and other activities for the whole family from tots to teens.

**See you there!**



## New Members

*We are pleased to announce that several new VPIS members have joined since the last issue of the Village Way. Please welcome:*

Jerry and Rose Barrett  
Jeff Bogato & Mia Musolina  
Les & Cindy Brorsen  
Gene Fapkas  
Rachel Farris  
Lenore Karnis  
John & Marlys McGrath  
George Topic  
Carl Eichorn  
Julie and Rob Felger  
Carole & Charlie Jackson  
Sally Phillips  
Adam Silverman  
Rosalie Brass  
Justin & Ruth Ann Castillo  
Dana Edwards  
Peggy Floria  
Debbie Pawlak  
Pamela & Peter Holran  
Christine & Ernest Sanders  
Judy Kalish  
Paula Radloff

## NOTICE! Home Concert Series

Another home concert has been added to the VPIS Fall Home Concert Series after all concerts originally scheduled quickly sold out. A limited number of seats are available to hear Mike Maher, Falls Church's own jazz giant, play on November 19th at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each. Call (703) 532-0884 to purchase tickets.



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