

*City of Falls Church **Arbor Day 2007**  
115th Arbor Day Anniversary*

April 21, 2007

 *Dedication Trees for Arbor Day 2007*

Appreciating the  
**David Eckert and Annette Mills Family**  
*Trees in Frady Park*  
*Given by the Tree Commission*

 *Memorial Trees*

**Ms. Sheila McCauley**  
*Tree near the Library*  
*Given by Mark and Ellen Gross*

**Mr. Donald Hunt**  
*Tree in West End Park*  
*Given by VPIS*

**Col. Robert Herndon**  
*Tree in Roberts Park*  
*Given by VPIS*

**Mr. Ross Johnson**  
*Tree in Crossman Park*  
*Given by VPIS*

**Mr. Jerry Ziskind**  
*Tree at Mt. Daniel Elementary School*  
*Given by VPIS*

<b>Introduction</b>	Ellen Gross, Arbor Day Program Chair, VPIS Board
<b>Greeting from VPIS &amp; Tree Dedications</b>	Barry Buschow, VPIS President
<b>Arbor Day Revisited</b>	The Victorian Society at Falls Church
<b>Frady Park</b>	Edna Frady and Barbara Cram
<b>Tree of the Year</b>	David C. Chojnacky, Commissioner City of Falls Church Tree Commission
<b>Neighborhood Tree Program</b>	Seth Heminway, Volunteer Chair
<b>Community Environmental Programs</b>	Kathy Allan City Environmental Programs Specialist
<b>Tree City USA Award Presentation</b>	M.R. Lindy Hockenberry, Vice-Mayor Jill-Ann Spence, City Arborist Virginia Department of Forestry State Forester
<b>VPIS donation presentation</b>	Barry Buschow, President, VPIS Lois Berlin, Superintendent of Schools Jill-Ann Spence, City Arborist, Urban Forestry Division
<b>Arbor Day Commons Donation Presentations</b>	Barbara Cram, Virginia 2007 Chair Barry Buschow, VPIS President Jan Grimes, The Victorian Society at FC Jean Ness & Rachelle Bennett, Co-Presidents, The Falls Church Woman's Club
<b>Concluding Remarks</b>	Ellen Gross, Arbor Day Program Chair, VPIS Board
<b>Refreshments</b>	The Victorian Society at Falls Church

### Why Frady Park?

Don Frady served as the Director of Public Works for the City of Falls Church for 23 years, and was popularly known as "Mr. Falls Church" when he retired in 1975. He moved to the City in 1948 as a part-time City Forester. After 1952, as Director of Public Works, he helped the town transition from a place with rural character to a thriving city. He headed up the installation of much of Falls Church's infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, storm drains, the library, city hall, and athletic fields. He was honored by the City with the park named for him on Broad Street.

### Tree of the Year The Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*)

This native tree is an eastern species with an open, rounded crown and dark grey irregular ridged bark. The glossy bright green leaves turn a deep scarlet red color in the fall. Song birds and small mammals depend on the Scarlet Oak to provide cover and food. This tree will be planted through the spring as street trees, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Tree Program (NTP) planting events and also in our parks as Arbor Day trees.

### Neighborhood Tree Program

The program was founded by VPIS in 2000 based on citizen interest in replacing street trees and keeping the Falls Church City tree canopy vibrant. Thirteen tree planting parties and twelve tree squad events have resulted in the planting of over 350 Neighborhood Tree Program trees since the spring of 2000. Recent efforts include a series of brochures and flyers to educate City residents about choosing yard trees and maintaining trees in residential spaces.

### VPIS donation to Falls Church City schools

VPIS is making a gift of landscaping for Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School and the George Mason High School in an amount up to \$7,500. Jill-Ann Spence, the City Arborist will plan the landscaping with VPIS input, and City staff will install the plantings. Lois Berlin, the Superintendent of Schools, has graciously agreed to accept the gift today. VPIS is looking forward to enhancing the campus appearance of the middle and high schools.

### The Victorian Society at Falls Church

Founded in 1995 to promote the Victorian heritage of the city, the Society sponsors public events related to the history of Falls Church and raises funds for city projects including the Victorian fountain and bird-bath for Frady Park; a walking/driving map of existing Victorian architecture in the City; a book of vintage photos of Victorian Falls Church to be published July 2007; funds toward lawn bowling and other additions to Frady park; and the annual Civil War Reenactments at Cherry Hill Park.

### VPIS — Village Preservation & Improvement Society

In 1885 a Village Improvement Society was established in Falls Church. The purpose was to improve community appearances and cultural life. The Society planted trees, helped start the first library in Falls Church, initiated the first Arbor Day in Virginia (1892), held concerts and other cultural events, built public sidewalks, and was a strong influence in shaping Falls Church as a modern town. Today members are primarily residents of the City of Falls Church, or former residents, who have an interest in the unique work of the Society. Members are joined by an interest in and commitment to improving our community.

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