



Village Preservation and Improvement Society

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Ruth Rodgers Receives “Sprit of Falls Church” Award

Longtime Falls Church resident Ruth Rodgers received the “Sprit of Falls Church” award from the Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) at the VPIS annual dinner December 2 at Anthony’s restaurant.

The “Sprit of Falls Church” award recognizes a lifetime of contributions to multiple spheres of the community that has enriched the quality of life in Falls Church.

Ruth Rodgers has been a leader and contributor in multiple organizations. She was a member of the Falls Church League of Women’s Voters, and she served as the Treasurer for several years where she worked for more citizen engagement and participation in government.

She has been a Board Member of Historic Falls Church Inc, non-profit for 27 years and has served as the Treasurer her entire tenure working for the preservation of historic buildings and homes in the City. She served on the Board of the Friends of Cherry Hill Farmhouse and was Treasurer for many years where she promoted expanded use of the farmhouse for more visitors, including introducing many in the community to the enjoyment of afternoon teas.

Ruth also served in multiple City roles. She served on the Falls Church Architectural Advisory Board and later the Planning Commission for 16 years, including her years as Chair. She also served on the City’s Zoning Task Force and the Stormwater Credit Task Force. Ruth was the Executive Director of the Friends of the World War II Memorial on the national mall and continues to serve as the Secretary-Treasurer. She has been recognized in the Falls Church Women’s History Walk for her contributions and leadership in the community.

For VPIS, Ruth has been on the Board of Directors for 30 years, serving in the positions of President as well as Treasurer for the Society for the past eight years. In these roles, she worked to enhance neighborhoods, encourage and recognize quality development, and protect the quality of life in the community.

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