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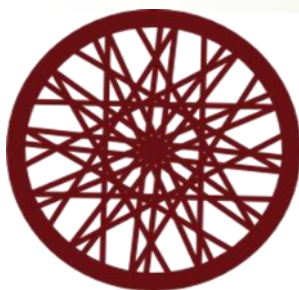
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President's Message—Gail Nittle



Welcome 2021!!! I hope that even with all the concerns about COVID, you were able to enjoy the holidays!

Our annual thank you of boxes of homemade baked goodies were delivered to SCA supporters and advertisers for them to enjoy before Christmas. See photos on pages 7 and 8. Thanks to all the bakers, packagers, and deliverers who have made this effort possible for the past 9 years!

The January 19th SCA general membership meeting is PACKED with information that is of great interest to all of us! Doug Loescher, Program Manager, Community Revitalization Section, Department of Planning & Development, will bring us up to date on the latest revitalization developments for Central Springfield. Doug has arranged for Graham Owen, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, Planning Division, to join our meeting to talk about the next steps for the Site Specific Plan and to answer any questions about the Brandon Avenue proposal to allow a 7 story self-storage unit to be built in our revitalization district. In addition, Senior Section Manager, Building Construction Branch, County of Fairfax Department of Public Works and Environmental Services John James will share a Power Point update on the Springfield Transit Center. Please send your questions before the meeting to springfieldcivic@yahoo.org



The revitalizing of central Springfield is a project near and dear to our hearts! On November 19th, the Fairfax County Planning Commission voted to have the 6235 Brandon Avenue proposal included in the Work Plan for further study. There is no public hearing prior to the Board of Supervisor's (BOS) vote on January 26. The properties among the approved Site Specific Proposed Amendment list will be a line item vote for the BOS. Those sites will then be part of the Work Plan for the Planning Committee staff to further study, hold public hearings, and then return their study results back to the BOS. If you contacted the Planning Commission back in December, thank you, but the Board of Supervisors needs to hear from you, too! We urge you to contact Supervisor Lusk (leedist@fairfaxcounty.gov) and the Board of Supervisors (clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov) to share your opinion. Click [here](#) for a sample letter you can customize and use. Please make sure you reference PC19-LE-008 on all correspondence!

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January Meeting

**January 19, 2021
7:30 via ZOOM**

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Speakers:

Doug Loescher

Community Revitalization
Manager

Graham Owen

Department of Planning

John Jones

Department of Public
Works

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President's Message (cont'd)

Another item of concern for our community is the zMOD proposals which our Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is contemplating and which is slated to go before the Planning Commission on 28 January. It can change the residential character of your neighborhood! If you would like to sign up to speak, you must make a reservation by calling 703-324-2865 by 3pm on January 28, 2021. You can also write letters/emails to let the Planning Commissioners know your thoughts on the matter. Send your e-mail to plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov and reference zMOD. It's important that they hear from you! See the article on **page 3** to see how these zMOD proposals can impact your neighborhood!

If you know of anyone who has recently moved into our neighborhood, please let us know by emailing the name or even just the address to springfieldcivic@yahoo.org. Member at large Cassie Planakis would like to deliver a welcome card and small gift to new residents – and hopefully, new SCA members.

Wishing you a happy new year! Looking forward to seeing you at our meeting on January 19th!

~Gail

Lake Accotink Dredging Update

Are you interested in what is going on with the Lake Accotink dredging project? Here is some interesting information:

- The best place for residents to look for information about the project is the Lake Accotink Dredging webpage at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/lake-accotink-dredging>.
- The video and presentations from the December 10, 2020 virtual public meeting are posted on the project webpage.
- People can submit comments and questions and sign up to receive email updates about the project on that webpage.
- County staff will be participating in the Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) meeting in late January to answer questions about the Lake Accotink Dredging project. For information about that meeting residents should check the FLAP website at <https://www.flapaccotink.org>.

Current Lake Accotink Dredging Project Schedule :

Data collection and survey – April 2021
Alternatives Analysis – July 2021
Concept Design and Value Engineering Study – April 2022
Final Design and Permitting – March 2023
Begin Dredging – March 2023
Complete Dredging – November 2025
Post Construction Monitoring – October 2028



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URGENT ACTION NEEDED!!

In 2017, the Fairfax County Planning and Zoning staff embarked upon the Zoning Ordinance Modernization Project, (zMOD) a major initiative to modernize Fairfax County's 40-year-old Zoning Ordinance, intended to modernize permitted uses and regulations; make the Zoning Ordinance easier to understand; and create a streamlined, user-friendly document. The Zoning Ordinance regulates the use of land and structures that can be built to provide for the protection and enjoyment of properties, appropriate and compatible uses of properties, and serves to permit and provide for the orderly development and growth of the County.

A November 24, 2020 zMOD proposal presented to a committee of the Board of Supervisors includes "amendments to zoning laws by prioritizing proposed changes of county-wide significance," while avoiding the ordinary process of subjecting each of the proposed amendments to a separate process of public comment. Additionally, this Proposal includes many zoning ordinance amendments that would **significantly impact the physical appearance and quality of life in our community.**

There are several proposed changes to the present zoning laws that may include:

- The proposed zMOD regulations would **abolish the public hearing process** for accessory apartments (ALUs) in single-family dwellings. Currently, citizens are entitled to notification and an opportunity to be heard regarding proposed accessory apartments in their neighborhood, and mitigation of impacts on the neighbors and the local infrastructure from those uses, through development conditions and suggested modifications to any application.
- A proposed zMOD regulation would abolish the over 55/disabled criteria for accessory apartments (ALUs) in single-family lots. This could possibly create **increases in density** and create **impacts on parking** and infrastructure.
- Changes in the proposed ALU requirements will legalize currently illegal conversions of basements into separate dwelling units. Accessory dwelling units are currently only allowed in single-family detached homes in the County with special permit approval by the Board of Zoning Appeals and require an occupant of either the main house or the accessory unit to be over the age of 55 or to be a person with a disability. The proposed regulations would remove the age and disability requirement and update the size limitations from 35% of the size of the principal home to a maximum of 1,200 sq. ft. For accessory dwelling units located within a home, the proposal replaces the current special permit and public hearing process with an administrative approval. There is also concern that builders will start doing tear-downs and building homes that include ALUs as a way of attracting buyers.
- New zMOD proposals would allow up to **two home businesses on every single-family lot**, including businesses such as beauty parlors, barbershops, tailoring, repair shops, online sales, and home food production. This commercialization and intensification changes the character of single-family residential neighborhoods and invites additional traffic and annoyance for adjacent neighbors.
- A new zoning proposal would allow up to 12 sq. ft. **of multiple yard signs, advertising home-based businesses** to be placed on any single-family lot. This will cause visual clutter and detract from the residential character of single-family neighborhoods, making our residential areas look more like commercial areas.
- There are many questions about the enforcement of these new regulations. County residents already experience inadequate enforcement from some county agencies, and it would be up to local residents to monitor and report neighbors who don't adhere to newly created regulations.

If you are concerned about the proposed changes to the current zoning regulations, you can let your opinions be heard!

The planning Commission is holding a public hearing concerning zMOD on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:30pm.

All persons wishing to present their views on these subjects may call the Planning Commission Office at 703-324-2865, or **register online** at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/speaker> no later than 3:00pm the day of the meeting, to be placed on the Speakers List. Videos need to be submitted no later than 9:00am the day prior to the Planning Commission meeting. You also have the option of speaking by telephone at the meeting. In addition, written testimony and other submissions can be sent to the Planning Commission at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 552, Fairfax, VA 22035 and or emailed to Plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov. You can also contact the Board of Supervisors at clerktothebos@fairfaxcounty.gov or Supervisor Rodney Lusk at LeeDist@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Click [here](#) for a sample letter you can use.

Lake Accotink News

I would like to introduce myself to the Fairfax community. My name is Dan Grulke, and I will be serving as the park manager of Lake Accotink Park.

I started my journey with the Fairfax County Park Authority as a seasonal employee at Lake Accotink in the early 90s. After completing my associate degree in recreation management at Northern Virginia Community College, I left Virginia for the vast, wild country of Montana where I completed my bachelor's degree in recreation management in 1999.

When I finished my degree from The University of Montana, I was fortunate to be hired by the Park Authority at Green Spring Gardens and traveled back east. I have held many positions within this great park system in my 22 years of service, with my last stop being the park manager at Lake Fairfax Park for seven years. In February of 2020 I was again fortunate to call Lake Accotink Park my office and was reunited with this beautiful park.

I look forward to serving Lake Accotink Park, the Fairfax County Park Authority, and the people who use and visit Lake Accotink and have grown fond of the park's beauty. I hope that I can have a positive impact on the park and on the surrounding community.

This has been a challenging year for all of us, but I am excited to work to provide safe activities for the public. In my short time here as manager, I have come to understand that this park is especially loved by the community, and I hope that I can help grow that passion.

Thanks,

Dan Grulke/Park Manager

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SCA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 19

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Crime Prevention Tips

With more people at home and more reliance on the internet, the COVID crisis has provided new opportunities for on-line criminals. Many internet crimes are perpetrated by or using foreign entities which are very difficult to track down and punish. Therefore, prevention is the most valuable tactic to use.

Fairfax County provides a number of resources to help you avoid being taken in. The Police Department's Common Scams web page provides information on both in-person and internet scams and provides a link to report them to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center.



The Fairfax County Silver Shield program has a broad range of information on scams. While Silver Shield is aimed at citizens aged 50+, many of the tips and techniques should be used by those in any age group.

Two recent scams reported by the US Postal Inspection Service highlight how scammers are attempting to cash in on COVID fears.

Miracle Cure Scam: This scam is a pay-in-advance scheme for a COVID-19 cure. The scammer poses as a government or nonprofit official by telephone and/or email. They claim to have insider knowledge of a cure that has not yet been reported by the media. They then offer to send you this cure if you pay in advance.

There are also reports from people who were called about purchasing miracle COVID-19 drugs and were mailed packages with other random or placebo drugs. While some are merely useless products and will not have a negative health effect, some could have life-threatening consequences, such as the use of non-prescribed malaria drugs.

Stimulus Checks: The second scam is related to the April stimulus checks approved by the federal government. The scammers are taking advantage of this program by calling or emailing people who are older than 65. The callers claim that for a fee, residents can receive their money faster than anyone else. This scam has also been reported in Fairfax County. Please don't fall for this scam in our area.

Vaccine Scams: As the COVID vaccination program rolls out, vaccine-related scams are sure to follow. In anticipation of that, the Federal Trade Commission has created a [Blog](#) to provide up-to-date consumer information on vaccine scams.



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Franconia District Police Station Virtual Town Hall



Our virtual town-hall meetings about our new interactive GIS-based data dashboard are underway! This dashboard was designed with community input and rooted in the principles of transparency and fair and impartial policing. Join us to learn how we are implementing this additional layer of accountability and leveraging data analytics to continue to strengthen trust and confidence in your police department.

Each virtual town hall will begin at 5 p.m. To join a meeting, click the link next to each date:

- Mason District – January 21 <https://bit.ly/3ozGYjH>
- Reston District – February 4 <https://bit.ly/3qCYSE6>
- **Franconia District – February 17** <https://bit.ly/36Ujlw5>

Any questions, please contact FCPDChiefsOffice@fairfaxcounty.gov.

It's Time to Pay Your SCA Membership Dues!

The Springfield Civic Association would like to remind its members that dues for the 2020-2021 program year are due **NOW**. The funds raised from dues go directly to help support the SCA and its programs which directly benefit our community. One of the SCA's goals is to bring people together and encourage them to be active in community affairs. We advocate for our community's interests and concerns through local government and other entities.

If you've already renewed your SCA membership for this year, thank you! The SCA would not be the strong and vibrant entity that it is without members like you. If you haven't paid your dues yet, it's not too late. You can send a check to SCA, P.O. Box 842, Springfield, VA 22150 or visit our website at springfieldcivic.org and click on the **PayPal** button. Dues are \$15 per household.

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Richard Byrd Library Update

To all Fairfax County Library Card Holders

Effective Monday, Jan. 11, all Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) branches will provide curbside and virtual services only. We will continue to offer robust virtual programming for all ages, which can be found on our [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#). Visit [our website](#) to learn about the top 10 ways to access FCPL's resources at home.

Please stay home if you're sick, if you've been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, or if you're awaiting your own COVID-19 test results.

Curbside Services Explained:

Beginning Jan. 11, FCPL's physical materials will be available via curbside pickup only. **Curbside pickup hours at all branches are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.** To pick up your holds:

- Please park in the designated area of your library's lot and call the branch phone number posted on the sign. Branch phone numbers can also be found online on [individual branch webpages](#).
- Provide your library card number to staff on the phone and remain in your car until your holds have been deposited on the pickup table and library staff have returned to the building.

In addition to picking up holds, you may request a particular book or a staff-selected grab bag based on reading level and preferences by calling the branch. Contacting the library with requests ahead of time will provide a faster pickup experience.

All returned library materials should be deposited in the library's book drop. **Do not return library materials to staff or the pickup tables.**

There will be no changes to circulation periods, and fines will be assessed on materials returned late. FCPL's curbside services are completely contactless — at no point will you physically interact with the library staff helping you. Other steps we are taking in our curbside pickup process for the safety of staff and patrons include:

- Library staff will wear cloth face masks, and we encourage you to do so, too.
- Books will be packaged in a plastic bag to streamline handling.

The pickup table will be disinfected regularly.

Please find more pandemic-related information on the County's [COVID-19 webpage](#) or the [emergency blog](#).



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Friends of the Richard Byrd Library

Still No Book Donations

No book donations can be received until further notice and no volunteers will be needed until we are up and running again. We promise to keep you updated. Please continue to stay safe and stay well.

As of January 11, only curbside services will be offered Monday—Saturday, 10:00am-4:00pm. Digital programs and online activities are available during Covid-19. Library staff is busy creating and providing many programs, events, and services you can participate in from the comfort of your own home.

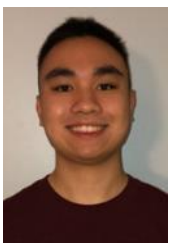
COVID-19 Testing at Library

Mon & Fri 9am - 3:30pm

Wed 12pm - 6:30pm

- Testing not performed for travel, return to work or school, or for documentation of a negative test for other purposes.
- No registration required.
- No ID required.
- Testing does not affect public charge determination (immigration status).
- No insurance required.
- Must be 2 years old or older.
- Spanish speakers on site.
- Contact information will only be used to provide test results.
- You may be eligible for assistance if you test positive.
- Who should get tested? People near those with symptoms or those who have tested positive within the last 10 days.
- Questions 703-267-3511— Fairfax County COVID-19 Website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus>

Teen Volunteer Earns Scholarship



Each year the Fairfax Library Foundation awards scholarships to deserving students who are pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees. The Friends nominated one of our regular teen volunteers, Tommy Trinh. Earlier this year he was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship for the 2020/2021 academic year. Tommy is a Lee High School graduate and will be attending Virginia Tech to study computer engineering.

Congratulations Tommy! Good luck with your studies...we'd love to have you continue volunteering with us during your school breaks.

Grab Bag Sale Success!

Thanks to so many loyal patrons and some new enthusiasts the Friends hosted a successful sidewalk grab bag sale in early December raising over \$500! It was such fun getting to see a few of our regulars from a safe social distance! We were able to assemble the bags from our existing inventory and provided an excellent selection with a good variety of genres. Thanks to all who shopped for holiday gifts and supported our continuing efforts at the Richard Byrd Library.

Next time you're at the library be sure to check out our ongoing sale table in the lobby...there might be a great treasure available there just for you! (continued on pg. 11)



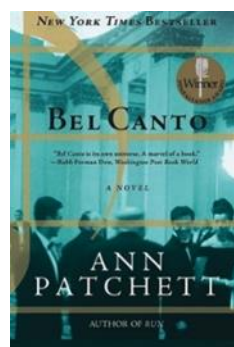
Friends of the Richard Byrd Library (cont'd)

Book Review: *His Only Wife* by Judy Perry

I listened to the audiobook as soon as it became available because the title caught my eye. *His Only Wife* by Peace Adzo Medie is a heartwarming novel about Afi, who leaves her small Ghanaian village to move to the country's capital. Afi agrees to marry a wealthy man she doesn't know in order to help her mother; she soon discovers that her new life isn't quite what she expected. As she tries to adjust to the unfamiliar environment, she discovers what's really important. This lighthearted, engrossing debut explores family, love and fairy-tale endings that aren't always what they seem. I really enjoyed listening to this well written novel with its vast cultural differences that draw attention to how women are valued and one young woman's determined courage to stand up for herself.



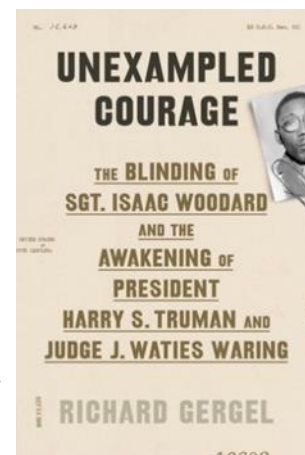
Book Review: *Bel Canto* by Janet Cameron



The setting for this novel is inspired by the 1996 hostage crisis at the Japanese embassy in Lima, Peru but that is where this story's relationship to historical fact ends. That event serves only as a starting point for Ann Patchett's skillful story-telling and often lyrical prose to weave a narrative that is both compelling and beguiling. The embassy hostage-taking is a laboratory for Patchett to explore the relationships that evolve in a closed world inhabited by people of such widely disparate backgrounds, cultures, nationalities, and languages. That world is dominated by an opera singer whose presence in the tale is what gives it its title. The soprano's prodigious talents charm both fellow captives and captors alike, while the force of the diva's personality shapes the practicalities of their days. The poetry of Patchett's writing invites the reader to feel the chills of the singing, see the droplets of Peru's signature garúa mists, and develop empathy for both hostages accustomed to a life of indulgence and for their rough at times violent jailers alike. We are drawn forward through the story's events by sympathy for these strangely ill-assorted protagonists and a need to see how it finally ends, all while gnawed by a sense of seemingly inevitable doom. To lose yourself in this absorbing novel is a rare treat.

Book Review: *Unexampled Courage* by Judson Ray

Unexampled Courage by Richard Gergel is the account of the horrific blinding of Sergeant Isaac Woodard which takes place in the deeply segregated American South, in the poor hick town of Batesburg, South Carolina on February 12, 1946. Sergeant Woodard was riding in a bus that was returning GI's that had been recently demobilized from World War II. Both black and white GI's were on the bus and reportedly drinking and having a pretty good time. It was alleged that Sergeant Woodard and the white bus driver exchanged words because Sergeant Woodard had asked to use the bathroom; but the driver refused to allow him to do so. Sergeant Woodard challenged the bus driver's disrespectful treatment toward him. When the bus arrived in Batesburg, the local police chief, Lynwood Shull arrested Sergeant Woodard, who was in uniform. An all-white jury failed to return a guilty verdict against Shull. President Truman and the presiding judge were conscience-stricken by the failure of the court system to do justice by the decorated soldier. The presiding judge described the trial as "baptism of fire" and began issuing major civil rights decisions from his Charleston courtroom. These early decisions by Judge Waring provided the foundation for the landmark decision of Brown versus Board of Education. This single incident led Truman to fully integrate the United States Military. History would record that his decision almost cost him the election in 1948. This is a searing account of the totally corrupted judicial system as practiced in the American South during the Jim Crow years. You will not want to put this book down.



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6235 Brandon Ave. Proposed Storage Unit Update

On November 17, 2020 at the Fairfax County Planning Commission Markup, **the Commissioners voted against our community and the initial County staff report regarding the property at 6235 Brandon Avenue.** Prior to the vote, the Planning Commissioners received a considerable number of letters, comments, and testimonies from Springfield Civic Association (SCA) members, and a petition with 270 signatures from our community **members in opposition to the proposal to allow a seven story self-storage facility to be built on this site.** The initial recommendation by the County's Planning and Development staff was also in opposition to the proposed amendment. In spite of this community and staff opposition, **Lee District Planning Commissioner Daniel Lagana made the motion to include the proposal in the Plan Amendment Work Program and the Planning Commission concurred.** In other words, the Commissioners are in favor of further consideration to allow a self-storage facility to be built at 6235 Brandon Avenue.

We continue to stand in opposition to this decision because we believe it undermines the integrity of this area's distinction within a Commercial Revitalization District (CRD).

We believe:

- the longstanding CRD revitalization plan should **NOT** be set aside because of the current economic trend.
- a storage facility of any size is **NOT** appropriate one block away from residential homes!
- a 7-story storage facility is **NOT** the gateway feature we want characterizing the heart of Springfield.

Last week, members of the SCA Board and other SCA members met with Supervisor Lusk regarding the property at 6235 Brandon Avenue. Supervisor Lusk expressed his view that the development of one property can stimulate interest for other investors to look at an area. While there may be wisdom in this, we wonder (1) will this actually happen and (2) what type of development could this attract?

Next, **the Board of Supervisors will be voting on January 26, 2021** whether they feel this proposal should be on the Plan Amendment Work Program. If accepted into the Work Program, the impacts and benefits of a self-storage located at 6235 Brandon Avenue would be further analyzed. **There is no Public Hearing scheduled prior to the BOS vote, but public comment may be made by:**

- emailing the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at ClerktotheBOS@fairfaxcounty.gov
- [*identify the land use case PC19-LE-008 in the subject line and request that your submission be distributed to all BOS offices](#)
- emailing Supervisor Rodney Lusk at leedist@fairfaxco.gov and identify the land use case **PC19-LE-008** in the subject line
- sending a letter to: Supervisor Rodney Lusk; Franconia Government Center; 6121 Franconia Rd. Alexandria, VA 22310-2508 and [identify the land use case PC19-LE-008 in the subject line](#)
- Please let the SCA know if you send a message by emailing/cc'ing us at springfieldcivic@yahoo.com

We will keep the community informed as we have updates.

Thank you for your support in this effort to mindfully revitalize Springfield!

Gail Nittle, President, Springfield Civic Association (SCA)

Marta Morrissey, Springfield Civic Association Land Use Representative

Trails for Youth

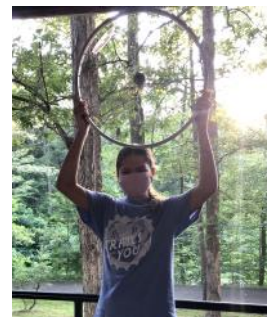
TrailsforYouth.Org – Providing Life Lessons



The TrailsforYouth.org (TYO) motto is “teaching kids to overcome obstacles on the trail and in life”. The benefits of the trail lessons we provide through biking, hiking, kayaking, camping or fishing give instant gratification and exercise for the youth and they transfer those lessons learned into their daily lives and activities. Sometimes the life lessons in our programs aren’t as easily conveyed through the many photos of smiling children we publish. One of our other favorite sayings is “look to your future, look where you want to go” which is a TYO version of “keep your eye on the prize”. It works equally as well on the trail as in life as you will steer toward the goal you stay focused upon. We keep this lesson in mind as we mentor the youth and prepare them for their future. Here are a few more examples of life lessons we teach.

Biking is a life time exercise, and even a great and inexpensive mode of transportation. Our youth learn how to cycle safely while having fun, something they can pass on to their children later or current siblings now. We want to make sure they do it safely and kindly, so we incorporate trail etiquette into our lessons. Our mentors and leaders remind the youth to “stay to the right and be polite” so we can all enjoy the trails together safely. And we always insist they wear safety gear and as a way for them to remember, we ask, “what do you call a helmet that isn’t strapped on correctly?” The answer is “A hat”.

STEM education is abundant in biking. From gravity to gear ratios, and titanium to carbon fiber, mountain biking is full of science. TYO has developed a basic bicycle science education program, and has provided it to Fairfax County Schools, as well as incorporated STEM into our outdoor youth programs. Thanks to the Business Women’s Giving Circle, our Girls STEM class delves deep into how science affects their daily lives and potential careers they can pursue in the STEM fields. We just don’t take them for a ride over a bridge; we will stop and discuss the engineering that went into the building of that bridge. As the youth are climbing hills they will hear “Use your brains, not your brawn, shift your gears” and we explain how that affects energy output. We foster an interest in STEM and show the joy and benefits of learning. An additional favorite TYO saying “The more you know in life, the more fun you will have in life” truly applies here.



TYO provides job training. As youth in our program get older and if they show interest and potential, we provide opportunities for them to work for TYO. It’s not easy, as they have to be a counselor in training first and help out, then go through an application process that includes writing a resume, filling out job forms and being interviewed. Then if all goes well, they are hired as a Jr. Counselor to help TYO teach the younger youth. This works great because the younger youth truly admire and look up to the older youth and the older youth gain experience in the employment process. For many youth in our program this is their first job and in some cases a much-needed source of funds for their family. Some of our Junior Counselors have gone on to work for the Fairfax County Park Authority and other outdoor organizations. We are hopeful that one day our staff and Board, will consist of graduates of our programs.



“Teaching kids to overcome obstacles on the trail and in life” isn’t just our motto but has been the key to creating a community that goes far beyond bicycle riding. So next time you see a photo of child in a TYO t-shirt smiling, remember they just likely learned something. Happy Trails!



Woman's Club of Springfield

Happy New Year from the Woman's Club of Springfield!!! We wish you and yours a much better 2021, and hope that once we have all been vaccinated, our lives can all go back to normal.

In the meantime, we continue to chug along with Zoom meetings and a partial week at the Pink Elephant Shop. We encourage you to visit us....Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Consignments are taken from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., shopping is permitted from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are looking forward to being able to be open more this coming year so that we can give our usual scholarships in the Spring. Our business has been understandably slow, but is beginning to pick up. The shop is safe and cleaned on a weekly basis. We have plexiglass surrounding the counter and we also have hand sanitizer at the door for our shopper's required use. We have six-foot markers on the floors, too. If you have any questions about the shop, just call us (703/451-2467) or visit us on Facebook.

We encourage you to visit our newly revised website — www.womansclubofspringfield.org. It has links to our parent organization, the General Federation of Woman's Clubs (GFWC), where you can learn about the proud history of our organization.

We welcome members of the community to join us. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a member of the Woman's Club of Springfield, please call our Membership Chairman, Lee Ripper, at 703/719-9645.

Tips from the Police

REMINDER! For privacy, the Police Department does not have the ability to see your threads and neighborhood conversations on Nextdoor Springfield. The app is intended for neighbors to help neighbors, not to report real or suspected criminal activity. If you see a concerning thread that needs police involvement, please contact the Fairfax County non-emergency number at 703-691-2131. Use this number to report suspicious people and vehicles, belongings stolen from vehicles (whether they were locked or not) and other criminal activity. For accurate crime statistics we need to hear from you if a crime has occurred.

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JAN 13th and Feb 10

We are holding our monthly meetings on Zoom the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm.

All are welcome, and we'd love to have you join us!!!!

Virtual Monthly Meetings: SAG's board is lining up great Guest Speakers who will bring their art into your homes until we can meet in person again.

6:45pm: Zoom "doors" open - Please join us ahead of the program.

7:00pm: Donnalynne Lefever, January Acting President will conduct a short business meeting

**** Immediately following conclusion of the business meeting, the guest speaker will begin her presentation**

Zoom: If you don't have an account you can sign up for **FREE** at <https://zoom.us/>. If you haven't participated in a Zoom meeting it's really easy on your computers or tablets. Please contact Elaine Sevy, SAG board member at Yorkiemum.sevy95@gmail.com for the Zoom link to our programs.

Our Guest Speaker for Jan. 13 is Liz Walker.



"Out of the Darkness"

Liz Walker, who creates award-winning acrylic and marbled paintings in her home studio in the Portland, Oregon area has been painting and teaching throughout Oregon and Washington for nearly 20 years. Abstracted figures that convey a sense of "story" are her favorite subject matter, and she produces hundreds of paintings each year.

For the past several years, Liz's paintings have been consistently juried into several consecutive national shows. Using a digital presentation/lecture format, Liz will reveal some of the practices and habits that catapulted her work to greater recognition among jurors. She will emphasize the importance of embracing one's artistic influences—past and present—and show how doing so can improve your own artistic growth. Every artist has been influenced by other artists and applied what they've learned to develop their own personal, recognizable style. What are some of the habits of successful artists and how might you apply these to your art-making process? Learn more about Liz Walker and her work

at: Website: www.lizwalkerart.com

Our Guest Speaker for Feb. 10 is Lynn Goldstein.



"Spokes—Autumn"

Lynn is a contemporary oil and pastel landscape artist based in Northern Virginia. She is also a popular teacher at the Workhouse Art Center in Lorton where she loves having people visit her art studio in Bldg 5 in person. "Visitors always mention that they feel peaceful in my happy space," Lynn said.

A fine art graduate from West Virginia University, Lynn has studied with some of the finest contemporary artists in the United States. She has earned signature membership in the Maryland Pastel Society and membership in the Pastel Society of America. She has exhibited widely, winning awards, in nationally juried exhibitions and galleries, and her work is enjoyed in private and public collections throughout the United States and Europe. Notably, one of her paintings was selected for the permanent collection in the Jean-Haffen Museum, Dinan, France, upon her completion of an artist residency in 2011.

Lynn's mission as an artist is to help people feel peace in a troubled world and hectic daily lives. She finds comfort in nature and is driven to depict the solitude that she finds in her time outdoors. Trees are often a theme in her work because she sees trees as metaphors for our lives.

Early exposure to antique Japanese woodblock prints that incorporated strong compositional elements, as well as working as a graphic designer, influence Lynn's artistic sensibilities. Although her work is representational and grounded in nature, she is fascinated with the play of light, color, and shape in her work and never attempts to replicate exactly what she sees. Instead, Lynn's landscapes represent how she felt while spending time in a certain natural setting. Learn more about Lynn and her work at www.lynngoldstein.com.

CAC News

The CAC (Community Advisory Committee) was very busy during the holiday season. We sponsored and contributed meals for police officers who were on duty and away from their families on three holidays.

The Greenspring community provided individually packaged grab-n-go Turkey dinners for officers who had to work on Thanksgiving Day.

The CAC provided grab-n-go subs, chips and cookies for the Franconia officers that had to work on Christmas Eve.

The CAC provided grab-n-go individually wrapped breakfast items for those officers that had to work on Christmas morning.



The next CAC virtual meeting is Wednesday, January 20, 2021. If you are interested in attending please email Kim Barber at Kim.Barber@fairfaxcounty.gov for the link.

Thanks,

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The History of Springfield by Robin Carter

Springfield and How It Came To Be Part 3 – The Early Stages of Growth

Hello Springfielders! Welcome to 2021!! I hope you all had a wonderful, happy and safe holiday season.

Ye Olde Historian feels that one of the best ways to greet a new year is to take a look back, so I am here again to open another window into the early days of the community we know and love.

As stated in the previous edition, as of early 1952, Crestwood Construction had their model home grouping up and their new “Crestwood’s Springfield” subdivision was growing rapidly in a somewhat random pattern from the west side of Backlick Rd. westward toward what would later become Brookfield Park. During this early period the industrial area between Highland St and the Southern Railroad track began to sprout with storage for the many home building supplies needed that came in by train from other locations.

During the summer months of 1952 and on non-Carr owned land, Falls Church Realty began showing listings for some very interesting contemporary “California Ranch” ramblers designed by architect Joseph B. Nelson, in the new Beverly Forest subdivision about a mile south of the intersection of Old Keene Mill Rd and Backlick. Starting at \$15,250 for the brick version, a later version in frame construction was offered for \$14,950. Unfortunately for historic reasons none of this handful of initial models (along Backlick Rd at and south of Beverly Ln) has survived untouched by the trends of remodeling, teardowns and replacements. The only evidence of their original appearance lies in old newspaper ads and an article photo covering them as a new trend in home styles in the DC area, where more traditional architecture usually reigned. Initially developed by Theodore C. Roumel, Joseph S. Gordin and C. Louis Caputi, Beverly Forest was similar to Springfield Forest and Springvale in that beyond those first houses, lots were being sold in small groups to various builders. Over the course of the next decade, the varying designs of the different building firms added variety as the subdivision grew and a beautiful man-made lake was added for the enjoyment of the residents.

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Beverly Forest Model Home Grouping as seen in late 1953/early 1954 (Fairfax County Aerial Imagery)

In April of 1953, Springfield developer, Edward R. Carr tasked one of his sub-corporations, B&B, Inc. to begin building a slightly more upscale subdivision on the portion of the property he owned south of Edgebrook Dr, north of the Lynch owned commercial property (currently known as The Concord Shopping Center), east of Backlick Rd and west of the Shirley Highway (I-95). Christened "Yates Village", the initial model homes were placed along the east side of Backlick between the current shopping center to the south side corner of Edgerton Ln. with the sales office located in the split level that still stands at 6946 Essex Ave (formerly 6804 Essex). Fortunately, as of this writing most of those earliest Yates Village homes still appear to be substantially intact based on a recent Google Street View, so we have a glimpse of what that early portion of the development looked like with the exception of one tear-down/replacement house in the middle of the block between Essex and Edgerton. Unlike Crestwood, who gave their homes specific model names, B&B tended to be simpler in their naming. Model A (split levels with two variations of roof lines), Model B (a conventional rambler), Model C (a Cape Cod variation), Model D (an interesting front to back split level design) and Model E (a rambler in a colonial style with a sideways placement on their lots). As time went on, an additional rambler style was added in September 1955 with the model home for that being along Edgebrook drive. Building by B&B was essentially complete as of 1957, however in 1960, Pittman & Carey built their own rambler designs in the area along Lynbrook Dr. Priced slightly higher than the Crestwood homes, Yates Village was targeted at those with higher incomes and provided a very high quality home that was well appointed for the era, with Westinghouse equipped kitchens that included a, then rather upscale appliance....an automatic dishwasher standard within the purchase price. The name "Yates" hearkens back to a previous Carr development in Alexandria known as "Yates Gardens", built in the early 1940s which was named for the nearby Colonial era Yates Tavern that still exists as a private residence at 414 Franklin St.



(Yates Village Model Home Grouping late 1953/early 1954)

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YOU CAN SEE THIS SPLIT-LEVEL TODAY and our two other new designs in various stages of construction. We want you to see the way these homes are being built. We want you to see the fir lumber used throughout, the armored cable electric wiring, the full insulation between ceiling joists, the special storm sewers for dry basements, the copper flashing and piping and all the other QUALITY features. In addition to the Yates Village split level, there's an L type Rambler at \$17,350 and a Cape Cod with expansion attic with roughed-in heating and plumbing for \$17,200.

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(Washington Post Ad 6-14-1953)

On January 4, 1954, (following a Washington Post announcing article on November 23, 1953) the building firm of Michnick & DiMaio finalized the purchase of 165 acres from Vernon Lynch & Sons to build its Lynbrook subdivision. The land is roughly bounded by Edgebrook Dr to the south, Backlick Rd to the west and along the north-east arc of Cabin John Rd. Known for being the developers of the Brookfield Townhomes along Van Dorn St. in the area around Taney Ave in Alexandria, the company was headed by partners Howard Michnick and Sal DiMaio. They were also responsible for the Silver Rock and Burgundy Hills subdivisions in Rockville, MD. It was announced that 450 homes were to be built on the site beginning in February 1954. The firm built their model home grouping along the north side of Floyd Ave, east of Backlick Rd with several attractive variations of ramblers and split levels, which seem to all be pretty much intact as they would have been originally. The senior home in the offering was The Essex split level, identifiable by its corner-meeting windows in the upper level front bedrooms and front kitchen. So popular was this home that the appliance firm of Hotpoint chose it as its "Hotpoint House of '55" shortly after the homes sales began in August of 1954. There were two versions of the junior split level offering. One was known as The Lynbrook (two bedroom version and touted as "expandable" for the Do It Yourselfer to grow as their needs grew with an unfinished attic level and unfinished lower level and no carport) and the other was The Lynbrook Royal (which included a carport, 3 bedrooms and a finished recreation room on the lower level among

other standard features). There were also three Rambler offerings in The Bedford, The Kent and The Madison. The model name Madison coincidentally was also used for a completely different home by Crestwood Construction (see the previous November issue). The grand opening of Lynbrook was a big affair and the subdivision was picked to be a part of The Washington Post newspaper's "Homes of '54" exhibit. The houses were so popular that on opening day of the exhibit on September 12th, police had to be brought in to handle the traffic jams created from so many visitors and a larger need for parking than the builders had originally planned for.


(Lynbrook Model Home Grouping. Washington Post, 9-5-54. The Essex model in the foreground is still there at 6920 Floyd with The Madison next door and beyond that is a Lynbrook Royal. Tree growth makes a current street view of this more closed-in than it was here.)

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On the day that the Lynbrook Royal model home was announced as being chosen for the event, 300 people came to see the house in advance of the start of the September 12th to October 3rd exhibit. As with the Crestwood homes before it, a huge merchandising tie-in was accomplished with the aforementioned Hotpoint appliances with furnishings by Mayer & Co. a long established, quality furniture company in Washington, DC. By the end of the first week, it was reported that some 20,000 persons had visited the model homes and sales of 78 houses at an average cost of \$18,000 each for a total of \$1,404,000. That was a record for any area homebuilder up to that time.



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THE Bedford

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- BRICK VENEER
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- VENETIAN BLINDS
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- HOTPOINT 10.5 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR WITH CROSS TOP FREEZER
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- COMPLETE LAUNDRY AREA WITH ATTACHMENT FOR WASHING MACHINE
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- SCIENTIFIC KITCHEN CABINETS OF NATURAL WOOD FINISH
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- AIR CONDITIONING
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THE Essex



FEATURES

- SPLIT LEVEL CONSTRUCTION
- BRICK VENEER
- 3 BEDROOMS
- VENETIAN BLINDS
- LARGE LANDSCAPED LOT
- HOTPOINT 11.5 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR WITH CROSS TOP FREEZER
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THE Madison


FEATURES

- BRICK VENEER
- 3 BEDROOMS
- VENETIAN BLINDS
- LARGE LANDSCAPED LOT
- HOTPOINT 10.5 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR WITH CROSS TOP FREEZER
- VARIED FRONT ELEVATIONS
- SCREENED WINDOWS AND DOORS
- OAK FLOORS
- COMPLETE LAUNDRY AREA WITH ATTACHMENT FOR WASHING MACHINE
- ENTRANCE FOYER
- CENTER HALL
- ECONOMICAL GAS HEAT
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- FULL BASEMENT

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THE Lynbrook

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- VENETIAN BLINDS
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- HOTPOINT 10.5 CU. FT. REFRIGERATOR WITH CROSS TOP FREEZER
- VARIED FRONT ELEVATIONS
- SCREENED WINDOWS AND DOORS
- OAK FLOORS
- COMPLETE LAUNDRY AREA WITH ATTACHMENT FOR WASHING MACHINE
- BRICK VENEER
- ECONOMICAL GAS HEAT
- FULLY INSULATED
- SEPARATE DINING ROOM
- CITY SEWERS, CURBS AND SIDEWALKS
- BUILDERS WARRANTY
- EXHAUST FAN
- SCIENTIFIC KITCHEN CABINETS OF NATURAL WOOD FINISH
- 2 BEDROOMS
- CERAMIC TILE BATH WITH BUILT IN METAL LAUNDRY HAMPER
- SEPARATE DINING AREA

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT
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- HOTPOINT WASHER
- HOTPOINT DISPOSAL
- HOTPOINT DISHWASHER
- HOTPOINT 39" ELECTRIC RANGE
- HOTPOINT DRYER
- LAVATORY DOWNSTAIRS
- 3RD BEDROOM
- AIR CONDITIONING
- CARPORT
- FINISHED RECREATION ROOM

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THE
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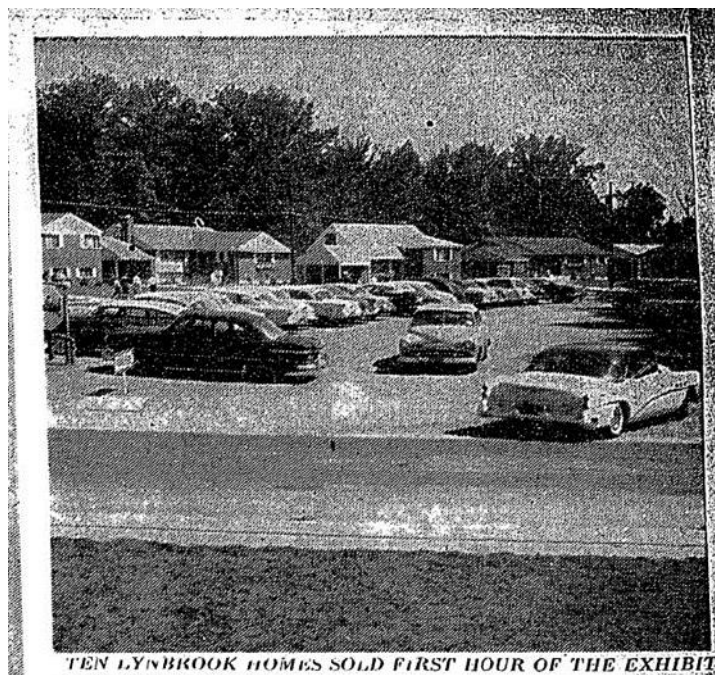
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(Left: Longer wider view eastward down Floyd from Backlick showing the model home grouping. Right: Model home sign and hostess.

Both from The Washington Post)

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For our final subdivision for this edition of The Springfield Reporter, we move on to the Monticello Forest neighborhood. Like Yates Village before it, Monticello Forest was built by one of the subsidiaries of the Carr organization, C&J Inc. This time the homes were more moderately priced but still packed with quality, value, great planning and had the benefit of a design by a locally well respected architect, Harry E. Ormston, AIA. Moving away from the more traditional and Colonial influence of Yates Village, Carr and his associates wanted a design that would be more contemporary for those who had a desire for a more open feel and with that in mind, the "Monticello" rambler made its debut along with the subdivision in July 1954.

Some interesting facts about Monticello Forest start with Monticello Blvd along which the model homes sit. In the early development planning of Springfield, Old Keene Mill Rd was in very bad shape and presented some challenges that, originally Mr. Carr and his engineers thought to be more trouble than it was worth to improve for access to his land to the west, where he had plans to create his "golf club community" of West Springfield. Instead, Carr had planned Monticello Blvd to be a new, wide, divided roadway that would carry traffic off of OKM, angle slightly northwesterly, become Monticello Blvd and continue westward as the main route, leaving the remaining OKM route to remain pretty much as it was or until expansion required it to be repaired and improved later on. As the evidence shows from the wide "boulevard" roadway coming to a dead stop at Julian St., Carr's plans did not materialize as he planned and instead the necessary improvements to Old Keene Mill Road were accomplished by 1959 when he began West Springfield. Given the amount of traffic that Monticello Blvd would have carried, perhaps the residents along there might well be happy that the plans changed including those who's homes sit to the east of Hanover where Monticello Blvd would have run.

Although the original 1954 section of Monticello Forest only offered the "Monticello" rambler as the sole model offering, it was offered with a few exterior variations such as all brick, brick and frame or all frame, with the prices going down slightly in that descending order. The original section of M-F was fairly short lived and was only active in the last 5 months of 1954 and the first few months of 1955. The reason was that Carr & his C&J, Inc. building firm had recently gotten approval from Fairfax County to develop a much larger tract of land north of the Southern Railroad tracks, that was very soon to become North Springfield. Because the "Monticello" rambler was so

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popular in the short first run of M-F, Carr decided to use the same design along with some new variations of ramblers and an attractive split level as the offerings in the gigantic new community, all designed by Harry Ormston. As a result of so much of his resources concentrating on N-S, Monticello Forest was put on hold for about 3 years. When a return to M-F was made in 1958, the builders brought over some of the home styles that were popular in N-S. It was during that second phase that the homes were built between the east side of Hanover Ave to the border of the property that would soon become the newer sections of Springfield Gardens Apartments and the property where The Richard Byrd Library would eventually be built, with Essex Ave to the north. Despite an economic recession beginning in August of 1957 to about May of 1958, the sales in Monticello Forest were brisk and the subdivision was completed before 1960.

Carr Breaks Ground For Monticello Forest

The latest sub-division for which ground has been broken in Springfield is Monticello Forest. Eighty-eight houses will comprise this development which is being built by Edward R. Carr, Inc., according to an announcement made by William B. Swailes, Sales Manager of the Edward R. Carr Co. Mr. Swailes went on to say that the homes will be 3 bedroom, 1½ bath brick ramblers, some with full basement. Lots will be 10,000 square feet in area. Monticello Forest is located at the southern end of Hanover Avenue and will run east and west along Monticello Boulevard.



(Above right: Article announcing the ground breaking from the 7-21-54 Springfield Independent newspaper. Below that is a photo-article showing building in Monticello Forest as of a 1-15-55 Evening Star edition.)

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Monticello Forest

Today's young American family demands a special way of life when it moves to the suburbs. The components of this contemporary living are: space for the enjoyment of family activities . . . personal privacy when wanted . . . easy transition from indoor to outdoor living . . . inobtrusive efficiency. We commissioned Architect Harry E. Ormston to design a modestly-priced home for *Monticello Forest* that would answer these specific desires.

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In the home's central area, two complete window walls provide a clean sweep of light through the house from front door to terrace area. The bright, cheerful kitchen has dishwasher, disposal, 9 ft. refrigerator with freezer, fan (all by Westinghouse) and an RCA Estate full oven range.

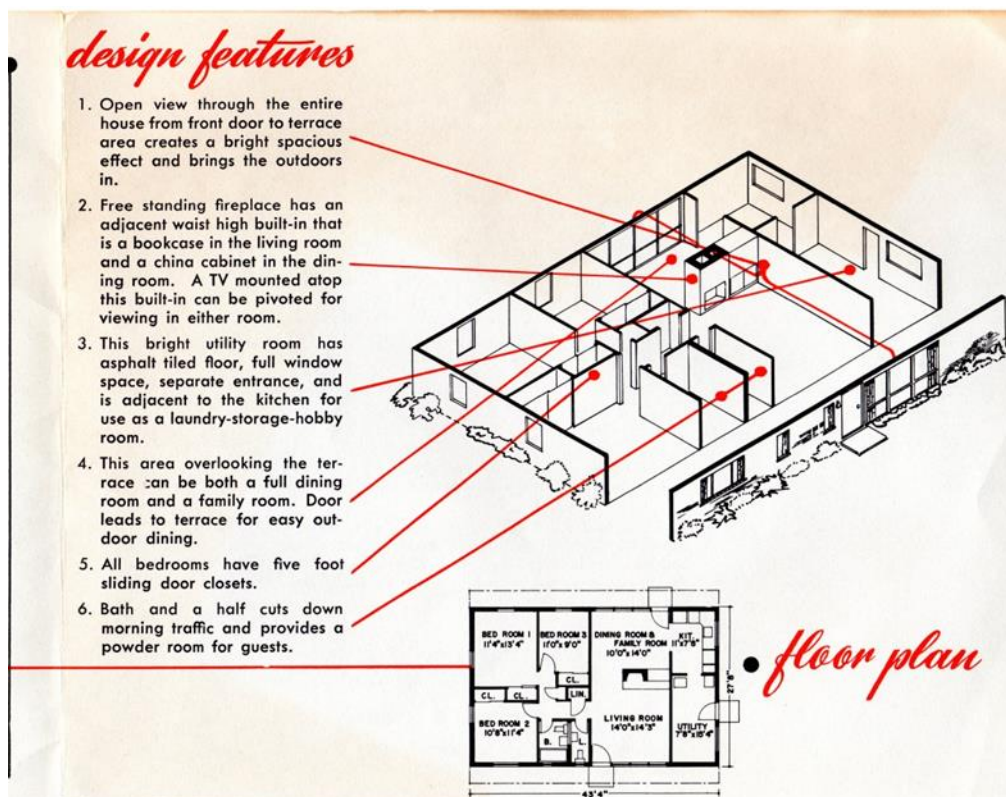
Along with a top plan must go quality construction and good site planning. You'll find both in *Monticello Forest*. Every effort has been made to preserve the natural beauty of the terrain and enhance it with careful landscaping. An individuality rare even in expensive custom homes is obtained by a variety of entrances and exterior treatments and finishes—for example in the use of used brick, painted brick, sand finished brick, and redwood siding.

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you'll find Springfield's *location ideal*

Springfield is a unique community, capable of providing a background for the kind of contemporary living for which the *Monticello Forest* homes were designed. Long in the blueprint stage before the first shovel of earth was turned, Springfield is still growing from a master plan evolved under the guidance of some of the country's leading community planners. The new Garfield school, as delightfully modern as you and your children could wish, is but a half block from *Monticello Forest*. One group of stores is now in operation. Over 70 acres have been zoned and reserved for a future business district *free from parking problems*. The first unit—a complete shopping center—is now under construction. Land for a 27-acre park has been donated to Fairfax County. Sites in Springfield are now owned by six different churches; one of which already has been built, the other five in various stages of construction. There is everything in Springfield—even to its own community newspaper—to make this an integrated and perfect setting in which to raise a family.

DIRECTIONS: To reach *Monticello Forest*, drive out modern dual lane Shirley Highway, turn right at the Springfield Cloverleaf onto Keene Mill Road and follow signs to homes on right. Just 15 minutes from downtown. *Not a traffic light after you leave the District line.*



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Sales Price and Financing Information						
	Sales Price	Down Pymt	Loan	Month. Pymt Prin. & Int.	Taxes & Ins.	Approx. Total Month. Payment
All Brick						
25 Year GI Loan	15,500	0	15,500	86.16	15.00	101.16
30 Year GI Loan	"	500	15,000	76.01	15.00	91.01
25 Year FHA Loan	"	2900	12,600	73.67	15.00	88.67
Brick and Frame Front						
25 Year GI Loan	15,430	30	15,400	85.61	15.00	100.61
30 Year GI Loan	"	430	15,000	76.01	15.00	91.01
25 Year FHA Loan	"	2930	12,500	73.09	15.00	88.09
All Frame Front						
25 Year GI Loan	15,416	16	15,400	85.61	15.00	100.61
30 Year GI Loan	"	416	15,000	76.01	15.00	91.01
25 Year FHA Loan	"	2916	12,500	73.09	15.00	88.09
All Corner lots \$250.00 additional						
NOTE: On VA Loans, each \$100.00 down payment reduces monthly payment as follows: 25 year \$0.56 30 year \$0.51						
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THE SUSSEX

Monticello Forest

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No matter which home you pick, you can be sure that in Monticello Forest you'll find congenial neighbors, nearby schools and churches, public transportation, adjacent shopping and a complete community with the accent on trees.

THE LINDEN (\$18,950)—A 45 foot brick rambler with three bedrooms, two full baths, two fireplaces—one in the full basement with outside entrance. Easy to maintain and with plenty of space.

THE RUTLEDGE (\$20,500)—A classic split level home with 3 bedrooms and two bath rooms upstairs—dining room has sliding glass doors to terrace area—fireplace in living room—steps down is the expensible lower level with its outside entrance and daylight windows, here is space for recreation room, hobby area, maid's room or additional sleeping space.

THE STAFFORD (\$20,500)—A hillside home built on two levels—private entrance hall—enclosed garage—3 bedrooms and 2 baths—patio off dining room—fireplace in living room and one in lower level which can be made into a smart recreation room or second living room for teenagers—plenty of storage space.

THE SUSSEX (\$16,950)—A ground hugging one level rambler as interesting as it is inexpensive—three bedrooms, one and a half baths—carport—utility storage room—sliding glass doors from dining room to backyard. Budget-priced, quality-built.

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(1-31-59 ad from The Washington Post for some of the model offerings in the second phase of Monticello Forest)

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So it is with all that, I conclude my segment of this first 2021 edition of The Springfield Reporter. Be sure to catch the next installment in the March edition. In the meantime, I hope you all will continue to take pride in your locally important homes and neighborhoods as well as in the history of Springfield, Virginia. Please consider contacting your civic association members to volunteer what you can to help restore the Crestwood's Springfield sign as a proud and fitting monument to the start of such a wonderful part of the area as we go into the 75th Anniversary of when Mr. Carr purchased the land and the 70th Anniversary of when Crestwood Construction broke ground for the model homes from which today's Springfield took root.

See you next time!

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Speakers:

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Graham Owen

John Jones

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