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Kimley-Horn Delivers Final Report on “Bury the Wires and Tame the Traffic” Study to Village

On September 4th, the team of Kimley-Horn Associates presented its recommendations and concept plans resulting from its preliminary engineering study, launched early this year, to Waterford area residents. The study involved deliberations with area residents, VDOT, the Loudoun County Sanitation Authority, the Virginia Department of Resources, Verizon Telephone, Dominion Virginia Power, the Virginia Department of Environmental Resources, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and others.

Highlights of the meeting, which was held in the Old School Auditorium, included measures that addressed traffic taming, drainage improvements, burial of the wires, and village lighting, taking into account as well the needs and preferences for historic preservation. The following actions were recommended:

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The Waterford Fair Turns Sixty this Year!

From October 3 through 5, the Waterford Fair will be celebrating its 60th anniversary - that's 60 years of volunteers! Some things only improve with age, and the Fair is no exception.

Adding to the excitement this year will be a raffle—a particularly nice raffle. One of our fine furniture makers, Mr. Jim Beachley, of Thurmont, Maryland has donated a stunning reproduction of a 1760 Philadelphia rococo Chippendale writing table, which will be displayed in the window of the Corner Store. Tickets for the raffle can be purchased only from Mr. Beachley in his room on the second floor of the Old School during the three days of the Fair. If you've never taken the time to walk that one extra flight of stairs to the second floor, you've been missing out on the offerings and demonstrations of some remarkable crafters. Stop by the windows at the Foundation office for a look at this lovely curly maple piece, and then head right for the Old School to get your raffle tickets.

We also look forward to a special educational opportunity. Dr. David Clark, a professional archeologist, will be presenting a program at The Park during the Fair. Dr. Clark lectured at the newly formed Waterford Lyceum recently, to great reviews. At the Fair he will provide the community and visitors with information about archeology in the Waterford region of Loudoun County.

The Book Nook promises to be a popular gathering place again this year. Books by Loudoun authors or books about Loudoun history will be featured. A full schedule of book signings has been announced by Book Nook Chairman Nancy Doane. Authors planning to talk about their writing and sign books include Jan Neuharth, Russell Versaci, Geraldine Brooks, Tony Horwitz and others.

As we mark 60 continuous years of this amazing Fair, we will recognize some of our craftspeople, food vendors and even our

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Small basket
by Claudio Leo



Pottery Jug
by Winston & Rose



Table
by Mac Headley



Miniature Hooked Rug
by Barbara Trigg



Red-breasted Merganser by
K. William Kautz

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musicians who have been participating for an astonishing number of years. Several of the Fair "Hall of Fame" participants will be profiled in the 60th Anniversary booklet that you will receive at the ticket booths.



Miniature houses
 by Steven Soechtig



Miniature quilts by Kathie Ratcliffe

Come to the Fair

early and stay late - we guarantee you'll have a wonderful time!

Book Signings Schedule

Friday, October 3

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Meredith Bean McMath

Pella's Angel; Southern Courage—Civil War Women of Loudoun County; and Waterford News (video)

12 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Russell Versaci

Creating a New Old House

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Fred Johnson

19th Century Loudoun County Chair Manufacturing; and Made in Waterford

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Geraldine Brooks

Foreign Correspondence - A Pen Pal's Journey from Down Under to All Over; Nine Parts of Desire - The Hidden World of Islamic Women; and Year of Wonders - A Novel of the Plague

Saturday, October 4

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Mary Fishback

Loudoun County - People and Places; Loudoun County - 250 years of Towns and Villages; Loudoun County - A Family Album; Loudoun County - Leesburg; and Northern Virginia's Equestrian Heritage

12 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Donovan Kelly

Quest for the Holy Grill: 50 Crummy but Good Restaurants within Rambling Range of Washington, D.C.

Steve Scafidi

Sparks from a Nine-Pound Hammer

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Michael Kilian

Grave at Glorietta ; Ironclad Alibi; Killing at Balls Bluff; and Murder at Manassas

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Geraldine Brooks and Tony Horwitz

Sunday, October 5

10:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Tony Horwitz

Baghdad Without a Map; and Other Misadventures in Arabia; Blue Latitudes - Boldly Going Where Captain Cook Has Gone Before; Confederates in the Attic - Dispatches from the Unfinished Civil War; and One for the Road: An Outback Adventure

12 noon - 2:00 p.m.

Jan Neuharth

The Hunt

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Raymond Michaels

Acappella Blue

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Geraldine Brooks and Tony Horwitz



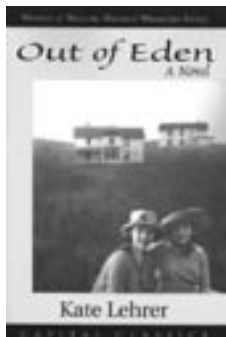
Acclaimed Authors Kate and Jim Lehrer Featured Speakers at Foundation's November George Bentley Lecture

The Waterford Foundation is pleased to announce that Kate and Jim Lehrer will be the guest speakers at the George Bentley Lecture on November 2nd at the Old School auditorium, Waterford.



Copies of the authors' books will be available for purchase and signing. As always, attendance is free and open to the public. The program begins at 4pm in the "Old Schoolhouse" at the corner of High and Fairfax Streets in Waterford.

Kate Lehrer, a Texas native, is the author of several books, including *Out of Eden*, *Best Intentions*, and *When They Took Away the Man in the Moon*. Her latest novel, *The Bigamist*, was published just this year. She will read from and discuss one of her own favorites, *Out of Eden*, first published in 1996 and now newly available from Capital Books. It was the 1996 winner of the Western Heritage Wrangler Award, given by the National Cowboy



Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center, and is the moving story of two young women's struggle to control their

lives and their happiness on the Kansas prairies of the late 19th century.



Well known to television viewers as the nightly news anchor on PBS, Jim Lehrer has managed to find time to write more than a dozen novels, plus two memoirs and three plays. *No Certain Rest* is the name of Jim Lehrer's thirteenth novel, and a national best seller. It recounts the quest of a U.S. Parks Department archaeologist to solve a murder committed during the Civil War, and was inspired by visits to the Antietam battle site.

During the last four presidential elections, Lehrer served as a moderator for nine debates, including all three of the presidential candidates' debates in 2000. He also hosted the Emmy Award-nominated program "Debating Our Destiny: Forty Years of Presidential Debates."



The Lehrers live in Washington, D.C., and also maintain an 18th century farmhouse near the Antietam battle site. 🌳

New Waterford Foundation Publication Details Loudoun's Vote on Secession

On May 23, 1861, Loudoun residents joined those from other Virginia counties in a referendum to approve the ratification of the Ordinance of Secession, which had been passed the previous month at a convention in Richmond chaired by Leesburg's John Janney. The Waterford Foundation's latest publication, authored by Taylor M. Chamberlin, *Where Did They Stand?* provides the first fully alphabetized listing of the 2,354 Loudouners who voted that day—1,628 of whom opted to join the Confederacy and 726 to remain in the Union.

An introductory chapter outlines events leading up to the referendum, which saw Loudoun abruptly shift from overwhelming opposition to secession to equally strong support for joining the Confederacy. Only in the precincts of Lovettsville, Waterford and Waters (Neersville) did majorities favor remaining in the Union, and their vote signaled the formation of a stubborn Unionist enclave in "north

Loudoun" that would persist throughout the coming war. The author includes a brief commentary on the election of county representatives to the Virginia House of Delegates, which was held at the same time as the secession referendum.

Another chapter is devoted to the notorious "Burning Raid" that Gen. Wesley Merritt's First Cavalry Division conducted throughout the Loudoun Valley in late November 1864. It was the worst disaster to ever beset the county, as the Yankee troopers put the torch to barns and mills, and carried off all livestock. Early the following year, some 140 Unionist farmers visited the winter camp of Gen. Thomas Devin's cavalry brigade in Lovettsville to file claims for losses suffered in this raid. In addition to providing a complete roster of these claims, including the claimants' names and amounts of their losses, the author has reproduced the only original claim known to exist. It was filed by his great-great-grand-

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- Pavers (stone, brick, and/or concrete resembling stone or cobbles), one-foot wide, consistent with native materials and flush with the roadway surfaces, used to define edges of pavement at specific locations and/or narrow the travel lanes
- Pavers, one to four feet wide, flush with the roadway surfaces, used to define the roadway centerline at specific locations to horizontally displace traffic and narrow travel lanes
- Valley gutters at the edges of the roadways to define the travel lanes and improve drainage
- Reduced radius at corners of intersections to slow traffic and/or discourage rolling stops
- "Bulb-outs" along the roadway and at intersections, with stone or concrete curbing, to add trees and landscaping, define parking areas, and add sidewalk area at corners
- Series of alternative "bulb-outs" with trees to provide a "chicane" effect on traffic
- "Speed tables" or raised sections of roadway to vertically displace traffic and allow easier pedestrian access
- Pavers and/or stamped concrete used at intersections to provide a variation in pavement surface, highlighting the intersection and presence of pedestrians, flush with approaching roadways, or as part of a speed table
- "Hump back bridge" in place of the wooden bridge over Tannery Creek to vertically displace traffic
- Lowering of roadway segments in some locations to allow for bulb-outs, speed tables, and hump back bridges (as well as safer pedestrian access and improved drainage)
- Addition and extension of sidewalks and walking paths along the roadway, separated by landscaping and/or pavers to narrow and/or define the travel lane
- Addition/modification of trees and landscaping along the roadways and at intersections (often in concert with other measures)

- Minimum signage at specific locations in the village to meet safety and regulatory requirements and to enhance traffic calming throughout the village

According to Kimley-Horn, these traffic-calming measures should result in a slight reduction in the average speed of vehicles within the village and a significant reduction in the speed of "rogue" drivers who grossly exceed reasonable speeds. Pedestrians and pets in the village are also expected to benefit. The measures are "traffic neutral"; i.e., concepts do not result in increased capacity in response to growing traffic volumes in the region. The capacity of the streets in Waterford will remain constant. Motorists will be able to progress through town at slow but reasonable speeds.

Drainage:

- Repairing curbs and inlets
- Regrading ditches
- Replacing and adding pipe culverts
- Cleaning out pipes and outfalls
- Rerouting drainage from historic structures
- Installing best management practice (BMP) measures to address storm-water quality flowing from Waterford to Catoctin Creek, including BMP landscaping, infiltration practices, bio-retention measures, grass swales and manufactured BMP systems

The various types of traffic calming measures will contribute to the storm-water drainage recommendations, especially with respect to the drainage problems along Second Street and Main Street from the Tin Shop to the existing wooden bridge.

Bury the Wires

The extent of burying the wires would extend from just west of the First Street



Traffic calming center strip at Second and Janney Streets

bridge over Catoctin Creek, just north of First Street on Clover Hill Road, north of the Loyalty Road/Brown's Lane intersection, and approximately 1/4 mile south of the Clarks Gap Road/Factory Street/High Street intersection. Recommendations for relocating overhead wires to underground services include:

- Underground electric service generally following the streets in Waterford, either under the pavement or adjacent to the road
- Underground telephone service following the same plan as the underground electric service
- Conduits for power and telephone as a duct bank in a single trench, with conduits separated by an appropriate distance to be determined during design
- Spare conduits in this same duct bank for additional electric service, additional telephone services, and possible future cable and Internet services
- Above-ground transformers in appropriate locations. Screened or otherwise hidden from view of pedestrians and motorists, if possible, through strategic placement, addition of shrubs, construction of screen walls, etc.

Lighting

Historically correct lighting is recommended, consisting of the following:

- A fixture similar to a coach-lantern type with a decorative pole, consistent with the character of the village, conforming to "dark sky" standards and minimizing light trespass onto private properties
- Pedestrian level lighting at 8 to 12 feet

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News From the Board Room

Highlights of recent Waterford Foundation Board meetings:

- New Board Member – Sherry Satin has been named to fill the unexpired term of Bill Mularie, who resigned earlier this year. Sherry and her husband, Joel, moved to Waterford about 3 years ago, and reside at “Old Acre” on Second Street. She has been active in several Waterford activities, including the Concert Committee, the Waterford Gardeners’ Club, and as a volunteer docent.
- Waterford WISP – the Foundation’s broadband initiative is nearing reality. Board member Bruce Cleveland has incorporated Waterford WISP as a nonprofit supporting organization and ordered a high-speed T-1 line. He and Executive Director Eric Breitkreutz have been working with the easement holder on approval of the Old School as the site of the antenna, with the Corner Store as an alternative choice. For more information, contact Eric Breitkreutz at the Foundation.
- Second Street School – the fall session begins on October 14th and registration is already full for the school year. Of the 41 Loudoun elementary schools, 17 have registered, as have 3 private schools. SSS coordinator Kathie Ratcliffe will be working with the Foundation’s webmaster, Marsha Thompson, to place text and photos on our website in the near future.
- Historic House Easements – Waterford resident Neil Keller hosted an informal historic house easement explanation session with representatives from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) for herself and other village home owners who had expressed an interest in placing easements on their properties. Since then, Ms Keller has formally requested that VDHR accept an easement on her property, the Griffith-Gover House on Main Street. We anticipate that other village residents may follow suit in the near future.
- Grants Program – Board members and staff are in the process of finalizing proposals to a number of local funding organizations to support our regular program of activities, including the Waterford Concert Series, the Walking Tours, the George Bentley Lecture Series, and other educational activities.
- Foundation Properties – Several buildings are currently undergoing renovations. A structural upgrade is planned for the Red Barn, including a strengthening of the flooring and a possible roof replacement. Repointing of the foundation of the Second Street School has been completed. Work on the Tin Shop is progressing well. 🌿

(Loudoun Vote on Succession, con’t.) father Edward Matthews, a Quaker farmer from Waterford. Despite intensive lobbying that stretched into the early 20th century, the claimants were only partially successful in winning reim-



bursement from the U. S. Congress. A final chapter provides the first readily accessible listing of the approximately 400 claims that were filed by Loudoun residents with the Southern Claims Commission after the war. Besides having to document damages caused by Northern soldiers, the claimants had to prove their loyalty to the Union cause throughout the war, and many found that their vote in the secession referendum barred them from consideration. All claims are listed alphabetically by the name of the claimant and show the amount lost, the outcome of each case, and any reimbursement. A sample claim has been reproduced, along with a questionnaire used by Southern Claims investigators in gathering evidence about claimants through interviews with their neigh-

bors and other acquaintances. While Chamberlin’s latest book is a significant new resource for local historians and genealogists, *Where Did They Stand?* will also appeal to anyone interested in Loudoun’s history. The book is priced at \$10 and may be purchased either in person, by mail or online at www.WaterfordVa.org from the Waterford Foundation. It is also available from the Thomas Balch Library in Leesburg, and at selected local bookstores. All proceeds go towards the preservation and interpretation of the National Historic Landmark of Waterford. 🌿

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above roadway or sidewalk elevations

- Placement of lights in appropriate locations to address safety concerns for pedestrians and motorists.

The Next Steps

The final steps in the planning process involve obtaining funds for the improvements and completing the environmental documentation. Over the next year, the Foundation, Waterford Citizens' Association, and the Waterford PTO will be evaluating the recommendations and looking at funding opportunities. This effort could involve an appropriate public entity or public-private partnership to execute the design and construction of a program of projects to make the concept plans a reality. 🌱

Based on the plans developed in the Kimley-Horn study, rough order of magnitude (ROM) costs are as follows:

Project Item Costs

Traffic-calming measures (2.4 miles of roadway, 12 intersections) \$2,800,000

Drainage improvements associated with traffic calming \$600,000

Pedestrian-level lighting consistent with village character \$700,000

Electric service relocation from overhead lines to underground ducts \$5,700,000

Telephone service relocation from overhead lines to underground ducts \$2,900,000

Utility service connections to existing structures \$800,000

Total in 2003 Dollars: \$13,500,000

Upcoming Events

- Friday – Sunday, October 3 – 5: Waterford Homes Tour and Crafts Exhibit, 10am to 5pm
- Sunday, October 26, 2pm: Guided Walking Tour of Waterford starts at the Old School. Free, open to the public
- Sunday, October 26, 4pm: Waterford Concert Series: Carmina. At the Old School.
- Sunday, November 2 at 4pm: George Bentley Lecture: Kate & Jim Lehrer, guest speakers. At the Old School. Free, open to public.
- Sunday, November 16 at 2pm: Guided Walking Tour of Waterford starts at the Old School. Free, open to the public.
- Sunday, November 16 at 4pm: Final program of the Waterford Concert series: Marcolivia. At the Old School.



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