



Representatives of the "extended" Middlesex Family YMCA community gathered August 3 to break ground for a new facility.



This architectural rendering shows an external view of the new facility.

Middlesex YMCA breaks ground on \$1,386,640 expansion project

On August 3, the Middlesex Family YMCA, 11487 General Puller Highway, Hartfield, broke ground on Phase One of a Building Brighter Futures Capital Campaign project amidst cheers from summer campers, county leadership, building industry professionals involved in the project and YMCA board members and staff.

Phase One includes a 9,000-square-foot multi-purpose facility and 2,000-square-foot gathering space, designed by Randall Kipp Architecture of Irvington.

"We are thrilled!" said branch executive Rosabeth Ward Kissman. "This big dream, vetted and reviewed by many classes of our board of management over the past 10 years has come to life. The constancy and commitment of the founding board to our present day task force is leadership upon which all should be modeled. These diligent keepers of our community see the value in our YMCA and its mission, and they are not shy of setting bold goals for our service in Middlesex County."

"The YMCA project was a very strong community-based effort that started with Rosabeth Ward Kissman's singular vision of providing a larger, better building for the programs she and her team felt the community wanted and needed," said Kipp. "Rosabeth's strong team-building

skills brought Randall Kipp Architecture, the Allan Group along with a myriad group of subcontractors who were all collectively interested in the idea of designing and building the new 9,000 square-foot Multi-Purpose facility and a 2,000 square-foot gathering space."

As a hands-on architect, Kipp indicated he will remain heavily involved in the construction phase as the project evolves.

"It is projects like this, meaning ones that enhance the quality of life we have here in the Middlesex County—ones that provide space and programs for children, young adults and adults alike that allows for development, education and social interaction in a safe and comfortable place—that will always be a project that I am attracted to and will donate time and energy to help make happen," he said.

"Truly, this was a combination of board leadership, the community, the generous donations and the spirit of cooperation that has made this opportunity so successful. I could not feel more fortunate to be involved with this group of people and this project," said Kipp.

The Phase One goal is \$1,386,640. A capital development plan for the addition of the Phase Two Wellness Center estimates the cost at an addi-

tional \$1,060,000.

Phase One will allow the YMCA the space to operate all programming on site.

Grant and foundation requests, donor meetings and partnerships with businesses are the foundations of the \$1,173,000 raised to date, said Kissman. Most notable of the grant and foundation gifts are the River Counties Community Foundation, The Cabell Foundation, Matthew T. Blackwood Foundation, Marietta McNeill Morgan and Samuel Tate Morgan Jr. Foundation. A Sentara partnership serves as a pledge toward Phase One construction.

In-kind giving to the Building Brighter Futures Campaign is wide reaching, she added.

"The generosity and support of our area businesses in this endeavor are humbling. The Allen Group, William Wills Contracting and Randall J. Kipp Architecture are at the forefront of our lead business support. As we progress through construction, we are excited to share the many ways that this community has moved this project forward," said Kissman.

Meanwhile, the capital campaign has entered the final push to raise a remaining \$200,000.

To contribute to the campaign, contact Kissman at rkissman@peninsulaymca.org, or 316-9191.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Third Friday

The businesses of Irvington will hold an informal gathering from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, August 19. Participating businesses will hold open houses. Visit with business owners, explore shops and enjoy refreshments.

Pets are welcome. Bring a can or bag of pet food for the Animal Welfare League of the Northern Neck.

Fair entries due

Registration is under way for the 2016 State Fair of Virginia competitions. The fair will extend from September 23 through October 2 at The Meadow Event Park in Caroline County.

Deadlines coming in September vary depending upon the competition category. To register or download an entry form, visit <http://bit.ly/298gRiH>.

Market Day at TAG

In connection with the Tappahannock Market Day, the Tappahannock Art Gallery, 200 Prince Street, Tappahannock, will be open from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, August 20. Member artists will host a free youth art activity.

Festival vendors

Vendors are wanted for the 21st annual Fairfield's Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. September 24 on the grounds of Fairfield's UMC, 4741 Northumberland Highway, Burgess.

The reservation fee is \$25 per space. The size of each space is approximately 12 feet by 14 feet. For details, contact Judy Hall at ladycheltenham3@aol.com; call the church office at 453-3770, or Dottie Longest at 370-0603.

Small Farm Conference

The seventh annual National Small Farm Conference will be held September 20 through 22 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The conference will feature short courses, presentations, exhibits, success stories and tours around Virginia Beach and the Chesapeake Bay.

The conference will be hosted by Virginia State University's College of Agriculture, Virginia Cooperative Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The registration fee is \$325 through August 5, or \$400. To register, visit vsu.edu/nationalsmallfarmconference.



Eleanore Cox (above) specializes in watercolors that feature color and light in the landscape and garden. Her work focuses on Virginia and she has traveled abroad annually for 30 years to paint en plein air in England, Ireland, France and Italy.

Eleanor Cox to judge RAL Labor Day Show

The Rappahannock Art League recently announced Eleanor Cox of Richmond will judge the annual Labor Day Show.

"I paint for the joy of painting," said Cox. "It is a natural way to express my ideas, impressions and reactions to nature, color and mood. Using landscape, the garden and still life, I am able to paint my responses in a way that expresses my sheer excitement of putting the brush to paper with watercolor paint, making marks, creating edges, washes and using brilliant color. Local regional scenes as well as traveling abroad give me endless opportunity to paint en plein air and in my studio. Gardening, cooking and teaching are passions I share with my brush."

Cox has a bachelor's from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She has won many local and regional awards including honors from the Southern Watercolor Society, the Baltimore Watercolor Society, the Potomac Valley Watercolorists and the Virginia Watercolor Society, all of which she is an artist member. Her work is in many private and corporate collections, including Forbes Magazine, Wachovia Bank, Philip Morris Corporation, CSX, Capital One, First Union Bank, and

James River Corporation.

The Labor Day show will be held August 31 through September 10 at the Studio Galley, 19 North Main Street, Kilmarnock. The show is chaired by Mary Ellis and Sharon Mundy.

An artists' reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. September 2. The show will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. August 31 through September 10 with the exception of September 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and September 4, from 12 to 5 p.m. All pieces will be for sale.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Quotes as of: Close on 8/15/16

Wells Fargo	48.27
Verizon	53.61
UBSH	27.36
Sun Trust Banks	42.10
Omega Protein	24.48
MDLZ	42.96
IBM	161.88
Exxon Mobil	87.81
Eastern VA Bank Shares	7.63
Dominion Resources	75.00
Bank of America	15.02
AT&T	43.02
Altria Group Inc	66.26
BB & T Corp	37.53
Bay Banks VA	6.0501
Ches Fin Shrs	21.73
CSX Corporation	28.01
DAVPX-O	19.84
DVIPX-O	15.28
DEOPX-O	15.25
DSCPX-O	10.66
DBALX	10.69

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James H. Ward, Jr. served as Commonwealth's Attorney for Middlesex County for 28 years and has since that time been defending individuals charged with criminal offenses in the Courts of the Middle Peninsula for over 8 years. He is now accepting DUI, traffic and criminal cases in the Courts of Lancaster County. Mr. Ward is seeing clients in Kilmarnock and Saluda locations. Call (804) 758-5391 or contact by email jward@jwardlaw.com.



This architectural rendering shows an internal view of the gathering area.

Gift shop stocks up on winter merchandise

Every January volunteers from Historic Christ Church & Museum, 420 Christ Church Road, Weems, travel to Atlanta's Winter Show at America's Mart to choose items for sale in the museum gift shop.

Carole Jean McConnico and Pattie Hope order items they think would make good gifts for visitors to Carter's 1735 church, reported McConnico.

Jewelry and accessories for the home are perennial favorites, as are children's books and piggy banks, she said. The volunteers choose items that

are intended to "delight the eye as well as the pocketbook."

Recent acquisitions include items for Christmas, such as nativity sets, said McConnico. Anticipating cooler temperatures, the gift shop sells cashmere ponchos and scarves that wrap.

Fall purses are also available and summer handbags are 50% off their regular prices, she said.

Parents and grandparents can find gifts for children as well as themselves, added McConnico.

The gift shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays.



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