

Where is the money? Second TEA grant for mill due to arrive in 2008

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In 1991, the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act introduced the Transportation Enhancement Program. (TEA). This offers federal money to communities for unique and creative actions for transportation plans to aid the environment. The Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) presented a \$300,000 grant in 2000 to the Turn the Mill Around Campaign to stabilize the Beverley (Chapman's) Mill. In 2005, the Turn the Mill Around Campaign requested a second grant of \$300,000 to be used for landscaping the several acres surrounding the mill. The second grant has been approved; however, the actual funds will not be distributed until the spring of 2008.

The money from the grant will largely be used to build restrooms with access for the handicapped as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. These restrooms

Correction

In the Nov. 2 story on page 57 about Our Saviour Lutheran Church's craft bazaar and cookie walk, the date and time were incorrect. The craft bazaar and cookie walk will be tomorrow, Saturday, Nov. 17. The time of the event is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Also the church's name was misspelled in the headline. Correctly it is Saviour. *The Bull Run Observer* regrets the errors.



Autumn at Beverley Mill

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will have running potable water and will be located close to where the Furr house was once located. A new potable water well will be required to supply enough water for the entire area.

If there is any money left from the grant, it will be used to build a series of walkways that will allow visitors to walk from the entrance gate at the east end of the property to the west end of the property. The mill building is approximately at the center of the mill property.

On two Saturdays, Dec. 1 and 8, there will be an open house from 9 a.m. to noon at the office of the

mill. The mill office is not located at the mill; it is located in The Plains at 4250 Loudoun Avenue. As you drive west into The Plains on VA 55 (John Marshall Highway), Loudoun Avenue is the first street on the right. The mill office is located next to Girasole Restaurant. If you cross the railroad tracks, you have gone too far. If you drive from the east to The Plains on I-66, take exit 31 and drive north on Old Tavern Road to The Plains. Turn to the right and drive to the first street on the left, Loudoun Avenue; then turn left.

At the office, you will be able to purchase the Beverley

(Chapman's) Mill book that was released this past summer. Published by the Prince William County Historical Commission, this book is

the most complete history book on the mill. In addition, there will be paperweights on sale, crafted from the core stones drilled from the mill walls in the stabilization of the mill walls. Photographs of the mill will also be on sale. Also, light refreshments will be available.

The mill staff and all who love the mill wish to thank Senator Charles Colgan for obtaining the funds from the state to erect a sturdy, attractive fence to protect the mill and its property.

Ellen Percy Miller, executive director of the Turn the Mill Around Campaign, is in the early stages of submitting a proposal to establish a Historic District, which will cover the area around the Beverley (Chapman's) Mill. The focus would be on the Chapman Family and the milling process as well as the impact of the early railroad directly behind the mill. As most readers know, this is the area where Prince William and Fauquier Counties meet. This area is a true historical treasure in our area.

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