

Rockledge contract submitted

Rockledge, the two-century-old mansion overlooking Occoquan, is about to be sold, a local real estate firm announced today.

Ron Caricofe, a broker for Calvert Realty in Montclair, said the buyer submitted a contract July 20, less than a week after a Potomac News article reported the house was on the market. Don Sonner, the current owner, put Rockledge up for sale after giving up his attempt to restore it. An arsonist severely damaged the almost-restored structure in January 1980.

Caricofe said the buyer plans to use it for offices, without making substantial changes to the interior design. "Of course he wants to keep everything in line with the Rockledge look," Caricofe said.

Neither the buyer's name nor the selling price was disclosed. Sonner had asked \$325,000. Caricofe said he expects settlement to take place in 15 to 20 days.

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