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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION • Summer 2018

Next Meeting of the
**CHERRYDALE
CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday, May 16
7:00 pm
Oak Grove Park, 4012 17th St.
*(Rain location: St. Agnes
Parish Hall)*

Agenda:

- 7:00 - 7:15
Oak Grove Park Playground
Ribbon Cutting
- 7:15 - 7:45
Q&A with Arlington County Board
Member Libby Garvey
- 7:45 - 8:15
Updates on: (i) Artis Senior Living
Proposal; (ii) Ed Center High
School; (iii) Buck Property; and
(iv) Lee Highway

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May 16 Oak Grove Playground Ribbon Cutting; Q&A with County Board Member Libby Garvey

Join us at our next meeting of the Cherrydale Citizens Association on **May 16** for the official ribbon cutting of our new Oak Grove Park Playground and to hear from, and engage in a question and answer session with, County Board Member Libby Garvey.



Arlington County just passed its fiscal year 2019 budget without raising the real estate tax rate but with some significant fee increases and one-time budget tricks. With commercial vacancy rates remaining high, new commitments to Metro, and ever-increasing demand for our growing schools, it's future budgets are going to require tough choices. Come hear what Libby has to say, and engage with her.

Join us June 9 for Plaque Ceremony & Talk about the 1960 Cherrydale Drug Fair Lunch-Counter Sit-in and Other Cherrydale History

As Cherrydale celebrates its 125th Anniversary, we remember that civil rights history happened right here on June 9, 1960, when brave students including Dion Diamond and Joan Mulholland staged a sit-in at the lunch counter of Cherrydale Drug Fair, 3815 Lee Highway. The students were confronted by local segregationists as well as American Nazi Party leader George Lincoln Rockwell and other Nazis. The students were subject to taunts and abuse, and some even flicked lit cigarettes at them. Today you can see the photos of the sit-in at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.



Join us on **June 9 at 10:30am** at **3815 Lee Highway** for the unveiling of a plaque commemorating this historic event. Join us at **11:00am** at **Cherrydale Library**, 2190 Military Road, to hear **Joan Mulholland** speak, and see photos commemorating the first school to be desegregated in Virginia—Stratford Junior High (now H.B. Woodlawn), the lunch counter sit-in, and the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department's response to the attack at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. **Kathy Holt Springston** will also speak about Cherrydale history. Old music, a 1911 Stanley Steamer automobile, cake and face-painting, too.



Cherrydale Yard Sales June 16

Join us **June 16**, from **8:00am until noon** for another great Cherrydale tradition—our annual neighborhood-wide yard sales! Each year dozens of households around Cherrydale hold yard sales on this day. Buyers come from our neighborhood and from all over.

Many thanks go to our organizers, **Kathy and Scott Springston**, who post directions to every participating residence, print and distribute maps showing the location of every sale, and advertise the event to bring in the buyers. To participate in this year's sales, send or drop off \$5 (make checks out to the "CCA") or cash) to Kathy or Scott Springston, 1713 N. Quebec St. Kids' lemonade stands, and sales for charity, may sign up for free. Include your name and address so we know who you are and where to send everyone. **Sign-up by June 13** to be included on the map. Contact Kathy or Scott at sdakss@aol.com if you have more questions. See you there!


Help Us with Cherrydale's July Fourth Block Party

Join us **July Fourth**, from **6:00pm until 9:45pm**, at **21st & Stafford Streets** for Cherrydale's annual barbeque, potluck, and fireworks block party. This is the best small-town July Fourth Party. We'll be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs, and you bring the sides and desserts. We'll have DJ Bobby G, a moonbounce, facepainting, dancing, hula-hoop contests, sponge fights for kids, a rousing reading of the Declaration of Independence by a real re-enactor, glowstick necklaces, and, at 9:15pm, a view of the fireworks over the National Mall.

It takes a lot of work to put this event together. Many thanks go to Cherrydale President Jim Todd, Michael DeCarlo, and Melissa Mitchell for organizing the party every year (and a special thank you to Sandy Moore for taking the lead last year). But **we need your help to make this great party happen**. We need Cherrydalers to help with fundraising, set-up, grilling, help during the party, and clean-up. Please contact Jim Todd, at president@cherrydale.net if you can help. We really appreciate anything and everything you can do to help keep Cherrydale a tight-knit community.

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Ed Center & Buck Property Updates

Arlington Public Schools Department of Education has vacated the Ed Center building at 1426 N. Quincy St., and APS has started renovating the Ed Center building to add classrooms for 500-600 high school students as a new APS High School yet-to-be-determined “program,” or as part of an expansion of Washington-Lee High School. APS is forming a Building Level Planning Committee (BPLC), and the County is likely to add a subcommittee to its Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC), to study and make recommendations about different aspects of the education and transportation issues surrounding the new Ed Center facility. The Cherrydale Citizens Association is nominating representatives to the BPLC and hopes to be nominating reps to the PFRC subcommittee soon. We’ll post more information on cherrydale.net as soon as we know more.



Across from the Ed Center lies the “Buck Property,” a 6.1-acre parcel that Arlington County recently purchased for \$30 million. There are four buildings on the site. Without appearing to wait for public comment, the County and APS have recently taken steps to relocate the police impound lot and APS’s “white fleet,” which consists of cars, trucks, garbage trucks, and other large vehicles with backup alarms. Construction of the impound lot will begin next year. APS white fleet activity is expected from 3:30am until 10:30pm. APS says it will work to mitigate noise and the size of the vehicles on the site. The County and APS also appear to be moving ahead before completing traffic studies or transportation assessments. APS had recently stated at a joint County-APS meeting on the Capital Improvement Plan that they were considering renovating the building closest to Hayes Park to provide 250 seats for elementary instruction. They now appear to be backing away from that proposed use. The Ballston Virginia Square Civic Association and the Cherrydale Citizen Association has stated their opposition to APS’s white fleet proposal. We’ll post more information on cherrydale.net as soon as we know more.



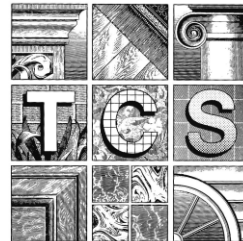
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Artis Senior Living Proposes to Build Seven-Story Assisted-Living and Memory-Care Facility at Old Lee Highway & Taylor Street

On April 26, the Cherrydale Citizens Association, Waverly Hills Civic Association, and Lee Highway Alliance hosted a joint meeting to hear Artis Senior Living present a proposal to build a seven-story assisted-living and memory-care facility. Artis is proposing to build the facility on the site of 2.8-acre “Courembis” property, on the northwest corner of Old Lee Highway and Taylor Street. Artis is a for-profit senior care company. It plans to place 184 units on the property, about half of which would be devoted to memory care. Artis estimates there might be about 45 employees on the site during the day shift.

Artis’s proposal presents challenges and opportunities concerning the building’s mass, height, and design; parking; traffic; green space; and the potential for mixed-use development of the site. It would require rezoning and have to go through Arlington County’s site-plan process. The site is currently zoned primarily for multi-family housing and townhouses.

This is just the beginning of the process. We will post more information in future editions of the Sweet & Sour News and on cherrydale.net when we know more.



Marymount Farmers Market Returns May 26

The Marymount Farmers Market returns May 26. The market will run Saturdays from 9am to 1pm until early-November. You can find a list of vendors at marymountfarmersmarket.org. Check out the market. It’s great.

The market organizers are looking for volunteers to help make it a continuing success. Last year’s Adopt-a-Saturday program was a great success. They are looking for six volunteers each Saturday to work one of three 2-hour shifts. You can sign up right on their website. See you there!

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Lee Highway Updates

If things go according to plan, some small changes and updates are coming to Lee Highway. Down by the I-66 Hot Lanes toll sign, VDOT says it is moving ahead with its commitment to remove the light bar underneath the toll sign, to paint the sign post and the back of the sign matte black, to plant some trees on the median, and to upgrade the cross walk at Kenmore Street to include ADA ramps and rapid-flashing pedestrian crossing signs. VDOT also plans to remove the brick pavers in the Kenmore Street crosswalk. The County has also stated that it is going to remove the brick pavers in the crosswalks at Monroe Street. This will be the end of brick-paver crosswalks in Cherrydale.

The County has proved a poor steward of the brick pavers in our crosswalks, but the pavers are part of promised design-elements in our County-Board-approved Cherrydale Revitalization Plan. Absent an amendment to the Revitalization Plan, County staff don't have unilateral authority to abandon Plan elements. We will be working with County staff and the County Board to try to limit unilateral changes in the future, at least for more important things like building heights. Some County staff now seem to understand the issue and have committed to replacing missing and damaged pavers in our sidewalks, redoing brick sidewalks where they have sagged, and to clearing soil that has settled on the sidewalk along Old Dominion Drive. Stay tuned.



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No registration required.

"Stop-in for Stories" (0-5 years) - May 7, 14 & 21, 4:15 pm.

No registration required.

"Stop-in for Stories" (0-5 years) -Thursdays, 10:30 am.

No registration required.

"Paws to Read" - First Saturday of June & July, 3:00-4:00 pm. K-5 students. Specially trained dogs will be available for 15-minute reading sessions. Register at CherrydaleLibrary.org.

Teens: Fun Workshops on Wednesdays: July 11- Aug. 1, 3:30 pm

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Knitting Club - Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. For adults, teens, and older kids with a parent. All levels welcome. No registration required.

"Get Crafty" - Adults 18+ only. Second Wednesday of the month at 1:30pm. For info. & to register go to CherrydaleLibrary.org.

"Tabletop Gaming Night" - Fourth Monday. of the month. Adults 18+ only. Games and instruction provided by NOVA Board Game Group. No registration required.

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