

SWEET&SOUR NEWS

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MINUTES OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Upcoming Events

Katherine Christensen reminded everyone to start practicing because December 16th will be Cherrydale's Annual Holiday Caroling Event. Groups will meet on either side of Cherrydale and carol their way to a central location where they will meet for drinks and snacks. More information will be sent out via list-serve and the newsletter.

Sweet and Sour News

The Sweet and Sour News continues to be the best way to reach Cherrydale residents with neighborhood information. There are 1200 households in Cherrydale and only about 400 of those are signed up to the list serve. The newsletter is also the community's main source of revenue. Bill L'Hommedieu is the current Editor. If anyone has anything that they would like to be included in the newsletter, please let him know. There will be another newsletter in December to complete the 2007 advertising year and then again in January before the Association meeting. Evan made note that he has seen other communities' newsletters and the Sweet and Sour News is really leaps and bounds better than any of the ones he has seen. Brian did note that distribution to all of the households continues to be an issue and encouraged residents to contact the distribution captains.

Oak Grove Park/Yellow House Update

Knell Bumbalo gave an update on the Full Circle Montessori School and the properties located along Oak Grove Park. Knell's children attend Full Circle and she knows the Director. The County told the director that they are planning to move the yellow house to the edge of the property further down 17th street and sell it to a private citizen. The brick house on Quincy (whose driveway is often confused as an entrance to the park) has taken their house off of the market. Without the acquisition of both properties the school cannot move to that location. Maureen noted that the community should think about what they really want to happen with that land because it could end up being a large soccer field with lights – perhaps not a favorable result for the park's neighbors. Maureen also pointed out that Cherrydale's NC plan calls for the house to stay in the spot that it is in. Someone questioned why the County would want to move the house down on the property and Brian explained that moving the house allows the County to just sell the end of the land with the house and continue to use the rest of the property in contiguous fashion with the park. Moving the house farther away from Quincy also makes it a more marketable property.

Featured Presentation: Historic Preservation Tax Program

Terry Gaw explained that the Association is trying to encourage participation in the bi-monthly meetings and to that end will be providing speakers on various topics of interest as well as organizing fun activities like a chili cook off for the meetings. Terry introduced this month's speaker: Michael Levinthal, Coordinator for the Historic Preservation Program within the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (DCPHD).

Cherrydale is designated as a Historic Community, which automatically qualifies Cherrydale homes built before 1955 as Historic Properties. A

survey of qualifying homes in Cherrydale was done in 2003 (at the time of the community historical designation) and all of the homes that met the requirements are listed in the National Register of Historic Properties. There are more than 800 homes in Cherrydale that qualify. These homes may apply to participate in the state tax benefits program for home restoration. Originally set up to help owners improve homes that were not up to code, approval for the historic preservation tax program is based on three things:

1) Whether your home is listed in the National Register of Historic Properties.

2) How much you reinvest in your property. The value of the improvement must be 25 percent of the total value of the structure (not including the value of the land). Minimum is based on what your building is worth the year before the project.

3) Completing the Certificate of Appropriateness forms. Mr. Levinthal emphasized that if you contact him, he will complete these forms for you.

The law in the state is that if you spend x amount and you qualify for the program, then 25 percent of what you spent can qualify as a tax credit (to be used over ten years). He pointed out that the State loses no money because you have paid sales tax and income tax. The most important part is that homeowners need to plan ahead. Retroactively applying for the program is tough to do – you need to have the appropriate before and after photos and homeowners must take advantage of the program within a year of completing the project.

Mr. Levinthal emphasized that the 25 percent credit only applies to money spent in the historical part of the building; money spent on additions or renovations to additions does not count. Therefore, homeowners should try to do as much as possible in the old building (e.g., location of new furnace, new electrical box). Things that often are included as qualifying expenses for the program include: foundation work, water treatment, floors, walls, ceiling, exterior, interior, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, custom cabinets for the kitchen, fixtures, lighting fixtures, windows – retain historic windows and put in high end storm windows, and super insulation in your roof. He

noted that if there is a project you want to do and the state does not like it, don't do it right now - wait two years until after you are approved and then do it.

A Cherrydale resident recalled her experience with the Historical Preservation Program. Her home was built in 1913, and when they bought it nothing had really been done to it. They began the program because they wanted to get squirrels out of the attic. She noted that there were some aspects of her home that they couldn't prove what the house originally looked like. Michael really helped in proving that we once had a porch. They found there was some flexibility with how the state evaluated projects, there were certain restrictions (around windows), but they went back to the original siding and were able to completely redo the outside of the house. She felt that the biggest downside of the program is you get greedy considering that you are getting 25 percent off. She noted that they were able fully insulate the house and to do many things that we might not have considered. Overall it was a really positive experience, Michael really helped us maximize everything we could do. The state did give feedback on the plans.

Mr. Levinthal completed his presentation by encouraging residents interested in participating in the program to go to the website of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and research the rules and regulations. They can also contact Mr. Levinthal (703.228.3813) and he will walk you through the process. The state does charge you for two evaluations. Finally, Mr. Levinthal cautioned that the state can be pretty strict on some of their regulations. If it is a choice between your design and appeasing the county to get the credits, do your design.

Brian thanked Michael for coming and announced that at the January meeting we are going to do a Chili Cook-off.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.



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MINUTES OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

September 19, 2007

Presided by Brian Bonnet, President
Minutes taken by Cindy Scarcella

Meeting called to order at 7:40 by Brian Bonnet.
A quorum was present.

Fire Station/Bromptons

Brian opened the meeting by inviting Kimberly Pruitt and George May from the County to provide an update on the fire station. Kim Pruitt noted that tomorrow (Thursday, November 15th) is her last day with the county and she wanted to come in and say goodbye and thank Cherrydale citizens for all their hard work with the fire station. George May, her boss, will take over all of the issues related to the fire station.

The current status for the project is that the Development Sales Agreement went to Koons on Halloween. This marks the beginning of the negotiation period. The county is waiting to hear back from Koons with their counter-agreement. Kim noted that she is not sure how long that will take, but does not anticipate it being a long process. The County was aware of what Koons wanted and the Agreement reflects that. Demolition of the Stowe and Hanson properties should be happening by the end of this year/beginning of next year.

Margaret McKelvey asked Kim if it is wise to tear the properties down before the sale deal with Koons is complete. She pointed out that if the sales agreement fell through, than the expense of tearing down the properties could be wasted money. Kim responded that the properties are considered a public nuisance – the Stowe property has been abandoned a very long time and is not structurally sound, contains lead paint, and just had asbestos removed, and the Hanson house has had all of its interior finishes removed, is nothing but sub-flooring, and the Terra Cotta foundation is starting to deteriorate. The County would have to demo the properties regardless of the Koons outcome.

Another Cherrydale Citizen asked if Kim had heard any information on the Bromptons. Kim responded that she had heard rumor that demo should happen soon. The company does need a demo permit (which has not been obtained).

Arlene Greenfield noted that she saw a flier on a telephone about a protest from the developer (Ed Peete) regarding county citations for the utility work. Brian responded that the County is citing them for not finishing the underground utility work because, at this point, it is all they can cite them for. Part of the reason it was not completed is that the Bromptons, Brown's, and the nursing home are all on the same transformer, so the utility work required is a lot more complicated.

Maureen Ross asked Kim why the reason the Bromptons building was condemned is such a secret; she noted that if a private home were to

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1st Annual Cherrydale End-of-Summer Bash Was a Smash!

On September 28th approximately 100 Cherrydale adults and 30 children celebrated the good life of Cherrydale and took the opportunity to enjoy a late summer evening together. The location was the mini park located in the Bromptons community in Cherrydale. There was a wonderful array of foods and drink that evening, plus several surprises. There was a free drawing for prizes donated by local merchants, including a gift certificate to Arrowine, a gift certificate for Portabello's Restaurant and a gift certificate

to Sun & Moon yoga studio. Balloons were provided by Company Flowers and Thai food was donated from Sala Thai. Lucy Ryan did face painting and temporary tattoos for the children. Another major hit of the evening was the arrival of the Cherrydale Fire Truck. Our local firefighters introduced the children (and some adults) to all the fun features of the truck, including the lights and siren.

The evening was a wonderful social success and has laid the groundwork for a similar event next year. Clearly Cherrydalers like to socialize and this was a special opportunity to make new friends and visit with existing ones.

We want to thank the party chairperson, **Terry Gaw** and committee members **Arlene Greenfield, Evan Lacopo, Lucy Ryan and Allison Horton**. Extra special thanks to our area merchants who contributed to our success: **Sala Thai, Company Flowers, Arrowine, Sun & Moon Yoga, Portabellos, Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department and the Cherrydale Civic Association.**

JANUARY MEETING: Business Agenda: TBA

The Important Work Begins:
The Great Cherrydale Chili Cookoff

Are you willing to bring a pot of chili and share the treasured recipe?

Contact Terry Gaw at
TAGAW@aol.com

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 AT 5 PM: 4th Annual Cherrydale Caroling Party

JOIN IN HOLIDAY SINGING (no musical talent required!) Greet your friends and surprise your neighbors!

Meet at either 1811 N. Kenmore St. (Hahn & Arakaki) or 1909 N. Randolph St. (Christensens) by 5 pm on Sunday, December 16. Cherrydale songbooks will be provided, but please bring a flashlight and dress warmly or appropriately for the outdoor weather, and plan to stay on for a combined gathering after the singing.

If you wish to be sung to (so we can map our routes), or for questions, contact Katherine Christensen at treasurer@cherrydale.net or 703-841-0692. Look for a reminder email on the Cherrydale list serve in the days before the event.

The Cherrydale Holiday Bazaar

Need a Babysitter? Need a sitter for those holiday parties or to go shopping or even a mother's helper during the holiday break? Give W-L sophomore Elizabeth Claydon a call at 703-528-2134. She's experienced and has excellent references.

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Membership Dues are due for 2008 in January

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be condemned the reason would be public record. Kim answered that the reason is confidential because of the pending lawsuit against the engineer, but basically it was due to structural issues. Kim was told that the developer did not account for all of the building material that they ultimately used in their site plan. Considering the material they did use, the structural beams were not sufficient to maintain the weight. Brian explained the problem further as "it is a brick building on a stick frame."

Moving the conversation back the fire station, Kim noted that the timeline for the project depends on the Development and Exchange Agreement with Koons. She noted that the design for 21st Rd. is complete, they have all of the construction easements, the utility companies have been out, and now it is just a matter of waiting until they own the land before they can proceed with the work. The first phase is to reposition 21st Rd. The new road will start where the old Stowe property is located. They will then complete the underground utilities and transformer.

Harry Spector asked where the bus stop on Lee Hwy would be located during the construction phase for 21st Rd. Kim answered that bus stop will ultimately be in front of Koons Garage, but during construction it will be relocated to an interim location. Kim was unsure where that interim location would be.

Some residents questioned the timeline for the work on 21st Rd. Kim explained that worst-case scenario for the work on the road to begin is June/July of next year. The first phase of the road construction is expected to take 3 months.

Another resident asked about the agreement regarding the five points sidewalk. Kim explained that the five points sidewalk is part of the County Board conditions of the firehouse project and it must be complete before occupancy of the fire station is approved. She further explained that VDOT has agreed to do a safety project around five points which will provide the money for the sidewalk and the light project.

2008 Officer Election

Brian continued the meeting with the next order of business: election of CCA officers for 2008. At the previous association meeting Annmarie Lipold agreed to head up the nominating process again. Two other Cherrydale Citizens also volunteered their time to the nominating committee: Knell Bumbalo and Peggy Cajati. The nominating committee made several calls to identify nominees. It is a difficult task to find volunteers for these positions. The committee made the following nominations for 2008 officers:

- Brian Bonnet as the candidate for President,
- Evan Lacopo as the candidate for Vice President,
- Maureen Ross as the candidate for Secretary, and Katherine Christensen as the candidate for Treasurer.

No floor nominations were made and all nominated candidates were voted Association Officers by meeting attendees. Annmarie thanked the new 2008 officers, the volunteers on the nominating committee, and the 2007 officers.

Treasury

Katherine gave a quick report on the treasury. Currently the Association has approximately \$12,000. Annual operating expenses are around \$11,000. All community events are well funded and Katherine encouraged anyone who has ideas for new events to feel free to ask for funding because there is money for them. Advertising from

the newsletter provides the majority of our support. There will be a full fiscal report at the January Association meeting.

Neighborhood Conservation

Brian introduced Harry Spector, Cherrydale's Neighborhood Conservation representative to give an update on the County NC meeting. Harry began with the good news: 18th street is finally the number one project for the funding round next month. The original project plan needed to be changed slightly because all NC projects are now required to be ADA compliant. For streets, this mean a minimum 4 foot wide sidewalk with a 5 foot turn around every 500 feet. Fortunately the grade on 18th street allows driveway aprons to be used as the turn around so the sidewalk can maintain a 4 foot width throughout. The final plan will have sidewalk on one side, planting strip on the other side, curb and gutter on both sides, and Carlyle street lamps. The planting strips will be 2 feet wide, so they will be mostly grass (they need to be 4 feet wide for trees). There will be some street narrowing at the N. Quincy St. end which will also eliminate one, maybe two, parking spots. The other "major" change is the addition of a retaining wall at the corner of 18th and N. Oakland.

Harry also discussed his impression from the October County NC meeting. At the meeting Mark Schwartz from Management and Finance discussed the 2008 Bond outlook. Harry felt like Mr. Schwartz was putting out feelers to see what the reaction would be if NC did not get fully funded (one project per neighborhood per bond cycle) again. Harry noted that all the neighborhoods just completed the NC Infrastructure Surveys (as requested by the County Manager) and after doing that, people are not in the mood to have the county come back and cut NC funding/projects.

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Santa Arrives on December 23rd!

The Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department will host our annual holiday event at the Historic Cherrydale Fire Station (3900 Lee Highway) on December 23, 2007.



Santa Clause is scheduled to arrive with a fire and police department escort at 1:00 PM.

The celebration is open to children 12 years old and younger.

Numbers will be handed out at 12:30 PM and the doors will open at 12:45 PM.

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Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know: <http://www.theanimalrescue site.com/> ☺

vised quiet room so they can sleep. We ask that they bring a pillow and a blanket, but we are not responsible if it gets lost. If your child has any medications be sure that he or she takes it before arriving, or our adult first-aiders will gladly give it to them. If your child has any allergies, please let us know. ☺



HANUKKAH

Hanukkah is the annual Jewish festival celebrated on eight successive days beginning on the 25th day of Kislev, the third month of the Jewish calendar, corresponding, approximately, to December in the Gregorian calendar. It is also known as the Festival of Lights, Feast of Dedication, and Feast of the Maccabees, Hanukkah commemorates the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem by Judas Maccabee in 165 BC after the Temple had been profaned by Antiochus IV Epiphanes, king of Syria and overlord of Palestine. ☺

Seniors Program

For County residents 55 and over: Arlington offers classes, enrichment and travel programs, cultural and social events, physical fitness opportunities and more. Support services (for those who need them) promote health, safety, independence and self-sufficiency.

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- coordinates programs and activities at nine senior centers
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- runs the Senior Adult Travel office

Seniors (55 and over) can register with OSAP for \$10 per year which entitles them to a bimonthly program guide, access to senior centers, and opportunities to participate in local and overnight trips.

Join today and receive a bimonthly publication (Seniors in Action) of programs for adults ages 55 and over. The newsletter mailing is included in the \$10 annual senior adult program registration fee. To join, contact the Office of Senior Adult Programs, 300 N. Park Dr., Arlington, VA 22203. 703-228-4744. ☺

Cherrydale Young Men Assist in Arlington's Disaster Preparedness

Cherrydaler Zach Bowman became the 115th Eagle Scout of Troop 111.

Troop 111 is sponsored by St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church.

For his Eagle project, Zach painted, installed shelving in, and loaded three emergency-services trailers: one each for the Arlington Red Cross, Arlington Animal Welfare League, and the Arlington Office for Emergency Management. The trailers were purchased with a grant from the US Department of Homeland Security to increase Arlington County's disaster preparedness. The project took approximately 138 Man-Hours of work. Assisting Zach during shelving construction are Cherrydalers Mark and Paul Johnson.

Thank you Zach, Mark and Paul, we appreciate your efforts. ☺



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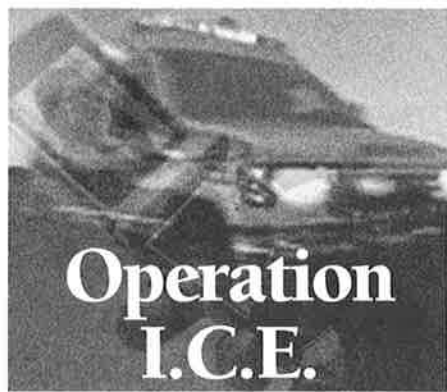


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Operation I.C.E.
Designate emergency contacts in your bank of stored cell-phone numbers

We all carry our mobile phones with names and numbers stored in its memory. Unfortunately, nobody, other than us, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family members or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't

know who to call. There are hundreds of numbers stored, but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence the "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of ICE is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As cell phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted in an emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case of Emergency). The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents, there were always mobile phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call. He thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, emergency service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as ICE.

For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc. It's a great idea that can save your life!

by **Scott E. Pardi**
Chief, Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department

Cherrydale Voting Results

COUNTY BOARD
Mary Hynes 433*
Walter Tejada 390*
Mike Mc Menimin 436
Josh Ruebner 100
Joseph Warren 162

SCHOOL BOARD
Abby Raphael 639*
Write-in 16

Registered Voters: 2735
Total Voting: 828
Percent Voting: 30.27

Editor's comment: 30 percent turnout in an election with statewide implications seems frightfully irresponsible to me. I guess we can feel somewhat better though in that the average county-wide was 24.38%.

more than just flowers Christmas Gifts, Stocking Stuffers & Family Feast Fun!



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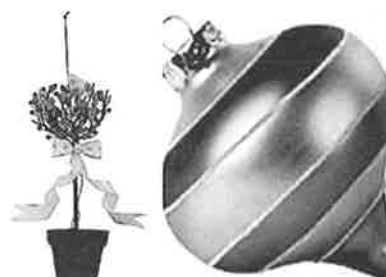
Somersaulting wind-up animals, others for fun as stocking-stuffer. At right, flower sink scrubber for Dad's stocking! Below, "Desserts" actually are towels adroitly folded by Japanese supplier, \$8.50 and up.



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Cherrydale Volunteer Firemen Carry on a Long Tradition of Christmas in Cherrydale



by Kathy Springston

Christmas in Cherrydale! Lights, caroling, and, hopefully, sledding on Terrell's Hill (and for the very adventurous, the Cherrydale hill — down Lee Highway), are all a part of the holidays here. Several of our favorite traditions have been occurring not just for years, but for generations. Did you know Santa Claus has been visiting the community since the 1920s, courtesy of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department?

The Christmas party of 1956 was typical of these popular, fun filled events. The entire event (as they always were, and still are) was organized by the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department, which asked the community for donations of used toys, especially bicycles. The fire fighters donated their time (and the materials) to fix up the old toys that were donated. These refurbished toys were then wrapped and given to "poor children" in the community. That year 58 kids received these refurbished toys, and 13 food baskets were given to "needy" families in Cherrydale. In addition, at the community party, held in the Fire Hall on Christmas Eve day, all the children in Cherrydale were able to visit with Santa Claus, and each received a red mesh stocking filled with an apple (donated by State Senator Harry Byrd), an orange (donated by Safeway), peanuts and a candy cane. Each child also received a small gift. Presents (donated by the Volunteers and the Cherrydale Elementary School PTA) had been wrapped (and marked "B" for boy, or "G" for girl) and placed under a glittering tree in the center of the room. After talking with Santa, each child was allowed to select his/

The men of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department gather used toys to refurbish to give out as gifts in 1954. Wouldn't you like to have that car now?

her own gift! About 250 children attended that year, and few (if any) forgot the mesmerizing day!

The 1959 Christmas party was slightly larger — 258 stockings were filled! 300 apples

donated by Senator Byrd, 300 oranges donated by Safeway, 112 pounds of candy, and 70 pounds of peanuts, were given away. Only 11 baskets of food were sent to "needy families", or the sick, injured or elderly members of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department.

By 1961, the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department had stopped collecting and refurbishing old toys. Not only did the men stop volunteering to do the work necessary to fix up the toys, it was noted, with a great deal of sadness, that "today's children desire larger, more costly toys". Santa continued to visit every year, thrilling the little ones with gifts. Food baskets were still fixed up, but the number had dropped to six — and three of these were for the widows of fallen fire fighters.

The tradition continues today, with the CVFD donating over 300 substantial gifts, as well as well filled stockings, to our community Christmas. ☺

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KWANZAA



KWANZAA IS A NON-RELIGIOUS African American holiday which celebrates family, community, and culture. It is celebrated for seven days: December 26 -January 1.

The name Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili. The kinara is the center of the Kwanzaa setting and represents the original stalk from which we came: our ancestry.

African Vegetarian Stew

4 sm Kohlrabies, peeled and cut into chunks
 1/2 c Couscous or Bulgar Wheat
 1 lg Onion, chopped
 1/4 c Raisins, dark or golden
 2 Sweet Potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
 1 tsp Ground Coriander
 1/2 tsp Ground Turmeric
 2 Zucchini, sliced thick
 1/2 tsp Ground Cinnamon
 5 Tomatoes, fresh or 16 oz Can Tomatoes
 1/2 tsp Ground Ginger

1/4 tsp Ground Cumin
 15 oz Can Garbanzo beans
 3 c Water

Combine all the ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and simmer until the vegetables are tender, about 30 minutes.

Note: Serve the couscous separately, if desired. Parsnips may be substituted for the kohlrabi.

Source: Holiday Cookbook, American Diabetes Association



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Call the library for more information. Join us for stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft. Both fall and winter sessions of the programs below require no registration.

TWOS ON THE FLOOR. For 2-year-olds, with an adult. Thursdays at 10:15 am. Fall session runs through November 29. Winter session begins January 17 and runs through March 13.

OLDER TWOS, THREES & FOURS TOGETHER. For older 2, 3- and 4-year-olds, with an adult. Thursdays at 11:15 am. Fall session runs through November 29. Winter session begins January 17 and runs through March 13.

READ TO ME: FAMILY STORIES. All ages with an adult: Wednesdays at 7 pm, but the time for the winter session is will change to 4 pm. Fall session runs through November 28. Winter session begins January 16 and runs through March 12. *Required Registration starts Jan. 3 for the Special Program Below*:

WOBBLY WALKERS: 12 months & up, with an adult. Monday at 10:30 am on February 4, February 11, February 25, & March 3.

Cherrydale Library Book Discussion

Monday, December 3 at 7:30 pm

The Book Discussion is facilitated by volunteer Joan Marik. New participants are always welcome, even if you read the book some time ago. E-mail Suzanne Embree (suza1@comcast.net) to learn more. Call to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a title (usually available a month in advance). **Monday, December 3 (7:30 pm):** *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace . . . One School at a Time*, written by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. **No Discussion in January.** Best Wishes for the Holidays! Our February book will be available to all Dec. 4.

Monday, February 11, 2008 (7:30 pm): *Killer Angels* [The Pulitzer Prize Winning Classic Civil War Novel], by Michael Shaara. . . published 1974, Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of a possible 5 stars), published in 1974; 355 pages. Read and highly recommended by a woman in our group. "My favorite historical novel... A superb re-creation of the Battle of Gettysburg, but its real importance is its insight into what the war was about, and what it meant." —James M. McPherson, author of *Battle Cry of Freedom*. . . "Remarkable . . . A book that changed my life . . . I had never visited Gettysburg, knew almost nothing about that battle before I read the book, but here it all came alive." —Ken Burns, filmmaker, *The Civil War*. "Shaara carries [the reader] swiftly and dramatically to a climax as exciting as if it were being heard for the first time." *The Seattle Times*.

Monday, March 10, 2008 (7:30): *Water for Elephants: A Novel* [Presently # 2 on Washington Post Fiction Bestseller List.], by Sara Gruen. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of a possible 5 stars), 331 pages of text. "The circus, the Great Depression, a complex elephant, equally complex love, the mists and twists of memory articulated in the utterly winning voice of a very old man who's seen it all: these are the irresistible elements of *Water for Elephants*. Sara Gruen has written an utterly transporting novel richly full of the stuff of life." —Pulitzer Prize winner Robert Olen Butler. . . "This lushly romantic novel travels back in forth in time between Jacob's

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The View from My Porch

PRONOUNS

I've got my Grammar Dude hat on while I muse on pronouns. How important is it that we use them correctly? More people care than you might imagine. Example: When Attorney General Gonzales resigned last month, his Rose Garden speech caused even his staunchest supporters to wince audibly. He said, "It's time for my wife and I to spend more time together." (It should have been "my wife and me.")

Here are some of the comments I read and heard around Washington over the next few days:

- The top law enforcement officer of the United States should speak better English.
 - What bad example to set for our children.
 - Sloppy grammar indicates sloppy administration
 - No wonder he ran such a slipshod operation; he can't even pay attention to proper syntax.
- Wow!

Okay, they got my attention. I thought back to a trick my high school English teacher taught me: When you've got a compound, do a little mental gymnastics and split them in two; then trust your ear. Thus, "It's time for my wife..." and "It's time for me..." Then reunite them: "It's time for my wife and me..." It has to do with object case pronouns in prepositional phrases, e.g., This is between you and me.

Welcome to the newest folks on upper Pollard Street: *Mine Sasaguri*, a free-lance journalist, and her husband *David Boling*, chief of staff for an Arkansas congressman. This SWEET 'N SOUR welcome is being delivered to her and him.

Next: Why it's okay to end a sentence with a preposition (and always has been). One more pesky rule to don't have to put up with.

I love wearing this Grammar Dude hat.

— Andy Murphy



GOOD EATS AT A CHERRYDALE

Black Bean Soup

(S.T. Manning, from "Cucumber Sandwiches and Other Fine Foods")

- 1 (24 ounce) can black beans
- 1 (15 ounce) can black beans
- 8 ounces hot salsa

Blend the beans from the large can in the blender until smooth. Pour into medium saucepan and add the small can of black beans (including juice) and the salsa. Heat until mixture bubbles. Serve hot with sour cream and cheese and green onions as a garnish. Also excellent served in a bread bowl.

This recipe comes from a recipe book produced by the Arlington LDS Congregation. It has contributions from several Cherrydale residents including Jeff (history editor) and Rene Johnson (committee co-chair), Mark and Paul Johnson (writers), and Zach Bowman (writer). The book is being sold as a fundraiser for Scout Troop 141. They are \$15 each, hardcover, with over 800 recipes from 200 contributors. Contact r@rene.us if you would like to purchase one. These make great gifts for Christmas!

Thanks to Rene' Johnson for this simple and wholesome recipe

Editor's note: I tried this recipe and added a little (or a lot) sherry. Consider filling a thermos and bring your version along to the caroling party.

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