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MINUTES OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

seem to be many developers jumping on the property. When asked if there was something that the CCA could do to encourage movement on the issue, Brian noted that the

County knows what the CCA wants – or at least the regulars – and that communication with the County Board from the “non-regulars” sends a strong message. He reiterated that the County doesn’t hear widely from Arlington residents and if they do hear from 10-15 members on a particular issue, it resonates with them.

FIRE STATION

The county is working on the land swap deal with Toyota. Currently there is some back and forth between attorneys. We can expect demolition on one of the houses over the next month or two. The County will also begin construction on 21st rd – first there will be utility work then road construction. The hope is to begin actual construction of the street by next spring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next Community Association meeting is in November and the plan is to elect new officers.

The Cherrydale Parade is on Saturday the 22nd. It starts in front of St. Agnes. If you would like to be part of it, just show up. If you have any questions you can contact Scott Springston.

The Cherrydale Neighborhood Social/Potluck in the Bromptons’ park will be on September 28th. Pollard St. will be closed off. There will be activities for children, a raffle, and lots of food.

Kevin O’Brien asked if there were any plans to have a Candidates Night for the upcoming County elections. Last year it was held in October. Brian noted that ideally, planning/scheduling for such an event would have started two months ago. Brian will contact campaign managers tomorrow and see if they can find a common time for sometime in October. Kevin reminded everyone the debate needs to be on a Wednesday evening if it is going to be at the firehouse. There also needs to be someone to prepare questions. Last year the questions were taken ahead of time, which was a good thing because some needed to be anonymous. There also needs to be a moderator. Brian asked

Kevin if he would be willing to help organize the event if they could find a common time in the candidates’ schedule.
OAK GROVE PARK

Knell Bumbalo discussed the proposed Montessori School for the properties that border Oak Grove Park. She noted that her daughter goes to Full Circle Montessori and the owner/director of that school would like to purchase the two houses on Oak Grove Park for a preschool. The yellow home is owned by the County and they are considering selling it for use as a school. The red brick home is on the corner of 17th and Quincy and is currently on the market for \$675,000.

The latest development is that Albritton developers are also looking into the property and have written a contract subject to a feasibility study. Knell further explained that the property would be used strictly a preschool and would have no after school component. Knell personally feels the school would be a good addition to the community. Brian noted that he had spoke with the school director and she wanted to give a presentation at this meeting but had a conflict.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25.



Cherrydale Library Book Discussion

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the new multicultural writing, but the new American writing.” —www.unm.edu/~wrtgsw/anaya.html

Book Discussions are usually on the second Monday of each month, except for unusual circumstances. Joan Marik facilitates the discussions, which take place on the balcony. E-mail discussion group member Suzanne Embree (suza1@comcast.net) for more information or to join an e-mail list for regular title and description updates.

Traffic Sign Repair



THE ENTRANCE / TRAFFIC SIGN over Lee Highway by the entrance to I-66 near Kenmore Street has been broken for over 6 months. One can’t tell how bad the traffic is before making the decision to enter. After 3 calls in 4 months, I found the right employee to tell me what the problem was. Donald Baily with VDOT says the company that makes the lights is out of business and they can’t find parts. Got a clue? Glve them a call at 703.383. 2713. ☹ —Maureen Ross

Cherrydale Citizens Association 2007 Membership Form

Have you paid your dues for 2007? It helps cover the cost of community events and this newsletter. Cherrydale merchandise is also available! Just include payment with your membership and we’ll deliver the items to your home.

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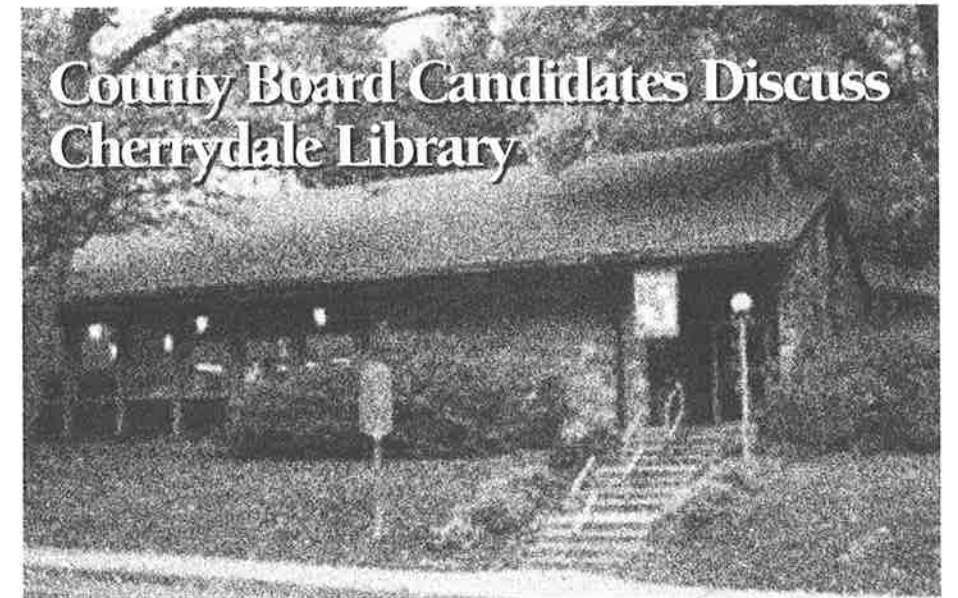
DO I REALLY WANT ANOTHER mass-produced object transported from thousands of miles away? How about something more original than a coffee mug for my child’s teacher? Maybe what I really need to give, or get, is a trompe l’oeil mural, or a PC migration, closet organizing, babysitting, music lessons, handmade jewelry, tutoring, window cleaning, portrait photography, hair treatment, Cherrydale t-shirts, or...?

The Sweet and Sour News is offering Cherrydale residents and businesses the chance to showcase their products and services in the November / December edition. We will run free 25-word classified ads offering your holiday gifts or services. Regular businesses... we welcome your holiday-themed suggestions. Entrepreneurial neighbors, home based businesses, college students home for semester break, someone with a talent to share!

Be creative in packaging your offer. All arrangements will be between you and your neighbors, CCA is merely running the ads. Send your classified ad, including how you want your potential customers to contact you, to treasurer@cherrydale.net, or CCA, 1909 N. Randolph St. by November 20th.



THE CCA MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 14TH AT 7:30 P.M., DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.



County Board Candidates Discuss Cherrydale Library

THE ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD has considered closing Cherrydale Library twice in the past fifteen years (1992 and 1998). Citizens for Cherrydale Library (CCL), a non-partisan neighborhood volunteer group, since 1998 has been querying County Board candidates for their written views about library funding, neighborhood libraries, and Cherrydale Library in particular. This year, on July 19, CCL posed the same three questions to candidates Mary Hynes, Mike McMenamin, Josh Ruebner, Walter Tejada, and Joseph Warren. CCL promised the candidates that if they responded by August 17, their remarks would appear in the pre-election issue of Sweet & Sour News and on the Cherrydale Library web site (www.home.comcast.net/~suza1/library.htm) and that CCL would submit their statements to the *Arlington Sun Gazette*. All five candidates sent responses, which appear below.

1. Do you support maintaining the current funding level of the Arlington County Department of Libraries?

Mary Hynes: I do support maintaining the current level of funding of the Arlington County Department of Libraries and, if re-



Hynes

sources allow, would support increased funding for the Department. I would also hope that the Department of Libraries staff would, by finding efficiencies, be able to expand services within existing funding levels. In an information age and especially in a community that values information, our libraries are a vital resource for the all of us. At a time when access to information on the Internet is increasingly vital for so many business and personal purposes, our libraries play an essential role in closing the digital divide. In Arlington, everyone may not want or be able to afford their own computer and Internet service, but through our libraries, it’s important that we ensure all Arlingtonians have easy access.

Mike McMenamin: Absolutely! In fact, I will ensure that future libraries are built on time and on budget. Residents of the county have waited too long for new libraries to be built, such as Shirlington and Westover.



McMenamin

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MINUTES OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

July 18, 2007

Presided by Brian Bonnet, President
Minutes taken by Cindy Scarcella

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Brian Bonnet. A quorum was present.

Arlene Greenfield met a representative of the Arlington Agency on Aging and felt this contact could provide useful information to the seniors of Cherrydale. The contact had a lot of good information for Seniors, including a Directory of Services for Arlington Senior Adults, a brochure entitled "Help for Caregivers," and a folder entitled "Vital Information" which contained a list of information every senior should keep on hand. Arlene suggested that the CCA invite the contact to a meeting. Brian felt that was a very good idea and furthered the idea by suggesting a "Senior Night" that would address topics of interest to seniors and soon-to-become seniors.

Brian discussed poor attendance at the meetings. He noted that he did not post an agenda for the meeting on either the web or in Sweet and Sour News and that might be partially to blame. In the future he plans on posting the agenda in both forums. However, Brian noted that he felt the bigger reason community members do not attend the Association meetings is lack of controversy. When there is controversy, people show up to voice their opinions. To encourage participation the CCA Board is going to try and schedule speakers on topics of interest for each meeting.

Arlene suggested having a neighborhood social in the Bromptons' Park as a way of generating interest in the community events. Terry Gaw agreed that it would be nice to have such an event and may ease some of the resulting tension from the firehouse debate. Brian suggested a Blood Drive as another community building event – especially considering the local blood supply shortage. He noted that he thought the Bone Marrow Drive got a decent turnout. Arlene pointed out that a community blood drive might be difficult because of all of the restrictions related to donating blood.

Cherrydale citizen Terry Gaw led an informative discussion about the FiOS (Fiber

Optic Service) provided by Verizon. Terry worked for Verizon for 25 years and is currently a consultant for them who trains Verizon employees on FiOS. He emphasized that he is not authorized speak for Verizon, but he can offer general knowledge about FiOS. The following notes are from the handout Terry provided.

FIOS DISCUSSION: THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY!

led by Terry Gaw

What is it?

Fiber Optic Service is provided by Verizon directly to your home, replacing the traditional copper delivery of telephone service. It allows for the delivery of clear telephone service, highest speed internet service and best in class television clarity.

It is a brand new network and installing it is taking a long time and a huge investment.

Why do I care?

It provides new options, capabilities and competition for your Cherrydale home. It allows for easy adaptation to future technology advances. (Cool stuff is on the way!) It adds value to your homes marketability at sale time, too.

Is it complicated and/or just for the techies?

Verizon does a total and complete turnkey installation by a Verizon technician, not a contractor. The installation is free (there is a very small order fee ~ \$19.99). The technician will not leave until everything is working and you are able to surf the web. The total installation takes about a day.

What are the "catches?"

- You must provide an inside electrical outlet
- You get an 8 hour battery back up for voice services (not for TV or Internet)
- Copper connection from the pole to your house may be removed
- Verizon may re-use your interior coax for television and pcs and existing copper for phones
- Full installation may take _ a day

Internet via FiOS:

FiOS is able to provide the fastest internet access, but there are speed choices:

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Ruebner



Tejada

Josh Ruebner: Yes.

Walter Tejada: I believe that libraries are an essential

part of our community. For many Arlingtonians, especially children, they are a critical place to learn. Together with our schools, libraries are a basic educational resource for neighborhood residents. Therefore, we must protect library services.

The County's FY 2008 budget, which I recently voted for, contained an increase of more than \$200,000 in library funds over 2007 expenditures, which in turn represented an increase of over \$700,000 from the 2006 budget. Community support for libraries continues to be high. While I am always on the lookout for ways to make our government more efficient, I am not willing to do so at the expense of essential County services like libraries. Therefore, I will likely continue to support strong funding of our library system.



Warren

Joseph Warren: I do support the current funding level for the Department of Libraries.

2. What are your views on concentrating the County's library system in a smaller number of locations as opposed to maintaining the network of neighborhood libraries?

Mary Hynes: Neighborhood libraries like neighborhood schools contribute tremendously to the quality of life of nearby residents. They facilitate easy access to the world of information for so many Arlingtonians, from our youngest who visit to hear stories read aloud, to our elderly neighbors for whom a neighborhood library conveniently offers the latest books, magazines and books-on-tape. In a community like ours, which is working to increase walking and reduce emissions associated with unnecessary driving, neighborhood libraries make so much sense.

Mike McMenamain: Neighborhood libraries are an important part of the community. Community activities occur at neighborhood libraries, such as book clubs and children's

reading events. These libraries are utilized by the community and should remain.

Josh Ruebner: I support maintaining a mix of larger libraries with a network of smaller neighborhood libraries.

Walter Tejada: As I pledged when first elected in 2003, I'll continue to support maintaining the network of neighborhood libraries. Preserving the character of existing neighborhoods is one of my central goals, and local libraries are unquestionably a part of that character.

Neighborhood branches also make sense from a user's standpoint. Their manageable size is less intimidating and creates a more welcoming environment. A neighborhood librarian is more likely to get to know individual patrons and be able to help them find reading material or give them reference help. Neighborhood libraries are close to home and, because of their size, are usually easier for residents to use. They are especially valuable for children, teenagers and others who can't drive.

Even for the rest of us, having many convenient neighborhood library locations encourages walking and helps keep us out of our cars.

With a strong inter-library loan program and with increased use of virtual library (including e-books and electronic information databases for homework, business and education), we can make our neighborhood libraries even stronger.

Joseph Warren: Neighborhood libraries are important in a community. The local libraries don't need to offer the full services that the central library does. These services, such as many computers for public use, are expensive and should be concentrated at the main library. But for those who simply want to read newspapers and magazines or do limited research, local libraries do this very well. I have often gone to the former small library in Shirlington just to read several newspapers and used magazines such as Consumer Reports for research.

3. As a member of the County Board, will you seek to close Cherrydale Library?

Mary Hynes: No. In recent years, the County Board has been asked this question several times. Each time, Board Members have decided to keep Cherrydale Library open. Except in extraordinary circumstances, I see no reason why my position would differ.

Mike McMenamain: No. As a long time Cherrydale and Maywood resident, my fam-

ily has used the library on many occasions, and so do most of my neighbors. It, like other neighborhood libraries, is an important resource for adults and children alike.

Josh Ruebner: As a member of the County Board, I would work to ensure that Cherrydale and all other neighborhood libraries remain open.

Walter Tejada: Absolutely not. The library provides essential services and is a part of Cherrydale's neighborhood character. It should remain open.

Joseph Warren: As a Board member, I will not attempt to close the Cherrydale Library.☺

Cherrydale Library Book Discussion

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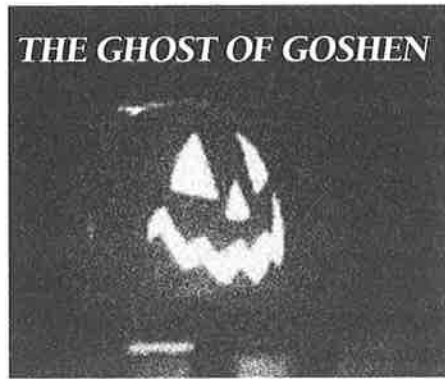
standing simply means having sympathy for people.' Ultima has sympathy for people and it is so complete that with it she can touch their souls and cure them. . . .That is her magic." — Excerpt from the book.

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About the Author:

Rudolfo Anaya [professor emeritus of English at the University of New Mexico] lives and breaths the landscape of the Southwest. It is a powerful force, full of magic and myth, integral to his writings. Anaya, however, is a native Hispanic fascinated by cultural crossings unique to the Southwest, a combination of old Spain and new Spain, of Mexico with Mesoamerica and the Anglicizing forces of the twentieth century. Rudolfo Anaya is widely acclaimed as the founder of modern Chicano literature. According to the New York Times, he is the most widely read author in Hispanic communities, and sales of his classic Bless Me, Ultima (1972) have surpassed 360,000, despite the fact that none of his books have been published originally by New York publishing houses. His works are standard texts in Chicano studies and literature courses around the world, and he has done more than perhaps any other single person to promote publication of books by Hispanic authors in this country. With the publication of his novel, Albuquerque (1992), Newsweek has proclaimed him a front-runner in "what is better called not

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THE GHOST OF GOSHEN

And always ready to disagree
With every one that knew him.

One night he saddled his sorrel mare,
And started over to Ripton, where
He had promised to do some preaching.
Away he cantered over the hill,
Past the schoolhouse at Capen's mill;
The moon was down and the place was still,
Save the sound of a night-hawk screeching.

At last he came to a deep ravine,
He felt a kind of queer; and mean
Sensation stealing o'er him.
Old Sorrel began to travel slow,
Then gave a snort and refused to go;
The parson chucked, and he holloa'd "whoa,"
And wondered what was before him.

Then suddenly he seemed to hear
A gurgling groan so very near,
It scattered his senses nearly.

"Go 'ome, go'ome," It loudly cried,
"Go 'ome," re-echoed the mountain side,
"Go 'ome," away In the distance died-
He wished he was home sincerely.

And then before his startled sight,
A light flashed out upon the night
That seemed to "beat all creation."
Then through the bushes a figure stole,
With eyes of fire and lips of coal,
That froze his blood and shook his soul
With horror and consternation.

He lost his sermon, he dropped his book,
His hair stood up, and his saddle shook
Like a sawmill under motion
.No cry he uttered, no word he said,
But, suddenly turning Sorrel's head,
Away and out of the woods he fled
As fast as he could for Goshen.

The ghost he saw and the rattling bones
Were a pumpkin, a gourd, and some gravel stones,
That gave him all that glory;
But ne'er again up that mountain side,
In the light would Rufus Rawling ride,
And many a time I've laughed till I cried
To hear him tell the story.

-Anonymous

Through Goshen Hollow, where hemlocks grow,
Where rushing rills, with flash and flow,
Are over the rough rocks falling;
Where fox, where bear, and catamount hide,
In holes and dens In the mountain side,
A Circuit-preacher once used to ride,
And his name was Rufus Rawling.

He was set in his ways and what was strange,
If you argued with him he would not change,
One could get nothing through him.
Solemn and slow In style was he,
Slender and slim as a tamarack tree,

Yard Sale Report 2007

by Scott Springston

THIS YEAR, THERE WAS A WHOPPING total of 62 sales on our map, with about 8 people who "piggybacked" — those that did not ask to be listed, and did not pay, but held sales anyway. Two people on the map did not pay, but they also did not have sales. The CCA table (run by Katherine and Ericka Christenson) was exempt from the \$5 fee. Therefore there were 59 paying sales, and everyone paid! While this is a little shy of our record number of Yard Sales, it is still higher than average.

This is the 4th year in a row that the Great Annual Cherrydale Yard Sales made a profit — and it was never intended to be a fund raiser!

2004 — 71 sales, profit \$57.51
2005 — 61 sales, profit \$49.38
2006 — 73 sales, profit \$32.
2007 — 59 sales, profit \$20.



Gloria Hurdle's neighbor, Tommy, is trying out a mini (pocket) motorcycle sh was trying to sell. It's not a toy, but shethought that he demonstrated it well. No word on whether the motorcycle sold or not... Gloria was hoping that the cycle and its noise went far from Cherrydale.

The weather was perfect — cool breeze, bright blue sky, absolutely wonderful! However, there was a light shower the night before, and many people got a late start putting their things out. At least one decided not to have a sale at all.

Just to give you a hint at the fun of running the yard sale here's a run down on what went on: A few weeks before the sale we put up several big signs and posted dozens of flyers (made by Ray Caputo) on poles and in businesses advertising the yard sale. For weeks Kathy took phone calls and emails and logged all the participants. Then we went out and drove the neighborhood to be sure where the houses were located so we could place them on the map in the right place. We put ads in three newspapers. Then we had 1500 maps printed and the evening before the sale we drove around to deliver maps to all the houses. We also made and put up at least 260 directional arrow plates all over the neighborhood. After the sale, I had to drive around and take down all 260 or more plates/signs! I'd estimate I drove at least 50 miles and I got in and out of my car over 300 times in all. It all made for a very busy weekend! With the help of a few reminders we slipped in with the maps we have collected from all households. The yard sale, which was never intended to be a fundraiser, still made a small profit!! Thanks to all who helped, participated and paid!

Arlington's Historical Preservation Tax Benefit Program
Chili Cook-Off • Elder-First Aid Care Tips • How To Get the Best
Results From Your Perennials

Topics of Conversation

ONE OF OUR GOALS is to increase attendance and participation at CCA meetings and make them more fun and relevant. In brainstorming different ways to do this, we came up with the idea to have a guest speaker at each meeting, provide light snacks/beverages and to give neighbors some time to casually mix and mingle with one another. We will still tend to new and old Cherrydale "business" for the first part of each meeting and then move into our guest speaker or event for the night.

**THE CCA MEETING HAS BEEN CHANGED TO NOVEMBER 14TH
AT 7:30 P.M., DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.**

We realize people may have other things to do on those nights, so we will continue to be sensitive to the length of the meetings and keep them to 60 - 90 minutes.

Our plan is to have entertaining speakers who will provide interesting content that will satisfy our diverse interest groups. Topics will range from "Arlington's Historical Preservation Tax Benefit Program" to a "Chili Cook Off" demonstration and from "Elder/First Aid Care Tips" to "How To Get the Best Results From Your Perennials".

We are happy to get community input for future speakers and topics. Please email your suggestions to Terry Gaw at TAGAW@aol.com. When you see Terry, please thank him for organizing and arranging our speakers and meeting agendas.

Stay tuned for November's guest speaker!!! Watch for upcoming announcements and meeting agendas on the listserve and in the *Sweet & Sour News*.

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Pie, Ice Cream and Parades: Cherrydale in September



THIS YEARS CHERRYDALE PARADE was once again a big success! In spite of not having the Washington and Lee band to lead us (Mr. Robinson the Band leader was sick), we had a good turnout with lots of people participating in the parade and the festivities afterward. There were quite a few additional older antique cars, the Cherrydale fire Department 103, Marvin Bins and his buddies from the Cherrydale Volunteer fire Department. Lots of families participated as

well as politicians shaking hands, and lots of kids, dogs, and John MacEachen with his friend and two cub cadet tractors with kids in tow. Dakota Springston on his John Deere tractor ran circles around baby carriages and other silly vehicles—like this crazy guy in his balloon covered go-cart.

Big thanks as usual go to Marvin Binns of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department for bringing free donuts, cookies, and soda! Marvin received the Most Enthusiastic Parade Participant first place award and he doesn't even live in Cherrydale any more! After the parade we had our usual delicious cherry pie / ice cream eating contest with little cherry pies cooked right in Kathy Holt Springton's kitchen. Many ribbons were given out for contest winners and parade participants. Special thanks also go to the Arlington County Police Department who

helped keep our parade safe! All in all, it was a great time. This year's parade is over so let's start thinking about what you can do in the parade next year. Remember the lawn chair drill team of yesteryear? Floats, floats, floats, let's come up with some more floats and funny/crazy stuff to do in next year's Cherrydale parade!

—Scott Springston



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person proposing to buy the yellow house on 17th street bordering Oak Grove Park (currently owned by the County) to open a Montessori school was not prepared to make a presentation to the community at this meeting and is expected to speak at the meeting in September. The folks from Lyon Village were also planning on speaking to us about their ongoing court battle around zoning. The court just recently threw out their case for a second time and they are trying to regroup, so they did not feel ready to talk to us; they are on the agenda for September. Brian also reminded residents to keep in eye out for the county trees planted on the sidewalk. With the hot weather, he has noticed several that are in distress. Please water county trees that are near your property and if you notice any in distress please notify Brian Bonnet or Maureen Ross. Finally, there is no news regarding the fire station. When the County makes a decision the Association will pass that along. Regardless of their decision, the County has assured us that they will make the promised improvements to 21st Rd.

Greg Honus returned the discussion to the yellow house and Oak Grove Park. He noted that the park is the only flat land park in Cherrydale and it was his impression that the County planned to use the land the yellow house currently sits on to further develop that park. He feels that sticking to the original plan would be a greater benefit to Cherrydale. Brian responded that Oak Grove Park is a nice park that is a currently underutilized facility. When considering the debate about the yellow house becoming a privately owned school he noted that two questions should be considered. Is the County willing to make expensive improvements to a park that is already not being used by the community? And, if so, would those changes make a difference in the use of the park. Currently, the County is doing nothing with that property – therefore nothing is being done with the land that is benefiting the community. If the community truly wants something to come out of that land, then we need to make our opinion known. Brian suggested that Greg get folks together who do want a change to the park and make sure they present that clearly to the County. Kevin O'Brian noted that the house is a historical structure and would be a great house for someone to live in. He also pointed out

that Kate Trygstad and the planning committee spent a lot of time exploring this issue and they might have an idea how the community feels about the park. Brian is going to speak to Kate about it and find out what peoples' thoughts are.

Evan Lacopo moved to approve the meeting notes from May. The motion was seconded and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

September 19, 2007

Presided by Brian Bonnet, President
Minutes taken by Cindy Scarcella

Meeting called to order at 7:35 by Brian Bonnet. A quorum was present.

Brian opened the meeting with a discussion about the upcoming community officer elections in November. A selection/nominating committee needs to be formed to come up with officer candidates for the next year (2008). Annmarie Lipold headed up the Nominating Committee in 2006 and agreed to participate in the process again this year. Knell Bumbalo and Peggy Cajati also volunteered their time for the Nominating Committee. Annmarie noted that when selecting potential candidates it is always good to have a sense of who you think who would be a good leader. She pointed out that Brian was part of the selection process in 2006 because he was a great representative with the NC stuff. Brian described his position as needing little bit of energy, organizing, and delegating skills. Brian asked anyone who would like to be an Officer (or knows somebody they think would like to be) to please contact Brian or Ann Marie. Brian also noted that the jobs are not a huge time commitment.

BROMPTONS

Brian asked the county where we are and what is happening. Several months ago the builder indicated that he does not intend to move forward with the original plans. The County has elected not to purchase the site for the location of the fire station. Many have concerns about the blighted building – it is a safety hazard and not very nice to look at. Currently, no action has been taken by the builder for removal and the property does not appear to be on the market for sale. The County wants the developer to hear from the County, not the community, about the



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next steps regarding demolition. The County made it very clear to Brian that they expect the builder to move forward with the demolition, however, it is unclear what that means in terms of timeframe. The County could exercise the blighted property ordinance (if the developer does not take it down in timely fashion or chooses to sell property), but that is an action of last resort. Overall the community is not too sympathetic to the developer. The condo market is struggling, so there doesn't

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Comcast and Verizon offering \$99/month bundles for TV, Internet and Unlimited local and long distance. Another example: Verizon offers a \$10 discount on your Verizon home phone bill if you have Verizon Wireless billed on your home phone bill, that's \$120 a year savings!

Tim and Peggy Seldin offered their experience with FiOS. They have had some trouble working out the kinks in the new service. They have had several problems with their DVR box. A major issue is that the FiOS DVR box does not have a manual reboot button on it – every time there is a problem they need to contact Verizon support (and are on hold for significant amounts of time) and ultimately get a new box. Their phone works fine, but not necessarily better/clearer than the previous service. The internet also works fine, but they were a little disappointed as they felt it was not a large noticeable difference in speed. They cannot attest to the quality of the FiOS TV picture because they do not have HD ready TV and that is really where the picture quality is going to be.

Brian discussed some odds and ends. The

**Update:
Cherrydale
Sidewalk
Problems Tour
of Last Spring:**



BY MID AUGUST, Dominion Virginia Power had completed their portion of the projects that were on the punch list. Verizon had only have 1 project to left finish. And County finished item 25, a damaged sidewalk on Nancy Iacomini's street (see picture). However it looks like we will be stuck with the phone poles and their 8-10 inch wide cable boots impinging on the pedestrian pathway until the darn things rot 100 years from now. Why you say? Because you, CHERRYDALE CITIZENS, aren't interested in making noise about it. Call me if I am wrong about this.

Anyway, we'll give cudos to County for the repairs made and for the leadership of their well-chose county team lead by Abe Bibzadeh. Thank you.

But now we have a growing mess at 3200 Lee Hwy by BONO films near Route 66.

According to Alisa Cowen, "The ultimate undergrounding of utilities and the transformer platforms went wrong somewhere. During the summer the crew discovered a storm sewer, not shown on the plans. They didn't survey its location, but improvised with the engineering design on-site."

"As you know they've been cutting open the trench across Lee Highway – well, they brought the utilities in ABOVE the storm sewer. It was "hard" for them to go under it. But none of this is documented in surveys or revised engineering design plans. So now the wires are so shallow, barely beneath the sidewalk, that they cannot curve them

upward for connections unless they build up the surface elevation. The current situation is that the platform is significantly above the sidewalk. "

"So they've graded the dirt to hold the platforms which are approximately 34" above the sidewalk elevation, and only 12" back from the sidewalk. Remember that on top of these platforms sit the transformer boxes that are 6-foot tall, two of them. There is now a straw-covered dirt slope, steeper than 1:1, with no stabilization or structure. And the utility crew has seeded it, as if grass will grow, and as if it is a maintainable slope. If it needs to be that high from the sidewalk there should be a small knee-wall, (retaining wall) to hold the earth and the platforms.

It seems to me that the light standards

are only 12 feet tall. So – immediately opposite from the last decorative 12-foot tall light fixture will be a nine-foot solid box, or two. Such a lovely and pleasant pedestrian experience! Alas – it seems that no one cares about the visual impact. It's just easier for the county and utility companies to take the easiest solution. Who actually has any power over the situation? Who can hold them accountable for this and demand a site construction solution that puts the transformers back on natural grade? I worry that there may be a sight-distance problem for cyclists coming down the ramp from the bike trail."

Maureen Ross has contacted the County and they are working diligently to remedy the problems. ☺

THE COMFORT FOOD SEASON IS HERE!

Pork Chops with Cherry Mustard Sauce

PORK PAIRS WELL with the sweet tartness of fruit, especially cherries. Here, fresh cherries add fullness of flavor and texture to a savory white wine sauce slightly thickened with a bit of tangy Dijon mustard. If you can't find fresh cherries, dried will do, making this recipe a favorite for any season. Serves 4.

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 8 bone-in pork chops, about 6 to 8 ounces each (about 1-inch thick)
- sea salt & fresh ground black pepper
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/2 pound fresh cherries, halved & pitted (or 1/2 cups dried cherries, soaked in hot water 10 minutes)
- 2 teaspoons unsalted butter (optional)

Pork Chops

- Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat.
- Lightly season pork chops with salt and pepper, then, two to four at a time, depending on the size of your skillet, brown well on each side, removing to warm (200°F) oven.
- Deglaze the skillet with the wine, scraping up brown bits, reduce heat to medium and stir in the mustard, then add the cherries. Season to taste with salt and pepper. When the sauce begins to bubble, add all the pork chops back into the skillet, spooning sauce over them to coat, cover and reduce heat to medium low.
- Cook over medium low about 5 minutes, then rearrange chops so those on the bottom are now on the top, and spoon sauce over.
- Cover and cook an additional 5 minutes or more, until chops are cooked through, but still very slightly pink inside (test by prying into the thickest part of one chop with a knife point). Remove chops to serving platter or individual plates.
- Melt butter (optional) into remaining sauce in skillet, heat and spoon over chops.

Nutrition Info: Per Serving (15 oz-wt.): 840 calories (380 from fat), 42g total fat, 13g saturated fat, 0g dietary fiber, 97g protein, 4g carbohydrate, 290mg cholesterol, 280mg sodium



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Rain Doesn't Stop Nation's Birthday Party

THE CHERRYDALE 2007 4th of July and National Fireworks Party began with pouring rain but as soon as the weather cleared, Cherrydalers gathered together with their delicious pot luck dishes in-hand, ready to celebrate this great patriotic holiday with neighbors and friends.



Five volunteer master grillers, Clark Bone, Michael DeCarlo, Evan Lacopo, Michael Hogan, and John Bauserman, labored in the rain determined to ensure that the barbecued grilled sausages, burgers, and hot dogs for hundreds of party-goers were cooked and ready to eat when the celebration began. Cherrydalers, Steve and Teresa Lent, with their old-fashioned snow cone machine, again served up this favorite summertime treat to the delight of children and adults alike.

A patriotic rocket moon bounce, old-fashioned tree swing, and ongoing volleyball and badminton games provided endless entertainment for the kids, along with a special

appearance by the Cherrydale Volunteer Firefighters with their fire engine with flashing lights for kids to climb aboard. Red, white, and blue party balloons decorated the party tents and patriotic party favors, toys, stickers, tattoos, and other trinkets made the occasion especially festive as Mark the DJ kept the party spirits high with terrific tunes that inspired dancing feet.

The 4th of July was especially commemorated when Thomas Jefferson (John Bauserman) dressed up in Colonial attire and, after a spirited and riveting introduction by a Colonial Patriot (Michael DeCarlo), delivered his famous passionate speech *The Dec-*

laration of Independence from a balcony overlooking the attentive crowd below. Fluorescent red, white, and blue light sticks given to all the children lit up the evening sky and signaled the time for all eyes to focus on the Washington Monument for the spectacular National Fireworks display which was accompanied by the DJ's patriotic concert tunes.

We would like to thank all of the great volunteers listed above in addition to those of you who not only contributed delicious side dishes for all to enjoy, but also, who contributed money to the party donation box. We would like to especially thank Stephanie Ann Galland for her generous private contribution to this party, our local business sponsors who are listed below, and the CCA for its financial support of this event. We appreciate the St. Agnes Catholic Church lending us use of their brand new tables, the Cherrydale Volunteer Firefighters for their special appearance, and all of the



THE WINNER OF THE I-66 "Wiser Not Wider" Slogan Contest is **Kate Pemberton** for her slogan:

"If You Build It, Cars Will Come."

Congratulations Kate! Kate's prize is a \$50 gift certificate to the Italian Store, 3123 Lee Highway.

We also have three Honorable Mentions in this contest:

Joe Lerner for: "Get Your Mitts, Off Route 66!"

Steven Lent for: "Fight Congestions Along Interstate 66 — Add More Bike Lanes!"

Joshua Roe for: "Morning Coffee, \$1.95. Metro Ticket, \$2.85. Relaxing ride to work while sticking it to the gas man, priceless!"

Congratulations, Joe, Steven and Joshua. And thanks to all who sent in an entry. ☺

Turn Your Clocks Back on November 4!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ANECDOTES

Draft Status, Vietnam War - A man, born just after 12:00 a.m. DST, circumvented the Vietnam War draft by using a daylight saving time loophole. When drafted, he argued that standard time, not DST, was the official time for recording births in his state of Delaware in the year of his birth. Thus, under official standard time he was actually born on the previous day—and that day had a much higher draft lottery number, allowing him to avoid the draft.

Halloween Trick-or-Treaters—Through 2006, Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. ended a few days before Halloween (October 31). A new law to extend DST to the first Sunday in November will take effect in 2007, with the purpose of providing trick-or-treaters more light and therefore more safety from traffic accidents. Children's pedestrian deaths are four times higher on Halloween than on any other night of the year. For decades, candy manufacturers lobbied for a Daylight Saving Time extension to Halloween, as many of the young trick-or-treaters gathering candy are not allowed out after dark, and thus an added hour of light means a big holiday treat for the candy industry.

Chaos of Non-Uniform DST—Widespread confusion was created during the 1950s and 1960s when each U.S. locality could start and end Daylight Saving Time as it desired. One year, 23 different pairs of DST start and end dates were used in Iowa alone. For exactly five weeks each year, Boston, New York, and Philadelphia were not on the same time as Washington D.C., Cleveland, or Baltimore—but Chicago was. And, on one Ohio to West Virginia bus route, passengers had to change their watches seven times in 35 miles! The situation led to millions of dollars in costs to several industries, especially those involving transportation and communications. Extra railroad timetables alone cost the today's equivalent of over \$12 million per year. ☺

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hard work of neighbors and friends who lent a much-needed helping hand not only with the party set-up, but also, the enormous clean-up effort at the end of the evening!

A special thanks also goes to Allen Thornburgh for taking such beautiful pictures during the celebration and sharing them with us. This special Cherrydale family event which grows in size with each passing year would not be possible without the collective contributions and collaborative efforts of many people and local businesses. Please support our local business sponsors and be certain to mention your appreciation for their financial contributions to the *Cherrydale 4th of July and National Fireworks Party* - it really does make a difference in our fund raising efforts for this special Cherrydale community event!

This year's business sponsors were:

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John Berthoud

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I AM SO SAD to be the bearer of bad news. John Berthoud died suddenly but peacefully Wednesday September 26th. He was only 47 years old. John lived in Cherrydale for over 15 years. When he went thru his divorce he told me he was comforted by neighbors and felt at home here. For years he helped distribute the Sweet and Sour Newsletter.

Professionally he led both the National Taxpayers Union and National Taxpayers Union Foundation. Known as the "happy warrior of fiscal conservatism," he lobbied Nationwide as well as in Arlington to get our taxes lowered, posting a scorecard on fiscal voting records of our members of Congress. John graduated from Georgetown University and earned his doctorate in political science from Yale.

He was my great walking buddy and it wasn't often enough. Late at night, 10 or 11 PM, one of us would call the other and say, "Let's go for a power walk!" It was such fun, and good intellectual exercise too!

I will miss John deeply.

Take advantage of your time. You never know when it will be up.

—Maureen Ross

Community Service!

EAGLE SCOUT, Will Beckman shown here receiving his AOK award from the Eagle Scout Board, has contributed time and energy that resulted in the amazing hiking trail through the Cherry Valley Nature area.

What was once an inaccessible mass of invasive plants, including poison ivy and sumac, is now a pleasureable walk. Will's project dovetailed perfectly with Cherrydales Master Plan for Parks and Open Spaces. Thank you Will!

For all you future Eagles Scouts, and others, contact Kate Trygstad or Maureen Ross for more great project ideas that benefit your community.



Will, in Troop 111, hosted at St. Agnes Parish is shown shaking hands with Scoutmaster Dr. Robert Klein.

Cherrydale Library Happenings

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday: 10 am-9 pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 1 pm-9 pm

Thursday: 10 am-6 pm

Friday & Saturday: 10 am-5 pm

Sunday: Closed.

CHERRYDALE LIBRARY CHILDREN'S FALL STORY HOUR SESSIONS

The library is located at 2190 N Military Road in Arlington, 703-228-6330.

- Call library for more information. Join us for stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft.
- TALES FOR TWOS. For 2-year-olds, with an adult. Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Fall session runs from September 27 through November 29.
- OLDER TWOS, THREES & FOURS TOGETHER. For 3- and 4-year-olds, with an adult. Thursdays at 11:15 am. Fall session runs from September 27 through November 29.
- READ TO ME: Family Stories. All ages with an adult: Wednesdays at 7 pm. Fall session runs from September 26 through November 28.
- BABY STEPS. (Special Program: Registration Required). For babies 0-12 months. Four Monday sessions at 10:30 am: Oct.29, Nov. 5, Nov. 19, & Nov. 26.
- TODDLER TIME, for 2-year-olds with an adult. Thursdays at 10:15 am. Fall session starts September 22 and ends December 8. Stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft.
- THREES AND FOURS TOGETHER, for 3- and 4-year-olds with an adult. Thursdays at 11:15 am. Fall session starts September 22 and ends December 8. Stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft.
- Stop In for Story Time on Wednesdays at 7 pm. Starts Wednesday, September 14. Ongoing program for all ages with an adult. Stories, songs, and a craft.

Cherrydale Library Book Discussion

Monday, November 5 at 7:30 pm

The Southwestern Classic, "Bless Me, Ultima," written by Rudolfo Anaya, recipient of the 2001 National Medal of the Arts. 304 pages. Published in 1972.



A story set in New Mexico of the 1940s. "This universal quest for a clarity of corazon, of heart, will touch every reader regardless of cultural background."—Boulder Sunday Chronicle.

A lyrical coming-of-age story, told with warmth and feeling that The New York Times called "probably the best-known and most-respected [work of] contemporary Chicano fiction."—Amazon reader rating: 4 stars (out of 5)

Video link with Rudolfo Anaya Documentary on Rudolfo Anaya. First part has Rudolfo Anaya speaking about *Bless Me Ultima*: www.knmetv.org/Anaya/anaya_Documentary.html. (See additional information on the book below.)

LIMITED COPIES OF THE BOOK are now available at the Cherrydale Library desk for those signing up to attend the discussion group. Phone first (703-228-6330) to make sure a copy is still available. (Cherrydale Library is open on Tuesday until 9 pm.

New participants are always welcome at these discussions, even if you read the book some time ago.

More About Bless Me, Ultima :

"Ultima comes to stay with [Tony's] family in New Mexico in the 1940s. She is a curandera, one who cures with herbs and magic. Under her wise wing, Tony will test the bonds that tie him to his people, and discover himself"—back cover.

"Poignant. . . .An important book that deserves to be hailed as a classic."—San Francisco Chronicle.

"Remarkable. . . a unique American nove, a rich and powerful synthesis for some of life's sharpest oppositions."—America.

"Understanding does not come that easy, Tony. Sometimes it takes a lifetime to acquire understanding, because in the end under-

The View from My Porch

Community



THE FAMILY (Mom, Dad, 2 toddlers) moved into their new home on December 12 and somehow, magically got it together to host a "we're glad to be your new neighbors" party on Christmas Eve. Amazing! And what was more wondrous was what evolved from that gathering. The residents of the 8 or so houses on our end of the street had always been friendly, but the newcomers galvanized a new level of community.

Over the 5 years since that get together, we've had several cookouts, house parties, football watching fests, and other social gatherings. We watch each others' children and dogs, we water lawns and take in mail and papers for vacationers, we hang out on sultry evenings in impromptu groups of 3-5, we keep each other up on local events and happenings (Doris saw two foxes in her back yard last night!). It's community.

Cherrydale, the larger community, provides the perfect backdrop: A lively listserve, funky old houses with even livelier personalities, people looking out for each other as in finding a treadmill for Pete. Add to that: yard sales and house tours, parades and holiday celebrations, dancing, tree planting, even a sense of identity. Plus a cool newsletter.

It's community, and it adds to the quality of my life in immediate ways. The sense of community I get from family, friends, and church has always been an important part of my life, but this geographic community has added a new dimension. I'm so grateful, I'm going to celebrate by making a Cherrydale Delight:

1 oz. Cherry liqueur
1 oz. White creme de cacao
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—Andy Murphy

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IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE, time is the biggest enemy and every second counts. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. Escape plans can help you get out of your home quickly. It is important that every family practice E.D.I.T.H. (Exit Drills in the Home.)

Remember:

- Plan and Practice your plan

- If your home catches on fire: STAY LOW, GET OUT and STAY OUT!
- If your clothes catch fire: STOP, DROP, and ROLL until the flames are put out

Tips on Home Fire Escape Plans

- Draw a floor plan of your home.
- Show two ways out of every room, including windows. To escape from upper story windows buy an Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) approved collapsible ladder.
- Practice escaping from every room in the home. Make sure everyone understands the escape plan.
- Make sure that windows and screens can be easily opened.
- Provide alternatives for any disabled people.
- Teach children not to hide from firefighters.
- Agree on a meeting place where everyone will gather after you have escaped.
- Remember to GET OUT FIRST, then call for help.
- Practice your plan at least twice a year, making sure that everyone is involved.

If you live in an apartment building

- Learn and practice your building's evacuation plan.

- If you hear the fire alarm, leave immediately.
- Use the stairs - NEVER use elevators during a fire.

Remember: Security bars require special precautions

Security bars can trap you in a fire. Windows and doors with security bars must have quick release devices to allow them to be opened immediately. Make sure everyone in the family understands and practices how to open locked or barred doors and windows.

Never open doors that are hot to the touch

To make sure that fire is not on the other side use the back of your hand to feel a closed door. If it feels hot, use your secondary escape route. Even if the door feels cool, open it carefully. If heat and smoke come in, close the door and use your alternate escape route.

Smoke Alarms Can Save Your Life

Having working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home dramatically increases your chances of survival. Smoke alarm batteries need to be tested every month and changed with new ones at least once a year. 🐶



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Trees, Water and People: Helping Out Mother Nature

SURELY EVERYONE HAS noticed the deadly effect of the Summer drought on local trees. We need MORE VOLUNTEERS who will each adopt a public tree, watering, mulching and weeding for the rest of the Fall and early Winter. If just 10% of our Cherrydale households adopted trees we'd have saved over 130 here in Cherrydale.

Please, adopt a tree along Lee HWY, or Quincy, or in one of the parks. Wrap at piece of yarn around it with your family name so

we don't have the same tree adopted by others. If your hose won't stretch, then use a bucket brigade. One handy idea is to save 2 of those large 5 gallon construction buckets people are always throwing away. Puncture 5 nail holes in the bottom of one bucket, then place that bucket inside the non-punctured container. Fill it with water and take it by wagon or car to your adopted tree, Now lift just the bucket with holes out and place it next to the tree. It will drip slowly into the ground. Less water is wasted as the drip is slow and the soil absorbs it better. Give Maureen or any of the tree stewards a call about your plans and any questions. (703 527 7692)

Maureen Ross met with Mary Pierce, County urban arborist this past Summer to show her the terrible dried up state of the Lee Hwy maples planted just a few years ago. Most looked half dead already, while the willow oaks all thrived. Mary then had several taken down, and there are plans for replanting with more suitable trees. But since then the County has lost a huge number of tree to the drought. Stay tuned for plans.

Now we are on a long wait list.

ON the positive side, Ms Pierce sent a team to tidy up the sidewalk and tree apron by 7/11. It looks much better. We could not get the 7/11 management to lift a hand in even the smallest way to beautify the area around them nor to let us use their hose for watering. Once again, it's been volunteers keeping those trees alive (**Carol Parker, Peter Harnik, Lisa Million, Keven Hunter, Stephanie Overman, and Maureen Ross.**) **Cherrydale Hardware and Cherrydale Station** stores are heartily thanked for the outstanding civic responsibility and pride demonstrated by their magnificent management of the public trees near them.

Tree Give Away

Anyone who lives or works in Cherrydale can get a free oak tree, if they signed up by October 25. The trees will be delivered nearby on November 2 and you can pick them up on the 3rd, a Saturday. Contact Maureen by email and a follow-up phone call 703 527 7692. (Maureen Ross) If you

don't get a tree this time, perhaps there'll be another chance later.

The only rules are: You plant it, you water it and keep it alive. OK? Look around, Are there bare spots on your street that could use a nice canopy? Knock on that neighbors door and see if they want one.

PROJECT ACORN Tree Giveaway

Project Acorn is a fall giveaway of approximately 750 Jamestown Cherrybark Oak trees for the purpose of enhancing Arlington's environment and providing a living legacy of how our country was founded in Jamestown. The acorns were collected from the Jamestown historic site and grown out to tree-seedling-height by the Virginia Department of Forestry. These trees are intended for planting primarily on private residential properties or school yards.

Cherrybark Oaks do well in full sun to full shade and in moderate to moist soil. Before you request a tree, make sure you have a location with moderate to moist soil (not dry areas or areas that cannot be wa-

tered) and room for it to grow. They eventually grow to over 100 feet tall and 3-5 feet wide. They do well with any type of sunlight. The trees are currently in one-gallon containers and about 30 inches tall.

Project Acorn was organized by the Maywood Community Association and has

been made possible through a grant from the Arlington Committee on Jamestown 2007 and through labor donated by Arlington County Parks Recreation and Community Resources. Visit Maywood's Friends of Thrifton Hill Park website at: www.thriftonhillpark.googlepages.com/home.

*TIME-HONORED, beautiful, solemn and wise.
Noble, sacred and ancient,
Trees reach the highest heavens and penetrate
the deepest secrets of the earth.
Trees are the largest living beings on this planet.
Trees are in communion with the spiritual
and the material.*



*Trees guard the forests and the sanctified places that must not be spoiled.
Trees watch over us and provide us with what we need to live on this planet.
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