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Next Meeting of the
**CHERRYDALE
 CITIZENS
 ASSOCIATION**

Wednesday, November 19
 7:30 pm
 Cherrydale Fire Station

Agenda:

- Elections
- NC Update
- NC Parks Update

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CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

Not another election! We are all tired of elections after a long, long, Presidential contest. But we need your vote one more time. The Cherrydale Citizens Association will be holding elections at its November 19th meeting. We will be electing President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Anyone who is a Cherrydale resident and a CCA member at least one month before the election date is eligible to run for office. So make sure you have paid up your membership dues. Please contact Katherine Christensen, at treasurer@cherrydale.net, or (703) 841-0692, to see if you are up to date on your dues.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION UPDATE

Even though the County Board voted more than ten years ago to require a sidewalk on every street, the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program is just about the only way to get one. Funded exclusively by voter-approved bonds, the NC Programs fund sidewalks, curbs and gutters, streetlights, park improvements, neighborhood art, and beautification. Currently, the County lets each neighborhood nominate only one project at a time for funding. Thankfully, after years of delay, NC has funded sidewalks, street lights, curb and gutter for 18th St. between Nelson and Quincy, and construction should begin soon. Our next project was supposed to be pav-

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A HISTORY OF 2032 NORTH STAFFORD STREET

by Tom Kornis & Kathy Buto

Scratched into one of the Potomac stones that make up the foundation of 2032 N. Stafford is the inscription Aug. 22, 1892 E.T. Even though it looks like it could have been done yesterday, I've always regarded this as a cornerstone date. When Kathy and I bought the house in 1979, it seemed old, but when it turned 100 I turned 50. I was half its age and gaining on it.

Built as a barn for a house that wasn't constructed due to the Panic of '93, it was quickly converted into a house. Unusually set back from the street, there are many vestiges of its carriage house origins. Every interior surface, walls, ceilings, floors are tongue and groove pine. Never have a problem hanging a picture. Siding differences show large barn openings in front

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION UPDATE (CONT'D)

ing, curb and gutter for the last part of Stafford St. (between Lee Hwy and 21st Rd.), and it was supposed to be funded this December. But there has been a hitch. After sitting on this project for years, the County has only recently redesigned the Stafford St. project to include not only the resident's request for paving, curb, and gutter, but also to include a County-required sidewalk. The County does have exceptions for its sidewalk requirement, but it doesn't look like Stafford St. would qualify. And it could be a long fight, delaying this and other Cherydale projects.

This redesign has set the project's funding back. The County will not consider it for December NC funding. In addition, a sidewalk on this part of Stafford St would result in the loss of at least two parking spaces as well as a portions of some owner's frontage in the County's right-of-way.

At a September meeting, Stafford St. residents objected to the idea of losing parking and some property frontage, to the point that withdrawing the plan was preferred to having sidewalks installed.

The CCA has written to each Stafford St. property owner to confirm their resistance to a sidewalk. If so, the CCA will move on to its next project for June 2009 NC funding: sidewalk, curb and gutter for Randolph St. between 15th and 17th Sts.

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were filled with windows, doors and balcony. A utilitarian staircase from the basement to the second floor is cut off at the first floor ceiling – leaving a staircase to nowhere closet. I once saw a barn in Marblehead, Massachusetts that was an exact copy down to the original colors (mustard yellow clapboard, dark green shakes and white trim) and the ventilator cupola, 6 dormers, and a proud 1892 date. Only it was twice the size in every dimension. Never have located a common pattern barn plan.

The barn is layered with generational updates and additions. Wallpaper was first added as air stop over the tongue and groove paneling, followed later by beaver board and finally 3/8" drywall. A 1998 kitchen renovation revealed two floors above the original dated by newspaper layers from the '30's and '50's. Plumbing holes showed at least 4 previous sink replacements. As the realtors say, a renovation every 20 years. I hated to not just add my layer, leaving the history entombed, but structural damage called for removal. Newspaper used as airstop has dated many construction events, including a fragment on the 1908 Shaw/Nesbit/White trial. That inspired my entombment of the Washington Post and craftsmen names and anecdotes of the day written in magic marker on the understructure. The old walls and yard have yielded many historical objects. Besides early utilities and mini balls, I've found Model T Ford parts, sepia photos, a '30's girly magazine, and marbles roll out of walls whenever they're opened.

I think the major architectural changes occurred in the first and last decade of the 20th century. Windows and balcony, indoor plumbing, grand staircase, and central heating were first, a knotty pine enclosed porch in the '50's, and our family room in the 1990's. Our replacement of a 20 x 20 wooden deck with concrete in the front of the house

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The Cherrydale Listserve is a great tool for keeping abreast of local community issues on a daily basis, as well as tapping into community knowledge for referrals or advice.

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showed that the basket weave brick floor of the space below it was built with the barn. For wagons? Our next project will be to build a studio space there. In the yard, four black walnut trees have reached maturity.

Kathy Holt says the barn was built by Erasmus Preston along with Preston Street – now Stafford Street. E.T. is Eugene Turnburke. Eugene C. Turnburke was an Alexandria County Supervisor and a Chief of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department. He was the only supervisor to run for the newly created Arlington County Board in 1926 – he lost. He had five sons, three of whom served in World War I. Eugene F. was one of them, and it may be his birthdate on the wall. Also scratched in a stone are the names of the four Parker boys – Terry, Pappy, Rickie, and a fourth (name unreadable), who lived here in the rough and tough Cherrydale “gang” days of the ‘50’s-‘70’s.

Guess I’ve got some scratchin’ of my own to do for our kids, Jenny and Katie.



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THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH – ABLAZE WITH CHANGE

by Andy Murphy



I'm watching The Painter work his palette before my eyes, changing Pollard Street into a landscape ablaze with yellows, golds, oranges, reds and every color in between. Happens every year, and each time I'm torn between the lifting joy of vibrant hues and the melancholy of nature falling asleep for a few months. The fallen leaves are gorgeous, too: symmetrical shapes swirl in a wind, lie placid in the sporadic sunshine, and adorn our autumnal table, while Christina across the street sweeps them into daily piles. Squirrels scamper through them and munch the pumpkins on our doorsteps. (I know they're a nuisance, Scott, but I laugh each morning to see how much has been nibbled from the pumpkin bar on our front step.)

This election season has brought folks to our door several times a week, urging support of their candidates, all promising change. Is Cherrydale blue or red this November? We'll all know by the time this goes to print. The foliage has already decided. Time for a rest as we transition between seasons. Time for the occasional, droopy white snow drops to peek up under the bird bath next to the random, violet fall crocus. Time to welcome and accept change as natural and friendly.

Time, too, to tone down the rhetoric and enter a season of peace. Come January, our government will be ablaze with change. Let it be.

New word of the day: *sinistral*. Our new president (no matter who wins) is *sinistral*, or left-handed.



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I-66 PUBLIC HEARING

A big thanks to all of you who dragged yourselves out on a cold and rainy night for yet another mind-numbing hearing on To Widen or Not To Widen I-66. Once again, the Virginia Department of Transportation pulled out all the stops with its glossy maps, photos, drawings and legal documents, and, once again, about 197 out of 200 Arlington residents spoke out – or gave written comments – against the widening.

This time, it wasn't only the citizens but also the County Board. Four of them (Walter Tejada, Chris Zimmerman, Mary Hynes and Barbara Favola) showed up and stayed the whole time, and Chairman Tejada gave an impassioned opening statement asking the state to shelve the entire widening project until a full study of the I-66 corridor can be carried out. He also bitterly criticized VDOT for obtaining a "Categorical Exclusion" from having to do an environmental analysis of the impacts of the widening.

Some of the issues brought up by the scores of residents who spoke out publicly included: air pollution, noise, danger on the roadway because of narrowed shoulders, damage to the bike trail, damage to the vegetative buffers, sprawl, added traffic through Arlington neighborhoods, and the creation of new choke points at bridge abutments and other barriers. Many people were critical of the expenditure of at least \$86 million, and one suggested that a HOV experimental solution could be tested for about \$10,000.

Two protest signs at the meeting summed it up. One said: "They are not 'Spots' and It's Not an 'Improvement.'" The other said: "Wiser, Not Wider."



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Marty Wagner is Saying Words! Our dear Cherrydaler and former CCA president Marty Wagner was severely injured this summer when he fell off his second floor balcony while trimming his wisteria vine.

Martin has begun to actually repeat and say basic words. He has very distinctly been repeating numbers, the alphabet, names and other words with some of us. What a joy to hear him say family names, including his own! Staff tell us that he can count to ten by himself. He now answers with the word "yes" to questions, unfortunately even when the answer should be no.

Regardless, we think it is very impressive since he was in a vegetative state just a few weeks ago! The speech therapist has given us a number of tips to help him vocalize. We are very encouraged by this development since it is the first clear sign to us of his cognitive recovery potential. He's also doing a swallow test. He apparently chews well but doesn't swallow effectively, which is a barrier to getting off the feeding tube. His wife Elizabeth and family thank everyone for their concern.

Wendy Robinson and Randy Morrow were married on October 18th. They have lived in their arts and crafts style house on Military Road for a little over two years now. They look forward to finishing a bathroom project sometime in the near future as well as continuing to spruce up their yard.

The Johnson family, of Randolph Street, welcomed **Nora Mary Patricia** on September 27. Nora was 8 pounds 4 ounces at birth and is looking forward to meeting other children in the neighborhood in the coming months.

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Monday, October 20 (7:30 pm) (**3rd Monday because of Columbus Day**): **My Life in France**, by Julia Child & Alex Prud'homme. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of a possible 5 stars).

November Off - Autumn Holiday Break.

Monday, December 8 (7:30 pm): **Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship**, by Jon Meacham.

Monday, January 12 (7:30 pm): **Candide**, by Voltaire. "Witty and caustic, *Candide* has ranked as one of the world's great satires since its first publication in 1759"

Monday, February 9 (7:30 pm): **Manhunt: The 12-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer**, by James L. Swanson. This month is the Bicentennial of Lincoln's birth.

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Garden aprons, garden flags

N/C - Harry

Susan Hennessy - get our street (17th) on the queue for a major upgrade - it is totally substandard and HAS been for the 24 years I've lived here. It needs curbs and gutters, a better drainage system that will include proper grading of the street, as water sits for days on end & ice forms in places because the water doesn't drain off properly. We all also want a sidewalk and for the County to take away the orange cone on the corner of 17th & Pollard that's been standing (now collapsed) there for 5 years & install a permanent solution for that water meter on the corner.

Newsletter potential articles:

Brenda Craine - charity - items to collect after I make this delivery - check in on their progress - and see what other things we toss that they'd treasure. It's really amazing to see the kinds of basic things they need desperately. My mom gave one woman her old winter jacket - and she wore it for DAYS without taking it off... :) Bren

Scotts House a good article? has asked that we show what Santa's work-out shop is like (hey, Santa and the elves gotta keep in shape too!) so he's are looking for things like old non used tread mills or exercise machines that we can incorporate into this years display. They need not be functioning or in great shape so long as they look like they might

CherryValley pub phone removed/ Do we need/want an emergency phone?

Will Sapper - Will Sapper [fafwill@yahoo.com] And a remembrance of my Cherrydale? The first 24 years here, I worked in the city. I returned home, eat, bedded our boys, conversed with the wife and fell asleep. I didn't even keep a record of dreams.

Construction debris, Lee Hwy bono, pix and Lincoln St

Cherrydale Officers 2/18/09

Agenda

- Bromptons
- Section in Website for Pix of construction and sidewalk related problems
- Lee Hwy Revitalization
- Missing Links
- NC Updates
- Welcome Wagon/ new comers list/number houses sold
- Real estate assessments
- Meeting w SFW
- Emergency prparedness/ham radios
- Day Care 1523 Randolph use permit
- Tire repair shop Use Permit
- Maywood Turns 100 This Year
- July 4th issue

BROMPTONS pix for website and other pix and advertise this site in newsletter

Lee Hwy Revitalization – needs note in newsletter

“Barbara Favola spoke at NC Feb meeting. Harry asked her about the article in the Arlington Gazette on the possibility of the County looking into Lee Hwy revitalization: <http://www.sungazette.net/articles/2009/02/06/arlington/news/nw716.txt>

. She categorically stated this was not true and there were no plans to do so anytime in the foreseeable future. She said the county had neither the money nor resources. Maureen confirmed the same information with Shannon Flanagan Watson assistant county manager.”

Cherrydale NC Projects:

18th St planning is 99% completed. The only missing piece is drainage at the Nelson St. corner. The county is looking at a couple different options and it should be resolved in the next couple of months. Construction should start this Fall, but that is not a hard time frame. This project was placed on Cherrydale’s list ____ and was approved by NC on ____ with a number 1 ranking. Which other projects have been approved and completed since then?

Randolph St. is still in the early design phase. Neighbors should have some plans to look at next month. It's in good shape for the Spring funding session, and as of now is on the top of the funding list. This project was approved by Cherrydale in ____ and rec'd NC approval ____

Missing Links (for Maureen):

I asked Tim McIntosh about the current Missing Links rules and how they applied to the missing sections on your list. He said the current Missing Links program only require the vote of the civic association.

Sidewalk Links, Cherrydale

From drive around 2/12/09 UPDATED 2/18/09

① 20th West Road + Quebec St.

- The corner N Taylor and southside of N 16th - to the bike path - only section of that block missing sidewalk. HIGH Value

② Also corner Lincoln and N 20ths St, next to the chapel. Neighbors fence in the way. HIGH VALUE They refused a sidewalk last year

- Block of 1815 and 1819 N Utah St - 3 houses. One homeowner (4327) placed fence where sidewalk would go. Is it on public property? Otherwise this is an excellent site for sidewalk. *But there are sidewalks across the street. Can we print out a map here?*

- 1903 N Utah St - 1 fence might be in the way. Not sure. Is it on the right of way?

④ Corner 17th st and N Taylor - one house on corner missing sidewalk. Excellent site. No sidewalk other side. But owner said NO a few years ago. Is it on the right of way? *Question – is the property for sidewalk the owners or the County's/ No tree, no fence to move*

- ~~2032 Randolph St~~ ^{Utah} and the next house on the side corner - would complete a block. *But yard has a hill, steps. Low priority as there is sidewalk on the other side.*

Note most of N Taylor St has tree aisles 18 inches and though County said it couldn't plant trees there, some people have and THAT's GREAT!

③ *if qualifies* • Kenmore 2028 (Hillside would require wall) then 1 lot of sidewalk, then 2014 N Kenmore (Jim Todd's house) to corner missing sidewalk, making it 4 lots missing for this exceptionally long block. But, the Todd's section is heavily landscaped, wall would have to be moved, and the next house has room but the corner house has a bumpout wall with old tree. These issues create a problem placing sidewalk.

Notes about N Utah St - it has the fancy traffic islands, and a lot of newish sidewalks. But starting at the Northmost end by Lee Hwy, you walk on the east side to unbroken until a big curve then you have to cross over to the other side as one small block has no sidewalk. And overhead map would be useful to explain this section. In general, there was probably some reason that after all the work done on UTAH St so many sections remain w/o sidewalk. In general there is at least a sidewalk on one side or the other but it's not consistent. Some much has been done on this street in the past decade I would think it was lower priority and in fact that maybe the neighbors like it the way it is.