

# Sweet & Sour News



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## Important Dates

### July

#### Ice Cream Social!



Wed, 7/17/13

7-8pm at CVFD

3900 Lee Hwy, 2nd fl.

### August

#### Newsletter Items Due

by 8/23/13 to:

secretary@cherrydale.net

### September

#### CCA General Meeting

Wed, 9/25/13

(later date to minimize back-to-school night conflict)

7:30pm at CVFD

3900 Lee Hwy, 2nd fl.

**Agenda: NC Plan**

## Churches of Cherrydale (Pt 1): Cherrydale Bible Church

by Andy Murphy

My first visit to the charming little church on the corner of 20th & Monroe was for an open-to-all Tai Chi class taught by Dan Rodriguez, a church elder. Then, last Sunday, my wife and I attended a service at Cherrydale Bible Church (CBC) to learn more.

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## Lee Highway Tree Inspection

by Maureen Ross

On June 6th we inspected Lee Hwy trees graciously accompanied by Jamie Bartalon, County Landscape and Forestry Supervisor, and Patrick Wegeng, Environmental Landscape Supervisor.

It was clear the trees along Lee are not in the shape they should be. To see what our trees could look like, go up to Lee Hwy in Falls Church, across from the State Theatre. Those trees were planted the same time ours were initially, after the brick pavers were put in. The difference between the Falls Church trees and ours are the following:

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## Newsletter Changes

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

Many thanks to the eighty-three individuals who completed the newsletter survey I circulated in June. The findings were tremendously helpful to me as I took over as editor from the very capable Kathy Holt Springston.

The following were the most significant conclusions from my survey:

- 63% of respondents want to keep the newsletter name 'Sweet & Sour News.'
- Almost 80% of respondents want to see more features about Cherrydale businesses, particularly long-standing businesses, new businesses and home-based businesses.
- 74% want to see more special-interest feature articles (e.g., neighborhood history, activities, etc.).
- 61% want to see a regular column providing seasonal gardening advice.
- 54% want to see a column about interesting homes in the neighborhood.

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## CHERRYDALE BUSINESS

### Max & Ruffy's (www.maxandruffys.com)

by Lacey Wootton-Don



Kelly Raiser and Beth Grace, long-time Cherrydalers, wanted to bring organic and healthy options to furry family members. They noticed that there weren't many human-grade, 100% organic dog treats on the market, and they realized that the pet-food industry tends to follow human trends—and that it was starting to “shift and follow more holistic living,” according to Kelly.

In 2009, they started Max & Ruffy's “Natural Organic Treats for Dogs” in their N. Pollard Street home, which was soon taken over by a large oven and the shipping and receiving functions. Their business has grown considerably since those beginnings in their Cherrydale dining room. Max & Ruffy's treats are in stores in Canada and Japan—as well as 600 stores across the US, including Whole Foods (they're in the Clarendon store!). Two years ago, they moved their business to a warehouse space in Rockville which they converted to a bakery. While Beth continues in her consulting business, Kelly manages Max & Ruffy's.

Kelly comes up with the recipes by looking at healthy ingredients and nutrients, and then he develops combinations for flavor: coconut, molasses, and flax; quinoa and pumpkin; sweet potato and alfalfa; and that doggie favorite, pizza. Beth and Kelly work together to develop the names of the snacks, all of which have a meaning explained on the back of the package: “327 B.C.” (banana and coconut) refers to the year that Alexander the Great discovered the banana in India.

“I love Cherrydale,” says Beth; “I feel grateful to have access to so many wonderful parks.” Kelly concurs, and adds: “We love our neighbors.”

### Kite Runner Café (www.kiterunnercafe.com)

by Meg Miller Rydzewski



Chef Homayon Karimy had a dream of bringing home cooking to a restaurant setting. The Afghan-Lebanese-Indian fusion restaurant, Kite Runner Café, is the product of that dream.

His initial plan was to locate the restaurant close to an Arlington metro station to capture foot traffic, but he and his partners decided to instead focus on the residents of nice, quiet neighborhoods. There are few areas close to DC that maintain the small town feeling yet are populated by educated, well-traveled people -- people who he believes are, as a result of their experiences, open to trying new types of food. He knew through deliveries he'd made when working for Lebanese Taverna that Cherrydale was one such place. After exploring, the chef and his partners found they loved the layout of homes and the greenery, so they placed Cherrydale at the top of their list of possible locations.

Now that the restaurant is open, more changes should come. “In the long run,” he said, “I would like to incorporate more items into the menu and offer daily specials. Also, I would like to start food delivery, catering service, and even cooking classes.” The chef is also interested in organizing with other business owners in the 'Cherrydale Commercial District' to make improvements that might encourage more retail traffic. “More parking spaces would be nice,” he said, “especially from a business owner's perspective. But I would also be sad to see less greenery. There has to be a balance.”

The chef and his partners were delighted to find the location they now occupy on Lee Highway next to House of Steep. “Cherrydale residents have been gracious and welcoming, and we are very happy to be here.”



## COMMUNITY / SOCIAL

### 2013 Yard Sale Report

by Scott Springston

Despite the pouring rain on Friday and a few light sprinkles on Saturday morning, the day turned out to be a great success! It took a lot of work (seven hours to put up nearly 200 signs and deliver the maps to all 108 participants, followed by more signs set out at six a.m. that morning). However, everyone we spoke with told us they had either a very good day, or a great day. Only one person reported "moderate" sales! There seemed to be a larger amount of traffic than normal in the morning, but it appeared to drop off later on.

A few (appx. 3) people who paid decided not to have a sale, probably because of the weather, but asked that their fee be considered a donation. There did not appear to be any piggy backers – a first!! Another first, everyone on the list paid!

Total sales: 108 (86 Cherrydale, 22 Waverly), including two churches, the Potomac Harmony Chorus, and the Girl Scouts! This is a new record, even without adding in the Waverly Hills sales! (Waverly Hills requested that we allow them to join our successful Yard Sales event in February. We agreed. It seems they had a successful day also.) Total Cherrydale profit: \$128.92 plus \$30 donations!! Thank you one and all – now, start getting ready for next year!



Laura and Caroline South and Lucy Flannery-Goodman show off their wares and lemonade at the yard sale.



### Ice Cream Social from 7-8pm on Wed., July 17!



by Debra Berke, CCA Social Coordinator

Join us for ice cream (free for all Cherrydale residents!) and conversation -- rain or shine at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department - 3900 Lee Hwy, 2nd floor. Door Prizes! Fun ice cream toppings! Cherrydale logo items for sale, **including the colorful new Cherrydale car magnet (price: \$3)**



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## COMMUNITY / SOCIAL

### Welcome Wagon

by Amy Wheelock



drawing by Meg Miller Rydzewski

Welcome New Neighbors! The CCA Welcome Wagon delivers welcome packets to new residents and businesses to our community. Packets include information on Cherrydale, vehicle registration information, maps of Arlington, information on BikeShare, instructions on how to sign up for the listserv, coupons for local services, and helpful links from Arlington County.

Many thanks to those who let me know about new neighbors! We delivered three welcome packets in the last two months. If you know someone who has recently moved to Cherrydale (renters or homeowners) or if you'd like the welcome packet to include a brochure or coupon for your business, please send me an email at [welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net](mailto:welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net).

### Elder View

by Andy Murphy

Last October, a dozen Cherrydale elders met over a meal to form a loose-knit group to discuss life and issues of import to our demographic--you know, geezer stuff. Since then, we've covered topics like what services are available to the aging of Arlington, where we'd like to spend our dotage years (unsurprisingly, most would like to stay put), and how our values have changed or been reenforced with age.

We've settled in to meeting once a month, either at a local restaurant or at the home of one of the members; and we take turns leading the topic of the day. Some of us still work, some are retired, some need full-time care. The group is low-key, accepting, supportive, and eager to walk this aging path consciously and gracefully.

In June, we looked into material provided at the Transition Workshop: Creating your plan for life's next stage (sponsored by the Arlington County Office of Senior Adult Programs). In July, we'll discuss happiness

Sometimes we watch a TED talk, using it as a springboard to discussion. Most recently, we saw *My Stroke of Insight*, a moving account by neuroanatomist Jill Bolte Taylor, who experienced a massive stroke and studied it as it happened; she has since become a powerful voice for brain recovery. It's no secret that seniors are rightfully fearful of a stroke. We learned a lot that day. Upcoming topic: the nature of our spirituality as we grow older.

The Elders of Cherrydale/Maywood are always open to new members. Watch for announcements on the listserv to see our activities, or write me: [andymurphy\\_22207@yahoo.com](mailto:andymurphy_22207@yahoo.com).



left to right:

Elizabeth Cotsworth, Martin Wagner, Kate Trygstad, Carol Parker, Christy Pino, Andy Murphy

## FUN / INTEREST

### Cherrydale Comics:

#### *A Bowl of Cherries* by Becket Rydzewski



Do you want your comic to appear here? Read how: <http://www.cherrydale.net/cherrydale-comics.html>

### Sweet & Sour Recipes:

#### Sour Cherry Crisp

by: Michal Warshow

#### Filling:

4 cups cherries  
2 tbsp. flour

#### Topping:

1/2 cup flour  
1/2 cup light brown sugar  
1/2 cup rolled oats (not quick)  
4 tbsp. sweet butter, cold

#### Instructions:

1. Pit and drain cherries (can use canned but make sure it's not pie filling!).
2. Make topping by combining flour, brown sugar and oats in a medium bowl. Cut butter into cubes and combine with flour mixture, until well-blended with a crumbly appearance.
3. For filling, toss cherries with the 2 tbsp. flour, place in greased 2 quart dish, and

sprinkle topping to cover cherries.

4. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes, or until topping is lightly browned.
5. Serve warm. Optional toppings: vanilla ice cream, whipped cream.

#### Note:

Substitute your favorite fruit for the cherries. Can add 1/2 cup chopped nuts to the topping.



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## Gardener's Corner: The Montmorency Cherry Tree

by Clare Rockey

In July and August, gardeners in this neck of the woods tend to stick to the four W's: water, weed, watch, and wait. For the vegetable gardeners, add H for harvest. No one really wants to plant anything. You can plant now if you must, as long as you keep everything very well-watered. So now is really the time to sit back, enjoy the fruits of your spring labor, and think about some planting options for the next few seasons.

With this in mind, I'd like to introduce you to a wonderful tree you can plant in early spring (planning ahead!) that is perfect for Cherrydale: the Montmorency Cherry (Latin name *Prunus cerasus* 'Montmorency'). The Montmorency Cherry is a real fruiting sour cherry tree. It produces blossoms *and* fruit that you can eat off of the tree or use in cooking (pies!) -- the fruit freezes well, too. This tree is self-pollinating, so you don't have to buy any companion trees. It is low/no maintenance and is considered a semi-dwarf tree, which means it won't get too big if you're worried about overhead wires (it maxes out at about 20-25 feet high and 8-10 feet wide).

We planted two of these fabulous trees in our front yard 7 and 9 years ago, and they have provided years of excitement, wonderment, anticipation, and neighborhood bonding. They flower in spring along with the other cherries. Their blooms are white and very small, but boy do those blossoms produce a ton of fruit! As the children in the neighborhood join us to pick cherries for the annual harvest, we reap more than fruit. We reap something even more important and elemental, something that harkens back to a simpler time and ties us to the earth's growing cycle. We put everything on hold in order to harvest the cherries, pit them (use a cherry pitter), and bake them into pies.

One neighbor in particular, Mr. M.G., is such a cherry-pie phenom, he will stay up late into the night picking cherries by flashlight, then baking pies. There is a fairly short harvest time -- only about a week -- so it's important to get them when they're perfect!

We'd love to see more Cherrydalers plant real fruiting cherry trees and bring a little living history back. In fact, living in "Cherrydale" was our original inspiration for planting our Montmorency Cherry trees.

In case it helps to know, we bought our trees at Merrifield Nursery and paid roughly \$100 for a 6-8 foot tree in a 15-gallon container. Their Montmorency Cherry trees are locally-grown on the Eastern Shore by Hollybrook Orchards.



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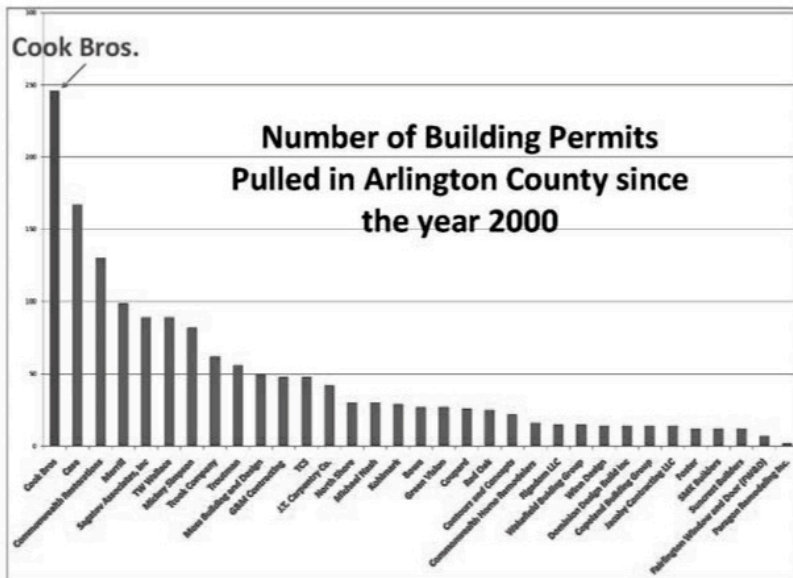


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## UPDATES

### Neighborhood Conservation Survey and Plan

by Maureen Ross (CCA President)

The committee met weekly since the survey closed to finalize the summary. It is now being edited for standardization/readability. From the survey report, we expect 75% of the NC plan will have been written.

#### Our progress steps:

Step 1 - Write the survey. DONE.

Step 2 - Launch survey. DONE.

Step 3 - Analyze and write the survey report and most of the recommendations that stem from it. DONE.

Step 4 - Edit the survey report (3 week hiatus while Jim does this) in JULY.

Step 5 - Draft the NC Plan update, 75% of which is the survey report and recommendations, in AUGUST.

Step 6 - Vet the plan to the CCA by web, email and newsletter. It's a tall order but we hope for SEPTEMBER.

Step 7 - CCA vote on SEPTEMBER 25. Worst case: NOVEMBER meeting.

#### If you have suggestions, please contact our subject matter experts working on the plan:

- Parks and Beautification: Deb Cook (dzcook@verizon.net)
- Community services and historic preservation: Sara Cruley (saracruley@gmail.com)
- Traffic Calming, Disabilities: Maureen Ross (president@cherrydale.net)
- Zoning and housing: Jim Todd (jimdtodd@gmail.com)
- How we travel (bike, car, mass transit): Gillian Burgess (gillian.burgess@gmail.com)
- Lee Hwy Retail: Tom Korn (tomkorns@comcast.net)

Send suggestions, attend the 9/25 CCA meeting, and check our website for the raw survey numbers.

### Bus Stop Tour

by Maureen Ross (CCA President)

In the NC survey, a number of Cherrydalers said they would "support a rapid bus transit" along Lee Hwy. The follow-up question is: would you USE one? Gillian Burgess and I took Oleg Kotov, Arlington County Bus Stop Program Manager, on a tour of Cherrydale stops, looking to see where they can be made more comfortable, attractive and user friendly. We'd also like to know HOW many more Cherrydale riders can we get to use buses? Contact us at [president@cherrydale.net](mailto:president@cherrydale.net) if you are not now using bus but WOULD if there was a rapid transit bus. Please visit our website to read details and let us know your thoughts: <http://www.cherrydale.net/june-2013---bus-stop-tour.html> (photos courtesy of Maureen Ross)



### Lee Highway Undergrounding Update

by Michael Collins, P.E., Engineering Bureau Chief, Arlington County (703-228-6505)

#### Phase II (N Oakland St to west of N Quincy St)

Arlington County completed the civil work (duct bank construction) in November 2012. Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) had to construct one additional section of duct bank once an easement with the Cherrydale Rehabilitation had been completed. This work began mid February 2013 and is now complete.



DVP has also completed the work to install the underground cables, as well as the work to install transformers, switches and other facilities.

The work to convert Dominion Va Power services to the new underground system has begun and is expected to be complete in August 2013. There will be scheduled power outages as they transfer over, and the affected services will be forewarned. After the services transfers are completed in August, the other utilities (Verizon, Comcast, and Arlington's Transportation Engineering) will have to transfer their services off of the pole, at which time DVP will have to return to remove the poles. DVP and Arlington are working closely with the other utilities to ensure that all of this work is completed by the end of calendar year 2013.

### Presidents' Tours

*by Ginger Brown (Waverly Hills Civic Association President)*

A grassroots strategic partnership for re-visioning Lee Highway is moving forward with Presidents of nearly all the civic associations adjacent, including East Falls Church, John M. Langston, GlebeWood, Yorktown, Leeway Overlee, Old Dominion, Donaldson Run, Cherrydale, Maywood, and Lyon Village. The group is being assisted by Arlington County's Planning Department.

Formed in February of 2013, the group is meeting monthly at a series of Presidents' Breakfasts and walking tours. During this educational phase, relevant topics - including land use planning and zoning, smart growth, urban design, housing, transportation and parking, signage, demographic trends, tax increment financing, transferable development rights, local business preservation, and new economic opportunities - are being presented by and discussed with local experts.

The group will continue to meet into 2014, at which time they will participate in a design charrette. The anticipated result is a new, joint community vision for a more economically vibrant, walkable, attractive Lee Highway corridor – one that benefits neighborhoods and businesses.

That vision will be sent to the Arlington County Manager's office with a request that the County appoint and fund a Task Force to formally develop a Lee Highway Sector Plan to guide future rezoning applications. **(Maureen Ross and Tom Korn represent Cherrydale in this endeavor.)**

### Thoughts On Our Newsletter

*by Maureen Ross (CCA President)*

I am thrilled with Meg as our new editor and am excited about changes. Having more contributing authors has been my goal for quite some time. I accepted Andy Murphy's offer for his 6-part Cherrydale Churches series last April and recruited Lacey Wootton-Don in early May to be a writer. Resurrecting a photo series on local houses is a dream of mine and most especially I'd like some offers to interview local residents especially our seniors. The newsletter survey results are welcome and no surprise. I hope we have more recruits for our newsletter so we can share the work and improve communication. Don't be afraid to volunteer! I thank Kathy and all previous editors for their work. Stay tuned!

### Cherrydale Supports Local Business

*by Meg Miller Ryzewski*

Local business is a big topic of discussion on our listserv. Our Facebook page is largely dedicated to discussing and supporting local business. We now also have a page on our website completely devoted to local business: <http://www.cherrydale.net/business.html> So, if, for example, you're wondering what's happening with renovation plans for Safeway or what the website address is for House of Steep, just visit [cherrydale.net](http://www.cherrydale.net)!

If you're the owner of a local business and want to be listed on that page, please send an email to: [secretary@cherrydale.net](mailto:secretary@cherrydale.net).



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#### Cherrydale Business

##### Local Businesses

- Cherrydale Safeway
- Kite Runner Cafe
- House of Steep
- Cherrydale Subway
- Pasha Cafe
- Sun & Moon Yoga
- Cherrydale Hardware

##### Promote Your Business

- Do you want your Cherrydale-based business listed here? Send an email to [secretary@cherrydale.net](mailto:secretary@cherrydale.net) with whatever information you want featured (website, Facebook page, business address, a photo, etc.).
- Join our Facebook page and

##### Business News

- June 2013 Safeway renovation plans remain uncertain. We should know more once manager Ed Mensch returns from sick leave.

## Churches of Cherrydale (Pt. 1): Cherrydale Bible Church --continued from page 1



The picture-perfect building was a Methodist church from 1907 to 1958, when the Plymouth Brethren bought it and moved from their temporary quarters at Tuckahoe school. A gently curving semicircle of dark wood pews draws one's eye to some gorgeous green-, papaya-, and amber-colored stained glass windows behind a simple table altar with only an open Bible and a loaf of bread. It seems the perfect setting for an intimate, family-based, neighborhood church; and indeed it is.

The multi-racial, ethnically diverse congregation is warm and kid-friendly and feels like a congenial, family gathering; many have attended for decades. The teens seem especially bright and energetic. The irony is that the 85 or so members virtually all come from other neighborhoods, some as far away as Woodbridge, Ashburn, and even

Gaithersburg. In fact, the only member who still lives in Cherrydale is an 82-year-old Rwandan woman. Nonetheless, CBC is involved in Cherrydale activities, notably monthly services and visitation at the Cherrydale Rehabilitation Center.

A unique feature of CBC is that it has no clergy, no pastor, in fact, no salaried employee. The church elders, all men, tend to doctrinal matters; the deacons take care of the building, the grounds, and the bills. There is no prescribed liturgy. At the 9 a.m. extempore service, elders rise in place to read from Scripture, pray, discourse, request a hymn to be sung, or give a salvation-centered thought. At the early service, there is no instrumental accompaniment to hymns. The elders, "led by Spirit," reference previous speakers supportively, with all the readings relating to the theme of the day. Many of the women and young girls wear delicately tatted lace hair coverings -- as a matter of choice, not because it's a rule.

We attended only the first of the 4-part morning service. Others stayed for Bible study at 10:30, followed by news of a kids' summer camp, and lastly some piano-accompanied music. Also, because it was the first Sunday of the month, they gathered for a sumptuous pot-luck meal in the community room at noon.

The members we met describe CBC as conservative, with an emphasis on "justification through faith," simplicity, and a back-to-basics focus.

The earliest Brethren met in homes in Dublin, Ireland, and in Plymouth, England, in the 1820s. The movement came to America in the early 1900s. I first heard the name when Garrison Keillor told of being raised in the tradition.

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***Do you know of neighbors who are making a difference in our community and deserve a thumbs-up? The new 'CARING NEIGHBORS' section of the newsletter is the place to do it!***

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## CARING NEIGHBORS

### Caring Neighbors Clean Up!

*by Meg Miller Rydzewski*

Maureen Ross and Tom Hones didn't care for the shape of the stairwell along Lee Highway by Reinhart's Garage, so they did something about it: they cleaned it up. See the before and after. Thanks! (There is more to come and Reinhardt's will help!)



*Before*



*After*



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## Dangerous Pedestrian Crossing

by Joel Saltzman

A dangerous pedestrian crossing on Lee Hwy just became more dangerous. The yellow/green vision ped- xing pictogram sign with downward arrow pointing to the nearly invisible red brick crosswalk on the southeast corner of Lee Hw. & N. Kenmore St. (in front of the Shell station and the red brick crosswalk) was apparently sheared off at the base by an accident some time ago. Shell attendants told me that they reported the downed sign to the County when it happened, but the sign and metal post sat on the side of the road for more than a week.

The County, or VDOT (Lee Hwy is a state road) installed a new pictogram sign, with the new word "AHEAD" (replacing the downward arrow of the original sign) more than a block west of the crosswalk. Authorities dug out and anchored a new metal signpost into the sidewalk (extra work and cost to taxpayers versus re-attaching the sign to a newly anchored post). To add insult to the safety outrage, the diamond sign was not bolted in at the top of its new, shiny post, so it hangs down 90 degrees from upright, rendering it nearly useless to motorists barreling eastbound on Lee Hwy.

After several calls & voicemail exchanges, I actually spoke VDOT's manager, advising him to read my email in full and address both safety issues (sheared off post and sign). The sheared post has since been removed.

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# Cherrydale Library Happenings

# Volunteer Fire Department

*The Cherrydale Branch Library*  
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<http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org>



Bring your coffee!

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuesday	1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Cherrydale:	703-228-6330
Library Info:	703-228-5990
Branch Manager:	Julia Karell

## Summer Teen Programs (High School & Middle School):

- Mon., Jul 15, 7-8 pm: Cupcake Wars
- Sat., Jul 20, 2-3pm or Mon., Aug 5, 7-8pm: Craft Time
- Sat., Aug 3, 2-3pm: Button Making

## Summer Kids' Programs

Pre-K Storytimes. Thurs at 10:30 am. Jul 11-Aug 8. For pre-k kids of all ages w/ accompanying adults. No registration needed.

Special Summer Reading 2013 Performances & Programs for Kids Entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade. \*\*\*FREE TICKETS REQUIRED\*\*\* Tickets issued first-come, first-served starting at opening time on the Saturday before each performance. One ticket per child and one accompanying adult.

- Mon., Jul 8 @ 4:30: Dean Alan's Fantastical Magical Stories Show!
- Mon., Jul 22 @ 4:30: Reptiles Alive!
- Mon., Aug 5 @ 4:30: Gulf Branch Nature Center Program.

2013 Summer Reading for Prizes! For ages 18 and younger. Registration on-line at [library.arlingtonva.us](http://library.arlingtonva.us) or visit Cherrydale Library for more information and to pick up reading log sheets.

## Book Discussions for Adults

Please see [www.CherrydaleLibrary.org](http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org). New participants are very welcome!

## Grilling Safety Tips

courtesy of:



**National Fire Protection Association**  
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Fire in the grill, under hot dogs and burgers, is a welcome sight at the family cookout. But fire anywhere else can make your summer kick-off barbecue memorable for all the wrong reasons.

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.

## Charcoal grills

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



## Propane grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

## Newsletter Changes -- continued from page 1

- Almost 48% want to see a regular 'tell me about yourself' column featuring one or two Cherrydale residents. Many interesting suggestions were made on who they'd like to read about.
- Overwhelmingly, respondents want to see tighter writing, more interesting graphics, greater variety of writers, and less opinion.

While not all of these points can be addressed right away, inside of this issue you'll find a number of changes. Aside from new formatting, new to this edition are:

- **Cherrydale Business**, a new, regular section featuring one or two writeups about Cherrydale businesses.
- **Gardener's Corner**, which will feature timely advice for those who wish to beautify their outdoor space, grow food, address landscape problems, etc.
- **Sweet & Sour Recipes**.
- **Caring Neighbors**, a new section where we acknowledge neighbors who are doing great things here.
- **Cherrydale Comics**, a competitive-entry original Cherrydale-themed comic strip. Submit your G-rated entry by the deadline indicated in the 'Important Dates' section of the front page of the newsletter. The best comic will appear in the newsletter and the rest will be posted to our website at <http://www.cherrydale.net/cherrydale-comics.html>. Kicking it off this edition is a comic strip titled 'A Bowl of Cherries', drawn by 2nd grader Becket Rydzewski.
- **Churches of Cherrydale**, a six-part special-feature series by the talented Andy Murphy.

**Also coming soon:** web-only content. Watch the listserv and [cherrydale.net](http://cherrydale.net) for more on this.

Let me know what you think of the changes ([secretary@cherrydale.net](mailto:secretary@cherrydale.net)), and if you'd like to write for the newsletter, I can put you to work!



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## Lee Highway Tree Inspection -- continued from page 1



Falls Church Trees (photo courtesy of Google Maps)



Cherrydale Tree (photo courtesy of Google Maps)



Cherrydale Tree (photo courtesy of Maureen Ross)



Cherrydale Tree (photo courtesy of Maureen Ross)

- Planted in good soil; in larger tree aisles; the aisles set back about 18 inches from the curb, and surrounded by raised bricks (a few inches); the mulch set flat rather than in mounds around the tree bases; and trees watered for years until very mature with deep roots. That seems to be the formula for success and we urge County to copy it.
- Our trees have a surprising number of deep bark injuries assumably from trucks given the height of the injuries. The damage tends to coincide with construction. VDOT, Dominion, County, subcontractors and builders have all worked on Lee Hwy these past 13 years. We therefore ask that County inspect sites at the end of each construction day, to include the trees, so we can have the offending agent replace the damaged tree immediately rather than the cost coming back to county a year later.

Along our walk, we admired the newly replaced trees and documented the remaining that might be broken, dead or dying. Noted again were a number of the same hazards, loose pavements and construction debris reported previously in the past two years. We forwarded photos again to county. So much construction has occurred on Lee Hwy that it is difficult to say who left what behind.

The condition of the trees and brick sidewalk along Safeway is by far the worst along Lee. We all recall the innumerable times construction redid that section of road, plus the undergrounding. Now the brick pavers undulate like a belly dancer on a rollercoaster. County is claiming that Safeway must make the repairs though the damage seems associated with the undergrounding and Lee Hwy repairs. So, despite 5 tours of this section over the past 4 years, this sidewalk has only gotten worse. County has declined to fix the pavers, leaving it to Safeway. That means no fix foreseeable in the near future. See photos on the website.

I will call the tour a success, as we have a to-do list for County, and a measure with which to monitor response. Jamie and Patrick were willing and eager to work with us. But beyond that is a greater success: Mike Collins (Engineering Bureau Chief) has started a multi-departmental work group to review street tree planting standards and engineering specifications in order to improve the survival and health of new street trees. The group includes staff from the Department of Parks and Recreation, Community Planning, Housing and Development, and the Department of Environmental Services. It is a huge step in the right direction that different departments now share a vision for preserving and promoting trees!

According to Mr. Bartalon, "this group is finalizing new details and specifications that will increase the volume and quality of soil in tree pits, which includes engineering solutions that allow for continuous strips of higher quality, less compacted soil to run between tree pits. The sidewalk is reinforced to be able to span the soil panels beneath it, leaving the soil less compacted and available for root growth between pits. The group has also worked to update tree planting details that reflect current landscape best practices. We expect that street trees will survive and thrive better on new streetscape projects than they have in the past."

Thank you Jamie, Patrick, and Mike. Thanks also to Bill Harkins and Tom Kornis, former CCA presidents who first alerted us to the condition of our Lee Hwy trees over a decade ago. Please refer to our website for more details and photos.

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