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Important Dates

May

CCA General Meeting

Wed, 5/21/14, 7:30pm at CVFD (see Feature Article for details)

WalkArlington Walkabout

Sun, 5/18/14, 3-5pm (see Article for details)

Discover Cherrydale!

Sat, 5/31/14, noon-5pm on Lee Hwy & at Cherrydale Library (see Feature Article for details)

June

Great Cherrydale Yard Sale!

Sat, 6/14/14, 8am-1pm (see Article for details)

Newsletter Items Due for July SSN

Fri, 6/27/14

July

CCA General Meeting

Wed, 7/16/14, 7:30pm at CVFD

Discover Cherrydale

Saturday, May 31, 12–5 pm

by Greg Embree

How well do you know Cherrydale and everything it can provide? On Saturday, May 31, you'll have a great chance to explore all of the neighborhood places offering food, flowers, frames, fitness, fine art, foot relief, furniture, feline and dog care, and much more. "Discover Cherrydale" is a day-long festival celebrating our 121-year-old community, not only with free food samples but also artwork, free entertainment, firehouse tours, and free samples and coupons from participating businesses. You might even discover a shop or service you never knew about. For the latest information, go to discovercherrydale.info.



Ribbon Cutting and Scavenger Hunt

The celebration starts at noon at the original Cherrydale Firehouse with a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of the undergrounding of the utility lines along Lee Highway. County Board Chairman Jay Fisette and Board Members Libby Garvey and John Vihstadt have been invited.

At the firehouse you can pick up a scavenger hunt game card for your self-guided tour and begin going from business to business, sampling the wares or fare of each and getting your card marked as you move from one shop or restaurant to another. Bring your completed card to Cherrydale Library before 5 pm for a free prize!

The scavenger hunt is hosted by Cherrydale Library as a fun and new twist on their popular Taste of Cherrydale event of 2012. If you miss the noon ribbon cutting, you can pick up your game card at Cherrydale Library or at the firehouse at any time from 1 to 5 pm.

That evening, the firehouse is offering a family movie night on its second floor. Check discovercherrydale.net for information on the title, time, and ticket price.

If it's raining, the ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place indoors on the second floor of the firehouse. The rest of "Discover Cherrydale" will proceed as scheduled, with events taking place at the firehouse or at various businesses.

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CHERRYDALE BUSINESS *by Meg Miller Rydzewski*

Dr. Christine Reardon

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Cherrydale office
opening in May!

Dr. Christine Reardon chose to become a pediatric dentist because she loves working with children. "In addition to providing dental care to children, I also enjoy educating them as well as the parents about dental health," she said.

Originally from Connecticut, Dr. Reardon moved to this area because she matched at Children's National Medical center for residency. She met her husband here and decided this was a great place and wanted to stay (her husband, Jeff Davis, is also a pediatric dentist — they have three children).

Dr. Reardon worked as an associate for several years, then decided she would like to open her own office. She was convinced by many of her friends who had moved out of DC (which is where she lives) to open in Arlington. "It is a young thriving community. My



practice has been located in Ballston for the past 10 years. It has been an incredible experience being a small business in Arlington," she said. "I chose to move to Cherrydale due to the fact it has a large population of young families with children and I wanted to be more involved with the community. I not only want to be able to sponsor events in the community but would also like become an active participant. Cherrydale has amazingly active citizens and events that bring the community together."

"One of the most important things I strive for in my practice is to make it a very comfortable environment for the child as well as the parent. Going to the dentist can be very stressful. We want to make it as calming and positive an experience as possible."

Her new Cherrydale office opens in Dominion Heights in May - check it out!

Creation Waits Photography

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Allen and Marge Thornburgh are the founder's of Creation Waits Photography in Cherrydale. Marge runs the business end and takes care of meeting with customers, marketing, and ordering and designing of wedding and family albums. Allen is a Certified Professional Photographer from Professional Photographers of America (PPA), and has flown all over the country over the years to learn the latest techniques and to keep up with the newest technology in digital photography.

Photography started out as our shared hobby when they met each other at ages 12 and 14. When they married 48 years ago, little did they know that their hobby would become their life's career. Allen was an insurance agent and Marge was a grade school teacher, but as more and more people asked them to photograph their families and weddings, they started to dream about starting their own photography business together. Eventually, they both quit their jobs and started Creation Waits Photography.

The couple moved to Cherrydale, right down the street from St. Agnes Church, 40 years ago and raised 4 children. "Cherrydale is an ideal place to raise children and also an ideal place to start a business," Allen said. "When we would tell potential customers that we were only one mile off Route 66, Exit 72, it made a big difference," Allen said.

Before too long, they were recognized in Washingtonian Magazine as one of the top photographers in the VA/DC/MD area. "They choose 30-35 photographers twice a year in their Bride and Groom Magazine, and we held the top position for 14 years," he said.

They have photographed Senator's and Congressmen's children and grandchildren's weddings. They've also photographed many of Cherrydale's residents and donate portrait sessions to local school auctions to raise money for the schools.

Allen and Marge offer a Family Portrait Session to Cherrydalers for the half price of \$75. Email or call for an appointment!

COMMUNITY / SOCIAL

Neighbor Profile: The Dannenberg Family

by René W. Johnson

Here's a big welcome to Ross and Meredith Dannenberg and their son, Nicholas who was born just this past January. Ross and Meredith met at a bar in Logan Circle in D.C. after Ross thought she was someone he had seen at a recent Turkey Trot. He was thoroughly embarrassed, but his friend insisted that he "had" to go back. Fortunately he did. He made a dinner date with Meredith and the relationship developed. Now, we have them as new neighbors in Cherrydale on North 18th Street!

Ross is an I.P. Attorney specializing in the Software and Video Games industries. He grew up in Northern California and Atlanta Georgia. Meredith grew up in Fairfax, has a law degree and worked as a criminal prosecutor. She's embarking on a new work track currently and is home with Nicholas for a few years. She is an avid reader, enjoys yoga, and loves to cook, specializing in savory foods such as meats and stir fry. Ross also enjoys cooking and focuses on the three B's: baking, breakfast, and barbecue. They both enjoy boating, scuba diving, and traveling. Welcome!



Welcome Wagon

by Amy Wheelock

The CCA Welcome Wagon delivers welcome packets to new residents and businesses in 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.

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 an email to: welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net

Time for the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Wide Yard Sales!

by Scott Springston

Now is the time to get your home listed and on the map for the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Wide Yard Sales! The date this year is Saturday, June 14th, the time is 8 to 1 pm. Here is how it works:

- You gather your "treasures", "junk", collectibles, antiques, sporting goods, toys, books, furniture, clothes, or "whatevers",
- You call or email Scott Springston or Kathy Holt (703-528-1548, sdakss@aol.com) and they will put you on the map for a mere \$5 donation – which barely covers the cost of the ads, the flyers, maps, signs and arrows! This year, due to many non paying customers, you must pay before you are listed on the map!! The deadline to be included in the sale is June 10th.
- The evening before or the morning of the sale, you put the items out in front of your house, decide on the price you want, and wait for the hordes of buyers to come pouring in – that's all there is to it!!
- Kids, can set up a lemonade stand and sell lemonade and other goodies! No fee for children-run sales!

Scott and Kathy will handle the advertising – including making a map (listing all the houses holding a sale) which is distributed to the people holding sales (so they in turn can pass them out to customers); the maps are also posted in various spots in the community; ads are taken out in several local newspapers, and the sale is listed online also. Scott puts up a several huge signs (and lots of little signs) advertising the event two weeks before so cut through traffic is aware of the upcoming event. Then, the day before the sale Scott and Kathy (and their son Dakota) cover the neighborhood with directional arrows to help drivers find all the sales in the community!



Meet your neighborhoods, have some fun, recycle your stuff and maybe make some cash! Be a part of the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale Event! We may once again be joined by Waverly Hills. Remember many buyers consider Cherrydale's Yard Sales to be the highlight of their year!

Churches of Cherrydale (Pt 6): Cherrydale United Methodist Church

by Andy Murphy

Dr. Elizabeth Foss, now in her 3rd year as pastor of Cherrydale United Methodist Church, speaks with pride of her church's involvement in service projects. "Last year, working with SOLE HOPE, we made shoes for Ugandan children who had been laid low by jiggers infecting their bare feet, and closer to home, we packaged 30,000 relief meals for Stop Hunger Now."

The many missions give opportunities for service to congregants of all ages from the youngest--toddlers packing relief meals for AFAC---to the oldest--Mildred at 104, still working the Vegetable Drop from the mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network. "Every one of the 200 or so regular worshippers volunteers for something," Foss said. The church also donated \$80,000 last year to a variety of natural disaster relief drives. "We're demonstrating to our kids how they can make a difference in people's lives."

In speaking of Methodism, Foss explained that what distinguishes their theology is the founder's focus on grace. John Wesley believed we were all born in grace. His goal was to bring Sunday beliefs into practice during the week.

The church has long been a center for Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Cub Scout activities in North Arlington. A large display case in the basement, packed with vintage Scout memorabilia, attests to continued commitment. In fact, CUMC's Boy Scout Troop, founded in 1917, is one of the oldest in the country.

The building at Lorcom & Nelly Custis has an inviting, airy sanctuary with traditional wood pews and high arched windows for the 11 a.m. service, but Teri and I attended the 8:30, held in a smaller, more intimate chapel off the narthex. It felt familial, particularly when Rev. Foss spoke of the special "care package" mailing to the church's several members serving in Afghanistan.

As with several other Cherrydale churches, many of the 450 members come from outside the neighborhood, having been raised here, then moving away, but returning for the feeling of community.

Open to all is an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., an annual Easter egg hunt, a living nativity at Christmas, and periodic Christian Ethics seminars using TV shows such as Northern Exposure and The Vicar of Dibley for discussion points.



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Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department Update

by Tracey Price

The CVFD is looking forward to celebrating Discover Cherrydale on May 31. Our historic building will be open for tours as we begin the day with an opening ceremony and treasure hunt led by the CCA. Be sure to bring your cameras for photo opportunities with firefighters and the vintage fire truck. The day's event will conclude with "Family Movie Night".

Yes, we are bringing back our old fire house tradition with a Disney film. Doors will open at 7:00. Show time 7:30. Tickets may be purchased during the day and at the door, if available. And don't forget, Movie Night wouldn't be complete without fresh popcorn, candy, and soda from our concession stand.

(If rain, some Discover Cherrydale events will be brought inside to the second floor social hall.)



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Cherrydale Library Happenings

*The Cherrydale Branch Library; 2190 N. Military Road; 703-228-6330; www.CherrydaleLibrary.org; Coffee Welcome!
Hours: Mon 10am-9pm, Tue 1pm-9pm, Wed 1pm-9pm, Thu 10am-9pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun Closed*

Please see the above web site for information on book discussions for adults and on the spring kids' storytimes, which end in late May. Also check page 1 for info on Cherrydale Library's participation in the "Discover Cherrydale" festival.

2014 Summer Kids' Programs

Drop-In Storytimes: Dates TBA (Call or see web site above.) For preschoolers of all ages, with accompanying adults.

"Paws To Read": For Emerging Readers & Kids who Love Dogs!: The first and third Saturdays of the month (except for July 5), 3-4 pm. Specially trained dogs will be available for 15-min. reading sessions, by appointment. For K-5 students. Free, but registration is required. Call or stop by circulation desk. Future monthly sessions TBA.

Special Summer Reading Performances & Programs for Kids Entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Seating is on a first come-first-served basis until capacity is reached.

- Mon., June 23 @ 4:30: Dean Alan, Wizard of Reading
- Mon., July 7 @ 4:30: Tom Sieling, Musician
- Mon., July 21 @ 4:30: Steve Somers, Amazing Teacher
- Mon., July 28 @ 4:30: Cathy Burke, Kids Yoga

2014 Summer Reading for Prizes! For ages 18 and younger: Registration begins June 7 on-line at library.arlingtonva.us or visit Cherrydale Library for more information and to pick up your special children's reading log sheets. For every person who completes the program, the Friends of Arlington Library is donating to ALA's relief fund for the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines!

2014 Summer Reading Teen Programs (high school & middle school):

- Wed., July 9, 7-8 pm: Cupcake Wars-- Come decorate cupcakes, with a competitive twist.
- Mon., July 14, 4-5pm: DIY Upcycle Wallets-- Upcycle your recyclables into a new wallet!
- Sat., July 26, 1-2pm: Mug Creations--Design your own unique mug!

FUN / INTEREST

Gardening with Friends

by Teri & Andy Murphy

Let's say you're a typical American family---an Egyptian father, a Japanese mother, and your 2-year-old daughter who greatly exceeds her CQ (Cuteness Quotient). You're looking for something all of you can do together on a Saturday morning. The answer: you decide to share your passion, experience, and skill by offering a gardening class to the neighbors of your Cherrydale church at no cost. How cool is that?!

At the Cherrydale Bible Church at 20th & Monroe, Wilson and Yuko walked us through the process of planning a garden, fertilizing, sprouting seeds, and planting. We also learned that placing different plants near each other can produce mutual growing benefit; e.g., tomatoes and basil seem to ward off each other's pests.

My favorite was to plant beans next to corn. The bean vines climb the corn stalks and the corn doesn't mind. Then they took us outside for some hands-on practice in replanting seedlings and on working the soil, both the potting kind and the more nutrient-filled top soil. We cheerfully played with dirt for an hour. Wilson had asked us to bring pots, which we filled with his soil and with seedlings that they had generously sprouted for us. Everyone went home with an herb or two and a veggie starter plant.

The event drew neighbors with a range of gardening experience, most of us just wanting to produce some home-grown staples like tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini and the like and an assortment of back-deck herbs. What a pleasant way to spend a Saturday morning with neighbors and friends! Thank you, Wilson. And, as Oliver said, more please.

Gardener's Corner: What to Plant Now

by Clare Rockey

Spring suddenly came upon us this year as a welcome surprise after the late snow and rain. If you're interested in planting now, there are many wonderful things you can try, either in pots or in the ground. Most of these will need some direct sun, about 6-8 hours per day. All will need good soil. If you're planting in the ground near a foundation wall which usually contains concrete chunks and construction debris, you must remove the bad soil and replace it with a mixture of top soil, manure, sand, finely ground mulch and a little peat moss; also, try to keep in some native clay because it contains good nutrients. (Merrifield sells a product called Virginia Super Fines that is good for soil amending). A good handful of soil should compact nicely when you close your hand around it, and yet crumble evenly when you press on it. The same goes for potting soil, though it's so easy to buy pre-mixed potting soil in perfect proportions, you can save some time and use that. If you want a soil preparation demo, you can go to You Tube and type in, "how to make good garden soil," and you'll get plenty of ideas. If you plant in pots, keep in mind you will need to water much more often than if you plant in the ground. If you're planning on going away for vacation, a great way to keep your plants watered is to hire the neighborhood kids!

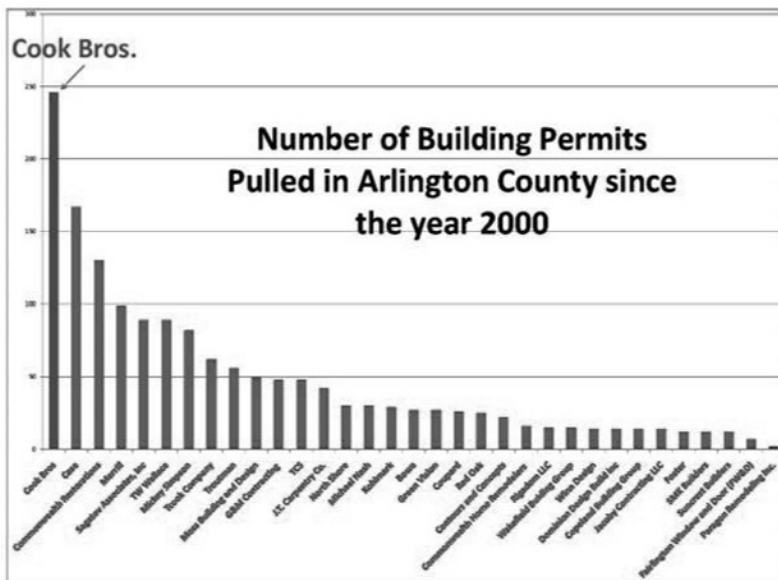
Herbs: parsley, sage, rosemary, thyme, chives, tarragon, cilantro, dill, oregano, basil, lavender, lemon verbena, mint (plant mint only in pots, as it spreads too much in the ground and will take over)

Vegetables: lettuce, spinach, swisschard, radishes, carrots, tomatoes, beets, string beans, onions, shallots, broccoli, brussels sprouts, potatoes (you should You Tube growing potatoes); zucchini, yellow squash, cucumbers (these take up quite a bit of space); and, some things you can try now, though they prefer cooler weather: peas, kale, mustard greens, collards, kohlrabi, cabbage; and, some larger items you can plant but need to be aware that they will take up large portions of the yard: pumpkins and watermelons.

Flowers: Great potted plants for our area are geraniums and petunias, because they bloom all summer and they withstand the heat and humidity beautifully (as long as you keep them watered); but try anything that strikes your fancy, because there is so much out there to try and enjoy!

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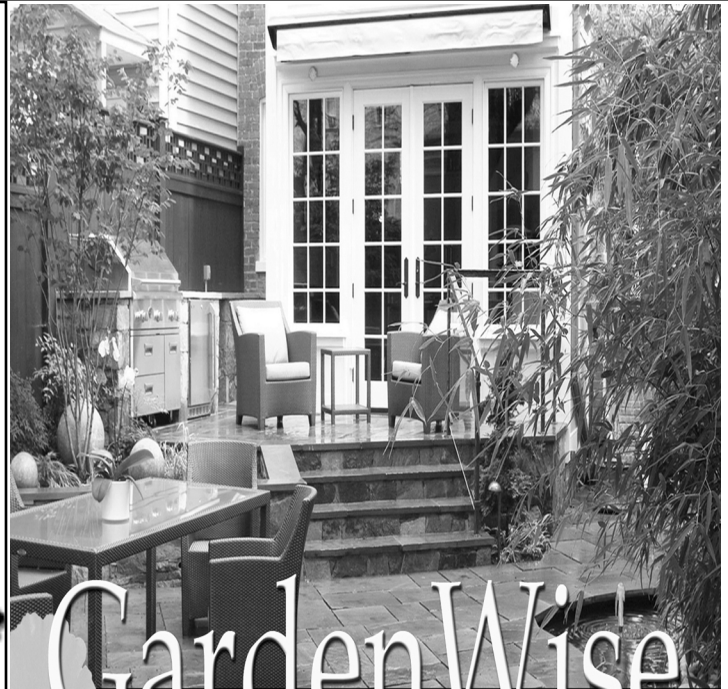
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A Day in Spring

by Will Sapper

Let us lift our trowels now and proclaim loudly that Spring is coming. Gardens left idle for months are beginning to claim our interest. Seed catalogues cover our desks. Visions of plump, red tomatoes fill our daydreams. I wonder too if my assistant will return. Free labor is so unpredictable.

Last year, when my first shovelful of garden soil revealed two fat cutworms, I dispatched them quickly. In the next, there were three. I saw a pattern forming. I didn't have time to kill each worm and finish digging before dinner. I gathered a small planter and set it beside the garden. Each new, uncovered worm could be held there. Its fate to be decided later.

I returned to digging. Quickly, the planter filled with wiggling worms. All was well, except I felt I was being watched. I could see no one, until I bent down to dig. On the opposite side of the garden was a robin who watched me as intently as if I were an over-sized worm. Sometimes he would cast a glance at the ground between us. If I moved west, he moved east. We were like two enemies circling to measure each other's worth. The robin hopped onto the rim of the planter. He glanced down and then looked up at me. When he judged that I was too far away to interfere, his head dipped into the planter and bobbed up with a fat, juicy worm squirming in his beak. Soon, the robin ignored me and just gorged himself.

While resuming my work, I continued tossing cutworms into the planter. The robin had no trouble keeping up with me. As soon as one was eaten, he was eager for the next. We continued our work until I quit for my dinner.

When I returned to finish the garden, the robin returned to help. On this second day, the cutworm harvest was not as abundant as yesterday's. The robin was displeased. Where were the worms of yesterday? When he looked at me, I could tell he wanted me to work harder. He was trying to reverse our roles and be the boss. When I quit for the day, he stayed behind to inspect my work.

For weeks afterwards, whenever I approached the garden, the robin would return to his post. Eventually, he understood that the cutworm harvest was over and he moved on.



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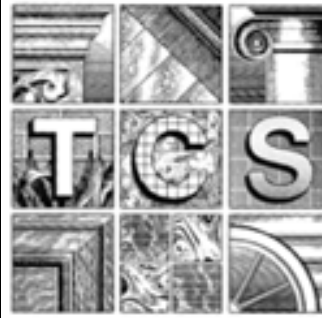
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UPDATES

WalkArlington

by Bill Novak

The WalkArlington program is a series of neighborhood walking tours created in recognition of Arlington's designation as a Gold-Level Walk Friendly Community. A tour route through Cherrydale has been identified as a means of encouraging walking in combination with learning more about the unique residential, historic, commercial and institutional resources that comprise our community. After receiving from residents of Cherrydale numerous suggested resources for inclusion on the route, the WalkArlington staff has identified a 2.2-mile route through Cherrydale. This route highlights 12 locations illustrating the essence of our community.

The 12 locations, in the order that the route will follow, are:

1. HB Woodlawn School
2. La Union Grocery Store

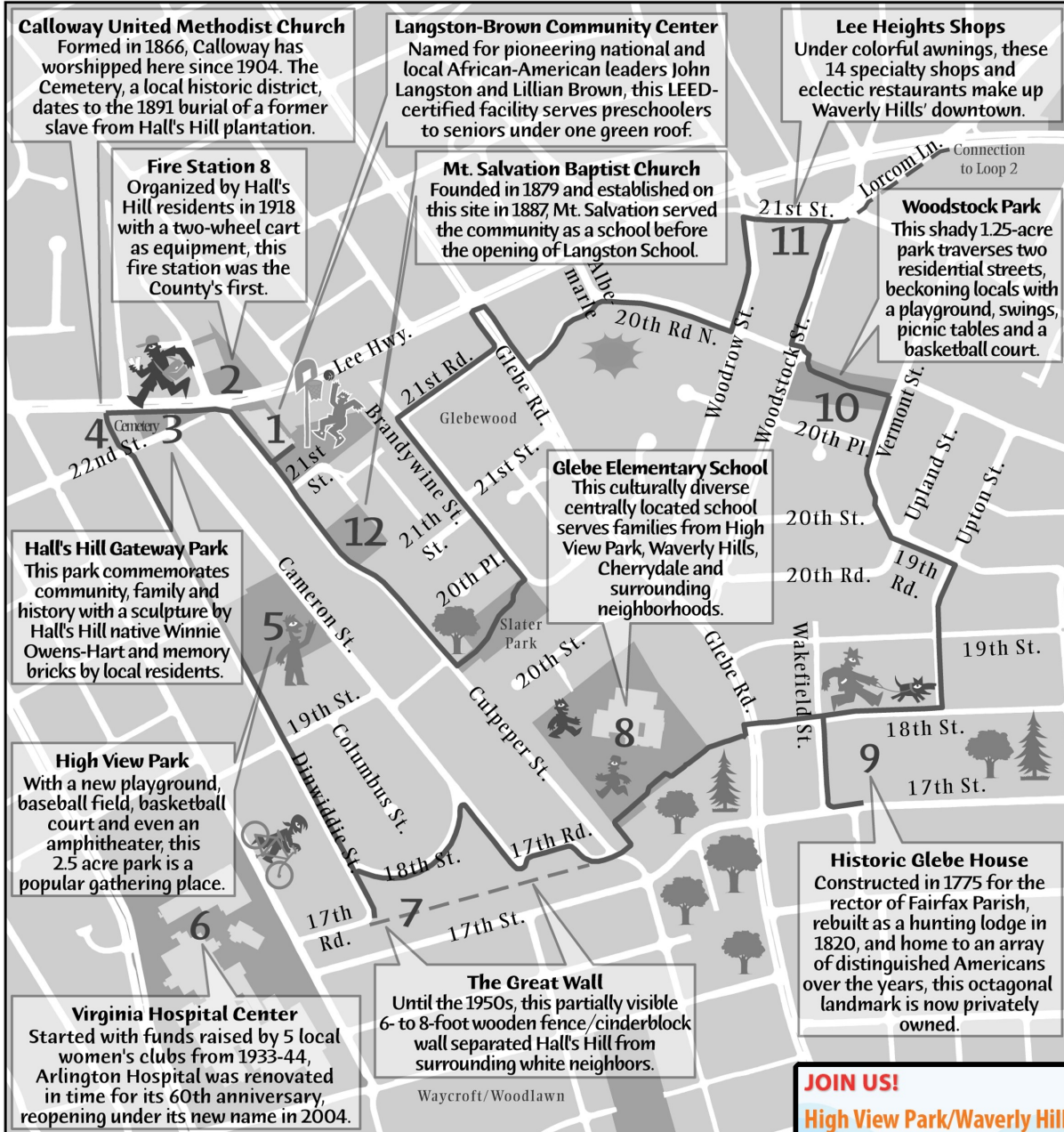
3. The Washington Monument View from 21st St.
4. St. Agnes Church and School
5. Oakgrove Park
6. Cherrydale Valley Nature Area (Hidden Pond)
7. Historic Cherrydale Residential Area (Nelson and Monroe Streets)
8. Cherrydale- Maywood Mural
9. Cherrydale Hardware/Masonic Lodge
10. Cherrydale Historic Firehouse
11. Downtown Cherrydale Commercial Area
12. Cherrydale Library

The county WalkArlington staff has prepared maps and information sheets of the route and these will be made available in coming weeks. Interested parties can also obtain more information by visiting the WalkArlington web site at: www.WalkArlington.com

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WALKABOUT – May 18th, 3-5pm

Cherrydale has been teamed with the introduction of the new Waverly Hills and the High View Park community Walking Routes in a Walkabout scheduled for Sunday, May 18th, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (rain or shine). The 2.5-mile walking tour will combine portions of the routes through all three communities and will feature speakers at various stops along the way as well as invited public officials. The free event will start and finish at the Langston-Brown Community Center at 2121 N. Culpeper St. and all residents are invited to participate on the entire tour or even on portions just through Cherrydale. For further information, contact Bill Novak at wjnovak99@aol.com or the WalkArlington staff at 703-247-9296. **The map of the walk (shown below) is also posted here in color:** <http://www.cherrydale.net/cherrydale-walking-tour.html>



Come walk with us!

JOIN US!
High View Park/Waverly Hills/Cherrydale Walkabout
 Sunday, May 18, 2014
 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Visit WalkArlington.com for more information!

FEATURE ARTICLES

Meetings with County *by Maureen Ross*

On behalf of Cherrydale I met several times this past winter/early spring with assistant county managers Shannon Flanagan-Watson and Wilfredo Calderon, as well as DES' Bo Bloomer to solve a few problems along Lee Hwy. Here in order are the items discussed and the results:

- **Chronic mud puddle at bus stop by VDOT wall near Reinhardt's** - On any given day there is a 15-25 foot long stretch of mud and debris caught in the dank stew forcing pedestrians to either walk onto Lee Hwy, or get filthy shoes. We have been photographing and reporting this problem to both VDOT and Arlington County for over 3 years (a dozen times) - see a few here: <http://www.cherrydale.net/may-2013---follow-up-on-lee-highway-punch-list.html>. Prior to our complaints, a Maywood resident who takes that bus had reported the problem twice and never heard a response. As of April 21, Mr. Calderon had the impression, yet to be confirmed, that VDOT had agreed to fix the leak in the concrete wall causing the problem. However my last conversation from VDOT was that County wasn't managing the water flow from its property behind the wall. In an update 4/29, we had no promises. So I sent a formal complaint to the Walk Arlington and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. It can't hurt. Thus far, no improvements.
- **Stairway up to Maywood by Reinhardt's** - Volunteers cleaned up the entrance last spring and hauled away 4 bags of soil resulting from plant debris decaying over decades, blocking the landing of the stairs. Another pile of debris and soil is back blocking the entrance as we speak. This is the result of failure to provide even the most basic maintenance and is emblematic of County's maintenance of Lee Hwy Cherrydale. These wonderful stairs have a landing mid way up that could become an attractive entrance to Maywood. At this moment I am working on finding volunteers to a garden there. In the meantime, have County remove the debris at the landing, where since there is never maintenance there should be no garden. Thus far no improvements but I am now counting more on volunteers than the county.
- **Car World cars block sidewalk** - This was actually reported separately and as of a few weeks ago County's Dave Goodman did get the cars moved back. If you see car fenders hanging over onto sidewalk, please let me know.
- **Illegal signage violation** - We all have noted the 5-8 sidewalk signs put out every weekend by Mattress Warehouse. Only 1 is allowed. The same company on the corner of Wilson Blvd and Oakland also posts 5-8 signs on weekends. Both sites have been reported regularly to Code Enforcement. Last year staff admitted they were just throwing the reports away as despite the photos, the violations were on weekends and not witnessed by staff. This was infuriating, so it went up the chain. Now, Code is responding that County has no enforcement of it's signage rules on Lee Hwy as it is a VDOT road. Well that comes as news to Deborah Albert, staff expert on sign regulations, who toured Lee Hwy a few years ago with us the explain the exact rules. The assistant county managers are "looking into" this situation (it's been several months...). No action as yet.
- **Capitol Bikeshare** - there was a delay in getting Safeway lawyers to sign the agreement and then a delay getting County to approve the installation. I asked for help with moving the approval process. As of 4/29 it's still not approved, stuck somewhere between the 2 groups of lawyers.



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- **Pedestrian and handicap crossing from Cherrydale Rehab to Safeway** - The cut in the island to allow wheelchair movement is too narrow and often has debris. In addition, the access point is not where most people cross. You can see the wear in the median where people prefer to cross - directly from the nursing home's pavement to Safeway building, just west of the driveway. Pedestrians interviewed say it's more direct, and it's after the busy driveway, so they feel safer. (see a video here: <http://www.cherrydale.net/safer-crosswalks-for-lee-hwy-and-cherrydale.html>) This is apparently one of the reasons wheelchair bound people tend to cross up by Oakland to Safeway's west end if they want to visit 7/11. It is where one resident was struck several years ago (at night, in the rain, when half a dozen street lights were out). Apparently the structure of sidewalks, incline, and traffic pattern make this a preferred crossing. Whether or not County approves it, by law every intersection is a legal crossing according to VDOT. Since this seems to be a preferred crossing perhaps county should make it so. To gather more information on pedestrian patterns, I suggested a camera be set up for 1-2 weeks. If county cannot supply staff to then count where people cross I am sure Cherrydale could provide volunteers to document what is witnessed on camera. This would inform us as to the best solution. County has taken no action but I sent the recommendation again to the new traffic czar Larry Marcus and we will meet the first week of May.
- **CVFD's new pedestrian cross walk light at Pollard St** - This was installed blocking the sidewalk. We did get it moved back about 18 inches. Still, it forces people to walk closer to the edge of the corner. The installation is an example of not working with the community. Apparently planned for years, creative alternatives became impossible at the last minute. I mention this because as evidenced in the decades long undergrounding project, all the big mistakes were due to so-called small details not vetted with the community in the planning stages, where easiest solutions can be found.
- **Construction supervision** - Cherrydale has enough volunteers to help County monitor public utility construction sites. At the end of the day, sites should be inspected. If a tree is damaged or debris left behind, it must be reported and redressed immediately. At the completion of a project the county engineer and a CCA volunteer should walk the site to look for problems and assure that all is as it should be. (Note Cherrydale conducted walk thrus of Lee Hwy several times to get details correct but this was sometimes months or even years after the work was done. You can read about that here: <http://www.cherrydale.net/lee-highway-improvementsutility-undergrounding.html>)
- **5-Point intersection** - We have a new traffic czar, Larry Marcus. I met him at a Lee Hwy Presidents planning session several months ago. I was alarmed that in his presentation he mentioned plans for 5-points but had in fact NEVER HEARD of our committee or Cherrydale's views. How can that be? In fact, it turns out County staff thought we faked the video volunteers took of the 1.5 block back up on Quincy to south of 20th Street. During one single red light we filmed 5 cars from the back up turn right onto 20th and left onto Pollard then right onto Lee. This cut thru traffic is the result of the addition of the left turn only lane, which is about 100 yards too long and usually almost empty, forcing all the other cars into a single lane. Larry and I plan to meet first week in May and I will invite members of the 5 points committee to attend. See our video of 5 Points here: <http://www.cherrydale.net/5-points-intersection---ccas-video.html>
- **Fire Station number 3** - Here is an excellent site for a cross walk, at the red light county added for the station. It would provide a wonderful short cut to the library (discovered by Tom Korns). Head east on old Lee, turn left onto 21st Rd and walk down the stairs by the fire station, from there cross Dominion/ Lee hwy and 30 feet to the right is a gate between the 2 sets of town homes. Though there is a gate it is a public easement with steps between the town homes to Military and the library. If County wants to really make Arlington a walking community, it needs to make these sorts of routes easy. County has turned this option down so far.
- **Finally, the state of our sidewalk trees** - The grand willow oaks providing shade and thriving on Lee Hwy/Washington Blvd by the State Theatre (Falls Church) were planted the same time ours were, originally. Only ours have had to be replanted 3 times over and County can't manage to water them enough to keep them alive. The planting and maintaining of trees needs closer review.

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Stories and Crafts at the Library

As part of the festival, Cherrydale Library invites families to drop in at any time from 2 and 4 for stories and crafts. While there, you can view Overlee Preschool's 2014 Art Show and also the spectacular Firebird collages by Taylor School's first-grade art class.

Music

Local musicians will be entertaining throughout the day, beginning with our own Tina Chancey at House of Steep at 12:45. **We could use more performers.** If you'd like to share your musical gifts with the neighborhood, please contact Maureen Ross at (703) 675-3035 or president@cherrydale.net to make arrangements.

Artists, Artisans, and Authors

The Cherrydale Art Corner, in the former Cherrydale Auto Parts building at Lee Highway and Lincoln Street, will be open for the first (and only) time during "Discover Cherrydale." Check discovercherrydale.info for the schedule of book readings and author talks by Cherrydale's and Maywood's talented writers.

If you have paintings, sculpture, photographs, books, quilts, or other examples of your skill and talent that you'd like to display, contact Maureen to find out when to deliver your work. Several of the following authors will speak during "Discover Cherrydale", and all will have their work on display in the Art Corner.

Maywood

- Lawrence Altman, c/o partner Janet Barzy (zoebar@msn.com), 40 years of the Doctor's World columns in the *New York Times* and *Who Goes First? The Story of Self-Experimentation in Medicine*, U. Cal Press, 1987.
- Mark Bradley, c/o wife, Liza Mundy (see below) or c/o neighbor Tova Solo, *A Very Principled Boy, The Life of Duncan Lee*, Basic Books, 2014.
- Bart Collart (bcollart@mac.com), illustrator, *Bare Knuckled Project Management*, Game Plan Press, 2013.
- Montana DeBor (montanadebor@verizon.net), author and illustrator, *Annabelle the Anglerfish*, EHG Books.Com, 2012.
- Renee Fischer (rfisher@mcenearney.com), *Invisible No More: The Secret Lives of Women Over 50*. 2005.
- Eleanor Harvey (eharvey@mindspring.com), *The Civil War and American Art*. Yale University Press. 2012.
- Nick Kulish c/o mother Frieda Kulish: (wkulish@hotmail.com), *The Eternal Nazi*. Random House, 2014.
- Suzanne McIntyre (suzymcintyre@comcast.net), illustrator, *From Grass to Gardens: How to Reap Bounty from a Small Yard*.
- Liza Mundy (mundy@newamerica.org), *The Richer Sexx*, Simon and Schuster, 2011.
- Gerald Warburg (gfw2f@virginia.edu), *Dispatches From the Eastern Front*, Bancroft Press, 2014.

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- Charlie Clark, *Arlington County Chronicles*, The History Press, 2014
- James DiBenedetto (jamesd@eleventdayempire.com), Dream Series, 6 Novels, CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2013.
- Greg Embree (suza1@comcast.net), *Maywood at a Milestone*, Blurb.com, 2009; *Eternal Washington*, MyPublisher.com, 2010; *50 Years of Cherrydale Library*, Blurb.com, 2011.
- Tom Hone (honetom@comcast.net), *Battle Line: The United States Navy, 1919-1939*, Naval Institute Press 2013.
- Stephen Kaminski (stephen_t_kaminski@yahoo.com), *Don't Cry Over Killed Milk*, Damon Lassard Dabbling Mystery Series, Cozy Cat Press, 2013.
- Patricia Kime (pnkime@yahoo.com), *Moon*, Washington, DC.
- Andy and Teri Murphy (andymurphy_22207@yahoo.com), *The Husband's Manual: a User's Guide for Husbands and Those Trying Out for the Part*, Sunstar Publisher, 2006.
- Meg Miller Rydzewski (megrydzewski@gmail.com), *Missing Letters*, Xnard Press, 2013.
- Mary Tisdale Green (Mary_Tisdale@blm.gov), *Flush*, St. Paul Press, 2013; *Forgive As You Go*, St. Paul Press, 2013.

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Weigh in About the Future of Cherrydale

What do you want Lee Highway in Cherrydale to look like in 10, 20, or 30 years? Cherrydale has been participating in a citizens' initiative, the Lee Highway Presidents' Breakfast, to develop a plan for Lee Highway. This effort, underway for a year, is linking the Citizens Associations along Lee Highway with businesses, planners, and government officials. During your "Discover Cherrydale" tour, stop by the Lee Highway Planning Group's table to voice your ideas about walkable neighborhoods, businesses, transportation, and other services along Lee Highway.

Volunteers Still Needed

We still need energetic volunteers to help with setup and cleanup. If you'd like to lend a hand, please contact Maureen.

Parking and Transportation

Michael Foster is letting us use his parking lot at the I-66 on-ramp, where Bono Films used to be and where Mr. Foster's architectural office is now located. After noon on Saturday, Red Top Taxi is letting us park by Ivy Welding, between Lincoln and Kenmore Streets on the south side of Lee Highway. Neighbors within walking distance to Lee Highway are encouraged to walk, so we can preserve parking space for folks from farther out.

Participating Businesses and Organizations

To register your business, even your home-based one, go to discovercherrydale.info/register/
Here are the participating businesses that have signed up so far:

- 3800 Lofts, spacious apartment homes
- Adventures of Cat and Dog, a children's book series
- Arlington Carfree Diet, making your life and community greener
- Arlington Fencers' Club, coaching by world champion & Olympic medalist
- BikeArlington, for all your two-wheeled transport needs
- Canoodlings, all kinds of handmade goodness
- Cherrydale Hardware, your neighborhood hardware store since 1938
- Cherrydale Recycled Furniture, hand-painted by Tracey Price
- Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept., serving Arlington since 1898
- College Savvy Coach, easing the college admittance process
- Company Flowers, and unique gifts, too!
- District Line Co, local apparel line
- Fabu Tutu, fabulous tutus (and more) for every occasion
- Heart and Soul Wellness, community Zumba classes
- House of Steep Tea, House & Foot Sanctuary
- Janery, modern handmade personal and pet accessories
- JuicePlus, fruit & vegetable nutrition
- Kathy Holt, Historian, our very own Cherrydale expert
- Kite Runner Cafe, Afghan, Indian & Lebanese fusion
- La Maison, home & gifts
- Little Ambassadors' Academy, childcare programs
- Little Red Birdie, awesome handmade goods
- Old Town Suds, soaps you could eat, drink or breathe in
- New Family Naturals, holistic healing center and juice bar
- Northside Veterinary Clinic, hosting the Animal Welfare League
- Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Reardon
- Picture Perfect Organizing, picture yourself organized!

**There's so
much to
discover in
Cherrydale!!**

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- RebelleEstate, vintage and re-purposed jewels
- SleepwellSolutions, from infants to adults – your sleep needs answered
- Stella & Dot with Michèle Ledgerwood, Stella & Dot Lead Stylist
- Subway, sandwiches and more
- Sun & Moon Yoga Studio, holistic hatha blend yoga studio and school
- Sweets for My Sweet, wonderfully sweet collection of goodies
- Tracey A. Price, decorative painting
- Zumba With Tanya, a lifetime of dancing

Raffle Donors

A big thank-you to this year's raffle donors:

- Adventures of Cat & Dog
- Cherrydale Hardware
- District Line Co.
- Greg Embree Photography
- Picture Perfect Organizing
- Sweets for My Sweet

Sponsors

A huge Cherrydale thank-you to our sponsors:

- Brown's Honda of Arlington
- Cherrydale Business Alliance
- Cherrydale Citizens Association
- Cherrydale Library
- Meany & Oliver Companies, Condominiums and Retail Spaces
- Koons Toyota of Arlington
- NOVA Pain & Rehab, Clarendon – Dr. Michael Moses
- Yelp! Northern Virginia



And a special thank-you to Safeway for allocating part of their parking lot for our tents.

May 21 CCA General Meeting Agenda Items

Item #1. Planning Cherrydale's biggest party yet... Discover Cherrydale!

The CCA has teamed together with the newly formed Cherrydale Business Association and the Cherrydale Library to plan the biggest party yet! This will be a celebration of our community and our businesses, both home and retail based. Now is a great time to lend a hand in organizing, setting up, participating and cleaning up. Please come to this meeting to ***learn how you can help***, meet others and have fun. Plus, hey, it's good for business! Help us help you get your name out there. Musicians, Artists, please apply, we'll try our best to squeeze you in! But we need handy carpenter types and folk comfortable around a nail and hammer, or good at PR, window displays etc. Come and bring ideas and some follow-thru.

Item #2. Invasive Vines: How to Identify and Control Them

Join us for a fun and enlightening discussion with fellow Cherrydaler and Master Gardener Liz Pittleman about invasive plants clearly visible in our neighborhood that many may not know are invasive and how to deal with them. (**About Liz:** Liz Pittleman came to the Washington DC area from South Carolina in 1975 for a staff position in the U.S. Senate and never left. In 1982 she and her husband, Bruce, purchased the last house in the SW corner of Cherrydale and never left. While working full time in demanding careers, they raised two children, renovated their home on a few occasions, and created garden beds where there once were none. After retiring Liz decided her next education should follow her passion and applied for the Master Gardener training course offered by Virginia Cooperative Extension. She completed the course in the fall of 2012 and has contributed over 400 volunteer hours to the community through the master gardener program. She is currently serving as vice president of the board of the Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia organization and next year will serve as their president.)

CHERRYDALE GIFTS

New!! CAR MAGNET!! \$3 Quantity: _____ x \$3 = _____

Reusable Shopping Bags: \$10 for 4 Qty: _____ x \$10 = _____

Reusable Shopping Bags: \$3 for one Qty (to 3): _____ x \$3 = _____

Baseball style cap: \$10 Qty: _____ x \$10 = _____

T-shirt (circle size): \$10 Qty: _____ x \$10 = _____

Adults sizes: S M L XL XXL

Children's: S M L or Infant

Ceramic Mug: \$10 for four Qty: _____ x \$10 = _____







Ceramic Mug: \$3 for one Qty (to 3): _____ x \$3 = _____

Sport water bottle: \$10 Qty: _____ x \$10 = _____

TOTAL: _____ \$ _____

I've enclosed \$ _____. Please deliver my items to me at (please print):
 Name: _____ Phone: _____
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Contact: Katherine Christensen at treasurer@cherrydale.net with questions.
 Make check payable to: Cherrydale Citizens Association
 Mail form and check to:
 CCA, Katherine Christensen, 1909 N. Randolph Street, Arlington, VA 22207

JOIN THE CCA - PAY 2014 DUES

Have you paid your dues for 2014? Dues are due in January of every year BUT can be paid as early as the prior November.

Dues help cover the cost of community events, our website and this newsletter.
 Mail form & payment to:
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_____ \$5 Household _____ \$10 Business _____ \$1 Seniors (Age 60 +) _____ Donation

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 social, website, parks, photos, other: _____

Contact: Katherine Christensen at treasurer@cherrydale.net for more details.

Recent Hot Topics on the Listserv:

crime, curb alerts, safer crosswalk on Lee Hwy at Safeway, Safeway renovation, Cherrydale businesses, referrals, nannies...

If you're not on the listserv, you're missing out!

To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to:

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