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Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!

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CCA General Meeting

*Wed, 1/27/16, 7:30 pm
at Cherrydale VFD*

Join us on **Saturday, February 27**, for our Second Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We'll be dining in the second floor Social Hall of the Cherrydale Voluntary Fire Department, 3900 Lee Hwy. There will be two seatings, at 5:00–6:30 and 7:00–8:30.

We'll be serving fresh pasta, fresh bread, wine & desserts. There'll be live music provided by the Cherrydale Jazz Ensemble!

Our first annual CCA Spaghetti Dinner was a dazzling success. Over 150 neighbors of all ages came together to enjoy great company and dancing to live local music—all for a good cause.

Tickets will be \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids. Drink tickets will be sold separately. Proceeds from this event will fund our upcoming Fourth of July Party and some needed upgrades for the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department. Come to the dinner and be among the first to see the fresh new look of the Social Hall.

Interested in helping out? Contact Cherrydalers Evan Lacopo, at Evan@wydlerbrothers.com, or [703-655-9755](tel:703-655-9755), or Holly Tennant, at holly@wydlerbrothers.com, [703-928-3764](tel:703-928-3764), for more information. See you there!

Oak Grove Park Playground Design Vote—January 27

Come to our meeting on **Wednesday, January 27, at 7:30 pm** at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department on 3900 Lee Highway to vote on the final design for our Oak Grove Park tot lot and 5-12 playground. In September we met with County parks staff designer Kathy von Bredow to brainstorm about equipment and themes. Kathy also put out a poll on the Internet to solicit additional idea. Kathy has put everything together and will be presenting her final design at our meet for our vote. Come your make your vote count.

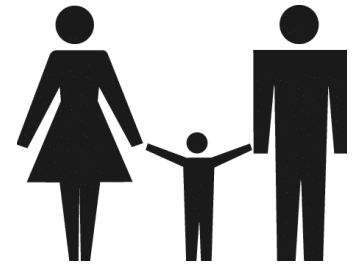


Local Children Need Us!

A number of Cherrydale neighbors have or are fostering children, and they are happy to talk with you if you have any interest whatsoever in this simply wonderful special rewarding service. If you can't foster, there are also mentoring programs. This article lists several programs and dates for learning more including here in our community.

Arlington County is especially in need of people willing to foster teenagers and sibling groups. Find out more by attending County's spring information session at Cherrydale Baptist Church Tuesday, March 15, 2016 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. You can RSVP for this event or obtain more information by contacting: [703-229-1550](tel:703-229-1550) or e-mail: openheartsopenhomes@arlingtonva.us

If you believe you can't foster a child you might be able to "respite" foster. Both Arlington and Alexandria sometimes need respite volunteer – that's how I



started! Or you could instead mentor a child. [BEST Kids, Inc.](#) is a local non-profit mentoring organization that aims to match every D.C. foster care youth with one caring, consistent adult who can spend time, build positive experiences, and confidence in a child who needs adult attention. Through BEST Kids' comprehensive program, mentors are given multiple avenues of support, as well as a broad

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CCA is looking for a new Secretary

The Cherrydale Citizens Association is looking for a new Secretary. All four officers are needed to participate in our monthly Officers Meetings, assist in our Cherrydale events, and help set the agenda for Cherrydale. Thanks go to Catie Sullivan for jumping in last November to help make this the best year in Cherrydale so far. Contact CCA President Jim Todd at president@cherrydale.net for more information.




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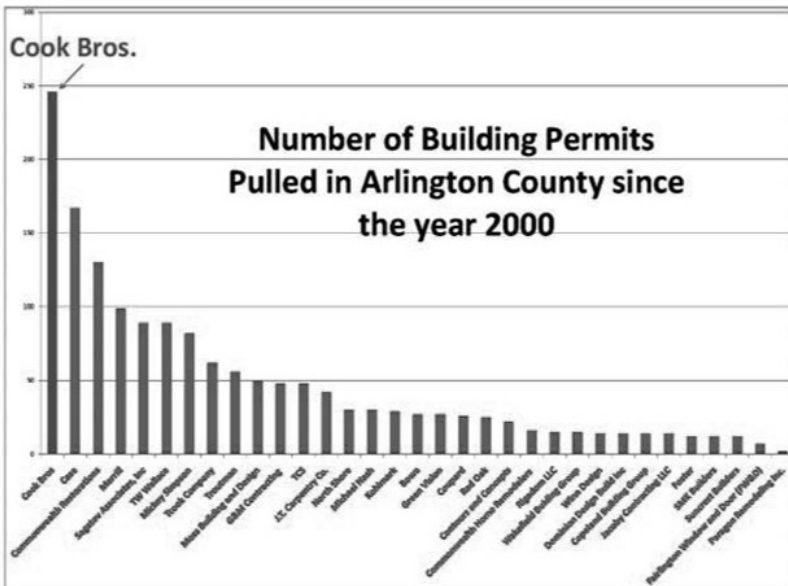
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Monroe Street Neighborhood Conservation Project Update

by Harry Spector

At last May's CCA meeting Cherrydalers chose new sidewalk and streetlights for N. Monroe street between 17th and 19th street for its current "first priority" Neighborhood Conservation (NCAC) project.

In the months after this selection, block captain Rosey O'Neill started the NCAC's First Petition process of obtaining signatures of at least 60% (by linear frontage) of homeowners in these blocks. With a few absentee owners on this list it was not an easy task and at one point the project looked doomed. But Rosey persevered and kept contacting owners of rental units until success. She obtained 75% block owner approval to go forward with planning stage.

Right now county planners and engineers are drawing up the concept design. This plan will be unveiled to the affect block homeowners at a to-be-scheduled meeting this spring. Once the county receives comment on this plan at this meeting and makes possible requested changes, homeowners will be asked to sign a second petition to qualify the project for an upcoming NCAC funding round.

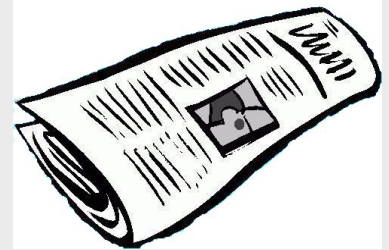
Assuming the required signatures are obtained it is possible the project could be recommended for funding as early as June. Currently the project is #17, but many of the projects ahead of it are not funding qualified and may not be by May. This would allow Monroe to "leapfrog" them. But if not it is likely it would get a recommendation for funding in December.

Once it is clear when the project will participate in a funding round CCA will launch another search for a new project. So as you walk around the community keep your

mind aware of Cherrydale streets or parks that are in need of modernizing or refreshing, especially areas with no sidewalk near a major arterial or neighborhood street.

Help Deliver the Sweet and Sour News

The Cherrydale Citizens Association is looking for volunteers to help deliver the Sweet and Sour News. Our newsletter comes out five times a year: January, March, May, September, and November. Volunteers help distribute the newsletter to our block captains, who hand deliver it every residence in Cherrydale. Contact CCA President Jim Todd at president@cherrydale.net if you'd like to help out.



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Library Hours

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.
Sunday	CLOSED

Winter Programs

Two Storytime Programs (No Registration Required):

- "Two-and-Over" Storytime (ages 2-5 yrs.), Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, through March 15.
- "Stop In for Stories" (ages 0-5 yrs.), Thursdays, 10:30 am, through March 17.

"Paws To Read: For Emerging Readers & Kids who Love Dogs!" For K – 5 students . . . In January on the 2nd and 4th Sats. of the month due to holidays, & returning in February to the 1st and 3rd Sats., 3-4 pm . . . by appointment . . . specially trained dogs will be available for 15-min. reading sessions . . . **free, but registration is required** . . . call or stop by circulation desk.

"Tech Help": Weekly program, now on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 5-8 pm. Having difficulty with a computer program or just need some help figuring out how to do something on the computer? Sign up for 30 min., one-on-one tutoring sessions. **Free, but pre-registration required.** Contact library.

Knitting Club: Every Wed., (7:30 – 8:30 pm). All skill levels are welcome. Older kids with an adult also welcome.

"Embrace the New Year with Meditation": Thurs., Jan. 28, (7-8 pm). In this fast-paced world, inner peace can seem elusive. Join Gerry Gorman, long-time meditator, who will offer effective meditation techniques which can help you connect within to gain a real and profound sense of serenity and joy. No registration required.

Book Discussions for Adults: Check web site above for complete schedule and book descriptions. Limited copies are available a month in advance for those signing up. Call ahead.

- Mon, February 1, 7:30 pm: *Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in World War II*, NY Times Notable Book of the Year, by Vicki Croke.
- Mon., March 7, 7:30 pm: *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry: A Novel*, by Gabrielle Zevin.

Fostering (cont'd from p. 2)

range of activities to experience with their mentees. BEST Kids mentors hail from various parts of Washington, D.C., Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and Northern Virginia. To get a better sense of what BEST Kids does, and how the program operates, please consider watching a video of BEST Kids' first program participant and his mentor, or visit their website. <http://www.bestkids.org> Any prospective applicants can reach BEST Kids' Mentor Recruiter, Danny Silbert, at daniel@bestkids.org or 202-397-3272 - EXT: 102 (Phone) with any questions or concerns.

Coming up soon...Alexandria has an open house to learn about adoption on the following dates: Wed 1/13 at Beatley Library 6-7:30 PM, then again Sat. Feb 6, at the Duncan Library 12-1:30, and Mon 3/28 at Burke Library 6-7:30. If you are interested, contact 703-746-5858 or Christine.levine@alexandriava.gov.

Finally, Maureen Ross is happy to talk with you about her experience fostering, and adopting and we have a few other Cherrydalers who have done it too. Call 703-676-3035.

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NOVA natives can make your plan a reality. Planted in the right spot they provide color and interest year round, are ideally suited for regional conditions requiring minimal maintenance, and benefit native wildlife.

• Trees and shrubs are the skeleton to your landscape and provide cooling shade and wildlife habitat. If you have room, consider investing in majestic native canopy trees such as Oaks, Sweet Gum, Elm or White Fringetree or adding evergreens such a Eastern Red Cedar, American Holly, or Pitch or Loblolly Pines. A mix of understory trees such as the Flowering Dogwood, Eastern Redbuds, or Serviceberry and shrubs including the Wild or Pinxter Azalea, Viburnum, Virginia Sweetspire, Witch Hazel, and Winterberry Holly offer year-round interest and can fit into almost any yard.

• Combining and massing native perennials in repeating patterns in mostly sunny locations can provide a showy display from early spring to late fall. Joe-Pye Weed, New York Ironweed, and Goldenrod offer colorful backdrops to False Blue Indigo, Black-eyed Susans, Oxeye Sunflowers, Gayfeathers, Eastern Red Columbine, New England Asters, or Butterflyweed. Native Phloxes, Violets, and Wild Pinks can be used along borders and as ground cover.



• Cinnamon and Ostrich ferns, Solomon's Seal, and Goatsbeard work well in the back of a

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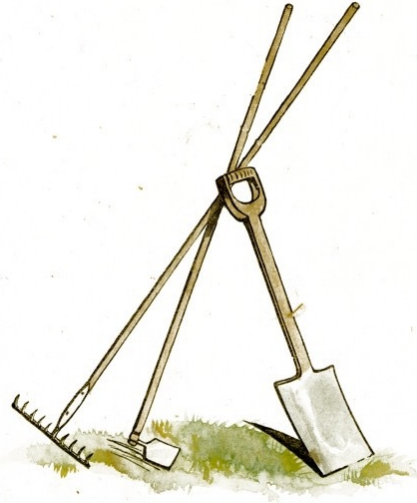
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shade garden. Mayapple mixed with either Wild Ginger or White Wood Aster produce a showy, dense groundcover. Other good choices for a shady garden include Dwarf Crested Iris, White Turtlehead, and American Alumroot. Adding native ephemerals such as Virginia Bluebells, Spring Beauty, Bloodroot, Trillium and Woodland Phlox provides early spring color before making way for other plants.

Resources:

Native Plants for Northern Virginia

US Fish and Wildlife Service, Native Plants for Wildlife Habitat and Conservations Landscape



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Dues are due in January of every year BUT can be paid as early as the prior November.

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