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The Lee Highway Alliance Wants Your Input on its Draft Community Vision, Wednesday, March 16

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CCA General Meeting

*Wed, 3/16/16, 7:30 pm
at Cherrydale VFD*

Our next meeting of the Cherrydale Citizens Association features a presentation by Sandi Chesrown and Ginger Brown of the Lee Highway Alliance and its Charrette Advisory Group. The Lee Highway Alliance is seeking your input as it moves forward with its Draft Community Vision.

Sandi and Ginger are both long-time residents of our next-door-neighborhood, Waverly Hills. They are both professional planners. Sandi and Ginger are among those who started the Lee Highway Alliance in 2012 right after developers started two major projects on Lee Highway: (1) The Mom's Organic Market and ten-story apartment tower near Veitch Street and (2) the Avalon Arlington North on Glebe Road.

Sandi and Ginger are leading a citizen-supported, rather than a developer-led, effort to define the future of Lee Highway. They have been hosting a series of meetings for the last three years and hope to eventually move forward with the County to develop a real corridor sector plan for all of Lee Highway in Arlington. Among their areas of focus are the Lyon Village Shopping Center and the Lee Highway & Glebe Road area, including our beloved Lee Heights shops.

Much like the goals of the Cherrydale Revitalization Plan, the Lee Highway Alliance can help move Lee Highway away from a sometimes car-worn, high-speed commuting road, and return it (and the coming redevelopment) to a series of neighborhood "main streets" designed to serve the surrounding neighborhoods. But it is very much still a draft, and needs your input.

Cherrydale just spent three years updating its Neighborhood Conservation Plan, and we set out our vision of Lee Highway there. But this is our chance to make sure our vision is linked to the future of the Lyon Village Shopping Center and to Lee & Glebe and Lee Heights area, as well as incorporated into a larger plan for Lee Highway.

You can find more information about the Draft Lee Highway Visioning Study on our website, cherrydale.net. You'll also find a link for submitting your comments on the Draft Study.

We hope to see you there.

Help Plan the CCA's Fourth of July Party!

Cherrydale's Fourth of July block party is coming back! Again! It is one of the best parts of living in Cherrydale. Along with our Cherrydale neighborhood parade, our annual yard sale, and our spaghetti dinner, our Fourth of July party is an endearing, old-fashioned, family-friendly, neighborhood event. It is a blast. We'll have a cookout and potluck, and a DJ, so we can have dancing and a hula hoop contest. We also hope to have face painting, hand-cranked Italian ice, a visit from the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Our grand finale is watching the fireworks over the National Mall, with a musical broadcast by our DJ.

We love our Fourth of July party. But it takes planning, coordination, and volunteers! That's where you come in. With your help, we can



make it another success. We need your help with finding a location, arranging activities and events, finding sponsors for food and supplies, and the like. Come to our March, and May CCA meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department or email Jim Todd jim@cherrydale.net if you are interested in volunteering. We can't wait!

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CCA is looking for a new Secretary

The Cherrydale Citizens Association is looking for a new Secretary. The Secretary takes minutes for all meetings, but on a broader level — all four officers participate in our bi-monthly Officers Meetings, assist in our Cherrydale events, and help set the agenda for Cherrydale. Contact CCA President Jim Todd at president@cherrydale.net if you'd like to help.



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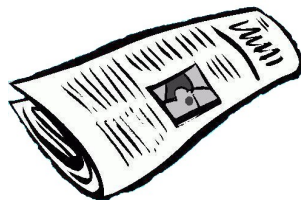
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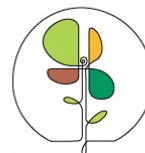
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Help Deliver the Sweet and Sour News

The CCA 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 to every residence in Cherrydale. Contact CCA President Jim Todd at president@cherrydale.net if you'd like to help.



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Spaghetti Dinner a Success!

Thank You Donors, Volunteers and Neighbors!

What a blast! Our second annual CCA Spaghetti Dinner was a dazzling success. Well over 150 neighbors of all ages came together on

February 27 at Cherrydale's Volunteer Fire Department to enjoy pasta, wine, great company and dancing to live local music from the Cherrydale Jazz Ensemble—Andy Shuckra, Mark Vichich, Tim Felton, Dick Stark, and Marius Presser—all for a good cause.

Proceeds from this event will fund the upcoming Cherrydale Citizens Association's Fourth of July Party and help pay for the recent upgrades to the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department's Social Hall.



Heartfelt appreciation goes to our donors, volunteers and all who made this entirely LOCAL event possible. Thanks to Evan Lacopo and Holly Billy of Wydler Brothers Real Estate for their generous donation

of money and time, and local chef Reez Perera for the incredible handmade pasta, meatballs, sauce and salad.

Thanks also to LeoNora Bakery for the delicious bread. And a big thank you to the Cherrydale Jazz Ensemble.



We are grateful to CVFD Chief Chris Jones and the CVFD firefighters for the use of their house and the time and labor to support the event. Event Volunteers Kimber & Brenda Craine, and the



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Cherrydale Library Happenings!

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Tuesday	1PM–9PM	Friday	10AM–5PM
Wednesday	1PM–9PM	Saturday	10AM–5PM
	Sunday		CLOSED

Winter/Spring Kids' Programs

Two Storytime Programs (No Registration Required)
"Two-and-Over" (ages 2-5), Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm, through March 15
"Stop In for Stories" (ages 0-5), Thursdays @ 10:30 am, through March 17.

** Check above web site or library after Easter for starting dates of the spring storytimes **

"Paws To Read: For Emerging Readers & Kids who Love Dogs!" For K – 5 students on the 1st and 3rd Sats. of the month, 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.

**Reminder – All Library Kids' Events are cancelled when Arlington Public Schools are closed due to bad weather. **

Adult, Teen, & Family Programs

Paws to Pick a Pup! Dog Adoption Event: Sat., March 19: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm in library parking lot. Come to pick a furry friend or just to play with the dogs. Adoption applications available on site. **Registration Required**

Mother's Day Tea at the Library: Sat., May 7th, at 10:30am. Details to follow. Tea courtesy of House of Steep.

"Tech Help": Weekly program on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 5-8 pm. Need some help figuring out how to do something on the computer? Sign up for 30-min., one-on-one tutoring sessions. *Free. Pre-registration required.* Contact library.

Knitting Club: Every Wed., (7:30 – 8:30 pm). All welcome.

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., April 11, 7:30 pm: *I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up For Education and Was Shot By the Taliban*, by Malala Yousafza.
- *No Meeting in May.* (June book will be available at April discussion.)
- Mon., June 20, 7:30 pm: *The Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd, (author of *The Secret Life of Bees*).

Spaghetti (cont'd from p. 4)

Todd family ensured the night's success.

Thank you to Safeway for allowing guests to use their parking. Thanks to Greg Embree for taking pictures. Tom Korn's also deserves a big thank you for the signs he posts around town.



Finally, thank you to the Cherrydale neighbors who attended. The outpouring of support from the community for this dinner is an example of why we live where we do. We look forward to doing it again next year.

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Growing Veggies in Small Spaces? You Bet!

by Rebecca Carpenter, Master Gardener & CEO of Sprout, sproutkitchengardens.com

A wise person once said, “Give someone a fish, they eat for a day. Teach someone to garden, the whole neighborhood gets tomatoes.”

If you’ve ever been the recipient of a neighbor’s freshly-grown tomatoes, you know the value of a good veggie garden. But did you know you can grow your own veggies right here in Arlington? It’s true! Gardening in small spaces has its own name – it’s called Urban Farming, and it’s a growing trend. You may have heard the benefits of eating locally-grown produce – well, there’s nothing more local than your own backyard! And since you control how you grow it, your harvest can be organic.

I’ve been growing veggies in my Arlington farm (aka, my backyard) for thirteen years, and this past season I grew more than forty varieties. But even as an experienced farmer, I still have a tough time getting started in the garden after a long winter. Taking baby steps makes it more manageable. Are you interested in starting your own veggie garden? Here are some steps you can take right now to get started:

- **Identify your space.** Most veggies thrive with at least eight hours of direct



sunlight, and they need to catch rainfall and drain well.

- **Choose your produce.** What do you love to eat? Pick a couple of your favorites, and start with those – no need to get fancy, just stick with what you love.
- **Create a garden plan.** It’s important to plan ahead so you’ll have enough space. I use [Mother Earth's garden planning tool](#) to map out my beds – it’s easy to use, and helps you figure out how much space you’ll need for each plant. This is particularly useful for urban farmers like us, who need to maximize small spaces.

• **Order seeds.** It’s surprisingly gratifying to read through the new seed catalogs each spring. I particularly like [Southern Exposure Seed Exchange](#) – they’re in central Virginia, so they know what grows well in our region, and their seeds are organic.

• **Prepare your bed(s).** When the weather is bearable, begin cleaning out your space bit by bit. Clear out rocks, throw away debris, and start turning over the



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Veggies in Small Spaces

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soil and adding compost. (I use a hoe, but a sturdy rake or shovel also work.)

An easy alternative is to use containers or build a raised bed – it saves you from having to break through our dense Virginia clay.

This preparation is the least gratifying phase of farming, but building a strong foundation is critical for a successful harvest. Like life, the garden is cyclical. And I'm thankful for that.

Next article, the fun stuff: planting! We'll begin sowing our cool season crops – leafy greens (spinach, kale, lettuces) and flowering heads (broccoli & cauliflower). And we'll walk through the steps of how we built our raised bed.

Until then, happy farming!

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