

Sweet & Sour News



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Cherrydale Yard Sale

Saturday June 11, 8 am to 1 pm

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CCA General Meeting

Wed, 5/18/16, 7:30 pm
at Cherrydale VFD

Now is the time to list your home on the map for the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Yard Sale! This year's yard sale will be on June 11th from 8am to 1 pm. **The deadline to be included on the map and in the sale is June 8th.**

Here is how it works –

- Gather your “treasures”, “junk”, collectibles, antiques, sporting goods, toys, books, furniture, clothes, or “whatever.”

- 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, flyers, maps, signs and arrows! This year, due to many non-paying participants, you must pay before you are listed on the map!!

- o The evening before or the morning of the sale, put the items out in front of your house 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. First and foremost are the maps. Scott and Kathy make a map that lists all the houses holding a sale. These maps will be distributed to anyone holding a sale, so they in turn can pass them out to customers. The maps are also posted in various spots in the community. In addition, Scott and Kathy take out ads in several local newspapers and online. Scott puts up 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!

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Cherrydale 4th of July Party Returns!

Join us for Cherrydale's Fourth of July Potluck and Party. Come to 21st and Stafford from 6:00pm to 9:30pm for small town, old-fashioned neighborhood fun. We are going to have a grill-fest and potluck, a great DJ, a hula-hoop contest, dancing, a moon bounce, a rope swing, face painting, old fashioned hand-made Italian ice, sponge fights, a visit from the Cherrydale Fire Department, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, glow sticks, the great company and good cheer of our fellow Cherrydalers, and, of course, a great view of the D.C. Fireworks. Last year hundreds of people brought food—including some amazing homemade dishes—and hundreds more came just to watch the fireworks! This is the best Cherrydale event of the year—don't miss it!

This event is a success thanks to our Cherrydale volunteers and business donors.

We have a great set of volunteers getting this organized, but we still need your help! We need volunteers to help us on the day of the event. We need a grill brigade to bring and man their grills. And we need everyone else to bring sides or desserts. We also recommend you bring beach chairs to watch the D.C. Fireworks.



Contact Jim Todd at president@cherrydale.net if you'd like to help.

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Thank you Lore Cleek! Welcome Chrisna Baptista!

Cherrydale thanks Lore Cleek for her 16 years of volunteer service delivering the Sweet and Sour news! And welcome to Chrisna Baptista, who is taking over Lori's job! Cherrydale volunteers like Lore and Chrisna hand deliver the Sweet and Sour News five times a year to more than 1400 Cherrydale homes and businesses. The Sweet and Sour News is a great way for the Cherrydale Citizens Association to reach every Cherrydaler, young and old. And delivering the Sweet and Sour News is a fun and easy way to join our tremendous network of Cherrydale volunteers. Thanks, Lore and Chrisna, and all the rest of our loyal delivery team!

The CCA is Looking for a New Officer

The Cherrydale Citizens Association is looking for a volunteer to join our other officers: President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The Secretary is responsible for meeting minutes, together with our other officers, helps respond to time-sensitive matters that can't wait for our next association meetings, and helps set the agenda for Cherrydale.

Yard Sale *(cont'd from p. 1)*

Clean out your attic, garage, and basement. Get rid of those old toys you keep tripping over! No need to pay eBay fees to get rid of some collection. And, as a bonus, 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!

Remember, many experienced buyers consider Cherrydale's Yard Sales to be the highlight of their year!



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Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Report

by Harry Spector

Since last summer periodic articles here in SSN have outlined new ideas under consideration by Arlington's Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (often referred to as NCAC or NC) to better foster a fairer, more community-inclusive project selections process. NC is for all intents and purposes the only way neighborhoods like Cherrydale can petition, with results, for street, lighting, pedestrian, and park improvements.

More importantly, the process offers neighborhoods a greater voice, though not control, of course, in the project's planning (1). The problem arises, especially as the easier projects get built out, is that homeowners on the affected blocks can stymie progress for all neighborhood stakeholders. Publically owned Right-Of-Way is for the public after all. That is where the NC process must change and better reflect the needs of the entire community, not just the homeowners on a given block.

I will explain the NC's current process and ongoing update conversation to best benefit all, as well as answer your questions at the CCA meeting May 18. This is a issue that affects everyone who lives and works in Cherrydale, and Arlington, because we all drive, bike, and/or walk through multiple neighborhoods. So please attend if you are available that evening to learn how these changes will improve the fairness and speed of the NC process for all of Arlington's citizens.

Also at the May CCA meeting an official call for project proposals

for our next number one priority project will be made. A vote of all eligible projects will occur September's CCA meeting. If you know of a street that needs sidewalks, repaving, and lighting or have an idea to improve a Cherrydale park please check out the rules at Cherrydale.net under the Neighborhood Conservation link at the top. If you have questions after reviewing CCA's process please feel free to email me at harry.spector@gmail.com

(1) Recent examples include Randolph St between 15th and 17th, 18th St between Quincy and Nelson, Kenmore St sidewalk between Lee Hwy and 20th St. Current Cherrydale NC projects include 20th St between Kenmore St and Monroe St and Oak Grove Park restoration. Also, Rosey O'Neill is working on a sidewalk project for Monroe St between 17th and 19th.



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

2016 Reading and Running!: Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 17 through July 20 at 7:00 PM. Cherrydale Library and DC Road Runners are offering another Reading and Running program to help virtually any healthy adult to build from walking to running a 5K in just 9 weeks! The program is free and includes group runs/walks on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., starting on May 17, from Cherrydale Library. Registration is required. See <http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org> for more information.

The program does NOT include registration for the 5K race. To register for the race, visit <http://www.dcroadrunners.org/sign-up/bluemonet>. Please direct program questions to rich@dcroadrunners.org.

Spring Kids' Programs

Two Storytime Programs (No Registration Required):

- "Two-and-Over" (ages 2-5), Tue @ 4:30 pm, through May 24.
- "Stop In for Stories" (ages 0-5), Thur @ 10:30 am, through May 26.

Paws To Read: For Emerging Readers & Kids Who Love Dogs! For K – 5 students on the 1st and 3rd Sat. 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.

Mother's Day Tea & Snacks With Crafts for Kids at the Library: Sat., May 7th, at 10:30am.

For Adults

"Tech Help": Weekly program on Wed & Thur, 5-8 pm. Having problems with a program? 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 welcome.

2016 Summer Reading for Prizes! For All Age Groups, Including Adults: Registration begins June 4 on-line at library.arlingtonva.us or visit Cherrydale Library for more information.

As part of the summer reading program, the Library will offer yoga Wed at 6:30pm during July in partnership with Sun & Moon Yoga.

Check at the Library or at <http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org> for other summer programs.

Cherrydale's very own "go-green" dog, Maple

By Sheila Dougherty

Many people have seen my dog, Maple, walking through Cherrydale carrying cans and bottles in her mouth. She always gets a smile, and sometimes a comment about what a good recycler she is. If she's carrying a beer can, sometimes a passerby will say, "Isn't it too early for happy hour?" She drops the cans and bottles on our front steps and I put them in the recycling bin. I estimate that she has brought home at least 600 cans and bottles over the past 2 1/2 years.



Maple is a Puerto Rican sato, or street dog, that we adopted from Lost Dog and Cat Rescue 2 1/2 years ago. She is too shy to be patted, but she likes friendly people, so please say "Hi" to her the next time you see her.

Cherrydale Boat Club!

By Maureen Ross

You thought Cherrydale had everything? Well you were correct, including our new boat club. Introducing Peter Martone and sons who have picnicked and "boated" at Duck Pond for at least a year now. Their sail boats are magnificent, if miniature. As these seafaring adventurers launch their schooners Moby Dick comes to mind. thanks to the giant goldfish which outweigh these ships by several ounces at least. The other huge risk our sailors take is turtle attacks. I'm not sure if turtles actually ram small vessels but they might mistake them for another turtle and then who knows what could happen?



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Why the Library Is the Urban Farmer's Best Friend

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

We have long loved the Arlington Public Library for their many resources, and now there are three great reasons for urban farmers like us to love the library even more...

Reason #1: They lend garden tools!

Did you know you can check out gardening tools just like you'd check out a book? The program is called "The Shed," and it offers tools to Arlington residents who don't necessarily have the space or desire to own or store their own gardening equipment. Seriously, who in Arlington has the space to store a wheelbarrow? Not me! So from March to November, you can just borrow them. How great is that? Here's a sample of what they lend — you can find the complete list of tools on the library website:

- Planting & Digging Tools: shovels, hoes, cultivators, pitchforks
- Weeding & Cutting Tools: saws, shears, loppers, pruners
- Rakes & Cleaning Tools: rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows
- Watering & Miscellaneous Tools: hoses, nozzles, extension cords, ladders, seed spreaders

Tools can be borrowed for seven days, with one renewal, and up to five tools can be borrowed at

a time. To get started with The Shed, stop by Central Library and sign up at the circulation desk, and read more about it at <http://library.arlingtonva.us/a-z-list/the-shed/>.

Reason # 2: Garden Talks & Plant Clinics.

Do you know about the Expert Garden Talks offered every Wednesday evening at Central Library? The talks, which run from March through October, are led by volunteers and staff from AFAC's Plot Against Hunger, and VCE Master Gardeners. Topics range from starting seeds indoors, to container gardening, to composting, and more. The full calendar of talks can be found on the library website. And on Thursday evenings from April to October, the Master Gardeners host a Plant Clinic, where you can get answers to all your gardening questions. The Plant Clinic is on the first floor of Central Library, and the Garden Talks take place at 7pm outside at the Central Library Community Garden. Which leads me to...

Reason #3: Community Gardens.

You may have seen the wonderful community gardens around Arlington, and there are several at our libraries, too. Central is home to the USDA's People's Garden, the Berm Garden, the Pollinator Garden, and the 10th Street Americorps Garden.

Glencarlyn is home to a teaching garden maintained by the Master Gardeners. The Garden consists of herb, shade, sun, tropical, dry, container, and native gardens. And Westover uses a series of raised beds and public workshops to teach the community about planting, sustainable gardening, composting, and other useful urban farming techniques.

So there you have it. Who knew the library could be such a great resource for urban farmers? (Well, we knew. And now you know. Pass it on!)



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Cherrydale Boat Club

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We are so pleased to see neighbors enjoying the ponds. All the hard work of removing invasive vines and planting native ground cover and trees is paying off. Come down and check out our largest park, Cherry Valley Nature Area, containing Duck Pond, Hidden Pond, and in the area just off Quincy (mid-block), our snow sledding hills.

With this in mind, Tom Korn and I do need volunteers to take a week every month or so to water the 40 trees we planted in March. Call Maureen Ross if you can volunteer. It's fun to do as a family. We have 2 buckets tied to ropes. Throw them in the pond, pull up and water the trees. It takes 1 hour for 1 person to do, and only 30 minutes for 2 people to do. Think about it and let us know if you can help. Call 703 675 3035. Thank you!



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