



Sweet & Sour



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
JANUARY 2012

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 18th,
2012

The Historic Cherrydale
Volunteer Fire Department
Fire Hall
3900 Lee Highway,
2nd floor
7:30 p.m.

AGENDA:

County Board Candidates
Debate

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CIRCLE THE DATE:

March 15, 2012

CCA Meeting, voting on the
Neighborhood Conservation
Requests and the Art Project

May 16, 2012

CCA Meeting

June 2012

Annual Cherrydale Yard Sale

Candidates Debate Coming Up!

In November, Arlington County Board member Barbra Favola was elected to the office of Virginia Senator. This means there is an empty seat on our County Board, and a special election will be held to fill it.

To help our residents decide whom to choose for this position, the Cherrydale Citizens' Association will hold one of our popular Candidates Debates. The formula will be the same — participants will pose written questions, which will be asked by a monitor, and the candidate will have two minutes to respond.

Among those candidates slated to attend are: Libby Garvey, Audrey Clement, Melissa Bondi, Terron Sims, Kim Klingler and Peter Fallon.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet the people who wish to serve on our County Board!!

Wednesday, January 18th, 2012. 7:30 pm

Santa Visits the Children of Cherrydale for the 96th time!

On Sunday December 18th, Santa arrived at the Historic Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) Station atop a 1950's LaFrance Pumper Truck! An excited crowd anxiously awaited his arrival. Over 340 children were given the opportunity to visit with Santa, receive a stocking filled with candy, an apple and orange. Each child also selected their own gift from a magnificent assortment of toys provided by the Volunteers! This annual event was first begun by the CVFD in 1915. Thanks to all those dedicated people who make this magical event happen!

Annual Parade A Huge Success

The Cherrydale Neighborhood Parade coincided with Veteran's Day. The weather was perfect, the W-L Band spectacular, the old cars superb, the participants happy and there was a large crowd to cheer the marchers on. A very big thanks to all those who helped out — everyone from Ray Caputo (the great signs) to Eric Dobson who appealed for more volunteers (and drove in his old car) to our new neighbors who dished up the cookies (provided by the CVFD) to Alex Robinson and the W-L Band, Case Company who provided all that free ice cream and to all those who marched (or watched) and especially to our own Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department and Alan Swirski for the use of his 1952 LaFrance Fire Truck and Arlington Fire Department's Engines 103, 106 and Falls Church's hook and ladder truck!!

The winners this year were:

Veterans: Bill Koons and Marvin Binns

Best Business: Case Design and Improvement

Best Group: Friends of the Cherrydale Library (Greg and Suzanne Embrey)

Best Old Car: Dan Donohue with his 1940 Bantam

Best Pet: Flash, owner Nancy Iacomini

Best Decorated Wagon: Maggie, Chris and Hilda Humphrey

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THE SOUR

Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update

By Harry Spector, NCAC Representative

Cherrydale's effort to upgrade its streets and improve pedestrian safety shall go on after the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NC) recommend to fund our 20th St. N. project (between N. Kenmore and N. Monroe) at last month's bi-annual funding round.

The estimated \$562K endeavor will transform those blocks into a modern, safe roadway for pedestrians and drivers alike. The package includes full depth paving, curb and gutter, and LED Carlyle style street lights along with 5ft sidewalk on the south side. Additionally, storm water drainage improvements will be made.

Congratulations to block captain Jim Todd and everyone on 20th St. who made this project reality. The truth is though, that all of Cherrydale is a winner with all of our NC projects.

With this project now officially slated for a funding decision by the County Board Cherrydale needs a new NC project idea. In last November's issue I wrote about how to get started and also posted the application links on the Cherrydale Listserv. (If you need those links I'll post them at the bottom here and also repost them on the listserv or email me for them). I won't go into detail again, but this is a great opportunity for me to remind you that *Cherrydale needs your ideas and proposals*. Whether Cherrydale's infrastructure sees improvements or languishes is literally up to you and your neighbors. If you need ideas to get your creative juices flowing take a look at Cherrydale's 2004 NC Plan or the NC Fall 2011 Funding Book. Links for both are below.

Applications and petitions (all require an application but only street projects require a petition) are due on February 12th so there is plenty of time to organize neighbors to improve your street or park, or even some spot of Cherrydale you think could use some sprucing up with a beautification project. But do not delay because time flies and it will be February 12th soon enough.

Already many Cherrydalers have contacted me about potential ideas so if you need clarification or have any other NC project question please email me at harry.spector@gmail.com. Improvements to Cherrydale start with you.

1. Cherrydale Selection Process Summary: <http://goo.gl/tyRkB>
2. Full Cherrydale Selection Process Rules: <http://goo.gl/eBCwY>
3. 2004 (Current) Cherrydale NC Plan: <http://goo.gl/QBSOL>
4. Project Proposal Application: <http://goo.gl/cFAOR>
5. Project Petition: <http://goo.gl/k5Aqy>
6. Official NC Fall 2011 Funding Book: <http://goo.gl/YUhds>

“Five Points” Traffic Woes to be Eased

By Ann Beckman

The intersection at Quincy/Military/Old Dominion/Lee Hwy and Old Lee Hwy, aka “5 Points Intersection”, has been a problem for many years, and it has gotten worse in recent months. Some of the problems relate to recent changes in the traffic flow pattern. Members of the CCA met with our county engineers to bring some of our concerns to their attention.

As a result of this meeting, drivers should see some improvements soon; county engineers have adjusted the timing of lights at Old Dominion so, hopefully, more than just a few cars will be able to make it through the intersection on each light cycle. In addition, the county plans to remove the “puppy feet” pavement markings guiding left turn traffic, which have created confusion and a very dangerous situation for drivers. The county continues planning for a longer-term project to enhance pedestrian safety around the intersection. There will be an update in the March newsletter, or check our website for the latest plans.

THE SWEET

Art Contest

By Maureen Ross, CCA President

The Maywood, Maywood Mews and Cherrydale Citizens Associations, in conjunction with the Christopher Companies, are sponsoring a competition to procure a work of art to be placed on the median of Lee Highway opposite the new building under construction at the corner of Lee Highway and N Monroe Street. This art project is part of a site plan that allowed the developer to build a denser, larger than “by-right” condo building in exchange for some community benefits, including a beautification project. Hence \$20,000 is earmarked to pay for an art installation on the Lee Highway median.

This is a contest! Residents of these communities will vote to award best and 2nd place winners at the CCA meeting March 14th. You will have the opportunity to view the top 5 or 6 choices at the Cherrydale Library from March 1-13th. The award goes to the artist whose proposal we like best, who can also create and install the work by August 30th, 2012. The artists should be present to describe their proposal at 7:30 PM. Note that deadline for receipt of application is close of business January 30th. The restrictions for the art are quite strict and unchangeable. The art cannot be taller than 36 inches. Art proposals must comply with all the restrictions. To learn more read the ART CONTEST folder on our *Cherrydale.net* site. There are 4 parts - the RFP (request for proposal), Application, Description of Project, and the median landscape plat, upon which the artist should diagram how and where their proposed project would sit. Pass this on to friends and neighbors. We hope a local wins. Who knows? It’s a community vote!

The larger of the two median islands is where the art project will be displayed. The smaller median is where the Cherrydale Citizens Association sign is, and where a railroad station used to stand.

A little history: a railroad line, opened in 1906, ran along a part of Lee Highway from Great Falls to Rosslyn. The stations in Cherrydale were: Thrifton at Lyon Village, Dominion Heights in the Monroe Street Island (hence the name of the future condo building it is also where the Cherrydale sign is), Cherrydale Station at Quincy Street., and Harrison Hollow on what is now Old Dominion Drive. In 1912 the railroad was electrified, but steam rail was also used until the entire line closed in 1935.

Thank you to our outgoing Officers!!

A special thanks to our outgoing officers — Cynthia Hilton for her dedicated service as Secretary, and Knell Bumbalo for serving as Vice President! We couldn’t have such a great community without people like you!

Parade (continued from Page 1)

Most Original: Maureen Ross’s tree car

Most Enthusiastic: Eric Dobson

Honored Veteran: Will Koon

Oldest Veteran: Marvin Binns

Oldest Participant: Betty Binns

Youngest Participant: Tess Martin (7 months)

Newest Resident: Ben Town (moved in October 5th)

Also thanks to all those who participated in our eating contests !!

CCA Welcomes New Officers!

Our new Vice President Andy Claster. He, wife Lucia and son Harris have lived on Nelson Street for many years. Andy is a member of our 5-Points intersection committee. Lucia and Harris co-captained the east distribution team for years.

Our new Secretary, Joe Sculley, has been a Cherrydale resident for the past two years, after moving from the Fairlington area in October 2009. He grew up in southern New Hampshire, and came to northern Virginia in the fall of 2008 immediately after graduating with a degree in Management from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA. Joe currently does government relations work in a national trade association based in the DC area that represents trucking companies from all 50 states. In free time, Joe enjoys cooking, following politics, and attending sporting events as well as watching them on TV – particularly the Celtics, Red Sox and Patriots!

Welcome Andy and Joe!

Lee Highway Update

By Michael Collins

Engineering Bureau Chief Arlington County

Phase I (I-66 to N Monroe St)

Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) will complete underground construction work by 12/31/11, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Final removal of overhead lines and poles and conversion of service for some residential/commercial customers will occur in the weeks to follow and will require planned outages. Dominion Power will need to coordinate individually with affected customers. Completion of all outages will be contingent upon scheduling and winter weather conditions.

Phase II (N Oakland St to West of N Quincy St)

The next milestone for the Phase II project is award of the civil construction contract (concrete encased ductbanks along Lee Hwy, N Quincy, and 21st St N) at the February County Board meeting. We are currently on schedule to meet this milestone. The Invitation to Bid for this work was released to potential contractors the week of Dec 19, and bids are due to the County on Jan 19. This should allow us to schedule the contract award for the Board's consideration at their Feb 11 meeting. We expect that construction on these duct banks will begin in early April and will continue for 8-9 months. Preliminary utility relocation work continues with the new water main construction along N Quebec St, 21st St N, and N Quincy St. Construction is approximately 80% complete, but may continue through the month of January, depending upon the weather. Work will also begin in January on the

reconfiguration of the east side of N Quebec St between Old Lee Highway and 21st St in preparation for the necessary "terminal" utility poles at the NE corner of 21st St and N Quebec.

See website for more.
www.cherrydale.net



Homeless Update

Are you concerned about the homeless people living in our parks? The police and the homeless advocacy people can only do so much. You can contact the county parks department at 703-228-6525 if you notice something amiss. They have the authority to move people out of the parks to the correct facilities, and they WILL act on complaints.

Sidewalks, Signs and Trees

Maureen Ross spoke about the condition of our sidewalks and against sidewalk and median signs at the December Planning Commission and at the December 10th County Board meeting. We have waited too long for decent sidewalks. Lee Hwy is poorly maintained, weeds grow 2 ft tall, car dealerships keep their cars on the walkways, and illegal signs clutter our medians and walkways. Mary Hynes (County Board) came on a tour of our sore spots: the utility boxes by I66, the broken windows in empty retail space, the weeds in tree islands and poles, the dying street trees, and the placement of new poles so as to block pedestrian paths. We also showed her our success sites - negotiations to place shade trees on car lots, and landscaping along our wider medians.

The CCA has formed a "dream team" (Bill Novak, Erik Meyers and Ron Kampeas) to document these conditions. The goal of the team is improve our sidewalks and street canopy. We shall accomplish this by noting sidewalks in disrepair (to immediately inform county), dangerous or unnecessary utility wires (for immediate removal) and document utilities that block pedestrian path. In addition, we shall map exactly where sidewalks are missing, or inadequate, so we can strategize applications for Neighborhood Conservation Projects and Missing Links programs. We will also document the poles and lights.

During these walks, we'll note where street canopy is spare. And work on encouraging retail and residents to adopt trees for extra care, watering, mulching and feeding. Meanwhile we will work with Dominion on their tree trimming rules and try to get them to plant trees to make up for their severe trimming.

PITS AND STEMS

New Sign Ordinance

By Maureen Ross

In December 2011, the County Board approved new regulations on sidewalk signs and will be drastically loosening regulations on other signs this Spring or late Summer. The impetus for the change was a complaint from businesses on side streets, which are not allowed awnings or signs posted out perpendicular to the building. Side streets are less frequented so have fewer customers. The businesses wanted a way to let pedestrians know they were there.

However, the new regulations fail to address the side street business issue. Specifically, the new regulation states “A sidewalk sign will be allowed on the sidewalk in front of a business if the business has a direct entrance to a sidewalk that has an existing clear walkway with a minimum width of six feet....The signs can be placed within the landscape and utility zone, the area of the sidewalk that typically includes street trees and landscaping, benches, and other street furniture, or alternatively, in the area immediately adjacent to the building, as long as the unobstructed clear pedestrian walkway is maintained.” (County website).

It was clear during the County Board hearing that the six feet walk way meant that a 2 foot wide sandwich sign would be authorized if there remained a 6 foot path for pedestrians and a 1 foot clearance at the curb. This means the sidewalk should be at least 9 foot wide. Right now in Cherrydale one nail salon routinely posts it’s sign in the middle of the 6 foot wide path, at a driveway. County enforcement has been lax. Arlington County’s stance is that code enforcement needs to witness the violation, even if sent a photo of the violation. In addition, staff must go out 3 times before fines are initiated.

Cherrydale has asked Code Enforcement, Deborah Albert (signs ordinance) and Mary Hynes (County Board) to walk Lee Highway with us from I-66 to North Utah St and mark where signs will be allowed. We will mark those sections in chalk and then photograph them for future reference. Retailers will be invited to attend the walk. The walk is scheduled for January 24th 11 am Contact Maureen 703-675-3035

Finally, we continue to request ordinances that allows citizens to remove illegal signs without accusation of theft. Recently, Robert Lauderdale (an Arlington resident) was sued for removing clearly illegal signs. Frequent violators of sign rules here in Cherrydale include Sport and Health and Mattress Warehouse. Check our website Cherrydale.net for examples of currently illegal signs which the County plans to make legal this summer.

Leash Your Dog!!

On December 19th one of our longtime residents was walking her leashed dog in Oak Grove Park, when an unleashed large black dog attacked! The unleashed animals owner made excuses, but did not offer to pay the vet bill which was nearly \$200. Because of our Cherrydaler’s good nature, no charges were filed, but dog owners are reminded that Arlington has a very strict leash law, the fine can be as high as \$100! We see many unleashed dogs in our Parks every day . Remember we have dog parks if you feel your dog must run free. Keep your dog on its leash, under your control at all times — we don’t want to report an attack on a person next!

On the same subject — please remember to curb and pick up after your dog.

THE SWEET

Welcome Wagon News

By Janet Herrmann

The CCA Welcome Wagon has delivered welcome packets to 9 new residents since the beginning of September. These packets include information on Cherrydale, vehicle registration information, maps of Arlington and more. The CCA would like to thank Marcia Bowlds Realtor with McEneaney Associates Realtors for providing the information about new residents. If you know someone who has recently moved into Cherrydale, please e-mail the address to the Welcome Wagon at jherrmann@saintagnes.org.

This is your newsletter — send us announcements — marriage, birth, death, anniversary, special birthday, awards, whatever — notes, recipes, pictures, gripes, thanks, congratulations, etc!! They are due to the Editor on the 15th of the even months, (see page 12 for contact info) and will be printed as space permits.

Recent Hot Topics on the Listserv:

Critter Control, Scout Projects, Potomac Harmony Chorus, Lost Pets, Free Stuff, Baby and Pet Sitting, Police Reports, and Christmas Lights!

What have you been missing??

To subscribe to Cherrydale's Listserv, sign in at:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CherrydaleCitizens>

Florence Kathryn Fredericka Bornholdt Holt 1916-2011— a Tribute

Florence passed away on October 18th 2011 at the age of 95 1/2. Hers was a remarkable life! Despite numerous and debilitating illnesses, she selflessly devoted her life to her family and community, rarely losing her good nature or pitying herself! Florence was born on the family farm near Alvard, Lyon County, Iowa, Saturday April 15, 1916. In 1938 Florence would graduate from the Lawrence Beauty Academy. She and a fellow student opened a beauty shop in Alvarado, Minnesota, where Florence married Clayton Oliver Holt on July 3, 1940. In March 1941, Clayton joined the Navy Department, and the flood of young men, going to Washington DC. The move was supposed to be temporary – but they would live here until their deaths. They purchased, as Florence expressed it, “a tiny, old house on a big lot, with lots of space for kids and a garden”. She loved the yard— even in her last years, she wanted to be outside, enjoying the birds, the flowers, the sun, and listening to the neighborhood kids running all over. This house in Cherrydale was truly country in the 1940s— there was a mule up the street, cattle a few blocks away, a well and septic tank, and most of the roads were narrow gravel lanes. The Holt's planted a huge vegetable garden, fruit trees and vines and settled down to what should have been a happy life. But in August 1949, Florence developed a cancerous brain tumor. A portion of her brain was removed. Weeks of chemotherapy followed, neighbors driving her to and from Georgetown almost every day (the Holt's didn't own a car). Paralyzed on her left side, she slowly regained her strength, but they told her she would never walk again - she did, inventing ways to do everyday tasks, and settled back into her active role in school and community events. In 1959 the brain cancer returned, and another operation (and more chemo) became necessary. Clayton would die at the age of 55, after a very long illness. After his death, Florence loved helping Kathy at the Museums, with the Arlington County Fair, being Treasurer of her Senior Citizens Club (serving in this position for over 20 years), acting as Martha Washington in the Tableaux Arlington County held to celebrate the moving of the Federal government to D.C. and being Gram to Dakota! A life long liberal, independent minded woman, she loved to brag that FDR was the first President she voted for, and was proud of the fact that she was able to vote for Obama!



She will be greatly missed by all who knew her! Scott, Kathy and Dakota Springston wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who offered us their help, love, prayers and support as we struggle through the loss of “Saint Florence”!

On Tuesday January 24th at 11 AM County code inspector Shawnell Harrison will tour the Lee Highway retail area to demonstrate where the newly approved sandwich signs are allowed. Many parts of Lee Hwy are not wide enough to maintain the minimum passage and allow for signs. These apron signs are in fact only allowed for businesses with entrances on the street where the sign will be. And the sign must be taken in when the business is not open. Because the regulation is confusing the wording might well be changed before the meeting. The CCA asked that during the tour retail managers be given copies of the regulations with clear guidelines. We will also take photos of where signs will and will not be allowed and even chalk mark these sections for the photos. This way, with high turn over, we'll still have a record for reference. Meet at Maureen Ross's house. Come if you can!

THE SWEET

Reduce Reuse Recycle

Help others keep our space greener! Reduce, reuse and recycle. Visit Arlington County's website for more ideas and tips. To get you started, here is a list, compiled from Cherrydaler's recommendations, of local charities that will pick up your still usable items:

Salvation Army: 703 642-9270

Purple Heart: purpleheartpickup.org

Lupus Foundation: 1 888-445-8787 www.lupuspickup.org

Goodwill: 202 636-4237

American Vets: www.amvetspickup.org

To recycle items:

Freecycle.org: to keep items out of landfills, people will come to your curb and grab the items you list, sometimes within minutes.

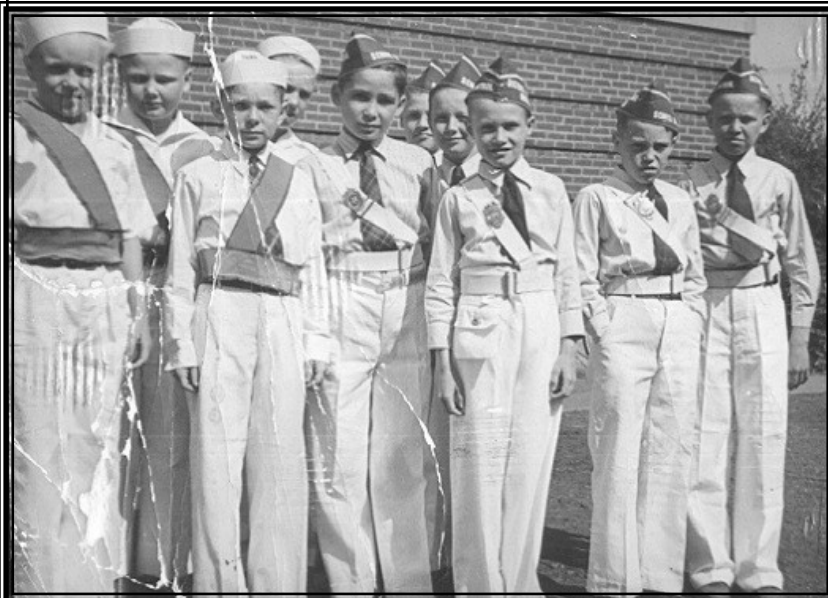
Habitat for Humanity: building materials in good condition

De-construction Services Paul Huges 703 280-1719 This group will deconstruct a house, salvage materials and donate to charity.

Know of a good recycle reuse organization or charity that makes good use of reusable items? Call me and I can add to the list. Marcia Bowlds 703 507-1635 mbowlds@mcenearney.com

Want to Recommend a Contractor/Service Person that you have dealt with?

The Cherrydale Citizen's Association is putting together a list of recommendations, compiled from the list serve, of those contractor, businesses, and services that we have used and liked — send your favorites to Marcia Bowlds 703 507-1635 mbowlds@mcenearney.com for inclusion on this list, which will be posted on our website. Don't forget our paid advertisers from the Sweet and Sour News!



A photo of the Cherrydale School Safety Patrol,

about 1950. All of the children are identified, but do recognize anyone? Copyright and courtesy of Kathryn Holt Springston. As space permits, the *Sweet and Sour News* will run old photos of Cherrydale from our published history book, or contributed by readers. Do have a story, or photo you'd like to share? Or a question about our past that you want answered? Email or write us!

CHERRYDALE BRANCH LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

2190 N. Military Road; 703-228-6330

Citizens for Cherrydale Library Website: www.CherrydaleLibrary.org

Cherrydale Library Hours:

Monday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Tuesday: CLOSED
Wednesday: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m.- (now extended until 9 p.m.)
Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: CLOSED

Book Discussions for Adults

New participants are always welcome, even if you read the book some time ago. Books are usually available a month in advance on the Wednesday after the previous meeting. Discussion participants can pick them up the night of the meeting. Call the library to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a copy from the special discussion collection.

Mon., Jan. 9 (7:30 pm): *Song of Solomon*, by Toni Morrison, winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award and the Pulitzer Prize. In 1993 she was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5) . . . published 1977. . . 352 pp.

Mon., Feb. 13 (7:30 pm): *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, by Muriel Barbery, first published in France in 2006. . . . 336 pp. Considered a publishing phenomenon by critics. The novel earned Barbery the 2007 French Booksellers Prize, the 2007 Brive-la-Gaillarde Reader's Prize, and the Prix du Rotary International in France. *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* has been adapted into a film. "These two characters provide the double narrative of *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*, and you will -- this is going to sound corny -- fall in love with both. . . . [T]his is a very French novel: tender and satirical in its overall tone, yet most absorbing because of its reflections on the nature of beauty and art, the meaning of life and death." -- *Washington Post*

Mon., March 12 (7:30 pm): *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, nonfiction by Rebecca Skloot. Selected for more than sixty Best of the Year Lists including: *New York Times* Notable Books, *Washington Post Book World* Top Ten Books of the Year, and *Publishers Weekly* Best Books of the Year. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5), published 2010. . . . 328 pages of text. The story of Henrietta Lacks, a 31-year-old African American mother of five who came to Johns Hopkins with cervical cancer in 1951, and from whom cells were taken without her knowledge or that of her family. These cells have since flourished by the trillions in labs all around the world for more than five decades, making possible the polio vaccine, chemotherapy, and many more crucial discoveries. "Writing with a novelist's artistry, a biologist's expertise, and the zeal of an investigative reporter, Skloot tells a truly astonishing story of racism and poverty, science and conscience, spirituality and family driven by a galvanizing inquiry into the sanctity of the body and the very nature of the life force." -- *Booklist, American Library Assoc.*

Winter/Spring Kids Storytime Programs

Under 2 Storytimes. Mondays at 10:15 am. Starting Jan. 9 through May 21.

Note: No Storytimes on Jan. 16, Feb. 20, or Mar. 26 & Apr. 2 (spring break). For children ages two and under and an accompanying adult. Singing, dancing, clapping to nursery rhymes and simple stories will introduce young children to the joys of language and literature. **No Registration Required.**

Family Storytimes. Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Starting January 11 through May 23. (Note: This program now starts earlier. No Storytime on Mar. 28 & April 4 (spring break). For families with children of any age to enjoy together. This fun and interactive program combines activities such as read-aloud stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and flannel boards and introduces children to listening skills, picture books, the library, and the joy of reading. Families are encouraged to participate together and to borrow related materials to enjoy at home. **No Registration Required.**

CHERRYDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Excerpted from *A History of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department*

by Kathryn Holt Springston copyright 1991

The Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) is Arlington County's oldest fire fighting company, owns the oldest firehouse, and remains very active in Cherrydale!

It all began on a warm spring day in April of 1898, when twelve men formed themselves into an impromptu bucket brigade to put out a small fire in a pasture along Cherry Valley Road (now Quincy Street). The fire was small, the day warm, and after the fire was out people gathered to talk. It was agreed that they should form an "official group" to protect their homes and property. The County (it was still Alexandria, the name wasn't changed until 1920) provided no services of any kind to the little communities within its boundaries. Started on the spur of the moment, the group soon organized into a more formal organization, but the "Cherrydale Fire Company's" membership grew slowly. The first twelve members were: Webster Donaldson, Harry Donaldson, Sr., Harry Donaldson, Jr., Asa Donaldson, Sam Cooper, John McCormick, Robert Shreve, Ernest Heinbuck, Sam Topley, Conant C. Nelson, Jacob Cropp, and R.G. Cunningham. Although it appears that all the men acted as equals (there are no notations of rank), Mr. McCormack seemed to act as Secretary, as he wrote the first records. They signed a "charter" that day pledging to buy their first equipment, which consisted of ten leather, round bottomed buckets, and a ladder.

Today, the CVFD has over 50 members, who have contributed hundreds of hours of volunteer service to our community. Besides owning and maintaining the historic Cherrydale Fire Hall, the CVFD has an annual open house in October, participates in the Annual Cherrydale Parade and provides the Visit with Santa every year! Visit www.cherrydalevfd.org or contact Chief Scott Pardi at scott.pardi@zurichna.com for more information.

Cherrydale Citizens Association annual financial report - 2011

By Katherine Christensen, Treasurer

In 2011, we had 98 dues-paying members. Let's increase that number for 2012! We have 627 listserv members.

Income in 2011 was \$5191, about 80% from ads for Sweet and Sour News. Other sources of income were memberships, donations, and sales of logo merchandise such as t-shirts.

Spending was \$5115.93, as follows:

Printing	3988.44
Web development	300
Yard sale	295 (330 collected from participants)
Logo merchandise inventory	261.11
Parade	92
Welcome Wagon supplies	86.29
Civic Federation dues	50
Ice cream social	43.09

Differing from recent years, we did not have a 4th of July party. We welcome proposals for funding additional events that neighbors would like to organize.

Balance on January 1, 2012, was \$12,138.34

CCA President Maureen Ross notes that active involvement with the CCA is much higher than represented by dues revenues (eg. see listserv membership). It is only \$5 for a household to join, a rate that has not changed in 20 years. So please pay your dues now if you haven't already done so.

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
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