

# Sweet & Sour News



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

## **NEXT MEETING:**

Wednesday, September 19,  
2012; 7:30 p.m.  
The Historic CVFD Fire Hall  
3900 Lee Highway, 2nd floor

## **AGENDA:**

5 Points Intersection and  
Restoration Church

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## **CIRCLE THE DATE**

*August 1st, 2012:*  
Restoration Church Meeting

*September 19, 2012:*  
CCA Meeting

*October 17, 2012:*  
Candidates Debate

*November 10, 2012:*  
Annual Community Parade

## **Remember No Meeting in July !!**

### **September Meeting — 5 Points Intersection**

September 19, 2012, will feature an update on the notorious Five Points intersection (Lee Highway/Old Dominion Drive/Military Road/Quincy Street). Wayne Wentz, Arlington County Traffic Engineering Department, will be the guest speaker. Despite many attempts by Arlington to improve it, the intersection remains a serious problem for both drivers and pedestrians. Anyone want to take videos to show how bad this intersection is? Contact Ann Beckman [beckmans.va@verizon.net](mailto:beckmans.va@verizon.net) to help!

### **Restoration Church**

Restoration Church invites the CCA to share thoughts and plans for their new worship center at 1815 N. Quincy at a meeting there on Wednesday, August 1st at 7pm. Please attend if you want to give input. They are building by-right, within the existing zoning regulations, so the church may not have to comply with our requests. The church does plan to continue using the metro parking lot with a van service taking parishioners to and from the church. Pastor David Hanke and Ian Hassel will present the results and their plans at our September CCA meeting, after the 5-point intersection plan review.

### **The Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Yard Sales Breaks the Record!!!!**

Scott Springston

The Yard Sales are over for this year, so find a corner in your basement or garage to start saving for next year!

This year we had the most sales ever — a whopping 81 paid households!! There were also a few “piggybackers” who didn’t pay, but had sales along with all the others. Thanks to all who paid their \$5 donation and to the donations (an especially generous one from our largest yard-saler) the CCA made a profit of \$120.03 — the most ever, and this is not even supposed to be a fund raising event!

It was a beautiful day, there were tons of buyers (several streets were blocked by the foot traffic alone), and it was fun seeing the people carrying their treasures to their vehicles! Thank you all, and a special thanks to Ray Caputo who not only had an eclectic sale, but supplied the early “reminder” signs!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Candidates Debate 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of October**

The Annual CCA Candidates debate will be held this year on October 17th, 7:30 p.m. — the third Wednesday of the month — at the Historic CVFD Fire House. Candidates for all offices (but maybe not the School Board) will be there. The same format as past debates will be used. The next *Sweet and Sour News* will have more information. We are asking for question submissions that are specific to our neighborhood and Arlington. Start sending those questions in now, share them on the listserve. We will ask the questions that most people ask. We will also take questions from the floor.

Those candidates we have invited are:

Candidates for Congress: James “Jim” Moran, Jr. (D) incumbent; Patrick Murray (R); Jason Howell (I)

County Board: Libby Garvey (D) incumbent; Matt Wavro (R), Audrey Clement (G)

School Board: Noah Simon (D), Emma Violand-Sanchez (D) incumbent

### **Cherrydale Parade**

Begin planning now! The great Cherrydale Parade will be on  
**November 10, 2012**

Start time is (as usual) 10 am sharp!! Residents, businesses and guests are invited to participate. How about doing something wild and crazy this year! Let’s see some participation from our businesses. The W-L Band will be leading the Parade. There will be awards and snacks after the Parade. For more information contact Scott Springston [sdakss@aol.com](mailto:sdakss@aol.com).

### **Reading and Running at Cherrydale Library**

The Cherrydale Library and DC Road Runners are partnering this summer to offer a “Reading and Running” program. The program is geared towards virtually any healthy adult looking to slowly build from walking to running a 5K in just 9 weeks! The program targets the Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff 9-11 5K on September 8. The program is free of cost and includes the following:

—Group run/walks on Tuesday and Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. starting on July 10, 2012 from the Cherrydale Library.

—Complete training plan and training tips from RRCA certified coaches

—Seminars and discussions on nutrition and physical activity

—A motivational reading list

—Motivation and camaraderie only found in a training group!

Please check with your doctor before starting any physical activity. In addition, please note the program does NOT include registration to the 5K race. To register for the race, please visit [www.arlington911race.com](http://www.arlington911race.com)

Please sign up by calling 703-228-6330 or stopping by Cherrydale Library at 2190 N. Military Rd. Arlington, VA 22207.

## **Lee Highway Utility Undergrounding Arlington County Report**

By Michael Collins  
Engineering Bureau Chief

### **Phase I (I-66 to N Monroe St)**

Phase I is completed with the exception of a “hanging” pole on N Lincoln St which cannot be removed until some Verizon facilities have been relocated. The County has made repeated requests for Verizon to complete this work. Other than that “hanging” pole, all other poles that are included in Phase I have been removed, and all work has been completed for this phase. The County has identified 14 locations where additional restoration work needs to be completed (replacing sidewalk, pavers, removing construction debris, etc.). We are assembling a work package for our contractor to address all of these items and hope to have them, completed in July.

### **Phase II (Oakland to west of Quincy St)**

Construction for the Phase II duct banks began in April and has been progressing on schedule. The Contractor installed a large manhole along N Quincy St earlier this month. Construction activities are expected to increase in intensity over the rest of the summer. The duct bank construction is expected to be completed in December of this year.

After completion of the duct bank construction, DVP will perform the electrical work necessary to install cables, transformers, switches, and other facilities, convert building services to the new underground system, and remove the existing poles. The DVP work is slated to require one year after completion of our work, and is still scheduled to be completed by the end of calendar year 2013.

For additional information, please visit [www.arlingtonva.us](http://www.arlingtonva.us) and search “Cherrydale Revitalization Program.”

## **Abandoned Utility Box**

Over a year ago we were told this box on Lee Highway, by Pollard St (Maywood side), would come down. We think at one point it housed the traffic light controls. The representative from the County Manager’s office said it could come down right away, after our most recent tour in January 2012. It is not only huge, ugly, rusty, and intrudes on pedestrian path but it is also EMPTY and useless. A month ago we sent a reminder about this box. After another nagging, it was finally removed July 13th, 2012.



## **Street Milling and Paving for 2012**

Just a reminder that many of Cherrydale’s roads that will be milled and repaved this season. Francis Soulamany is Arlington’s project manager for this preventive maintenance program which is scheduled to start in mid March 2012 and will end around November 2012, weather permitting. Our neighborhood will be “inconvenienced” during this process. Parking will not be permitted on your street while the work is in process and until the new coating is dry. A flyer will be mailed out to each of the addresses on the affected streets ahead of the operation and a door hanger will be placed before the work is begun. A detailed area map showing the proposed work locations can be accessed via the internet at: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/cpe/pave/EnvironmentalServicesPaving.aspx> If you have comments or concerns, contact Mr. Soulamany at (703) 228-7822 between 7:00AM and 3:30PM, or by e-mail at [fsoulamany@arlingtonva.us](mailto:fsoulamany@arlingtonva.us)

# **SOUR ISSUES**

## **Dunkin Doughnuts**

Have you notices an increase in trash around the Dunkin Doughnuts? Many near neighbors have and have taken photos which can be viewed at the CCA website. Here's a request to Dunkin — clean it up!

## **Bus Stop Equals Soaked Feet**

For over a decade now we've had a perpetual water puddle at the bus stop on Lee Hwy, Maywood side, 300 feet west of the overpass. See photos [http://www.cherrydale.net/?page\\_id=504](http://www.cherrydale.net/?page_id=504) (look under "Projects and Issues") The Maywood resident in the photo personally called about the puddle several times over the years. This site was on a tour of Lee Hwy this last January. A clean up crew was dispatched. Now, instead of a mud puddle we just have a puddle. That's sort of an improvement.

But there is some dispute as to whose jurisdiction this is. Arlington County says it's VDOT property. VDOT responds the water puddles are created "by property outside our right of way which limits our ability to fix it at its source." We have reminded Arlington (and VDOT) of this remaining issue at least 3 times in the past 6 months. We'll keep you posted.

## **Crime In Cherrydale**

Recent events have some people concerned over our crime rate. President Maureen Ross is meeting with County Officials to see what can be done. Among the most recent events were:

*Graffiti* — green florescent paint was sprayed on Randolph Street and neighbors plants.

*Vandalism* — breaking the historic glass door of the Fire Station

*Vehicular crimes* — at least one tire was slashed, several hit and run accidents resulting in vehicle/property damage

*and Theft* — items have repeatedly been taken out of unlocked vehicles. There was a break in the 2300 block of Lincoln (Maywood) Also, at least one purse snatching was reported.

There has been an increase in serious accidents in Cherrydale recently.

Remember to call in all suspicious activity to the Police non-emergency number 703-558-2222!

Crime reports can be viewed at: [www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police/crimereport/viewlist.asp](http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police/crimereport/viewlist.asp)

## **Graffiti**

Here's what to do when you see graffiti -

1. If possible take a picture and email to one of the CCA officers.

2. More importantly, get it removed by contacting the numbers below.

(Maybe load this number into your cell phone under graffiti so if you are out for walk you can call real time.) Call the DES Call Center at 703-228-6570 which is answered all day Mon-Fri. After hours, or on weekends, call 703-228-6555, which is staffed at all times, but the work ticket would most likely wait for the next business day.

When the DES Call Center is notified, it can be transferred as a priority to whomever is the responsible person at that time.

3. Monitor for results. Let DES know if it has not been removed within 2-3 business days.

Mr. Oudone is the current supervisor for this kind of work.

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Maureen Ross

## **Another Lee Highway Walk Through**

Check the listserve for the as yet unscheduled August date on which the CCA plans another walk through tour with Arlington County officials to cover the next phase of the Lee Highway undergrounding of the utilities. Please let a CCA officer know if you have any concerns over this part of the project.

## **Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update Committee**

Our Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) Committee is charged with updating our NC plan, which is over eight years old. Our updated NC Plan which we would like to submit in 2014 could take a year to prepare. The committee will, hopefully, complete a survey this fall, which will then be distributed to Cherrydale residents in winter 2012/2013. This survey will show what improvements the community at large believes are the most necessary. During 2013, the CCA would write the new NC Plan, based on the findings of this survey. A community wide vote on it would follow, and the County Board would (hopefully) approve it. This is a big task, we will need committed volunteers.

Contact Jim Todd, Maureen Ross or any officer if you would like to help with this important task!

## **Meeting with the County Board Chair Mary Hynes and Follow-up**

When there is bad news, what does a leader say and how do they say it? Discouragement can be contagious - and benefits no one. However at all times, a leader must be honest. So here is a go at delivering my truth on Arlington County services to Cherrydale, and what I think must be done about it.

First the good news - CCA secretary Joe Scully and I met with Chair Mary Hynes April 5th to discuss Cherrydale issues and follow up on results (or lack there of) to the Lee Hwy tour we conducted in January (see Cherrydale.net website, /projects/lee hwy tour for photos). Ms Hynes was gracious and sincere. We'll see about effective response, especially from the County Manager's office. A glimmer of hope - one week later the "puppy paw" markings at the 5-point intersection were finally removed - a request made by the CCA 5-points intersection committee in November but delayed by contractual issues.

**Lee Highway Disrepair** - We brought photos of Lee Hwy disrepair - old Cherrydale Motors with a broken window for past 4 years, weeds growing 18 inches high up some buildings, piles of brush growing up around light poles, the extreme unevenness of the brick sidewalk especially along the Safeway and 7/11 blocks, 15 dead street trees and county's apparent inability to supervise contractors to insure the right trees are planted in good soil, at correct depth and keep them watered and alive.

We showed bus stops situated in mud puddles, often without trash cans resulting in litter, or with trash cans that actually block access to bus, forcing travelers to trample the tree aisles. We showed photos of repeated code violations regarding signs and Code Department's apparent inability to correct the problem. The glass enclosed bus shelter by Safeway had a glass panel

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lying on it's side for half a year - it should be installed as the 3rd wall. Though noted during our back in January, witnessed by staff from the County Manager's office, Code Violation, and Sign ordinance, the 8 foot by 4 foot panel still lay on it's side behind the shelter 4 months later. It took several more photos and emails to get it erected this summer.

**Accountability** - One huge issue is County Engineers failure to oversea projects efficiently. Example 1 - there was a large rusty now defunct traffic light box on the north side of Lee by Pollard Street. It actually narrows the sidewalk with its mass (at chest/head height) and should have been removed years ago when the new light was installed. Despite noting it on the tour, and promises to have it removed, there it still hung until several more harangues got county response July 6<sup>th</sup>.

The 13-year Lee Hwy utility undergrounding debacle is another example. Utility boxes and poles were poorly placed, often reducing the attractiveness and passability of our sidewalks. The decade delay, constant construction mess, poor clean up, mud and debris each truck leaves behind - are all signs of a general disrespect for the people who live here.

**Déjà vu** - Now, if this were the first time we had met with County officials, I'd be hopeful. But in fact, Cherrydale has taken every board member except Mr. Zimmerman on a tour of Lee Hwy. Paul Ferguson gets A's for response, Jay Fissette A-, Barbara Favola had sympathy but no action, Libby Garvey and Mary Hynes both toured in 2011 and we are still watching. Ms. Hynes and Ms. Garvey are very accessible and willing to meet. Walter Tejada actually declared he had no problems with what he saw and in fact defended the utility undergrounding process. He even went so far as to say that the Lincoln Street problem, where a new pole makes the sidewalk impassable, will be a site plan development someday and then the builder will have to fix the walk rather than the county-even though it's on the side of the street not likely to develop.

So though most of the Board Members were nice, and Paul and Jay brought staff who corrected some of the issues, not a single Board Member has effectively changed the culture of county services. And worse, the culture becoming more prevalent in my view is one of "staff knows best, you're a NIMBY and a bother, get out of my way."

As the budget has quadrupled along with number of employees, I honestly feel services have plummeted. The 5-points committee reported that every action County has taken in the past 2 years at this intersection has made it more unsafe and inefficient. This is all since County added a traffic czar position. The numbers of staff in code violations and sign ordinance has grown over a decade but the best staffer we ever had left in 2004 - somehow he did more with less.

Now staff (and the board) are recommending more ads on public rights of way - sign aprons on our hard fought for sidewalks, "temporary" signs in our landscaped medians and in each tree island as well as lighted neon signs on our taller buildings. Thanks to county we have less parking (as a policy), bike lanes and corner nubs making traffic worse at 5-points and less safe for all (note we are pro-bike), yet it is almost impossible to get traffic calming measures installed on residential streets. In addition all new sidewalks must now be 5-foot wide, which

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on our older narrow street means losing on-street parking. These are all rules made without Cherrydale input. Yet surely with resident involvement we could have come up with plans that work well for everyone.

All in all, it is the endless repetitiveness of the process that drains me – we have meeting after meeting with county staff and board, get some “cluck cluck” response, a scattering of action, then the CCA has to send out action reminders to staff for months and ratchet up the pressure back to manager and board. Year after year after year it is the same issues. Endless nagging is required to get promised action.

During the January tour of Lee Hwy, one of the younger staffers suggested we conduct another tour later in the summer as our was taking too long. She failed to realize the irony that if there were fewer problems on Lee Hwy the tour would take less time. She wasn't taking notes either, which explains the stunning lack of follow up on a number of issues. I took notes, and photos and forwarded this to her and the rest and still we had to hammer on follow-up for 7 months and counting.

**Attitude** - At least 3 county representatives have basically said it was a waste of their time meeting. Wayne Wentz (traffic czar) said it about a meeting regarding Duncin Donuts traffic, and a DES engineer said it about a meeting of over the new Lincoln St pole blocking use of sidewalk which was, after all, on a street “going no where”. The staff who have no intention of changing a position are indeed wasting their time and ours. In their mind perhaps they are building an urban experiment for future residents. But this is our home, and planning should be for us, the current resident paying the ever burgeoning taxes.

**What can we do about this?** There are plenty of options. Start by assigning higher ranked county employees to districts compiled of several neighborhood associations. These “district officers” would know the association officers, find out about every county project in their assigned area, and coordinate with various county departments to better serve the neighborhoods. They would meet with engineers, utility companies and citizens during the planning of projects so for example utility poles aren't planned in the wrong spot and we'd meet again during implementation. Finally just like at the end of a home renovation there should be walk-thru of the site with citizens and project manager to make sure the area is clean, debris removed (not hidden in the tree aisles and bushes), signs removed, and damaged trees and shrubbery replaced.

Employees should represent their districts with pride in serving the community (as opposed to annoyance at citizen input). The county culture needs a shift in thinking from future potential residents in a new “urban vision”, to the current residents paying the taxes, working hard and raising families here now. After all, many if not most of us plan to stay here 20 years more.

Is this an attack against all county employees? Of course not. There are some stars out there and I let everyone know about them. But there has been a definite shift in county culture as the number of “specialists” are employed. A perfect example is our new fire station, which sits

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practically on an island, isolated from the community. Compare that with the original station where fire fighters often sat outside on the bench, and residents routinely walked by, said "hello", dropped off cookies or asked a question.

And let's not even delve into the resentment from some county employees who thought citizens should not be allowed to vote for the artwork on the Lee Hwy median. Again there was a behind the scenes fight to allow the recent vote. But on the other hand we had some staffers who supported the vote. So here is hoping that the sacrifice of vacation days and free time spent by many volunteers has not been wasted another year. Here's hoping Mary Hynes can lead the county in better service to the community. We'll see.

*Editors Note: The above is the opinion of the Cherrydale Citizens' Association President, Maureen Ross, and does not necessarily reflect the views of the rest of the CCA Board, or its members.*

## **Photo captions for photos on page 9**

#1 This is how the street was in 2007.

#2 and #3 100 pound cable left leaning against pole from around 2003 to 2009. Just another time that it fell over.

#4 view of both poles, after getting the cables back up from lying on sidewalk 2009

#5 Arlington County finally installed the phone pole on Lincoln St blocking sidewalk around 2008 (despite our protests) and planted this bush as a water garden.

#6 At our insistence County removed the bush.

#7 the pole and gravel as it was for 2010 when I got county to remove the 100 pound cable wrap that had leaned against pole for years.

#8 The pole pulling up the sidewalk, 2011.

#9 July 16, 2012



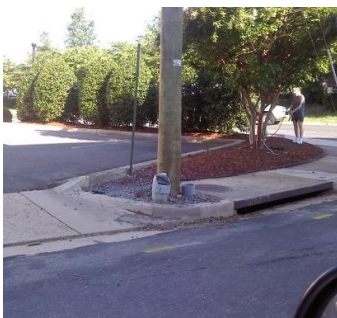
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## **Update on the Lincoln Street Utility Pole**

In 2007, we first noted the utility pole on Lincoln St (near Lee Hwy) with a huge coil of cable lying at its base, blocking the sidewalk next to it. We called Arlington County numerous times over the intervening years, and someone would come out and tie the cable back up to the pole. There was also a 3x8 ft hole in the sidewalk 40 feet further up the hill, where there were plans to install another pole, in the middle of the sidewalk. We called and wrote numerous times (and several board members came on a tour) about the pole's placement, requesting that it be moved to the edge of the sidewalk so it would be passable. This request was denied, because "it would cost too much" to change plans. The new pole went in, and engineers blocked the rest of walk with a bush. We had the bush removed. Eventually the concrete around the base of the pole which had been missing for 5 years, was promised. Instead of replacing the concrete, however, it was left a gravel mess for almost a year. Then a utility boot was added to the pole narrowing that passageway further. Soon the pole began pulling up the sidewalk! Recently, after more complaints, the new walk, which had just been installed, was replaced. Given the loss of usable sidewalk, and the list of times someone had to come out to repair issues related to these two poles, wouldn't it have been less expensive and better for all if the poles had been placed appropriately for pedestrian passage in the first place?



*(See page 8 for captions, and listserve for larger photos)*



# THE SWEET

## Try these great recipes!

From June Million

### Easy Summer Fruit Pies

Frozen unbaked pie shell. Preheat oven to 400.

6 peaches or a bag of frozen ones—I use frozen

One cup or more of blue berries to fill the pan—I also use frozen

Can throw in other fruit if you wish.

Mix together:

$\frac{3}{4}$  C sugar, 3 Tbs. flour,  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp cinnamon, and 2 Tbs soft butter

Put  $\frac{1}{2}$  of mixture in bottom of crust, fill with fruit, add other half of mixture.

Dot with extra butter if desired.

Bake about an hour (but crust may burn a bit...so cover edges with foil or pie saver...or just eat it burned—it's fine that way.

### EASY Strawberry Pie

Bake and cool one frozen piecrust.

One quart or more of strawberries.

Mix together in a saucepan:  $\frac{3}{4}$  C water; 1 Cup sugar (or a little less); 3 Tbs cornstarch and

1 Cup washed, hulled and mashed strawberries (I mash in the sauce pan with a potato masher).

Cook this mixture till it forms a thick syrup (can add red food coloring to make it look better). Let this mixture cool right in the saucepan.

Put the rest of the cleaned strawberries in the cooled pie shell.

Pour the cooled syrup over the strawberries in the shell and cool for two hours.

Don't make too far in advance.

## Taste of Cherrydale on May 26th A Huge Success!

By Greg and Suzanne Embree

Organized by Cherrydale Library, "A Taste of Cherrydale" on Saturday, May 26, drew some 200 participants. Those completing the circuit received an elegant book bag sporting the "Friends of the Library" logo. Each participant also was entered into the drawing for the grand prize, a fifty-dollar gift certificate from Lebanese Taverna. It was great fun, giving everyone a chance to meet neighbors and to sample for free the offerings of local restaurants, cafes, and shops. A big Cherrydale "thank-you" to these participating businesses:

Barston's Child's Play

Billy's Cheesesteaks

Cassatt's

Company Flowers

Crisp & Juicy

House of Steep

Lebanese Taverna Market

Pasha Cafe

Pastries by Randolph

Starbucks

Subway Sandwiches

Sun & Moon Yoga



*Cherrydale Library manager Julia Karell (right) briefs 'Taste of Cherrydale' participants before they join in the fun!*

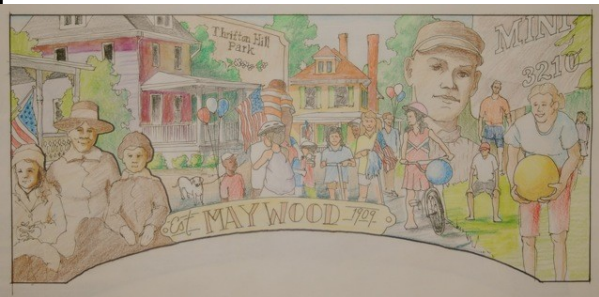
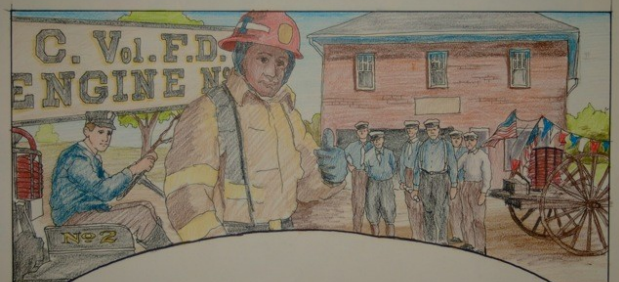
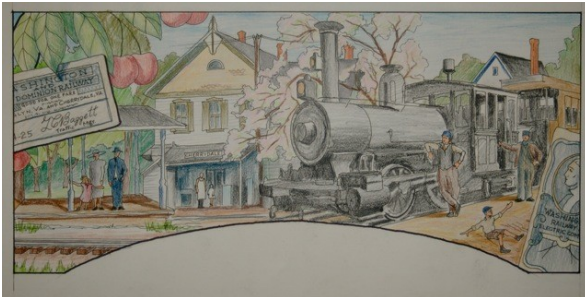
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## Art Contest

On March 21, the Cherrydale Citizens' Association, along with Maywood and Maywood Mews Citizens, in conjunction with the Christopher Companies, approved a work of art that will be placed in the median of Lee Highway opposite Christopher Companies' new building under construction at the corner of Lee Highway and North Monroe Street. The winner of the contest, Jarrett Ferrier, must create and install the work by August 30th, 2012.

Jarrett has worked with representatives from both Maywood and Cherrydale and has designed a unique historical mural mounted on railroad ties to celebrate our communities. Plans were drawn up, installation was being mapped out and a rendition had been sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for its approval. VDOT owns the right of way, and has many requirements regarding its installation. The project has survived the initial site plan review and is awaiting the final permit. Look for work to begin soon!!

For the artists depiction of what this art work will look like, visit our website at [www.Cherrydale.net](http://www.Cherrydale.net). Go to Projects and Issues, art project.



# PITS AND STEMS

**News from the Civic Federation:**Travelers Aid at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport seeks volunteers to staff the airport Information Desks, welcome visitors, and provide travel and tourist information. A one-year volunteer commitment of one 3 or 4-1/2 hour shift per week is requested. Scheduling flexible. Training and parking provided. Email [travelersaidcca@mwa.com](mailto:travelersaidcca@mwa.com) or call 703-417-3975 to set up an appointment to complete an application.

*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 28th of the even months, (see page 16 for contact info) and will be printed as space permits.*

## **Sun and Moon Yoga Studio**

Arlington County recently approved a 5 year extension of use permit for the Sun and Moon Yoga Studio and retail sales shop, located at 3811 Lee Highway. They have been good neighbors for many years, and participated in the “Taste of Cherrydale.”

**House of Steep**  
One of our newest businesses reports that “over 120 cups of iced hibiscus tea were served to the neighbors” [during the “Taste of Cherrydale”] “and we got a chance to learn a lot about those good people. Like their sniffers prefer the scent of citrus...and their favorite herb is Lemongrass. To thank them for sharing their afternoon with us, we have set to coming up with a tea blend just for them, to include their favorite herb lemongrass. Perhaps we'll call it Cherrygrass!” House of Steep will be opening in the Lofts at Bromptons soon!

## **Waverly Hills News**

Waverly hills may be joining the CCA for next years' yard sale extravaganza! Will keep you posted.

## **Restoration Church**

There has been much discussion on the listserv regarding the rumored plans of the Restoration Church. Much of the “discussion” has descended to angry tirades, which is uncalled for and unnecessary.

Located in the historic Baptist Church structure on Quincy Street, the Anglican Restoration Church (who have been Cherrydale neighbors for some years now, despite speeding and parking issues) are planning on tearing down the existing building and replacing it with a much larger structure set back farther from the street, with a sanctuary capable of seating 350-400 people. This 3 level structure (one basement level and two above ground floors) would also hold a fellowship hall, additional classrooms and office space. The plan maintains the existing parking onsite - only 13 parking spaces. The church has been using a shuttle from the Arlington parking garage over I-66 plus on street parking.

While a formal proposal has not been submitted to the CCA for review, many residents have voiced concern. One of the most common voiced is how such a large increase in church attendance (3 times) combined with little or no increase in on-site parking or change in parking plan can work or should be approved. The current zoning is R6 so the setbacks (required 8 and 10 foot side yards), height (35 feet to midpoint of roof.) and lot coverage with which single family homeowners have to comply may also apply to them. We have been promised a plan and will share it as soon as it is available. Interested parties should attend the meeting on August 1st at the Church (1815 North Quincy Street).

# *THE SWEET TIDBITS*

## **Welcome Wagon News**

Amy Wheelock

Many thanks to Janet Herrmann who has been serving as the Cherrydale Welcome Wagon! Since April, Janet has delivered nine welcome packets, eight to new residents and one to a new business (Subway). Janet has also worked tirelessly with Marcia Bowlds of McEneaney Associates Realtors to establish a way to learn about new house sales in a timely manner. In anticipation of her and her husband adopting toddlers, she has resigned her position as the welcome wagon liaison. ***Thanks for all the hard work Janet!*** Good luck with your upcoming travels!

The CCA welcomes a new liaison! Amy Wheelock (a past Secretary of the CCA and former S&S News Editor) and her family have recently returned from a sojourn in Japan, and volunteered promptly! Welcome Wagon delivers welcome packets to new residents of our community. Packets include information on Cherrydale, vehicle registration information, maps of Arlington, and more! If you know someone who has recently moved to Cherrydale (renters or homeowners), please e-mail Amy at [welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net](mailto:welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net).

Special thanks to everyone who has notified the CCA of new residents! Keep those emails coming, and we'll do everything we can to welcome newcomers.

## **The CCA Thanks Our Retiring Secretary**

Joe Sculley recently retired as the CCA Secretary, with regret. Joe moved out of Cherrydale, and will be missed! He was working on the Candidates debate when he moved, so we will continue enjoying his hard work! Thank you Joe for all these months of hard work and best of luck on your move — we look forward to your return to Cherrydale!!

## **Cherrydale Citizens' Association Welcomes New Secretary**

Meg Miller Rydzewski was elected Secretary of the CCA at the June CCA Officers meeting to replace Joe Sculley, who is moving away. Meg was born and raised in Washington, DC. She attended Georgetown Visitation and Georgetown University before moving to New York City in the late 1980s to work for Coach, Inc., in retail merchandise planning. She switched careers after graduating from Columbia Business School in 1996, and for eight years worked as an equity analyst and equity portfolio manager, for Donaldson, Lufkin and Jenrette and its acquirer, Credit Suisse. Meg and her husband, Phil (a former Lyon Village resident), moved "home" to Arlington in 2004 after their first son was born, then away again to Texas for four years, where their second son was born. They returned last August and are moving forward on their longstanding plan to build a home on North Lincoln Street. In the meantime, they are living on North Pollard Street

Meg is now a stay-at-home mom and an aspiring novelist. She is very active as a room parent at Saint Agnes Catholic School, where both of her sons attend, and thoroughly enjoys spending time each week with her large extended family, many of whom live in the DC area.



# PARKS AND TREES

## **June 2nd Oak Grove Park Cleanup**

The CCA and Restoration Church joined with Arlington County in beginning a clean up in Oak Grove Park on Saturday June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ian Hassel organized a team from Restoration Church to join the many CCA volunteers. Arlington County supplied a dumpster and some tools.

We noted there were a few too many “independents” on this crew. Some folks from the tree stewards were removing bushes while leaving the brambles; meanwhile Cherrydale’s goal was removing the poison ivy, invasive vines and brambles. Some people did not remember it is illegal to use a chain saw or grub out stumps in a park. There also seemed to be some preconceived notions as to what was “more important,” which led to a scattering of forces.

We all need to remember, under the Cherrydale Parks Master Plan, this park is not a reservation nature area but a park that needs to be accessible first to the people.

So, next time, work with the CCA Parks Committee and do not remove bushes and trees, or established plants because they do not fit your idea of what a park is — remove only invasive vines and pick up the trash! Another cleanup is in the works for this park soon.

## **Gardening — Yard Cleanup**

Now is the time to get your yard cleaned up for summer!! The recent heavy rains are a harbinger of a bad bug season — so go out and spend an hour or so “tipping and tossing” those water holding items — such as toys, flower pots, wading pools, even bicycles with flat tires — laying in your back yard; pick up the bottles, branches and debris left all over from the winds; cut the weeds and pull out that ivy! Remember that some mosquitoes take as little as two teaspoons of water to breed! If you have rain barrels make certain they are screened, or treated, to prevent infestation. Enjoy a bug-less summer!

Also, you can start planting your fall vegetables now — try a variety of greens and lettuces, spinach, peas, and turnips!

## **Cherrydale Park**

Help keep an eye on this often overlooked Park. Let a CCA officer, or Arlington County, know if you see anything that needs attention.

## **Cherry Valley Park**

Still awaiting the installation of the new sign! Hope everyone enjoyed the spring wildflowers!

## **Storm News**

Many residents in our community suffered storm damage — or broiled without air conditioning — as a result of the powerful Derecho that tore through here on June 28. Other sections never even lost power for more than a second. For the most part, everyone maintained their “cool” and helped those who needed it — as Cherrydalers should do! There were a few complaints, especially about the noise of generators, which can be very distracting — but remember, if you had had access to one, you’d be the one people would be complaining about! Next time, let’s all do a better job to help each other, and not fuss!

The recent storms have left many fallen branches and damaged trees in Cherrydale. Remember to pick these branches up and dispose of them properly to avoid providing habitat for “less desirable species” (i.e. rats and mice). Arlington County will pick up these trimming free — you can arrange a brush pickup at the Arlington County website.

Also, call a reputable tree service if your trees lost major limbs or appear to be under stress. It is better to have them checked out, then to wish you had — remember we usually have our worst winds in September!

## Cherrydale Citizens Association Announces We Have New Branded (Logo) Merchandize!!

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## Have You Seen the Cherrydale Citizens' Association Website?

If not, visit at [WWW.CHERRYDALE.NET](http://WWW.CHERRYDALE.NET)

There is more content, more features, more photos, etc!! You can also view back issues of the *Sweet and Sour News*. Visit it often to keep up with major events in the community.

## Recent Hot Topics on the Listserv:

Crime, Church renovation, critter control, lost pets, free stuff, baby and pet sitting, exposed wires on telephone poles and utility boxes, parks, contractor recommendations, and much more!

*What have you been missing??*

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

# CHERRYDALE BRANCH LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

2190 N. Military Road; 703-228-6330

Citizens for Cherrydale Library Website: [www.CherrydaleLibrary.org](http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org)

## **Cherrydale Library Hours:**

Monday: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Tuesday: NEW HOURS! 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 p.m.-9 p.m.

Thursday: 10 a.m.- 9 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday: CLOSED

Note the new Tuesday hours — Arlington County does conduct a “door count” so visit during these times to help keep our Library open!!

## **Photo Exhibit Reception & Gallery Talk**

“Glass, Stone, and Steel: Photos of Manhattan by Steve Rosenbach”, will be on display through September 29. Steve—an instructor with Washington Photo Safari—will host an opening reception on the library balcony on Wednesday, July 11, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm, during which he’ll give a short talk on “What Makes a Compelling Photo.” Refreshments will be served.

## **Introductory Yoga Class for Adults: Sat., July 7!**

Try a free introductory yoga class led by neighboring Sun & Moon Yoga Studio. Beginners are welcome. Participants are asked to bring their own mats if they have them. **\*\*Register at the library or by phone\*\***

## **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 library to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a copy from the special discussion collection.

**Mon., July 9 (7:30 pm):** *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History*, by S. C. Gwynne.

**Mon., August 13 (7:30 pm):** *Turn Right at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time*, by Mark Adams. . . Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5) . . . published June 2011 . . . 352 pages.

**Mon., September 10 (7:30 pm):** *The Maltese Falcon*, by Dashiell Hammett. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5), published 1930 . . . 217 pages.

## **Summer Kids’ Programs**

**Preschooler Storytimes. Mondays at 10:15 am. July 9 through August 6.** For preschool children of all ages with accompanying adults. These special themed Storytimes: stories, songs, crafts, and fun for all! **No Registration Required.**

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**Mon., July 9 @ 4:30: Eric Energy:** Experience big science experiments with wacky scientist Eric Energy!

**Mon., July 23 @ 4:30: Shannyn Snyder: Decorate Your Bedroom:** Deck out your bedroom with artist Shannyn Snyder! Crafts for boys and girls. **\*\*Space is limited to first 30 participants.\*\***

**Mon., August 6 @ 4:30: Uno, Dos, Tres con Andres!:** an interactive children's program where children sing, shake, and sound out rhythms while trying Latin dances and practicing Spanish words.

**2012 Summer Reading for Prizes!**

Registration on-line at [library.arlingtonva.us](http://library.arlingtonva.us) or visit Cherrydale Library for more information and to pick up your children's special reading log sheets, and to have their name displayed.



## ***CHERRYDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT***

Our very own Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) is Arlington County's oldest fire company, The volunteers own the historic Cherrydale Fire Station as they have since 1919. To join this active group in helping our community visit [www.cherrydalevfd.org](http://www.cherrydalevfd.org) or contact Chief Scott Pardi at [scott.pardi@zurichna.com](mailto:scott.pardi@zurichna.com). The CVFD is looking for both operational and administrative members.

Continue the tradition of generations and arrange for your group to meet in the Historic Fire Station. To see the hall use agreement and rates, please visit the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department's website [www.cherrydalevfd.org](http://www.cherrydalevfd.org), or email Tracey at [tracey-paints@msn.com](mailto:tracey-paints@msn.com)

The Cherrydale Citizens' Association wishes to extend our deepest sympathy to Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department President Marvin and his wife Bette Binns (as well as all the other members of this generation spanning family) on the recent loss of their beloved daughter, Patti. Patti was a wonderful women, mother, and friend and will be sorely missed by all who knew her!! Anyone who has spent any time in Cherrydale knows Marvin and Bette — and even the littlest children know him as Santa from the CVFD "Visit with Santa" for the past 36 years!

### **Did You Know??? ... A Little History**

**By Kathryn Holt Springston**

Cherrydale has such a great, and well documented history, yet there appears to be a lot of misinformation circulating! Therefore, the "Did You Know???" column, which was a popular feature of the *Sweet and Sour News* for many, many years, has been brought back! Every month a topic of Cherrydale's past will be discussed, or a question answered. If there is something you are aching to have explained let us know!

Ah! Summertime!! Time to relax, play, or just hang out with your friends! Cherrydale has always been a great place to enjoy the summer!



(Top) Neighborhood kids enjoy a ride on an old log, on Taylor Street, 1922

(Bottom right) The Wiseman family turns on some fun with a garden hose, 1924

(Bottom left) Enjoying a cool dip.

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