

# Sweet & Sour News

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
SEPTEMBER 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;  
Restoration Church Plans

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## CIRCLE THE DATE

September 19, 2012:

CCA Meeting

October 17, 2012:

Candidates Debate

November 10, 2012:

Annual Community Parade

November 14, 2012

CCA Meeting

## September Meeting — 5 Points Intersection

An update on the notorious Five Points intersection (Lee Highway/Old Dominion Drive/Military Road/Quincy Street) will be provided by Wayne Wentz, Arlington County Traffic Engineering Department. Despite many attempts by Arlington to improve this intersection, it remains a serious problem for both drivers and pedestrians. Your input is needed! Continued on page 4.

## September Meeting — Restoration Church

Restoration Church invites the CCA to share thoughts and plans for their new worship center at 1815 N. Quincy. 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 their plans at our September CCA meeting, after the 5-point intersection plan review.

## 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 County Board, School Board and Congress will be there, with the possible exception of Congressman Moran. We are asking for question submissions that are specific to our neighborhood. Start sending those questions in now to Maureen Ross [president@cherrydale.net](mailto:president@cherrydale.net) or Meg Rydzewski, [secretary@cherrydale.net](mailto:secretary@cherrydale.net) or float them on the list-serve. We will use the questions that the most people ask. We will also take questions from the floor. If you would like to help, contact Meg. This could be a wonderful learning event for teens, and their help would be appreciated!

## 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). See page 2.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Cherrydale Parade**



Don't miss this years Parade! Free ice cream will be provided by Case Design! No need to sign up to be in the parade. Just show up by 9:30 in front of St. Agnes.

Will Koon, shown left at the 2011 parade, has been deployed to Afghanistan. Please, show your love and support to Mikel and the girls!



### **November Meeting — Capital Bikeshare**

*Note date change — meeting will be the second Wednesday, the 14th!!*

Arlington County is researching possible locations in Cherrydale to expand Capital Bikeshare. The CCA will be voting on the best site for the bike station at our November meeting. The goal is to reach the most people and it must be placed on publicly owned property. Paul DeMaio, Capital Bikeshare Program Manager, will be our guest at the November meeting where we offer our top choices. Send your ideas now! Sites mentioned are on Quincy behind Honda, the 7/11 service lane where the taxi stand is, by Bromptons, by Dominion Heights, by the bus stop at Cherrydale Rehabilitation Center, or by the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department, thus bringing our beloved station back to being a central meeting spot for the community!

Several things to think about include: Should we sacrifice a parking spot for the bikes? Will the bikes increase commuter parking? (Hence should we keep the bike station on Lee Hwy?) Where will the site best serve citizens in Cherrydale and the local businesses we'd love to help? Put your thinking caps on! Jim Todd, our own daily bike commuter, will be writing an article in the SSN for November.

Capital Bikeshare, a service provided by Arlington County and the District of Columbia Department of Transportation, is a self-service bike transit service, perfect for short trips, with over 1,600+ bikes available at 179 stations in Arlington and D.C. Arlington currently has 42 stations in the Route 1 and Rosslyn-Ballston corridors with planned additions (about 30 stations) along Columbia Pike, Route 50, Shirlington, and Fairlington next year. Capital Bikeshare has been very successful with over 2,300,000 trips since its launch in September 2010, thanks to the ease of use in checking out and returning bikes and inexpensive membership and usage fees. Membership options include \$75/year, \$25/month, \$15/3-day, and \$7/1-day, with the first 30 minutes of every trip for free and additional fees thereafter. The year and month membership options are purchased online or by phone while the 3-day and 1-day memberships are purchased with a credit card at any Capital Bikeshare station.

Each Capital Bikeshare station consists of a number of docks and bikes, a terminal for registration, and a map providing nearby stations for trip planning. The station is fully solar-powered, so no construction is necessary to electrify it. In fact, installation takes only about 1 hour. The bikes are 3-speed, have front and rear lights, chain guard and fenders, and the frame is step-thru to allow folks of most heights to use them.

Send in your suggestions!

# **STREET ISSUES**

## **Lee Highway Utility Undergrounding**

By Michael Collins  
Engineering Bureau Chief

A walk-through was held with Dominion Virginia Power (DVP), Arlington County, and the Cherrydale Citizens' Association on July 31 to identify "punchlist" items which need to be completed prior to closing out this project. Once these items are finished, the project will be completed and taken off of the County's active project list.

### **Cherrydale Undergrounding, Phase I Construction Punchlist**

1. Plant grass in the utility strip and plants to screen the DVP facilities at 3200 Lee Hwy. The County will plant these areas once planting season arrives.
2. Guy wire anchor in sidewalk and construction debris at N Lincoln St just south of Lee Hwy. The anchor & debris have been removed.
3. Conduits extend above ground at N Monroe St north of Lee Hwy. These have been cut flush with the ground Aug 22.
4. Broken drainage structure near the Shell Station on south side of Lee Hwy. This is not associated with the undergrounding construction – we have reported it to VDOT for repair/replacement.
5. An abandoned traffic control device remains on a utility pole in the median near Lincoln Street. VDOT has removed the device as of Aug 16.
6. Debris in front of neighborhood sign at Monroe St median. Debris removed and grass seed planted as of Aug 22.
7. Remove cone and sign bracket from planting area next to Dunkin Donuts. Removed 8/16.
8. Repair curb, gutter, and sidewalks at various locations where utility poles have been removed. The County has issued a work

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## **Lee Highway Utility Undergrounding**

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order to perform these repairs. We expect the repairs to be completed by the end of August.

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

Construction for the Phase II duct banks began in April and has been progressing on schedule. The duct bank construction is expected to be completed in December of this year, at which time the Contractor will re-pave those portions of Lee Hwy that have been affected.

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." Also visit <http://www.cherrydale.net/>

## **Lee Highway Undergrounding Punch List — Report and Photos**

This tour was conducted July 31, 2012 with County Design Engineering Supervisor Robert Froh, County utility engineer Abe Abibizadeh, Fred Parry, Sr. Manager, Transmission and Distribution Projects at Dominion Virginia Power. Coming an hour late was Gustavo Castellon, Construction Coordinator for Comcast. Also late was Doug Passley, Ground Line Manager, Dominion Power. Michael Collins (Chief Engineer and responsible for the utility undergrounding project) was unable to attend. Verizon was a no-show. Tom Korns helped represent Cherrydale. Thanks Tom! The Tour was led by Maureen Ross, President, Cherrydale Citizens Association. Punch List items were noted and photographed.

The link to the photos of the July walking tour:  
[http://www.cherrydale.net/?page\\_id=803](http://www.cherrydale.net/?page_id=803)

## PRESIDENTS' PAGE

### **Another Lee Highway Walk Through — Lessons Learned**

**By Maureen Ross**

I asked for a walk through when Arlington County considered the first half of undergrounding to be completed and thus we held a second Lee Highway inspection in just six months. See Cherrydale.net, Projects, Lee Highway Walking tour January 2012. Here are the lessons learned from this 12 year project:

1. Always have the citizens association involved in the picayune planning of details such as where the utility boxes and poles will go. The devil is always in the details. This was of course the biggest failure in the Lee Hwy undergrounding project (Lincoln Street and Bono Films being the best examples of objectionable placement of utility switches and poles). Planning with us could have prevented these obstacles.
2. The county sub-contractors need to be better supervised. They don't clean up, they leave rubble where good soil should be, wires, trash, uncapped pipes, etc. We can solve this with cooperation. County engineers too busy to inspect sites? Call and ask the citizens association to check out a completed site – we can tell you if rubble is left behind, we can tell you if there are dangling wires, damaged trees, ruin grass aisles. Rather than adversaries, we can be partners in getting our money's worth from contractors!
3. Definitely have a walk thru mid project and at the end of projects. We discovered a significant punch list that would NEVER have been noticed if we didn't all walk thru it together.
4. Easement issues – again, don't assume the association can't help. Sometimes (and I feel sure this time) we could have made headway with Bono films where the 3 large switch stations loom over the sidewalk. There was an opportunity here for a win win. But now it's a lose lose and Bono Films moved out. Thanks to the CCA, we did make head way with the Masonic Lodge and near neighbors for the utility switch on Lincoln Street – where it bothers no one.
5. Engineers need baby carriages and wheelchairs. I conducted this last tour using a baby carriage, to make the point that one should be able to easily maneuver either a carriage or wheelchair along all sidewalks. No poles, lights or switches should EVER impede reasonable pedestrian pathways. It is useful to ask engineers to wheel around. If they don't then I'd recommend future CCA officers bring a carriage or wheel chair with them when they inspect.
6. Prevent significant delays! – the single best way to accomplish timeliness is to map out a project time line, blow by blow, and then have to report on it every 2 months, as County has had to do for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the Lee Hwy Undergrounding, which seems to be running on-time. Deadlines work well especially when they are posted every 2 months.
7. Finally, I personally believe citizens would be better served if we had, for want of a better title, precinct captains ie one person in county assigned to several nearby associations, learning about all the projects, the NC plans, the revitalization plans, the associations etc.. These positions would be middle management level staff who are already working for county who would be assigned neighborhoods. The precinct captain would be informed on all parks, schools and engineering projects and ensure communication and coordination with the associations. We wouldn't be repaving a street only to have it dug up 6 mos later for a different project. The captain would take pride and even ownership in his or her "hoods". I think it is one way to get the county staff to really think about more than just "the project" but the people the project is for. us. The focus being the community not the concrete. It's a start...

Thank you County staff especially Abe Abibizadeh and Robert Froh

*(The above represents opinions that do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board or other members of the Cherrydale Citizens' Association)*



# **THE SOUR**

## **Lee Highway 5 Points Intersection**

**By Maureen Ross**

The main topic of our September meeting will be the notorious traffic troubles at the 5 points intersection! Many Cherrydale residents have reported terrifying near misses (while walking, biking and driving) at the intersection over many, many years — beginning in the late 1950s when the intersection was redesigned, but becoming worse about three years ago, when apparently without input from Cherrydale, Arlington County installed a new left turn pattern for those heading north/south. This was the most unpopular change followed by the shortened light at Lee Highway and Quincy, heading west. Several other changes occurred – short light to turn left from Lee onto Quincy St, causing drivers to cut thru Pollard Street. The bike lane on Quincy makes it hard to turn right heading east on to Lee, and bikers tend to illegally pass right turning cars to get in front of them to get on to Military. Finally, it is challenging to cross Dominion from the Fire Station to Military and that cross walk is a potholed mess. Arlington County has tried many different approaches to resolving these issues, without success.

Last Fall, a committee met with Betty Digs from Traffic Engineering to share our concerns. Ann Beckman is chairing this committee and relentlessly forwards our concerns to the County. President Maureen Ross has over 150 emails in her file on 5-points, thanks to citizen input. All were forwarded to Mr. Wentz. Thus far, the confusing pavement markings have been removed, but the left turn sign showing the new pattern has not. The short light seems to be a little longer. So we are inching toward improvements.

Come hear what Wayne Wentz has to say and express your concerns!

## **Street Lights**

Several neighbors have complained about the new LED Street Lights in community — here is Arlington County's reply to one complaint:

*"It is understandable that you are seeing these new lights in your neighbourhood in the recent weeks. These lights certainly are different than what you were used to. I would like to notify you that the County has a policy and an obligation to light the roadways to enhance safety of nightly roadway users. To achieve that, we are to meet a minimum average of 0.4 foot candle of light on residential roadways. Recently, we have started doing so by installing LED streetlights which draw significantly less power and have a much higher visual acuity which is very important from the safety standpoint. Each LED emits only about one third light of old yellow high-pressure sodium bulb that we were replaced with. These new lights use a smart technology that allows us to dim these lights as the activities on the roadway lessen with the night. These lights come on at approximately 50% of total capacity twenty minutes after the sunset and dim down further to 25% at 11:00PM. Upon our field visit, we found out that the light on the corner of 19<sup>th</sup> St N and N Stafford Street is not dimming as you have reported. We expect this to be fixed within a week."*

We want to all those in Arlington County responsible for this prompt response!

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

The work has begun. So far, the reaction to the slurry seal has been less than enthusiastic! Neighbors have complained the seal is too rough, poorly applied and has already developed deep ruts and cracks. Also, several sections of streets that were done have large bare patches. 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)

# THE SWEET

## **Art Project**

**Jarrett Ferrier**

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 under a tight deadline, which due to delays in the VDOT permitting process have been extended to by beyond the original August 30<sup>th</sup> date.

Jarrett has worked with both Maywood and Cherrydale to design a unique historical mural mounted on railroad ties to celebrate our communities. Plans were drawn up, installation is 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. In fact this is the first and possibly the last art installation allowed on VDOT highways anywhere in Virginia!

The Dominion Heights public art installation is slowly, BUT SURELY, coming together. Despite the longer than expected wait for approval from VDOT, the Christopher Companies has diligently worked to get this project completed. At this time **Ivey Welding** is completing the prototype for the framework for the six art panels while Jarrett Ferrier, the artist and designer, is honing the themes and designs. The National Trolley Museum is providing track ~ not only track but a section of track that was actually part of the Washington and Old Dominion Line!

Maywood has made some changes in it's "share" of the panels. The Cherrydale side has the panels about the railroad, the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept and the Library, Maywood has panels on their architecture, perhaps the civil war and their community fair.

Watch the website and listserv for dates of installation and the dedication! 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.

## **Neighborhood Conservation Update**

Arlington County's Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Program is a citizen-initiated way to get public improvements to our streets and parks. In the past years we have used NC to get sidewalks built (at no costs to homeowners) on Stafford Street, Utah Street, 17<sup>th</sup> Street (east of Quincy), and Randolph Street (between 15<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>). This year we finally got a sidewalk on Kenmore and next year we will get a sidewalk on 20<sup>th</sup> Street (between Kenmore and Monroe). We even have our next project lined up: improvements at Oak Grove Park.

Every four years the County issues a separate bond to pay for NC projects. This November Arlingtonians will be voting on whether to approve a \$12 million NC bond. This usually funds about eight County-wide projects each year. We compete with many other neighborhoods to get funding on a points-based system. Oak Grove is near the bottom of the list and moving up slowly. But we have a great way to get points and move up the list -- update our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. That will give us a 40-point bonus! So, we are seeking volunteers to help update our plan. Oak Grove Park supporters, we are looking for you! Your project stands to benefit the most from having an updated plan. If you are interested in helping us update our NC Plan, please contact our Jim Todd, at [jimdtodd@gmail.com](mailto:jimdtodd@gmail.com).

# PITS AND STEMS

## **Welcome Wagon News**

Amy Wheelock

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).

## **Saint Andrews Invites You to a Free Concert!**

Reverend Jennifer Montgomery

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 4000 Lorcom Lane, Arlington 22207 is holding a concert by Elisabeth von Trapp at 7:00 PM Friday, 14 September. The concert is free, but St. Andrew's will collect a good-will offering to cover costs.

## **School Bus Issue**

Is the new Arlington Public School bus plan failing us? The Glebe students in parts of our neighborhood lost bus transportation altogether, and some think "the "black box" computer model they are using to make the bus system "more efficient" is failing the ATS and Swanson students also," according to Pat Delacourts. By the time you read this, you will have possibly missed an opportunity to air grievances to Superintendent Murphy Thursday, August 30 at the "Gates of Ballston Community Room" at 4108 N. 4th Street. If you missed it, call 703-228-2581 to see if there will be other opportunities to discuss recent changes.

## **Commuter Parking**

No body likes it, yet every street has it. There are pluses and minuses to getting permit parking. It may not be a new issue but it has become, according to Ed Parks, "a vicious cycle perpetuated by the County. They purposely under-park condos, apartment, office and retail space. They have forced builders to change their site plans to decrease parking before approval is given. Their theory is by underparking they will encourage more walking, carpooling, bus and metro ridership. Meanwhile, parking is becoming a nightmare all around the County but particularly the metro corridor." Is this a problem on your street?

Evidence supporting Ed's comments include the underparking mandated by Arlington at Bromptons and Hunters Park, and the fight given in opposition to requiring more parking at the new condos going up on Lee Highway and N Monroe Street. As described in the Master Transportation Plan: Parking and Curb Space Management Element, Arlington "recognizes that residents have an expectation that their neighborhood will not be overrun with parking by commuters and those transacting business in nearby commercial areas, and that on-street parking for their vehicles and those of their guests should be available for their use in the general vicinity of their residence." The voluntary Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP) was established to reduce the volume and impact of non-residential and non-visitor vehicles in neighborhoods. "In order to qualify for the RPPP, sixty percent of the households on a block must petition the County to establish permit parking, and the County must verify by observation that 75 percent of the available spaces on a block are filled with vehicles and 25 percent of the vehicles are from outside the proposed zone. These thresholds are designed to accommodate a general desire that a resident in a single family home will usually be able to find an available space within one block of their home, while also ensuring fair and efficient use of on-street spaces.

For more information see: [http://www.cherrydale.net/?page\\_id=803&preview=true](http://www.cherrydale.net/?page_id=803&preview=true)

# 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: 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

## **Mommy (+Babies/Daddies) Book Club Starting!**

**Monday Sept. 24 (the first program will be informational), Oct. 22, Nov. 26; 1:00 p.m.**

New monthly drop in-program for mommies/daddies. Babies under 1 year old are welcome--toys will be available for them to play with. Call 703-228-6330 for more information. :

## **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 Tuesday 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. See [www.CherrydaleLibrary.org](http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org) for title descriptions.

**October: We will take a fall break in October. (Nov. book given out at 9/10 mtg.)**

**Mon., November 5 (7:30 pm):** *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*, Nonfiction, by Isabel Wilkerson. Title is National Book Critics Circle Award Winner and one of the *New York Times'* 2010 Top 10 Best Books of the Year. . . Amazon reader rating: 5 stars (out of 5), Published in 2010. 538 pages of text.

**Mon., December 3 (7:30 pm):** *The Third Man*, by Graham Greene. . . Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5). Published in 1949. . .157 pages.

## **Fall Kids' Programs**

**PJ Family Storytimes. Mondays at 6:45 pm. Starting September 10 through November 5. \*\*No Storytime on October 8\*\*.** For families with children of any age to enjoy together. Kids can come in pajamas. 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.**

**Under 2 Storytimes. Thursdays at 10:30 am. Starting September 13 through November 15.** 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.**

**Special Program! Thursday, October 18: Origami Yoda Event for children third grade and up, 4:00-5:00 pm.** Kids can come and enjoy crafts and activities related to the book *Origami Yoda*, by Tom Angleberger. **No Registration Required.**

## CHERRYDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

### **Opportunities By Tracey Price**

The historic Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept (CVFD) has opened its doors to more neighborhood functions. The grand ballroom or social hall on the second floor boasts a wooden floor and a stage complete with audio equipment, perfect for hosting a charity function, retirement, or birthday party. The large space is also great for many activities like exercise and dance classes. Many of these classes are open to the public. For more information about joining these Fall activities please contact the persons mentioned below. These groups rent space from CVFD but have no direct affiliation with CVFD. Please confirm fees and schedule before attending.

**Mon** 4:00 to 6:00 PM and **Wed** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM **Cherrydale Playgroup** — considered a lifesaver for young parents, a play-land for preschoolers. Kids can jump around, play ball and run wild as parents sip coffee and supervise. Contact Linette at [leporel@verizon.net](mailto:leporel@verizon.net). She is ready to pass the baton (key) to a new leader.

**Wed** 7:30 Every third Wed of the month reserved for CCA meetings.

**Wed** 3:30 to 9:00 PM (except 7:30 every third Wed) **Perfect Point Dance**.

**Thurs** 6:00 to 9:00 PM and **Sat** 9:00 to 11:00 AM **Arlington Fencers' Club** teaches beginner and advanced classes for foil and saber. Their mission is to provide convenient local and economical venues for recreational fencing and fencing instruction, and a great learning experience. Ages 7 through Adult. A class series starts Sept 6 and again in November. Contact Coach Rick at [afencerS@gmail.com](mailto:afencerS@gmail.com), or visit [www.ArlingtonFencers.com](http://www.ArlingtonFencers.com).

**Sun** 10:00 **Zumba**, which is an interval workout that features exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! The instructor teaches a very diverse, high energy class that is extremely easy-to-follow and will have you sweating and smiling at the same time! Ages 13 through adult. Drop-ins are welcome \$10. Classes begin Sept 23. Contact Cori at [zumbaconcori@hotmail.com](mailto:zumbaconcori@hotmail.com), or visit [www.facebook.com/heartandsoulwellness](http://www.facebook.com/heartandsoulwellness).

The social hall is available to your group as well. How about a birthday party complete with a fire engine and fireman? To rent the hall contact Tracey at [traceypaints@msn.com](mailto:traceypaints@msn.com) or visit [www.cherrydalevfd.org](http://www.cherrydalevfd.org).

## DID YOU KNOW??? ... A LITTLE HISTORY

By Greg and Suzanne Embree

### **A Library Born in a Fire House**

The words "library" and "fire department" rarely show up in the same sentence, except to describe a disaster, but in Cherrydale the connection is more benign. The relationship between our Volunteer Fire Department and branch library goes back to the earliest days of our community. Many of the founders of Cherrydale Library or their spouses in 1922 were members of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD), which held several fund-raising events to establish a neighborhood library and later to enlarge the library's original book collection. From January 1941 until October 1942, the fire house actually housed the library--in a corner of the large room on the second floor.

The CVFD's legacy has had a long life. This year marks the 90th anniversary of Cherrydale Library, the oldest community-initiated branch library in Arlington County. When the current Cherrydale Library building opened at its current location on August 14, 1961, it became the first purpose-built branch library building in Northern Virginia (Arlington and Fairfax counties and the cities of Falls Church and Alexandria). Today it remains the oldest existing library building in Arlington County. Throughout its existence, few Arlington government institutions have provided more hours of pleasure to more North Arlington families than has Cherrydale Library--thanks in large part to the early efforts of Cherrydale's volunteer fire fighters.



# BUSINESSES, PARKS AND TREES

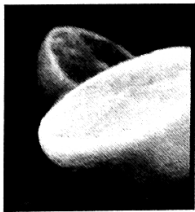
*This is your newsletter! Send us announcements — marriage, birth, death, anniversary, special birthday, awards, whatever — notes, recipes, pictures, gripes, thanks, congratulations, etc!! They are due to the Editor on the 28th of the even months, (see page 16 for contact info) and will be printed as space permits.*

## **Cherrydale Park**

Now that school has started for the fall semester, this park seems to have more activity! Help keep an eye on this often over looked Park. Let a CCA officer, the H-B principal, or Arlington County, know if you see anything that needs attention.

## **Oak Grove Park**

Our next Neighborhood Conservation project is slowly progressing through the process. For updates, check our website!



**SELLING OFF OUR**

**LEMONS!**

**SALE**

**SEPT. 13, 14, 15**

**SALE !**

Each year our Lemon

Sale has 50-75% off on all "one-zys" and giftware that's been around too long. Enjoy free lemonade to browse among our "lemons" like outdated Thyme fragrances, Colonial Candle summer colors, too-toasty scarves, non-matching vases and more!

**COMPANY  
FLOWERS!  
& GIFTS, TOO!**

2107 N. Pollard Street, Arlington VA 22207  
(opposite Cherrydale Firehouse/Lee Highway)  
1-800-808-2222                      703-525-3062

## **Gardening — Yard Cleanup**

Now is the time to get your yard cleaned up for fall and winter!! ; 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 bred! Start planting your fall vegetables now — try a variety of greens and lettuces, spinach, peas, and turnips!

## **Cherry Valley Park**

Still awaiting the installation of the new sign!

## **Business Kudos**

A big "Cherrydale Thanks" to the following businesses who stepped up to help the community by cleaning up their property:

Gordon Riddle, Honda Manager, painted the fence on Pollard St. It looks great.

Cherrydale Hardware—ALWAYS maintains its sidewalks and green aisle.

Northside Vet Clinic adopted the tree aisle in front of them.

The Columbia Masonic Lodge promised to clean up their parking lot and sidewalk on Lee Highway.

Ivey Welding painted their building and promised to weed around their building.

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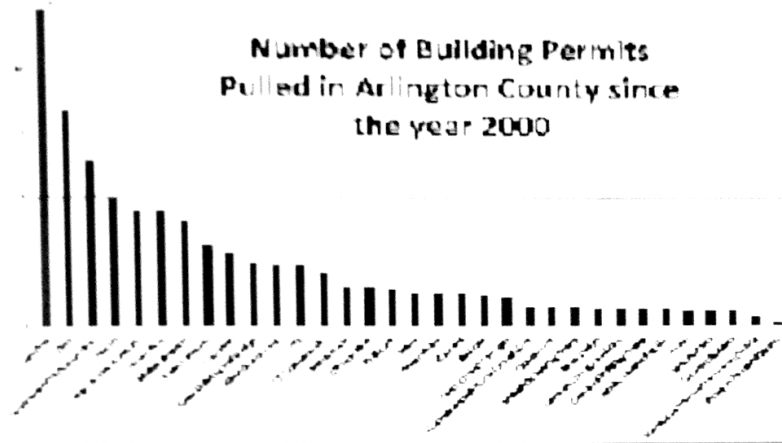
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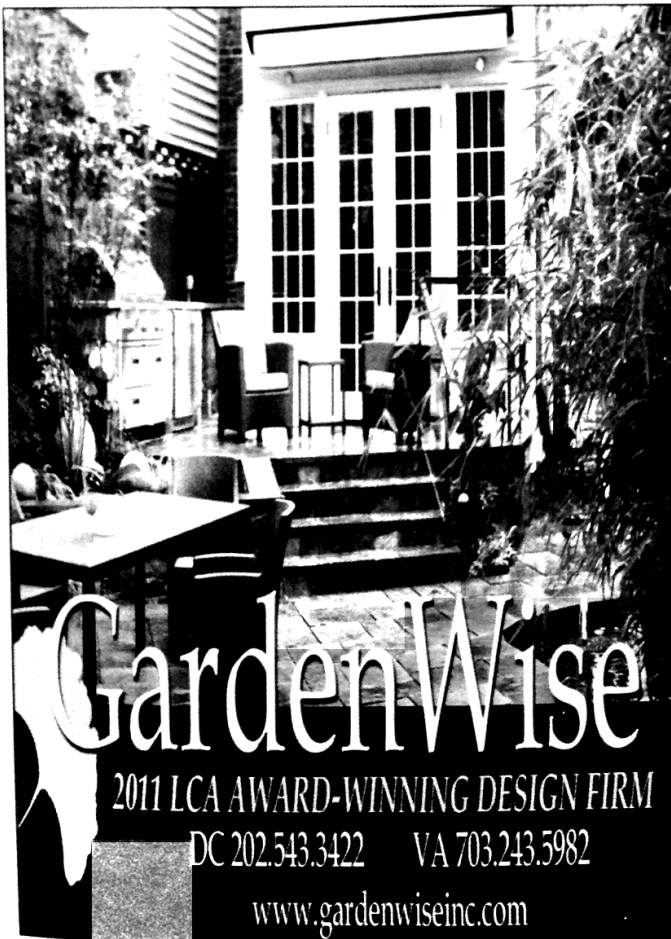
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