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**COME TO THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL
CHERRYDALE PARADE, SEPTEMBER 20TH**

Our 14th Annual Cherrydale Parade is set for Saturday, September 20. Marchers, spectators, people in costume, Scout troops, stroller brigades, dog walkers, rollerbladers, bikers, bands, groups, floats, fire trucks, decorated cars or trucks, antique vehicles, and businesses and residents are all welcome! Formation begins at 10:00 a.m., on the 1900 block of N. Randolph St., and we step out precisely at 11:00 a.m. Last year, the route went from Randolph Street to a right on 17th St., another right on Stafford St., a right on 21st St., a right on Randolph Street, a left on 20th St., and then a right onto Quebec St., and continued to Scott Springston's and Kathy Holt's house, 1713 N. Quebec St. The fun continues at the Springston-Holt house, where there will be ice cream, a cherry "pie" eating contest, and awards for best decorated entry, best in the group, best pet, wackiest individual, best business, best decorated baby stroller, and best antique or cool vehicle. Thanks to Scott and Kathy for organizing and hosting this terrific family event.

**Next Meeting of the
CHERRYDALE
CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, September 17
7:30 pm
Cherrydale Fire Station**

Agenda:

- Sites for Tree Canopy Program
- Site for Next NC Project:
- Updates: Bromptons and Fire-house

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**CCA TO SELECT
TREE SITES FOR THE
COUNTY'S NEW
TREE CANOPY FUND**

Come to the CCA's September meeting to vote on Cherrydale's list of sites for the County's new Tree Canopy Fund. The program will be funded in the near future by developers who cannot meet tree-planting requirements on their property because of site constraints. Any homeowner who lives along a currently shadeless part of a street, is willing to accept a tree four-to-six inches in diameter, promises to water it, and, of course, promises not to cut it down, is eligible. What a great way to do your part to help the environment and make Cherrydale more walkable! Contact Maureen Ross for more information.

**COUNTY NEGLECTS
ITS TREES ON LEE
HIGHWAY**

Are you a little disappointed about the state of our trees along Lee Highway? The County has cut down and replaced many of our trees along Lee Highway three times in the last ten years! Last year our Cherrydale tree stewards valiantly volunteered to mulch the County's trees on Lee Highway and keep them watered: thanks to Maureen Ross, Lisa Million, Carol Parker, and Stephanie Overman. But it was just too much. So they also asked Cherrydale businesses to help out. Thanks to Cherrydale Hardware and Sun and Moon Yoga for taking care of the trees in front of their businesses, and to Cherrydale Auto Parts for letting us use their water. None for 7-Eleven, which refused to take

CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Contact Katherine Christensen, at 703.841.0692 for details. Make checks payable to: *Cherrydale Citizens Association* and send to Katherine at 1909 N. Randolph St. Arlington VA 22207

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COUNTY NEGLECTS ITS TREES ON LEE HIGHWAY (CONT'D)

care of the trees in front in its store.

It's a shame that ten years after "beautifying" Lee Highway, we still don't have a tree canopy. This year the CCA asked to the County to put gator bags on several young trees to help them through the summer, but too many trees still have failed to thrive or have died. So we need your help: Let us know if you see a tree that needs water, and if we all ask Cherrydale businesses to take care of trees in front of their businesses, they will listen. Please ask Northside Veterinary Clinic, Cherrydale Auto Parts and especially Koons Toyota, Browns Honda and Safeway to water the trees.



THANKS TO CHERRYDALE FOURTH OF JULY SPONSORS

Please show your support to these local businesses that sponsored the Cherrydale 2008 4th of July & National Fireworks Party:

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Also, a special thanks to Cherrydale residents Stephanie Galand, Peter Thieman, and Evan Lacopo for their very generous private donations, and to all of you who gave money to the party donation boxes to help offset the expense of this party! A special thanks also goes to BBQ grillers Brian Bonnett, Michael DeCarlo (a/k/a patriotic drummer), John Bauserman, and also to Marge and Allen Thornburgh of Creation Waits Photography, Steve and Teresa Lent for their snow-cone machine and hard work, and Maureen Ross for her artistic talents in face painting. Of course, this party is not possible without all of your delicious potluck dishes, and the support of St. Agnes Catholic Church, the Cherrydale Volunteer Firefighters, and the Cherrydale Citizen's Association! Thank you all!

Layla & Marty Hogan

BT AWARDS \$270 GRANT FOR PLANTS IN CHERRY VALLEY PARK

A hearty thanks to Katherine Christensen, Cherrydale Citizens Association Treasurer and a product manager for BT Global Services, who applied for and received a \$270 award on behalf of the Cherrydale Citizens Association. Run by BT's charity program, BT Community Champions awards BT people with funding on behalf of local community groups, charities and organizations where they work on a voluntary basis. CCA plans to use its \$270 award to purchase native plants for the Cherry Valley Park/Ponds area. The new planting and pond area cleanup will make a great impact on the environment in the area, both for people and wildlife. CCA is one of hundreds that applied for an award and impressed judges with how it would use the grant. The BT Community Champions award scheme provides a great opportunity for community groups like ours where every contribution makes a difference. Thanks again, Katherine!

CHERRYDALE LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

2190 N. Military Road; 703-228-6330

Monday: 10:00am - 9:00 pm. Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Thursday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sunday: Closed.

Children's Story Hour Fall Sessions To Begin

****Please Note** All Three Programs Below to Begin Around Mid-September.** Call library for more information on these and possible additional programs: 703-228-6330. Join us for stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft.

Twos on the Floor. For 2-year-olds, with an adult. Thursdays at 10:15 am. No registration required.

Older Twos, Threes & Fours Together. For older 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds, with an adult. Thursdays at 11:15 am. No registration required.

Read to Me: Family Stories. All ages, with an adult. Time to be determined. No registration required.

Book Discussions for Adults

Call 703-228-6330 to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a title (usually available a month in advance).

Monday, October 20 (7:30 pm) (**3rd Monday because of Columbus Day**): **My Life in France**, by Julia Child & Alex Prud'homme. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of a possible 5 stars).

November Off - Autumn Holiday Break.

Monday, December 8 (7:30 pm): **Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship**, by Jon Meacham. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of a possible 5), 370 pages of text. Books available October 21.

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PITS AND STEMS

Arlington County has decided not to pursue acquisition of the Goodman house next to Oak Grove Park on Quincy Street through eminent domain. The County is still interested in acquiring the property if the Goodmans wish to sell.

You may have noticed two garbage dumpsters at the rear of the Cherrydale Station (behind Cherrydale Hardware). They are NOT for public use. One is for cardboard only, but recently several individuals were seen tossing stuff (even mattresses) from their car into the cardboard Dumpster, and another person was seen rifling through the dumpster for old flowers and making a mess. The companies who use those dumpsters constantly police their employees to keep the area as clean as possible. Please do your part and report anyone throwing things in or taking things out of the dumpsters. Spilled trash not only is a blight on the neighborhood but also attracts vermin.

Maureen Ross reports that Cherrrydale business Koons Toyota continues to violate its use permit by allowing its dogwood trees in its planters to die every year. The CCA has filed a complaint, but please stop in and ask them to take care of their trees. Dunkin Donuts/Baskin Robbins is not keeping the sidewalk clean in front of its business, allowing weeds and litter to accumulate. Ask them to keep the sidewalk clean. If enough of us ask, they will listen!

COUNTY BOARD CANDIDATES DISCUSS CHERRYDALE LIBRARY

The Arlington County Board has considered closing Cherrydale Library twice in the past sixteen years (1992 and 1998). Citizens for Cherrydale Library (CCL), a non-partisan neighborhood volunteer group since 1998, has been querying County Board candidates for their written views about library funding, neighborhood libraries, and Cherrydale Library in particular. This year, on July 8, CCL posed the same three questions to candidates Barbara Favola and John Reeder. CCL promised the candidates that if they responded by August 16, their remarks would appear in the pre-election issue of *Sweet & Sour News* and on the Cherrydale Citizens Association Website, cherrydale.net, and that CCL would submit their statements to the *Arlington Sun Gazette*. Both candidates sent responses, which appear below.

1. Do you support maintaining the current funding level of the Arlington County Department of Libraries?

Barbara Favola: Yes, I fully support maintaining the current funding level for the Arlington County Department of Libraries at a minimum. In the FY 2008 budget, I voted to increase funding to launch Arlington's On-Line Resource Network. This is an on-line catalogue of books available through the Library system. It is critical that Arlington provide Library services with state-of-the art technology and in a customer friendly manner. As your County Board member, I have committed the resources necessary to ensure that this happens. Moreover, I pledge to continue funding Arlington's Library system at a level that provides a very high-quality service.

John Reeder: Yes, I favor maintaining and possibly increasing the funding for county libraries. I would like the operating hours of libraries expanded rather than cut as occurred in the current FY2009 budget. The County Board has invested and is investing large sums of capital in

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CHERRYDALE LIBRARY, CANDIDATES' THOUGHTS (CONT'D)

library buildings, and it makes no sense to me to cut the hours the libraries are open to the public. The library staff level has been flat for several years, while the county has built or expanded two neighborhood libraries (Westover and Shirlington). Why build a new building if you have to keep it closed? Excellent public libraries like public schools are the hallmarks of a great community, in my opinion.

2. *What are your views on concentrating the County's library system in a smaller number of locations as opposed to maintaining the network of neighborhood libraries?*

Barbara Favola: I enjoy and appreciate the County's neighborhood libraries. These libraries serve as gathering places for neighbors. They are safe and manageable places for young children to use. As a parent and former user of the Cherrydale Library, I completely understand why people are passionate about keeping this service in their neighborhood. When my family lived near the Cherrydale Library, my son and I

used to walk to the library to participate in the Children's Reading Program, much to my delight. The Cherrydale Library is truly a jewel and I am committed to keeping it open.

John Reeder: I strongly support neighborhood libraries, including the Westover Library close to where I live. I see neighborhood libraries as catering more to children and people living within walking distance, and that is an important element of our library system's functions.

3. *As a member of the County Board, will you seek to close Cherrydale Library?*

Barbara Favola: I really appreciate the Cherrydale Library and will not support closing it. When the County Board considered closing the Cherrydale Library in 1998, I strongly advocated keeping it open. If the idea of closing the Cherrydale Library ever surfaces again, I will do my best to ensure that the Board rejects the idea.

John Reeder: I will not seek to close the Cherrydale Library or any of the other existing branch libraries.



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BROMPTONS UPDATE

Sure enough, the July 19 deadline for Ed Pete Development to demolish its abandoned condo building on Lee Highway has come and gone. Instead, the company has again appealed the order, and the hearing is scheduled for October 8th. Meanwhile, the County is getting ready to pursue the matter in civil court to demolish the building and minimize the cost to taxpayers.

A representative from Ed Pete's office called CCA President Brian Bonnet in August to see if the CCA was interested in meeting with her and a representative from the Bromptons to discuss what Mr. Pete might do not to demolish the building but to "tidy up the site." Brian told her that Cherrydale "is not interested in putting lipstick on a pig." Hats off to Brian. Ed Pete doesn't need to meet with us to clean up, or to demolish and rebuild. He just needs to do it.

PLEASE KEEP SIDEWALKS WALKABLE

Now that school has started and the weather is cooling down, please trim back any flowers, vines, branches or weeds on your property that may be blocking the sidewalk. We've had a long, hot growing season and folks may notice that their tree branches are hanging down over the sidewalk or that their flowers, ornamental grasses, and weeds have grown a little bigger than intended. We don't want children or adults stepping out into traffic. Even if you don't have a sidewalk, please trim back anything that may be forcing pedestrians walking down the edge of the street further into the road. If you are older or disabled and are unable to clear the sidewalk yourself, please contact Maureen Ross or Jim Todd, and we'll take care of it. Thanks. We all appreciate it.



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THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH – HOOKAHS AND DOMINOS

Andy Murphy



"What kind of place have you brought me to?" my wife recoiled in mock horror. Each of the dozen or so outdoor tables we walked past had four-to-six people not only playing cards, dominoes or checkers but also communally smoking a hookah, an ornate water-pipe. Actually, we were delighted. Here was *Tarbouch*, a restaurant on the edge of Cherrydale in the Pawn Shop/Rite-Aid mini-mall at the intersection of Lee and Kirkwood, offering good food, friendly service, an exotic atmosphere, and young folks thoroughly enjoying themselves in an alcohol-free environment.

Lebanon-born Ramzi Iskandar left his cushy job at the *Four Seasons* and started a three-worker carryout a few years ago. Last year he expanded into the long-time, but now-defunct, photo development shop (a victim of the digital age). Today, with 22 employees, *Tarbouch* challenges *Lebanese Taverna* and *Pasha* as the best in Middle-Eastern food in Arlington. He also has boldly decided to attract an often-denigrated market: smokers. No judgments here. Just a place for them to hang out at night while smoking is still legal.

The large interior is smoke-free; but outside, patrons order from among a wide selection of top-of-the-line tobaccos at \$10 a plug. You must be 18 to partake. (They check!) We sat outside munching fresh-made, garlicky falafel (with secret ingredients) on delicious, baked-daily-in-house pita; and despite a dozen or more pipes on-going, we were unaffected by smoke. It felt festive.

I asked about the competition in attracting diners since Ramzi does no advertising. He replied, "Competition drives excellence. Plus, we're open until 4 a.m. on weekends and nobody gets drunk. Word of mouth has done it so far." Welcome to the neighborhood! A *Tarbouch*, by the way, is a type of hat worn in Turkey and Morocco.



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NEWS ABOUT CHERRYDALERS

Miss Jude Jane Potts, who has lived in Cherrydale on Monroe St. for over 2 years, is a 60-year-young woman who is in need of more affordable housing. She is presently paying \$1000 a month for an efficiency apartment. Miss Jude wants to remain in this safe and connected neighborhood. She will be working days and taking courses in the evenings. At other times she is involved in community activities. She is respectful, private, clean, and pleasant. Kindly contact her at chapmanwatts59@yahoo.com at your earliest convenience with any leads on more affordable housing for Miss Jude. Thanks, Cherrydalers.

Congratulations to Debby and Jamie Cook of Randolph St., who just adopted their first child. Kostya (short for Constantine) is almost 23 months old. He lived in Russia until we adopted him. They are all happily trying to get used to life as a family that includes our 18-month old labradoodle, Lucca. What great news!

Our dear Cherrydaler and former CCA president Marty Wagner was severely injured when he fell off his second floor balcony while trimming his wisteria vine. He is slowly recovering at Woodbyne Rehabilitation & Health Care Center, 2729 King St., Alexandria, VA 22302, 703-836-8838. His wife Elizabeth and family thank everyone for their concern.

Former CCA President and current CCA Secretary Maureen Ross is now a foster mom for a beautiful two-year-old. The plan is for the baby to return to her family at some point in time. Maureen would like to thank all our wonderful

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Cherrydale neighbors who have either lent or donated child items, given her great advice, or offered baby-sitting help. You have made it so much easier for her to help others. If you would like to learn how you could help children by being a foster parent, contact Maureen.

The Johnson family has lived in Cherrydale since 1994. Jeff and René are parents to four boys: Mark (17), Paul (15), Eric (10), and William (almost 7). The Johnsons enjoy many activities including building and flying radio-

controlled airplanes, cub scouts and boy scouts (Mark is an Eagle Scout, Paul is a Life Scout, Eric is a Webelo Scout, René is the Advancement Chairman for Troop 141), church activities (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), sports (soccer, baseball, basketball, crew, and sculling), backpacking in the George Washington National Forest (and other places such as Oregon and Colorado), and music (piano, oboe, violin, organ, accordion, choir). Here they are at Yellowstone.



Jane Longan and Stephen Pelszynski of Taylor Street report the passing of their well-known border collie, Boomer. Boomer lived in Cherrydale for almost 15 years and was a frequent participant with the Black and White Dogs in the annual Cherrydale Parade. We will all miss her.

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