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**Next Meeting of the
CHERRYDALE
CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, November 18
7:30 pm
Cherrydale Fire Station**

Meeting Agenda:

CCA Officer Elections

Bromtons Condo Building
Construction Schedule

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CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The Cherrydale Citizens Association will be holding elections at its **November 18th** meeting. We will be electing President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Anyone who is a Cherrydale resident and a CCA member at least one month before the election date is eligible to run for office. So make sure you have paid up your membership dues. Please contact Katherine Christensen, at treasurer@cherrydale.net, or (703) 841-0692, to see if you are up to date on your dues.

BROMPTONS CONDO BUILDING UPDATE

The Bromptons Condo Building is going forward! The recession made it cheaper to rebuild the Bromptons than to demolish it. So Bromptons developer Ed Peete settled the lawsuit brought by the County. Pete submitted drawings in September for the repair and remediation and completion of construction of the building. The County reviewed the drawings and returned them to Pete on October 12 with a summary of the changes required. Pete revised the drawings and resubmitted them on October 27. Pete has to begin construction within 10 days of receiving the building permit.

In recent weeks, Peete has conducted tests on the building, has removed the exterior balconies (which will be replaced at a later time), and is in the process of installing new windows in the building. More activity is expected in the coming weeks.

NEED VOLUNTEERS: CHERRY VALLEY PARK, NOV. 14

Cherrydaler, W-L Senior, and Eagle Scout candidate, **Collin Seamens** will lead an invasive species eradication and restoration project in Cherry Valley Park on **Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 8am-5pm**. You're invited to participate! Bring work gloves, digging tools and a happy disposition to help improve the neighborhood and restore the area adjoining the Hidden Pond near the Quincy Street entrance to its original splendor. We may continue Sunday, depending on our progress Saturday, so check in Sunday if you're otherwise engaged Saturday. The project rain date is Saturday, November 21, 2009. Contact Collin for details at (703)522-0355 or Collin.Seamens@gmail.com. Please call or contact Collin the day before to confirm that the County has approved this date for the project.

CANDIDATES NIGHT A SUCCESS

By the time you read this, we will all know who won the races for the Arlington County Board and for the 48th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. But on October 21st, residents of Cherrydale, Dover-Crystal, Donaldson Run, and Maywood turned out to hear what candidates had to say about the issues facing our local and state govern-

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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CANDIDATES NIGHT (Cont'd)

ments – everything from widening I-66 to the School Board budget to whether Virginia should opt out of a health care public option, assuming there was one. Some 50 people attended the first hour where County Board candidates Jay Fisette and John Reeder answered questions collected from the audience. About 30 people attended the second hour with Bob Brink and Aaron Ringel, candidates for the House of Delegates. Candidates Night was a true joint effort. The volunteers of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD) allowed us to use the hall in the firehouse and **Chief Scott Pardi** set up the microphones. Mike Green of Donaldson Run, ably assisted by 11-year old Cherrydaler **Nicholas Kampeas**, used stop watches to keep the candidates brief in their answers; and Mike rang a cow bell if they exceeded the allotted time. CCA President **Maureen Ross** and Dover-Crystal President John O'Reilly sorted through the questions that the audience kept offering up on pieces of paper throughout the evening and posed a good and challenging variety to the candidates. It was a neighborly and informative meeting. The other neighborhood associations were very pleased to piggyback on Cherrydale's effort, were impressed with our historic firehouse, and have already suggested we host another forum next year.

A WIN-WIN FOR CHERRYDALE AND KOONS TIRE SHOP

Thanks to the CCA's determination to address the forever dying and dead potted trees in front of Koons Tire Shop on Old Lee Hwy across from Koons Toyota, County inspectors have finally found that the tire shop was in violation of its use permit requiring the shop to maintain landscaping. Over the years, both the CCA and Koons had repeatedly sought to plant trees rather than put them in planters, but the County permit continually required planters because County staff simply assumed that the land owners would not want trees planted. But now the County has relented and the permit will require Koons to replace the planters with landscape strips by April. In addition, Koons has to submit a maintenance agreement to the County and is subject to a review before the County Board in six months to monitor progress and citizen complaints. Thanks to **Roger Merletti** for monitoring the site and serving the CCA's liaison to Koons, and to other neighbors for their feedback as well.



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New Website: www.CherrydaleLibrary.org

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Childrens Story Hour Fall Sessions: For further information, call library.

Book Discussions for Adults: Call 703-228-6330 to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a copy (usually available a month in advance).

Monday, December 7 (7:30 pm): The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, New York Times Fiction Bestseller, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5); published 2008; 274 pages.

"January 1946: Writer Juliet Ashton receives a letter from a stranger, a founding member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society. And so begins a remarkable tale of the island of Guernsey during the German Occupation, and of a society as extraordinary as its name."— back cover. "[A] marvelous debut.... Reminiscent of Helene Hanff's *84 Charing Cross Road*, this is a warm, funny, tender, and thoroughly entertaining celebration of the power of the written word."—*Library Journal*

Monday, January 11 (7:30 pm): In Spite of the Gods: The Strange Rise of Modern India, by Edward Luce. Amazon reader rating: 4 stars (out of 5); published 2007; 416 pages, including notes.

"As the world's largest democracy and a rising international economic power, India has long been heralded for its great strides in technology and trade. Here, noted journalist and former *Financial Times* South Asia bureau chief Edward Luce travels throughout India's many regions, cultures, and religious circles, investigating its fragile balance between tradition and modernity."— *Amazon* book description. "Superb. . . . The blend of anecdote, history, and economic analysis makes *In Spite of the Gods* an endlessly fascinating, highly pleasurable way to catch up on a very big story."—*NY Times*.

VACATION LANE ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Now, this is a great block party! That sentiment was expressed by more than a few of the 60 adults and 40 children who mingled, ate, karaoked, and bounced along Vacation Lane between Lorcom and Pollard on Sunday, October 25. Splendid weather, a variety of interesting pot luck food (most of it home-made), and gaggles of neighbors eager to connect.

At one point, **Andy Murphy** was in a small group that included a guy who's lived in Cherrydale over four decades chatting up a couple who moved in four weeks ago. A jazz-rock-blues band of 50-somethings entertained us, several blow-up moon bounces engaged the children, and folks from this northern end of our town got to visit. Kids biked and skated without fear of cars. Even a canned food drive. A big hit: the North Carolina BBQ pork from the **Petty family**.

It took some doing to make it happen: fliers to announce; a permit to close off the street; tables, coolers, paper and plastic ware, trash management; and all the stuff of event planning. Thanks and congratulations to **Carrie Berenson, Joy Blackin, Danielle Clark, Gaby Gergely, Whitney Montgomery, and Komal Smith** who organized the First Annual Vacation Lane Block Party. Good going!



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SIDEWALK, CURB, AND GUTTER AT LAST FOR 17TH ST. EAST OF QUINCY ST.

Neighbors living on the 17th St. east of Quincy St. have been asking for curb, gutter and sidewalk for over 12 years to address drainage problems, but the street's small size and light traffic made it unlikely to qualify for funds from the Neighborhood Conservation program. As it turns out, the street's proximity to Cherry Valley Park made a difference.

As a result of our continuing volunteer projects in the Cherry Valley Nature Area, the County is using its own funds for a drainage project along 17th St. from Quincy St. to Pollard St. The County will also be installing a sidewalk on the north side of the street. Construction is expected to begin in Summer 2010, and should last two months.

Thanks goes to all those who've brought attention to this area, including CCA officers, the Cherrydale Parks Committee and especially Cherrydalers **Susan Hennessey** and **Jill Schamberger**. Never give up!

CLEAN UP OF PARKING GARAGE AREA AT QUINCY AND 15TH ST.

In response to **Scott Springston** and **Loretta Cleek's** discussion at the September CCA meeting, CCA President **Maureen Ross** investigated and filed complaints with County about the condition of the land around the parking garage on the corner of Quincy St. and 15th St., which had become a place of overgrowth, refuse and a possible campsite for homeless people.

We received an impressive response from Parks and Recreation. Parks has had to reduce services, but due to the number of reports received, the County issued a work order for a clean up of debris and vegetation.

Suspected homeless camp sites were dealt with by the police. The officer who came out to investigate did not see any homeless people but did fill out a report to have the broken fence fixed and the debris removed.

The end result is a pretty fair clean up thus far. We will need reports from citizens to monitor progress. In this case, the volume of complaints really got quick and effective action. Let's stay on top of this.

SAINT AGNES SCHOOL NAMED BLUE RIBBON WINNER

The U.S. Department of Education has chosen Cherrydale's Saint Agnes Catholic School as one of its 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools. The Blue Ribbon Program honors public and private schools of every grade level that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement. Saint Agnes received its award for academic superiority by scoring in the top 10% on state assessments.

On November 3, Principal Kristine Carr and resource director Dr. Terri Eichner attended a White House ceremony where the school was presented with a plaque and banner. The entire Saint Agnes community is overjoyed to receive this recognition.

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THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH – UP TO ME

by Andy Murphy

Civility is in the news and on my mind lately. A congressman flouts normal courtesy by calling the President a liar. A tennis legend menaces a line judge by threatening to stuff a tennis ball down his throat. A popular singer publically trashes a 19-year-old award winning newcomer because he thinks she shouldn't have won. Dr. House is popular partly because he's so rude. Curious.

I reflected on my own civility and manners as I reacted to several events, all in the space of one balmy September afternoon as I sat on the porch working on a project I enjoyed: a play I've been writing.

First, two nicely dressed women ambled up the walk commenting on "the lovely hostas" blooming in our yard. Armed with brochures, they wanted to interest me in their religious views. I listened, assured them I was content with my current status, wished them well, and went back to writing. They didn't leave.

George Bernard Shaw defines a fanatic as someone who "can't change his mind and won't shut up about it." They qualified. I rose and accompanied them off the porch, a little less cordial.

Twenty minutes later, a hyper-cheerful young man bounded up enthusiastically greeting me with his hand outstretched, wanting to tell me why I should contribute to the cause of keeping guys like him in school and off the street by subscribing to some magazines he was selling. Yep, that approach is alive and well. I politely declined, but he persisted. I felt myself losing patience so uncivilly turned my back, gathered my things, and went inside. He left.

Minutes later the phone rang and a sincere voice urged me to vote for a particular candidate in November because the other guy was harmful, dangerous, and.... I impolitely hung up. I felt put upon. If the order of these events had reversed, I fear I would have been more overtly uncivil to the missionaries.... Oh, I get it. It starts here. Manners are not always natural. If I want to live in a civil world, I need to choose civility mindfully and consciously. If it's to be, it's up to me.



NEWS ABOUT CHERRYDALE AND CHERRYDALERS

Bridget Ryan reports that she has a 16-year-old exchange student from Kenya living with her family this year. He is currently enrolled at HB Woodlawn, and has not met that many local Cherrydalers his own age. He would love to meet some people his own age and would also like to find other Muslims that are local, as well as a local mosque – if there are any (closer than Falls Church). As part of his exchange commitment he has to do five presentations on his religion and his country. If you know any groups of people interested in Islam or Kenya please let Bridget know. Contact her at bmoryan@yahoo.com. He has some great stories. For example, in some parts of his city you can't walk alone because you'll get mugged by baboons, who have learned an individual can be easily scared. It makes our wildlife problems seem silly.

Tammi Reilly had a stellar few months earning her doctorate in business administration *and* getting promoted to Colonel/06 in the Army Reserve.

Cherrydale resident **Stephanie Overman** has written a book, Next-Generation Wellness at Work, published by Greenwood Publishing Group (www.greenwood.com). The book is aimed at managers and small-business owners who want their workers to be healthier and more productive. Stephanie lives, and writes, on lovely Vacation Lane.

Saint Agnes Catholic School, located at 2024 Randolph St., is hosting an Open House on Friday, November 20, at 10 a.m. The event is for parents and children of all grades, Pre-K (four year olds) through 8th grade. Saint Agnes's mission is to educate the whole child by emphasizing academic achievement, faith formation, and charity towards others. It was recently awarded a U.S. Dept. of Education Blue Ribbon for excellence in academics (scoring in the top 10% on state assessments), one of only 314 public and private schools nationwide to receive such a distinction. For more information, call 703-527-5423 or visit www.saintagnes.org/school.

Parks and Recreation has begun work on the commemorative tree and bench project at the Cherry Valley Duck Pond in memory of Arlingtonian and Cherry Valley Parks Volunteer **Megan Keiffer**, who was killed in a car accident in 2007.

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