

PARK CLEAN UP EVENT NEEDS YOU!

The Cherrydale Parks and Open Spaces Committee needs help removing invasive vines and improving access to Hidden Pond. We'll work Saturday March 19th from 9AM to 2PM. If you can't labor in the fields, perhaps you can stop by with some refreshments? Contact Maureen Ross or Tom Korn for information and rain date. If you have a teenager who needs service points, bring them on! We'll meet at the bike path by the upper hill near Hidden Pond which is invisible from Quincy St, but heading south turn left down the bike path just before the overpass and the highschool. Maureen's cell is 703 675 3035.

2010-2011 AmeriCorps Group working with the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources is partnering with Remove Invasive Plants (RIP), a community group in Arlington and working with the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists to present an educational event at the Central library and would like to invite you and your membership to join us.

Time & Date: 7 Pm, Wednesday, March 23,

Success (to a degree) by Laurel Gowen

By Maureen Ross

Due to the efforts of the Lee Highway Improvement Committee, there was a noticeable increase in snow-free sidewalks in Cherrydale's business district this winter. Special thanks goes to Cherrydale Motors, Cherrydale Rehabilitation Center, International Wine and Beverage, Northside Veterinary Clinic, Pasha Cafe, Red Top Cab, Reinhart's Garage, and Sun & Moon Yoga for responding to our call to arms and helping make Cherrydale a safer, stronger, and more pedestrian friendly community! Toyota too is commended for clearing the new sidewalk. Thanks Laurel for drafting the letters and sending them out!



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ARTIFICIAL TURF FOR HB WOODLAWN TO BE PRESENTED

John Sither and Dave Soles will make a short presentation at the Cherrydale Civic Association Meeting. The subject will be the proposal of the HB Woodlawn community to seek installation of an artificial turf field at the school. They return to explain this project further to Cherrydale citizens and seek the CCA's endorsement. A formal proposal to the County Board is expected to be made this spring.



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SnowMageddon...not!

By Maureen Ross

OK our fearless Cherrydale Snowblower team was ready for the past 2 snows. Unfortunately the County loaned snowblower couldn't handle the first heavy snow (the one where our power went out). The 2nd snow was so light it melted before we were needed. Thanks go our leader **Jim Todd** and team mates **Maureen Ross, Steve Walsh, Rosie O'Neil** and **Bill Bode**. **Peggy Sheldon** was seen using her new snowblower beating out the county's. You go Peggy! Thanks for clearing that sidewalk.

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY

Contributed by Katherine Christensen

Arlington Public Schools (APS) is working on the strategic plan for 2011-17. The most critical part of this process is gathering input from the APS community. From November through January, APS conducted forums with the community, staff, and students, to discuss the priorities that should be reflected in the next strategic plan.

We are now asking community members, staff, and students to tell us what you think are the most important of these priorities for our school district as we move forward. If you have not previously filled out a strategic plan survey, please click on the link below and complete this 10-minute survey at your convenience, but no later than Friday, March 18.

<http://research.zarca.com/k/SsSRTVsRUXsPsPsP>

LEE HIGHWAY MEDIAN IMPROVEMENT

Patrick Wegeng, on County Parks, has a gardener working on the medians on Lee Hwy. He says, "We will be putting in trees and rearranging some of the liriopie into manageable lines." Liriopie is ever green and doesn't need to be cut. At one time volunteers lead by Susan Retz planted Irises on the median by Military Rd. Maureen suggests we get a team this fall to plant daffodils. Anyone else with ideas? Contact your CCA president...

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Citizens for Cherrydale Library Website: www.CherrydaleLibrary.org

Hours:

Monday: 10:00am - 9:00 pm.

Tuesday: Closed.

Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

Thursday: 10:00 am - 6 pm.

Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5 pm.

Sunday: Closed.

Fifty Years of the "New" Cherrydale Library.

Save the date! Join your neighbors on **Saturday, July 9** for the anniversary celebration of Cherrydale Library—Arlington's first purpose-built branch library—at its current location. Details to follow.

Photo Exhibits. "Images of China and Tibet": Photographs by Cherrydale photographer Greg Embree. Through April 1.

"Africa Through an Eight-Year-Old's Eyes": Photographs of the wildlife of South Africa and Botswana by the unusually talented Vikram Srinivasan. Starts April 6.

Fall Kids' Storytimes. No Registration Required.

"Stop in for Stories": Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, through May 25. For children of all ages and an accompanying adult. 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. The Library encourages full and active participation of the accompanying adults. **(No storytime on 3/23.)**

Book Discussions for Adults

Usually held on the second Monday of the month except in unusual circumstances. Books available a month in advance. Please call the library (703-228-6330) to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a copy.

Monday, May 9 (7:30 pm): **Land of Marvels: A Novel**, by Barry Unsworth, Winner of the Booker Prize . . . Amazon reader rating: 4 stars (out of 5) . . . published 2009 . . . 287pp.

"Barry Unsworth's immensely intelligent and entertaining new novel takes place in 1914 in what was still known as Mesopotamia. . . . That much of this territory is now known as Iraq is not incidental to *Land of Marvels*, but the book is offered as background to what has happened there in recent years rather than as a politically inspired commentary on current American policy.

"Its characters are real, its prose is fluid, its sense of place is pervasive, and its ending is exactly right . . . All in all, a lovely, memorable book." --Jonathan Yardley, *Washington Post*

Monday, June 13 (7:30 pm): **Crossing to Safety**, by Wallace Stegner, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning *Angle of Repose*. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5), 341 pp.

"A superb book . . . Mr. Stegner's success with this story lies . . . [in] the presence of quiet reexamination of what, close to the end, seems to have made life not only worth living but happy and almost fulfilled. Mr. Stegner has built a convincing narrative, has made survival a grace rather than a grim necessity, and enduring, tried love the test and proof of a good life. Nothing in these lives is lost or wasted, suffering becomes an enriching benediction, and life itself a luminous experience." --*NYTimes*.

Cherrydale Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

The new administration at Cherrydale Nursing and Rehab Center held their first joint Advisory/Family Council Meeting on March 7. If you would be interested in attending future meetings on behalf of the CCA contact Maureen, at 703 675 3035.

Representing the center, Peggy Johnston says, "In order to make the council successful we really need community involvement, and would appreciate your association's participation. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to meet the new administration and establish a mutually beneficial relationship." They have a new Activities Director Jean Basheer, who can be contacted at, jean.basheer@mfa.net. She will be coordinating these meetings.

SPEAKER FOR CCA MEETING SPRINGTIME GARDENING

Jo Anne McKay from Garden Keepers will be presenting a talk on getting your garden ready for Spring. Jo Anne and Susan Gurney run their business right here in Cherrydale where they live. From their website: *Jo Anne* is a master gardener and expert in all things to do with trees, shrubs, ground covers and vines.



These "bones" of the garden are her favorite plants, as they provide the year-round interest. Kitchen and bird and butterfly gardens are also a specialty. She studied landscape design at George Washington University and from there received her Certificate in Woody Plants." You can look them up at <http://www.gardenkeepers.net>. Come with your questions!

BALLSTON VIRGINIA SQUARE CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO MEET WITH COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Ballston Virginia Square Civic Association would like to extend an invite to your members to attend their March 29th Membership Meeting where **County Board Members Walter Tejada and Mary Hynes** will be their guests. They will give some brief opening remarks before fielding questions from area residents.

The meeting will begin at **7:30pm** and will be held in the **Little Theater at Washington & Lee High School**.

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LEE HIGHWAY UNDERGROUNDING UPDATE

Contributed by Maureen Ross

The following update was sent by Assistant County Manager Shannon Flanagan Watson as a result of a meeting between the CCA and the County Manager Barbara Donnellen, Shannon and engineer Mike Collins. At that meeting Maureen gave each a folder documenting the communications about Lee Hwy undergrounding from 2001 to present. Three themes were highlighted: 1) Constant delays in the process including communication issues; 2) Construction related problems (debris, decay, unsightliness) and 3) Pollard St. entry; with the phone pole blocking full access and pedestrian safety issues. Photos were provided to further demonstrate the depth of these problems over a prolonged period of time (10 years and counting).

Having established why we are concerned, we moved on to agree this project needs to be accelerated where possible; to establish time lines/due dates for each step in the process; and to keep the lines of communication open. For the later it was agreed County would supply us an update for each newsletter and to contact us immediately when there looks to be a problem or significant delay. There are times we might intercede where the County cannot.

In the meantime I would like to apologize for the state of the article I sent in on Lee Hwy's History in the last newsletter. Apparently I submitted one of my drafts in error and having submitted it so late, there was no time for editing. My Fault! I will have it posted on our website for reference (because it documents the history of communications).

Here then is the article submitted by the county: The Cherrydale Lee Highway Revitalization Program was designed to bring aesthetic and functional improvements to Cherrydale's busy Lee Highway corridor. (see next column)

Phase I (I-66 to Monroe St)

Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) has scheduled a pre-construction meeting for the week of February 21 on the first phase of the utility undergrounding project. Remaining construction, which consists of electrical work that involves little or no excavation, is expected to begin in March (depending on the availability of DVP crews) and will take place in stages. The project is scheduled for completion later this year (2011). Some traffic impacts are expected as DVP and contractor crews must work in the manholes and on the existing utility poles.

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

Design work for the second phase of utility undergrounding is proceeding on schedule. In mid-January, the County directed its consultant to accelerate the design process by splitting the remaining design into two segments and working on both segments concurrently. The goal of the parallel design process is to compress the schedule. The County anticipates receiving a preliminary design for the duct bank alignments and configurations in early March, and at that time, re-evaluate the design and construction schedule.

County crews completed the interim reconfiguration of the Pollard Street and Lee Highway intersection during the week of January 24th. The current design provides approximately three feet of additional width. The permanent intersection configuration will be completed once the existing pole is removed during the second phase of utility undergrounding, which is expected to be completed in November 2013.

Finally, the County is working with the developer of the Bromptons project to implement an interim treatment for the sidewalk and streetscape in front of the new building. The new curb and sidewalk alignment have been constructed, but the old curb line cannot be removed until the utility undergrounding is completed. The preliminary design includes:

- a wide utility strip,
- several connections between the existing sidewalk along Lee Highway, and,
- a paver sidewalk adjacent to the building.

Commitment

Arlington County is committed to aggressively pursuing the completion of this program. Milestones for the critical utility undergrounding Phase II project have been developed and posted on the County web site to help further this goal and will be used to track progress during the final stages of this program. Bi-monthly updates will be shared with the Cherrydale Civic Association through this newsletter.

For additional information, please visit www.arlingtonva.us and search "Cherrydale revitalization program".

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A NEW FEATURE in SWEET AND SOUR NEWS

Beginning with the next edition of Sweet and Sour News this page will be dedicated to Letters, Comments, Suggestions, Compliments, Criticisms or Complaints. Or any other issues of local, regional, state or national interest. Priority will be given to those letters relating to current issues being dealt with by the Cherrydale Citizens' Association and issues affecting its residents.

Letters must be accompanied by the writer's name and may be edited for brevity, clarity and appropriateness. Please send letters to:

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Next Meeting:

CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION MARCH 16, 2011 7:30PM

AGENDA:

7:30 Announcements 7:40 Neighborhood Conservation - Project Vote 7:50 Update - 1707 N. Nelson Project Variance 8:00 Artificial Turf 8:10 Garden Keepers - Getting Your Garden Ready for Spring

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WELCOMING NEWCOMERS TO CHERRYDALE

You can participate in welcoming newcomers to Cherrydale! The Welcome Wagon was able to deliver welcome packets to three new neighbors recently. Most of the information for new neighbors comes from the help of local realtor and Cherrydalean, Evan Lapopo, who provides a list of house sales. But, you can help too! If you see a house that has sold recently, or have a new neighbor moving in (this includes those whom are renting), please notify the Cherrydale Welcome Wagon. Thanks for helping make Cherrydale a welcoming community! Please contact: Janet Herrmann, aka Welcome Wagon, jherrmann@saintagnes.org.

Update on 1701 N. Nelson Project Request for Variance

Contributed by Maureen Ross

Eric Simpson would like to briefly describe and take questions about the proposed new home for 1701 N. Nelson St. This proposed redevelopment would be a 2 story structure but without rebuilding the existing detached garage as was originally proposed by Eric. Also, roof lines have been updated from the original drawings in response to suggestions at previous CCA meeting. An April 12th hearing is scheduled at the Arlington Government building.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION PROJECT FUNDING

Contributed by Harry Spector

Cherrydale's three funded Neighborhood Conservation (NC) projects are scheduled for construction this year, and as early as this spring. The contract bid process for 18th St. concluded in February and the County Board should approve this month or next. Construction will start shortly afterwards. The final design process is ongoing for Kenmore St. and county staff expects to be able to start work in the summer after approval from near neighbors. Randolph St. is also expected to break ground in late summer barring any delays in the construction queue. CCA also submitted a Missing Links sidewalk project to NC for the corner of 20th Rd. and N. Randolph St. which was approved. That project will likely be completed this spring. At the November and January CCA meetings, as well as the Sweet & Sour newsletters for those months, a call for NC Micro Project idea submissions was made. The CCA imposed deadline was February 14 and the only idea officially submitted was by Patricia Petty for new play equipment for Cherrydale Park. She or her husband Bill will discuss her idea at the March CCA meeting and ask for support to forward to NC for consideration as a future Micro Project. It's a great proposal and just the kind of idea that Micro Project program was established. Thanks Patricia.