

Sweet & Sour News



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Important Dates

March

Invasive Vine & Debris Removal: **Volunteers needed!!**



Sat., 3/15/14,
9am at Hidden
Pond (access
from the bike

path between Quincy & Monroe
or the dead ends of 17th or
Nelson). Bring gardening
gloves; some tools available but
clippers & trowels would be
helpful, too. RSVP to Tom Korn
at: tomkorns@comcast.net

CCA General Meeting

Wed, 3/19/14, 7:30pm at the
Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept
(corner Lee & Pollard, 2nd fl.).
Agenda: See article on p. 1

May

Newsletter Items Due

Sat, 5/3/14 (May issue)

CCA General Meeting

Wed, 5/21/14, 7:30pm at CVFD

Taste of Cherrydale

Sat, 5/31/14 (see article on p. 1)

June

Cherrydale Yard Sale! (TBA)

CCA Meeting Agenda & VOTE 3/19

by Maureen Ross

With overcrowding a growing issue and with County presenting a forum on our middle schools the week after our 3/19/14 meeting, the timing is perfect for the CCA to discuss and vote on the future of our schools, most especially HB Woodlawn. Therefore, at our next meeting we will host a panel discussion about our schools. We will then see if we can come to any conclusions and present, if possible, a united front to the County Manager and Board. The officers want to keep this apolitical. As such, we have not invited any elected officials. We will instead hear fresh voices of people who do not have to worry about elections.

If possible we will circulate on the listserv an online survey for opinions. One possible vote is "Preserve the integrity, mission and current size of HB Woodlawn," and possibly, "Science Focus should be our local assigned school, not a lottery." There are passions on all sides. What we want are facts, and creative options, and calm but informed discussions. We hope to see you at the meeting.

Note: we may also hear about the historic Reevesland farmhouse.

Taste of Cherrydale & Lee Hwy Ribbon-Cutting 5/31

by Maureen Ross

Celebrate Cherrydale! Save this date! On Saturday, May 31, Cherrydale "reopens" our Lee Hwy commercial main street. We need volunteers to make this a great event: musicians, artists, public relations expert, bikers, set up and cleanup crews, scavenger hunt participants, photographers, you name it we need it.

The idea is to celebrate WIN WINs: the completion of undergrounding of Lee Hwy utilities, the opening of the Capital Bike Share rack at Safeway, reintroducing our retail, and our new consortium of businesses, the Cherrydale Business Association (CBA) which we have long worked to set up. We'll have the Cherrydale Maywood artists "Museum" store front open for the first time (corner of Lee and Lincoln St). If you live or work here and want to show your work, your music, your books, we'll find you a spot in the store, which has not been open to the public in over 10 years.

This event can be as big and great as we have neighbors willing to work. We'll advertise in the Sun Gazette and other sources. A scavenger hunt will lead you from the I66 on-ramp all the way to La Union and

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CHERRYDALE BUSINESS *by Meg Miller Rydzewski*

Sun & Moon Yoga Studio



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Sun & Moon landed in Cherrydale in 1995 when a group of yoga students outgrew their teacher's basement. According to Sun & Moon Yoga's Director, Annie Moyer, they've held space in three different spots in the strip mall at Pollard Street, each one larger than the previous. In 2005, when the original founder (JJ Gormley) began to transition her life away from the DC area, she sold the business to Amir Tahami, who has taught a very careful and therapeutic form of yoga to hundreds of students since 1998. All told, Sun & Moon has served over 10,000 students since its inception, and they are about to celebrate their 20th anniversary!

"We adore being in Cherrydale, as it has such a lovely home-town feel. The people are so amazing and supportive, and it truly feels like many of our neighborhood-based students are family. In fact, many have grown up with us – babies who came in their moms' bellies to prenatal yoga are now taking our kids classes; college students who came as teens return on their breaks and visits home, and we have retired folks from the neighborhood who volunteer at the front desk in their spare time, and in exchange for yoga classes," said Ms. Moyer.

Sun & Moon doesn't just offer classes – they also host birthday parties, wedding showers and other life cycle events. The rooms are great for entertaining – instructors supply the yoga and then there are tables and chairs afterwards for refreshments.

"In terms of challenges that are particular to Cherrydale, the only one that we come up against is distance from Metro," says Ms. Moyer. "We'd love to see more ways to encourage bus and bicycle ridership, and certainly walking is a great option for those who are close by enough. We're fully on board with supporting the evolution of Cherrydale into a walking-worthy neighborhood! In future years, we hope to remain and grow as a holding space where growing families and the inter-connected community find sanctuary for all the ways in which they, and we, support their health and well-being."

Rebelle Estate



www.etsy.com/shop/rebelleestate

Kate Summers has been making jewelry for years for friends and family but she officially started her business, ReBelle Estate, about a year and a half ago. "My company specializes in handmade semi-precious jewelry, with many pieces incorporating vintage beads, charms, and findings. I work on the Hill by day, and am in my jewelry workshop on the nights and weekends," she said.

She and her family moved to Cherrydale about 6 months ago from the Virginia Square neighborhood, but many of her necklaces and bracelets had been available at La Maison on Lee Highway for months before that.



Vintage Cloisonné,
Magnesite & Freshwater
Pearl Sterling Silver
Bracelet

"The people are so friendly and I love the history and local architecture in the neighborhood. Many pieces in my line are repurposed and remade from vintage/estate jewelry, so the annual Cherrydale yard sale is like a treasure hunt for me! The Cherrydale library is another great source of inspiration. I'm often there in the evenings with my kids, looking through design books. The staff there is terrific!"

She finally has space for a proper workshop in her new home in Cherrydale, so business has become less challenging. Most of her business is done online through her Etsy shop: www.etsy.com/shop/rebelleestate.

Kate is starting to do a lot more custom work for local clients: matching bridesmaids and graduation gifts (simple pearl necklaces are the biggest hit) and pieces for baptisms and Confirmation (bracelets and necklaces customized with patron saints). She'd really love for this type of business to continue to pick up. She would also love to see her pieces sold at other retail outlets in Arlington. She is a big fan of sourcing and shopping local.

COMMUNITY / SOCIAL

It was a Hot Time in the Old Fire Station on Sunday, January 26!

by Debra Berke, CCA Social Coordinator (photos by Valerie M. Blitgen)

The weather outside might have been cold, but the music and drinks inside were hot. We were treated to a lovely concert by Tina Chancey, Valerie Loomer, and Nick Blanton. They played Irish music from the earliest sources on original and handmade instruments. The musician friends came together to jam for us from places near and far. Tina resides in Cherrydale; Nick lives in Shepherdstown, West Virginia; and Valerie is here for a month hailing from the town of Orfeuille in the Ardèche region of France.

The wood floors and size of the fire station made for perfect acoustics. We got a mini history lesson on the music and the instruments which included a viol, a renaissance violin, theorbo, cittern, early guitar, hammered dulcimer and a very unusual set of bagpipes. Nick joked by telling us that his bagpipes are a safe instrument since they have a seat belt and an air bag. We gave Cherrydale “bling” (hats, bags, water bottles) to the performers. Valerie said that she would wear her baseball hat with the Cherrydale logo all around the Ardèche Mountains of France.

After the concert we met with neighbors and enjoyed the abundance of cookies and hot cider and hot chocolate. The Huther Family of North 20th Road won the cookie contest hands down with an entry of white snowflakes and white snowmen cookies with icing. They were beautiful and tasted even better.

A special thanks to everyone what who made this a nice afternoon concert and gathering. Also, many thanks to our generous Volunteer Fire Department for helping set up and tear down, and to Cherrydale’s Valerie M. Blitgen for photo-documentation of the event (for more of Valerie’s photos, visit: www.cherrydale.net/2014-hot-times-at-the-old-fire-station).



Valerie playing a 17th century style cittern made by Nick (the dulcimer player); Tina playing the renaissance violin.



Nick is an instrument maker. In this photo he is showing a beautiful hammered dulcimer that he made and played during the concert.

Neighbor Profile: The Lent Family

by René W. Johnson

Steve and Teresa Lent have lived on 18th Street since 1992. Teresa grew up in many places including Hawaii, Germany, California, Virginia and Maryland. She currently works as a CPA. Steve is a local, having grown up in McLean and is a Software Engineer. Steve contributed lots of time (years) and effort toward the street and sidewalk improvements on N. 18th Street. (Thank you!)

The family’s interests at the moment revolve around crew and soccer. Steve has coached soccer for about 14 years. Teresa loves running and recently participated in the Nashville, New Jersey, Virginia Beach, and Wilson Bridge Half Marathons. They have four children. Christopher, age 19, attends the Naval Academy, studies Mechanical Engineering and rows on their crew team. Eleanor, age 16, loves hanging out with her friends and participates on the W&L Crew team. Mollie, age 14, enjoys running like her mom, plays the piano and soccer. Sophie, age 13, just performed as the lead, Princess Winifred the Woebegone, in the Swanson Middle School musical, “Once Upon A Mattress”. A recent, fun addition to the family is “Harley”, a darling Havanese dog. Perhaps you’ve already met him.



Back: Sophie, Eleanor. Front: Mollie and Christopher with Harley.

Welcome Wagon

by Amy Wheelock

The CCA Welcome Wagon delivers welcome packets to new residents and businesses in our community. Packets include information on Cherrydale, vehicle registration information, maps of Arlington, information on BikeShare, instructions on how to sign up for the listserv, coupons for local services, and helpful links from Arlington County.

If you know someone who has recently moved to Cherrydale (renters or homeowners) or if you'd like the welcome packet to include a brochure or coupon for your business, please send an email to: welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net

Churches of Cherrydale (Pt 5): St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

by Andy Murphy

What would you do with 5 acres of land in Cherrydale? This spring, St Andrew's Episcopal Church at Military & Lorcom plans to plant an apple orchard and install a neighborhood playground, resisting all offers from developers. Honest.

The rector, Rev Jenny Montgomery, sees the move as part of the church's relevance to culture, as traditional forms of worship attract fewer people. Bearing apples in 4-5 years, the orchard will bolster her congregation's contribution to the community. The church already grows food for the needy; in 2013, its volunteer-run Plot Against Hunger raised over a ton of veggies for AFAC, the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Volunteers also bag lunches weekly for A-SPAN, the Arlington Street People's Assistance Network. St. Andrew's also donates or rents space to such divergent community groups as a bridge club, an Alzheimer's support group, and the Brownies.

Like several other churches we've visited in this series so far, most of the members of St Andrew's live in or near Cherrydale. Another innovation they're experimenting with is a separate service for families. On the Sunday we attended (10 a.m.), 100 or so congregants stood for a traditional procession of robed celebrants into the chancel, some opening prayers, and a few hymns by the choir. After announcements, school-aged children and their parents rose and formed a line, with one kid leading the way hoisting a cross; they paraded out of the main church to a chapel down the hall where they held a separate, family-oriented service for 20 minutes while those of us remaining heard the regular sermon. Then the parents and kids paraded back to rejoin us for communion, the most sacred part of the service. The kids seemed to love being in a parade!

It's part of a program called FISH, Families Integrating Sunday and Home. Mother Jenny says, "Today's church-goer is looking to blend traditional worship with innovative ways to connect with God, each other, and the community. We need to be relevant."

St Andrew's was founded in 1951 as a merger of two smaller Episcopal churches. The main building is a combination traditional Gothic and modern A-frame, with a towering nave bracketed by spectacular 60-ft stained glass windows at both ends. The museum-quality ornamental glass depicts a broad spectrum of Christian iconography, echoing a spiritual practice of Mother Jenny's, who paints traditional icons as a form of meditation.

In what may be a first, Mother Jenny's husband, Joseph Glaze, is also an ordained minister with both the United Church of Christ (Congregational) and with American Baptist Churches, USA. He is currently interim pastor at the Washington Plaza Baptist church in Reston.



Cherrydale Library Happenings

The Cherrydale Branch Library; 2190 N. Military Road; 703-228-6330; www.CherrydaleLibrary.org; **Coffee Welcome!**

Hours: Mon 10am-9pm, Tue 1pm-9pm, Wed 1pm-9pm, Thu 10am-9pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun Closed

Winter/Spring Kids' Programs: Reminder – On days when Arlington Public Schools are closed because of bad weather, all Library Kids' Events are also cancelled.

"Paws To Read": For Emerging Readers & Kids Who Love Dogs!: Sat., Mar. 15, & Sat., April 19 (3 - 4 pm). Specially trained dogs will be available for 15-min. reading sessions, by appointment. For K - 5 students. Free, but registration is required. Call or stop by circulation desk.

Three Winter/Spring Storytime Programs (No Registration Required):

- Mondays @ 6:45 pm "Pajama Storytime" (all ages): through March 31
- Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm "Over Twos" (ages 2-5): through Apr. 1.
- Thursdays @ 10:30 am "Stop in for Stories" (ages 0-5): through Apr. 3.

Workshop: Meditation for Stress Reduction, with Gerry Gorman: Wed., March 19, 7:00-8:30pm. (Adults & Teens). For further details see website above or call library.

Book Discussions for Adults: Call to sign up & check avail. of copies from the discussion book collection.

Mon., April 7, 7:30pm: Double Cross, by Ben Macintyre. Non-fiction WWII espionage story. "Super... intensely readable." --Washington Post. **Mon., May 12, 7:30 pm:** A Movable Feast, by Ernest Hemingway 1964 version (posthumous)--his classic memoir of Paris in the 1920s. **Mon., June 9, 7:30 pm:** The Round House, winner of the 2012 National Book Award for Fiction, by Louise Erdrich. Starred review: ". . .ripe with detail about reservation life. . .has echoes of To Kill a Mockingbird." --Library Journal.

Exhibits: Through April 7: Easter Island Today: Photos by Greg Embree. April 9–July 7: America's First Green Space: Photos of New York's Central Park by Steve Rosenbach.

Volunteer Fire Department Update

by Mike Doyle

The Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department has had a busy winter, welcoming new trainees, a new vehicle and several big storms. All this, plus the department's historic building has been attracting increased use for community gatherings, birthday parties and more.

A dozen new recruits from the Cherrydale and Clarendon volunteer fire departments are currently undergoing their preliminary training, dubbed Indoc, where they learn the basics of emergency fire and medical response. By May, they will be qualified to join the department's operational members, who have been having a lively time of late. The department staffed two utility vehicles during the recent Winter Storm Pax, reinforcing Arlington County Fire Department crews. One of the vehicles, Utility 103, is a newly acquired 2007 black Ford F-250 that provides significantly enhanced emergency response capability. CVFD personnel, while providing emergency storm staffing January 21, also helped respond with Utility 103 and the fabled Light and Air 103 to an apartment fire on North Scott Street. Individual CVFD members continue to augment ACFD staffing on engine and medic units throughout the county.

Caring Neighbor

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

On Thursday, February 13, with schools closed and the bus system not running due to the significant snowfall, staff could not get to the Cherrydale Subway store to open it. February 13 was also a "Subway Day" for Saint Agnes Catholic School — almost 250 Saint Agnes meals sat in the Subway walk-in refrigerator, ready for delivery. As the students wouldn't be at school to eat them, owner Sujata "Sue" Kapoor located an employee who could open the store just so that a Saint Agnes parent could retrieve the meals and donate them to the A-SPAN emergency shelter across from Courthouse. Sue went above and beyond to ensure that the kids' meals did not go to waste. A-SPAN was very happy to receive them, especially on a day like that. Sue is a caring neighbor.



Exciting Transformation of the Building at Lee Hwy & I-66 Overpass

by Debra Berke

How many times have you driven by the little two story building on Lee Highway across from the CVS near the entrance to I- 66 West and wondered, what is that? For years the building stood vacant and most people didn't even notice it was there. If you pass by now there are interesting developments in progress. The address is 3200 Lee Highway and it will be the new home for the offices of MTF Architecture. Firm owner Michael T. Foster, FAIA, is moving from 2311 Wilson Boulevard, at Courthouse which he is redeveloping into a new eight story building, to the renovated office space on Lee Highway. The new offices will be open and airy, have an abundance of natural light, and offers the chance to experiment with architectural design.

First built in the 1930s as bike shop and lawnmower repair store, the store sold Schwinn bikes to Arlington kids. The curve on the front is of the 1930s Streamline Moderne style very popular at the time, evoking industrial design and technology. In the 1950s it was a furniture store and a later a tire store. The property changed dramatically in the late 70's when I-66 was built, leaving the tiny corner of Lyon Village straddling between its original neighborhood and Cherrydale. Bono Film and Video, who made black and white training films for the government, was located there for many years.

After Bono Film closed the space sat vacant and abandoned for several years until Michael Foster came along with a vision for what could be done with the property and the building with the curved front. Foster decided to add a second story cantilevered over the parking, for office space, and turn the first floor into a restaurant or pub. The second floor of the new wing will be clad in architectural corrugated metal and since it is elevated to the same plane as the adjacent Custis Trail Bridge over Lee Highway there will be interesting reflections of the bike riders and runners going by. Inside employees can watch the movement on the bridge and bask in the natural light as they work.

The interior will be an open loft with high ceilings and natural light ideal for a creative studio environment. The latest technology will support designers with high tech tools for development and communications among architects, interior designers, urban planners, and technology consultants to collaborate on new ideas for projects locally and internationally.

While the building is designed and constructed with durable materials, high quality construction, and energy efficient systems for it to last for generations, Foster thinks of the structure as "temporary", in hopes it could be a catalyst for further increased vibrancy and higher quality pedestrian friendly design along the Lee Highway corridor. A new vision for Lee Highway might mean that the building is eventually torn down to make way for a different or even better use. Working with the idea of a "temporary structure" has given Foster the freedom to be very explorative in design and to try new things that might or might not work before asking a client to take such risks. He doesn't ever want this building to be "overly loved" so that if it has to come down in the future it will have been a fun experiment and a beneficial learning process. He does say however, "the more this comes together, the more we find the fun and energy in a temporary installation in architecture, but the space inside is so good, we may stay there forever." Completion is expected in April and it is will be very exciting to see how the innovative office and restaurant turn out.



Arlington Neighborhood Villages

by Elizabeth Cotsworth



Over 55 and want to stay in your Cherrydale home? In need of help with small household tasks, errands, transportation and access to social activities? If the answer to both of these questions is yes, then consider joining the “Arlington Neighborhood Villages” that plans to open its doors this spring. The concept of “senior villages” which enable the 55-plus generation to remain in their homes and community by helping one another, is spreading to cities across the country. Arlington is no exception. Recent coverage by NBC News and the Washington Post is heightening interest.

A village is a network of neighbors getting together to assist and support fellow, elder residents who may need it. Villages like the newly-founded Arlington Neighborhood Village are volunteer-organized and member driven, providing services based on the local needs, such as help and referrals for home maintenance, computer and tech assistance, rides to medical appointments, and daily check-in. While Arlington Neighborhood Villages envisions launching a set of smaller-scale, local villages, a central office hub will soon begin offering access to services to all members in Arlington County. Members pay annual dues to cover office staff and operating expenses. Members and volunteers from across Arlington are now being sought.

Check out the website, www.arlnvil.org, for info, to join or to be a volunteer. The possibility of Cherrydale organizing its own local village may be explored in the coming months. If interested in that idea, feel free to contact Elizabeth Cotsworth at cotswag@gmail.com or 703-527-6976. She is also willing to provide more information about what she has learned to date about the Arlington Neighborhood Villages.

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FUN / INTEREST

Gardener's Corner: Dormant Pruning

by Danylo Kosovych, Owner of Organic Edible Gardens LLC

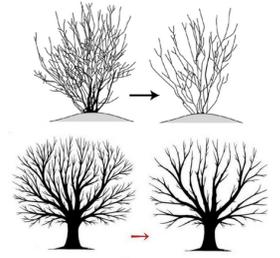
What most people consider pruning is taking a power tool to the exterior of a shrub and turning it into a perfect ball, or hedge row. While this tactic applies to hedges it does not benefit most shrubs and trees. A common pruning practice that you will see when it comes to trees is chopping off the top of crape myrtles. The crape myrtle will survive and flower a lot the next year but the aesthetic structure of the tree is lost forever and will have to be pruned in the same manner every year thereafter.

A much more practical way of pruning, which enhances the aesthetic structure of the tree while aiding in pest and disease resistance and increases fruiting (in fruit trees), is pruning from the inside out. This process is called thinning. The primary objective of thinning is structural; open up the canopy for air and light penetration. Allowing more air to flow in the center of a tree or shrub canopy reduces disease by allowing limbs and leaves to dry sooner. Increasing sunlight onto the interior buds of a tree increases fruit production. Shaded branches are unproductive but they still use nutritional resources.

During the winter, woody plants store their energy in their trunks and roots. Branches have little stored energy and can be removed without altering the stored energy of the tree or shrub. Because of their dormant state large portions of trees and shrubs can be removed. Plants heal best in the spring and summer, when their physiological processes are at their peak. Wounds from fresh cuts are prone to winter injury, therefore late winter is best. Plants can also be pruned in the summer but major limb removal should be kept to a minimum because you will be reducing the energy of the plant. If the plant is spring flowering and the pruning needs minimal you can wait until after flowering.

The best way to prune a tree or shrub is by looking at the plant from the inside out. Before you cut anything, analyze the plant. Find the large branches that reach the canopy. They should come out of the trunk at an almost perpendicular angle. These are the main structural branches. Do not remove these. Start by removing dead, diseased or broken branches. Any small branch that starts within the interior and does not make it to the canopy can be removed. They are shaded and unproductive. Remove any branches that come out of the trunk with a very small crotch angle and then grow vertically through the canopy. They are shoots. They will be of smaller size than the main structural branches and entangled through the entire canopy. When making a cut it is best to remove an entire branch from the trunk at the end of the branch collar.

The resulting tree or shrub will have a cleaner look. There will be less small limbs in the interior of the canopy making the larger structural branches more visible. It will also be more resilient and require less ongoing maintenance as plants pruned from the top down.



Ice Skating on Cherrydale's Ponds

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

A few brave souls carefully ventured out on our ponds this winter. Here are a few photos folks sent in. These and more are posted at: www.cherrydale.net/ice-skating-on-hidden-pond



Eric, Charles & Quinn Ciccoretti of Maywood



Kathy Buto



Carol Parker with her dog, Hannah

Also: Check out a photos from the big snow storm: www.cherrydale.net/2014-valentine-snow-storm

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UPDATES

Communications with County, Code Violations in Cherrydale

by Maureen Ross

What's a resident to do? For off-hour code violations neither Code Enforcement nor Zoning Sign enforcement seem willing to intervene. Even when a violation is photo documented and time stamped, if it's out of official work hours 8-5 M-F they say they can't do much as it wasn't witnessed by staff. Well we all know most violations are conveniently off hours. Hence, when Mattress Warehouse at 3632 Lee Hwy puts out 2 or more "SALE!" signs on weekends, nothing is done.

During our last big snow, Mattress Warehouse put out about 8 signs — on the sidewalk snow banks and even on the opposite side of Oakland. When I reminded the manager that this was against code, he replied that his upper management told him to disregard the regulations. I personally have reported Mattress Warehouse for sign violations about four times a year for the last 8 years. It's ugly, and if every business did this Lee Hwy would look like a strip mall. This time I really pursued the issue with County. The initial response was that the sidewalk was VDOT hence not County's problem. After years of complaints this was a new response. I reminded County that VDOT gave the sidewalks to County when County insisted on brick pavers. Jay Fisette in the County Board came to the rescue and hopefully we'll see fewer violations soon. However as of today's writing, a MW branch on Wilson and Oakland has 8 signs out.



A local resident has a more dire problem: CSI, a contractor for the Cherrydale Rehab Center, has been removing trash/recycling material before 7AM. The loud beeping of the truck in reversal is a plague to the family next door. The Rehab Center has asked CSI to come later but they won't. County response was that it was off hours, so call the police. Our wonderful community liaison officer Adam Cridor is doing his best, but he's also out there solving crime. One solution might be to have County try flex hours so half their staff come in at 6:00 AM to answer early calls, and half work till 6pm for late calls, then have 3 hours on Saturday. Using rotating flex hours could keep it all at 40 hr per week while providing faster commute times and a staff that can actually respond to resident needs. Considering that otherwise we get very inadequate resolution to repeated code violations, this seems a solution.

Finally, I was asked to speak about Cherrydale needs at the January Civic Federation Meeting. I did, and provided a slide show as well. I made a list of suggestions to County about policies and managing construction sites. Cherrydale sure has a lot of experience in this area. Suggestions could go in one ear and out the other, or actually make for better planning, retail success, and resident comfort. For details see: <http://www.cherrydale.net/civic-federation.html>. Hopefully, this is a win-win. I also discussed this with new DES Deputy Manager Bob Bloomer.

Cherrydale Business Alliance

by Lyndsey Clutteur DePalma, Owner, House of Steep

On Tuesday, February 18, some Cherrydale business leaders met to brainstorm our involvement in the upcoming ribbon cutting celebration and also to begin a conversation on what how we may better support each other and the community. The meeting was small in size but of those in attendance, there was a sincere interest in joining forces in creating a Cherrydale Business Alliance. While some initial goals for the group were mentioned at this weeks meeting, we will meet again on Tuesday, March 18 to talk more specifically about what goals we'd like to achieve and determine if there is enough critical mass to achieve the results we hope to. Should there be continued momentum, we'll work closely with the CCA.

(Editor's note: the CCA launched an effort to bring retail together at the November CCA meeting.)

School Board Liaison to the Cherrydale Citizens Association: Noah Simon

excerpt from letter written by Noah Simon to Maureen Ross

As part of Arlington Public Schools' (APS) ongoing commitment to community engagement, I am pleased to inform you that the School Board has created liaisons to each of the county's civic associations, and I am delighted to be the liaison to Cherrydale this year. My role is to strengthen the relationship between your association and the school division. — read the rest of this letter at: <http://www.cherrydale.net/school-board-liaison.html>

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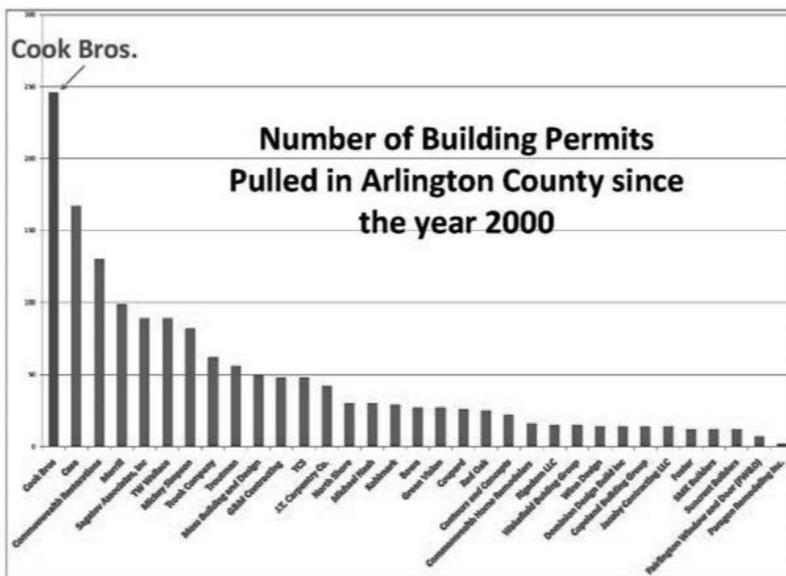
by Maureen Ross

back. It will be a wonderful sidewalk event.

Thus far, our planning team is made up of Debra Berke, Tracey Price, Lyndsey Clutteur DePalma of House of Steep, Jennifer Rothschild (manager of the Cherrydale branch library), Chief Scott Pardi, and Greg and Suzanne Embree. We need volunteers, artists, musicians, people willing to give demonstrations (e.g. how to change a bike tire, how to use Capitol Bike Share, how to paint plein air, how to strum a guitar, etc. (might be a nice way to advertise your teaching skills...)). We could have destination points all along both sides of our main street and times for demonstrations. Please contact me if you want to help at president@cherrydale.net

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Snow Naughty or Nice (mid-Feb. storm)

by Maureen Ross

This is an incomplete list, surely I have left out some sites. Forgive me for that. Starting on a positive note, let us thank Cherrydale Hardware. The men were out there clearing sidewalks twice, once before the snow plow and then again after. CVFD always clears their section and it appears Bromptons did a good job as did the Cherrydale Rehab Center. Honda seemed to have cleared their parts of Lee and Quincy, correct me if I am wrong. Overall, there was better shoveling this year than any previous year. But we have far to go.

After a reminder to the Safeway weekend manager, he sent his crew back out to clear their block of Lee Hwy sidewalks (and Monroe). Better late than never. Hunters Park cleared their section, but their contractor plowed the driveway snow straight into the middle of N. Monroe and left it there, blocking the road. I had to track down a contact who could call the plow back.

Dunkin Donuts cleared their parking and Lee Hwy Sidewalk but not Monroe and actually piled their snow onto the sidewalk at the dumpster between them and the resident's driveway next door leaving a 4 foot high ice mound. Not nice.

Cherrydale Station (the Thai restaurant and Sun Moon Yoga) counted on the roof overhang as providing enough clear passage. It is not enough and I did speak with them, so next time, look for actual shoveling.



Dunkin Donuts driveway

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WalkArlington Program

by Bill Novak

On February 18th, Dave Hurren and Bill Novak attended a meeting with representatives of the WalkArlington Program along with representatives of the Waverly Hills and High View Park Citizens Associations to discuss participation of these neighborhoods in the WalkArlington Program. WalkArlington is a program promoting self-guided walking tours of all the neighborhoods in Arlington by highlighting unique and interesting features and resources in each neighborhood and then connecting them with mapped walking routes. In numerous cases these routes can also link neighborhoods and offer a means for residents to learn more about other neighborhoods in the area. Dave had taken the initiative to nominate Cherrydale for participation in the program.



The meeting was a kick-off gathering to explore how the three Associations could identify the resources and highlights of each neighborhood and then devise walkable routes for formal adoption by WalkArlington. One challenge is to designate routes along a corridor that stretches two miles along Lee Highway and I-66 from N. George Mason Dr. to I-66 at the lower end of Cherrydale. Other participating communities have identified historic structures and locations, parks, community centers, libraries, commercial and natural areas, schools and churches, vista points and scenic paths as resources along their designated walking routes. A tentative Walkabout with County leaders and community residents is set for May 18th, a Sunday, as a means of promoting and introducing the designated routes.

Our next order of business is to identify the resources and sites we want to consider for inclusion on the designated routes. Dave and Bill, along with Bill's wife, Pat Davis, will be working on this effort and will be asking the Cherrydale residents for nominations to our list. Stay tuned via the listserv for more details.



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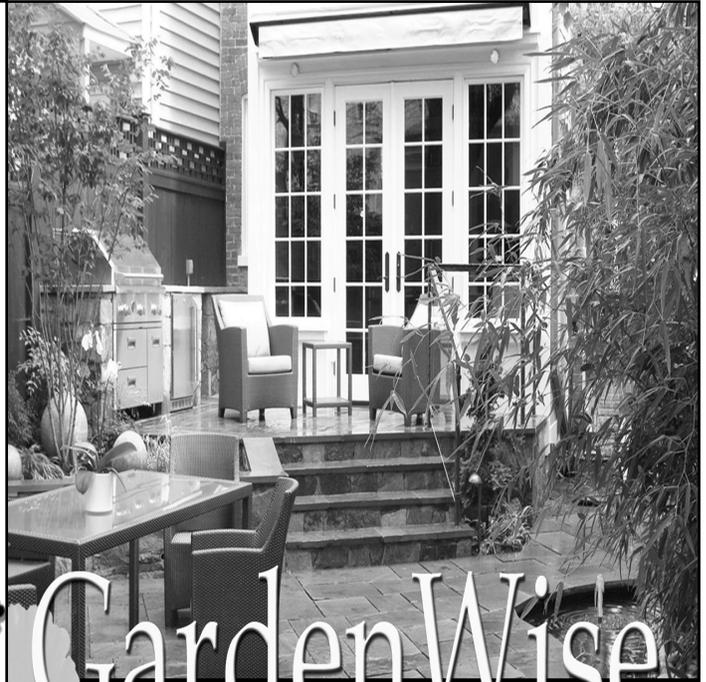
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