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Neighborhood Conservation Nominations — Propose a Project!

by Harry Spector

In 2012 Cherrydale neighbors Debby Cook and Karla Dugan had a dream to improve Oakgrove Park as a Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) project. Other Cherrydale neighbors had great ideas too to improve our infrastructure and all presented their qualified proposals for consideration at the May 2012 CCA meeting.



Debby and Karla's idea won the day and Debby, as project captain, began work with CCA officers, fellow neighbors, and Arlington County park staff to design a more engaging Oakgrove for us all. At last December's NCAC funding session the project received recommendation for full funding (\$775K) by the County Board. Work on the park should start in 2016 and is not connected to the current ADA project there.

Debby has done a tremendous job as captain and will continue to oversee the project as it moves forward. Without her and Karla's initial work to motivate neighbors to come out to the CCA meeting to vote for the project Oakgrove modernization could still be way off in the future. That's what makes NCAC projects so special — it empowers us citizens to choose what we believe is the most beneficial upgrade for our community rather than the county making that determination for us. After all who knows our neighborhood's needs best than us?

Now it's your turn.

With Oakgrove Park improvements funded it's time for us to pick our next #1 priority NC project. So what can YOU propose? Most any type of capital improvement is appropriate. Typically these are divided up into two categories: street improvements and parks and beautification.

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Important Dates

January

CCA General Meeting

Wed, 01/21/15, 7:30 pm at CVFD

AGENDA:

- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Planning
- Learn How to Help Choose Our Next Neighborhood Conservation Project

March

March 7th - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

March 18th - Next CCA Meeting

Cherrydale Business Alliance Update

by Lyndsey DePalma



Mark your calendars for our Cold Weather Comforts event on Sunday, 2/22 (1-4pm), where neighbors are invited to join Cherrydale businesses for Hot Chocolate & Charity at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept.

In addition to supporting our local home-based and brick & mortar businesses, come out to support A-SPAN, an organization dedicated to helping Arlington's homeless find housing and shelter. We will collect coats, gently used jeans/hoodies, and other comforts at the firehouse, as well as donations from the hot cocoa and fresh popcorn, all benefiting A-SPAN. While you're there, browse the offerings and find out more about all the businesses that exist right in our own back yard. Check out:

<http://www.cherrydalebusiness.org/events-and-promotions/hot-chocolate-charity-in-cherrydale/>

for more details and other activities happening that day, as well as a list of things A-SPAN is in need of this time of year. This event is free to patrons. Businesses may register at the link above. Business registration closes January 15.

The CBA meets the last Monday of the month at noon. All are welcome but voting is limited to members only.

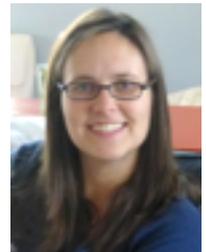
Meet the New CCA Officers

**President:
Jim Todd**



Jim Todd has lived on Kenmore St. since 1998 and has served as Sweet and Sour newsletter editor, vice president, neighborhood conservation representative, and neighborhood conservation plan team member. As the new CCA president, Jim hopes to build on outgoing CCA President Maureen Ross's legacy of community building and neighborhood conservation. He is a lawyer at the Department of Justice, parent of two children who attend Swanson Middle School and Arlington Science Focus, and loves biking, hiking, walking, and running.

**Vice-
President:
Gillian
Burgess**



Gillian Burgess has lived on 20th Street for nearly 3 years and was active in drafting the newest neighborhood conservation survey and plan. She has been active in transportation issues with the County and the school system and is currently the chair of the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee and founder of Kidical Mass Arlington. Gillian is an attorney at the Federal Reserve Board and can often be found cycling around Arlington with her husband and two preschool-aged children, who attend AUCP.



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COMMUNITY / SOCIAL

Knitting Club at Cherrydale Library — All Levels Welcome!

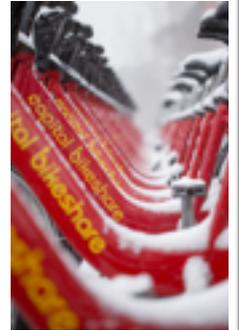
Step away from your computer screen and join your neighbors while making something beautiful. Cherrydale Library is hosting a knitting club on Wednesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 pm. The group thus far has numbered around ten people and one sleeping dog, beginners to experienced, ages as young as 11. (Children must be accompanied by a parent.) Bring your own projects or some yarn, needles, and a desire to learn.



Expert volunteers Janet and Susan will be on hand to help. Bring your own supplies, but a few needles and some yarn will be available. Practice everything from knitting and purling to finishing a big project. Come join the fun! No registration required.

Cherrydale Capital BikeShare Station

By now many of you have probably noticed our new Capital BikeShare station on Nelson St. just south of Lee Highway, between Cherrydale Health & Rehabilitation Center and Hunter Park affordable housing for seniors. This location is a temporary one. The plan is for the station to move across Lee Highway in front of the Safeway parking lot once Safeway and Capital BikeShare work out an arrangement.



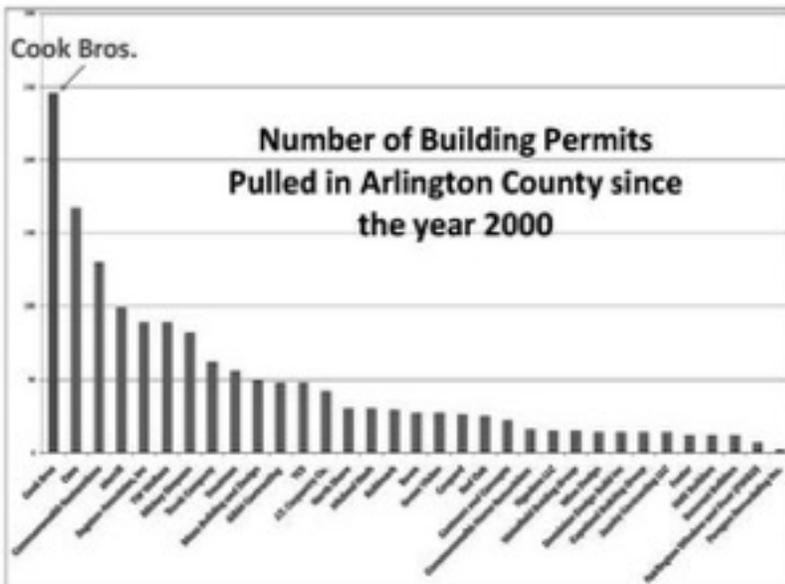
Our Capital BikeShare station is one of 300 stations located in Arlington, Alexandria, DC, and Montgomery County. You can check out a bike for your trip to work, Metro, to run errands, or go out. Take a bike out of one station and return it to another. There is a great app for your smart phone that shows where the stations are. The bikes have lights, reflective tires, and are very safe and easy to ride.

You can join Capital BikeShare for a day, 3 days, a month, a year, or try the new daily key option. You have access to their entire fleet of bikes 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The first 30 minutes of the trip are free.

We hope you will try our new bikeshare station soon and will enjoy it as much as we do.

You Don't Have to Interview the #1 Remodeler in Arlington... But...

Why Wouldn't You?



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www.CookBros.org/CherrydaleGraph



Return of the Fourth of July Party?

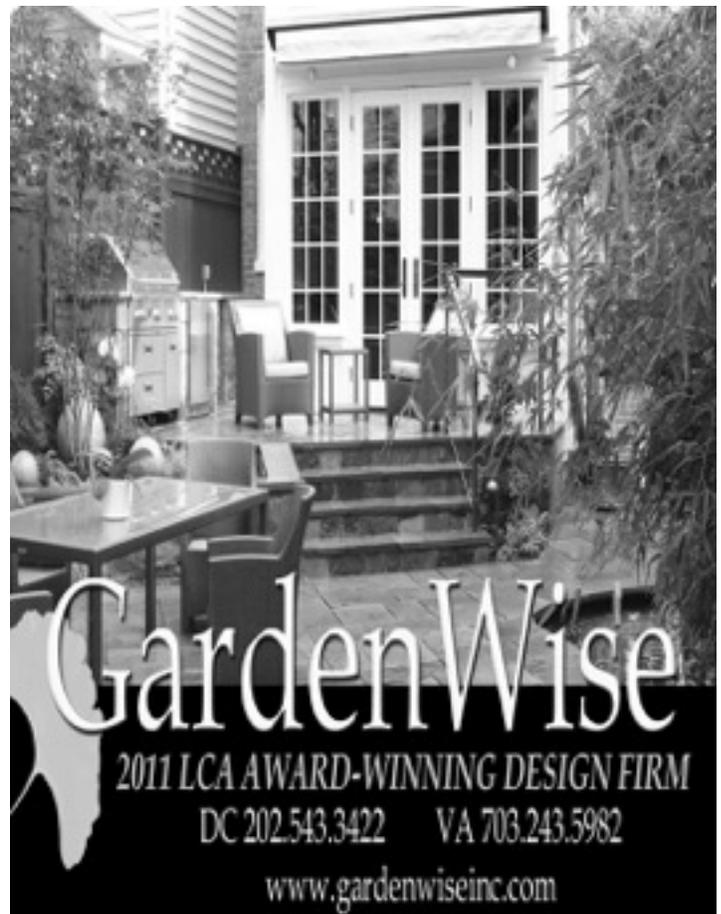
Several years ago Cherrydale had a string of Fourth of July block parties. Along with our Cherrydale neighborhood parade, our Fourth of July party was the best of living in Cherrydale. It was an old-fashioned, family-friendly, endearing, neighborhood gathering. It was a blast. We had a cookout and potluck, and often had a DJ, dancing, a hula hoop contest, face painting, hand-cranked Italian ice, a visit from the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department, and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Our grand finale was watching the fireworks over the National Mall, with a musical broadcast by our DJ.



We loved our Fourth of July party. It took planning, coordination, and volunteers! That's where you come in. With your help, we can bring it back. We need your help with finding a location, arranging activities and events, finding sponsors for food and supplies, and the like. We hope you will come to our January, March, and May CCA meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department or email our CCA Secretary and Social Director Catie Sullivan at secretary@cherrydale.net if you are interested in volunteering.

Let's bring back the best of Cherrydale.

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Cherrydale Library Happenings!

2190 N. Military Road: 703-228-6330 — Coffee Welcome!
<http://www/CherrydaleLibrary.org>

Library Hours

Monday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuesday	1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Winter Kids' Programs

Two Storytime Programs (No Registration Required):

Tue @ 4:30pm, "Over Two" (ages 2-5), through Mar. 17.
Thurs @ 10:30am, "Stop In for Stories" (ages 0-5), through Mar. 19.

"Paws To Read": For Emerging Readers & Kids who Love Dogs! : For K – 5 students. Specially trained dogs will be available for 15 min. reading sessions, by appointment, from 3:00 to 4:00 pm. Sessions are scheduled for the 1st and 3rd Sats. of the month. ****Free, but registration is required.**** Call or stop by circulation desk.

****Reminder – On days when Arlington Public Schools are closed because of bad weather, all Library Kids' Events are also cancelled.****

Adult & Teen Programs

Knitting Club: Every Wed., (7:30 – 8:30 pm). See article about the club elsewhere in this issue.

"Small Steps to Health & Wealth": Sat., Jan. 10 (10:30 am - 12:30 pm). 25 strategies for improving your physical health and your financial wealth.

"Controlling Clutter": Thurs., Jan. 29 (7- 8 pm). A workshop about tackling clutter and becoming organized. Participants learn how to organize papers and what documents to keep or shred.

"Meditation: A Tool to Balance Your Life", with Gerry Gorman: Wed., Mar. 11 (7-8 pm).

Book Discussions for Adults: Check web site above for more complete schedule and book descriptions. Limited copies available a month in advance for those signing up. Call in advance.

• Mon., Feb. 2, 7:30 pm: *Unbroken*, by Laura Hillenbrand (author of *Seabiscuit*).

• Mon., Mar. 2, 7:30 pm: *Citizens of London: Americans Who Stood with Britain in its Darkest, Finest Hour*, by Lynn Olson.

• Mon., April 13, 7:30 pm: Ernest Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.

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The Cherrydale Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

by Evan Lacopo

Join your fellow neighbors at the Cherrydale VFD on Saturday, March 7th for the "Cherrydale Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser." Our 2015 charitable partners include the Cherrydale CCA and the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department. We'll be serving a buffet style pasta dinner with all the trimmings—\$10/adults and \$5/kids under 12. Tickets for kids and adult beverages and deserts will also be sold.



Enjoy musical entertainment by local Arlingtonians and silent auction items donated by your fellow neighbors.

There will be two separate seatings—5:00 and 7:00, with the event wrapping up at 8:30. Please come specifically at one of the designated times.

We need your help!!!

Seeking donations for the following:

Food/beverage—Pasta, salad, bread, soft drinks, wine, paper goods.

Auction items—Specifically looking for week(end) stays at vacation homes and tickets to local sporting events.

Volunteers—Day of event staff needed!

For donations, volunteer assistance and any other information, please contact:

Event Organizer - Evan Lacopo

EALARLINGTON@GMAIL.COM or 703-655-7955

CCA Social Chairman - Catie Sullivan

CATIEKSULLIVAN@YAHOO.COM or 760-485-0007

Stay tuned to the Cherrydale listserve for more information.

CCA Officers (con't from p.2)

Secretary: Catie Sullivan



Catie Sullivan is the CCA Social Chair and Secretary. New to Cherrydale, much of her civic contribution has been through her involvement with the USMC as a spouse. For the last two years, she worked for her husband as the Commanding Officer's Wife of VMFA 232. She is currently on a team assisting Evan Locco with the production of the upcoming March Cherrydale Community Spaghetti Dinner. Catie is an assistant coach for second grade Arlington basketball, a Daisy Troop leader, the National War College Spouses' Board Secretary and homeschool teacher to her two children.

Treasurer: Katherine Christensen



Katherine Christensen has lived on N. Randolph St. since 1991 and served as CCA Treasurer since 2002. She started getting involved in CCA with a neighborhood conservation plan to get curbs on her block, finding we can affect our community one block or project at a time. As Treasurer, she receives membership fees and donations, sells logo items, makes sure the bills are paid (printing SSN is largest expense), and advises officers on budget. She also has arranged events such as candidate debate, caroling party, CCA booth at Discover Cherrydale. She is a cloud connectivity product manager at Tata Communications, volunteers at her church, and is parent to Erika, who attends Swanson Middle School

Neighborhood Conservation Project Nominations (continued from p.1)

Street projects include elements such as new curb and gutter, paving, sidewalks, and streetlights (the "Caryle" type anchored to the ground, not the "Cobra" lights bolted to telephone poles). This project category requires 70% support of the affected homeowners to qualify as a project nomination. When considering a street project keep in mind that if sidewalk is absent on the block, Arlington County requires one to be build at part of any new NC street project. Typically new sidewalk is 5 feet wide.

Park and beautification projects include everything from complete modernization of a park to a spruce up to public art. An example of a beautification project is the Halls Hill High View Park Gateway at Lee Hwy and N. Cameron St. These type of projects do not need block support to be proposed but, of course, still need community support to win.

So how do you get started?

Easy. First download and complete the Cherrydale NCAC Project Proposal Form and submit to Harry Spector at NC@Cherrydale.net. He will review your proposal to insure its scope is both within NCAC rules and budget appropriate, and to try to tailor it to be so if it is not. This is a good time to read the complete rules too which are also online.

From there, if it is a street project you are free to promote your idea with your neighbors and get the required signatures on the Cherrydale NCAC Project Nomination Form. If it's a park or beautification project you only need to start promoting your idea to the community members and push them to vote for it in May.

The nomination excitement culminates at CCA's May 20th meeting where each neighbor proposing a project will present his or her idea for consideration to attending CCA members. Following the last presentation neighbors will vote to determine which is the most beneficial to our community and should be send to NCAC as Cherrydale's number one priority project.

It's up to us. But we need *your* proposals so we can have a diverse selection of idea from which to choose. If you have any questions before starting please come to the January meeting or email Harry at the address above.

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