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## The Great Cherrydale Yard Sale is June 13th!

by Scott Springston

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Now is the time to get your home listed and on the map for the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Wide Yard Sales! The date this year is Saturday, June 13th, the time is 8 to 1 pm. Here is how it works –



- You gather your “treasures”, “junk”, collectibles, antiques, sporting goods, toys, books, furniture, clothes, or “whatevers”...
- then you call or email Scott Springston or Kathy Holt (703-528-1548, sdakss@aol.com) and they will put you on the map for a mere \$5 donation – which barely covers the cost of the ads, the flyers, maps, signs and arrows! This year, due to many non paying customers, **you must pay before you are listed on the map!!** The deadline to be included in the sale is June 10th.

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### CCA General Meeting

Wed, 05/20/15, 7:00 pm  
at Oak Grove Park  
(see story below!)

## Next CCA Meeting at Oak Grove Park

by Jim Todd

Join us at Oak Grove Park on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 pm for our next meeting of the Cherrydale Citizens



Association. County staff from the Parks Department will be on hand with giant scissors to cut a giant ribbon and officially re-open Oak Grove Park after Phase One of improvements. Phase One includes a new park entrance and ADA-accessible path from 17th Street into the park, a gravel-topped asphalt

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## Cherrydale 4th of July Party Returns!

by Jim Todd

Cherrydale's Fourth of July Potluck and Party is returning thanks to our Cherrydale volunteers and donors! Come to 21st and Stafford from 6:00pm

to 9:30pm for small town, old-fashioned neighborhood fun. We are going to have a grill-fest and potluck, a great DJ, a hula-hoop contest, dancing, a moon bounce, a rope



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# Help to Make the Fourth of July Party a Blast!

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swing, face painting, old fashioned hand-made Italian ice, a visit from the Cherrydale Fire Department, a reading of the Declaration of Independence, glow sticks, the great company and good cheer of our fellow Cherrydalers, and, of course, a great view of the D.C. Fireworks.

We have a great set of volunteers getting this organized, but we still need your help! We need volunteers to help us on the day of the event. We need a grill brigade to bring and man their grills. Everyone else needs to bring sides or desserts. Bring beach chairs to watch the D.C. Fireworks.

Contact Jim Todd at [president@cherrydale.net](mailto:president@cherrydale.net) if you'd like to help.

Yes it will be hot as heck. Yes it may storm. It's the Fourth of July! Make sure to join us! You'll love it!





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## Cherrydale Yard Sale is June 13th! *(continued from page 1)*

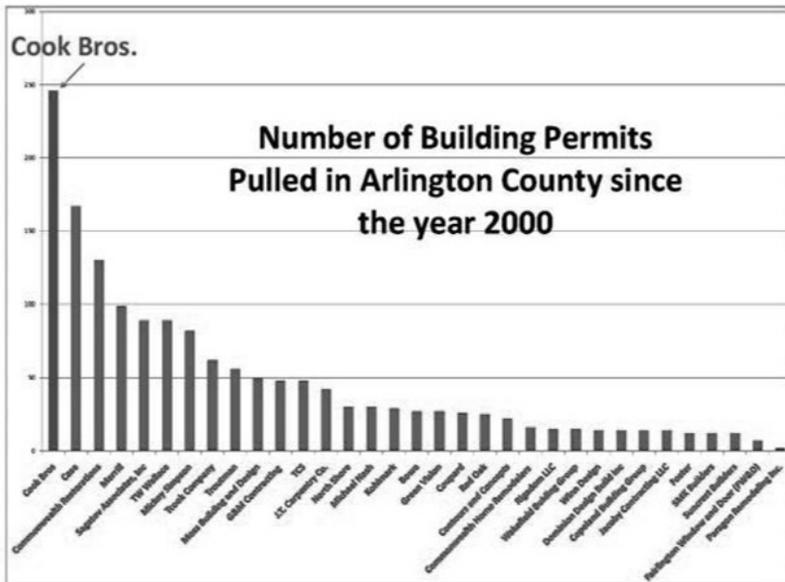
- Put the items out in front of your house, decide on the price you want, and wait for the hordes of buyers to come pouring in—that's all there is to it!
- Kids can set up a lemonade stand, and sell lemonade and other goodies! No fee for children-run sales!

Scott and Kathy will handle the advertising—including making a map (listing all the houses holding a sale) which is distributed to the people holding sales (so they in turn can pass them out to customers); the maps are also posted in various spots in the community; ads are taken out in several local newspapers, and the sale is also listed online. Scott puts up several huge signs (and lots of little signs) advertising the event two weeks before, so cut-through traffic is aware of the upcoming event. Then, the day before the sale, Scott and Kathy (and their son Dakota) cover the neighborhood with directional arrows to help drivers find all the sales in the community!

Clean out your attic, garage, and basement; get rid of those old toys you keep tripping over! No need to pay eBay fees to get rid of some of that collection or just plain clutter! Meet your neighbors, have some fun, recycle your stuff and maybe make some cash! Be a part of the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Wide Yard Sale Event! Neither Maywood nor Waverly Hills will be joining us this year, so buyers will have more time to shop at your sale! (FYI – Maywood's sale is May 16th.) Remember, many experienced buyers consider Cherrydale's Yard Sales to be the highlight of their year!

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## Neighborhood Conservation Project Update

by Harry Spector



Last January a call was made to the community for Arlington Neighborhood Conservation (NC) project proposals — with one to be voted on at the May 20 CCA meeting as our “#1 priority project.” Past Cherrydale projects include the power station wall on Lee Hwy, new paving, curb, gutter, sidewalks and street lights on parts of Stafford, Randolph, and 18th St., and sidewalk and street lights on Kenmore St. Without NC projects like these, our community would be less safe to drive, walk, and bike around, and also wouldn’t look as good. It’s not enough to say they are vital but this is a short article.

This round Rosemary O’Neil proposed, and got qualified for a vote, new sidewalk and street lights for Monroe St. between 17th and 19th, not far from Science Focus Elementary School, as well as other key neighborhood destination points. The chief goal of the project is to provide safer access for all on this high traffic volume portion of Monroe St., as well as connecting side streets. The new sidewalk is proposed on the west side of the street.

Since no other proposals qualified for voting, Rosemary will give a brief presentation on her concept, based on discussions with NC staff, followed by a vote of approval for the project. Once approved by CCA the project NC will be notified it is Cherrydale’s “#1 priority project.” Come out and show your appreciation to Rosey and support her for doing all the footwork on this and helping to improve our community.

Because of the outstanding effort put forth by Cherrydale’s NC Plan Update team, led by Maureen Ross, Cherrydale will have enough bonus “NC points” that should propel this project to the top of the funding list no later than next spring, and possibly this December. And then it will be time to begin again. So as you travel the community keep NC in mind because another call for project proposals will be made in short time.

The completed Monroe St. proposal form is posted on [cherrydale.net](http://cherrydale.net) in the Neighborhood Conservation section and on Page 6 of this newsletter.

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### 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

Please see the above web site for information on ongoing monthly book discussions for adults, and spring preschooler storytimes, which end towards the last of May. Ongoing “Tech Help” is available on Wed. & Thurs. evenings (5:00–8:00 pm): sign up for one-on-one tutoring sessions in advance. Knitting Club (adults, teens, & older kids with a parent) meets Wed. nights (7:30–8:30 pm).

### 2015 Summer Programs for All Ages! Call for further info.

“PAWS to Pick a Pup: Shelter Awareness Program” on Sat., June 13 @ 10:30 (registration required).

Preschooler Summer Session Storytimes: Schedule TBA. Check web site above or call library.

“Paws To Read”: For Emerging Readers & Kids who Love Dogs!: The first and third Saturdays of the month (except for July 4<sup>th</sup> & during August), 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.

**Elementary kids: Special 2015 Summer Reading Performances & Events:** seating on a first come-first-served basis until capacity is reached. Note program for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders requires registration.

- Mon., July 6 @ 4:30pm Uncle Tyrone
- Fri., July 10 & Sat., July 11 @ 1 pm — “Science in the Summer” for 2nd and 3rd graders (registration required.)
- Mon., July 13 @ 4:30pm – “Old Guard”
- Mon., July 20 @ 4:30pm – “Gulf Branch”
- Mon., July 27 @ 4:30pm – “Groovy Nate”

**Teens (High School and Middle School): Summer Reading Programs & Events**

- Wed., July 29 @ 4:00pm “Tie Dye Pillowcases”
- Wed., August 5 @ 4:00pm “Album Cover Art Cupcake Challenge”

**Adult Summer Reading Performances & Events**

- Mon., July 6 @ 7:30pm Book Discussion, *Midnight in Shanghai* (call after June 8 to reserve a book)
- July 7, 14, 21, and 28 @ 7pm – “Yoga Rhythm and Flow with Sun & Moon Yoga”
- Thurs., July 16 @ 7:00pm – “Bowen McCauley Dance Workshop”

**2015 Summer Reading for Prizes! For All Age Groups, Including Adults:** Registration begins June 6 on-line at [library.arlingtonva.us](http://library.arlingtonva.us) or visit Cherrydale Library for more information and to pick reading log sheets. For every person who completes the program, the Friends of Arlington Library is donating to a library-related cause to be designated soon.

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# Monroe Street NC Proposal (see page 4 for details)

## Cherrydale NC Project Proposal Form

For projects to be nominated at the May 20, 2015 CCA Meeting

Please type or write legibly.  
Illegibly written forms will not be considered.

Submit to Harry Spector at [harry.spector@gmail.com](mailto:harry.spector@gmail.com) once completed and before obtaining signatures on petition form. Please email with any questions.

1. Project Location or Boundaries: (If street project, street and house or block number(s). Include homes on corners even if they front a different street):

North Monroe Street between 17th and 19th Streets

2. Number of affected properties: 20

3. Project Proposal (Street improvements MUST include sidewalk if sidewalk doesn't already exist):

We are requesting Neighborhood Conservation funding for street improvements on North Monroe Street between 17th and 19th Streets. This would entail replacing existing sidewalk on the west side of the street and streetlights located on the east side of street. All improvements will be made on county land at no cost to property owners.

4. Block Captain/Neighbor Who Will Carry Project Through To Completion & Address, & Best email & Phone Contact:

Name: Rosemary O'Neill  
Address: 1726 North Monroe Street  
Best Email: rhoneill@gmail.com  
Best Phone#: 703.869.9658

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5. How does this project benefit the entire Cherrydale neighborhood and not just the street and block proposed:

North Monroe Street is one of Cherrydale's busy through-streets, connecting Lee Highway and the Maywood neighborhood to the north with the Ballston-Virginia Square neighborhood to the south.

Between 17th and 19th Streets on North Monroe, there is no contiguous sidewalk on the east side of the street. On the west side of the street, there is contiguous sidewalk; however, utility poles obstruct passage, making the sidewalk inaccessible. Individuals in wheelchairs and pedestrians with strollers must maneuver into the street, and pedestrians in small groups or carrying grocery bags often do, in order to get around the poles. Further, several of the existing street lights are damaged and no longer function properly.

North Monroe is very busy with both vehicle and pedestrian traffic, particularly at rush hour, but also during non-rush hours and on weekends. There are numerous destinations within walking distance reached via this section of North Monroe. Points south include Science Focus and Hayes Park (within less than a mile), the YMCA, and further, the restaurants, shops, and metro stations at Clarendon and Ballston. Points north include school bus stops for Taylor, Key, and Swanson public schools, the Metro bus stop, as well as the offices, shops, and restaurants on Lee Highway. In addition, this section of North Monroe is traversed by many neighbors simply out for a walk or exercising with their family members and pet dogs.

Improving the sidewalk and street lights between 17th and 19th Streets will make the street safer and more accessible for everyone who uses it.

6. Please have neighbors of the proposed project sign the attached petition. A minimum of 70% of block owners (one vote per address), as registered on the property's deed, must sign the petition in order to be able to be nominated as a Cherrydale NC project. The 70% threshold is for the nominating round only. (The official NC petitions require 60% approval based on linear footage of the property adjacent to the project.)

I, Rosemary O'Neill, submit this project for nomination as Cherrydale's submission to the Arlington NCAC as its number one priority project. I agree if the project is submitted to NCAC that I will volunteer as block captain, or if I cannot serve, to find another block neighbor for the position.

R O'Neill

Signature

5/19/15

Date

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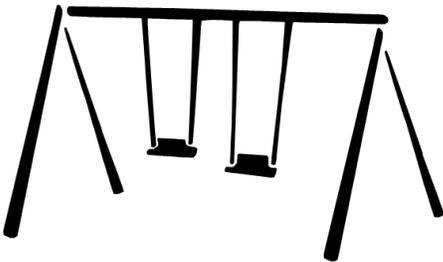
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## Next CCA Meeting at Oak Grove Park

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path circumnavigating the park, new stairs at the 15h Street entrance, small bleachers, several benches, a new sprinkler system and new sod on the soccer field, and many newly planted trees. We'll also have some County staff on hand to talk about the upcoming Phase Two improvements—Cherrydale's current Neighborhood Conservation project. Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation projects are paid for with special voter-approved bonds that are designated for infrastructure improvements like parks and sidewalks.



Phase Two of the Oak Grove NC Project will include new playground equipment for kids aged 5 to 12, new seating areas, a water

fountain, and other great things.

We're hoping to have some great activities for kids—maybe a scavenger hunt or maybe a moon bounce. And we will have a vote for our next NC project — a new, wider, safer sidewalk on Monroe Street between 17th Street and 19th Street. This stretch of Monroe Street is the major pedestrian access to Science Focus School, Hayes Park, and the Virginia Square Metro. But the current sidewalk is only 18- to 20-inches wide in places because of utility poles and stone walls. It forces people in wheelchairs and many strollers into the street. The new sidewalk will be wide enough that all people will actually be able to use it.

Finally, we need to begin brainstorming about future NC projects. We are going to get a lot of them because we recently updated our Cherrydale NC Plan, which gave us a bunch of bonus points to use on future NC Projects. These ideas, and eventually these projects, come from you, our fellow Cherrydalers.

We look forward to seeing you in Oak Grove Park. If the skies darken, we'll meet at our usual spot, the upstairs of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department. Otherwise, we'll see you in the park!

A black and white photograph of a modern outdoor patio. In the foreground, there is a rectangular table with several chairs. In the background, there are more chairs and a set of stairs leading up to a glass-paned door or window. The patio is surrounded by various plants and trees.

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