

SWEET & SOUR NEWS

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION • January/February/March 2018

Next Meeting of the **CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, February 21
 7:30 pm
 St. Agnes Parish Hall**

Agenda:

7:30 - 7:50
 Ice Cream Social with the CVFD!

7:50 - 8:30
 Help Envision a More
 Connected Cherrydale

8:30 - 8:45
 New Business

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Help Us Envision a More Connected Cherrydale

Join us at our next meeting of the Cherrydale Citizens Association on **February 21** to learn about our efforts to reconnect Cherrydale to our neighboring communities and help us envision how those connections can look.

The CCA is working with the Lee Highway Alliance to move Lee Highway away from a “cars-first” design that speeds commuters through Arlington to a series of interconnected neighborhood main streets focused on Arlington residents and businesses.

Cherrydalers love to visit shops in and around the Lyon Village Shopping Center. But too few of us walk or bike there because of the narrow, unlit sidewalks underneath I-66, and the long stretch of sidewalks hemmed in by huge retaining walls. We can change this. First, we hope to light the underpass and turn it into a destination

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Join Us for Cherrydale's Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner

Join us on Saturday, **March 17**, in the Social Hall of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department at 3900 Lee Highway for our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! Come enjoy pasta, wine, great company and dancing to live local music from the Cherrydale Jazz Ensemble—all for a good cause. Seatings are 5:00-6:30pm or 7:00-8:30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for kids. Heartfelt appreciation goes to our donors, volunteers and all who make this entirely LOCAL event possible. We'll have homemade sauce and salad from Hungry Catering, fresh pasta from Gaijin Ramin, fresh bread from LeoNora bakery, cupcakes by Christine Allen, live music by the Cherrydale Jazz Ensemble, and the generous support of Evan Lacopo and Holly Billy of the 3877 Group of Wydler Brothers Real Estate and Chris Clark of MVB Mortgages. Proceeds will fund the activities of the Cherrydale Citizens Association and the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department. We are grateful to CVFD President Tim Horner and Chief Chris Jones and the CVFD firefighters for their time and labor to support the event.



Ice Cream Social with the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department

Join us at our next meeting of the Cherrydale Citizens Association on **February 21** for an Ice Cream Social with the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department. Learn about their long history with Cherrydale and their current mission and challenges they face.

Founded 120 years ago, by twelve Cherrydalers, the CVFD is the oldest fire department in Northern Virginia. The volunteers built the current fire house in 1919. Paid firefighters from Arlington County were stationed alongside the volunteers from 1940 until 2011. Today the volunteers use Light and Air 103 and Utility 103 to respond to fires, emergency medical calls, hazardous material incidents, and other rescues. Additionally, CVFD's members provide supplemental staffing on career apparatus throughout the county and for special events, like the Marine Corps Marathon and Wreaths Across America.

The CCA has long been active in raising funds for the CVFD, and the CVFD has a long tradition of joining parades as well as hosting dances, movies, bingo nights, and visits from Santa. To help defray costs, it rents out its Social Hall to individuals and groups for birthday parties, meetings, classes and activities. You can rent it out, too. Visit cherrydalefire.org/hall-rental/ to learn more.

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for walkers and bikers. Second, we need to reclaim the retaining walls, and maybe even an unnecessary traffic lane, and turn them into a feature.

This is where you come in! We need input on what this will look like in Cherrydale. The NoMa Business Improvement District in DC is leading the way for us on lighting. NoMa is hiring an artist to light the railroad underpasses that divide that neighborhood. The CCA is already moving forward with the LHA and VDOT to explore our own light installation under I-66. We need your ideas about what our under-bridge lighting project could look like. Do we keep our costs down and follow NoMa's lead? Do we find our own artists and create our own design? How do we incorporate a design that accounts for sidewalks on both sides of the street and the bike path?

Similarly, we need your ideas for reclaiming the huge stretches of sidewalks that pass underneath the bridge and continue along the concrete retaining walls. Fortunately the County has redesigned the traffic signals and cross walks at I-66. It's a great start, but what else can we do? Do we turn the walls into painted murals? Hang other art installations on the walls? Or maybe we reclaim one of the unnecessary driving lanes with concrete planters and industrial-scale art installations?

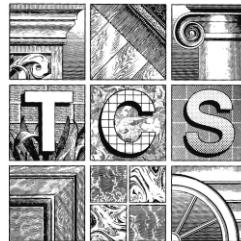
While always cost conscious, we want to be bold. We invite you to think about what you've seen in other parts of Arlington, other parts of the DC area, and other cities around the country and the world that you think could work along this stretch of Lee Highway. Lots of other communities have, without breaking the bank, found creative ways to reclaim spaces for walkers and bikers that were originally designed with only cars in mind. We can do it, too.



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Help Plan Cherrydale's 125th Anniversary

Please join us throughout the year in commemorating Cherrydale's 125th Anniversary. This year marks 125 years since Dorsey Donaldson and Robert Shreve named our community "Cherrydale" in order to get a post office. This was long before Arlington County even got its name. Cherrydale has been growing and changing ever since, but we still retain our small-town feel, our sense of community, and our sense of place. No other part of Lee Highway is so inviting, and no other neighborhood is so steeped in history yet so welcoming to newcomers. That is thanks to you.

This year we'll try to take a moment at various events across Cherrydale to reflect back on our past as we look forward to our next 125 years. But we can't do it without you. Please contact CCA President Jim Todd, at president@cherrydale.net, if you'd like to be a part of this.

Oak Grove Park Playground Is Nearing Completion, County May Fix Signs

After years of delay, the new Oak Grove Park Playground is nearing completion. The new playground will have separate 2- to 5-year-old and 5- to 12-year-old play areas, and new seating and a shelter. Both play areas will be oak-tree themed. The 5- to 12-year-old play area will also have a rope climbing structure. Your kids will love it.

We want to thank Cherrydaler Debby Cook for her tireless work in trying to keep the County moving forward and for watching over the new trees the County planted. Debby's work is a testament to what any Cherrydaler can get done as long as they persist. We can't wait to visit the new playground. In fact, we are planning to hold our May CCA meeting at Oak Grove Park to celebrate our park improvements.

We also want to thank Debby and Cherrydale Neighborhood Conservation Representative Harry Spector for trying to get the County to fix their records and signs so they properly identify our park as Oak Grove Park, instead of "Oakgrove Park." Sadly, the County has thrown up quite the obstacle course of bureaucratic red tape. Nevertheless Debby and Harry have persisted. We're also going to try once again to get the County to address the loose gravel on the park's allegedly "accessible" path. Thanks Debby and Harry!

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Longtime Cherrydale Resident David Hunter Passes Away at Age 100

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Born on July 25, 1917, in Eugene, Oregon, Dave graduated from University High School in 1935 and from the University of Oregon in Eugene in 1939. Drafted into WWII, Hunter started as a private and made his way up to Lt. Colonel. He joined the CIA as a cryptologist in 1946. David and his wife, Lucille (Cooke) met while he was on assignment with the Signal Corps at Arlington Hall, and they married in 1945. Lucille passed away in 1988. Four children, Cheryl, Stephen, Karen, and Jan survive them.

Dave and Lucille bought their little brick house at the end of Kenmore Street in 1956, and, except for a few years in the 60s when the family moved to Okinawa, they lived there for the rest of their lives. Some of the older Cherrydalers might remember trick-or-treating at the Hunter's house. There was often a real-live witch sitting by the door, who terrified the kids as she moved ever so slightly when they knocked!

A service is planned for Sunday, February 25 at 1:00 pm at the First Baptist Church of Washington, DC.



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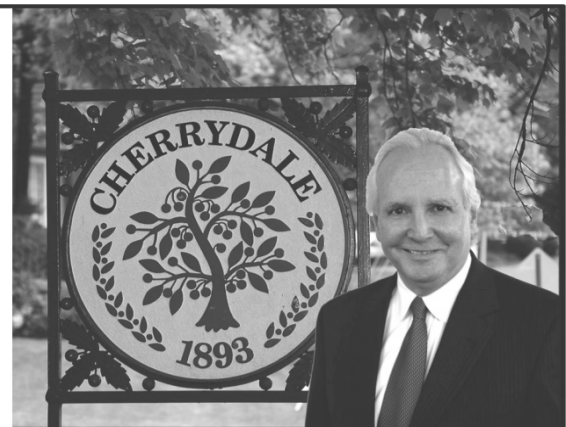
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"Stop-in for Stories" (0-5 years) - Thursdays, 10:30 am. No registration required.

"K-5 Kids Club" - First Thursday of the month, 4:00 pm. Kids will explore arts, books, crafts, and building through various fun activities. Parents/caregivers and younger siblings are asked to wait downstairs. No registration required.

"Paws to Read" - First Saturday of the month, 3:00-4:00 pm. For emerging readers & kids who love dogs! K-5 students. Specially trained dogs will be available for 15-minute reading sessions. Register at CherrydaleLibrary.org.

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