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THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

• Spring 2019

Next Meetings of the CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, Apr. 24, 7:30pm
St. Agnes Parish Hall
1910 N. Randolph St.

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Cherrydale Needs Your Leadership and Your Participation

Civic engagement is more important than ever. Join in at the neighborhood level by becoming an active participant in the Cherrydale Citizens Association. Now you can join without paying dues. Just come to our meetings and get involved!

We're counting on both our long-time residents and our brand-new arrivals in Cherrydale to continue to step up and play a leadership role. We are currently looking for new volunteers to serve as our Secretary, our Treasurer, and our Newsletter Editor. (We want to thank **Katherine Christensen** for her years of service as Treasurer and Cherrydale President **Jim Todd** for also taking on the Newsletter while we look for a new Editor.) And we almost always have volunteers forming committees or joining in to address particular issues.

The CCA plays a unique role in guiding transportation, development, and school issues going on in our neighborhood. We help all our residents and businesses interact with County and State officials as well as private developers who are bringing about many changes in Cherrydale. These changes have a real impact on your lives, so you should be a part of them. The CCA can only serve you if you come to our meetings, where you can meet your fellow Cherrydalers, become better informed, make yourself heard, and, most-importantly, vote. We look forward to meeting you at our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 24, 7:30pm, St. Agnes Parish Hall, 1910 N. Randolph St.**

Help Us Bring Back Cherrydale's July 4th Party

Cherrydale's annual barbeque, potluck, and fireworks block party is a fun, "small-town" July Fourth Party and one of the highlights of living in Cherrydale. This year we're bringing it back thanks to Cherrydaler **Lauren Wisniewski**! Last year we had to cancel our much-loved July Fourth Party at 21st & Stafford Streets for lack of volunteer support.

It takes a lot of advance planning and a lot of work to put this event together. We raise funds from Cherrydale businesses so we can hire a DJ, rent a moonbounce and port-a-potty, and grill hamburgers and hotdogs. We need volunteers to take on those fundraising and planning tasks. We also need volunteers to help set-up, run the party, and clean-up.

Lauren **needs your help** to make this great party happen this year! Please contact Lauren at bluefish3@gmail.com if you'd be interested in helping play a lead role in bringing this party back. We really appreciate everything you can do to help keep Cherrydale a tight-knit community.

Come Meet Dorothy Hamm Middle School Principal Ellen Smith

Join us at our next meeting of the Cherrydale Citizens Association on **Wednesday, April 24, at 7:30pm** in the St. Agnes Parish Hall, located at 1910 N. Randolph Street, to meet Ellen Smith. Ellen is the new principal of our new neighborhood middle school, Dorothy Hamm Middle School, opening this fall right here in Cherrydale.

As you know, our much loved H.B. Woodlawn program and Stratford program are moving out of the former Stratford Middle School building located at 4100 Vacation Lane in Cherrydale at the end of this school year. Starting this fall, Dorothy Hamm will be our neighborhood middle school for all of Cherrydale.

Although construction of the addition and new driveway entrance is way behind schedule, Dorothy Hamm Middle School is opening on time this fall. Ellen has been working hard to ensure the school will be ready for her new students. She is very glad that we Cherrydalers have been working so hard to try to make the Five Points Intersection safer for kids who will be walking, biking, and/or scootering to the new school, that we have a new sidewalk on the south side of Old Dominion, and that we'll have a signaled crosswalk on Old Dominion next to the new driveway entrance.

Ellen is excited to tell you about the rest of her plans for the school. Although she's had a chance to meet with many parents and future parents at various PTA meetings, this will be one of her first opportunities to meet with everyone here in Cherrydale. We are very excited to work with Ellen to help make Dorothy Hamm's opening and expansion a success.

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Joint Facilities Advisory Committee Update on the Buck Property

In 2017, Arlington County purchased the six-acre parcel known as the Buck Property located at 1425 N. Quincy Street for \$31 million. This is one of the largest parcels of land in north Arlington.

Working with County and Arlington Public Schools (APS) staff, the new citizen-lead Joint Facilities Advisory Committee (JFAC) has been studying potential uses of the property for potential County and APS uses ever since.

After many JFAC meetings, APS and the County seem to be zeroing in on a plan to reuse the existing buildings for a number of short- to medium-term uses:

The County proposes to use the first building closest to Quincy Street for fire logistics and reserve vehicle storage.

APS is proposing to use the second building for future classroom space.

The County is proposing to use the third building for police storage, and possibly reconfiguring it for an impound lot.

APS and the County are considering using the fourth building either for additional classroom space or for public safety communications and emergency management.

Some proposed uses would conflict with others, and the County and APS would still need to work that out.

APS also asked JFAC to study demolishing the existing buildings and parking adding three playing fields. It would be a squeeze, but it would work.



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The County is studying traffic implications of all proposals. And since this is happening at the same time as the new Ed Center addition to Washington-Liberty High School, the County will be studying the impact of both.

The next JFAC meeting is **April 24, 7:00pm**, in the Navy League Conference Room, 2300 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 200.

The Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, June 8, 8:00am to 1:00pm

Now is the time to list your home on the map for the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Yard Sale! This year's yard sale will be on **Saturday, June 8th from 8am to 1pm**. The **deadline** to be included on the map and in the sale is **Wednesday, June 4th**.

Here is how it works –

- Gather your “treasures,” collectibles, antiques, sporting goods, toys, books, furniture, clothes, or “whatever.”
- Call or email **Scott Springston or Kathy Holt** (703-528-1548, sdakss@aol.com) by June 4th and they will put you on the map for a mere \$5 donation—which (barely) covers the cost of the ads, flyers, maps, signs and arrows!
- The evening before or the morning of the sale, put the items out in front of your house and wait for the hordes of buyers to come pouring in—that's all there is to it!!
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New “Ed Center” High School Addition Plans are Almost Final

Arlington Public Schools (APS) is finalizing its plans for its \$37 million renovation the former Ed Center into a 600-seat high school addition to Washington-Liberty High School. The new space is set to open in fall 2021.

Arlington County’s Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) Ed Center subcommittee and APS’s Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) have held numerous meetings to coordinate with the community about the design of the building and surrounding area. Thank you to Cherrydalers **Cynthia Hilton** and **Mine Sasaguri** for representing Cherrydale at these meetings.



The APS School Board approved the plans in February, but APS has continued to propose last-minute changes. APS now wants to eliminate adding a basketball/volleyball court in the Ed Center parking lot. APS also now proposes to place drop-off and pick-up zones on the south side of 15th Street near Quincy Street and the north side of Washington Boulevard near Quincy Street instead of in front of the Ed Center on Quincy Street.

Meanwhile, the County will be conducting a comprehensive traffic study of Quincy Street this summer to address traffic impacts of the Ed Center addition and the County’s proposed uses of the Buck Property. APS is submitting its use permit application to the Planning Commission and County Board next.

Stayed tuned for additional opportunities for public comment.

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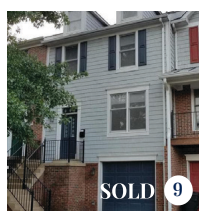
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Additional Changes Coming to Five Point Intersection

After many Cherrydalers attended many meetings with County and VDOT staff to express our concerns, we've all seen a few to the County's re-working of the Five Points intersection, and we're looking forward to promises of a few more.

You may have noticed that the County has added a few seconds to the left-turn signal on westbound Lee Highway during afternoon rush hour. Although it's not much, we've learned that making even this change required serious rebalancing of the traffic light pattern in the intersection.

We've also convinced the County to add a few more signs clarifying the new left-turn lane patterns for Quincy Street and Military Road. We've also convinced the County to reset the pedestrian walk signals so that pedestrians don't have to wait quite so long to cross Military Road, Old Lee Highway, and Quincy Street.

The County has promised a few additional changes:

- To study and readjust as needed the signal timing of Lee Highway and Old Dominion along with the rest of Lee Highway in an effort to improve the flow of traffic.
- To add dashed north-bound and south-bound bike lane markings between Quincy Street and Military Road. In addition to helping carve out a safer space for cyclists, we also hope that the markings will help guide north-bound and south-bound cars farther away from each other in the intersection, hopefully giving more space for cars turning left from Quincy or Military.
- To add "stop for pedestrian" signs in the slip lane leading from Military Road to Old Dominion Drive.
- To replace the "stop for pedestrians" crosswalk signs on Military Road at its intersection with Vacation Lane. It's a mystery to us why this one is taking so long.
- To work with VDOT to maybe increase parking along Lee Hwy near N. Oakland St.

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Edible Book Contest: Saturday, April 27, Noon to 1pm. All age groups. No registration required.

Daddies & Donuts: Saturday, June 8, Noon. Ages 0-5. Daddy-themed story time with donuts. No registration required.

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