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Plan Lee Highway Update

By Jim Todd

Arlington County has entered the design stage for Plan Lee Highway, the multi-year study to design a plan for the Lee Highway corridor and its surrounding neighborhoods. Cherrydale's 1994 Revitalization Plan guides the development of Lee Highway from Five Points to I-66, but Plan Lee Highway's transportation and land use and zoning policies will affect all of Cherrydale, including most of our residential areas.

County planners are currently in Phase 2 of their process. They are developing various potential land use scenarios along several different parts of Lee Highway with a focus on potential open spaces and transit access. The County will soon be presenting these ideas for community feedback and then moving to Phase 3: Drafting the Lee Highway Plan, some time in mid 2021. More information is available at <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/land-use/lee-highway/updates/>

DELINEATION OF NEIGHBORHOOD AREAS

The Planning Study Area is divided into five smaller geographies in order to explore the variations in urban character along the corridor and to better understand community priorities and preferences of specific neighborhoods. The delineation of these areas also allows for the recommendations of previously approved plans in Cherrydale and East Falls Church to be incorporated into the analysis.



AREA 1
Arlington—
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Yorktown
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Leeway Overlee

AREA 3
Waverly Hills
Donaldson Run
Old Dominion
GlebeWood
Waycroft Woodlawn

AREA 4
Cherrydale
Maywood

AREA 5
North Highlands
Lyon Village

CHERRYDALE'S DR. TERESA ROSS

Managing Family & Medicine during COVID-19

By Mary Byrne



If you've stepped aside on your neighborhood walk recently to make room for two redheads running full speed down the N. Stafford Street's hill, you've met 5-year old **Anna Ross** and her 3-year-old brother **Lochlin Ross**. Anna and Lochlin are the children of Cherrydale residents **John Ross** and his wife **Teresa Ross**, an emergency medicine specialist at Virginia Hospital Center. Dr. Ross talked with us recently about her work during the COVID-19 pandemic and her family's life in Cherrydale.

How did you and your husband meet?

Teresa: We met in elementary school in Baltimore when we were 8 years old.

Teresa remembers that John was the funny kid, and she was the shy girl. Shy or not, Teresa was the third grade ambassador and welcomed the new kid from DC when John's family moved to Baltimore. They've been connected ever since—through high school, college, and work. They began dating when Teresa entered medical school at the University of Maryland.

Why did you choose Cherrydale?

Teresa: After college, John lived in a group house on Quincy Street; he liked the neighborhood and its proximity to his job. When he proposed, he asked if we could stay in the area, and since I had been accepted for a residency at Georgetown, it was easy to agree.

After living for a while in Courthouse, the Rosses moved to Cherrydale in 2017. They love the neighborhood because "it's walkable to everywhere, including both of our jobs (John works for a non-profit law firm in Ballston), and it feels safe. It's a peaceful neighborhood with great schools, tons of parks and playgrounds, and it's accessible enough so that our kids can be independent as they grow up." The best perk of Cherrydale, says Teresa, "is that we have the best neighbors on the block."

What's it like as an ER doctor during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Teresa: Our hospital has not been overwhelmed, although our community did face many COVID outbreaks over the past year. We quickly developed a good safety plan and we have had enough personal protective equipment (PPE). VHC was very active with the vaccination roll-out and started vaccinating employees mid-December.



I'm grateful that our community generally has taken COVID seriously and people respect social distancing and mask wearing. We all still need to take precautions, but with the vaccine there is finally new light at the end of the tunnel for our eventual immunity as a community. The real challenge became managing the home experience—how to adjust schedules and shifts when so many of us have children at home without routine school or childcare.



The relief was so huge that colleagues asked for home made caps, too. Teresa says that Anna and Lochlin have become close during COVID-19 out of necessity—the siblings are each other's primary playmates. They have also become more mindful of their parents'

wellbeing—reminding their mother to take her water bottle as she leaves for work and letting her sleep on mornings when she has had a late-night shift. "We can't replace their teachers," says Teresa, "but we do have more time to teach them community values, big and small—to be citizens of the world as well as members of a family."

Teresa says that procedures at the hospital remain vastly changed. There is only one entrance to the hospital and temperature checks remain in place. Doctors no longer wear white coats because they're too cumbersome when layered with PPE. The new protocols are a strain in unexpected ways, like the prolonged wearing of elastic straps on masks causing headaches and sharp pains around the ears. Teresa's mother-in-law designed a special cap with buttons on the side to hold the straps of Dr. Ross' mask.

Teresa is also incredibly grateful to her son's preschool which opened with COVID precautions in place since September (Children's House Montessori School) and for the small nanny share that her daughter entered in order to make it through a year of virtual kindergarten at Key School.



Cherrydale Citizens Association votes on leadership slate for 2021

Cherrydalers attending the January CCA meeting approved a slightly new slate of officers.

The New Slate

Jim Todd
President

Gillian Burgess
Vice President

Dorothy Sauer
Treasurer

Mary Byrne
Secretary

Arlington's New Streetlight Policy: Back to Utility Polls

This past February, Arlington County updated its streetlight policy. A lot of the updates are long and technical, but some of the changes will have a significant impact in Cherrydale and our surrounding neighborhoods. The County is no longer going to install and maintain the "Carlyle" style streetlights on neighborhood streets, like it had done on Kenmore St., Stafford St., Utah St., 18th St., and 20th St. sidewalk projects. The County is instead going to have Dominion Power install and maintain overhead "Cobra" style streetlights on utility poles. The first street that will see this change is Monroe St. The County says that it will still install Carlyle style lights on thoroughfares like Lee Highway, but the County is also using Cobra lights in its intersection improvement project at Lee Highway and Glebe Road. We're not sure how consistently this policy is being applied. Additionally, the County says that the neighborhood LED street lights will gradually change from their current blue-white color to a warm-white color as they upgrade and maintain existing streetlights. We hope the County follows through on this commitment. More information is on our website, cherrydaleva.us.

Cherrydale Listserve Turns 20!

By Eric Dobson

Where were you on August 22, 2000, at 2:21 pm? That was when the first listserve email was sent across Cherrydale. From 12 messages per month to 200 messages each month, the listserve has become an important communication tool for our community. Today, it is almost 900 people strong, and over 33,000 messages have been sent.

In early 2000, CCA began talking about a private "email list." Former neighbor Bill Roman got us up and running. Our listserve has always been "just Cherrydale," and that's how we like it. You don't need everyone in 22207 knowing that you're looking for size 7

ice skates for your daughter. You

don't want everyone in North Arlington giving you advice on where to eat.

Cherrydale is pretty big, and most of what you really need you can find here—help, support, and neighbors who care. Our listserve serves us well, and Maywood, Donaldson Run, and Waverly Hills have all created listserves after seeing how ours worked.

The Cherrydale listserve is a virtual over-the-fence conversation: "Can I borrow this", "How do I fix that", "Will you watch my house for a few days"? Cherrydale is a place where neighbors help neighbors—sometimes people they don't even know.

Thanks go out to Katherine Christensen who helps to moderate the group, along with Conrad Rehill who assisted for many years.

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Coming this Spring Cherrydale Demonstration Garden

Thanks to the generosity of Cherrydalers, the Cherrydale

Garden Club has the funds needed to plant a pollinator garden on Quincy Street, offering an attractive entrance to the Custis Trail. The Cherrydale Garden Club was established

two years ago to bring together neighbors to share their knowledge and love of gardening with each other and our neighbors. Our garden is intended to beautify this space and inspire our neighbors to add native plants to their own yards to attract pollinators, support birds and other wildlife, and provide multi-season interest to their gardens. The garden will include Little Bluestem, a native ornamental grass, spring-blooming Columbine, the monarch host plant Butterfly Weed, spikey, purple Gayfeather, bee magnet Mountain Mint, and fall-blooming Goldenrod and Asters.

Cherrydale Garden Club members Mary Byrne, Joan McIntyre, Priscilla Hoffman-Stowe, Rebecca Simon, Ron Cherry, and Lolan O'Rourke, working with Tom Korn, the Park Steward for the Cherry Valley Nature Area, spent two weekends in the fall clearing invasives from around our space and placing cardboard and mulch to prepare for spring planting. Our plants are on order and we will be out again in early April planting our Garden. The Garden Club will water, weed, and maintain the garden as an appealing space for Cherrydale. Come out and watch our garden grow!

If you'd like to join the Cherrydale Garden Club, please contact **Joan McIntyre** at jfmcintyre57@gmail.com



Artwork by Jim Todd
Photographs by Glenn Mai



Cherrydalers found ways to help others during COVID; Cherrydale kids Polly (4), Ellen (10), and Jane (8) Shuckra helped their grandma make masks for hospital personnel. The mask making, organized by Seamstresses for Safety in Travers City MI, where Grandma lives, is a 5-step process. The girls' job was to complete the first step: cutting enough sheets for 150 masks.



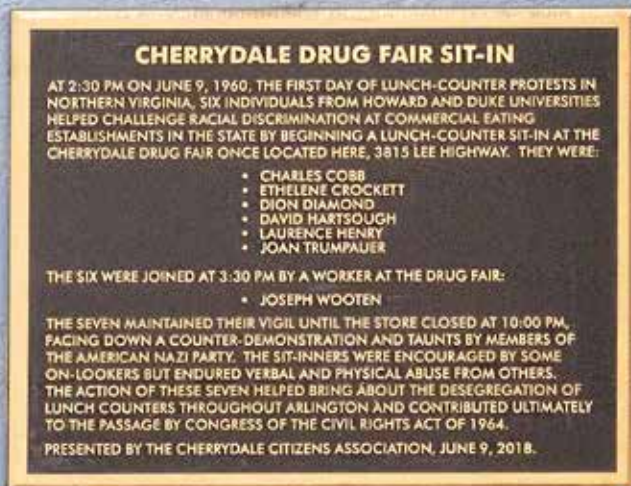
Children's House Montessori Cancels Second Campus at 3436 Lee Highway

Children's House Montessori School (CHMS), a private local Montessori toddler and preschool, has cancelled its plans to open a second campus for its Montessori toddler and preschool students at 3436 Lee Highway (on the corner of Lincoln Street). CHMS had obtained a use permit from the County and was getting ready to move ahead with construction when the Covid-19 pandemic brought everything to a halt. CHMS has since reevaluated its plans and decided not to move forward.

This would have been the second pre-school to open on the corner of Lee Highway and Lincoln Street. This past fall the County granted a use permit to VINCI Early Learning School, a private child care and education center, to open its third location at 3508 Lee Highway.

CHERRYDALE HISTORY

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Peter Taylor (83) ...Heart of Lincoln Street

By June Million

Our neighborhood's best old friend, Pete, passed away last Christmas Eve. Living on the short, dead-end part of Lincoln Street since 1965, Pete and his wife Judy, who died some years ago, bought their Sears house in 1965, raised two children, and absolutely adored Cherrydale. With the help of a great good friend, Bill Sickle, Pete stayed at home until his death.

Raised in Kansas, Pete's speech had the rhythm and expression of his Mid-western roots. He never lost his genuine, regional way of speaking. In Washington he became an accomplished lawyer in private practice and then at the U.S. Department of Interior's Office of the Solicitor General, where he encountered Indian Affairs and discovered a passion for Native Americans. He took that passion to the U.S. Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs where he served as the counsel for 16 years and was recognized as perhaps our nation's foremost expert on Native American legal issues.

In the neighborhood, Pete's driveway was famous for its fascinating parade of classic black Chevys, a tiny aqua MG, various sailboats, friends' abandoned cars, a collection almost as legendary as the eclectic array of characters who gathered at the Taylors'. He and Judy hosted front porch get-togethers, including the street's first Hitchcock film festival when VCR tapes were introduced.

Pete never missed a block party, always arriving with Scotch and cigarettes. That latter habit once had him ID'd as the "smoker" in a news feature on that topic. The TV news caught



him sitting at the bar of the Monocle Restaurant where he was a beloved regular among the Capitol Hill Crowd.

Pete and Judy loved theater. They and I subscribed to Arena Stage nearly as soon as it opened. He joined a widening group of neighborhood lady theater-goers until the virus shut us down last spring.

More recently, despite declining health, Pete started a Thursday-night party in his spacious backyard. It was a bring-your-own chair, drink, and current or past event to discuss. The give and take was much loved by all attendees, and certainly by Pete himself.

An important part of his legacy is his collection of delightful written memories of growing up in Kansas: teen trouble, married life, beginning his D.C. career, JFK's inauguration, Halloween (he always carved a pumpkin, even last October), moving to Cherrydale, block parties, friends and relatives, his dogs and cats...all clearly crafted prose reminiscent of E.B. White's essays. He also left a remarkable written record of Native American civil rights, law, and the tribes' efforts to obtain justice in

their often-fraught relationship with the Federal government.

Pete and his beautiful house were central to the character of our street. The old house might disappear, as have many in Cherrydale, but Pete will last forever in Lincoln Street's memory.

An excerpt from Pete's, May 2015 essay:

THE LINCOLN STREET BLOCK PARTY

"Over the years there has been turn-over in the Lincoln Street group. We have had many good people, and lost some good people. A thing that pleased me with this group was the plethora of little kids and the number of pregnant women. The Millions and I have raised our own children and watched additional generations of kids pass through. It's a neighborhood that is good for old retired grandparents, for school kids attending public schools and moving on with their respective lives, and for newly minted babes that are going to grace our street. I feel like a very lucky man to have lived here these many years and gotten to know the people that I have met and lived beside. It's a very unusual community."

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