

## MINUTES OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

1) the Citizens Association requests planting at the requested site(s);  
2) there is insufficient public area along the street nearby to plant a tree;  
3) there is insufficient or no tree canopy along the street in said area;  
4) the property owners give written permission to the Office of the County Arborist to plant the tree(s) in the first 8 feet of their land that abuts public right of way and they further promise to preserve, nurture and care for the tree(s), and will not cut it (them) down without approval by the County Arborist. (Reasons to request removal of tree are safety-based and include but are not limited to disease and/or irreparable damage by storm or wind.)

Brian asked how the process of identifying a location and planting a county tree would work. Maureen explained that the landowner would request the tree, CCA would officially choose the site, and the CCA would submit the location to the County. At that point, the County might send an arborist to assess the location and if it were approved, would plant the tree.

**Kate Trygstad** moved to adopt the proposal. Evan Lacopo seconded the proposal. Proposal approved.

### Missing Links

Maureen made a plea for citizens to identify areas of missing links in the sidewalks. Brian reminded everyone our missing links submission needs to be in by June 14th. Maureen would also like people to report loose wires or cables/chains that hold wires up, and pointed out that the County does not know that this is happening.

### Upcoming Community Activities

Evan noted that the home tour is on Saturday, June 2nd. There will be more details on the website. Tickets go on sale at St. Agnes, Randolph South side entrance to the church. The tour goes from 11-3, tickets on sale at 9:30. Kids are allowed to come.

June 9th is the yard sale. Contact Scott Springston for information.

July 4th is the Independence Day party. Contact Evan or Layla Hogan for more info.

September 22nd is the Cherrydale Parade. **Scott Springston** is trying to get the band from W&L High School.

**Carol Parker** noted that bike to work day is Friday (May 18th).

### Public Safety

Ann Marie Lipold asked about the community response to recent local crime – specifically the attempted child abduction, the mentally ill man watching children in the park, and the assaults on women walking home. Maureen responded that she invited the police Captain to come to the meeting tonight, but it was not confirmed. Maureen did get additional information on the incidents above (all of which occurred outside of Cherrydale): Arlington County PD are not sure that the people talking to the child was actually an abduction attempt and the mentally ill man is in jail. Brian noted that there is a link on the Arlington County website for crime reports. He encouraged citizens to be vigilant and check that link. Evan pointed out that he could put that link on the Cherrydale website.

### Community Development

Brian gave an update on the Bromptons. Virginia power is supposed to be cutting power to the site. The County has rejected their demolition plan. There is not much more the Community can do to move this along.

Maureen asked that the next CCA meeting have people who can speak to us about the county rezoning in Clarendon. Maureen e-mailed Susan Belle about how the County Rezoning might affect Cherrydale. **Answer:** it really only could affect Clarendon and Virginia Square.

Carol Parker attended the I-66 vote, and

noted that they set aside money to do an environmental impact study (EIS). Brian pointed out that an EIS is quite often a pro forma function in a major development. The County is going ahead with the design at the same time they are doing the EIS. George Clog mentioned that what he understands from the agenda of the meeting is that because the County is calling the project spot improvements and not widening, it is not considered a major project and doesn't necessarily need an EIS, which is why they can go ahead with the design before the EIS is completed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
*Cindy Scardella*  
Cindy Scardella, Secretary

### Status and Future of the Yellow Bungalow by Oak Grove Park, from page 11

The use permit process is entirely separate from the issue of the Fraber House being offered for sale. However, Ms. Vichnevsky has asked to make a presentation to us at the next meeting of the Citizen's Association so that she may gauge interest (or not) in the neighborhood.

Regardless of our reaction to Ms. Vichnevsky's proposal, the Citizen's Association is pleased that the County is taking steps to preserve this house and return it again to use. It's a great contributing structure in our National Register Historic District (so whoever purchases it and fixes it up can get some state tax credits!) and a great "entrance" to Cherrydale.

Let's keep our eye on this one. ☺

## Cherrydale Citizens Association 2007 Membership Form

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\_\_\_ I've added \$10, please deliver a hat! Please add me to the list serve (this will remain private)

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## Cherrydale's 2007 4th of July Party



**Cherrydalers one-and-all!** Put on your patriotic red, white, and blue party outfits, cook up your favorite family side dishes, and head on up the hill to 21st St. at N. Stafford St. for *Cherrydale's 2007 4th of July and National Fireworks Party!* Cherrydale's old-fashioned neighborhood block party is a "pot-luck" supper and is the place to be on July 4th. Several BBQ grills will be fired up cooking an assortment of delicious meats, a professional DJ will be serving up tunes for dancing in the streets, and there will be endless entertainment for the kids including a Rocket Blaster moon bounce, an old-fashioned tree swing, and a Cherrydale fire truck, along with flavored snow cones, and lots of party favors and patriotic trinkets. The party begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends in a spirited high note with a fantastic view of the National Fireworks over the Washington Monument and DC skyline to the inspiring sounds of patriotic music. This party is open to all Cherrydale residents and invited guests and is absolutely free! Please contribute to this wonderful family event by bringing a family favorite side-dish to share with others. We hope to see everyone on the 4th of July to celebrate our National Independence Day with the community, neighbors, and friends. For more information about volunteering your services or goods (i.e. coolers, grills, etc) or sponsoring the event, please contact **Layla Hogan, party organizer, at 703-307-8340 ☺**

## Cherrydale Firestation-Bromptons: The Next Chapter

by **Brian Bonnet**

A meeting of Cherrydale citizens, County Board Chair Paul Ferguson and County staff was held on Wednesday, June 20th at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department building. The meeting was called to discuss the prospect of locating the new Cherrydale fire station on the lot which now houses the partially completed Bromptons condo building.

After more than a decade of missed opportunities and often contentious debate, the County in 2003 chose to locate the new fire station on what has become known as the "Koons" site. The site selection decision by the County also followed efforts of a task force constituted by the County to identify and recommend potential locations for a new station. The Koons location chosen by the County was not one of the sites recommended by the task force. The chosen site is actually a combination of vacant land, a single family residence and a surfaced parking lot owned and used by Koons Toyota. Since the selection, the County has move forward with site development plans and with the acquisition of the land.

In the interim, a couple of things have occurred. The County has had difficulty acquiring the necessary land from Koons. According to County staff, Koons has been cooperative, however, in order for Koons to provide the required land, the company must come up with new parking options. The County has proposed that Koons build a parking garage, but the cost of construction to Koons exceeds the value of the land Koons would in turn provide to the County. According to County staff, the County may not pay more for the land than the market value and may not use public funds to assist a private enterprise such as helping to fund the cost of a parking garage.

The second thing to have happened is that the developer is interested in selling the partially developed site of the Bromptons condo building. This was the site recommended by the task force for the location of the fire station. At the time it was not available. Now it may be. County staff informed the meeting attendees that they have been in discussion with Ed Peete since March to de-

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**Cherrydale Fire Station Recap**  
by **Dakota, Kathy and Scott Springston**

**I**N 1979 THERE WAS A PROPOSAL made for a new County owned fire station to be built in Cherrydale. the Cherrydale station house (built in 1919) was deemed too small for modern firefighting equipment. The

Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department, which built and owns the station, was spending money out-of-pocket to renovate the building to accommodate the County-owned equipment. By the mid 1980s, a new fire station was promised to Cherrydale by the Arlington County Board. In 1990, (\$2.5 million) and again in 1994, (\$2.76 million) bonds were approved by the citizens of Arlington County to acquire property adjacent to the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Hall, the current location of the Bromptons, then called the Nichols' site. Plans were actually drawn up for the construction of a new county-owned fire station. After years of waiting for the promised new station, and upon questioning as to what was taking so

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and Buy Cherrydale!  
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May 16, 2007

Presided by Brian Bonnet, President  
Minutes taken by Cindy Scarcella

The meeting called to order at 7:35 by Brian Bonnet. A quorum was present.

Maureen Ross noted that attendance was poor and hypothesized that the absence of the newsletter this month might have contributed to the issue. Brian felt that the poor attendance could be attributed to a lack of current controversy that motivates people to give up their free time for a community meeting. This led to a larger discussion about why people attend meetings and what the Association could do to generate interest and encourage attendance for the bi-monthly meeting. The Officers have discussed lining up authorities on particular topics (e.g., gardening, home improvement, home safety, or even non-home related topics) to speak at each meeting. Each meeting's speaker would be publicized in the newsletter and on the new website. Brian commented that if there are people of expertise that would like to speak at the community meeting to please contact him, although we are a neighborhood organization and tend to focus on household related issues, it can be any topic of interest to the community. Maureen noted that the energy people would probably be more than happy to come and speak about conservation. Kevin O'Brien suggested asking Kathryn Holt Springston to speak about the history of Cherrydale.

### Cherrydale Website

Cherrydale has an updated website. Several meeting attendees have visited the site and noted how great it looks. Evan Lacopo noted that the website is still being updated and if there is information missing that you would like to see, please send him an e-mail. The purpose of the new website is to be a great source of information for Cherrydale. Brian Bonnet is sponsoring the cost of the website this year, in the future we will look to local businesses or the treasury to pay for it.

Also included in the new website is a

blog area where community residents can have discussions about community issues, such as the recent e-mail trails regarding solicitors, the widening of I-66, and Arlington re-zoning issues. Evan pointed out that the hope is, over time, more of the banter about opinions will take place in the blog forum and the e-mail list serve can be used for notification purposes. Maureen noted that we shouldn't discourage people from using the list serve. Brian remarked that there would obviously be a long transition period before use of the blog would really pick up and the website administrators will need to remind people that certain conversations would be good for the blog forum, but ultimately the citizens will be deciding what they discuss on the blog and what they post on the list serve and that line will be blurred occasionally. Maureen also noted that nobody really uses the website and expressed concern that citizens will not check the blog forum daily.

Kevin Hunter suggested that the blog administrators could send out a daily digest of topics being discussed on the blog via the list serve. Ann Maria Lipold noted that she has concerns about how well the blog forum is going to work out, while she doesn't mind sorting through the numerous e-mails to read the topics she is interested in, she feels that she will be too busy to check the blog forum and participate. Brian noted that it is not supposed to be a competition between the blog and the list serve. The Association is just trying to provide another useful forum for information dissemination within the community. Over time the community will become used to it as a tool and information source. Kevin Hunter suggested that there be an easy way for people to note on the list serve "I am going to continue the conversation here..." like a URL address.

Ann Marie Lipold voiced her concern that information posted on the blog would be subject to web browsers, as opposed to the relative privacy provided by the list serve. It is important that the community understand that participation in the blog would make their comments part of a public forum for the whole world. She noted that the ramifications of having a blog for the

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## Vacation Security Guidelines

**Put your mail on hold.** This is mostly for on the street mail boxes or apartment boxes.

**Put your newspaper on hold.** Newspapers collecting on your driveway indicate your absence.

**Put your lights on a timer.** Timers come in a wide variety from a programmable to computerized home versions

**Leave on a stereo or programmable TV.** A deserted house "feels" empty. People make noise, noise means vibrations.

**Answering machine "we can't get to the phone right now".** Even when you in town, your phone message should never say that you are not home.

**Drapes.** We recommend leaving some open (that look into rooms where there is little of value) while closing others those that look into what should be occupied rooms.

### DNA Lifeprint Child Safety Program Saturday, August 4th 10:00 -3:00pm at Koons Toyota

This program promotes child safety awareness and provides important tools to families to help protect their children against violence.

This event will provide free:

- A child safety journal which will provide law enforcement officials with all the necessary vital information about you child and other important facts they will need if a child is reported missing.
- Digital Photograph
- Video-CD of your child
- Home DNA Identification Kit.

There is no data basing from this event, and you take all records home with you.

When my son was 4 years old I went to one of these events at a Safeway. I kept everything on file and as it turned out, I did have to use the information with his fingerprints almost 12 years later.

For us everything turned out okay, and I was so grateful to have had that information on file. It is too awful to think about a missing child, but if it happens having organized information at hand saves valuable time.

-Mirza Thomas, General Manager  
Koons Arlington Toyota

**Park your car in the drive way.** We recommend offering your neighbor a place to park.

**Padlock all gates.** Make your backyard inaccessible. Padlocking your gates when you are at home can be inconvenient, but the advantages of doing it while you are on vacation are great.

**Hire a reliable teenager to be a caretaker.** Find a young, reliable neighborhood teenager and pay him or her to get your lawn mowed and your trash taken out.

**Let a neighbor know where you are going and leave a contact number where you can be reached.**

**Make sure all doors and windows are locked before you leave.**

**Make sure the alarm system is armed** This is another one of those it should be so obvious, and yet people forget it all the time.

**Notify the police if you are going to be gone longer than a week.** They will often schedule extra drive bys to make sure your home is safe.

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community should be thought out before its use is promoted. Kevin Hunter reminded the meeting participants that all electronic information could be made public – including private e-mails.

### Tree Stewards Proposal

Maureen Ross discussed the Cherrydale Tree Stewards Program. The program is the result of a great presentation by the Arlington County Tree Stewards that identified trees planted along Lee Highway that seemed to be really stressed. The Tree Stewards Program volunteers stepped in and worked to maintain those trees, get trees for the firehouse, and improve Cherrydale's street canopy. The program volunteers have divided Cherrydale and are speaking with local businesses within their areas about stressed county trees in their vicinity. The volunteers are asking the business to either take responsibility for the care of those trees (adopt them) or at least let the tree stewards use their spickets to water those trees. The program has also organized a Mulch Day for Cherrydale on Saturday June 16th. Safeway has agreed to let the tree stewards

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she relates the events of this period, beginning with the death of her favorite cousin, Randall, with whom she shared Easter Sundays, childhood secrets, and, perhaps, the first taste of love. . . . [S]he turns to the legacy he left her: his diary and a book called *The Gardens of Kyoto*. Each one subtly influences her perception of her place in the world, the nature of her memories. Moving back and forth through time and place, Kate Walbert recreates a world touched by the shadows of war and a society in which women fit their desires into prescribed roles. Unfolding in lyrical, seductive prose, *The Gardens of Kyoto* becomes a mesmerizing exploration of the interplay of love and loss."—Book Description, Amazon.com. . . . "It is no wonder that Walbert is the recipient of the Pushcart and O'Henry prizes. She is a powerful storyteller who delivers the unexpected with great gentleness. Highly recommended."—*Library Journal*

use their parking lot for the mulch and the County will provide the mulch for free. Carol Parker also pointed out that Safeway has agreed to take care of their trees and offered to hire a landscaper to replace some of the trees that have died. Kevin Hunter noted that, alternatively, the nursing home last year would not let the tree stewards use their hose to water the trees.

Lisa Million noted that there is a dead cherry tree on the NW corner of Quincy and 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Maureen responded that the tree stewards are compiling reports of dead and ailing trees to submit to the County.

The Tree Stewards have also created a proposal regarding surplus county trees. Arlington County gets trees from developers when they remove trees for development. Currently the County has more trees than they have public land to plant it on. The County does not have a mechanism to plant those trees on private land, even at the request of the landowner. The Tree Stewards propose the following:

The Cherrydale Citizens Association requests the County support and encourage planting of public trees on private property in order to promote street tree canopy when the following conditions are in place:

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## Dunkin' Donuts – Baskin Robbins Opens June 7th



Cherrydale welcomes the new Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins store at 3520 Lee Highway which will offer customers hot and iced coffee, espresso drinks, break-



fast sandwiches, baked goods and a large variety of frozen treats to keep Cherrydale's hunder pangs at bay.

This restaurant features wireless internet access, Bose sound systems and, pending approval of Arlington County – outside seating!

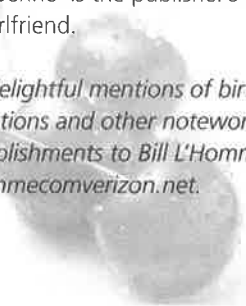
"We are very excited about becoming Cherrydale's neighborhood coffee and ice cream shop," said Chris Mellgren, partner, Central Baking Company. "Our general manager Tina, and her dedicated staff look forward to providing delicious and high-quality coffee, baked goods and ice cream treats to the community." ☺

## Something in the Water?

Parents Jen and George Thompson and brother Will, of 1902 North Quincy, welcomed to their family, George MacLean Thompson born May 15. All except Mom are Red Sox fans as she continues to root for the Pirates.

Next door at 1824, Nancy Najarian, Mike Stimson and brother George welcomed sister Serine' Stimson, adopted in Armenia, to their family early in June. Born in October of 2006. Serine' is the publisher's new-best-girlfriend.

*Send delightful mentions of births, graduations and other noteworthy accomplishments to Bill L'Hommedieu at [lhomme@comverizon.net](mailto:lhomme@comverizon.net).*



## Celebrate Cherrydale Arts a Success!

by Maureen Ross



THE 3RD ANNUAL Celebrate Cherrydale Arts show held March 24th was a wonderful event. Our local musicians helped put it over the top. Thank you! Community members met fellow artists, potential art students met potential teachers, and attendees started wondering if maybe they too might have as yet unexplored creativity deep within. The event served its' purpose - to energize and enhance our community, to make new friends, to wonder about possibilities and potential for art right here within us.

Of course it was an extraordinary amount for work for a small group of volunteers. Just as a heads up to those who enjoyed the show, from artists to audience, we'll need more help if I or anyone else is to do it a 4th time. There were many good "to do's" I couldn't do because of lack of time. But still the art show was wonderful.

My deepest gratitude goes to **Tom Korns** and **Bill Harkins** who for the 3rd year in a row set up and took down the heavy 8x4 plywood art walls. Also for the 3rd year in a row, **Scott Springston** helped Bill bring the walls from his storage shed to the fire station, a backbreaking amount of work. Bill by the way, was also the GO-TO guy for hanging artwork. **Steve Coniglio** sent 2 of his men from KB HOMES (and he donated the wood 3 years ago). **Steve Walsh** helped me and Coniglio's crew carry the plywood from outside the fire station up to the 2nd floor reception hall and then screw the walls together and set up the banquet tables.

**Mark**, a volunteer from the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept also helped and I even grabbed some unfortunate guys hanging out at the car shop behind us to carry the plywood. **Lynn Strobel** helped me staple the white paper over the scarred art walls and tables. **Tom Korns** donated the paper and insisted we cover the tables too, which was a good idea.

Another stalwart in the volunteer department was as always, **Katherine Christensen**, who ordered the new words and dates for our Cherrydale banner, organized the KIDS ART wall, made wonderful little Cherrydale IDs for their art, and terrific labels for various parts of the show. **Chief Scott Pardi** erected the banner over the fire station and that's a lot of high altitude work. **Scott Springston** did the signs on our Cherrydale Neighborhood posts. **Eric Dobson** helped take down the walls and tables and served as roving photographer as well as contributing artist. **Jackie Afram**, also one of our artists as well as regular parks clean-up volunteer not only brought wonderful food but also set up the food section and cleaned up too, all while manning her art booth and painting a flower as part of the exhibit.

**Sala Siam** (the former Supee's) and **Pasha Café** donated wonderful food. Please make sure to thank them when you frequent their restaurants. **Nancy Hunt** distributed flyers to our Cherrydale businesses and brought food. **Anne Alden** donated 100 dollars, as did **Jackie**. **Sterling Picture**

**Frames** naturally sent a lot of artists from among their staff and customers once again.

There was no charge for artists to enter their work, nor a surcharge if they sold anything. Entry was free for everyone. The total cost of the event was \$130 for the flyers (which **Susan Retz**, and her captains **Lorie Cleek** and **Lucia Cluster** sent out with their distributors) and approximately 90\$ for additional (and reusable) letters for our Cherrydale Event Banner. The **Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept** lent use of the hall without charge.

I want to thank neighbors who "turned in" secret artists we didn't know about! That's how I found **Mrs. Alice Ashin** and **Robert Cwiok** and others. So keep that flow of information pouring in! We can tally a list for potential exhibits next year.

The genesis of the "Celebrate Cherrydale Art" show was 3 years ago. I had been a CCA officer 3 years and president for 1 year and I figured we were all tired of the endless meetings and controversy over big developments. Remember AHC, the Bromptons and then the condo site plan at Lee and N Monroe? So I thought we should have some community FUN, something that would bring people together on a different level. At the time there was no interest in hosting a dance (no volunteers) so I said, "Heck I keep meeting neighbors who turn out to be artists, I bet there are more out there than we ever imagined. What a great way to get to know

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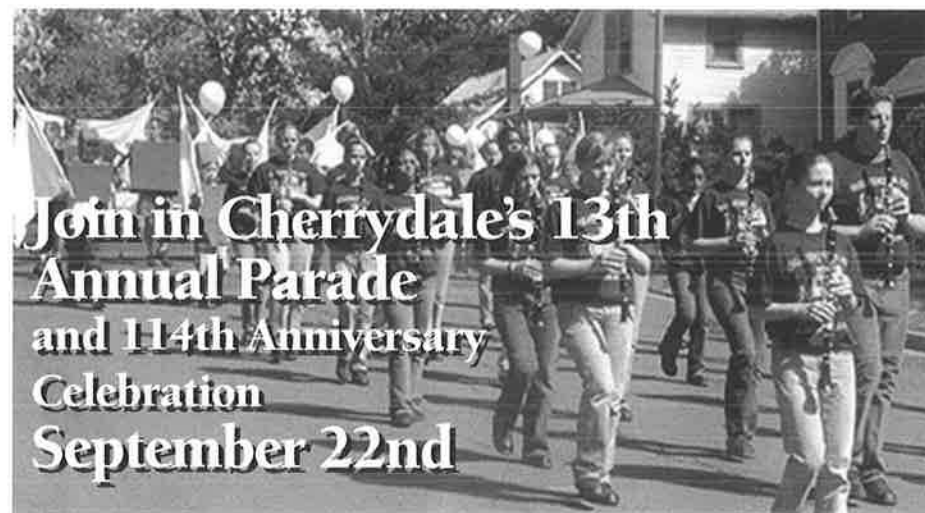
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**Jump In! Be Creative!** Participate in the Cherrydale Annual Parade. Decorated cars or trucks, antique vehicles, floats, bikers, rollerbladers, walkers, bands, people in costume, Scout troops, strollers, dog walkers, groups or individuals, businesses and residents are all welcome!

**Formation begins** at 10:00 a.m., in the

1900 block of Randolph Street and we step out precisely at 11:00 a.m. The route is from Randolph Street to a right on 17th, another right on Stafford, a right on 21st, a right on Randolph a left on 20th and then a right onto Quebec st and continues to 1713 N Quebec st. **BE THERE NO LATER THAN 10:30!**

**Awards for** • Best Decorated Entry • Best

Group • Best Pet • Wackiest Individual • Best Business • Best decorated Baby stroller • Best Antique or cool vehicle

**The parade ends** at the Springstons, 1713 N. Quebec and we'll give ourselves a 114th Anniversary Party. with events for all ages, including: • Ice Cream Eating and Twinkie Eating contests. • A Cherry pie baking contest – bring the old family recipe, and enter it and win a prize! • See video histories of Cherrydale, old photos • Copies of the Cherrydale Neighborhood Conservation Plan and the Lee Highway Revitalization Plan will be available to view. • Stock up on Cherrydale gear, CCA T-shirts, hats and glasses will be available for sale.

**Admission is free** to those who live or work Cherrydale, nearby residents, businesses and their guests. Please, no alcohol.

**COME GREET YOUR NEIGHBORS! HELP US CELEBRATE OUR GREAT COMMUNITY OF CHERRYDALE!**

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termine whether the County might be able to obtain the site. Coincident with this negotiation, the County has been exploring the feasibility of locating a new station on the condo site. A number of meeting attendees reminded the County that the Bromptons site is not what it was in 2003 when the site was recommended by the task force. Town homes have since been built. Bromptons town home owners in attendance were overwhelming opposed to any plans to locate a new station on the condo location.

The County staff indicated that they understand that differing views on the fire station location exist and they desire input from the overall Cherrydale community as to what the community would like to see should a decision to locate the fire station on the Bromptons location be made. Several meeting attendees expressed concern about the loss of retail opportunity should the station be moved to the Bromptons. Others pointed out that there is existing vacant retail space along Lee Highway and that there is no guarantee that additional under parked retail space would be successful.

Additional comments offered by attendees included a desire to consider other locations for the fire station. The County staff and former task force members indicated why certain sites are not acceptable for location of the station. One site to be mentioned is the existing Cherrydale Library site. It was suggested that a new library could be located at the Bromptons location while a station could be built at the existing library location. Others suggested that the Bromptons location is ideal as it allows for a continuity of flow between our historic volunteer station and a new well designed and appointed station.

In the end, the County staff thanked the meeting attendees for their comments and pledged to take them into consideration as it formulates a recommendation for the County Board. Chairman Ferguson reminded the attendees that the full Board will have to consider the issue and any decision to locate the fire station on the Bromptons site will have to go through the full site plan process.

The meeting did not provide a resolution to the matter. It did however, provide all of those in attendance the opportunity to better understand the various issues and concerns of Cherrydale residents and of our County government as the struggle to get a new fire station built continues. ☺

**Firestation Recap, from page 15**

Many think, after due process, the Arlington County Board failed to honor previous promises, by not listening to its citizens, or its own Task Force. The Board decided to put the new station on the rear of the Toyota site. Plans were drawn up for building the new station on the rear of the Toyota lot which would include building a large parking garage for Toyota to compensate them for lost parking.

In May 2007, County Board Chairman Paul Ferguson came forward with a new proposal to reconsider the Bromptons site for the new firestation (See lead story.). The Bromptons site may once again may be up for sale. After partial construction, it was discovered that the front buildings (which would have held retail and residential properties) were not conforming to construction codes and might have to be torn down (or expensively rebuilt/ fixed) in order to comply. Some believe, the developer would not rebuild the Bromptons but sell it to someone else.

Prices for construction of the proposed parking garage (paid for by the County) at the Toyota car dealership (as part of the Fire House 21st Street location deal) have gone up considerably and other issues regarding this site also arose.

Locating the firehouse now on the Bromptons site would save the county millions of dollars. The new fire chief says the station will fit the Bromptons site.

The Bromptons townhouse owners, now hearing that a fire station might go next to their townhouses instead of the Bromptons building, as promised, are concerned.

Cherrydale supported the county's decision to build the then proposed fire station on the Nichols site in 1994 with the possibility of building homes behind the fire station. Bromptons residents want the building that was planned by Ed Peete. There are many in Cherrydale who also want the retail and urban community that would come with the Bromptons building. The near neighbors of the rear-Toyota dealer site were not happy with the idea of a firestation being so close to them.

Many in Cherrydale feel that continuity and tradition must be considered in the choice of fire station sites. Building the new station next to the historic Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department, the County's first organized fire fighting group, would address that desire and all the logistical reasons that determine a fire station's location. ☺



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**Telecommuting**, continued from page 6

days/week. Twelve have another business location but 16 work exclusively from home.

**WHERE ARE THEY WORKING?** Most have a home office, but 5 work in the dining room or kitchen, 4 have an area in a bedroom, 1 works in a living room or family room, 1 in a den, and 1 has a basement computer. **Bill L'Hommedieu** of 18th Rd. suggests it is important to separate work space from the rest of your home, have all the hardware, equipment, and supplies to limit nuisance errands. **Annamarie Lipold** of Oakland St. advises to do everything possible to keep business separate from your home, to avoid having the children or pets being heard in the background.

**BEST ASPECTS OF WORKING FROM HOME:** Sixteen people cited the commute, fifteen, being able to multitask with chores, children, deliveries, repairs, twelve cited flexibility, ten found fewer interruptions, meetings, and chatter; five cited time and money savings on clothes and hygiene/grooming, four enjoyed sun, flowers, trees, garden, two saved money, and two found relief from stress

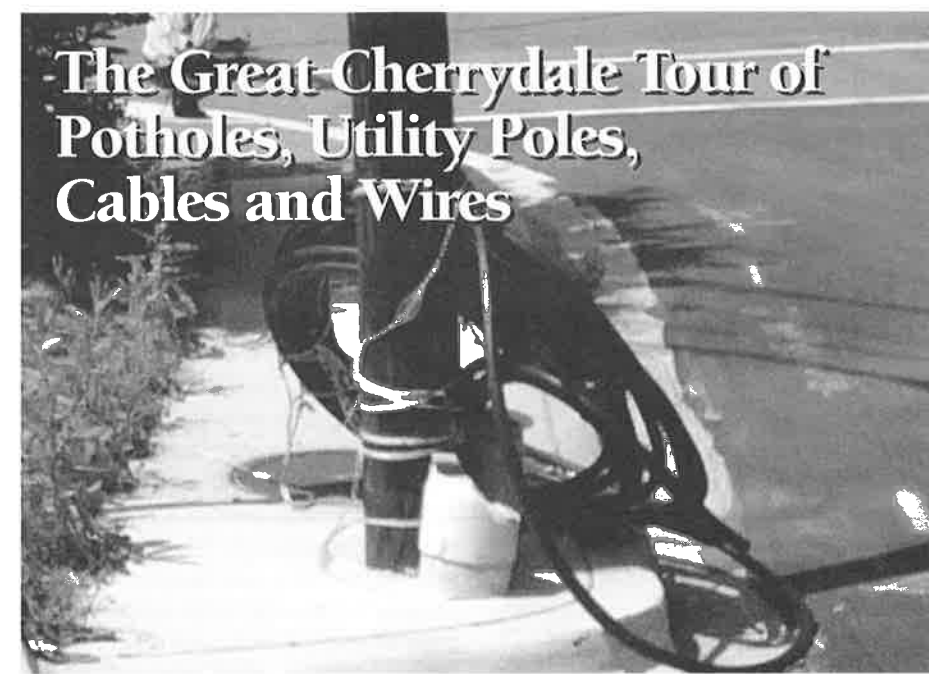
and their sanity. **Mikel Koon** from Nelson St. loves working from home; she is more productive than when she worked at an office. She says "as long as I find weekly networking or interaction, I get what I need." She formerly had a 40 minute to 1 hour commute, and has put that time saving into her children and business – her house is no neater just because she is home. **Noreen Kopenhaver** of 17th St, however, has made a business of cleaning up. She is into *feng shui*, the ancient Chinese art of placement, where clutter is a big no-no. Noreen is using eBay to clear her house of unwanted but perfectly usable stuff, a win-win situation.

It isn't all problem free, however.

**DIFFICULT ASPECTS OF WORKING FROM HOME:** Ten people cited isolation or loneliness, and two noted the lack of networking or staff interaction. Eleven noted distractions, including children, and as an example, one said a quick trip to the kitchen for a drink of water turned into a meal. One neighbor said, "People have often said to me that they would have a hard time staying on task at home with so many distractions.

I always tell them that starvation is a big motivator." **Kate Trygstad** of Stafford St. advises "Build a strong support network. In my field I also have the opportunity to take part in seminars and in activities for my professional association." **Bill L'Hommedieu** suggests asking yourself if you miss the community of an office. Working at home is not for everyone, even if the profession allows it. Space and IT factors are a problem for 6 people – systems access, office telephone number forwarding, space for meetings, paper clips, cleaning the office. Budget for software upgrade, says **Robert Cary Molls** of Stafford St. – we can tell he does because of the great graphics support he gives CCA. Four noted long hours, working day and night – and there are no snow days off!

**SERVICES THE HOMEWORKERS WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD ARE:** messenger service, closer post office, closer Fedex-Kinkos, backup internet when Comcast goes down, FIOS (4), accounting services (cannot yet afford,) coffee shop in Cherrydale (2), and networking events. – maybe at a new coffee shop? ☘



ON JUNE 7TH, County Chair Paul Ferguson sent a team of staff to inspect Cherrydale's problem sidewalks. Also on the tour were representatives from Dominion Power, Comcast and Verizon. The tour was the result of a midnight fall into a sidewalk pothole occasioned upon by our own **Maureen Ross**. She was so tired of our few sidewalks growing narrower and more hazardous that she launched a campaign for change. According to Maureen "It has become common practice for utility companies to attach their new cables to the pedestrian side of phone poles thus shortening our al-

ready few and narrow sidewalks."

"We were already deeply wounded when the NC Program halted funding just as it was our turn for 3 more pedestrian projects which we had *earned* via hundreds of hours of labor performing our NC Survey and writing an updated NC Plan. Now to add insult to injury, our few sidewalks are blocked by these new cables."

In addition, huge bundles of cable wires are routinely left hanging down on the ground next to the phone poles, often actually blocking the sidewalk completely, or sometimes just hanging at neck level. But

we cannot always blame the utility companies. You will see that on Lee Hwy, by Kenmore St. next to the Texaco station a lamppost was placed almost in the middle of the new sidewalk, leaving only 2 feet of pathway. On Kenmore Street itself, just a few feet south of Lee Hwy, are 2 sections of useless sidewalk, one blocked by about 100 pounds of thick cable and the other section is actually a hole, now filled with weeds growing 3 feet tall. In the center of that hole is more than 100 pounds of cable. These are dangerous situations that neighbors have suffered for over 2 years.

Neighbors reported 2 fire hydrants out of commission for months. Since the tour, one has been fixed and the other will probably have been repaired by the time you read this (if not let us know). There are several potholes also in need of repair, and sections of uneven sidewalk.

As a result of the tour, **Abe Abizedeh** reports "The County has now adopted a policy requiring right-of-way permit applicant to show a road profile indicating that the new riser and cable will be installed on the sides of the pole where it would not narrow the sidewalk." This is an important new policy. But it seems County "gave up" on fixing the mistakes already made (of so many new cables blocking sidewalks). The developers are partly responsible, but so are the utilities for finishing the work. We think it would be unfair for new homeowners to pay for the developer's mistake. There should



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## The Cherrydale Home Tour Triumphs

The 2007 Cherrydale Home Tour proved to be another smashing success. This was the second year for the tour and we had a great mix of new and old homes in Cherrydale. Pictured are 4 of the 9 homes, all of which exuded "Cherrydale Charm". Look for the other 5 throughout this issue. Most of the homes were located on the West side of the neighborhood, but even those on the far East and North outskirts of Cherrydale still had good traffic.

The overall sentiment of the day was that all the tour participants loved seeing what people had done with their homes and also felt this was a nice way to help bring the neighbors together and into each others homes.

I would like to give a special thank you to the host's and hostess's who were gracious in opening their homes to our neighbors. Another thank you to our supporters, the **Cherrydale Civic Association**, **Company Flowers & Gifts Too**, **St. Agnes** and **Long & Foster Realtors**. A final thank you to **Cindy Scarcella**, **Cary Molls** and **Brian Bonnet** for volunteering their time in making the event a great success.

-Evan Lacopo



Clockwise from the top left: Christensen, Hogan, McGonigle-Searcy, Saranac.

## Telecommuting and Working from Home in Cherrydale

by Katherine Christensen



in technical and creative activity ([www.arlingtonvirginiausa.com/docs/creativeclass](http://www.arlingtonvirginiausa.com/docs/creativeclass)) Nearly 7 percent of the federal workforce are telecommuters. I surveyed our listserve about working from home in Cherrydale, and heard from 28 people. Fourteen work for self or family company, two for small business, seven corporate, three government, five not for profit.

**WHAT THEY DO:** tutor, yoga teacher, educational policy consultant, tax and management services, parent support for families with children with high functioning autism, technology and management consultant, technology research and analysis, facilitator and organizational development consultant, eBay seller, jewelry sales, IT (5), writer/editors/reporter (4), real estate development, international orphanage building, developing gourmet retail grocer, foundation grants consulting, marketing & PR(4), graphic design and publishing (2), scientific research,.

**HOW OFTEN DO THEY WORK AT HOME?** Four, less than \_ day/week, six, 1 day, six, 2-3 days, eight, 4-5 days, three, 6-7

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## Spontaneous Celebrations!

FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION, the Declaration of Independence was read to the public in various American cities. Whenever they heard it, citizens erupted in cheers and celebrations.

☛ In 1777, Philadelphians remembered the 4th of July. Bells were rung, guns fired, candles lighted, and firecrackers set off. However, while the War of Independence dragged on, July 4 celebrations were modest at best.

☛ When the war ended in 1783, July 4 became a holiday in some places. In Boston, it replaced the date of the Boston Massacre, March 5, as the major patriotic holiday. Speeches, military events, parades, and fireworks marked the day.

☛ In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a federal holiday.



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## Fire Station Recap, from page 1

long, the Arlington County Fire Department and County Board decided that this site was not a good location for the new station. Many reasons were given for the change of their decision by the Board and Fire Department. Foremost of these reasons was then fire chief Plaughter's assertion that response time from that site to certain areas was not good. When he was asked to share the data backing up this assertion, he acknowledged he had not done the necessary tests to back up his statement. Another of the reasons the County Board gave for abandoning the Nichols' site was that the site was badly contaminated with toxic waste. This statement turned out to be inaccurate.

The CCA proved that most of the other reasons for not putting the fire station on the Bromptons (the Nichols site) were also baseless. Near the end of the process, the County acknowledged that the facts backing their decision to put the fire station elsewhere were lacking but it was too late. In the fall of 2002 the Ed Peete company was allowed to purchase the land adjacent to the

site of the current firehouse.

Despite the Cherrydale Citizens' Association and other citizens protests, and against the recommendation of the County Planning Commission, the Arlington County Board granted Peete approval for a mixed-use (retail/residential) development on the site. In response to the Board's action, thousands of letters (and even more e-mails) were sent asking Arlington County to rethink their approval of the Bromptons on the Nichols' site. The board refused to reconsider their decision and let Ed Peete build the Bromptons.

The Board then formed a Task Force of near-by citizens and other county officials to find a new, more suitable spot for the new fire station. Their task was to pick any three sites for a new fire station in or near Cherrydale that would meet fire station and community needs. At first the Task Force was forbidden to consider the Nichols site. But, under citizen pressure, the Task Force was allowed to include the Nichols site as a possible site even though it was certain that the County would not consider it as a possible location for the

fire station. Many believe that the Cherrydale precinct voted Republican for the first time in history in the last election as a response to the Board's actions.

Many sites were carefully considered by the County-appointed Task Force including Browns Honda, Koons Toyota, the Nichols site, 7-11 and Cherrydale Station Shopping Center. A vote by the Cherrydale Citizens' Association made it clear that the Nichols site was still the community's preferred choice. However, the Arlington County Board and the Arlington County Fire Department (but not the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department) continued to refuse to consider the Nichols' site as an option. In the Task Force's final report, issued after the final August 11, 2003 meeting, the Cherrydale Fire Station Relocation Task Force announced their first choice for a fire station was still the Nichols (Bromptons) site. The second choice was the front corner of the Koons' Toyota dealer land, and the third choice Brown Honda dealer's front lot. The other sites were not considered as viable options for various reasons.

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## House Tour Participants



Clockwise from the left:  
Mullins and Gaw,  
Lisa,  
Kosovych

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## Cherrydale's Tree Stewards Program

*Cherrydale's Tree Stewards Program is staffed by conscientious volunteers and led by Mareen Ross. Aside from literally doing the heavy lifting they coordinate with County in order to maintain and expand Cherrydale's tree cover. What follows is an outline of their accomplishments. A fulling detailed version of the program and it's successes can be seen at [www.cherrydale.net](http://www.cherrydale.net) -Ed.*

**Spring 2005: The Cherrydale Tree Steward program is conceived.**

Purpose: To preserve and promote the health of Cherrydale's public trees; Find good sites for more trees; Promote street tree canopy; Recruit neighbors and businesses to "adopt" local public trees, keeping them watered and correctly mulched; Report on state of trees to Cherrydale Citizens Association.

**Spring 05:** First Cherrydale Tree Tour Survey -County and the CCA chose the sites for the 88 trees planed to replace trees growing

where the fire station will be erected.

**February 2006:** Survey tour repeated accompanied by County Board Chair Paul Ferguson and staff - because of staff turnover, County memory of where to put the trees was gone and now we had some County opposition to our chosen sites.

**December 2006:** the CCA and SVDC meet to pull invasive plants from Hidden Pond at CherryValley Nature Area.

**April 21, 2007:** CCA volunteers pull more

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*Potholes, Cables, continued from page 4*

be funds from some source to repair the most egregious of the errors, even if we can't fix all of them. For example, the worst cases are on N. Monroe St, and the absolute worst is on Lee Hwy by the Texaco station between Kenmore and 66, where after we put in a brand new sidewalk, and County, yes County, put in street lights so far from the curb that they leave only 2 feet of sidewalk. This last error County promises to fix, "The wood pole will be removed as part of the Cherrydale undergrounding project. At that time the street light pole will also be relocated toward the curb.

This was a good start. County sent a great team lead by Abe Bibezadeh, Dept of Engineering. Though he had just broken his foot, he was focused and detailed, took pictures, and gave the feeling we were not wasting our time. So let's continue to work together and make improvements for the whole community. What we accomplish will have positive effect all over Arlington. And finally the tour could not have been so thorough without the reports by neighbors from all over Cherrydale. Thank you all! 🍀

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more members of our community!"

And thus it has been. Look around you—extraordinary people live right next door. Get to know them!

Final thanks goes to our neighbor artists, people who live or work in Cherrydale and Maywood, our sister neighborhood to the north. Our wonderful musicians who livened up our show, played for free and were pure pleasure were:

The Washingtons **Gloria Hurdle** from Randolph St, **Joan Welsh** (Maywood), **Sally Yensen** and **Leslie Curley**; **Rob Isele** from 20th St; guitar and songs **Tina Chancey (Hesperus)** from 17th, violin; **Elise Kress** (Quebec St) flute and whistle and her partner **Rob Greenway**, guitar; and the brothers **Frederick** and **William Henry Wagner**, violin and guitar.

My thanks to the all the artists who exhibited. Contact Maureen Ross if you are willing to help setup, or know of Cherrydale artists, especially musicians, poets and writers we can persuade into showing their work! 🐾

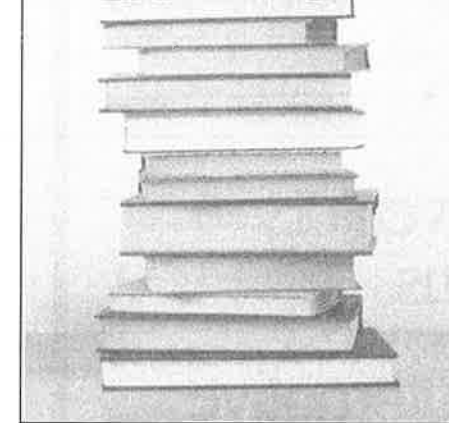
## Celebrate Cherrydale Arts Exhibitors

**Jackie Afram**, Quincy St, Painter  
**Anne Alden**, Hays St, but does work in Cherrydale, Handmade Scarves  
**Alice Ashin**, 17th St, Painter  
**Zac (Hilton) Bowman**, Quincy St, Paintings and sketches  
**Robert Cwiok**, Stoneridge Knoll, mixed media collages and paintings,  
**Ellen DeCarlo**, 21st St, Weaver  
**Eric Dobson**, Utah St, Photography  
**George Dodge**, Maywood, author  
**Beverly Hansen**, Maywood, Paintings and Collages  
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**Katie Korn**, Stafford St, Paintings  
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**Tracey Price**, Stafford St, Paintings and Murals

**Paul Schure**, Randolph St, Paintings  
**Bernadette Scott**, Taylor St, Sketches  
**Karen Seebom**, Sterling Picture Frames, Paintings  
**Lindsey Strobel**, Paintings/wall decorations, photography  
**Jennifer Taylor**, Koons Toyota, Paintings/collage  
**Kate Trygstadt**, Stafford St, Photography, toe paintings  
**Claire Wade**, Stafford St, Photography  
**Wagner Family, Marty and Elizabeth**, Quincy St, Photo Collage (and food donations!)  
**Mark White**, 18th Rd, Oil Painting

**KID ARTISTS**  
**Dan and Kate Grumbles**, ages 7 and 10, Watercolors  
**Emma Dirks**, 5, Rainbows  
**Erika Christensen**, age 5, Photograph  
**Madeline Wade**, 7, Poem Stagefright  
**Laura Wade**, 6, "the dog I'd like to have"  
**Elizabeth Claydon**, age 15, Enamel and Painting  
**Jaelin Thomas**, 12, Poem  
**Kees Humes**, 8, Oil Painting  
**George Najarian-Stimson**, 6, Clouds and Sailboat  
**Lila Powel**, 6, Rainbow  
**Piper Powel**, 3, untitled  
**Violet Powel**, 13 mos, "my first masterpiece"

## Cherrydale Library Happenings



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**July 9: The Maryland Science Center.** Experiments with Science to Amaze and Intrigue.

**July 23: Storyteller Diane Macklin.** Once Upon an Adventure.

**August 6: Canine Cousins.** John Burke, from Gulf Branch Nature Center, introduces us to some of our dogs' canine cousins. For more details on the summer Get Caught

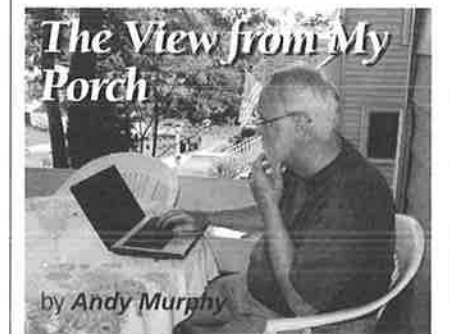
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Meets at 7:30 pm on the second Monday of each month, except for unusual circumstances. Facilitated by volunteer Joan Marik. New participants are always welcome, even if you read the book some time ago. E-mail Suzanne Embree (suza1@comcast.net) to learn more. Call to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a title (usually available a month in advance).

**Monday, July 9 (7:30 pm): The Glass Castle: A Memoir**, by Jeannette Walls.

**Monday, August 13 (7:30 pm): The Great Mortality: An Intimate History of the Black Death, the Most Devastating Plague of All Time**, by John Kelly, Amazon reader rating: 4 stars (out of 5); 303 pages. "Finally, a plague tale that rewards reading: powerful, rich with details, moving, humane, and full of important lessons..." — Richard Rhodes, Pulitzer Prize-winning author... "A rich and evocative narrative history of the late Middle Ages, written in the tradition of Barbara Tuchman, which brings alive the time of the Black Death. I couldn't stop reading Kelly's story. It's a work of brilliance and wisdom." — Richard Preston, author of *The Hot Zone*. . . "This sweeping, viscerally exciting book contributes to a literature of perpetual fascination: the chronicles of pestilence." — Booklist (starred review), American Library Assoc. . . "[T]imely and — though the word may seem odd, considering the context — welcome. Written for the lay reader rather than the scholar, it conveys in excruciating but necessary detail a powerful sense of just how terribly Europe suffered, and just how resilient it was in the face of what seemed to many certain extinction." — *Washington Post Book World*. . . "This is an excellent overview, accessible and engrossing." — *Publishers Weekly*. **Monday, September 10 (7:30 pm): The Gardens of Kyoto: A Novel**, by Kate Walbert. . . Amazon reader rating: 4 stars (out of a possible 5), published 2001, 288 pages. "I had a cousin, Randall, killed on Iwo Jima. Have I told you?" So begins Kate Walbert's beautiful and heartbreaking novel about a young woman, Ellen, coming of age in the long shadow of World War II. Forty years later,



I live on a steep, narrow street. Pollard Street from Lee Highway to Vacation Lane is a 2-way street that often has cars parked on both sides, so folks traveling in opposite directions have to cede the right of way. Usually, it's no problem. Frequent travelers of this route cheerfully defer and pull over to a vacant spot allowing others to pass. Drivers smile and wave.

Last night about 9, my wife and I are dining on our porch when a sedan comes up the street while a sports car zooms over the hill from the 7-11 headed downhill, fast. The sports car screeches to a halt seeing the oncoming sedan and pulls over to allow the larger car to pass. The sedan driver then rolls down his window and scolds sports-car-guy for speeding: "Slow Down, Buddy," he berates. "Kids are out and people are walking their dogs!"

As a communications skills teacher, I immediately wonder how I might react as the receiver of this stern reprimand. I could use logic and thinking and say, he's right. I have to be careful of kids and pedestrians, and dogs. Or I could react viscerally at being told what to do and choose the opposite. Sports-car-guy chooses the latter. When the sedan passes, he angrily zooms down the street even faster than before, no doubt putting even more people at risk.

Hmm. I think I just witnessed the Law of Unintended Consequences, Cherrydale style...

Andy Murphy is a Cherrydale writer-in-residence whose latest work is Emily's Epiphany, "a treatise on truth, beauty, and goodness, masquerading as a romance/mystery" and another full-of-ideas project, Speak Life, Directions for the Post-modern Man, which he's ghost writing for his pastor. The porch is his idea of a gestation chamber.

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invasives. April 28th we purchase Virginia Native Plants and volunteers came to plant them along Hidden Pond. Thank s to: **Kate Trygstadt, Lori Ross, Steve Walk, Jackie Afram and Grey Borys** who helped with the planting

**Summer 2006:** Public Tree Saving actions: The trees most at risk are the ones planted



Power Mulchers: Kevin Hunter, Lisa Million and Maureen Ross

since 2000, esp. along Lee Hwy, Old Lee, Military Rd. Many Thanks to **David**

**Muhlbaum** who got County to deliver mulch which he spread around trees along corner of Lee and Military. Thanks also to the **Cambridge's**, and especially **Carol Parker** and **Peter Harnik** who watered Trees along Lee median, and asked businesses to water the trees near them. Thanks also to **Jim Meiers** and **Derrick Washington** who trimmed and weeded along lee median.

**March 16, 2007:** the Tree Stewards chose their assigned areas of Cherrydale and begin survey.

**May 13 2007:** Stewards meet to compile report, which we present then at the CCA meeting

**May 16, 2007: CCA meeting** -We gave a unanimous vote approving a request of the County Board by CCA assistance in order to increase our street tree canopy:

**Saturday 6/16:** Mulching our public trees along Lee Highway: **Kevin Hunter, Stephenie Overman, Lisa Million and Carol Parker** (all Cherrydale tree stewards) and **Steve Walsh, Knell Bumbalo, her friend Tatiana, Marcia and George Coling and young Edmond** (Noreen

Kopenhaver's son).

**Sunday 6/24** A smaller crew of myself, **Kevin Hunter and Margie Mcelvy** continued to mulch the Lee/Military median, Lee /Monroe St median, as well as the Power Station corner. **What can you do to help?** Contact **Maureen Ross** to make sure you get on the Volunteer Needed Notification List (703 527 7692).

## CHERRYDALE TREE STEWARD WARDS AND CAPTAINS

**FAR EAST, June Million**

**MID EAST, Kevin Hunter** Our local reps for Dominion Power site are **Brian and Anne Quinn**.

**SOUTH WEST, Lisa Million**

**MID WEST, Mark Whiteership.** **Roger Merletti** monitors both Koons enterprises there, with **Harry Spector**, our NC rep, and **Lita Miller** our NC alternate.

**NORTH BY MAYWOOD, Carol Parker and Peter Harnik**

**NORTH CHERRYDALE, Stephanie Overman** Maureen Ross will leads the group and communicates with officers and County about relevant issues. ☺



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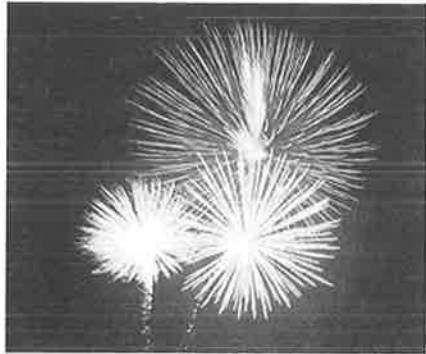
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## Think before You Light Up!



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Bottle Rockets:	With Permit Only
Sky Rockets:	With Permit Only
Roman Candles:	With Permit Only
Firecrackers:	With Permit Only
Sparklers:	Legally Allowed
Smoke and Punk:	Legally Allowed
Fountains:	Legally Allowed

Missiles:	With Permit Only
Novelties:	Legally Allowed
Crackle and Strobe:	Legally Allowed
Parachutes:	With Permit Only
Wheels and Spinners:	Legally Allowed
Sky Flyers:	With Permit Only
Display Shells:	With Permit Only
Aerial Items (Cakes):	With Permit Only

In 2006, six persons died and an estimated 11,800 people were treated in emergency departments for fireworks-related injuries in the United States and an nearly 10% of fireworks-related injuries treated in emergency departments required further hospitalization. Most victims were boys in their early-teens and adult males having flashbacks to their teen years. Be smart and careful... go watch one of the gazillion civic displays in our area... better yet, come to the Cherrydale 4th Party and create your own fireworks!

## House Tour Participants



Reilly, White

## Status and Future of the Yellow Bungalow by Oak Grove Park

SEVERAL YEARS AGO the County Parks and Recreation Department acquired the lovely yellow bungalow (known as the Fraber House) at the corner of North Quincy and 17<sup>th</sup> Street. The acquisition was made to add land to the existing Oak Grove Park. Cherrydale has long opposed the initial County idea to tear down this venerable house which is at a gateway to Cherrydale. The Citizens' Association's goal to preserve it has been affirmed by vote in both the first and second Cherrydale Neighborhood Conservation Plans. The Historical Affairs and Landmark Review Board (HALRB) has also been concerned about the preservation of this historic house and the County's ultimate plans for it.

In 2006, the Citizens' Association prevailed upon County staff to open the house to a tour for local residents as well as members of the County's Parks and Recreation Commission and the members of HALRB. All who attended were impressed with the good

condition of the home and urged the County's representative to find a way to preserve the house and not demolish it.

County Park and Recreation staff (Lisa Grandle) has studied the matter in consultation with the staff of the Historic Preservation Program (Michael Leventhal). At this time, County staff is looking to resubdivide the land so that the house (and perhaps the garage) can be sold as a single-family home and the remainder of the land be added to Oak Grove Park. Some measure of insuring the house's preservation (and allowing for perhaps some architecturally appropriate addition) is being studied as well so that a future owner would not just tear it down.

According to County staff, this subdivision is not yet ready to go forward. However, they have had inquiries from several people interested in purchasing the house. One of the inquiries has come from Tatjana Vichnevsky, a friend of some Cherrydale neighbors, who is exploring the possibility of

moving her Montessori school to the Fraber house. She has met with the County Parks personnel and has seen the inside of the house. Recently she met with the appropriate people from County zoning and childcare services to see whether they would approve of the location. She has also spoken with the owner of the brick rambler next door to the Fraber House about the possibility of purchasing it. Finally, she also has met with the closest neighbor about the possibility of a preschool across the street, and the neighbor was supportive. Consequently, Tatjana is in the beginning stages of contacting the CCA to discuss relocating her school to Cherrydale.

Any use of the Fraber House (or any other single family home in Cherrydale for that matter) for any purpose other than that of just a residence would need County approval after neighborhood comment. A use permit process would be initiated and public hearings held. (Neighbors and civic associations usually have operational conditions like number of pupils, hours of operation etc, that are added to permits.)

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