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THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION • May/June 2008

## Next Meeting of the CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 21  
7:30 pm  
Cherrydale Fire Station

### Agenda:

7:30 - 8:15  
Learn about Arlington Pools  
and Ice Cream Social!  
  
8:15 - 8:30  
Committee Updates:  
Neighborhood Conservation  
Update  
  
8:30 - 8:45  
New Business

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## SUMMER EVENTS: CHERRYDALE YARD SALE MAY 31 AND CHERRYDALE FOURTH OF JULY BLOCK PARTY

**YARD SALE:** Time to clean out your closets, attics, basements and garages so you can make room for all the stuff you're going to buy at the Cherrydale Yard Sale! This annual event is a lot of fun and a huge success, often with more than 70 homes participating. These are yard sales that citizens throughout Cherrydale have in front of their own homes.

Cherrydalers Scott and Kathy Springston put all participating homes on a map which is distributed to all homes hosting a sale. We advertise in the Washington Post and put up lots of signs and pie plates directing people to your sale.

Contact Scott and Kathy Springston, at SDAKSS@aol.com, or call them at (703) 528-1548 to let them know if you want to be included in the sale no later than a week before the yard sale. Give them your address and pay the \$5 donation or you won't get on the map. Make checks payable to Cherrydale Citizens Association. You can drop off check or cash to 1713 North Quebec Street. *(Cont'd p. 4)*

## BROMPTONS UPDATE

*The Planning Commission will hold a hearing on the Blighted Property Ordinance violations on May 7, 2008 beginning at 7:00pm in Room 307, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.*

*The County Board will hold a hearing on the Blighted Property Ordinance violations on May 17, 2008 beginning at 9:00am in Room 307, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.*

*Cherrydale Citizens Association President Brian Bonnet suggests contacting the County Manager and the County Board asking that they continue to push this demolition with all appropriate speed.*

As we all know, Ed Pete, developer of the Bromptons at Cherrydale, abandoned construction on the last building of his development on Lee Highway long ago. The developer abandoned the building because of major structural issues discovered

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## THE SWEET & SOUR NEWS ON CHERRYDALE.NET

Looking for recommendations about local contractors, service people or child care? Seen a problem on County property or have a problem County services, or the local utilities? Want information about parks, pools, or the Cherrydale Library? Looking for an escaped pet or seen a stray animal in the neighborhood? Can't wait until the next print edition of the Sweet and Sour News to find out what's happening in Cherrydale.? We've got it all at Cherrydale.net and

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## LEARN ABOUT ARLINGTON POOLS AND EAT ICE CREAM!

We welcome summer at our next Cherrydale Citizens Association Meeting with an ice cream social and an informative discussion about the many programs available at our County pools, as well as additions and upgrades in the works.

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## CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

### 2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Have you paid your dues for 2008? It helps cover the cost of community events and this newsletter. Cherrydale merchandise is also available! Just include payment with your membership and we'll deliver the items to your home.

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## BROMPTONS UPDATE CONT'D

during the construction. As a result, the County Inspection Services Division has let the original building permit expire. The developer informed the County in January 2007 of his intent to dismantle the existing work to the foundation and re-erect the building. Accordingly, the developer applied for a demolition permit on February 16, 2007. Unfortunately, the County declined to issue the demolition permit because the developer failed to submit certain required documents. So the building continued to sit abandoned.



In November 2007, the County posted the building as "unsafe" and required the developer to either demolish

or repair the building within 60 days of the receipt of the notice. Rather than do either of these, the developer instead filed an appeal request before the Building Code Board of Appeals. That appeal was heard Wednesday, March 19, and the Board upheld the order. However, the State Building Code Board of Appeals allowed the Ed Peete Company an additional 120 days to begin the demolition work. We should not be surprised if the developer appeals the Board's decision in the courts to delay having to demolish as long as possible.

Concurrent with the notice of Unsafe Building, the County invoked the blight provisions of the County Code and gave notice to the developer in January of 2008. The notice required the applicant to provide a plan for corrective measures within 30 days. The applicant submitted the plan, but County staff were unable to approve the plan because it was incomplete. Again, the developer can probably also appeal any blight order in the courts in order to buy more time.

Thanks to County Building Official, Shahriar Amiri, for leading the effort to have the Bromptons structure torn down. If you have any additional questions about this issue, please feel free to contact Shahriar, at 703.228.3848, or samiri@arlingtonva.us.

Next Steps:

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- If the owner does not voluntarily demolish or repair the building, the County has the option of demolishing the building and putting a lien on the property to recover the cost of demolition.

## THANK YOU, BILL L'HOMMEDIÉAU! WELCOME BACK, JIM & KYRA!

The Cherrydale Citizens Association expresses our gratitude and appreciation to Bill L'Hommedieau, who is leaving his position as Publisher of the Sweet & Sour News after 18 months and, sadly, moving out of Cherrydale. Bill brought creativity, new columnists, and real polish to the Newsletter. We will truly miss his contributions.

Bill's departure brings the return of Jim and Kyra Todd, the previous Editors the Sweet & Sour News. Together with Cherrydale Citizens Association Vice President, Evan Lacopo, Jim and Kyra are also working to put the Sweet & Sour News, and other new and helpful information, on cherrydale.net.

Thanks to all!

## CHERRYDALE LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

2190 N. Military Road; 703-228-6330

Monday: 10:00am - 9:00 pm. Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Thursday: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Friday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sunday: Closed.

### Childrens Story Hour Sessions

Join us for stories, songs, finger-plays, and craft. Spring Session runs through May 15. No registration required. Call third week of June to find out dates for summer session.

- Twos on the Floor. With an adult. Thursdays at 10:15 am.
- Older Twos, Threes & Fours Together. With an adult. Thursdays at 11:15 am.
- Read to Me: Family Stories. All ages. With an adult. Wednesdays at 4 pm.

### Book Discussions for Adults

Facilitated by volunteer Joan Marik. New participants are always welcome, even if you read the book some time ago. E-mail Suzanne Embree (suzal@comcast.net) to learn more. Call 703-228-6330 to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a title (usually available a month in advance).

- Monday, May 12 (7:30 pm): **Brother, I'm Dying**, by Edwidge Danticat.
- Monday, June 9 (7:30 pm): **Last One In**, by Nicholas Kulish, who grew up in Arlington's Maywood neighborhood. He began writing short stories in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at HB and went on to take a Fulbright creative-writing grant in Berlin.
- Monday, July 14 (7:30 pm): **Unbowed: A Memoir**, by Wangari Maathai, the first African woman and first environmentalist to win the Nobel Peace Prize (2004).

\* For More Information, go to [Cherrydale.net](http://Cherrydale.net), look under Cherrydale Library.



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ACTIVE	1822 TAYLOR ST N	\$1,391,500		5	4.5	0.183655	
ACTIVE	2034 TAYLOR ST	\$1,299,750		5	3.5	0.172176	
ACTIVE	4359 LEE HWY	\$1,150,000		4	4.5	0.120891	
ACTIVE	2023 MONROE ST N	\$1,299,999		5	5.5	0.19208	
ACTIVE	2018 OAKLAND ST N	\$1,150,000		5	3.55	0.178191	
ACTIVE	3713 20TH ST N	\$469,000		2	1.5	0.103306	
ACTIVE	1627 RANDOLPH ST	\$1,190,000		5	3	0.227479	
ACTIVE	4027 20TH ST N	\$1,330,000		5	3.5	0.189394	
ACTIVE	1704 QUINCY ST	\$990,000		4	3.5	0.129821	
ACTIVE	4140 21ST RD N	\$499,900		2	2	0.068411	
ACTIVE	4215 15TH ST N	\$900,000		4	3	0.385514	
ACTIVE	4013 18TH RD N	\$639,300		3	1	0.149816	
ACTIVE	3412 18TH ST N	\$1,150,000		5	4	0.220386	
ACTIVE	4102 21ST RD N	\$629,900		3	2.5	0.018939	
CONTRACT	2011 LINCOLN ST N	\$859,000		4	3.5	0.218549	5/12/08
CONTRACT	2054 OAKLAND ST N	\$889,000		3	2.5	0.043779	5/15/08
SOLD	2015 KENMORE ST N	\$869,900	\$900,000	4	2.5	0.214876	4/16/08
SOLD	1810 KENMORE ST	\$639,000	\$625,000	5	3	0.229568	4/10/08
SOLD	4034 20TH RD N	\$768,000	\$768,000	3	2	0.164991	1/25/08
SOLD	2048 OAKLAND ST N	\$829,900	\$815,000	3	3.5	0.031313	1/4/08
SOLD	2074 OAKLAND ST N	\$800,000	\$783,900	3	2.55	0.02523	4/16/08

## CHERRYDALE.NET CONT'D

more. The Sweet and Sour News is now online and updated weekly with the latest Cherrydale news, photos, recommendations, links, and other helpful information, and we want to make it better still.

There are so many resources out there to address neighborhood issues or answer questions. We hope the website will help connect you to the people who can help you.

Also on the website are Cherrydale Citizens Association Meeting Minutes and By-Laws. Remember, The CCA is your liaison to the County Board, the County Manager, County Services, and the local utilities. The website also lists Cherrydale's Neighborhood Conservation Plan, and past editions of the Sweet and Sour News, as well as many other local resources.

Check out Cherrydale.net and tell us what you like, and what else you want to see. Add us to your bookmarks.

## ARLINGTON POOLS CONT'D

County employee Cynthia Hilton will be speaking to us at the Cherrydale Citizens Association Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, about our county pools and how to avail ourselves of all they have to offer.

We have three county pools—Wakefield, Yorktown and Cherrydale's own Washington Lee High School pool. Students benefit from these pools during the school day, but there are many times before, during and after the school day when all residents can use the pools. There are also exercise classes and swimming instruction. Whether it's learning to swim, getting a workout, birthday parties or just having fun, Arlington's pools are a great place to be. And they'll be getting even better. As Arlington rebuilds its high schools, the County will also be upgrading its pools and adding one at Long Branch Park. These aquatic centers will provide more pool space and a number of amenities to enhance your aquatic experience.

So come learn what is happening with our county pools! Ms. Hilton will speak to us for about 25 minutes and will answer questions thereafter.

For current information on pool hours for Washington and Lee, as well as parking information, go to Cherrydale.net and look under the "parks" tab.



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Go to cherrydale.net to sign up. You can elect to receive emails from the Listserve one at a time as they are posted or in one email that arrives each day.

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## SUMMER EVENTS CONT'D

### CHERRYDALE FOURTH OF JULY BLOCK PARTY

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 2008 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 party organizer Layla Hogan, at hogansx4@msn.com, or call her at 703-307-8340.

## MAY IS OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Arlington County provides many wonderful services for Seniors, including trips, round tables, sports and exercise classes, wisdom works café, Mah Jong, Scrabble, Poker, ESL, crafters, yarn work, weight loss, painting and performance groups. In addition, here is the remainder of planned activities for Seniors Month . . .

- Thurs., May 15 **Life Transitions Workshop**, 9 a.m.-noon, Madison Comm. Center, 703-228-4746. Free.
- Thurs., May 15 **Celebrate Older Americans Month**, 2 p.m., - 4 p.m., at the Central Library 703-228-5960. Free.
- Thurs., May 15 **What Is An Appraisal Discussion**, 1 p.m., Walter Reed, 703-228-0955 and Tues., May 20, 11:30 a.m., Lee, 703-228-0555. Free.
- Mon., May 19 **Square Dance Exhibition**, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden, 703-228-4403. Free.
- Tues., May 20 **Myths About Aging**, 11 a.m., Langston-Brown, 703-228-5321. Free.
- Tues., May 20 **Encore Chorale Concert**, 7 p.m., TJ Community Theatre, 703-228-4744. Free.
- Wed., May 21 **Hearing Loss Support Group**, 10 a.m., Lee, 703-228-0555.
- Thurs., May 22 **Norman Rockwell's Art**, 10:15 a.m., Walter Reed, 703-228-0955. Free.
- Thurs., May 22 **Grieving a loss** discussion, 11 a.m., Culpepper Garden, 703-228-4403. Free.
- Thurs., May 22 **Learn about Arlington Senior Adult Travel**, 1 p.m., Walter Reed, 703-228-0955. Free.
- Fri., May 23 **Memorial Day Celebration and Tribute to the Flag**, noon, Aurora Hills, 703-228-5722. \$6 includes lunch. Register ahead.
- Wed., May 28 **Mysteries of the Titanic**, 2 p.m., Aurora Hills, 703-228-5722. Free.
- Thurs., May 29 **School Crossing Guards Needed**, 1 p.m., Walter Reed, 703-228-0955. Free.
- Fri., May 30 **Tofu Temptations Demonstration**, 1:30 p.m., Aurora Hills, 703-228-5722. Free.

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## INVASIVE VINE REMOVAL

Thank you to Alan Reyes and his team of scouts and volunteers who removed invasive vines along the top ridge of Cherry Valley Nature Area on Sunday, April 27. Special thanks to Kevin Hunter who worked all day with Alan.

Cherry Valley Park is between Quincy and 17th Street—and the nature area is where the bike path and ponds are.

Coming soon is another project by Ryan Clough, scout candidate, to make a path and clear out the vines by Hidden Pond near the recently discovered stone fireplace.

Check the Listserve and cherrydale.net for the latest information.

## CHERRYDALE PET REGISTRY

Check out the new "Pet Registry" on the Cherrydale.net. Pet owners can send us a picture of your pet(s) along with the pet's name, your name, best contact phone numbers, your street, and any other special notes you may want to include about your furry family friends.

If you should see any stray pets running loose in the neighborhood, there is a good chance they are an escapee! Their owners either don't know their out cruising the neighborhood or the owners themselves are out looking for their pet. Browse the pet registry to see if the pet's owners have posted a picture and contact information on the website. If you don't see the pet there, please send out a "sighting" email to the Listserve.

Please send your pet's photo and information to [webmaster@cherrydale.net](mailto:webmaster@cherrydale.net).

## LEE HIGHWAY UTILITIES UNDERGROUNDING EYESORE

Thanks to Cherrydaler Marueen Ross for continuing to push the County to keep Cherrydale walkable.

The County has been working to put utilities underground along Lee Highway for ten years but doesn't seem to care where they put the new monster-sized utility boxes. The County has placed the foundation for one box right along the sidewalk in front of 3200 Lee Highway, inviting graffiti, and leaving no room for shade trees. They claim that it would cost \$63,000 to move it now, but \$13,000 to build a retaining wall if they leave it where it is.

Go to [cherrydale.net](http://cherrydale.net) for more information.



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- Auto Mechanic:* Cherydale Motors (Cherrydale Business) 703.527.5511
- Babysitting:* Gena (Cherrydale Resident) maristaylor@yahoo.com
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## THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH

Andy Murphy

### CATS & DOGS & HOPE

Driving on Kirkwood Street toward Clarendon, I hit a dog; the thump was dramatic. Came out of nowhere. Big as he was, I knew he was not going to walk away. But he did. Well, he limped away, but at least he was alive. I pulled over and went back to help. A crowd gathered. A plumber, just having finished a job, consoled the owner, saying it wasn't the driver's fault; the dog just bolted. A non-English-speaking day worker comforted the dog and examined him for broken bones. Neighbors suggested an x-ray to be safe. The 60 pound mixed shepherd hobbled but gamely licked hands. We shook our collective heads, smiled, and went back to life.



Two days earlier, Susan went off to New Zealand on vacation, and Dora, her outside cat, missed her. She wanted in and chose not to wait until Patrick got home, so she climbed up on the roof and then mewed, "Oops, how am I going to get down?" Loud kitty cries. Company Flowers to the rescue. Two employees on their way to work saw the troubled kitten and set about to entice it to safety. Neighbors offered advice, a pitcher of cream. Portabello's arrived with a ladder. Rescue. Yea. Once again, an instant community of helping hands gathered to aid an animal in distress.

What evokes this in us humans? Well, our cats and dogs are more than pets, these intelligent, curious, creative beings with such enormous and playful panache. They teach us unconditional love, integrity, courage, and the total bliss of life in the moment. They model how to live the good life boldly. Plus, as Diane says, there's an almost divine simplicity in the honesty, ease, and grace with which they define themselves.

Thanks, Cherrydale cats and dogs. You give us hope.



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