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THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION • September/October 2009

Next Meeting of the CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, September 16
7:30 pm
Cherrydale Fire Station

Agenda

- 7:30 Announcements
- 7:45 Farewell to the Retz and
Welcome New Volunteers
- 8:00 Parks Representative and
CCA Liaison Discusses Lee
Highway Median Changes
- 8:15 Neighborhood Conserva-
tion

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CHERRYDALE PARADE – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 10:00 A.M.

It's almost time for the great Annual Cherrydale Parade and Ice Cream Social! The parade starts right at 10:00 a.m. sharp. If you want to be in the Parade, please come at 9:30. It's free! We line up in front of Saint Agnes Church on Randolph Street, and end on Quebec Street, where (after the Parade ends) there will be an ice cream social, prizes and contests. Prizes will be awarded for best decorated stroller, best costume, best decorated vehicle or float, best group, best old car, etc., etc. Contests will include ice cream eating, twinkie eating and cherry pie eating.

This year the Cherrydale Parade has a special meaning to it. We are hoping to slightly change the route of the Cherrydale Parade by traveling a very short way on Quincy St. to show Marty Wagner that the community is behind him and his efforts to recover from a terrible accident he sustained about a year ago. Marty, who is a past President of the CCA and a well-respected member of the Cherrydale community, fell off his second-story porch, sustaining massive head injuries. It looked very bad for Marty. He was in a coma for some time and after much rehabilitative work is working very slowly towards recovery. We hope he will be able to sit out in front of his house, enjoying the parade and watch as many of us carry a large banner we have made which will show Marty that the community supports him in his efforts to regain his health. If for some reason Marty is unable to be there at his home on Quincy Street, or the County rejects our plan to go up Quincy St., the parade will revert to its usual route. Thanks to Scott and Kathy Springston for organizing this terrific event.

CANDIDATES' NIGHT – OCTOBER 21 – 7:30 PM

Both candidates for the Arlington County Board and for the 48th District (that's us!) of the Virginia House of Delegates have accepted our invitation to speak and to answer our questions at a "town hall" meeting on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 pm on the second floor of the Cherrydale Firehouse.

Incumbent Jay Fisette (D) has been on the Arlington County Board since 1998. John Reeder (Green) is challenging him. Incumbent Bob Brink (D) has represented the 48th District since 1998. Aaron Ringel (R) is challenging him. Donaldson Run, and perhaps Maywood and Old Glebe, civic associations will be joining Cherrydale in hosting the event. We plan to devote about one hour to the County Board race and one hour to the House of Delegates race. Written questions will be collected from the audience and a representative sample to pose to the candidates will be selected by a group of volunteers from the civic associations.

The winners of the election on November 3 will be in a position to have a real impact on your daily life, so come and hear what the candidates have to say!

CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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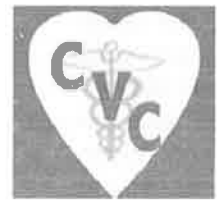
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WHAT IS THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION UP TO?

The Cherrydale Citizens Association is able to work diligently on behalf of Cherrydale thanks to our committed volunteers. Much of the CCA's work on civic issues have brought about changes to Arlington's rules and regulations (such as the separate permit requirement approving water run-off plans, or such as the county's new consideration on the placement of utility boxes and telephone poles – all issues CCA has been hard at work to bring to their attention). Sometimes CCA efforts cannot undo recent missteps – for example, the phone pole in the middle of the Lincoln Street sidewalk is there to stay – but our work still makes a difference for all future projects.

CCA's currently active projects include:

- Protesting the use permit of the Koons tire repair shop allowing trees in planters. Koons has not maintained the dogwoods, and allows them to die every summer. The trees should be planted in the ground not in planters.
- Insisting on continued police presence at the Christopher Company undeveloped project at 3565 Lee Highway to discourage graffiti. Christopher Company has also agreed to inspect and send in reports to the CCA. If you notice graffiti please report it.
- Preparing a new traffic count at the corner of Monroe and 20th Sts. because of the large volume of vehicles making u-turns to the Dunkin Donuts.
- Looking for new volunteers. CCA needs officers. If you are interested, or would like to be on the search committee, contact Howard Seamens, (703) 522-0355. CCA is also looking for a volunteer to coordinate with the County on *reporting tree die-back* this year along Lee Hwy and elsewhere. Please contact Maureen, (703) 675 3035.



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New Website: www.CherrydaleLibrary.org

Monday: 10:00am - 9:00 pm. Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Thursday: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Friday: 10:00 – 2 pm. Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Sunday: Closed.

Childrens Story Hour Fall Sessions: For further information, call library.

"Raise a Reader," for babies up to 23 months and an accompanying adult. Focuses on songs, nursery rhymes, and various manipulatives to introduce babies to the joys of language and literature. **Mondays at 10:15 am. Begins September 28 and runs through November 16. **No meeting on Columbus Day, October 12.** No registration required.**

"Read to Me: Family Storytime," for kids of all ages and an accompanying adult. A fun and interactive program with stories and songs. **Mondays at 11:15 am. Begins September 28 and runs through November 16. **No meeting on Columbus Day, October 12.** No registration required.**

Book Discussions for Adults: Call 703-228-6330 to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a copy (usually available a month in advance).

Monday, September 14 (7:30 pm): *Travels with Herodotus*, by Ryszard Kapusinski.

October Off - Autumn Holiday Break.

Monday, November 9: (7:30 pm): *Abandoned and Forgotten: An Orphan Girl's Tale of Survival During World War II*, by Evelyne Tannehill. Amazon reader rating: 5 stars (out of 5). ***Books available September 15.***

"Until recently, Evelyne Tannehill, 70, was the only one who knew the little girl's tale of WW II . . . a perfectly kept secret locked away from husband, children and grandchildren. At 16, she came to live in the U.S. . . It was not until the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 that Tannehill went back to the farm with her family. . . [her] emotions resurfaced. . . Tannehill said she started writing for her children and grandchildren, who grew up in a protected world."--Djamila Grossman, Arizona Daily Star, Tucson.

REMEMBERING CARY MOLLS, BY WENDY SOLOMON

Cary was born in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the son of a Navy corpsman. His family moved around a lot, with the longest stays in Cleveland, Ohio and New York. When he was 17-years-old he joined the Navy, which immediately sent him off to Vietnam for two years as a radioman, circling on a boat in the Gulf of Tonkin. He eventually settled in Miami, Florida, where he used his VA benefits to attend school to become an LPN nurse. He was married briefly and then divorced. For the next seventeen years he held a variety of nursing positions. Working with mentally retarded children seemed to be the job that gave him the most gratification.

When he moved up to the Northern Virginia area to be near his mother and sister, he turned his talents, of which he had plenty, to desktop publishing and graphic arts. Cary and I got married in 1997, and he then became a stepfather to my two children, Sophie and Saul. Cary wore many different hats in his lifetime, so he's a difficult person to sum up. I could go on and on about the many different professions that he was involved in, but nurse and graphic artist were the two main careers he had. He also had a wide variety of interests, such as woodworking and photography, and he had a particular fondness for all animals. He also enjoyed doing volunteer work for the Cherrydale Citizens Association and the Arlington Food Assistance Center.

June Million, Cherrydale Volunteer, remembers: "Cary and I met a few years ago when he immediately responded to my urgent plea for a graphic artist to help with the first Cherrydale Home and Garden Tour. It was our lucky day. Cary was extremely creative and endlessly helpful. Even though he was always in pain from a long-term disability, he did more than we could have ever hoped for. He was always thoughtful, always supportive, and always there for us. Cary continued to help me with computer stuff, graphics, photos for other projects, web information, and so on. He just recently designed a directory cover for another volunteer project I got myself into."

Donations may be made in Cary's name to the Arlington Food Assistance Center. Thanks, Cary. We'll miss you.

THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH - WHERE WE WENT (cont'd)

Here are the families who frolicked on the beaches of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; Cape May, New Jersey; Bethany, Dewey, Lewes, and Rehoboth, Delaware; Cape May, New Jersey; Cape Cod, Massachusetts; and Virginia Beach, Virginia: the Reillys, the Barbers, and Whitney Vickery, who also pumped up her adrenaline on rollercoasters in Cedar Point, Ohio.

Tammie Reilly and family probably racked up the most miles by also visiting Murfreesboro, Tennessee; the Warrior River in Northport, Alabama; and Phoenix, Arizona. Rebecca Longworth relaxed at Lake Damariscotta, Maine.

New York City made the list as did Mount Rushmore, South Dakota, the jumping off spot for Katherine Christensen as she closed in on her life goal of visiting all 50 states. She checked off #48, North Dakota, at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and #49, Oregon, in Portland and along the Columbia River. Alaska awaits.

One family's trip was for good. The much-beloved Miller family of Monroe Street moved back to Colorado in July. Good luck to Jody and Darren Miller and their children Riley, Ava, Jack, and Lexie.

Welcome back, everyone

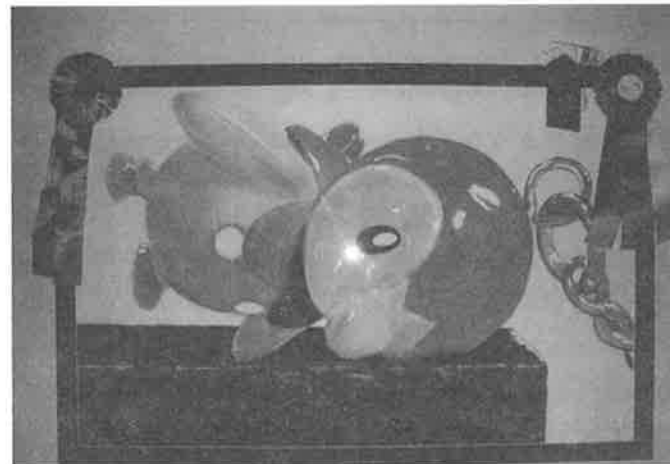
NOTES ABOUT CHERRYDALERS

Zach Bowman: Cherrydaler (now sophomore at VCU) Zach was presented with the Grand Champion (top) award in the Fine Arts competition at the 2009 Arlington County Fair for his mixed media rendition of a pokemon penguin keychain.


Renee Fisher, who had a book signing at our first Cherrydale Artists show, is now writing a column for examiner.com as their "DC Boomer Humor" expert. You can go to the site and search her name. She's also already listed as one of the "Favorite Examiners" in the "Neighborhoods and Communities" section, and you can set her as your favorite.

MAYWOOD AT A MILESTONE

Cherrydale Library is hosting a photo exhibit, "Maywood at a Milestone," commemorating the centennial of Maywood—Cherrydale's neighbor to our north. The exhibit includes vintage photographs dating from 1908, plus contemporary pictures by Cherrydale's Greg Embree. Be sure to come take a look!



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CHERRYDALE FIRE STATION UPDATE

No doubt you have noticed the huge crane in the neck of Five Points where at last we can see some progress on construction. The entire project consists of three main stages: (1) Realignment and refurbishment of 21st Rd; (2) Construction of the three-story Koons Toyota garage; and, finally (3) Building of the new Fire Station 3 on Old Dominion Dr.

The First Stage is nearly complete. The 21st Rd. improvements were completed last March except for the portion from Lee Hwy to the west end of the fire station site. This section will be finished after the Koons Garage is built. The west-bound "21st Rd" MetroBus stop will be relocated to the front of the Koons Garage at this time, too.

Early last month the County announced commencement of stage 2 and a crane was erected for the garage construction phase. Koons construction crews began pouring concrete for the footings and foundation weeks ago. Now parts of the exterior wall are visible as are the forms and rebar for walls yet to be poured. The current estimate calls for a January completion date of stage 2 at which time construction for the fire station begins.

In other Fire Station construction news, new trees will be planted around the site and adjacent neighborhood streets to replace ones removed during site clearing. Initially, the landscape plan called for a couple maple varieties. At the May CCA meeting, however, Margie McKelvey expressed concern to county officials that these types of maples are in distress on Lee Hwy. Working with CCA officers, the County agreed to amend the landscape plan to substitute the maples with Ginko (male only), London Planetrees, and Elms. Additionally, crêpe myrtles will be planted on the west side portion of 21st Rd parallel with the new Koons Garage.

If you are interested in more frequent updates on the Fire Station 3 project, including pictures and video, please visit my construction blog at firestationinthehole.com.

– Harry Spector

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS

Dave and Nicole Hurren, and children Chloe (almost 5) and Connor (2), just moved into the neighborhood (1717 N. Utah St.) at the end of June. Chloe will be starting at Glebe Elementary this Fall. They've met a few neighbors and are looking forward to meeting more.

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MEET YOUR FELLOW CHERRYDALERS: LYNNE KILDAY

A toddler under each arm, Lynne Kilday walked the 15 feet from her house to her next-door neighbor's, the one where Cherrydale's consummate pack rat had lived for 30 years. And she bought it. For about 1/20th of its assessed value. After years of her looking in on him and sharing a tomato garden between the houses, Jim Kelly gave her first right to buy ... at a greatly reduced price.

The house at 2130 North Pollard, built sometime in the 1930s and once owned by the Shreve oil family, had seen better days. Kelly rarely threw anything away, so when he moved to Ballston to get married at age 75, the new owners had monumental cleaning and remodeling ahead of them. Even though they'd rented the house next door for 5 years, the Kildays were daunted by the piles of accumulated stuff. But they persisted, and the results of the renovation still hold up today as sturdy, welcoming, and delightfully livable.

"It was worth it," says Lynne, a single Mom and an oncology nurse at Sibley Hospital. Tending her splendid, hilly front garden, she muses on her life. "We love this neighborhood, its proximity to stores and services, the urban life style, St. Agnes, the vet." Her beloved dog, Trixie, died recently after a lively 14-year run. "My kids have thrived here." Simon now attends Catholic U. and Elliot graduates from Lanston next year. "Great neighbors, too!" Lynne adds. "Very supportive."



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Elizabeth Claydon, (571) 235-8805. Need an experienced, reliable, responsible babysitter that you and your kids will both love? Call high school senior Elizabeth Claydon. References available.

Giulia Cajati, (703) 528-3682. 14-year-old Giulia has just completed the Red Cross babysitting course, and is excited to offer her babysitting skills to use.

PRESCHOOL OPENINGS FOR THIS FALL

Overlee Preschool has an opening for a 3-year-old and a 4-year-old starting this Fall. Overlee is a unique co-operative preschool, which runs five mornings a week from 9-12 with an informal "lunch bunch" program that runs until 1:15. All parents spend a few days each month in the classroom and help out at the school. If interested, please call (703) 522-2960.

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THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH - WHERE WE WENT

by Andy Murphy

We Cherrydalers crisscrossed the globe this past summer, visiting 20 states and 18 foreign countries on 5 continents. We flew, sailed, ferried, and drove. We camped, studied, attended weddings, explored, relaxed, played in amusement parks, and even went on safari.

Asia: Mine Sasaguri took her children Christopher and Ellen to Japan to visit their grandparents. Joy Watada also went to Japan.

Africa: Wildlife attracted Phil & June Million to Kenya and Tanzania and the Powell family (Jason, Jennifer, Lila, Piper, and Violet) marveled at Morocco's diversity.

Europe: Debby Cook & family sailed to Barcelona, Spain; Nice, France; Florence, Rome, Naples, and Venice, Italy; Santorini and Athens, Greece; and Dubrovnik, Croatia. Also, Will Beckman went to Hossegor, France (near Biarritz); and Kathie Bailey Mathae took her daughters Lauren and Emily to England and Wales. Susan Gurney enjoyed Finland and Sweden.

South America: George Rodgers and family toured Uruguay and Argentina, while travel blogger Russell Evans documented his time in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

North America: Several Beckmans studied Spanish and eco-toured Costa Rica. Meanwhile, Ellen DeCarlo went north to Quebec and Canada's Maritime provinces, visiting Montreal and Quebec City; Caraquet, New Brunswick; and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

In the United States, my wife Teri and I were charmed by the village of Ligonier in the mountains of western Pennsylvania, while Luke Beckman danced at weddings in Kentucky and California.

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