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**Next Meeting of the
CHERRYDALE
CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

**Wednesday, March 17
7:30 pm
Cherrydale Fire Station**

Agenda:

7:30 Announcements
7:40 Stop Utility Companies
From Blocking Sidewalks
7:50 Christopher Co. will discuss its proposed site plan amendment for 3565 Lee Hwy. and CCA will vote to support or oppose the amendment.

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CHRISTOPHER CO. SITE PLAN AMENDMENT, TAKE TWO

After missing the Cherrydale Citizens Association's January meeting, the Christopher Co. is coming to our March 17 meeting to discuss its proposed changes to its site plan for 3565 Lee Hwy. The CCA originally supported the Christopher Co.'s site plan for a five-story building because it was well-designed and attractive, offered retail space, and provided excellent parking. Now we must revisit our decision plan to review the proposed changes to see if we still like it.

The company now wants to increase the number of units from 50 to 67 but not to increase the size of the building. The developer also wants to change the façade by installing accent brick instead of precast concrete on some areas of building and substituting architectural synthetic wood panels for painted aluminum box bays. But this may also have the effect of flattening the façade. It further proposes reducing retail parking from 39 to 36 spaces because it is reducing the size of the retail space. Finally, the developer proposes changing the sidewalk from brick to scored concrete that looks like brick. Contrary to what we heard, no affordable housing units are planned. Come see the proposed changes for yourself and make your voice heard.

**NEED NEW EDITOR
FOR THE SWEET AND
SOUR NEWS**

Cherrydalers **Jim and Kyra Todd** are still looking for new a volunteer to edit the newsletter. Editing the newsletter does not require any special knowledge or software – we produce the newsletter on Microsoft Word – just a love of community and talent for terseness. The newsletter takes about 6-8 hours every other month. There are rumors some of you are thinking about it and may even have tried to contact us. But we didn't get your email. Please contact Jim and Kyra at jimdtodd@gmail.com, or 703-528-7437. Thanks, Cherrydalers.

**CHERRYDALERS AT THEIR
BEST IN THE SNOW**

Cherrydalers survived the snowstorms of a century, although our streets and our trees and shrubs may be a little the worse for the wear.

We saw few snow plows, yet hundreds of Cherrydalers dutifully shoveled their sidewalks and those of their elder neighbors. Special thanks goes to Cherrydaler **Raphaella Vogel** who regularly shovels the sidewalk of the I-66 overpass so kids can walk to Science Focus School. Two feet of snow was too much for just one person, so Cherrydalers including **Maureen Ross, Cheryl Sargeant, Jeff Hallum, Tim Fontaine, and Emma Vogel** did it this time. Thanks also to **Cherrydale Hardware** for clearing the

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CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Contact Katherine Christensen, at 703.841.0692 for details. Make checks payable to: *Cherrydale Citizens Association* and send to Katherine at 1909 N. Randolph St. Arlington VA 22207

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CHERRYDALERS IN THE SNOW (CONT'D)

sidewalk during the storm, and to Phil Evans, who shoveled the sidewalk in front of his Rod and Reel Repair store.

Unfortunately, we also noticed that the County and several Cherrydale businesses fell well short of clearing their own sidewalks, and the County missed most streets. Cherrydaler **Reade Bush** noticed that the County had no problem plowing its schools, libraries and recreation centers even though they stayed closed. Apparently the County believes closed buildings are a greater priority than providing emergency vehicles access to the streets on which we live.

Scott and **Kathy Springston** were without power for two days in the worst of the storm, but their close neighbors let them run power cords from their houses so they (and their green house) wouldn't freeze, brought them food, helped them saw up a fallen tree, and offered them a warm place to stay. **Brenda Craine** thanks the man who took out his own snowplow to clear 18th Road and thanks everyone else who didn't wait for the plows but instead used their shovels. Dozens of neighbors reached out to the **Moore family** when **Kristin Jessup Moore** sent out a plea for help getting her husband to dialysis. **Bill Bode** called Maureen about the problem, and she called the Volunteer Fire Dept Chief **Scott Pardi** and also Chief Jim Schwartz, both of whom promised to help. Mr. Moore got to dialysis. Kristen sends her thanks. She and her husband were truly moved by the Cherrydale spirit. So are we. Thanks, Cherrydalers! You are the best.



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Great News: Free WiFi service.

Keep up with other important news in coming months at
the Citizens for Cherrydale Library 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 - 2:00 pm.

Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Sunday: Closed.

Children's Story Hour Winter/Spring Sessions - Call Cherrydale Library for further information.

"Stop in for Stories" - Wednesdays at 4:00 pm through May 26. For children of all ages and an accompanying adult. This fun and interactive program combines activities such as read-aloud stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays, and flannel boards and introduces children to listening skills, picture books, the library, and the joy of reading. We encourage full and active participation of the accompanying adults. (No storytime on March 31 or April 7.) **No registration required.**

"Tales for Tots" - Mondays at 10:30 am through May 24. For children ages two and under and an accompanying adult. Singing, dancing, clapping to nursery rhymes, and simple stories will introduce young children to the joys of language and literature. We encourage full and active participation of the accompanying adults. (No storytime on March 29 or April 5.) **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 at Cherrydale Library desk).

Monday, May 10 (7:30 pm): *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout, winner of 2009 Pulitzer for Fiction. Published 2008. Amazon reader rating: 4 stars (out of 5). 304 pp. "Funny, wicked and remorseful, Mrs. Kitteridge is a compelling life force, a red-blooded original. When she's not on stage, we look forward to her return. The book is a page-turner because of her." - *San Francisco Chronicle*. "Thirteen linked tales . . . present a heart-wrenching, penetrating portrait of ordinary coastal Mainers living lives of quiet grief intermingled with flashes of human connection. . . . [T]he collection is easy to read and impossible to forget. Its literary craft and emotional power will surprise readers unfamiliar with Strout." - *Publishers Weekly*. Named a Best Book of 2008 by among many critics: *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post Book World*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and *The Wall Street Journal*.

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RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IN ARLINGTON

What is your view on what kind of recreational vehicles should be permitted, and where, in Arlington County? As with any civic issue, there are undoubtedly differing, and strongly-held, views. Already on the Cherrydale listserv we have seen a variety of views -- from people should be allowed to have whatever vehicles they choose on their property to RVs have no place in the "urban village" that is Arlington. The Arlington Zoning Committee (ZOCO) is scheduled to consider increasing the maximum size RV that can be parked outside on a driveway from 8' to 8'6" at its March 9 meeting. The March meeting of the Cherrydale Citizens Association is on March 17, so unless the zoning discussion is postponed, we will not have a chance to discuss and take a position on the issue. Cherrydalers may want to communicate their views to ZOCO directly (Deborah Albert - Dalbert@arlingtonva.us). If ZOCO postpones the discussion, then the CCA will review the issue at the March 17 meeting. There is also community concern in Arlington that five-day limit on parking for RVs on neighborhood streets is not being enforced; that is a separate issue that is not up for ZOCO recommendations, though it will likely feature among the citizen comments expected at the ZOCO meeting.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Cherrydale is looking for fresh volunteers to represent us at the monthly Arlington County Civic Federation. What is the Civ Fed? The Civ Fed consists of more than eighty member organizations dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Its purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner. Many of the improvements in Arlington are the result of actions initiated or strongly supported by the Federation. The work of the Federation is carried out through its General Membership meetings, usually held at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center Arlington, through its Committees, and through its Executive Board.

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STOP UTILITY COMPANIES FROM BLOCKING SIDEWALKS

Walk around Cherrydale and you will notice phone poles placed in the dead middle of the sidewalk, or a new utility boot attached to an existing pole so that it further narrows the sidewalk. The Cherrydale Citizens Association conducted an audit of these pedestrian obstructions in 2006, and the County agrees that utility companies are placing utilities without regard to pedestrian traffic. However, the County says the State prevents it from controlling where the utilities are placed. So, we are asking you to join this fledgling, grassroots effort by sending a copy of the letter in the next column to Governor McDonnell telling him that state laws need to change so that local governments can require utility companies to maintain open, safe pedestrian pathways around their equipment. Why a letter to the governor? Because he's who has the greatest ability to influence the legislative agenda in Richmond. It will probably take hundreds of letters. You are the first step. Thanks to Cherrydaler **Fred Phillips** for researching this issue and writing the form letter. Cut it out, sign it, and mail it to Governor McDonnell.

We hope the County will take our efforts to heart, and think about its own placement of utility boxes as it continues to supervise the utility undergrounding process on Lee Highway. After the Bluemont Citizens Association helped the County plan for new sidewalks, a median, new trees, bus stops, and new curb cuts, the County initially relocated a utility box directly in front of the Constitution Bell (a Bluemont landmark). But it eventually relented after enough protests. We wish the County had listened to Cherrydale when we tried to get a utility box relocated on Lee Hwy to leave room for shade trees.



Governor Bob McDonnell
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
1111 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219
Fax: (804) 371-6351

Dear Governor McDonnell,

Arlington County is the most densely populated and highly urbanized county in the Commonwealth of Virginia. We understand that Virginia law gives Arlington no authority to regulate the placement of equipment by utility companies. However, electric, Internet, and cable television providers frequently locate and install poles, wires, utility boxes, and other equipment in the middle of sidewalks and impede pedestrians' ability to walk on the sidewalk in violation of the Americans with Disability Act. We ask you to request that the legislature amend the State Code provisions for County Manager Plan of Government in Title 15.2 - 700, to give authority to the County to regulate the utilities to ensure that they keep sidewalks accessible.

Respectfully,

THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH – DANCERS

by Andy Murphy

Our Grammy-Award-winning old friend Daryl Davis has a monthly gig playing his hot-lick boogie-woogie piano at the Clarendon Ballroom. After procrastinating for years, we finally went to see him and his eponymous band. What a trip!

I had driven past the place across from the Clarendon Metro station in the epicenter of our adjacent Arlington neighborhood many times, wondering how it managed to survive in what is no-doubt a high-rent area. Now I know. On a rainy Tuesday night at least a hundred people (mostly 30s to 50s) danced non-stop to everything from Chuck Berry to Sinatra. No hip-hop or Taylor Swift.

They came to dance. A 100-foot-long bar runs the length of the dance floor, but the bartender mostly had time to read her novel ("The Lost Symbol") because the crowd was clearly there to dance, dance, dance. And Daryl's 4-piece rock/blues band kept them Lindy hopping and jitterbugging for hours. The place rocked!

The smiling, friendly crowd changed partners frequently, cheerfully taught each other new steps, and rarely sat down even during the band's breaks when CDs piped in. I loved watching the rhythmic creativity generated by people who, in many cases, had just met. Some couples, many singles, casual dress. Check out clarendonballroom.com for evenings of other types of dancing and for dance lessons.

Also, for an eye-opening and courageous journey into the heart of hatred, check out Daryl's book, "Klan-Destine Relationships, a Black Man's Odyssey in the Ku Klux Klan." It's lesson in healing our world through understanding.



NEWS ABOUT CHERRYDALE AND CHERRYDALERS

Photo Exhibits at Cherrydale Library

Cherrydale Library is now displaying photo exhibits. Currently on display through at least March 13 is "Arlingtonians on Photo Safari," an exhibit of travel and architectural photography by J. Fenimore Elliott and William Murray. Next will be exhibits by H-B Woodlawn students and by Charlene Nguyen, the owner of Old Dominion Cleaners. Check www.CherrydaleLibrary.org for details about these and future exhibits.

Looking for Free WiFi Service?

Cherrydale Library now is a free WiFi area. See hours on Library page of this issue of *Sweet & Sour News* or at www.CherrydaleLibrary.org.

Cherrydaler for Congress

Recent Cherrydaler David Boling is running for U.S. Congress in Arkansas! Until recently, David was chief-of-staff to Congressman Vic Snyder (Democrat, Arkansas, Second District. Congressman Snyder announced he would not seek reelection in mid-January, and David announced shortly thereafter that he would seek the Democratic nomination for the seat. David is now residing in Arkansas and campaigning hard -- the Democratic primary is May 18. His wife, Mine Sasaguri, and their two children (Christopher, 7; Ellen, 5) remain here in Cherrydale until the school year is finished, and then plan to return to Arkansas. You can check out David's website at: www.bolingforcongress.com. In the most non-partisan way, good luck, David!

Cherrydale Business Robbed

Dominique Jewelry, the little shop in the strip across from Cherrydale Motors, was burglarized on February 20, probably between 1:00 and 2:00 a.m. The owners think that the burglars must have planned the break in, and must have used a vehicle, but might have parked it elsewhere.

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