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**CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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FREE MEMBERSHIP TO NEW RESIDENTS- LET YOUR NEW NEIGHBORS KNOW!

THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION • May/June 2010

**Next Meeting of the
CHERRYDALE
CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**
Wednesday, May 19
7:30 pm
Cherrydale Fire Station

Agenda:

7:30 Announcements
7:40 Welcome New Volunteers
7:50 Final words about site plan for 3565 Lee Hwy.
8:05 Parks round up
8:15 Open discussion

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3565 LEE HIGHWAY SITE PLAN REVIEW (UGLY BLDG PART 4)

Arlington County's Site Plan Review Committee has now held two meetings to discuss the site plan amendment that Christopher Company has requested for 3565 Lee Hwy (the old bank/TV station building at NE corner of Lee and Monroe). Maywood residents attended along with Cherrydalers **Maureen Ross, Randy Morrow, Mike Foreman** and **Tom Korn**. The County Board is tentatively set to vote on the Site Plan amendments on May 22.

In January the CCA voted down an increase in density. Christopher Co. is now requesting to add just 17 more units (from 49 to 66) with plans to make each unit slightly smaller, keeping the building the same size.

Concerns expressed by Residents of Cherrydale include:

- Rental vs Owner-Occupied – Residents favor that the site plan require the units to be owner-occupied, which might be more likely with Condo-Association rules which require owner occupancy for 3 of every 5 years to continue ownership.
- We objected to proposed change in trim materials, from precast to brick on cornices and accent bands; the builder has agreed to original plans using precast trim.
- We did not object to proposed changes for bay windows from painted aluminum panels to compressed PVC or hardiplank as long as the dimensionality of the original drawings remains.
- Decreased Parking Ratio – 1.8 to 1.4 spaces per unit (remains above average.)
- County has required the revision of sidewalk from pavers to concrete. We are concerned with the appearance. We understand the pavers along Lee Hwy have not functioned well becoming uneven. Will the transition be pleasing?
- The developer no longer plans to remove the stairs at the entrance, but they are slightly shifted toward Lee Hwy with a fence, looking less inviting
- Arts Donation – the original site plan requires the builder to donate \$75,000 to an art project. We wish to ensure that the money is spent to improve the area along Lee Hwy rather than fund the general revenue of the county.

Snow Removal

A snow removal ordinance was asked to be created by the County by Cherrydale and other groups. Visit www.arlingtonva.us/departments/communications/pressrelease/page75332.aspx. This is to be advertised for public comment at a future County Board meeting and be heard by the Board.

Welcome New Volunteers

We welcome a number of new volunteers!

We have a new Editor for the Sweet and Sour News. **Jim Shear** recently moved to Cherrydale and looks forward to becoming active in the community. He lives on Monroe St. and is eager to work with Jim and Kyra on this current newsletter to learn the ropes.

Laurel Gowan, a native Cherrydaler, has lived on 18th St. for the past 14 years. She will be the new Business and Ads liaison for SSN. She will be working with our webmaster, **Bill Shaffer**, to update our business list. If you know of a Cherrydale Business not listed, let Laurel know.

We have a new Welcome Wagon volunteer, **Janet Herrmann** who lives on Taylor St. Our Welcome Letter and information packet has been updated by Maureen and Janet. We are thrilled to revive this friendly tradition. If you know or meet any new neighbors, owners or renters, let Janet know at welcomewagon@cherrydale.net.

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Volunteers (from pg. 2)

Additionally, **Marcela Souaya**, of Vacation Lane, has volunteered as one of our Civic Federation delegates. She'll keep us advised on whether anything hot is going on and whether we need to show up for a vote. And **Corrin Chambers**, from Restoration Anglican Church is organizing this years free tree sapling distribution for County. It looks like at least 20 trees will be planted by Cherrydale!

Finally we have another Eagle Scout project coming up for Cherry Valley Park. **Jack Beckman** is working with the Cherrydale Citizens Parks Committee and Patrick Wegeng from the County.

Thank you all. We appreciate your service.

THE GREAT ANNUAL CHERRYDALE YARD SALE IS SATURDAY, JUNE 12

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** will put all participating homes on a map which is distributed to all homes hosting a sale. We advertise on Craigslist and 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 N. Quebec St.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S CHERRYDALE FOURTH OF JULY PARTY

Volunteers are needed to help with planning and organizing the tentatively planned 4th of July Party to be held at the top of the hill at 21st St. and Stafford St. Cherrydale's old-fashioned neighborhood block party has been a "pot-luck" supper and the place to be on Independence Day. This years is to be smaller than in previous years but with no less fun. None of this can happen, however without enough volunteers to plan, set up, and clean up after the party. Others can contribute to this wonderful family event by bringing a family-friendly dish to share with others. For more information about volunteering your services or goods (e.g., coolers, tables, plates, etc.) or sponsoring the event, please contact Maureen Ross or Layla Hogan, at 703-525-0116.

Remember, without volunteers, this cannot happen. Call today!!!



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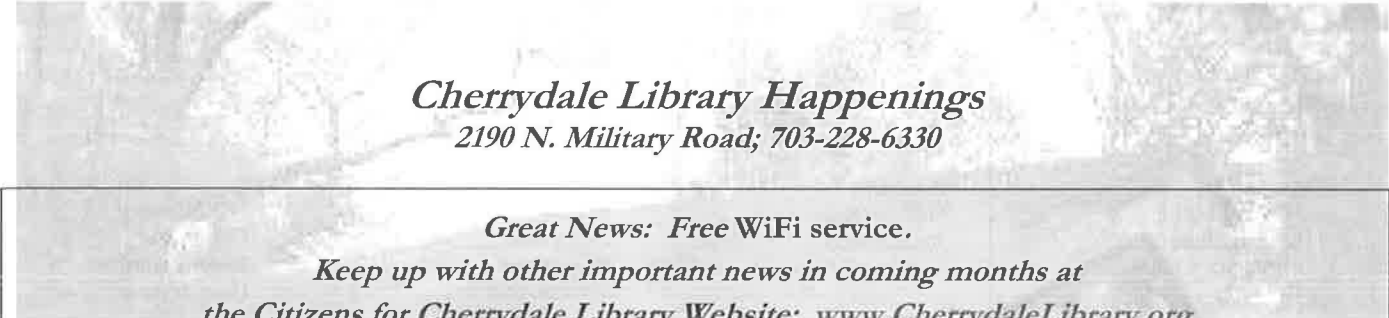
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Keep up with other important news in coming months at
the Citizens for Cherrydale Library Website: www.CherrydaleLibrary.org

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.

"Tales for Tots" - Mondays at 10:30 am through May 24. For children ages two and under and an accompanying adult. SingWe 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). Summer Kids' Programs: Contact the library or check on-line for details in late May. Registration for "Get Caught Reading" will start on Saturday, June 12. Programs to begin in July. Cherrydale will have three children's programs spread through the summer. Preschool and elementary school children can begin to pick up prizes on July 10. The last day to sign up will be August 28, and the last day to pick up prizes will be September 11. Check later with the library for program details regarding middle and high school students.

Monday, June 14 (7:30 pm): *Pavilion of Women*, by Pearl S. Buck.

On her fortieth birthday, Madame Wu carries out a decision she has been planning for a long time: she tells her husband that after twenty-four years their physical life together is now over and she wishes him to take a second wife. Few books raise so many questions about the nature and roles of men and women, about self-discipline and happiness. At the center is the amazing Madame Wu -- brilliant, beautiful, full of contradictions and authority.

"Pavilion of Women is Miss Buck at her best, the dedicated storyteller."--Saturday Review of Literature.

Monday, July 12 (7:30 pm): *The Forever War*, by Dexter Filkins. *The Forever War* won the National Book Critics' Circle Award for best non-fiction book of 2008; it was named a best book of the year by the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Boston Globe. Dexter Filkins won a Pulitzer Prize in 2009 as part of a team of New York Times reporters for their dispatches from Pakistan and Afghanistan.

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Firestation Construction Update

CCA President Maureen Ross and near-neighbors Lita Miller and Harry Spector met last month with Arlington County and Whiting-Turner (W-T) representatives regarding the final construction phase of the Fire Station 3 Project. W-T is the general contractor for Phase 3, which includes building the fire station facility, putting the final blacktop on 21st Rd, east of the fire station, landscaping the 21st Rd pocket park, installing trees in the 21st Rd utility strip and completing the north side of the Lee Highway sidewalk from the Koons Toyota garage to Five Points.

W-T officials said they are ready to start construction immediately once the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) issues a permit. W-T told us that the construction trailer would be placed on-site and moved four times as construction progresses. The current timeline calls for the building exterior to be completed in late Fall and the interior to be finished by mid-Spring 2011 along with all other projects tied to the Fire Station 3 site plan. This timeline assumes VDOT issues a permit in May.

Construction hours will be 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. only, Monday-Saturday. W-T crews will park at St. Agnes Church on N. Randolph St., however, some management and sub-contractors will park at the 21st Rd pocket park site.

The completed fire station will have three engine bays, one EMS bay, a "Safe Haven" vestibule, and living quarters for 12 fire fighters. The parking lot retaining wall on top will feature an 8ft tall embedded Cherrydale cherry tree logo. An illustration of Fire Station 3 is posted on the "Fire (Station) in the Hole" web site, www.firestationinthehole.com, along with other project-related pictures.

For official updates on the project subscribe to the email newsletter at: www.arlingtonva.us/subscriptions/subscribe.asp. Enter your email address and check the box next to "Fire Station No. 3 Construction Update."

To report any construction issues or problems you may contact the following people (one or both of the W-T contacts should also be on-site during construction hours): Tony DiPietro, Superintendent, Cell 202-438-4302, tony.dipietro@whiting-turner.com, or Jake Kamon, Project Manager, Cell 571-220-5495, jake.kamon@whiting-turner.com

Richard Pinskey is the Arlington County Project Manager and can be reached at 703-228-3988, rpinskey@arlingtonva.us

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STOP UTILITY COMPANIES FROM BLOCKING SIDEWALKS (PART TWO)

Have you sent your letter to the Governor yet? If not, there is still time to notify the Governor that we need his help in allowing the County to regulate the utility companies and prevent their encroachment on our walkways. We need 100 citizens to send letters requesting that Virginia give the county the right to determine where utilities will be placed on public paths.

Thanks to Cherrydale **Fred Phillips** for researching this issue and writing the form letter. (See below.) Cut it out, sign it, and mail it to Governor McDonnell.

Both **Karin Ringheim and Maureen Ross** have led this fight to make utility placements safe, pedestrian friendly and not so unattractive.

Photos of such unfriendly, unsightly and unsafe utilities will be placed on our website. If you have any photos of such, email Maureen (include exact address of utility) at president@cherrydale.net.

Governor Bob McDonnell
Patrick Henry Building, 3rd Floor
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Dear Governor McDonnell,

Arlington County is the most densely populated and highly urbanized county in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Utility companies doing business in Arlington County, including electric, internet, and cable television providers, currently are virtually unregulated in their placement of poles, wires, utility boxes, and other equipment associated with their service delivery to commercial and residential customers.

Currently, utility companies doing business in Arlington County frequently are locating and installing the aforementioned equipment so as to pose an obstacle to or otherwise impede the safe passage of pedestrians and others, including children, the elderly, and handicapped, on Arlington County sidewalks and other public rights of way. Unfortunately, the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, as presently constituted, afford Arlington County no authority to regulate the placement of equipment by utility companies doing business in Arlington County so as to provide for the safety and welfare of County residents and others traversing the sidewalks and public rights of way of Arlington County.

In order to remedy the situation described above, we, the undersigned residents of the Cherrydale community of Arlington County, hereby petition you to request that the Virginia House of Delegates and the Virginia State Senate pass legislation amending the State Code provisions for County Manager Plan of Government in Title 15.2 - 700, to provide authority for the County to regulate the installation, relocation, and replacement by private utility companies of poles, cable drops on poles, guy wires, conduits, underground utilities, utility boxes, fiber optics, overhead wires, and other appurtenances installed in public streets, public rights-of-way, and public easements that conflict or impede with the County's ability to implement public projects, comply with ADA requirements, comply with State, Federal and other environmental regulations, and maintain the safety and welfare of the public.

Respectfully,

KOONS UPDATE



Roger Merletti, Randy Morrow and Maureen Ross have been in frequent contact with Koons Toyota regarding neighborhood concerns. The tire shop's use permit was in jeopardy for noncompliance with the agreement to plant trees. Persistence prevailed and as of mid April trees are in place and look beautiful. And following years of complaints, the delivery trucks for Koons have ceased delivering at 4 AM. But more needs to be done. Bay doors at the tire shop continue to remain open during use of loud machinery. Reportedly snow plowed from the Koons property was dumped on the sidewalks, blocking the townhomes storm water drains and leaving approximately 300 pounds of winter street debris and bits of concrete on the sidewalk following the melting of the snow. A meeting with Koons will take place soon to review and improve performance. The planting of trees was a good step, the product of diligent pursuit by the CCA.

The View from My Porch

by Andy Murphy
It's a Book!

This week our porch is decked out with cheerful balloons as we await delivery of my wife's baby, *The Bishop and the Seeker*.

For years, Teri and I visited a tiny Bahamian island where we were lifted and charmed by the passionate music-you-could-hear-down-the-block from the local churches. Finally, I decided to seek a similar experience back here. I found it 7 years ago at a then-all-Black church in the Highview Park neighborhood up Lee Highway behind Heidelberg Bakery.

We became regulars, the only White folk. Indeed, the music made the paint want to jump off the walls, and we were lovingly welcomed by all. Weeks turned into months; I even played Joseph in the Christmas pageant.

But, despite the hugging, high-5-ing, and warm friendships that evolved, we assumed our stay among those with such a radically different view of God would be short. We were, at heart, more inclined to the New Age, more metaphysical and interfaith spiritual path. Sure enough, at one point, Teri told the pastor, Bishop Phil Thomas, that the plan of salvation he preached sounded more like the Aplan of an insecure person without much imagination.

Instead of taking offense, the Bishop engaged Teri in a 2-year dialogue in which they tackled the most divisive issues of religion, politics, psychology, and sex.

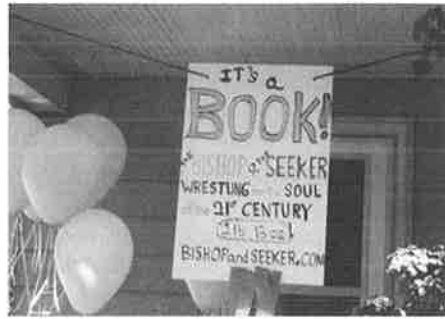
The result was her magnum opus, *The Bishop and the Seeker; Wrestling for the Soul of*

the 21st Century. Teri and Bishop Thomas decided to write their story so that the truce and then friendship that evolved can help those who yearn to transcend cultural conflict and work together for a better world.

Brian McLaren, author of seven books including *A Generous Orthodoxy*, calls *The Bishop and the Seeker* a hopeful sign on many levels, with honesty and fresh insights from both sides, and a beautiful, well-told, and fun story, too. It will inspire you no matter which 'side' you're on.

Here's a quote from Teri's Preface: "As we find ourselves living, working, and playing with people whose religions can seem so 'other,' interfaith friendships bring richness to life and peace to communities. I believe there are things we can all learn from each other as we mature in our understanding of this magnificent and mysterious life we find ourselves in."

Watch for a wine-and-snacks book signing at the Pasha. You're all invited.



NEWS ABOUT CHERRYDALE AND CHERRYDALERS (AKA PITS AND STEMS)

Parks

Brush debris at the 17th St. cul-de-sac is being removed and we are planning another Eagle Scout invasive plant removal project. More native trees are to be planted and a path created around Hidden Pond. (Will we have to change the name if the pond is more visible?) Stay tuned for a date. We will need a big turnout of volunteers to accomplish this.

Photo Exhibit

The photo exhibit "America and Vietnam: Photographs" by **Charlene Nguyen** will run through June 5 at Cherrydale Library. **Charlene** and her husband **Tien** own Old Dominion Cleaners, on the corner of Lee Hwy and Quincy St.

CHERRYDALE LIBRARY'S CHINESE CHESTNUT NOTED

Cherrydale Library reports that the large Chinese chestnut tree gracing its front lawn has been approved by Arlington's Beautification Committee as a Notable Tree because of its size and age and will now be included on the County's on-line list of Notable Trees. Acting library manager **Rob Spencer** received the award—including a sign and certificate—from County Board Chairman Jay Fissette.

According to Cherrydale historian **Kathy Holt**, the tree is a seedling from a large tree that once stood in a field on the Shreve property on the north side of Lee Highway, approximately where Pasha Café's parking area is today. That original tree was beloved by Cherrydalers. In the 1920s and '30s it sheltered the kissing booth during the annual carnival put on by the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department. Everyone in the neighborhood was dismayed when the huge old tree fell during a bad storm. A seedling that came up near that fallen tree was given to Cherrydale Library around 1963.



Walking Tour – Cherrydale has applied to the County for a walking tour with county board members. This is important to provide firsthand information regarding significant needs in the area. The date for such, if obtained, will be forthcoming.

New Mother-in-Law To Be

Cherrydaler **Kate Trygstad** has some great news about her daughter, **Gretchen Trygstad**, a Cherrydaler Emeritus living nearby in the Ballston area.

In September she will be marrying Bruce Hickey. Both are graduates of Washington-Lee High School.

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