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**Next Meeting:**  
**CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
**SEPTEMBER 15, 2010**  
**7:30PM**

**AGENDA:**

**1. QUINCY & LEE RESTRIPING TRAFFIC DELAYS-GUEST SPKR-CTY ENGINEER**

**2. LEE HIWAY TREES/MEDIAN UPDATE -GUEST SPKR-PATRICK WEGEN**

**3. BROMPTONS UNDERGROUNDING DEBACLE-GUEST SPKRS-CTY BOARD AND ENGINEERS**

**4. NOMINATIONS OF CCA OFFICERS**

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**Restripping Along N. Quincy St. at 5-point Intersection Causing Traffic Delays**

contributed by Cynthia Hilton

**Note to readers: if you wish to learn more about these changes or wish to give input to the engineer who made them, he will be speaking at our CCA Meeting on 9/15, 7:30 Sharp.**

In July, Arlington County restriped the traffic lanes on Quincy St. at the 5-points intersection. The restripping narrowed two north- and south-bound lanes on Quincy St. to one cross intersection lane in each direction, a dedicated left-turn lane on the north-bound side, and dedicated bike lanes. The result has been heretofore unseen traffic backups on north-bound Quincy and the pushing of the merging of south-bound traffic from Quincy St. into the 5-points intersection, while bike lanes remain empty by comparison. The restripping has not helped, but in fact exacerbated the backups for those in north-bound traffic turning left. There is no longer an option for the majority of those who need to move out into the intersection to make a left onto Old Dominion to go around anyone stopped to turn left onto Old Lee Highway.

**Traffic Backup.** The traffic backup on north-bound Quincy St. has the greatest effect on those attempting to turn right onto east-bound Lee Highway. It is rare that a right-turn-on-red option is available. The problem is most pronounced during morning rush hour when so many vehicles turn right at the intersection but are now stopped behind through traffic. Traffic backups as far as North 18<sup>th</sup> St. have been noted. The County has admitted that the current new "queuing" on Quincy St. "is not a desirable situation." However, no reconsideration of the restripping is in the offing. Rather, the County will consider tweaking the traffic signal operations sometime in the fall.

**South-bound Merge.** Quincy St. used to offer south-bound traffic from Military Rd. a block and a half merge option. Now, south-bound traffic must negotiate the merge within the 5-points intersection. The displacement of the merge zone from Quincy St. into the 5-points intersection creates greater exposure to traffic that may be coming from many directions, decreases the capacity of the road to accommodate through traffic from Military Rd., and reduces opportunities for those queued to make left turns from north-bound Quincy St.

(cont'd on page 2)

**Debate! Scheduled for 10/20 @ 7:30**

contributed by Margie Mckelvey

The Cherrydale Citizens' Association (CCA) is planning a candidates night for Wednesday October 20, covering the elections for the U.S. House of Representatives (Moran, Murray, Fisher), the Arlington County Board (Zimmerman, Chisholm, Kelly), and Arlington School Board (Baird, Gennari). We would like to invite all of you to participate.

A number of the candidates have appeared in the past at some of the CCA candidates nights/debates. We plan the same format of questions collected from the audience bracketed by opening and closing statements from each of the candidates. CCA officers or other volunteers will cull the questions collected as candidates speak in order to get a good sample of issues. All candidates answer each question. We plan three separate segments (by election) for the evening, starting at 7:30. Since there are three separate races and so many candidates for each office, I would anticipate that we will ask opening/closing statements to be very brief so as to leave time for a number of questions. Each segment would probably last about 30 minutes.

Cherrydale typically invites some of the neighboring citizens associations to join us. We hold our events at the historic Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department firehouse on Lee Highway which can hold 100 or more people.

**Bike Lanes.** The "Complete Streets" movement is the County's justification for the dedicated bike lanes at the intersection. "Complete Streets" is a cute catchphrase but it is little solace to the vast majority of Quincy St. users who are not bikers, especially not commuter bikers, because of age, time, weather, or a host of other reasons. Meanwhile, bike lanes remain virtually empty or, as observed during evening rush hour recently, the entire street was taken over by a pack of 11 bikers heading south across the 5-points intersection to Quincy St. from Military Rd. Not using the bike lane, they forced cars to follow behind them as they proceeded down Quincy St.

Whatever your views on the reconfiguration of traffic lanes on Quincy St. at the 5-points intersection, the changes were made without community consultation, let alone notice. According to the County, "citizen input was not solicited since the striping change was an operational improvement that would enhance the safety of all users of the intersection." When asked for accident history at the intersection and for a listing of accidents that the restriping would have prevented, data was not provided. When data on environment or costs impacts from fuel and time wasted by idling or air pollution was requested, no data was provided. When asked about what percent of Arlingtonians or those in Cherrydale who bike, especially those who bike to work, no information has been forthcoming. What we do know is that the citizens most impacted by the reconfiguration of Quincy St. were not asked for input. There are many good things about Arlington. But, what the County has done to reduce the capacity of roads is not one of them.

### Lee Highway Trees - Guest speaker

County Environmental Landscape Supervisor Patrick Wegeng will present plans and problems on the Lee Highway street trees at the next CCA meeting September 15th. As many of you know, Cherrydale volunteers **Steve Walsh, Rob Beckman, Tom Korns and Maureen Ross** spent many hours refilling the tree gators (water holders) for the stressed trees along Lee Highway including the median. Steve did it at least 6 times himself! However, we still lost more than 7 trees anyway. This is at least the 3rd time these same trees have been replaced in 11 years. So come give your input, listen, and let's see what we can do to encourage tree canopy along our streets.

Quoting Mr. Wegeng, "I've been continuously monitoring these cherry trees over the summer months and tried valiantly to rescue them. We weren't unsuccessful and therefore, I had them removed.

After receiving a clearance from MISS UTILITY, I will then take out all the stumps, including the one that was previously uprooted. At that time I intend to dig deeper into the soil to see if I can determine what the substructure material is like. I will then evaluate what we need to do to make trees work in this difficult spot. I am hopeful that I might find the right solution, i.e. soil improvement and certainly, the right tree species so that we can have a sustainable grove of trees within this median. I will communicate with you further when I know more the soils.

Given all of the trees that we've lost during this past summer's drought and the most recent storm event, I have a lot of work to do this fall to replace these lost 'souls.' However, I do not want to have a repeat performance. We intend to thoroughly evaluate all conditions at each spot. We definitely want to put in the right tree in the right place. In addition, I've asked for and received permission from my managers to develop a more aggressive watering program for all of our recently planted trees."

### Update on Car Dealerships

Numerous neighbors including **John Bushman** and **Ray Desautels** have complained that employees of both Honda and Toyota use the car alarms to find cars. We understand it expedites the search but it's so loud and unneighborly. So we have asked managers at both dealerships to require (again) that employees to stop this practice. We will also ask the bay doors be closed when employees are working with loud machines. However, only if a dealership has a use permit can we legally require cooperation on some of these issues. The Koons tire repair shop has a use permit (ie they needed special permit to have a car-related business there). That's why we could make special requirements. The main Koons Toyota dealership and the Honda are "by right", no use permit required. The CCA will work with Honda and Toyota benefit of the neighborhood.

### Policies/Guidelines:

Again, Dominion Virginia Power adheres strictly to the tree-trimming policies required by the SCC. Regulatory agencies in other states may require their utilities to follow a different set of standards. However, that has no impact on what the SCC requires of us.

Finally, you asked us about our participation with Tree Line USA. Dominion is not currently a member of Tree Line USA. However, our Forestry Department has already begun discussions to determine if membership will help Dominion continue to manage vegetation effectively and responsibly."


Neil Joshipura from the State Corporation Commission (SCC) has responded: "...the Staff at the ...("SCC") has reviewed the pictures that were sent to us. Regarding the tree trimming policy, the Staff has reviewed the Tree Line USA guidelines and also sent those guidelines to Dominion ("Company") for their review. However, as stated in an earlier email, the current Tree-Trimming Guidelines were published pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 155 of the 1989 Virginia General Assembly. These guidelines have always been referred to as guidance documents, rather than as rules or regulations. In order to change the current Tree-Trimming Guidelines, you will need to contact your local representative."

In another email he says, "the current Tree-Trimming Guidelines were published September 1, 1996 pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 155 of the 1989 Virginia General Assembly. The Code distinguishes between rules and regulations, which have the force of law, and "guidance documents," which do not. Va. Code § 2.2-4001, 4101. And, to the best of Staff's knowledge, the Tree-Trimming Guidelines have always been published as guidance documents, rather than as rules or regulations. See 15 Va. Regs. Reg. 1368, 1371 (Feb. 1, 1999) and 26 Va. Regs. Reg. 2087, 2091 (Mar. 1, 2010). The Staff is continuing to conduct a investigation into the following two areas: (1) tree trimming during the summer months (Guideline #5) and (2) the placement of the utility poles around Cherrydale. Upon completion of my investigation, I will contact you to report my findings and address any further concerns you may have."

**So there we have it, for now. What do we want?** Reliable power, yes. But also tree canopy, as much as possible. In the short term let's fight to get Tree Line USA standards followed. In the long run let's push for better technology. What to do next? Show Dominion and the State of Virginia that you care. Sit down now and write a letter to Dominion and the governor and your state representative Bob Brink.

### Also Write:

Thomas F Farrell, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Shareholder Services, Dominion Power  
6th FL; P. O. Box 26532;  
Richmond, VA 23261-6532  
Shareholder.Services@dom.com.  
Also write/copy our Governor Bob McDonnell.  
For a copy of a letter to the governor,  
go to Cherrydale.net,  
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## Update on Dominion Power Tree Trimming Policy

contributed by Maureen Ross

Neighbors will recall the CCA met several times with representatives from Dominion Power to discuss the company's tree trimming policies and procedures. Maureen Ross, president, has also been in contact with the State Corporation Commission which regulates utility companies. We introduced Dominion to "Tree Line USA" which recognizes best practices in utility arboriculture. Specifically this organization promotes "the dual goals of dependable utility service and abundant, healthy trees in America's communities." Tree Line USA publicly recognizes utilities that meet the requirements of this program "for their contribution to better community."

Dominion's current policy is to trim away all limbs within 15 feet of either side of a power line, creating a 30 foot swath of sun-baked treelessness down one side of every street that has such a line. We want the company to follow the International Society of Arboriculture which recommends guidelines written by Dr. Alex L. Shigo in his book, "Pruning Trees Near Electric Utility Lines: A Field Pocket Guide For Qualified Line-Clearance Workers.". Limbs would be cut to within only 10 ft of power lines narrowing the treeless width to a total of 20 ft along the line. This is a great short-term recommendation. In the long term of course, we'd like to get rid of the lines all together. But how?

In a synchronic coincidence, Melissa Block from NPR did a story on a contractor for Dominion Power which attempted to kill the country's oldest cultivated grapevine found on Roanoke Island, NC. It may be 400 years old but the contractor sprayed herbicide on it. Thanks **Patty Kime** for reminding me of this Dominion related incident. We are not alone in our fury.

Jeanne Underwood, State & Local Affairs representative from Dominion Virginia Power has responded: "Thank you for meeting with John Bruce and me on July 29<sup>th</sup> to express your concerns about Dominion's tree-trimming policies in the Cherrydale neighborhood of Arlington County and our overall vegetation management methods. I have reviewed with colleagues from various departments the issues you raised--recent trimming, tree canopy, line voltages and general guidelines--in order to provide you with a thorough response.

### **Recent Trimming:**

Our Forestry Supervisor, Randy Clarke, has relayed to us meetings and conversations he and his staff have had with you. We acknowledged the need for additional work on one of the maple trees. On Friday, August 20th, a forester and tree crew removed the maple stub.

### **Tree Canopy:**

Another concern you expressed is preservation of tree canopy. It is not our intent to totally remove tree canopy. However, we need to maintain adequate clearances in order to ensure the safety of passersby, to increase reliability, and to minimize the number and duration of outages.

*Dominion does not prohibit tree planting near power lines and we do not intend to remove entire tree canopies. However, we do need to maintain the proper clearance as outlined by the American National Standard Institute, the National Electric Safety Code, and the State Corporation Commission (SCC) in order to ensure safe and reliable service.*

*I agree it is challenging to maintain tree canopy, operate roadways, walkways, and power lines within a limited area. Where sufficient space is available, we have been given the following guidelines:*

<u>If a site is:</u>	<u>Plant:</u>
0-15 feet from power line	Shrubs
15-35 feet from power line	Small Trees
35-45 feet from power line	Medium to large trees

### **Lower Voltage Lines:**

*The higher the voltage, the more customers can be served through the same wire. If we were to lower the voltage on our lines, it would require increasing the number of conductors on each pole to serve the same number of customers. Even with a lower voltage, the clearance that Dominion would maintain between the primary conductors and the tree branches would not change. In fact, by lowering the voltage and increasing the number of conductors on the poles, a wider easement and, ultimately, more frequent tree-trimming could result. Dominion is committed to its right-of-way clearances because any reduction in the existing requirements would directly compromise safety and reliability for Dominion's customers and employees. (see next page-- Dominion)*

## **Running the Wires with Verizon**

Back in May as president of our association I was contacted by a Verizon Community Liaison employee to go over our issues with their wiring problems (loose, messy and sometime dangerous wiring). So, one evening I took the young man on a tour of Cherrydale. After a while since he was taking such copious notes with his photos I stopped marking the exact sites in my cell phone. With great relief I looked forward to corrections. Meanwhile the young man wanted an invite to one of our community events so he could show us what Verizon had to offer. I said, let's wait and see. Thank heavens as you'll soon read...

Then I started getting calls from other employees at Verizon, wanting to know where the problem sites were. I kept referring them to man who took the tour. Turns out he either lost the notes or was only pretending to take notes. Sigh another 2 hours down the drain. A month later June 29th, I took Brian Harlow a Verizon technician on the same tour slightly abbreviated. It was an education as he knew what he was talking about. For example, the lowest wires are Verizon, usually the next up are Comcast (as are most orange wires) and the highest are power lines.

We will be posting some of the photos I took from the May 24th first tour. These are sites where wires are hanging loose, or worse, looped so they could catch a pedestrian or bicyclist. Soon these photos will be posted on our website as well as the link to the utility reform letter I hope each of you will send to Governor McDonnell to initiate reforms in utility placement. The link to the letter is [Cherrydale.net/index.php?page-dominion-electric](http://Cherrydale.net/index.php?page-dominion-electric).

## WELCOME TO FALL!!

## CHERRYDALE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION HAPPENINGS

Wednesday September 15 Regular CCA Meeting at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept Firehouse -- 2nd floor

Among the business items will be nominations for CCA officers for 2011.

Saturday October 2 Hidden Pond Area Clean-up at 9am.

Wednesday October 20 Cherrydale Candidates Night-- Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept Firehouse -- 2nd floor

In the November elections you will be voting for our Congressional Representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, the Arlington County Board, and the Arlington School Board. This is quite a year as there are three candidates for two of those three elections and two for School Board! Come ask your questions the candidates!

Saturday October 30 (TBC) Annual Cherrydale Parade

Calling all tricyclers, dog walkers, antique cars, lawn chair brigades, etc. to make a fun loop through upper Cherrydale before gathering in front of the Springstons' house on Quebec St. for games and refreshments. Halloween could provide some inspiration for costumes!

Wednesday November 17 Regular CCA Meeting at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept Firehouse -- 2nd floor

We will have our own CCA elections for officers for 2011. Nominations will be made at the September meeting and/or from the floor.

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## CHERRYDALE LISTSERVE TURNS 10 YEARS OLD!!

Contributed by Listserve Moderator Eric Dobson **Happy 10th Anniversary to the LISTSERVE.**

First and foremost, thank you to everyone for being a part of the Cherrydale electronic community. Without you, this listserv wouldn't work. Thank you.

We currently have 532 members of the list and that is great. However, that means many neighbors are still not on the listserv. Below is information on how to subscribe. Please send it to your neighbors so that they know how to subscribe. The listserv has helped keep people informed about the Fire Station development, County issues related to sidewalks and wires, county elections, the park clean-up, holiday caroling, block parties and other important community events and topics. Similarly, the listserv provided information among neighbors, connected lost dogs with their owners and people with handyman and cleaning services. It helped people stay in touch with their community and what is going on. This is an important thing in today's busy and hectic world. Every year we try to remember to repost some guidelines for the listserv, part information and part reminders of the listserv:

1. Membership is intended for those who live and work in Cherrydale and/or our adjacent neighborhoods. All new membership requests are screened to make sure this criteria is met.
2. Attachments are NOT allowed on the listserv and will be magically removed by the YAHOO computer. Files can be posted to the Cherrydale section of [www.egroups.yahoo.com](http://www.egroups.yahoo.com) and you need a YAHOO account to do that. Files can also be posted on [www.cherrydale.net](http://www.cherrydale.net).
3. There is a calendar at [www.egroups.yahoo.com](http://www.egroups.yahoo.com) where you can post community events. This is a computer-generated calendar. Any listserv member with a YAHOO account can post things on the Calendar. Be sure that postings will appeal to the community at large.
4. Replying: Our system is set up to share information with the whole community. It is NOT intended to be an open dialog between a few people. Therefore, when you hit "reply" on a message, it only goes to the person who posted the email, NOT the whole list. If your reply is relevant to the whole list, you need to use REPLY ALL.
5. All members can post documents on the site. The moderators may remove inappropriate items or refuse access to members who are misusing our service. Everything you post may be viewed by the public at large.
6. Too much email? You can alter your preferences to receive a daily digest, or even turn off email and just read messages as they're archived on the site. Also, if you go away for a few days, turn off the email. Several people have auto reply and these tell the whole listserv that you are out of town. Again, go to [www.egroups.yahoo.com](http://www.egroups.yahoo.com) and check your preferences. If you have problems, let me know and I can check into it.
7. Everyone goofs. Don't be afraid to try the system. We'll coach folks who have questions about posting or reading emails. Don't be afraid or hesitant to ask for help from a moderator.
8. The Cherrydale list, despite what it may appear, is NOT restricted to emails about development and fire stations. If you are having a yard sale, looking for a nanny, have babysitting skills you want to offer, handyman services, etc., it is okay to post.
9. There is also an archive of emails at [www.egroups.yahoo.com](http://www.egroups.yahoo.com). Since August of 2000 there have been a total of 9,336 messages posted to the listserv. And all are important to open communication in our community.
10. What is an appropriate topic for the listserv? Good question. The general rule of thumb is, ask yourself this question: "Does this apply to the general Cherrydale community?" The listserv is for and about Cherrydale and Cherrydale stuff. There are other listservs which focus on specific topics such as Arlington, I-66, elderly, or such and these are better suited for continued discussion of these topics.
11. Personal attacks and continued postings about non-Cherrydale items will result in the moderators restricting someone's ability to post to the listserv (and this means extra work for us, so trust us, we don't like to have to do that).
12. It is strongly discouraged to POST emails to the listserv from people who aren't members of the listserv. Encourage your friends and neighbors to join the listserv. (see next page)

## THE REHABILITATION OF HIDDEN POND-CONTINUED !

**Jack Beckman**, BSA Troop 111 at St. Agnes, is leading a major Eagle Scout project to rehabilitate hidden pond in Cherry Valley Park on the bike path. Already he, fellow scouts, neighbors and our own Volunteer Fire Department have put in over 170 hours. They added one more weekend of work to realize the vision: debris and invasives removal; a wood chip trail; restoring the meadow; and tree and bush planting. The idea is to create a scenic pond that will be open to the public to walk by, sit and enjoy. **Tom Korns, Scott Springston, Marty Wagner, Carl Wick, Colleen Marzec, Wade Aylor of Cherrydale Motors** and three dozen others have contributed mightily to the transformation. Our own **Maureen Ross** helped clear the political underbrush with the County, and the inestimable Patrick Wegeng, Arlington County's Environmental Landscape Supervisor, has been invaluable with planning and provisioning of dumpsters, mulch and expert advice. This is the fifth Troop 111 Eagle Service Project in the park and their efforts really show. Jack will be contacting us again in September for the last big push for planting and more cleanup. Let's give him a hand; it's for all of us! Congratulations to all those who have volunteered already.



Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department helping with the wood chip trail.

### Eagle Scout project at Hidden Pond, Success! But More Help Needed!

**Jack Beckman** thanks everyone for coming out to help at the Hidden Pond Eagle Scout Project last month. And we thank him! "We got a lot done and if you have had a chance to walk through Cherry Valley Park or down the bike trail, you will see a big difference in the area around "Hidden Pond." It is not so hidden anymore. But, there still is more to come."

The project was 2 weekends long! The 14th and 15th of August was the 2nd weekend where Jack lead volunteers removing logs and other debris and spreading mulch on the trail in the woods behind the pond. Jack reminds, "We hope to get things ready for planting in September." This project, as all projects in the area, are part of Cherrydale's Master Plan for Parks and Opens Spaces, approved by the CCA in 2004. **Kate Trygstadt** and **Maureen Ross** lead the development of that plan with the able help of **Tom Korns**. LOCATION: Hidden Pond is located near the end of North 17th street off of Quincy Street (East side) between Washington-Lee High School and Lee Highway, right alongside the bike trail that parallels Route 66. When you drive down North 17th street, the project is located at the end of the street, on the right side, on the far side of the hill.

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**We will conduct ANOTHER (non-scout) volunteer project Saturday October 2nd.** We hope to consolidate the removal of invasive vines at the pond. As Jack teased in the past, COME EARLY STAY LATE!! Please contact Maureen at [president@Cherrydale.net](mailto:president@Cherrydale.net) if you think you can come. We'll meet at 9AM. Also, advise me if you think Sunday would be better than Saturday. 703 675 3035.



**Cherrydale Branch Library Happenings**  
**2190 N. Military Road; 703-228-6330**

Citizens for Cherrydale Library Website: [www.CherrydaleLibrary.org](http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org)

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

**Fall Kids' Storytimes. No Registration Required.**

**"Stop in for Stories": Wednesdays at 4:00 pm, Sept. 15 through Nov. 17.** For children of all ages and an accompanying adult. This fun and interactive program combines activities such as read-aloud stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and flannel boards and introduces children to listening skills, picture books, the library, and the joy of reading. The Library encourages full and active participation of the accompanying adults.

**"2 & Under": Thursdays at 10:30 am, Sept. 16 through Nov. 18.** 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. The Library encourages full and active participation of the accompanying adults. **(No storytime on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.)**

**Book Discussions for Adults**

Usually held on the second Monday of the month with books available a month in advance. Please call the library to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a title.

**October: We will take a fall break in October. (Nov. book will be given out at Sept. 13 meeting; any still available will be given out Sept. 15.)**

Monday, November 8 (7:30 pm): **The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo**, presently an International Bestseller, by Swedish author Stieg Larsson. Published 2005. . . 590 pages of text. We will have October and November to read this title.

Monday, December 13 (7:30 pm): **The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life and Legacy of Frances Perkins, Social Security, Unemployment Insurance, and the Minimum Wage**, by Kirstin Downey, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. Published 2009 . . . Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5) . . . 398 pages of text.

**Exhibit: Prize-Winning Photos by Will Haubert through October.**

(listserve turns 10-cont'd)

13. There has been some concern recently that people are "afraid" to post to the list. If you are unsure about the content of your email, please email the moderators and we can help. This is a communication mechanism for the whole community to feel free to access.

14. Remember, once an email is posted, it is in the public domain.

15. An added feature this year is a calendar at the bottom of each email. This is for Cherrydale Citizens Association events and we try to get things listed right away. If you see something missing, let the moderators know.

That's all. And, if you have any questions, please contact either of the listserve managers.

To start sending messages to members of this group, simply send email to:

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If you know someone who wants to join the list, have them send an email, telling us who they are and where they live, to: [CherrydaleCitizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:CherrydaleCitizens-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

Oh, I saved the best for last. Those of you into statistics and numbers may appreciate knowing how many emails go thru the listserve. Here is our annual count:

- 2010: 1196 (so far)
- 2009: 1184
- 2008: 1255
- 2007: 1302
- 2006: 1126
- 2005: 941
- 2004: 672
- 2003: 819
- 2002: 541
- 2001: 23
- 2000: 70

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**3565 Lee Hwy, old bank site**

John Regan representing the Christopher Company believes the property at 3565 Lee Hwy will be torn down around December and construction of the condos would begin shortly thereafter. We have asked and they agreed to remove azaleas and crepe myrtles for replanting in public spaces. This has to be coordinated with county. Meanwhile they promise to continue inspecting the site weekly and remove graffiti and trash immediately so as it does not become an attraction or nuisance site.



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## Brompton/Lee Hwy Undergrounding Snafu -

It looks like the Bromptons condos will be ready for occupancy around January 2011. However, the undergrounding project has hit yet another obstacle - the actual engineering plans were never made. This means the phone pole on Pollard near the highway will not come down for at least another 2 years. As near residents and anyone who attends CCA meetings know, this pole narrows Pollard St by Lee Highway to only 1 lane. A car cannot enter while another exits.

If the new condos become occupied quickly, (22 condos) the number of residents on this block will double plus we expect retail customers and visitors. One can easily envision a huge traffic jam whenever a car attempts to exit Pollard turning left on Lee, preventing another car wishing to enter Pollard from Lee from doing so. Back-ups will exist on both highway and residential street. Quincy St. has become a debacle, (also a discussion topic coming CCA meeting) so drivers will have to cut thru other parts of the neighborhood to get to their destination. None of this is good for residents or for the future retail business.

It is a rather stunning event that despite plans to underground Lee Highway since 1994, and despite the Bromptons Site Plan from 2002, and despite at least a 4 year delay during the failed inspection that still county has no solid engineering plans. Mike Collins from DES explains that County must coordinate with VDOT, Dominion, Verizon and a few minor utilities about the exact placement of the vaults and utility boxes.

In addition, local businesses need to agree to the citing of these boxes. Honda has effectively prevented them from being placed on their property or near them. Dominion Cleaners was approached to give up one of their driveways for the boxes and they naturally declined. Bromptons was going to host a large vault underground but since the basement is always wet Dominion Power has refused to use them.

As president I contacted the county about this problem over 2 years ago and was repeatedly assured it would be fixed with the undergrounding. **Mike Foremen** a Bromptons townhome resident also complained and received assurances. Yet plans have not been solidified.

So, the CCA has invited Chairman **Chris Zimmerman** from the County Board (running for re-election) and Mike Collins from engineering DES to discuss the problem and possible solutions at our CCA meeting September 15th. Please attend.

## Message from Business Liason:

Laurel McGowen

In an attempt to compensate for the county's reduced budget, we're asking the businesses along Lee Highway to help the Cherrydale Citizens Association's by performing maintenance and improvement projects on their store front, sidewalks and tree islands. The Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation Center kindly allowed our industrious volunteers to use their water to fill tree gators, and has already agreed to spruce up their side yard. We are contacting all the businesses. Most recently we are waiting to hear from Red Top Cab which owns Ivy Welding and the block around it. We have a general request for clean up of the area from North Lincoln St. to the I-66 ramp Look for improvements and encourage your local businesses .

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## It's a PARADE!!!!

It's almost time for the great Annual Cherrydale Parade and Ice Cream Social!

Mark your calendars – the date is Saturday, October 30, 2010. The parade starts moving at 10:00 am sharp. I repeat, 10:00 am sharp! If you want to be in the parade, please come at 9:30. 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 costumes, most enthusiastic, best decorated vehicle or float, best group, best old vehicle, oldest participant; oldest Cherrydale resident, newest resident, youngest participant. Contests will include ice cream eating, Twinkie eating and cherry pie eating. Anyone from the community can participate. Local organizations and businesses are very welcome, and we really would like more participation from them. The Washington-Lee marching band will set the pace. Costumed kids (and adults) are welcome. Some past highlights have included decorated dogs, bicycles, wagons, scooters, lawn chair drill teams, Cherrydale princesses, cheerleaders, scouts, lawn tractors, antique cars – be creative on your own or organize a group. We always enjoy our firefighters in the parade, and appreciate our police for traffic protection. No need to sign up – but do not be late!! Volunteers to serve ice cream and judge contests are needed as always. Everyone else can come out to cheer, along Randolph, 17th, Stafford, 21st Rd, Quebec. Once again, Cherrydale's own Scott, Kathy, and Dakota Springston are organizing the parade. Contact them at [sdakss@aol.com](mailto:sdakss@aol.com) with any questions, especially if you have a suggestion for a prize category in which you wish to compete – everybody can win.



### 17th St. cul de sac, Street Improvements-Update:

This Fall 17<sup>th</sup> Street N will be reconstructed from North Quincy Street to North Pollard Street. The project will install new curb and gutter, drainage facilities, and a sidewalk and utility strip along the north side of the street. The asphalt pavement will be completely rebuilt as well. The new street will be 22' wide, and will allow for parking on the north side of the street, adjacent to the sidewalk. The existing water main in the street will be replaced ahead of the street construction. Refer to the article posted in July newsletter for more details.

### BALLOT INITIATIVE AND CANDIDATES' DEBATE IN CHERRYDALE - UPDATE

The bylaws of the Cherrydale Citizens' Association (CCA) state "The purpose of the Association shall be to promote the general welfare of Cherrydale and of Arlington, Virginia; to provide the citizens of Cherrydale with a means of participating in County governance; and to serve as a source of information." It was in that spirit, and in response to energetic "dialogue" on the Cherrydale listserve, that the CCA decided to sponsor a debate on the potential ballot initiative to propose changing the Arlington form of government from the current County Manager type to a County Board type of governance. Supporters of the ballot initiative were not able to garner a sufficient number of valid signatures in order to have the initiative on the ballot this fall. But there will be a lot on the ballot with three candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives and the Arlington County Board, and two for the the Arlington School Board. The CCA is planning a Candidates Night for Wednesday October 20.

For the ballot initiative debate, over 50 people turned out on June 16 at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department to hear our speakers -- Mike Staples and Ken Dennis from the Committee for a Better Arlington, which was collecting signatures to get the proposal for change on to the ballot this fall, and Alan Howze and Judy Connolly from the Coalition for Arlington Good Government, which was opposed to the initiative to change our form of government. In addition to Cherrydalers, we had folks from Maywood, Donaldson Run, Foxcroft, Waverly, and Chainbridge in attendance. WUSA Channel 9 covered the event and we were on the evening news! CCA's super volunteer, and Neighborhood Conservation representative, Harry Spector videoed the whole debate and posted it in sections on YouTube. Check it out at [youtube.com/user/CherrydaleVideos2](http://youtube.com/user/CherrydaleVideos2).

Special thanks also to our youngest volunteer, Nicholas Kampeas who kept time so that answers were crisp, to CCA President Maureen Ross for moderating, CCA Secretary Margie McKelvey for organizing the event, Katherine Christensen (CCA Treasurer) and Mike Foremen for collecting all the questions, Jim Shear (CCA's Sweet 'n Sour Newsletter editor) and Margie McKelvey for organizing the questions so as to cover as much ground as possible, and of course to all of you civic-minded Cherrydalers that give our community a great reputation for volunteerism and engagement.