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Important Dates

November

**First Pass Leaf
Collection in Cherrydale**
11/16, 11/18, 11/19, 11/20

CCA General Meeting

Wed, 11/20/13

7:30pm at CVFD

Agenda:

*Officers Election (VOTE!)
Cherrydale Businesses*

Arlington Small Business Day

Sat, 11/30/13

for details visit:

www.arlingtonsmallbusinessday.org

December

Santa's Visit to CVFD

Sun, 12/15/13, 1pm

Officers' Election - VOTE 11/20/13 at CCA General Meeting

by Maureen Ross

Article IV Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected from among its members in good standing and shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

This year we are most fortunate to have Katherine Christensen run as Treasurer again unless anyone else wants the position. If you are curious about the job, give her a call. Meg Rydzewski too is happy to run for Secretary and remain Editor as those 2 positions meld well. Thank you Meg! Andy Claster is looking to step down as Vice-President and we are looking for a candidate. Thanks Andy for helping us out these last 2 years!

As for myself, I had intended to step down once my daughters arrived but I feel the strong urge to serve as president another year, if Cherrydale is willing, so I can accomplish 3 goals. The seeds of these goals were planted years ago. *(continued p. 12)*

New to the Cherrydale Window Gallery... YOU!

by Maureen Ross

On the weekend of November 2nd, we need your help to present a dozen new artists in our window gallery at the former Cherrydale Auto Parts corner store on Lee and N Lincoln St. Anyone who lives or works here in Cherrydale or Maywood may present their art for submission. We have needlework, photos, ceramics, paintings, great books, and posters celebrating our musicians. We need help designing the window displays to the best advantage for the artists. The display is free, granted by the *(continued p. 13)*

New Trees for Cherrydale

by Maureen Ross

In follow up to the "State of our Lee Hwy Trees" tour last Spring, Jaimie Bartalon (Landscape and Forestry Supervisor Department of Parks and Recreation) and Patrick Wegeng approved a replacement plan which will be implemented by Mary Pierce this fall. Maples have done poorly so the county will try possibly London Plane Trees and all the trees the will be wrapped when planted to protect young bark. Jaimie says,

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CHERRYDALE BUSINESS *by Meg Miller Rydzewski*

Company Flowers

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Floral designer Marnie Nicholson and her husband, John Nicholson, bought a flower shop at Lee Heights in the early 1990s. It grew quickly. Ultimately, they moved to their current spot on N. Pollard Street. "The most wonderful aspect of our business is our customers -- great people, many becoming personal friends beyond just customer relations," John says.

The couple live in DC along the MacArthur Boulevard corridor, where their family grew up, but their business is first and foremost in Cherrydale. Their customer base spans into upper Northwest DC, Alexandria and McLean, and out to Potomac, MD.

"Building a better sense of community along Lee Highway would be beneficial, I think," John said when asked if he could change anything about the 'Cherrydale Commercial District' at this point. For instance, he added, "it would be nice to have holiday decorations strung along Lee Highway to help everyone get a sense of a Cherrydale existence." While he agrees it would be great to organize the businesses here to promote business, he said, "I'd hope perhaps the Arlington Chamber could undertake a 'Cherrydale' endeavor."

Anyone who's stopped into Company Flowers can see how interesting the merchandise assortment is. The seasonal gifts are unique, fun, and pretty. "My wife and I visit the gift shows and also rely on gift supplier representatives who get to know what we like."

When asked what he likes about Cherrydale, he said, "I personally love the older homes, the Sears Houses, the quiet diversity and the "home" feeling thereby generated. It reminds me in many ways of the older neighborhoods where I grew up outside of Philadelphia."

"Come see us, even if only to chat!" Local authors are also invited to 'sign their books' on a Saturday.

Cherrydale Hardware

703-527-2100

3805 Lee Highway



Cherrydale Hardware has occupied the same building on Lee Highway since 1938. The store is owned by Jackie Bradbury. She and her late husband, Larry, bought it from his parents in the early 1990s. Her father-in-law bought the store from its first owner in 1964. Jackie now lives in Alexandria but still works in the business.

According to Mike Egbert, General Manager, about half of the employees at the store live in Arlington. Mike lives just up the hill in Waverly Hills. "I'm not a member of the Bradbury family," Mike explains, "but in this small, close-knit workplace, we all become family in a way."

The Christmas and Garden Shops were started around 1972. "The Christmas Shop has always stuck to the tradition of opening on the Friday after Thanksgiving, not in September or August as some other stores seem to do these days. As so much else in the store, we are amazed at how much more stuff we can squeeze in every year."

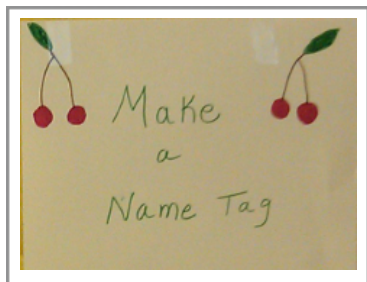
Shoppers will observe how helpful the staff is. While some staff has worked there for a little over a year, others have been there for over a decade. "Beyond the basics, we don't have extensive formalized training on product knowledge or inventory per se. Instead, we try to find employees who have open minds and are natural 'problem solvers' and all this mystical hardware knowledge gets passed down verbally, a little at a time. When faced with a new household problem or repair, we use teamwork to find solutions, tapping a collective knowledge base. In the end, the customer's problem is solved and every one of us knows a little bit more about the eccentricities of Arlington homes, and what drawer that faucet seal or screw is kept in."

"For all the occasional quirks of power poles in the middle of a sidewalk, or the crosswalks around the five points intersection, it is nice area to walk around or ride a bike. Many of the same qualities that attract individuals and families to live here also make it a great place to run a business."

COMMUNITY / SOCIAL

Pot Luck & “Share Your-Talents” Night Was Huge Fun!

by Debra A. Berke, CCA Social Coordinator



We had another great community event on October 19 at the Historic Fire Station. About 40 people came for the delicious food, great artwork, and interesting conversation. Some of the unique food included a heavenly gluten free, low carb cheesecake prepared by Marcia Coling and fishcakes by our very own fishmonger Peter Martone. There was also chicken, pizza, salads, cookies, chili to name just a few.

On display were clever knitted items by Katherine Christensen our esteemed treasurer; mosaics by Debra Berke our esteemed social event coordinator; and a multi-textured shawl

by Marcia Coling, fiber artist. The door prizes are always a highlight at our events. The prizes this time were a citrine and sterling silver bracelet made by Kate Summers and a pencil holder with mosaic cherries (see photo at right) by Debra Berke. The winner of the bracelet was a pre-teen boy, whose mom was away that weekend. Hopefully when she got home, she received that beautiful bracelet!



The evening was really fun. Maureen Ross, our President said “I met folks I hadn't seen in ages and plenty of new people too.” Watch this newsletter and the listserv for notices of future events.

Welcome Wagon

by Amy Wheelock



Welcome New Neighbors! The CCA Welcome Wagon delivers welcome packets to new residents and businesses to our community. Packets include information on Cherrydale, vehicle registration information, maps of Arlington, information on BikeShare, instructions on how to sign up for the listserv, coupons for local services, and helpful links from Arlington County.

Many thanks to those who let me know about new neighbors! If you know someone who has recently moved to Cherrydale (renters or homeowners) or if you'd like the welcome packet to include a brochure or coupon for your business, please send me an email at welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net.

Great Cherrydale Annual Parade

by Scott Springston

The great Cherrydale annual Parade which usually happens in the fall will be held in the spring this year due to scheduling conflicts with the W-L marching band. The band is an integral part of the parade and in the fall it has been near impossible for them to participate with their busy school schedule. As yet we don't have a date set but will announce one as soon as a good date is determined.



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Churches of Cherrydale (Pt 3): Fe y Alabanza

by Andy Murphy

Our toes were tapping within minutes of entering as the 4-person guitar and drum band laid out a bass Latin rhythm that reverberated deeply inside us and moved us to sing along: "Let us sing, let us dance, let us swim in the river of God's love." The entire church rocked. And it was all in Spanish.

My wife and I attended Sunday, October 13, service at 21st & Quebec and were immediately struck by the full-throated, enthusiastic, and passionate joy in the crowd of 180 Spanish-speaking worshipers. They had gathered to hear Rev Felix Edgonzales preach and to get their praise on. We joined in. In fact, the name of this evangelical Christian church means Faith and Praise.



Most of the members are from Arlington, 60% American, 40% from 17 different Latin-American countries. Pastor Felix says his congregation swells to almost 400 in the winter, so they add a second service (9:00 and 11:30). They're also broadcast on a Spanish language radio station, Sintonicenos (1030 AM).

Fe y Alabanza is an autonomous member of the Assemblies of God, the world's largest Pentecostal denomination. Pastor Felix's father, who is still actively preaching at 75, founded the church in 1994 and moved it from Clarendon to its Cherrydale location in 2000.

The funky building features eccentric architecture, stuccoed walls, an old wooden balcony, and pews sloping down to half encircle the altar, its design heightening the feeling of intensity and intimacy. Over the years, it has been home to Lutherans, Baptists, and the Capitol Worship Church.

Teri and I were greeted effusively; Miriam, the church secretary, offered to translate for us if we wanted. At one point we were asked to come up to the altar so the congregation could shower us with healing prayer. Our rusty Spanish allowed us to understand about 50% of the sermon. The words to all the hymns were projected on a screen.

Several of the church's community outreach programs are aimed at caring for the needy and providing tough-love intervention work for drug addicts. The Nets of Compassion program sends the church van into Arlington neighborhoods where the homeless congregate, bringing food, water, and hope. In one arm of this mobile venture, church women concentrate on helping area prostitutes turn their lives around.

Muchas gracias, y buena suerte.

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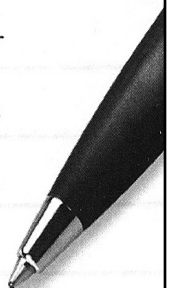
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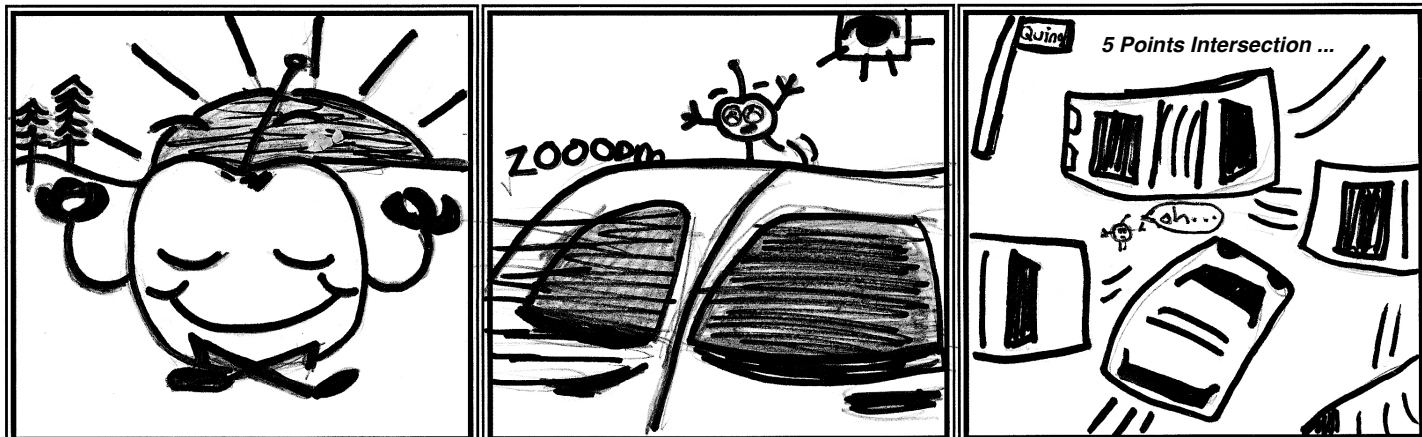
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FUN / INTEREST

A BOWL OF CHERRIES

by Annemarie Dougherty



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Sweet & Sour Recipe: Dijon Kale Salad with Dried Cherries

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

Kale is in season! Here's a salad combination I enjoy.

Salad Ingredients

- a large bunch of Tuscan kale (not curly kale) with the thick, center stems removed
- thinly sliced radishes
- handful of pecans or walnut halves
- handful of dried cherries (or cranberries)
- 2 ounces of fresh goat cheese, warmed

Dijon Dressing Ingredients:

- 3 tbsp lemon juice
- 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 tbsp dijon mustard
- garlic, salt and pepper to taste

Makes about 4 servings. Delicious!



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Gardener's Corner: Fall/Winter Garden Maintenance

by Clare Rockey

By now you've probably raked up more leaves than you care to remember, and if you haven't yet been able to finish all of your fall/winter garden maintenance, there is still time. Be sure to:

- clean and put away your gardening tools
- put your terra cotta and fragile flower pots away (preferably indoors in a garden shed or garage, so they won't crack from the winter ice)
- compost the remains of your garden vegetable plants
- ready your garden soil for spring by turning it over once or twice and adding mature compost from your compost pile
- trim back any shrubs and perennials that you haven't already addressed, keeping an eye out for branches and stems that may break under heavy winter snow
- add a layer of mulch if you still need to do that to your beds

- sweep up dirt, debris and leaves from paved areas so that you have a clear snow-shoveling surface



- check your snow removal supplies and be sure to stock up early
- get your firewood
- put your winter bird feeders out (we have a vibrant backyard bird population that you can enjoy this season)
- think about several wonderful shrubs and trees with winter-blooming interest that grow well in our area -- here are a few just to get you started: Camelia (Camelia japonicum), Witchhazel (Hamamelis x. intermedia), Flowering Quince (Chaenomeles speciosa), Winter Jasmine (Jasminum nudiflorum), Winterberry Holly (Ilex verticillata 'Winter Red'), and Buttercup Winterhazel (Corylopsis pauciflora).

CARING NEIGHBORS

Caring Neighbor Found Lost Item and Did Not Give Up Until She Found Owner

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

While out walking in early September, Tracey Price found upper dentures along Randolph Street. In effort to return them to their owner, she made inquiries to neighbors nearby, without luck. Thinking it was a very important and expensive item, she posted about it on the listserv. Ten days later, through these efforts, the dentures were returned to their very grateful owner.

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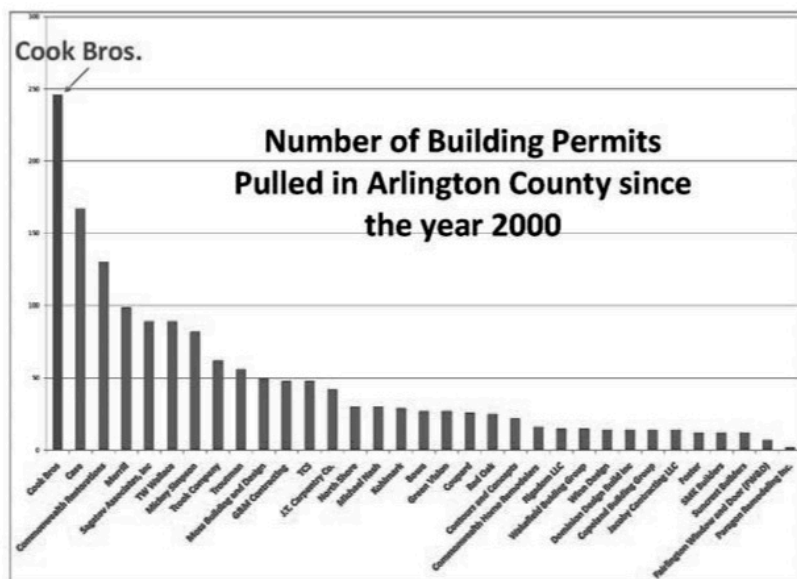
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Fight FOG - Can the Grease: Protect Your Home, Sanitary Sewer, and the Environment

by Aileen Winqvist, Watershed Outreach Program Manager, Arlington County Environmental Services

Pouring fats, oils and grease - FOG - down your drain can cost you money, damage sanitary sewage lines and harm the environment. What is FOG? Cooking oil, fat, butter, margarine, shortening, or food scraps.

Why is it a problem? When FOG is dumped down the drain, it forms large, thick grease balls that clog our sewer pipes. Clogged pipes can result in sewage backups and spills, flooding homes and businesses, causing environmental problems and traffic tie-ups.

What can you do to fight FOG?

- Do not pour fat, oil or grease down sink drains or garbage disposals. Do not use hot water to rinse grease off cookware or dishes.
- Pour or scrape grease or oily food waste from dishes and pans into a metal can. Allow grease to solidify before throwing it in the trash.
- Use a paper towel to wipe grease off pans before washing.
- Put used cooking oil in a sealable container before throwing it in the trash.
- Keep drains clean by pouring 1/2 cup baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup vinegar. Wait 10 to 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.
- Check your homeowner's insurance to see if it covers sewage backups, and if not, consider adding the coverage.

Koons Toyota Cherrydale Violations

by Roger Merletti

Koons Toyota Tire Shop located at 4060 Lee Hwy is in violation of the permit granting it usage of the property. Through the late spring to the present time, several of the trees planted at the front of the lot and one at the west end have been deteriorating to the point that they appear quite sickly or nearly dead from an apparent lack of water. According to the usage permit, the dealership is to adequately care for the trees, which appears to have not been the case.

Additionally, on many occasions over the past several months, the bay doors of the service building have been open while work has been going on inside, allowing loud noises to emanate. This has been disturbing to the residents in close proximity. Working on cars while the bay doors are open also is in violation of the usage permit. A few years ago the dealership installed air conditioning in the building to alleviate the need to open the doors during the warmer months to cool the inside. The significant increase of Toyota employees sounding off car alarms outside has increased, as well, which the management pledged to control in the past.

Cherrydale Citizen Association President Maureen Ross has made these concerns known to Toyota's management. Regarding the trees, management said it would discuss the trees' condition with the tire repair shop. As of the writing of this article (October 17th), Maureen has not received any communication from the repair shop, so she notified Arlington County Planners. Roger Merletti, Cherrydale citizen, also expressed all of the concerns to Mr. Ken Wright, Head of Zoning and Inspections for Arlington County Government.

This Use Permit is potentially a huge WIN WIN for retail and community, added eight trees where black asphalt used to be. Now all that is needed is consistent watering, and at this point once again replacement of a few of the trees.

Lee Highway Undergrounding

by Michael Collins, Engineering Bureau Chief at Arlington County

The work to convert Dominion Virginia Power (DVP) services to the new underground system continues and is expected to be complete by the end of October. DVP has been working with the affected customers to minimize inconvenience to the properties.

Comcast has been working to install new facilities which will enable their cables to be removed from the existing utility poles, and that work is anticipated to be complete by the end of October. Verizon will have to reconfigure some utilities across the 5-points intersection, and that work is being scheduled. We will have an

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update from all of the utilities at our monthly utility meeting on October 24. Once the partner utilities have been removed from the poles, DVP will remove the existing poles, and the project will be complete. This work remains on target to be complete by the end of the year.

Once the poles have been removed, Arlington will proceed with streetscape improvements from N Oakland St to the Five Points intersection in the Spring & Summer of 2014. The County will look to expedite the improvements in front of the Bromptons development in order provide the on-street parking for that block. We are targeting April (when asphalt becomes available after the winter months) to have those parking spaces in service.

Note from Maureen Ross: There will be a big sidewalk celebration in the spring upon completion.

2013 Cherrydale Candidates Debate

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

Cherrydale held its annual Candidates Debate on Wednesday, October 16. Candidates commented that we host a well-run, fair debate.

The following candidates participated: Robert H Brink, House of Delegates (48th District); Audrey Clement, County Board; Jay Fisette, County Board; Stephen William Cooper Holbrook, write-in candidate for County Board. You can read more about each candidate's platform by clicking on the links/file posted at:

<http://www.cherrydale.net/2013-cherrydale-candidates-debate.html>

If you have ideas on how to make the debate better, please contact Maureen Ross at president@cherrydale.net. For example, having fewer candidates allowed deeper conversation, so it may be a good idea to have a separate debate just for County Board.



(above, L to R: Bob Brink, Audrey Clement, Jay Fisette, Stephen Holbrook (photos courtesy of Meg Miller Rydzewski)

5 Points Intersection

by Elizabeth Diggs, Elizabeth Logan Diggs, Capital Projects Management Coordinator

Department of Environmental Services - Division of Transportation - Arlington County Government

Staff continues to work with the adjacent property owners to obtain the necessary easements. Designs for both the traffic signal and the streetscape are at the 50 percent completion mark. The project will

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provide a much better pedestrian, bicycle and transit access. The design will also include additional green space for trees. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Elizabeth Diggs at ediggs@arlingtonva.us.

Interested in Fostering a Child?

by Maureen Ross

Are you interested in learning about helping children by being a foster parent or even just a short term emergency back up parent, or perhaps simply hosting a child for a month helping them find a family? Or are you thinking about adopting and want to learn more? According to our recent neighborhood survey, 25 respondents said they might be interested in fostering in the future (with 4 definite) and another 35 stated they were unsure. This is significant untapped resource for service to children.

Unfortunately, the survey was anonymous so we can not reach out specifically to just those who noted a degree of interest. Please contact Maureen Ross at president@Cherrydale.net.

Local Crime: What You Can Do

by Maureen Ross

Our Cherrydale community Liaison Officer Adam Crider and Sergeant Alan Lowrey paid me a visit to introduce themselves and discuss recent events. First, they want to emphasize that reports of crime to our listserv do not count as crime reports. The police **MUST** be notified by the victim. I do make it a point to forward complaints to the police and ask the listserv member to report the crime. Apparently most of the time, however, it is not. This is a disservice to the community. Getting real time reports helps the police see patterns and catch criminals. A report can be made by phone, or even on-line. Be sure to request the report number so that you know it was indeed documented. I appreciate being copied.



Apparently, rainy weekdays are favorites for criminals who walk up to homes looking for unlocked doors. Also (and I do this all the time), opportunity thieves like to see open front doors and neighbors busy gardening in the back. Many a purse is stolen that way.

The recent police pull-overs on Monroe and way up Vermont are probably unrelated. Officer Cridor promised to look into the Monroe incident but it did not involve anyone local.

Know what your teens are doing. There is a fair amount of drugs in the schools (according to other sources). Do report activities that seem suspicious. As always, nothing works better to keep crime out than a strong community where people know and look out for each other.

We have a fairly low crime rate given Arlington's density. Our worst crime was one Officer Lowrey was involved in solving. He helped catch serial rapist and possible murderer Jorge "George" Torrez, who was living at the Marine Corps' Henderson Hall at Fort Myer when arrested February 2010. He has been convicted of abduction and robbery in connection with a Feb. 10 incident along North Quincy Street, in Cherrydale, "during which he tried to force a woman into a car at gunpoint before settling for stealing her purse about 12:30 a.m." (Washington post 3/1/10) Just two weeks later, he abducted 2 women near Ballston and almost killed one of them, who lived to describe him and help convict him.

Quiet little Cherrydale. Who knew? So please, report crime to the police first and the listserv second. It's OK to report suspicious activity. Remind each other to lock up. The reputation we want is one that's welcoming to people yet downright difficult for criminals.

New Newsletter Distribution Captain

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

Please join me in thanking Patti Phelps for her 4+ years of work as lead newsletter distribution captain! The baton has now been passed to Elizabeth Cotsworth. Patti will continue to deliver the newsletter to the businesses along Lee Highway. Welcome, Elizabeth, and thank you!



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NC Plan Update Delay

by Maureen Ross

Work related trials came up, and all sorts of court delays for several members of the committee, along with vacations, travel, and family events. I never expected to be on Colombia 6 weeks that's for sure. We are behind but getting back on track. If you like editing, we would appreciate some fresh insights. Send an email to president@cherrydale.net. If you have a passion for a certain part of the NC Plan, again, send an email. Our sections are Community Services, Parks and Recreation, Retail and Lee Hwy, Traffic and how we travel, Housing and Zoning. Any time you have would be appreciated. As parts of the plan have their final edits, we will post them to the website for review.

Bus Stops

by Meg Miller Rydzewski

According to Oleg Kotov of Arlington County, approval has not yet been granted to put the bus stop in front of Car World on Lee Highway. If he does get the approval, he'll notify us immediately and will work with Mary Pierce to see if they can get a tree planted next to the stop (hopefully with a bench). Kotov said, "Per Automated Passenger Counter data from WMATA (Metrobus), there about 6 people getting on the bus and over 50 getting off the bus on westbound Lee Highway at N. Lincoln Street. Unfortunately, Metro buses do not record instances of wheelchair ramp deployment, so I have no way of knowing how many wheelchair users use the stop. It's pretty clear though, that this stop is adequately well utilized in its current location. I need to run this by my higher ups and make a decision as to which location (CarWorld or existing at Lincoln) will cause the least effect on surrounding property owners."

Water, Sewer and Streets is scheduling the installation of a shelter pad by the substation wall at Lee and Monroe. We should see some work at that corner soon.

FEATURES: New Trees -- continued from page 1

"London Plane trees are a cousin of sycamores that are very tolerant of pollution and stress from urban environments." The following describes the addition of ten trees:



Lee Highway:

- 2 trees in front of Safeway. "At the Safeway site, we will replace the two sad looking red maples with London Plane trees this fall. We then plan to remove (and transplant elsewhere) the remaining two red maples at this site after they drop their leaves...probably in the winter, before budding. That will provide a more consistent look, rather than having two London Plane trees sandwiched between two red maples."
- 2 trees in front of Dunkin' Donuts London Plane Trees
- 1 tree in median near N Kenmore St - Willow Oak

Old Dominion Drive:

- Fire Station # 3: As per Fire Captain Joe Lightfoot, no trees immediately in front of Fire Station, but will plant 2 Willow Oak trees in front of new Koons' garage (to the east of the Fire Station)

FEATURES: New Trees -- continued from previous page

- 1 tree to replace the dead Oak planted near Koons' dealership Match to existing Pin Oak

Five Points Intersection:

- The plan is to replace the dead cherry tree "unless a Miss Utility check restricts excavation" which they shouldn't given that a tree has been there for ten years. I say there is room for 2. "Planting of second tree might not be possible due to utilities" but the median is at least 20 feet long. However Betty Diggs, Capital Projects Management Coordinator working on our 5-point intersection problem, has asked us to wait until the intersection reconfiguration is complete. Replace Zelcova with Willow Oak and asking for a cherry tree.

Other:

- 2000 block N Oakland St. replacing 1 pear tree with Zelcova

I pointed out there are perhaps ten more trees dead or half dead and will pursue. Betty Diggs thinks we can fit maybe 2 trees in front of Honda, when the intersection is improved, and at the September CCA meeting we discussed with bus stop manager Oleg Kortov the desire for a tree along the walk in front of Car World. Finally, we emphasized the importance of watering the trees, especially in August, not just for 2-3 years, but 7-9 years given the loss of 10 year old trees these past few hot summers.

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1. I lead the last Cherrydale Neighborhood Conservation Plan update (No. 2) in 2004 and this year I pledged to finish our 3rd. We are behind for various reasons, yet with the end so close. I want to keep that momentum and vision going and see the plan adopted in 2014, with Cherrydale then first in line for NC Project funding.

2. Last Spring I began serving on the Lee Hwy Civic Associations Presidents' Committee, meeting monthly to discuss and start developing a vision for Lee Hwy from Roslyn to East Falls

Church. These meetings are open to anyone, and everyone's input is welcome. We are still in the learning phase, taking guided walking tours of different neighborhoods every other month. It is important Cherrydale weigh in on how Lee Hwy develops. The timing is perfect for us as we have finished our survey and are almost finished with our updated plan. I feel for consistency's sake it would be good to continue in that role for another year, and work to bring more Cherrydale neighbors into the committee to join Tom Korn and me.

3. My third goal has been to see The Lee Hwy Undergrounding of Utilities project completed, with Lee Hwy spiffed up and the retail prospering. April 2014 is the deadline for the project completion. I have conducted 4 walking tours of our "main street" showing county the dead trees, loose bricks, abandoned utility boxes and general disrepair. Hopefully you have noticed that maintenance has improved, and yet more trees replace the dead ones. We have made great connections with dedicated retail owners who also want to spruce up Cherrydale Lee Hwy. We celebrate two of our businesses in every newsletter and we continue to make inroads that strengthen our connection and communication with local retail. Evidence of this is the old Cherrydale Auto parts store showcasing Cherrydale Artists, and the new sidewalk on Monroe by Safeway where now people in wheelchairs can traverse safely, thanks to an anonymous retail donation. And let's not forget we are getting the Capitol Bikeshare at Safeway. So, this April, we hope to have a big splash ribbon cutting and sidewalk celebration with all our businesses showcased at their best.

Anyone who has been a member for at least a month prior to election can also run. We do not have a nominating Committee this year and we no longer have a general assembly meeting in October (haven't in over a decade). I will confer with officers and former officers about looking for more candidates. If you want to throw your hat in the ring, notify Meg at secretary@cherrydale.net so she can get your name out there. Serving as an officer is like learning how sausage is made: fascinating, horrifying, but finally satisfying (apologies to my vegetarian friends).



FEATURES: Cherrydale Window Gallery

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goodwill of the owner, Red Top Cab founder Neal Nichols. Every artist should create a 6 by 6 inch sign detailing who they are and how to buy their work, if it is for sale.

This is a terrific opportunity to celebrate our artists, and perhaps find a little creative spark in each of us. Coax your friends, inform your favorite employees at local stores, and volunteer your own efforts.



Email president@Cherrydale.net if you want to display something, or help us set up. We are aiming for Saturday November 2nd at 12 noon. There is no electricity so we need daylight hours. I wonder if students might get community service credit for helping. But the best fun of all is meeting fellow neighbors to create something unique and special here for our community.



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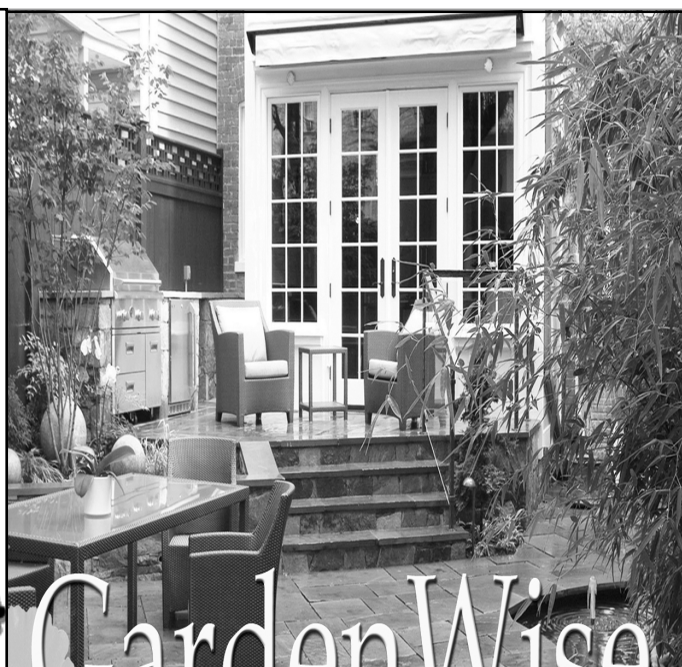
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Fall Kids' Programs

"Paws To Read": For Emerging Readers & Kids Who Love Dogs! : Sat., Nov. 16, & Sat., Dec. 21 (3 - 4 pm). Specially trained dogs will be available for 15-min. reading sessions, by appointment. For K - 5 students. Free, but registration is required. Call or stop by circulation desk.

Three Fall Storytime Programs (No Registration Required):

- Mondays @ 6:45 pm "Pajama Storytime" (all ages): Through Nov. 18.
- Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm "Over Twos" (ages 2-5): Through Nov. 19.
- Thursdays @ 10:30 am "Stop in for Stories" (ages 0-5): Through Nov. 21.
- Storytimes will resume in early January.

Book Discussions for Adults

Call to sign up & check availability of copies from the special discussion book collection.

- Mon., Dec. 9 @ 7:30 pm: Barbara Kingslover's *Flight Behavior*: A Novel, a NY Times Notable Book & Washington Post Best Book of the Year.
- Mon., Jan. 13 @ 7:30 pm: *Midnight in Peking*: How the Murder of a Young Englishwoman Haunted the Last Days of Old China, by Paul French.
- Mon., Feb. 10 @ 7:30 pm: *Rin Tin Tin: The Life and the Legend*, a New York Times Notable Book of the Year & Bestseller, by Susan Orlean (*The Orchid Thief*).

Exhibit

Through Jan 6: *Faces of Afghanistan*: Photos by Kenneth Chadwick.

Gift-Wrapped Surprise Books!

Once again, starting in mid-Nov., patrons are invited to check out a gift-wrapped surprise book to take home and read. (The books do have to be returned 3 weeks later, though.)

Christmas Tree Fire Safety

excerpt reprinted from: U.S. Fire Administration, FEMA
www.usfa.fema.gov/citizens/home_fire_prev/holiday-seasonal/holiday.shtm

Based on data from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), an estimated 240 home fires involving Christmas trees and another 150 home fires involving holiday lights and other decorative lighting occur each year. Together, these fires result in 21 deaths and \$25.2 million in direct property damage.

Following a few simple fire safety tips can keep electric lights, candles, and the ever popular Christmas tree from creating a tragedy. Learn how to prevent a fire and what to do in case a fire starts in your home. Make sure all exits are accessible and not blocked by decorations or trees. Help ensure that you have a fire safe holiday season.

Christmas Trees

Christmas trees account for hundreds of fires annually. Typically, shorts in electrical lights or open flames from candles, lighters or matches start tree fires. Well-watered trees are not a problem. A dry and neglected tree can be.

Selecting a Tree for the Holidays

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long and, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of Your Tree

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

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Ceramic Mug: \$3 for one

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