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CCA General Meeting

Wed, 03/18/15, 7:30 pm
at CVFD

Neighborhood Conservation Update

by Harry Spector

The Arlington County Board, last month, approved \$795,000 for the Oakgrove Park Neighborhood Conservation (NC) project. The improvements, funded by the 2014 voter-approved Capital Improvement Program bond, include updating the playground equipment, replacing the gazebo, and installing a rain garden. The project is not connected to the current ADA upgrades being completed now. The start date will be announced in a future edition of SSN.



The County Board also accepted Cherrydale's Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update following an outstanding presentation by Maureen Ross. The updated plan, culled from

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Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety in Cherrydale

by Harry Spector

The County is working on making Cherrydale a safer place to walk and bike! Specifically, they are working to put in a signal to help people walking and biking across Quincy Street at 15th Street North, where the ramp to the Custis Trail meets a crosswalk across Quincy. They are also considering a signal to help people walking and biking across Lee Highway at North Nelson Street, near the Safeway.

County staff is considering a rectangular rapid flash beacon (RRFB) for the Quincy location. An RRFB is a set of flashing yellow lights usually on the side of the road that is activated when a person walking or biking pushes a button on the side of the street, alerting drivers that someone wants to cross.

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Help Plan the CCA's Fourth of July Party!

One of the best parts of living in Cherrydale: The Cherrydale Fourth of July block party is coming back! Along with our Cherrydale neighborhood parade, our annual yard sale, and our spaghetti dinner, our Fourth of July party is an endearing, old-fashioned, family-friendly, neighborhood event. We'll have a cookout and potluck, live music and DJ, contests (hula-hoop) and dancing, face painting, hand-cranked Italian ice, a visit from the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department and a reading of the Declaration of Independence. Our grand finale is watching the fireworks over the National Mall, accompanied by music.



We love our Fourth of July party. The success of every great party rests in the planning, coordination, and volunteers! That's where you come in. With your help, we can make this Fourth of July Party another great Cherrydale success. We need your help with finding a location, arranging activities and events, finding sponsors for food and supplies and the like.



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Come to our March, April and May CCA meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department or email our CCA Secretary and Social Director Catie Sullivan at secretary@cherrydale.net if you are interested in volunteering. We can't wait!

Welcome CVFD Chief Chris Jones!

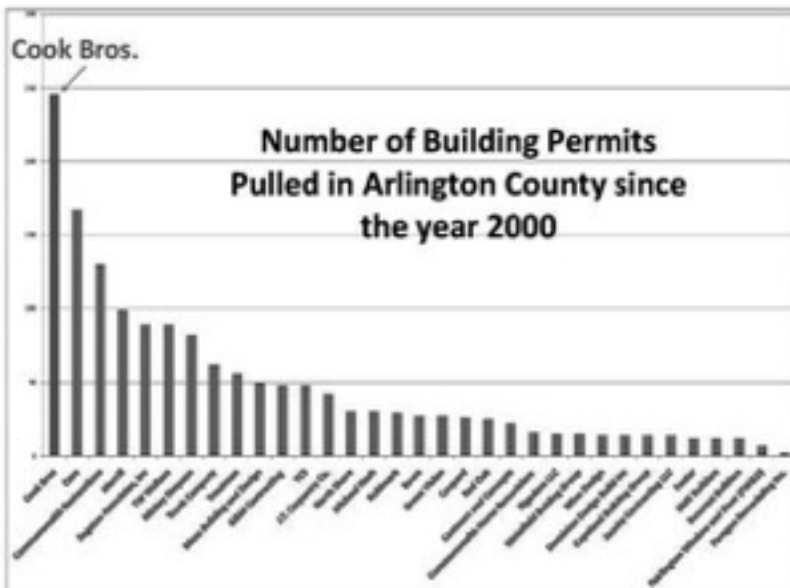
Please join us in welcoming new chief of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department, Chris Jones. By day, Chris is a special education teacher at Ashlawn Elementary School. Chris has brought new volunteer firefighters and new energy to the CVFD. He has also faced the challenge of upgrading the CVFD's equipment to comply with new firefighting requirements. And he does it without the benefit of government funding. He does it all with donations.

Founded in 1898, the CVFD is the oldest volunteer fire department in Northern Virginia. Today, its volunteers supplement the Arlington County Fire Department. The CVFD owns and operates Light & Air 103, which responds to most first in the County as well as many other calls for service. The Cherrydale Civic Association and the CVFD has a long history of working together. We look forward to working with Chris Jones to continue that relationship well into the future.



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www.CookBros.org/CherrydaleGraph



Spaghetti Dinner a Success! Thank You Donors, Volunteers and Neighbors!

by Catie Sullivan

What a blast! The first annual CCA Spaghetti Dinner was a dazzling success. Over 150 neighbors of all ages came together on March 7 at Cherrydale's Volunteer Fire Department to enjoy pasta, wine, great company and dancing to live local music from the Cherrydale Jazz Ensemble—all for a good cause.

Proceeds from this event will fund the upcoming Cherrydale Citizens Association's Fourth of July Party and some needed upgrades for the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department.

Heartfelt appreciation goes to our donors, volunteers and all who made this entirely LOCAL event possible. Thanks to Bill Hamrock and Bistro 29 (formerly Pasha Cafe) for donating the pasta and sauce. A big thank you to the Cherrydale Jazz Ensemble.



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We are grateful to CVFD Chief Chris Jones and the CVFD firefighters for the use of their house and the time and labor to support the event. Event Volunteers Kimber Craine, Byron, Chloe and Cole Sullivan and Tracey Price ensured the night's success.

Thank you to Safeway for allowing guests to use their parking. Thanks for Evan Lacapo, Brenda Craine and Catie Sullivan for conceiving, organizing, and planning the event. Tom Korn's deserves a big thank you for the signs he posts around town.

Finally, thank you to the Cherrydale Neighbors who attended. The outpouring of support from the community for this dinner is an example of why we live where we do. We look forward to doing it again next year. We'll see you there!

Cherrydale Library Happenings!

2190 N. Military Road: 703-228-6330 — Coffee Welcome!
<http://www.CherrydaleLibrary.org>

Library Hours

Monday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Tuesday	1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Wednesday	1 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Thursday	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

Winter/Spring Kids' Programs

Two Storytime Programs (No Registration Required)

Note Spring Break.

"Over Twos" (ages 2-5), Tuesdays @ 4:30 pm, through March 17, then resuming April 7-May 19.

"Stop In for Stories" (ages 0-5), Thursdays @ 10:30 am, through March 19, then resuming April 9-May 21.

"Paws To Read: For Emerging Readers & Kids who Love Dogs!" For K – 5 students on the 1st and 3rd Sats. of the month, 3-4 pm, by appointment. Specially trained dogs will be available for 15-min. reading sessions **Free, but registration is required.** Call or stop by circulation desk.

Reminder – On days when Arlington Public Schools are closed because of bad weather, all Library Kids' Events are also cancelled.

Adult & Teen Programs

"Meditation: A Tool to Balance Your Life," with Gerry Gorman: Wed., Mar. 11, 7-8:30 pm.

"Tech Help": New weekly program on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 5-8 pm. Having difficulty with a computer program or just need some help figuring out how to do something on the computer? Sign up for one-on-one tutoring sessions. *Free, but pre-registration required.* Contact library.

Knitting Club: Every Wed., (7:30 – 8:30 pm). All skill levels are welcome.

Book Discussions for Adults: Check web site above for complete schedule and book descriptions. Limited copies are available a month in advance for those signing up. Call ahead.

- Mon., April 13, 7:30 pm: Ernest Hemingway's *For Whom the Bell Tolls*.
- Mon., May 11, 7:30 pm: *The Garden of Evening Mists*, by Tan Twan Eng.

Photo Exhibit Opening Reception & Talk on Pinhole Photography, by Scott Speck, who has exhibited in Berlin, Israel, and elsewhere. Public reception: 1-3 pm ; talk will start at 2 pm on Sat., April 11. Exhibit runs through early July.

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Are you interested in lowering your energy bills and reducing carbon footprint with solar energy? Have you ever wondered if your house would be a good candidate for solar panels?

Arlington County, ACE, and Virginia Sun are spreading the word about a solar co-op available to Arlingtonians for a limited time.

Purchasing and installing solar by yourself can be confusing and costly, but by joining the solar co-op members will save 30% off the cost of a solar system (in addition to the federal tax credit) and you will have the support of the co-op throughout the process.

You can have a quick and free solar assessment done on your home to see if solar panels would work on your roof. Interested Arlingtonians can sign up or learn more here: <http://www.vasun.org/arlington-solar-co-op/>

If you have questions, please contact Chris Somers at csomers@arlingtonva.us.



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Neighborhood Conservation Update (continued from p.1)

residents' responses to a 194-question survey, expresses Cherrydale's developmental vision, community desires, and infrastructure needs for the next decade. Completion and acceptance of the plan also offers Cherrydale NC project "bonus points" to obtain funding quicker than if the points were not available.



Speaking of which, Cherrydale neighbors have until April 7 to submit their street improvement, park, or beautification proposal (and petition for street projects) for Cherrydale's next NC project. At the May 20th CCA meeting qualified proposals will be presented for consideration with a vote will follow. The winner will be submitted as our #1 priority project.

See the article in the January SSN for more detailed information or email or email Harry Spector at NC@cherrydale.net with your questions. Or come to this month's CCA meeting! Project proposal and petition forms can be downloaded in the NC section of the CCA website - Cherrydale.net

A lot of work goes into putting the NC update together to get the bonus points and NC projects offer us a unique opportunity for the community to decide what infrastructure improvement its wants. So let's not waste it. Get those ideas in to qualify for voting in May and let's get some new sidewalk, street lights, or something nice for Cherrydale.

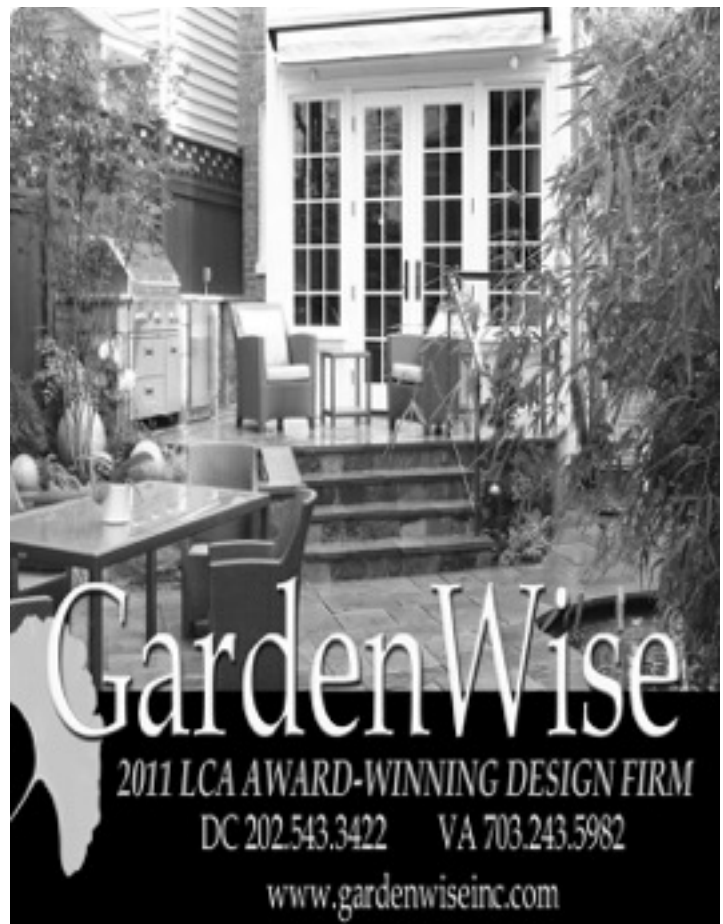
Pedestrian/Bike Safety (continued from p.1)

A similar signal exists on Columbia Pike and South Frederick Street.



Another option, which would be High-intensity Activated crossWalk beacon, or HAWK signal. HAWK signals hang over the roadway, and have both red and yellow lights.

Come to the CCA meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, to discuss these and other ways the County can make Cherrydale a safer place to walk and bike.



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Ceramic Mug: \$3 for one Qty (to 3): _____ x \$3 = _____
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