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Stratford Middle School Update

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CCA General Meeting

No meeting in July! See you in September! As many in the Cherrydale community know, Arlington Public Schools (APS) plans to renovate the building that currently houses the HB Woodlawn and Stratford programs and convert it to a new neighborhood middle school. The Superintendent has recommended that the new school be renovated and scheduled to open in the Fall of 2019.

The Stratford project is but one of many in the county to relieve the overcrowding that is plaguing our middle schools, particularly Swanson and Williamsburg where many in our neighborhood attend. Since November 2014 when the School Board selected the Stratford site to meet urgent middle school capacity needs, multiple citizen committees and associations have worked hard to balance the many challenges at Stratford. The Stratford Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) met 22 times, considered 9 different site access options, including representatives from 7 civic associations and 7 feeder schools, and heard public comment at every meeting. Because the Stratford site is adjacent to county recreational property, a Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) has also been heavily involved in the planning process to ensure that civic facilities involved in the project meet

community goals for attractiveness, durability and functionality.



One of the issues that had long been debated in the Stratford project was whether to include an access drive connecting Vacation Lane to Old Dominion. On May 14, the County Board held a hearing concerning the recommendation of the BLPC to construct the access drive. Following approximately 4 and a half hours of speakers and conversation, 4 members of the

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county board (Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Vihstadt, Ms. Cristol, and Ms. Garvey) indicated support for the driveway and 1 (Mr. Fisette) indicated that he preferred not to build the driveway. On June 2, 2016, the School Board approved the schematic design for the project, including the access drive, in a unanimous vote.

A portion of the Stratford project budget will also be devoted to honoring the historic nature of the Stratford site, including its identity as the very first public school in Virginia to be integrated. In addition, efforts are being made to preserve the views of the historic Stratford façade from Vacation Lane.

The project will now proceed to construction documents and application for a use permit, with actual construction to follow.

Additional information on the project is available here: http://apsva.us/design-and-construction/stratford-middle-school-project/. Cherrydale representatives on the BLPC are Eve Reed (ereed_dc@yahoo.com) and Raymond Sendejas (sendejasr@gmail.com), and the Cherrydale representative on the PFRC is Mark Bildner (mark@bildner.net).



Check us out on Cherrydale.net, the List Serve, Nextdoor & Facebook, and Follow Us on Twitter

We love our oldfashioned Sweet & Sour News, handdelivered by our fellow Cherrydalers six times a year right to your front door. (And look elsewhere in the issue for a special thank you to those volunteers!) It's the best way to make sure we reach everybody in Cherrydale.



But we are are continuing to expand our electronic presence as well.



You can keep up with the Cherrydale Citizens Association and stay in touch with your fellow Cherrydalers on Cherrydale.net, our Yahoo! List Serve, Nextdoor, and Facebook, and you can



follow us on Twitter. Links to all of these social media options are on our own cherrydale.net website. And we are working on bringing back our recommendations page.

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NC Project Proposal Submissions Due Soon!

By Harry Spector

Reminder: August 9 is the last day to submit your Cherrydale NC project nomination in time for the September CCA vote. NC projects typically consist of street, sidewalk, and lighting improvements as well as park enhancements. For full details and an application go to Cherrydale.net and click on the "Neighborhood Conservation" link at the top menu bar. If you have questions about the process or whether an idea qualifies email Cherrydale's NC Rep, Harry Spector at nc @ cherrydale.net.

Cherrydale is a great place to ride a bike!

Whether you are looking to improve your commute during SafeTrack, explore the trails in the area, or just grab some ice cream, there are many safe and wonderful bike rides that start in Cherrydale. With one Capital Bikeshare station already at Nelson and Lee and another coming to Taylor and Old Lee, you don't even need your own bike!

Looking for a long route? The Custis Trail runs right through Cherrydale. The hilly trail runs along 166, and in Cherrydale, you can jump on from 15th Street, Quincy, Nelson, Monroe, 18th and 20th. Head east, and the trail will take you close to Courthouse (and MOM's) and into Rosslyn, and from there you can cross into DC, or continue on the Mt Vernon Trail along the Potomac. Head west, and the trail will lead you to the W&OD trail, which continues west and north all the Purcellville or south and east past Columbia Pike to Shirlington, where it connects to the Four Mile Run Trail and eventually back to the Mt Vernon Trail.

Want to go shopping? Biking to Ballston or Clarendon is quick and easy. Quincy heads right into the heart of Ballston, and Stafford provides a less stressful alternative. To get to Clarendon, you can avoid the hills involved in crossing Kirkwood by taking Quincy or Monroe to Fairfax

Dr, then heading east past Northside Social.

Looking for a better commute?

People who commute by bike are the happiest commuters. From Cherrydale, the Custis Trail makes getting to DC easy, and the Virginia Square Metro station is a very quick bike ride away. Using Capital Bikeshare, you don't have to worry about locking up your own bike and can combine different kinds of trips.

Want to bike with your kids? Plenty of parks are accessible by bike from Cherrydale. Most of Arlington's trails and neighborhood streets are comfortable for biking



with kids, and BikeArlington's comfort map can help you plan a route. Kidical Mass Arlington has lots of resources for riding with kids on their page.

Web resources:

BikeArlington:

bikearlington.com/pages/new-to-biking/ Washington Area Bicyclists' Association (WABA): waba.org/resources/safetrack/

Comfort map:

bikearlington.com/pages/maps-rides/ Kidical Mass Arlington:

kidicalmassarl.blogspot.com



Cherrydale Library Happenings!

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

Library Hours

Monday 10AM-9PM Thursday 10AM-9PM
Tuesday 1PM-9PM Friday 10AM-5PM
Wednesday 1PM-9PM Saturday 10AM-5PM
Sunday CLOSED

2016 Summer Programs for All Ages! Call for further info.

Yoga Workshops every Wed. in July at 6:30 pm: with Sun & Moon Studio on library balcony. In July & August "Tech Help" will be available on Thursdays (5:30–8:30 pm): sign up for one-on-one tutoring sessions in advance. Knitting Club (adults, teens, & older kids with a parent) meets Wed. nights (7:30–8:30 pm). Please see the above web site for information on ongoing monthly Book Discussions for adults.

Preschoolers: "Stop in for Stories": Thursdays, at 10:30 am. Ages 0–5, and accompanying adult.

"Paws To Read": For Emerging Readers & Kids who Love Dogs!: No session on the first Sat. of the month during the July 4th holiday weekend. There will be a final summer session on the third Saturday of the month, July 16. Paws to Read will resume on the third Saturday of Sept. (the 17th): 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.

Elementary kids: Special 2016 Summer Reading Performances & Events: Recommended for kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade. Seating on a first-come-first-served basis until capacity is reached

- Mon., July 11 @ 4:00-5:00 pm: "Mad Science"
- Mon., July 18 @ 4:00-5:00 pm: "Cathy Burke, Kids' Yoga"
- Mon., July 25 @ 4:00-5:00 pm: "Rainforest Reptiles Alive!"
- · Mon., August 1 @ 4:00-5:00 pm: "Zumba Dance Party"

Teens (High/Middle School): Summer Reading Programs & Events

- Fri., July 29 @ 3:00 pm: "Read for the Win: Cupcake Challenge." Turn your cupcake into edible, Olympics-themed art!
- Wed., August 10 @ 3:00pm: "Pillowcase Design Party." Let your imagination flourish and decorate your pillowcases!

2016 Summer Reading for Prizes! For all age groups, including adults. Important Dates: Last day to sign up: August 20. First day to pick up prizes: As soon as you meet each goal! Summer Reading Ends/Last Day to pick up prizes: September 10. Register & get more info on-line at library.arlingtonva.us or visit Cherrydale Library.

Artist's Talk: Sat., August 6, 2:30 pm: Photographer Robin Kent will discuss today's Iceland, the topic of his photo exhibit, scheduled to go up in August at Cherrydale Library. His opening reception on the balcony that same day will run from 2 to 4 pm.

Signature Theatre Open House!

Signature Theatre is kicking off its 2016/2017 season by hosting a FREE open house on July 23rd 12:00–8:30PM. You're invited to enjoy

free performances every 15 minutes, games and crafts on the plaza all day long, as well as special discounts from the box office for one day only! Come and celebrate the arts at #SigTheatre this summer!



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Thanks to our Cherrydale Businesses and Volunteers for the Fourth of July Party!

Thank you to our Cherrydale businesses and volunteers for making the our Cherrydale Fourth of July Party another success!

This year's weather led us to delay the start of the party a bit and kept us from really being able to see the fireworks, but hundreds of us still had a lot of fun. Neighbors brought sides and desserts. DJ Bobby G got the party started right away with great music and dancing. Teresa and

Steven Lent cranked out homemade shaved ice, Kyra & Leila Todd and Mya Dudley painted faces of kids big and small, and everyone enjoyed a rousing reading of the Declaration of Independence by re-enactor Michael DeCarlo. Then we handed out hundreds of glow stick necklaces as it got dark.

None of this would have been possible without donations from our Cherrydale businesses:

Safeway, Koons Toyota, Cherrydale Motors, Cherrydale Health & Rehabilitation Center, Little Ambassadors Academy, Browns Honda.

Christine Reardon D.D.S, Sun & Moon Yoga, Northside Vet, and House of Steep.

Thank you! And we couldn't have done it without our volunteers! Thank you, Valerie DesPres, Melissa Buelow, and Jim & Kyra Todd, for organizing this event, and thank you to all the rest of the countless volunteers who helped us set up and clean up the event and attendees who brought delicious food for the potluck. See you next year!



Thanks to our S&S News Volunteers!

The Sweet of the S&S News is those who faithfully deliver it to your door. Many have delivered for many years and if you see them, give them a pat on the back.

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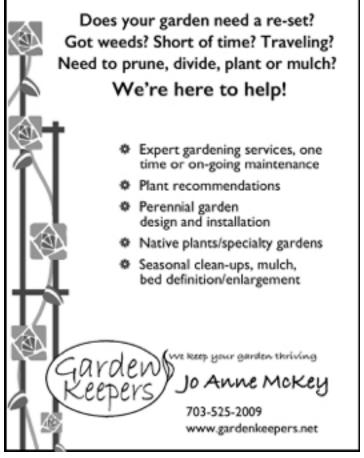
Thank you to Evan Lacopo and Scott Morrell who will take on the job from those who just retired! Thank you to the "captains" of Cherrydale's three routes: Maureen Ross, Amy Wheelock, Chrisna Baptista.

Submitted by June Million, Chief!

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Make check payable to: Cherrydale Citizens Association				
Mail form and check to: CCA, Katherine Christensen, 1909 N. Randolph Street,				
Arlington, VA 22207				

JOIN THE CCA — PAY 2016 DUES

Dues are due in January of every year BUT can be paid as early as the prior November.				
Dues help cover the cost of community events, our website and this newsletter.				
Mail form & payment to:				
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Contact: Katherine Christensen at treasurer@cherrydale.net for more details.				

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