

Sweet & Sour News



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County Moving Forward with Lee Highway Planning

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CCA General Meeting

*Wed, 1/25/17, 7:30 pm
at Cherrydale VFD*

Come to our next CCA meeting on Wednesday, January 25, to hear a joint presentation by the Lee Highway Alliance and Arlington County planners about Lee Highway planning. Arlington County planners are about to take over planning for the future of Lee Highway after three years of hard work by the Lee Highway Alliance (LHA). The LHA is a citizen-led effort to plan for a more economically-viable, walkable, and attractive corridor that benefits the neighborhoods and the business community. The LHA published a Visioning Study in May 2016 after three years of meetings and community-outreach efforts. The online version of this article on cherrydale.net has a link to this study.

Cherrydale already has its own planning documents. The County Board adopted the Cherrydale Revitalization Plan in 1994, and the

Board has approved Cherrydale's Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NC Plan) in 2014. The Revitalization Plan focuses on economic redevelopment of Lee Highway through design initiatives, while the NC Plan focuses on the neighborhood's preferences for Lee Highway and our residential streets. Links to these plans are in the online version of this article.

The Revitalization Plan is over twenty-years-old. The question for Cherrydale is whether to ask County planners to leave Cherrydale out of initial Lee Highway planning or to begin its Lee Highway planning with a re-examination the Revitalization Plan. This could be a chance for the County to understand what worked and what didn't, and it could be a chance to update elements of our plan that are showing their age. But it could also reopen long-settled debates about the future of Lee Highway through Cherrydale.

Since the goal of this planning is to develop a unified vision for Lee Highway's future, rather than letting decisions happen on an ad hoc basis, now may be a great time to focus more resources on Cherrydale. We look forward to discussing this at our CCA meeting on January 25, 2017.

Edit the Sweet and Sour News!

The Sweet and Sour News needs a new editor. Thank you to Chris Vargas for his years of service!

As the official newsletter of the Cherrydale Citizen's Association, the News is one of the most important tools for communicating with our all neighbors. We publish it four to six times a year and hand deliver it to every residence in Cherrydale thanks to our outstanding team of volunteers.



Editing the newsletter takes two or three hours and is a great way to contribute to our neighborhood. Officers and fellow Cherrydalers submit draft articles, and our ad representative Laurel Gowen updates the ads. The editor uploads the final product electronically to the printer, and our amazing delivery volunteers take care of the rest. Contact Chris Vargas at newsletter@cherrydale.net or Jim Todd at president@cherrydale.net if you are interested in learning more. Thanks!

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Changes Coming to Five Points Intersection

Arlington is moving forward with planned improvements to the Five Points Intersection. Construction will hopefully begin in 2017. Planned improvements include:



- Wider and more accessible sidewalks in front of Liberty Gas, on the north side of Lee Highway in front of Brown's Honda and west side of Quincy St. in front of the Carriage House Restaurant

- New crosswalks across Lee Highway at both corners of Brown's Honda and across Quincy St. at 21st St.
- Elimination of the slip lane from Military to Old Dominion and realignment of the intersection of service road in front of Northside Vet and Lee Highway
- A longer left turn lane from westbound Lee Highway to Quincy St.
- Added bike lanes where possible
- Upgraded transit stops

You can click on a link to see the planned improvements in the online version of this article on cherrydale.net. Hopefully they will improve the pedestrian, cycling, and driving experience.

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Buck Property Land-Swap Proposal

Please join us in asking the Arlington County Board to await the input of the new Joint Facilities Advisory Committee (JFAC) and to think strategically before moving ahead with a proposed land swap involving the Buck property.

Arlington County has until November 2017 to decide whether to acquire the "Buck property," 6.1-acres of land zoned light-industrial located just south of I-66 and east of Quincy St., just across the street from the Board of Education, and where Jumping Joeys, Dynamic Gymnastics, Cross Fit Arlington, and Nova MMA are currently located. It is the largest piece of land left in North Arlington.

The future of the Buck property was supposed to be decided after the recommendations of the new Joint Facilities Advisory Commission (JFAC), a citizen and staff advisory body that will be convened in 2017 to provide input to the County Board and School Board on capital facilities needs assessment, capital improvement plans and long-range facility planning for both the County and Arlington Public Schools. The JFAC could be a huge step forward for Arlington, as it is the first time that the County will actually plan for future school sites.

But all that is up in the air now. Before Arlington even purchases the Buck property, Arcland Property has proposed a 2.3-acre land swap for property they lease to the County in Shirlington (and where the County currently parks its bus fleet) for a similar-sized piece of Buck property. Arcland wants to build a six-story self-storage facility right on Quincy St. County Manager Mark Schwartz appears to want to move ahead quickly.

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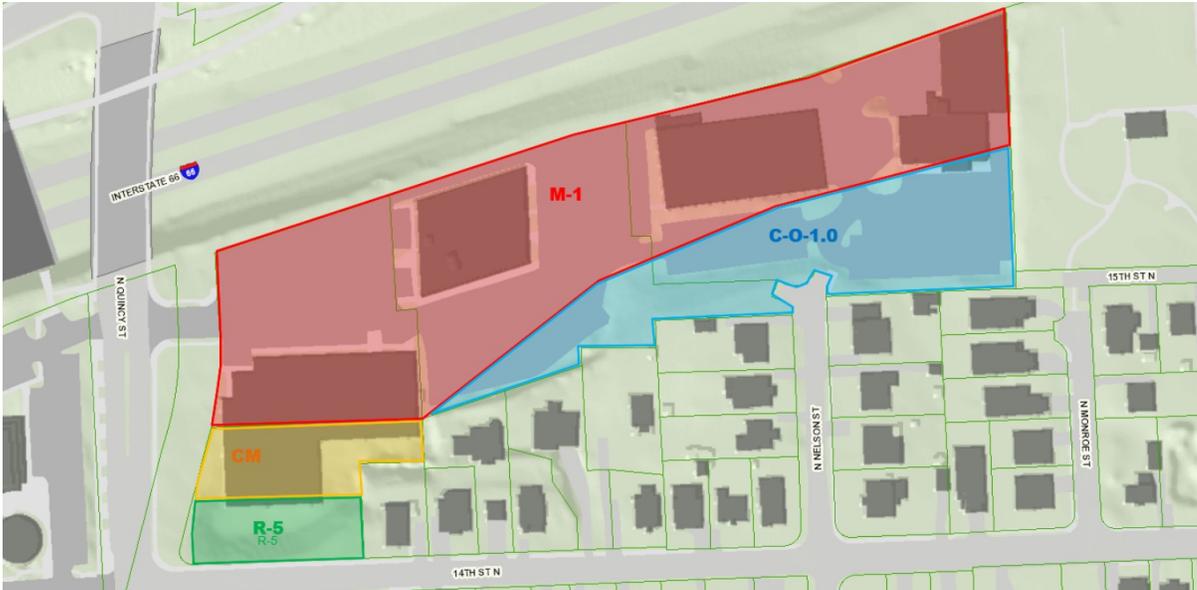
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Buck Property Land-Swap Proposal (continued)



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The Buck property is a chance for the County

He was going to ask the County Board for authorization to negotiate terms of the swap at its December 13 meeting, but the County seems to have deferred that decision.

While the JFAC would still have a role to play in recommending uses for the remainder of the Buck property, the County may be moving ahead with the land swap without awaiting JFAC input. Fortunately, it's easy to let the County know what you think: You can go to the online version of this article cherrydale.net and click on the link to submit a comment to the Board asking them to let the JFAC make recommendations about the future of the entire Buck property, not just the scraps. Please remember that the County needs space to park buses for for other infrastructure uses. But it also needs

to think strategically, to develop a true long-term plan that will benefit all of Arlington now and in the future. But it's also a chance for the County to demonstrate that sometimes it still focuses only on solving the immediate problem before it, at the expense of the greater good. Let's hope the County chooses to wait for JFAC input.



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Programs for All Ages:

Children's programs are automatically cancelled in case of school closings due to bad weather.

Three Storytime Programs—Winter Session.
(No Registration Required):

- New! : "Under Twos Storytime" (0–23 mo.), Mondays, 10:30 am: Jan. 9–Mar. 27 (except 1/16 & 2/20).
- "Twos and Over Storytime" (ages 2–5 yrs.), Tuesdays, 4:30 pm: Jan. 10–Mar. 28.
- "Stop In for Stories" (ages 0–5 yrs.), Thursdays, 10:30 am: Starting Jan. 12–Mar. 30.

"Paws To Read" for Emerging Readers & Kids Who Love Dogs! For K–5 students... on the 1st Saturday of each month, starting in January, 3–4 pm. Specially trained dogs will be available for 15-minute reading sessions, by appointment. Free, but registration is required. Call or stop by circulation desk.

"Tech Help": Weekly program on Thursdays: First and third Thursday (5:30pm–8:30pm) and second Thursday of each month (2–4pm). Having difficulty with a computer program or just need some help figuring out how to do something on the computer? Sign up for a 30-min. one-on-one tutoring session. **Free, but pre-registration is required.** Contact library.

Knitting Club: Every Wednesday (7:30–8:30 pm). All skill levels are welcome. For adults, teens, and older kids with a parent.

Two Book Discussion Groups for Adults: Both Evening & Afternoon: Limited copies are available a month in advance at the desk for those signing up.

- Evening Book Group: Meets on a Monday, 7:30 pm once a month. For more info contact Suzanne Embree at suz1@comcast.net : No meeting in January. Feb. 6: *The Lady in Gold, The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece*, by Anne-Marie O'Connor; Mar. 6: *The Ocean at the End of the Lane*, by Neil Gaiman; Apr. 3: *A Tale for the Time Being*, by Ruth Ozeki.
- New! Afternoon Book Group—"Chasing Pages"—will meet once a month on the fourth Wednesday (2–3 pm). For more information, contact Ruth at 703-228-6330. Jan. 25: *The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary*, by Simon Winchester; Feb. 22: *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot.

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