

Sweet & Sour News



THE BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
MAY 2013 – JUNE 2013

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, May 15, 2013;
7:30 p.m.
The Historic CVFD Fire Hall
3900 Lee Highway, 2nd floor

AGENDA:

Possible Vote -
Neighborhood
Conservation Plan!!

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CIRCLE THE DATE

May 15

CCA Meeting

NC Plan

June 8

Cherrydale Yard Sale

July 17, 2013

CCA Meeting

May Meeting — Neighborhood Conservation Survey

By Maureen Ross

Note this is a critical meeting!! We will be discussing and possibly voting on our update to our NCP! Don't Miss it!

Cherrydale, thank you! We had a 20% response rate, and 90% completed the survey of 194 questions! We live primarily in single family homes, owner occupied (we changed from 56% to 68% owners since 2000 census). Single people and renters were slightly underrepresented. A large number of residents have been here 10 years or longer. (Continued on page 9)

Time for the Great Annual Cherrydale Neighborhood Yard Sales!!!!

This fun and popular event is scheduled for June 8th, the time is 8 to 1 pm! Now is the time to get your home listed and on the map!! There are already over 25 signed up! And this year, Waverly Hills will be joining us, so there should be more buyers than ever! Here is how it works – you call or email the Springstons (703-528-1548, sdakss@aol.com) and they will put you on the map for a mere \$5 fee – which barely covers the cost of the ads, the flyers, maps, signs and arrows! Remember, you must pay before you are listed on the map! The deadline to be included in the sale is June 5th.

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Spring Community Potluck

By Debra Berke

The Spring Community Potluck on April 13 at the Historic Cherrydale Fire Hall was a great success! I apologize if you did not know about it. The event was accidentally left out of the newsletter (*editor's note: that pesky deadline!!*) and was only publicized on the listserve and website. This is yet another reason to join the list serve – so you don't miss out on late breaking events and all sorts of fun.

Those who came had a great time. The food was excellent; there were door prizes, and attendees discovered connections and mutual interests. The children had fun playing board games and drawing.

Special thanks to Tracey Price who helped organize the door prizes, and the set up and clean up with the members of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department under the able guidance of Chief Scott Pardi.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Yard Sale Time

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All you have to do is gather your “treasures,” “junk,” collectibles, antiques, sporting goods, toys, books, furniture, clothes, or “whatevers,” and put the items out in front of your house the evening before or the of the sales, decide on the price you want, and wait for the hordes of buyers to come pouring in – that’s all there is to it!!

Kids can set up a lemonade stand, and sell lemonade and other goodies! Children run stands are free! Just let us know where you live.

Scott and Kathy will handle the advertising – including making a map (listing all the houses holding a sale) which is distributed to the people holding sales (so they in turn can pass them out to customers); the maps are also posted in various spots in the community; ads are taken out in several local newspapers, and the sale is listed online also. Scott puts up a couple of huge signs (and lots of little signs) advertising the event two weeks before so cut through traffic is aware of the upcoming event. Then, the day before the sale Scott and Kathy (and their son Dakota) cover the neighborhood with directional arrows to help drivers find all the sales in the community! Clean out your attic, garage, and basement; get rid of those old toys you keep tripping over! No need to pay eBay fees to get rid of some of that collection or just plain clutter!

Spring Community Potluck

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All of the door prizes were donated by Cherrydale residents and businesses! Including:
- a signed copy of *Missing Letters* by Meg Miller Rydzewski, a murder mystery. Available for purchase on amazon.com and bn.com (paperback or ebook).

-2 signed copies of *It Takes Two to Strangle* by Stephen Kaminski, a Cherrydale murder mystery book set in "Hollydale" (aka Cherrydale). Available in paperback or via e-book from Amazon.com or BarnesandNoble.com. Look for the next in the series, *Don't Cry Over Killed Milk*.

- a signed copy of *Eternal Washington*, black and white photographs by Greg Embree. Available from the author at this email: suzal@comcast.net

-a gift certificate from Company Flowers.

-a gift certificate and 3 mini bamboo frames from Sterling Picture Frame.

-bulbs, terracotta pot and 3 garden tools from Cherrydale Hardware.

-a gift bag with candle and soap from La Maison.

Cherrydale is a very talented community. In future events we would like to draw on these talents so if you have ideas or unsung abilities please pass them along to the event coordinator -- daberke6@yahoo.com. The CCA is thinking of holding another celebration of artists, writers, photographers, etc. We are looking for musicians also!

Watch the newsletter, website, and listserve to find out about upcoming events.

Cherrydale Neighborhood Parade in the Fall and Next Spring!

Due to a scheduling conflict with the W-L Band, the Annual Cherrydale Community Parade usually held in the fall will be a scaled down version of its glorious self, and the “usual” one will come next spring! At the moment, the plan is for the fall parade to take place around Halloween, and will feature costume contests for all ages. Watch this space for more info soon!

Lee Highway Utility Undergrounding

As part of our agreement, the County sends us the update on it's progress to complete the now 12 year project to underground utilities on Lee Hwy. from the I-66 overpass to Quincy Street.

Cherrydale Phase II Update

Removal of DVP's overhead cables should begin by the end of the summer. Following DVP's removal, Verizon and Comcast will have to remove their cables before the poles can be removed and the project completed. The completion of all of this work remains on target to be completed by the end of the year.

For additional information, please visit www.arlingtonva.us and search "Cherrydale Revitalization Program."

Or contact Michael Collins, P.E.
Engineering Bureau Chief
Arlington County
703.228.6506
mcollins@arlingtonva.us

Mud Hole at the Bus Stop

By Maureen Ross

For over 12 years the bus stop on Lee Highway just west of the I-66 overpass has been a mud puddle. Despite inspecting this stop not once but twice during tours of Lee Highway with Arlington County staff, we have not been able to convince them that this problem can be easily fixed. The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) owned wall has a crack at its' base right behind the stop. It could be patched, or a 6 inch wide trench could be dug across the sidewalk and covered with a metal grate. The water would then run onto the road instead of into the area where people are waiting for the bus. It's probably not that complicated. But VDOT and Arlington can't agree who is responsible. We have now repeated our repair request again and are waiting for response from VDOT's Mr. Yates and the Arlington County Assistant Manager Shannon Flanagan Watson. VDOT has sent an inspector — awaiting the report! Stay tuned and be ready for a letter writing campaign...

Street and Pole Changes on Monroe

By Maureen Ross

There have been many complaints regarding impassible sidewalks in Cherrydale, and this is a noted offender by the phone pole just north of the Safeway driveway entrance on North Monroe Street, where the pedestrian path is already severely narrowed by the telephone pole and was blocked further by new utility pipes. President Maureen Ross recently suggested an easement as noted by the umbrella in the photo below (to cut a wedge out of the parking space) and made contact with Monroe Apartment property owner representative Charles Clohan, who responded with words of encouragement that we might find a solution. Ms. Ross responded to Mr. Clohan with this message: "Thanks so much for checking this out. What a huge impact it would be on all residents, especially yours, that they can use a collapsible grocery cart for shopping, that moms with strollers don't have to walk in the street, and that disabled in wheelchairs can use the sidewalk. HUGE."



Updates

Lee Highway 5 Points Update

By Maureen Ross, edited version

Betty Diggs, of Arlington County, updated the CCA's 5 Points Committee on the work at the 5-Points intersection. Among the good news were the promises that we will get some reflecting cross walks, as well as a raised walk at the little triangle for the right-turn (heading south west) from Military. Also, a cross walk at the Honda dealer to the north side of Lee Highway is planned. As a result of these additions, Cherrydale will get a small amount of green space! The question was raised as to whether a cross walk there would cause the left-turn lane from Lee to Quincy to be cut too short. Ms. Diggs will look into this.

The issue of the very long and relatively unused left-turn-only lane on Quincy (heading north) was raised again. The majority of cars are forced into the right lane and often the back up extends south beyond 20th. As our video demonstrated, during just one red light 5 cars cut thru 20th to Pollard Street to Lee Highway to avoid the wait. Ms. Diggs must not have fully watched the video as she did not believe it was 5 cars in just one light cycle. If you'd like to check it out yourself go to *Cherrydale.net*.

Cherrydale Motors Use Permit Approved

The five year review of transitional parking lot at Cherrydale Motors, 2040 N. Kenmore Street was endorsed by the CCA after vetting with the community

Retail Outreach

By Maureen Ross

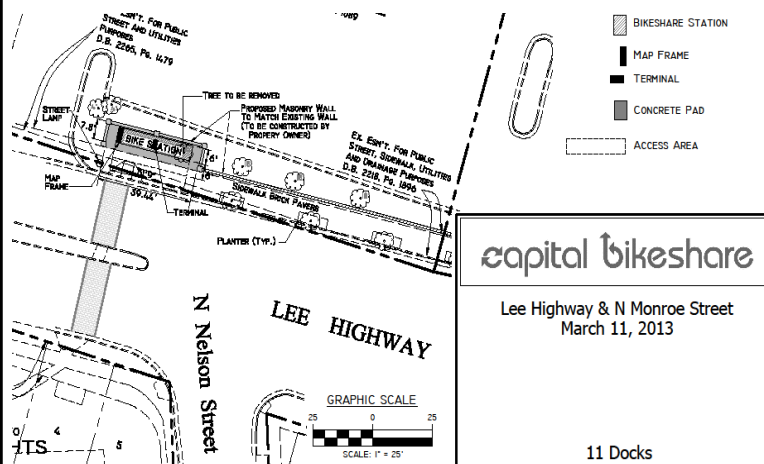
The Cherrydale Citizens Association has begun drafting a survey for retail property owners and managers, and our President has reached out to several to alert them to the survey. Safeway, Dan Schulz (property owner of Lee Center) and Charles Clohan (the management company for Monroe Apartments) all voiced show strong interest in giving ideas and feedback.

If you would like to be part of this team, contact Maureen Ross to volunteer.

Capital Bikeshare Update

We are looking forward to the installation of the bike station at the Safeway on Lee Highway! With any luck, the 11 bike rental facility will open this summer. The bike rack will be on the south east corner of the parking lot, outside the brick wall, so easy for every to find. Now that's success!

Along the same line, the governing board of Stoneridge Knoll has announced that they are willing to have a Capital Bikeshare stand on its property. Unfortunately, at the moment only one bike stand per neighborhood, so we will hope that this is a prospect for future expansion!



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Safeway Renovations By Maureen Ross

CCA President Maureen Ross recently spoke with Denise Poulin, Safeway eastern real estate representative, regarding the delay in expected renovation. As far as Ms. Poulin knows they still plan to renovate, not rebuild, Maywood's Safeway. (Yes, it is actually in Maywood, not Cherrydale!) She had not heard of any plans to tear it down and build a four story building unlike rumors going around. However, they do not have final approval for the renovation and have been glacially slow in response to our calls. On Thursday May 2, Craig Muckle, Public Relations division for Safeway, returned Ms. Ross's phone call — he promised to check into the plans, but as of now he had not heard of any such plans which would tell us it's not happening anytime soon. Ms. Ross let him know that this is a huge disappointment.

CCA President Ross tendered our thanks for supporting the Capitol Bike Share program, but told Mr. Muckle about all the emailed complaints from last fall and offered to share them again with him. As it stands, he'll get back to us with any plans or news. We want to see a vibrant, updated, high quality Safeway that would, hopefully, bring back the local residents who won't go there anymore. It is hard to give feedback sometimes but Mr. Muckle says Safeway wants to hear it. The first person you want to send a complaint to is Ed Mensh, store manager, is recovering from surgery. Please send a copy to Ms. Ross, as she does save them and send in to Safeway in batches.

Time to Start Gardening!! Plot Against Hunger!

It may still be chilly outside, but why not try a little vegetable patch? Most of the homes in Cherrydale have room for a row or two of greens and a couple tomato plants. Or, better yet, a "Plot against Hunger". The Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC) Plot Against Hunger Program supports AFAC's vision of providing access to nutritious food for all residents of Arlington in need through donations of produce from local gardeners and farmers. Contact Puwen Lee at (703) 845-8486, or send an email to: plotagainsthunger@afac.org for more information. Don't have any space? Contact Puwen Lee at (703) 845-8486, or send an email to: plotagainsthunger@afac.org for more information on possibly sharing a garden space.

Seniors Chess Club Invites You to Join!

Seniors 50+ - Come and join the Madison Chess Club at the Madison Community Center, 3829 N. Stafford St. All levels of players welcome; lots of fun. Every Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free; for information, 703-534-6232

Churches of Cherrydale

By Andy Murphy

Starting with the next issue, the *Sweet and Sour News* will highlight the Churches of Cherrydale. Many of our residents attend and support a variety of houses of worship. Churches are a major seam in the fabric of our community. We'll present one church per issue, in random order. Here's the list we've compiled:

Cherrydale United Methodist

Cherrydale Bible

St Agnes Catholic

CCM Fe y Alabanza

Cherrydale Baptist

St Andrew's Episcopal

Restoration Anglican

If you know of one that should be added to the list, please email

andymurphy_22207@yahoo.com

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Crime In and Near Cherrydale

On April 22nd a jogger was hit while trying to cross 17th Street at Quincy. The driver was cited for failing to yield to a pedestrian in a cross walk. The driver stopped at the stop sign prior to entering the intersection. The pedestrian sustained minor injuries.

It's that time of year again. As summer is approaching, remember that this is when most thefts occur, so help your neighbors and keep watch! The sun warms the earth, we open the windows, even open our hearts and feel generous. Screech! Hold on there! Did you leave the car unlocked? Are those your keys in the front door? Is that shed wide open? Yes, there's been a very slight uptick in small time thievery. The change stolen from the car, a few tools missing from the shed. Partly it's our fault. With crime such a minimal problem around here we tend to be careless. So this is a reminder. Trust but verify. Lock up. The word will spread whether we're "easy" or not.

You can call the non-emergency police number anytime to report suspicious activity — 703-558-2222. To report a crime you may also use the Arlington County website.

Bush Attack! By Maureen Ross No this isn't about politics. It's about bushes. Ours and yours. This time of year the green stuff grows fast and before you know it, our sidewalks are blocked, it's harder for cars to edge into traffic and we creep single file past gardens exploding beyond borders. So, this Saturday, take a walk outside the bounds of your yard, and trim back generously.

Teamwork! By Maureen Ross

Thank you Stuart Shelton and Daniel Gray, Deputy Operations Manager, Department of Environmental Services for Arlington County. Stuart complained that his road had been missed by the street sweepers. This was reported to Mr. Gray who confirmed the sweepers had not skipped 22nd Street nor Quebec Street. Stuart then sent photos of the mess, which lead Mr. Gray to inspect the site personally and came to the conclusion that "something was not right on the sweeper, I believe the broom was not sitting parallel to the road surface...I will be inspecting this sweeper today for any mechanical issues, I will also have it return to the area and watch it's performance this week." Now that is prompt, professional and impressive!

Thank you again Stuart, for not giving up. Every street will now benefit from a fixed sweeper. We are really impressed with you Mr. Gray! Thank you for fast, thorough work!

Community Blood Drive Arlington Boy Scout Troop 111 will hold a blood drive on May 18th from 8:00 am -1:00 pm at St. Agnes Parish Center, 1910 N. Randolph St. Make an appointment today by sign up online at www.inovabloodsaves.org, click on "Donate Blood" and enter the following code:7810 or sign up by calling 703-841-1210 or emailing snidlega@comcast.net. Walk in donors would also be welcomed.

Library Shortcut By Maureen Ross — unedited

We also discussed wonderful shortcut to Cherrydale Library for our west Cherrydale folks: walk down old Lee, turn Left on 21st to the fire station and then down the steps there and then cross the street at the fire station's light and a few feet from there is a PUBLIC ACCESS stairwell behind the Lauderdale townhomes. This shaves several hundred feet off the walk. We did check and though there is fence and wooden gate there, this is public access. However, **County does not want to grant a cross walk at the fire station even though there is alight there. Too** bas as this path cuts the walk to the library considerably. There are plenty of exceptions to the rule of not having cross walks in the middle of the block, especially long block which already have a light signal.

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Cats, Birds and Bells By Maureen Ross

A plea is sent out from all the bird lovers to all the cat lovers, please put a bell around your cats' neck to reduce the chances of killing birds. Thanks to Stuart Shelton we learned that The Washington Post, on Jan. 31, 2013 reported: "Outdoor cats are the leading cause of death among both birds and mammals in the United States, according to a new study, killing 1.4 billion to 3.7 billion birds each year. The mammalian toll is even higher, concluded researchers from the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The analysis, published Tuesday in the journal Nature Communications, suggests that feral and owned cats pose a far greater threat than previously thought. ..Researchers estimate that one pet cat kills one to 34 birds a year, while a feral cat kills 23 to 46 birds annually. As a result, the new study provides a wide range of the total bird death count."

Tree Canopy Program By Maureen Ross

Once again, applications for neighborhoods to register for this program are due by June 21. Hilary Phillips (hilarygersonp@gmail.com) will help any one in Cherrydale willing to apply. Rom Kampeas has volunteered to leaflet the streets we identified as having the least tree canopy urging enrollment in this program. Maureen Ross did it last year, stop by and see the tree at the corner of her house by the driveway 2005 N Monroe. It's 7 feet, planted this last Autumn! The trees are free!!

The information is below and applications for registration are due by June 21. Hilary will attend the information session on April 29 if she gets a significant response from Cherrydale residents. So CONTACT HER IF INTERESTED!

Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment (ACE) is now accepting registrations for neighborhood associations, homeowner associations and other groups interested in applying to the Tree Canopy Fund program. The Tree Canopy Fund gives grants to community groups to plant and maintain trees on private property. The fund is administered by ACE and the Arlington County Urban Forestry Commission. Proposals for the 2013 grant cycle are due Friday, June 21 and all groups must register online before submitting a proposal. Details are available at <http://arlingtonenvironment.org/community-action/trees/> or Elenor Hodges, Executive Director Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment trees@arlingtonenvironment.org

Update on 1612 North Quincy Street By Maureen Ross

Betsy Herbst, a real estate specialist with Arlington County, contacted the CCA asking for a list of realtors who have recent experience selling historic properties within Cherrydale. As you may remember, Arlington is selling the historic residential property at the corner of Oakgrove Park. The request was posted on the list serve and the county received several suggestions of possible agents to interview for the purpose of listing and selling the property. Parks Manager Kevin Stalica reports, "The new driveway and steps at 1612 N Quincy were installed to provide an off-street parking space for the future residents. It is not part of the new Park entrance. The new property line for 1612 will be between the house and the shed. The original driveway to the shed was removed to accommodate current zoning requirements. The house is expected to go up for sale this year after its historic designation process is complete. The new owner will have the option to purchase and relocate the shed if they like. Ms. Valerie Moseley can update us about the status of new park entry design."

Note the contractor placed the portable toilet in the wrong location. It was moved to its intended location in the parking garage above Route 66.

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Dear Fellow Cherrydalers:

First, I have to apologize for the tardiness of this newsletter and offer a special apology for those of you with time sensitive information. This editor was not responsible for the delay.

Secondly: I wish to thank those of you who enjoyed my occasional historical paragraphs, and to remind you that I am available to answer questions – sdakss@aol.com. Do not rely on the “stories” you hear, or misinformation that is often quoted by those who do not know that Cherrydale has the best documented history in Arlington, yet fail to look for answers. Look for my articles in other publications!

Thirdly, I regret to inform you that this is my last newsletter (at this time) – I can no longer stand the micromanagement and elitist attitude by some CCA officers; there is, and has been, a direct conflict between what certain officers wish to put in the newsletter and what I, as editor, lifelong Cherrydaler, and historian, feel is appropriate

I will use my talents for the community’s good in other venues. Thank you,

Kathryn Holt Springston

This is your newsletter! Send us announcements notes, recipes, pictures, gripes, thanks, congratulations, etc!! They are due to the Editor on the 28th of the even months, (see page 16 for contact info) and will be printed as space permits.

Report a Street Light Outage:

For all street light outages, call the hotline at (703) 228-6570 or use the Street Light Report Form, located on the County webpage. You will need to provide the exact location of the street light(s) and a pole number.

Street Lights

The CCA thanks Tracey Price for her persistence in reporting a street light outage on the I-66 overpass bridge on Stafford Street. It has been over a year and the light still has not been replaced!! Tracey also requested that multiple burned out lights be repaired at the large "W-L" parking lot over I-66, adjacent to the N. Stafford St Bridge. We do not have to explain the importance of good lighting at such a facility.

If you notice street light outages, please report them. The *Sweet and Sour News* runs the contact info several times every year, and it is also available at the Arlington County website.

Welcome Wagon News

By Amy Wheelock

Welcome New Neighbors! As many of you know, 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, and more! We have also updated our package to include information on Bike Share, instructions on how to sign up for the listserve, coupons for local services, and some great Welcome Kit links from Arlington County. Three new neighbor welcome packages were delivered during the last month. Thanks to all of you that have provided a heads up about a new neighbor. If you know someone who has recently moved to Cherrydale (renters or homeowners), please e-mail Amy Wheelock at welcome-wagon@cherrydale.net. Businesses! We would love to include a brochure or coupon from your business in our welcome package. Just contact me! It's a great way to make sure new neighbors know about your business.

Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update and Survey

(Continued from page 1)

By Maureen Ross

Around 44% said they had no children under the age of 21 living with them. 27% of our families have one “stay at home” parent, mostly moms. We have an untapped interest in fostering children (25 families and another 35 unsure)

Most of us (82%) are under age 65 and most of us plan to stay here at least 10 years longer, with 25% planning to stay “Till I die and they take me out feet first”. When asked about retirement, 17% (43/247) said they were already retired and planned to stay in Cherrydale and another 22% hoped to stay in Cherrydale when retired, but 20% (27/136) said it would be unaffordable to stay.

There is a strong minority interested in a community on-line jobs board (45% 130/226) and a similar interest in a skills bartering system. Who would like to help with these ideas?

Few of us report physical disability needing assistance walking, but the 240 residents at Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation Center (all disabled) did not participate in the survey. They are short-term residents but should be considered. A majority of Cherrydale neighbors had a complaint about sidewalks and in fact we have 69 complaints to f/u on (questions 109 with 69 comments, No. 110 with 72 comments).

58% (130/226) commute primarily during traditional “rush hours” but 46% telecommute at least sometimes. While we primarily drive, many metro, walk, take a bus, cycle or car pool at least a few times a month or more.

The attributes respondents most often picked as their top five most important are Safety, real estate value, public schools, proximity to work and walkability. In terms of like or like a lot, the top five were our parks, “small town feel”, Cherrydale stores along Lee Hwy, our list serve and the newsletter. 75% of respondent put the following qualities as important or very important: appears/feels safe (241/247), affordability, real estate value, proximity to DC, tree canopy, proximity to work, to metro, our parks, “small town feel” (75%), retail on Lee Hwy, and older homes (183/247 = 74%,)

The I66 multi-use trail/bike path, Cherry Valley Nature area and Oak Grove are our most frequented park areas and 56% think there is room for improvement. 97% of us walk in Cherrydale, and a majority bike and garden. Many would like a community garden. Most respondents think the county could do a better job of maintaining the trees and green spots on Lee Hwy. 83% would support a county program to help homeowners maintain rather than remove large mature trees. Most believe developers of new commercial projects should make financial contributions to walk/bike infrastructure in Cherrydale

92% would like to see a farmers market in Cherrydale. And 95% believe we should stay primarily single family homes. 84% oppose rezoning to allow townhomes to replace single family homes. Most are not bothered by group homes but there were 45 complaints.

Neighborhood Conservation Survey

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By Maureen Ross

The 5-points intersection was declared the least safe traffic area, no surprise. And speed humps followed by no traffic calming, speed warning signs, and crosswalks were the most popular calming tools. Stafford St by far got the highest priority for calming. There is no support for a street car along Lee hwy. 70% believe county should place a priority on students being able to walk to school rather than bus. We have an untapped potential for more bus ridership if there were more frequent buses including weekend. For safety more respondents chose the sidewalk than the bike trail for walking. For retail – farmers market, outdoor cafes, pub and book store were favored. And we would like to be known for restaurants, and independent retailers, preferably family centered.

Most of us would like to walk more on Lee Hwy and improving tree canopy, attractive pedestrian connections and more green space would encourage more use as well as improved sidewalks. A majority would prefer buildings on Lee Hwy to be 3 stories or less.

There is so much more. As we delve deep into the survey responses, ideas will pop up, and recommendations form. We hope to vote on some of these recommendations at the July 17th meeting. Thank you for your hard work Cherrydale.

Remember at the end of the survey there was a link to "get more information" about what ever subject in the survey intrigued you. Please remember to check out those links, especially if you are asking for a service or jobs bulletin, etc. Thank you www.cherrydale.net/request-for-more-information-following-the-nc-survey.html

Neighborhood Conservation Survey

This page is separate so that it may be filled out and returned to the Cherrydale Citizens' Association with any comments, questions, suggestions, or ideas you have about our community! Please drop it off, or mail it, to

Maureen Ross

North Monroe Street

Arlington, Va 22207

By Maureen Ross

A. Retail Parking - The county believed that lowering the required parking ratio for commercial properties would help development in Cherrydale (i.e. new businesses only need half the normal parking required elsewhere in the County). In 2003 the CCA voted to require the standard parking ratio for our retail. Now in 2013, do you believe Cherrydale retail should have the usual required number of parking spaces, or half the number?

Choose/circle one

- 1- Require the county's standard ratio for parking spaces
- 2- Require only half the usual standard ratio for parking spaces

B. For the future, should fast food restaurants be restricted from sites within 100 feet of single family and townhome zoned neighborhoods? Currently all restaurants are regulated the same in Arlington, whether a "sit down" eatery or fast food mostly "take out". The former tends to draw customers who park for an hour or more and the latter brings a higher volume and faster turnover. For example, N Monroe Street has felt the change when Mediterranean moved out and Dunkin moved in. There are other sites in Cherrydale which someday could also switch from sit down to fast food. For the future, not retroactively, should County consider the different impact the two kinds of restaurants have on neighborhoods and restrict fast food restaurants as described above?

Choose/circle one

- 1- I would support such a regulation
- 2- I would not support such a regulation

Comment

Neighborhood Conservation Survey

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D. Prioritize what you would like to see in a grocery store in Cherrydale. **Circle only your top 3 choices or the vote will not be counted.**

Bank	organic produce	organic meat
Specialty food/ethnic	specialty food for allergies	greater selection meat/fish
greater selection produce.	Coffee area	Dinners-to-go
Smaller portions for singles	Larger portions for families	Delivery service
OTHER		

E. Do you want lighting for outdoor sports up until 10 PM in parks immediately bordering residential homes at the following sites (several years ago CCA supported near neighbors requesting no lights at HB Woodlawn northwest field):

Oakgrove Yes, No

Cherrydale Park Yes, No

WoodLawn NW field by houses Yes, No

F. Would you support a pedestrian overpass IF feasible, over I66 to Clarendon. YES NO

We wanted to have one open comment section for residents to record ideas, vision for Cherrydale's future, suggestions etc. Here is your opportunity. Thank you: Start here:

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

President's Meeting with Assistant County Manager

By Maureen Ross

In April I met with assistant county manager Shannon Flanagan-Watson to discuss the state of Lee Highway, and some unfinished business:

1. We examined the phone pole just north of the Safeway driveway entrance on N Monroe, where the pedestrian path is already severely narrowed by the pole and was blocked further by new utility pipes. I made contact with Monroe Apartment property owner representative Charles Clohan who will look into whether the owners would grant a small pie-shaped easement in their parking space to allow a wider path around the pole. (See Illustrations on page 3 with article) The pipes shall also be capped off at ground level. This generous act would preserve the parking space yet allow people in wheelchairs, shoppers with carts and children in strollers to finally use this sidewalk. In the meantime, the point that utility companies should never be allowed to block sidewalks was reiterated again.
2. We toured the sidewalks by Safeway. The bricks buckle, water runs away from the tree islands, and the path is somewhat perilous. The state of the trees are poor as well.
3. There is a well worn path from the nursing home to Safeway, in the middle of the block. It might be worth recognizing this as a real path.
4. State of the bus stops was reviewed (litter, full trash baskets, poor landscaping)
5. The issue of Dominion Power refusing to allow a bench by their wall where the bus stop is on Lee by N Monroe was discussed. The power company's reasoning is that people could use the bench to climb the wall. But I pointed out that I can climb the wall now, using the trees, or even better the gate itself. I asked for help on this issue.
6. I pointed out the utility pipe extending up a few inches out of sidewalk on N Monroe, a pedestrian obstacle which we are again reporting.
7. Finally, I suggested again that the citizen association be involved when planning the placement of poles and frankly any changes to our streets or sidewalks, before construction starts, and then a walk thru during construction and at the end, to make sure things are placed in the best spot, the area is tidied, and tax payer money is well spent and appreciated. I also suggested the county assign existing staff to become subject specialists for different associations, so that at any time at least one person in county knows about all the projects going on in an association and can make sure of coordination.

Shannon listened and will get back to us. When she does, we will get the news to you!

Does Arlington Listen?

By Maureen Ross

I watched with great interest the county efforts at the corner of Irving and 23rd Street in Maywood. Once again county planned a street change without coordinating with the neighborhood association but with a flurry of phone calls they were able to stop it. Apparently, this is not a busy street, yet county planned to create a bump out and handicap ramp, where one already existed, making the street more narrow than the residents wanted. What they do want is a stop sign on N Monroe Street but county won't grant it. We are experiencing a similar situation in Cherrydale. On the corner of 17th and N Nelson, county installed an extra wide corner of ramp and sidewalk, leading nowhere, narrowing the entrance to the park, making it more difficult to park and or turn around. The nearest neighbor was very disappointed. The NW corner of Lincoln and 20th faces a similar challenge where the county wants to install a handicap ramp unattached to any sidewalk, just for the sake of it. There is a similar example on 17th and Oak st in Roslyn. We'd like to see more useful expenditures of revenue than this.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE

BY MAUREEN ROSS

Here is a brief update on a few of my recent activities:

First week of April

- ◇ 4/5/13 In the morning I met with Shannon Flanagan Watson, assistant county manager. See article page 13.
- ◇ 4/5/13 the 5 Points Committee met with Betty Diggs. See article page 4.

Second week of April

- ◇ 4/8 I toured the commercial areas at Dominion Heights (Lee and N Monroe St). The little corner outdoor section is very small, and the stairs take up half the space. The initial drawings made the area look bigger. Then a handicap ramp was added and that illustration never looked right on the drawing board. If the illustrations had been more accurate we would probably have chosen to forego the stairs, in order to allow for more outdoor seating. It is still possible to remove the stairs, at some expense. The good news is that the commercial parking ratio is standard, which we fought for, as opposed to the substandard "revitalization" ratio. Both restaurants and a physician's office are looking into the spaces. However the next argument will be whether to preserve outside parking on Lee Hwy. Parking is critical for retail success. But the County no longer wants to mix bus stops with parking. Stay tuned
- ◇ I sent photos of Bromptons Lofts tree aisle disrepair, with bricks falling out of alignment, punching up and loosening, keeping water from flowing into the tree aprons. I also pointed out the poor soil for the trees. The developer is tasked with repairing.
- ◇ Koons was noted to have a violation in it's Use Permit for the tire repair shop –3 of the trees have died. Jeff Foons from Toyota promised prompt replacement. This site was a huge win win, getting 8 trees planted on what once was just driveway asphalt. Koons just needs to keep the trees alive.

The fourth week of April

- ◇ Starting 4/22, every Monday 7:30 PM the NC Plan Committee meets to review the survey and start working on the NC Plan.
- ◇ 4/27 - I attended the third presidents breakfast meeting for citizen associations bordering Lee Hwy, to better assess our needs, connectivity to the neighborhoods and plan Lee Hwy future development. Tom Kornis is attending as well.
- ◇ I spoke with the Dan Schulz, property owner of Lee Center (the strip of shops across from Kenmore, Maywood side). He is already looking into replacing the 4 lost trees there. Won't that be great, finally to have shade trees on that long block. Kudos to Mr Schulz!
- ◇ We began drafting a survey for retail owners and so I have reached out to several to alert them of the survey. Safeway, Dan Schulz, property owner of Lee Center and Charles Clohan, from the management company for Monroe Apartments all voiced show strong interest in giving ideas and feedback.
- ◇ Based on a complaint from Lee Center users, we asked that the bollard be removed at the tip of the island next to Kenmore on Lee Hwy median.

First week in May

- ◇ Friday 5/3 I meet with Christopher Co and Oleg Kotov to discuss the bus stop at Dominion Heights. We'll look at the problem of losing 3 parking places in front of Dominion Power if the bus stop is moved back up to the corner there. The following Friday May 10th we tour most of the rest of our Cherrydale bus stops with Oleg again, county bus stop manager. Meet at 7:40 AM at Dunkin Donuts. We'll look at usage and ways to make the stops better. We will raise the issue of allowing a bench at the power station wall, again. Note the later tour will be by bike.

Why not get involved? Contact Maureen Ross to volunteer president@cherrydale.net

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CHERRYDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BY CHIEF SCOTT PARDI

What's Going On With The Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Department?

I'm always asked a lot of questions about the Cherrydale VFD. I thought this would be a good time to answer a few of the most common ones so here goes.....

"What are you guys doing these days?" The answer is "A lot". Since the Arlington County Fire Department (ACFD) moved up the street to the new station, we have been very busy. We've had a spike in membership not seen since 9/11. Our operational membership has tripled in the last 2 years. We also have a great group of administrative members. It's created a need for everything from training to personal protective equipment. It's a GREAT problem to have.

"What are you going to do with the old fire station?" The fire station will continue to be the home of the volunteers. Now that we have use of the entire building, we have space for to do our own training, space to store our equipment and space to meet. We operate the station just like the other County fire stations, just not 24/7/365.

"What does an "operational" member really do?" We provide supplemental staffing for the ACFD, usually 12 hours shifts. We support emergency operations, usually in response to severe weather. We provide standby support to various events from 5k races to the Marine Corps. Marathon. We really like educational visits to the schools.

"What's up with the old fire engine parked in the fire station?" It's a 1970 American LaFrance. It belongs to a local collector who allows us to use it for training, school visits and parades. It's really been a great resource as the ACFD will not permit us to own our own fire engine.

"Who do I see driving your Suburban (Utility 103) all around the County?" That would be our Marvin Binns. He's our longest-serving member as well as our President. If you see him during the day, he's delivering the department mail for the ACFD. He does this 5 days a week, every week of the year.

"How do you pay your expenses?" We do all of our fundraising by mail. We send a fundraising letter once per year in October, usually a week of two before Fire Prevention Week. We don't receive funds from Arlington County or any grants from the federal government. To rent the hall contact Tracey at traceypaints@msn.com or visit www.cherrydalevfd.org. The social hall is available to your group as well

Don't tell anyone but our very own Chris Jones is the "Volunteer of the Year" for Arlington County. The official announcement will be on May 21st.

Goodbye To the Old Trinity Baptist Church Building

By Tierney and Ken Bates

I'm sure pictures of the church have appeared in past issues of the newsletter, but thought everyone might be interested in a "good bye" photo, of sorts. My husband and I are feeling a bit sad as we think about the upcoming tear-down of the old Baptist Church. It has been the view from our backyard since we moved to Cherrydale in 1985. I was raised in Arlington, and spent most of my life here. When we moved in, our backyard was just dirt, no fence, and the church's parking lot was a rough looking combo of gravel and dirt, and several trees. The congregation was very small, so it wasn't a problem to park in the lot. Time marches on..... It's not going to be the same for us when the new church is built, but we wish the Restoration Church congregation all the best



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La Maison Home & Gifts Opens on Lee Hwy

By Kelly James

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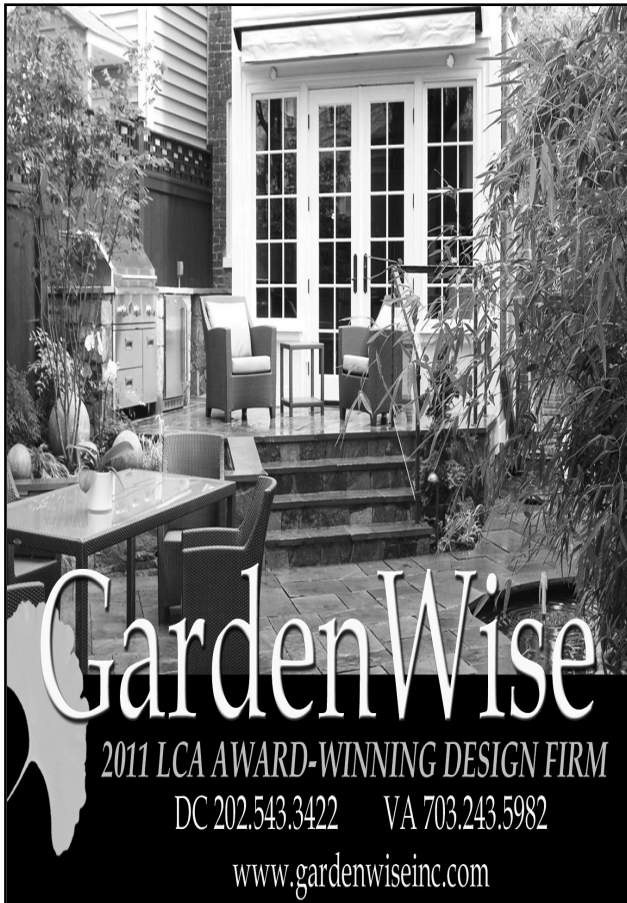
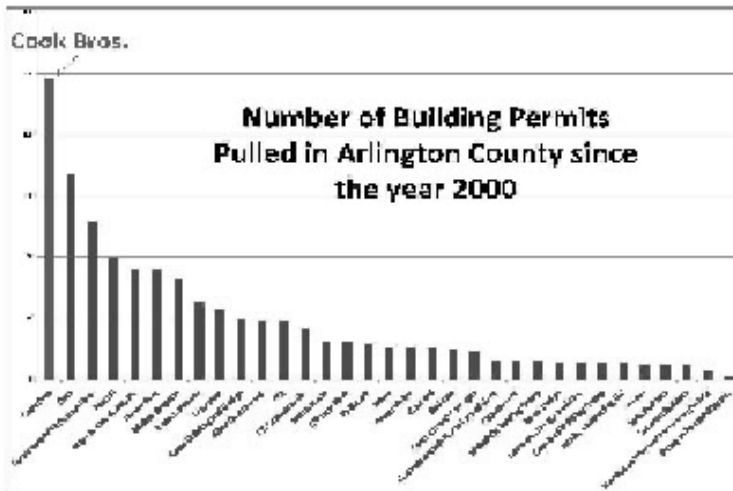
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