

CHEROKEE HILLS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

CHCA Newsletter Compliments of the Cherokee Hills Community Association

Proposal to Construct a New Glenvar Library Moves Ahead

On June 8, the Roanoke Co. Board of Supervisors voted to move forward with a proposal to design and construct a new Glenvar Library. Under the proposal, the current Glenvar Library would remain open while the new library was built on the same site. Although the board voted to move forward with the \$6 million project, a public hearing must be held and a second vote taken to appropriate the funding. The public hearing and final vote are scheduled for June 22 at 3:00 p.m. at the Roanoke County Administration Center.

West Main/Route 460 Widening Project

Widening of the 2.1-mile Route 11/460 corridor just west of Salem to Technology Drive (near Fort Lewis Church Rd.) is scheduled to get underway this year and is expected to be complete by the fall of 2012. The project entails widening the current two-lane section of Route 11/460 to a four-lane divided highway with a raised median and turn lanes. Work also will include constructing a 44-foot-long bridge over Little Bear Rock Branch, adding sidewalks to tie into existing pedestrian routes around Fort Lewis Elementary School, and providing a paved shoulder to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. In addition, the existing traffic signals at Alleghany Drive and Daugherty Drive will be replaced. A date for construction to begin has not yet been set.

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The current Glenvar Branch Library is 5,000 sq. feet and was built 30 years ago.

Glenvar Community Plan Meeting Scheduled June 29

In January, a community meeting was held as part of Roanoke Co.'s development of the Glenvar Community Plan. The plan was initiated to study development and redevelopment issues along West Main St. in anticipation of the widening of West Main and the proposed intermodal facility in Montgomery County. The Plan will also study community facility needs, environmental resources/constraints, as well as outdoor recreation resources with adoption anticipated in 2010. A second Community Meeting will be held on **June 29, 2010 at 7:00PM** in the Fort Lewis Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. If you're unable to attend, another meeting in identical format will be held on July 15 at 7:00.

Visit the Cherokee Hills Community Association Website at: chca.synthasite.com.

Message from the President

By Barry Garst

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Recognizing “Snow Heroes” and Other Important Volunteers

Near record snowfall in the Roanoke Valley from December 2009 through February 2010 meant lots of shoveling for everyone in Cherokee Hills and The Oaks. The workload was lessened, however, due to the contributions of time and energy (and the occasional tractor, back-hoe, or ATV) of several of our neighbors. We’re calling these neighbors “snow heroes” because of their willingness to help others when the ice and snow was more than just a hassle– it was a danger! Each of these snow heroes was nominated by someone in the neighborhood. A few snow heroes received more than one nomination (their impact was that great! The 2010 Snow Heroes include (in alphabetical order):

- Mark Allen
- Donnie Daniels
- Joe Harvath
- Mark Hughes
- Dick Kaulback
- Kevin and Kim Lee
- Alan Leonard
- Ben and Mary Jane Powers
- Roy and Karen Rogers
- Scott Sprunger
- David Via
- Christy Thompson
- Ben and Pat Zirkle

We also recognize the following individuals for their contributions during the recent CHCA Community Clean-Up Weekend.

- Stephanie Butler
- Stover Dalton
- Barry Garst
- Wayne Garst
- Ann Genova
- Matt Heaton
- Les Meadows
- Thomas Newcomb
- Todd Peters
- Chris and Cindy Poulton
- Greg Spangler
- Donna and Ron Williams

Special thanks to Lisa Yagle and Matt Gart (Yagle Nursery in Elliston) for their donation of landscape plants for the area around the main Cherokee Hills Sign!

2010 CHCA Yard Sale a Success!

We want to thank everyone who participated in the 2010 CHCA Yard Sale on June 5. Based on your feedback, the event was a resounding success. Participants reported significant car traffic and a lot of business. Important ideas for improving the event for next year were also shared. Recommendations included better signage at the corner of 460 and Fort Lewis Church Road and allowing set-ups to occur in the park. If you have additional ideas for improving our annual CHCA yard sale, please email Scott Sprunger at s_sprunger@msn.com or call 380-4029.

Angela Hughes and Charlie Wells Receive 2010 Outstanding Volunteer Awards!

Angela Hughes and **Charlie Wells** are the 2010 recipients of the CHCA Outstanding Volunteer Award for their work in support of the Association. The Outstanding Volunteer Award is given annually by the CHCA Board of Directors and announced at the Annual Meeting.

Angela served the coordinator and Chair of the Children's Programming Committee this year. From the Halloween Party to the Easter Egg Hunt, Angela's leadership provided fun and engaging activities for young people in our neighborhood.

Charlie volunteered with a number of work projects both small and large, from assisting with "grill-duty" at last year's annual Party-In-The-Park/Annual Meeting, to lending his heavy equipment to the effort to replace the telephone poles outlining the parking lot at the park. Charlie also plowed several of our neighborhood roads during the snow storms this past winter.

Please join us in thanking Charlie and Angela for their hard work.

Black Bears in Cherokee Hills

Reprinted from the July 2009 CHCA Newsletter

With several recent black bear sightings in Cherokee Hills, it's important to keep in mind what's known about bear behavior and appropriate ways to respond. The Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries web site shares, "Black bears are becoming an increasingly common sight in Virginia — bears now live in almost every county! We are fortunate to have a healthy and sustainable population of these animals in the Commonwealth. But even as our black bear population grows and expands, at the same time, residential areas are encroaching into the forested lands and habitats used by bears and other wildlife, thus increasing the chances for bear/human interaction or conflicts." To learn more, watch the 20-minute video "Living with Black Bears in Virginia" at www.dgif.virginia.gov/video/?video=1.

A black bear fact-sheet can be downloaded at:

www.dgif.virginia.gov/wildlife/bear/black-bear-facts/.



This photo was not taken in Cherokee Hills.

Recommendations to keep in mind:

- Put your trash out the morning of pick up rather than the night before,
- Keep grills (and surrounding areas) clean and free from food waste, and
- Reduce or avoid the use of bird feeders in your yard.

To submit newsletter ideas, please email Teresa Hall at thall@vt.edu. You may also reach her by phone at 380-3339.

Cherokee Hills Sewer Line Update

A member of the Cherokee Hills neighborhood passed along information to the CHCA Board regarding public sewer service. According to the information received, residents along both sides of Cherokee Hills Drive between Teepee Lane and Sundance Road have the option of buying into the sewer line. The cost is a \$7,500 flat fee. Residents that buy-in also have to pay to have their own sewer system connected to the main line. The sewer line will be installed along the odd-numbered side of Cherokee Hills Drive, but residents along both sides can connect.

For more information contact Greg Reed, Director of Engineering Services, Western Virginia Water Authority, at 853-5468.

Let's Keep Our Neighborhood Lookin' Good!

Spring and summer are a time to "clean up and clean out" in our homes and around our yards. To keep our neighborhood looking sharp, please avoid placing your extra bulk and bagged trash by the curb unless Roanoke County is scheduled to pick up bulk and brush that week.

Roanoke County collects bulk and brush items every other week. If you're uncertain which week is bulk and brush pick up in Cherokee Hills or are uncertain about what items can be set out for pick-up, you may contact the County's General Services Department by dialing 387-6200.

Association Dues Update

The Cherokee Hills Community Association Board recently took a look at the CHCA budget for the upcoming year. After doing some serious number "crunching," the Board concluded that an increase in Community Association dues will be needed this year in order to address expenses. This is the first dues increase in several years. Dues will be \$37 for the upcoming year.

Dues should be paid **by July 1, 2010**. As in the past, a "Membership Dues Form" will be distributed to the neighborhood.



New landscaping was planted around the main sign on Cherokee Hills Drive earlier this spring.