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Cherie Grisso advances Richfield's sound financial footing

New Chief Financial Officer Cherie Grisso is ready to advance Richfield Living's sound financial footing. Cherie hit the ground running when she began the job the last week of September, and isn't slowing down.

Foremost in her sight, though, are Richfield's residents. One of the walls in her newly painted Richfield blue-painted office are two sunset-orange and yellow original art works by Richfield Recovery and Care Center residents.

Cherie came to Richfield after two years as CFO for Kissito Health Care in Roanoke. Before that she consulted for a few years "for start-ups and turn-arounds for healthcare and education."

Currently, Cherie and Richfield top administrative staff are deep into Fiscal Year 2016 budget planning. "That includes a lot of review of financial management practices," she pointed out. "I will start developing action plans to move Richfield to an ideal state."

She added that she is working with "a lot of ideas that have been discussed within Richfield



for years, but need some analysis to support formal decisions."

Cherie estimated the fiscal planning process would take at least 90 days. "I hope it will be completed by the end of the first quarter of the calendar year, January 2016."

The Roanoke College graduate grew up in the Cave Spring area and earned her CPA after graduating from Roanoke College in 1990 with a bachelor of Business Administration. She completed graduate work

in business at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

In her leisure time, Cherie spends time with her three sons and daughter in outdoor activities including hiking, biking, snow skiing. "I believe in working hard and playing hard," she said.

Her children are Cager, 19, a student at the College of Charleston; Cave Spring High School students Brody, 17, and Dawson, 16; and Ainslee, 13, who attends Cave Spring Middle School.

Friends create flower gardens



Flower garden friends' efforts in two flower gardens they planted and keep up brighten the back entrance of Ridgecrest apartments. The ladies are Virginia Lee, Nellie Haley and Catherine Humphreys. Knollwood resident Virginia All, not pictured, planted a flower garden at her apartments.



What do you get when you mix a barren space between the parking lot and the back door of Ridgecrest, a little dirt and the efforts of ladies who love flowers?

Two bright, blooming gardens that make people smile.

Virginia Lee and Catherine Humphreys started several years ago planting out some of their favorite flowers in a small plot next to the parking lot. Their efforts expanded into a second plot next to the building's air conditioning equipment, and now residents, employees and regular visitors look to see what's new each week during the blooming season.

"It's been my garden ever since I've been here in Ridgecrest," said Virginia Lee. Not only are the garden plots a labor of love, but they're also a little piece of family history. "Half the plants belonged to my mother who died in 1999," explained Virginia. Her mother was Mary Carter, who lived in Lawrenceville, Ga., near Atlanta.

Although many of the hostas, four 'o clocks, mums, zinnias, geraniums and coleas came from local stores garden shops, there are stories behind many of the plants. For instance, Margurite Curtis, who lives on the fourth floor of Ridgecrest, "is the colea lady," Virginia pointed out.

Other plants came from Virginia's home in Radford, and a rose bush whose blossoms are a pale shade that's almost green was originally a miniature rose in a small pot, Catherine added.

The gardens have flourished because of the efforts of others, too. When Virginia had foot surgery a couple of years ago and couldn't get out to take care of the garden, Nellie Haley helped Catherine water. Wally Brugh of The Cabinet Company also contributes sawdust for the garden next to the air conditioning when he and his crew are on the scene making and delivering cabinets for the apartments.

Even though the recent sharp drop in temperatures has nipped some of the flowers in the bud and caused others to stop growing, many of the plants are perennials and will come back next spring. And the flower garden friends are sure to be out there as soon as the ground warms up, planting new petunias, impatiens, zinnias, marigolds, geraniums, dusty miller and other annuals.

Next door at Knollwood Apartments, Virginia All has also created a garden for residents there and visitors to enjoy.



A "Welcome" garden flag nestles among the colorful impatiens, zinnas, begonias and other flowers three residents of Ridgecrest planted in a tiny space between the parking lot and the apartment complex' back door.

Bagpipes and Celtibillies close out summer concert series



Burt Mitchell on bagpipes with Steve Schroder on drum start the fun for the concert by the lake.



Residents and guests listen to Appalachian music by the Celtibillies.

Richfield residents and friends closed out the summer concert season by the lake with the toe-tapping music of the Celtibillies and stirring bagpipe ballads on Sept. 13.

Under windblown clouds, residents wrapped up warmly to listen to the Celtibillies' Celtic and Appalachian music and Scottish and Irish tunes played by bagpiper Burt Mitchell who was accompanied on drum by Steve Schroder.

Richfield Chef Paul cooked hotdogs and Mike Brightwell of the Kettlecorn Express provided fresh kettlecorn for residents and guests.



Celtibillies band members Jack Hinshelwood, Tim Sauls, Jeff Hoffman and Becky Barlow play Celtic and Appalachian music for the summer concert Sept. 13. Jack is executive director of the Crooked Road, Virginia's Heritage Music Trail.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating Fun from around the campus!



Volunteers celebrated for their service

Volunteers were applauded for their service to Richfield Living residents, families and employees at a dinner in their honor on Sept. 12 at the patio by the lake.

In turn, the appreciation dinner also celebrated volunteers of the Fort Lewis Fire Station because they had cooked the barbecued chicken dinners with all the fixin's as part of their annual fall fundraising event the same day.

CEO George Childs thanked volunteers for their contributions to enrich the lives of our residents, and Stewart Bruce, Chairman of the Board of Directors, conveyed his appreciation in a letter read by Tonya Woolwine, executive and corporate secretary. He wrote that he appreciated the many volunteers who help with weekly chapel services, visit with pets,



A few of our dedicated Chapel volunteers (L to R): Kathy Mills, Betty Bowers, Candy Thomas and Jean Pauley

play music and games and lead arts and crafts sessions. "All of these activities make a difference and make life richer for our residents."

Volunteers ranged in age from residents and adult children of residents, to teenagers. Posing for a picture with the young

people she calls "my kids," Joseph C. Thomas Center Life Enrichment Coordinator Beverly Adams explained that more than a dozen high school students and other young people help out regularly at JCT with special events such as the annual galas for JCT residents.



Everyone enjoyed the music of the Marc Baskinds Trio.



George Child, CEO thanks volunteers for their service.



A few of the JCT youth volunteers (L to R): Levi Garman, Andrew Palmer, Beverly Adams, Olivia Nicholson and Kris Maxey

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