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Next Meeting of the CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, September 16
(No July Meeting)
7:30 pm
Cherrydale Fire Station

CANDIDATES' NIGHT

The Cherrydale Citizens' Association is planning to host a "town hall" type meeting with the two declared candidates seeking to represent us in the Virginia House of Delegates in Richmond and with the two declared candidates for a seat on the Arlington County Board. We will be inviting the Maywood and Old Glebe civic associations to join us as well. We are awaiting acceptance by incumbent Bob Brink (D), who has represented the 48th District since 1998, and challenger Aaron Ringel (R) as well as incumbent Jay Fisette (D), who has been on the Arlington County Board since 1998, and John Reeder (Green) who is challenging him. Mark your calendars for our tentative date – **Wednesday October 21.**

FAREWELLS TO CHERRYDALERS

Farewell to **Conrad and Kathy Rehill** and family. The Rehills have been invaluable volunteers. In addition to creating our original website, Cherrydale.net, Conrad was also a member of the Cherrydale Volunteer Fire Dept. Kathy Rehill won us a peg grant for the playground at Oak Grove Park, and worked on our Neighborhood Conservation Plan. Conrad also helped set up for the Candidates Debates hosted yearly and for the Celebrate Cherrydale Artists events. We will miss them greatly.

Susan Retz and **Chuck Lovett**, who moved to Cherrydale over thirty years ago, will soon be leaving us for retirement in New Hampshire. Volunteering with the Cherrydale Citizens' Association (CCA) over all of those years and in several different capacities, Susan has left her mark. Have you noticed that the Safeway wall facing the street has subtle arches in the brick and plantings rather than being a blank wall? Susan used her

architectural skills to convince the Safeway Corporation to give Cherrydale a new store that was not the standard cookie cutter store. Have you enjoyed the irises blooming in the Spring in the traffic island at the Five Points intersection? Susan planted them – at night when there were fewer cars zooming by. Do you deliver the Sweet and Sour News to a well-defined group of residences? Susan created the division of labor and most of the mapped delivery routes, and currently delivers stacks of newsletters to her sector, West Cherrydale. Whether serving as an officer in the CCA or planting flowers for the enjoyment of the Camelot Nursing Home (now Cherrydale Rehabilitation Center) residents, or tallying neighborhood survey results, Susan has provided many, many hours of service to Cherrydale. We thank her and wish her and Chuck a fond farewell!

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CHERRYDALE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

2009 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Have you paid your dues for 2009? It helps cover the cost of community events and this newsletter. Cherrydale merchandise is also available! Just include payment with your membership and we'll deliver the items to your home.

\$5 Household \$10 Business \$1 Seniors (Age 60 or Over) Donation \$_____

Name _____ Email _____

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Please include me in the Cherrydale Phone Directory (Your information will remain private)

Please add me to the Cherrydale Listserve

I'd like to help by volunteering for: _____

I've added \$ 5, please deliver a drinking glass. Please include me in the CCA phone book

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Contact Katherine Christensen, at 703.841.0692 for details. Make checks payable to: *Cherrydale Citizens Association* and send to Katherine at 1909 N. Randolph St. Arlington VA 22207

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CHERRYDALE LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR KIDS

GET CAUGHT READING

It's Summer and that means pools and sprinklers, summer camp, kicking back, and the very popular **Get Caught Reading for Kids Program**. Kids entering grades K, 1, or 2 earn a prize for reading/listening to 15 books. Older kids entering grades 3, 4, or 5 earn a prize for reading 10 books. Preschool age children earn a prize by sharing 10 books and completing as many of the activities on the preschool reading log as possible. Use your reading logs to rate and keep track of the great books you've read! Logs for elementary age kids and preschool age kids can be picked up at Cherrydale Library or downloaded when available from the Arlington Library site below.

Register through August 1 on-line at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Library> or at Cherrydale Library.

SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS AT CHERRYDALE LIBRARY

Kids Entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade

TICKETS REQUIRED: available at Cherrydale Library on the Saturday before each performance on a first-come, first-served basis until capacity is reached. Advance reservations will not be accepted. Only for children entering kindergarten through 5th grade and an accompanying adult. *Cherrydale Library programs fill quickly.*

Mon., July 6 at 4:30 pm: Explore the fascinating world of Australian music with **Didgeridoo Down Under**.

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CHERRYDALE LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

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Please Note New Hours: Monday: 10:00am - 9:00 pm. Tuesday & Wednesday: 1:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Thursday: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm. Friday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm. Saturday: 10:00am - 6:00 pm.
Sunday: Closed.

Children's Sessions: See Our Article About Special Children's Events This Summer

Book Discussions for Adults

Facilitated by volunteer **Joan Marik**. New participants are always welcome, even if you read the book some time ago. Call Library to sign up for a discussion or to reserve a title (usually available a month in advance).

Monday, July 13 (7:30 pm): ***Born on a Blue Day: Inside the Extraordinary Mind of an Idiot Savant***, by Daniel Tammet. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5). Published in 2007. 256 pages. This unique first-person account offers a window into the mind of a high-functioning, 27-year-old British autistic savant with Asperger's syndrome. Tammet's ability to think abstractly, deviate from routine, and empathize, interact and communicate with others is impaired, yet he's capable of incredible feats of memorization and mental calculation. . . . Tammet traces his life . . . with a surprisingly engaging tone. --*Publishers Weekly* . . . His approach is honest, eloquent, at times funny, and completely free of pity. -- *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Monday, August 10 (7:30 pm): **Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility***. . . Amazon reader rating: 4 stars (out of 5); 220 pages.

Monday, September 14 (7:30 pm): **Travels with Herodotus**, by Ryszard Kapuscinski. Amazon reader rating: 4-1/2 stars (out of 5); published 2007; 288 pages.

"A work of art: so eloquent, so simple, that you find yourself marveling at its prose. . . a travel book that all students of writing and of literature ought to read." *The Washington Post Book World*

"In 1955, just starting his career as a reporter, Kapuscinski wanted to travel just beyond the border of Poland. His editor sent him on assignment much farther afield, to China, Iran, and Africa, with a gift of Herodotus's *Histories*. In this amazing memoir, Kapuscinski compares his own wanderings to those of the Greek historian. Kapuscinski's recollections are intimate and vibrant in his embrace of a broader world."--*Booklist*, American Library Association.



NOTES ABOUT CHERRYDALE

House Cleaning Services – Contact Cherrydaler **Pearl Evans**, pearlgrey98@verizon.net, (703) 525-1489.

Tim Fleming is working with County landscapers to improve the Lee Highway median between Kenmore and N. Monroe Street. Tim's commitment to this project serves Cherrydale well!

Keep up to date with Cherrydale news! Sign up for our Cherrydale listserv by contacting **Eric Dobson** at eric.dobson@ericdobson.us.

Be sure to report crime, vandalism, and graffiti. We have had a few incidents in our area – notably the armed robbery at Dunkin Donuts in May, and some recurring vandalism of cars on our streets. **Maureen Ross** keeps in touch with our liaison officer and posts reports on the listserv. If something happens in your area, be sure to report it so that the police are aware of it.



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CHERRYDALE SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAMS FOR KIDS (CONT'D)

Mon., July 20 at 4:30 pm: Is it magic, or is it really science? The **Maryland Science Center** will boggle your mind and challenge your sense of logic in "Brain Benders."

Mon., August 3 at 4:30 pm: **Magician Michael Chamberlin** presents "Seeing Is Believing," a startling and hilarious show that proves magic can be created by all of us.

FOR PRESCHOOLERS

The Preschool "Get Caught Listening" program does not require registration. There will be a special guest storyteller each Thursday at 2:45 pm, starting July 9 and running through July 30.

These programs are for pre-school kids with an accompanying adult.

- Thurs., July 9: "Down on the Farm"
- Thurs., July 16: "Scribble"
- Thurs., July 23: "Painting"
- Thurs., July 30: "Circus"

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NEW WEBSITE AND SURVEY ON THE WAY

Bill Shaffer, senior director of technology at the Wellness Community, has agreed to take on the role of Cherrydale Web Master at the end of July with the goal of merging together our two prior websites. We thank Bill's predecessors, **Conrad Rehill** who was our web creator and guru for the past decade, and **Evan Lacopo** who generated a photo rich website for us. Combining the best of both, Bill's going to start a new website, **Cherrydale.net** in August. CCA will be posting a Survey on the website to help us determine what services Cherrydalers would most like to receive, and which services they would like to help provide. You can reach Bill at Shaffer50@yahoo.com, home (703) 863-3650.

NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION NEWS

RANDOLPH STREET PROJECT FUNDED

Congratulations and thanks to Phil Vitale, Block Captain for the Randolph St. Neighborhood Conservation project. Phil and his block (between 16th Pl. and 15th St.) patiently waited years to get curb, gutter, sidewalk, and new full depth paving. Phil's yeoman effort organizing the block and obtaining the many required signatures paid off and the project was recommended for funding at the Spring NC Funding Session. Phil's work will make walking to W&L and Ballston a little safer, and driving down Randolph a little less scary.

KENMORE AND 20TH STREET PROJECT

Cherrydale's next scheduled NC project is Kenmore St./20th Street. CCA members voted to make this its NC project at last March's meeting. Well over 60 percent of homeowners have show support for the project, and the county has begun surveying in order to "scope" the cost of the project. If the overall size of the project, or the county's required add-ons (e.g., redoing existing sidewalks), raise the price tag high enough, the NC Committee may require the project to be funded in two phases. If that turns out to be the case, the CCA would have a second vote on the second phase of the project.

THE VIEW FROM MY PORCH – EPHEMERAL

by Andy Murphy

The quiet of the evening was ephemeral, changing from peace to chaos in a flash.

My wife and I planted a climbing hydrangea 20 years ago, and it has since colonized our porch. We've trained it up and around the posts. One of the delights of spring is its leafing and flowering, each year growing more lush and seeming to want to enclose the entire porch. Lasts until late fall.



inches above our funky, parrot-shaped mail box, a metal contraption I found at a yard sale. Shortly thereafter she deposited a few eggs and began her motherly duty.

For the first few days, she spooked at noises, such as our front door opening, the mailman's daily delivery, and anyone walking up the front steps. Flew off to a nearby tree branch or the bird bath in the side yard. But then she calmed, becoming ever more trusting that no one meant her babies harm. Eventually, she let us approach within inches, never flinching as we blessed her serene egg sitting.

Birth! Eggs became babies. Dad showed up to help. It turns out both Mom and Dad city robins bring food. We reveled in the daily feeding and tending rituals. The three babies trusted us, too, letting us joyously observe (and photograph) their welcome to earth over the next 2 weeks.

But predators have to live, too. Cats are programmed to hunt birds. Yep. In a flash, neighborhood kitty leaped, and it all changed. My wife erupted from her seat, making T-Rex noises to scare the cat, who by then was escaping with one of the babies in its mouth. The air filled with bird squawks, feathers and nest stuff scattered everywhere. Wow. How fleeting, how short-lived life can be.

As I write this on our back porch, I notice the cherries turning red on our tree. I'm going to cherish this ephemeral moment.

p.s. We don't know what happened to the other two fledglings. Keep an eye out this summer for people-friendly robins.



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