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The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association



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President's Message

Dear CCHers,

I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the lovely mild weather this fall. Even though the weather is mild, the cheerful Christmas decorations showing up throughout the neighborhood have alerted me that it is time to make sure I know where our snow shovels are and stock the pantry with some winter treats.

The end of the year brings such pleasures - parties, visits with friends and family, and festivities with all the trimmings. It is also a time to take stock and think about the things to be thankful for as well as challenges and losses of the past year. Whatever the ups and downs of 2016 I feel very fortunate to live in a place where people extend a helping hand, where I feel safe, and where people of diverse backgrounds and beliefs get along with respect and admiration for one another. I so appreciate that in your busy lives you are able to take some time to share some kindness with your neighbors — in this crazy metropolitan type A microcosm we call home, a little kindness goes a long ways!

If you are travelling over the holidays it is a good idea to let a neighbor know, and leave your phone number with them. You will gain some peace of mind, and you can return the favor down the road.

CCHCA has a tradition at this time of year of helping hard-working local non-profits that lend a helping hand year round. In the past we have collected donations for Our Daily Bread. As I am sure most of you know, they have a new name, which is now Britepaths (britepaths.org). They and others accomplish wonderful things every day and truly appreciate and rely on your generosity.

And of course, please consider volunteering with the CCHCA in 2017! We will be holding an open house on Sunday February 12 from 2-4 pm at 10139 Spring Lake Terrace. You are all invited to come and visit with neighbors and learn more about the Civic Association and volunteer opportunities. Many hands make light work, and the association thrives on the multiplicity of talents of those who volunteer.

Best to you all and best wishes for a happy new year!

Judy Fraser

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Event	Location	Date/Time
Santa Visits	Resident Homes	December 12th, 14th, and 20th, 2016
Holiday Decorations Contest	Your House	Sunday, December 18th, 2016
Board Meeting & Open House	10139 Spring Lake Terrace	Sunday February 12 th , 2pm – 4pm
The Board will provide pizza and drinks, feel free to bring potluck appetizers!		In case of inclement weather, the snow date will be February 26 th .
Membership Drive	Online/Mail	To Be Announced

September's Beauty Spot

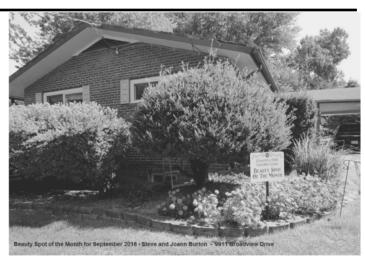
The secret to this month's Beauty Spot is the simplicity of the design. The key is repetition of the basics to create a foundation, and bursts of color supplied through annuals to add interest. Congratulations to Joann and Stephen Burton of 9911 Broadview: You are the Septem-

ber's BeautySpot winners!

When we drove past this yard, the first thing that caught our attention was the big patch of marigolds in the front of the house, bursting forth with golden sunshine. We had to take a closer look.

On further inspection we realized that this landscape design is about the foundation of perennials that run through all the beds: azaleas, boxwoods, and yews. These plantings set the stage, like armature for a sculpture, for the bursts of color and texture that are supplied by the varieties of grasses, the clematis (blooming with purple flowers) climbing up between the windows, and the flower box at the kitchen window filled with petunias (purple, white, and red) and vinca cascading down.

The scene is further enhanced by a few strategically placed rocks to anchor the beds, as well as several garden adornments, including a decorative flag, a garden gnome, a sun-



flower welcome sign, and a triple birdhouse sculpture. The lesson for the rest of us is to keep things simple—sometimes that very simplicity is the most beautiful design of all! Thank you Ernie Klimonda for taking such a lovely picture!

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Judelsohn Joyce Skoglund Country Hills Garden Club

Do You Know Your Block Captain?

Christa Clukey (10105 Cornwall Road) Route 3G: 10103, 10105, 10107, 10109, 10111 Cornwall; 3501 Park Hill and 3502, 3504, 3506, 3508, 3510 Old Post Road

Christa and John Clukey moved here to Country Club Hills in 2008 and she promptly volunteered to be a Block Captain. They had been living in Burke where they raised their two children Scott and Carlisle who both graduated

from Robinson High School. They also have two cats and a dog named Zoe. Their daughter, Carlisle, is a teacher in Florida now and their son, Scott, is in sales in Boston and has two children: Trip, age 5, and Ryerson, age 2.

The Clukey's bought their home as a short sale and it needed a lot of work. But it was worth it to them because they absolutely wanted to live in our neighborhood. Gradually they've been renovating it room by room and have it almost completed. One of the things they love the most is having all the Blenheim land just behind their back yard. With no fence in between, they host many wild animals and even have a fox den up the hill

behind the house. The kits come play in their back yard every Spring. Another favorite thing is hosting family and friends in their front yard on the 4th of July to watch the fireworks from FHS.

Thank you very much, Christa, for your service to Country Club Hills!



Block Captain's Corner

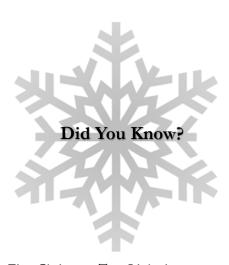
Once there were two sisters, Elsie and Imogen Hendricks, who acted as Block Captains for Route 1b. They have both graduated from Fairfax High and moved on to college. I want to welcome their Dad, Chris Hendricks, who is taking on their route to help out the community. Thank you, Chris, for carrying on the family tradition!

In case we have any other openings come up, please let me know if you would like to be put on the list to volunteer for a Block Captain spot or as a substitute. And if you know you are going to be out of town for a while, please send me an e-mail or call me so I can arrange for a substitute.

You can reach me at 703-383-1272 or lesdan001@verizon.net.





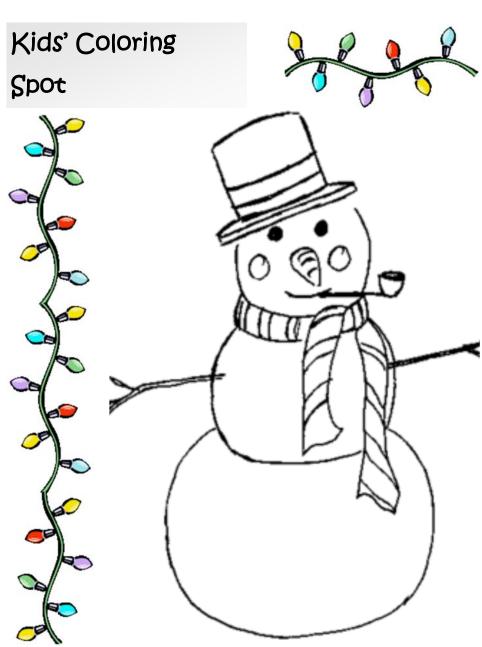


First Christmas Tree Lights!

For centuries, revelers relied on wax candles to illuminate their Christmas trees. Imagine the fire hazards! When Edward Hibberd Johnson introduced electric Christmas tree lights in 1882, he not only added flash and color to a Yuletide tradition, he saved lives in the process.

First Snowman!

Documentation of the first snowman is unclear. However, Bob Eckstein, author of *The History of the Snowman* documented snowmen from medieval times, by researching artistic depictions in European museums, art galleries, and libraries. The earliest documentation he found was a marginal illustration from a work titled *Book of Hours* from 1380, found in Koninklijke Bibliotheek, in The Hague.



Would you like to learn Chinese?

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Correction to Autumn Newsletter

Sorry, Judy, I neglected to mention your Block Captain route. Judy Fraser (of 3514 SLT) handles Route 3F which includes 3501 to 3525 Spring Lake Terrace.

CCH Directory 2017

Dear Residents,

It's that time of year again, and we are busy updating our Directory for the upcoming year 2017! We'd appreciate it if you could take a look at the information shown in the 2016 directory and alert us of any changes that need to be made. An updated directory benefits our community!

Thanks, Ernie 703-591-0696 directory@cchca.org



Looking for a baby sitter, pet sitter or walker?

Go to our website, <u>www.cchca.org</u> and click on "Babysitters" or "Pet sitters."

You haven't subscribed to our Country Club Hills Google-Newsgroups yet??

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Our CCH-Google-Newsgroup reaches, so far, over 400 residents, who are being kept informed on events and happenings in your community. To subscribe, no charge of course, contact: ggmoderator@cchca.org or call Ernie @ 703-591-0696

The CCH Civic Association welcomes all new residents who moved to Country Club Hills!

Detailed information for our new residents is now available on our online directory. Visit our website and click on "Directory 2017"!

Rod Wetsel -- 3509 Spring Lake Terrace

Cristopher Clark and Nicole Knight -- 3522 Spring Lake Terrace

Irene Logan – 3502 Old Post Road

Don and Elicia Potter - 3412 Andover Drive

We hope you're enjoying living in this community!

CCHCA Google-Group. Bear in mind that it might take several hours before your message will be posted; generally less than an hour. When replying to a message, click on "Reply" unless otherwise advised.

DO NOT click on "Reply All" as this Google-Newsgroup is not a discussion forum. Thank you.

Ernie

October's Beauty Spot

Simplicity, repetition, big, and bold: these are the design principles that inform our final Beauty Spot yard for 2016. Congratulations Margarita and Roman Diaz of 10109 Cornwall Drive!

When we drove past this yard last week, it was the juxtaposition of the big patch of white daisies, the huge mound of ornamental grass with its bronzy red plumes, and the orange and gold of the marigolds, and pots filled with red coleus that caught our attention.



Once again we see how beds filled with foundational plants create a backdrop, and plantings in front of them create the visual interest. In this case the backdrop is created by several large azaleas flanking the left side of the front yard and boxwoods lining the left side of the driveway and front of the house. Smaller plantings of hostas and liriope add interest with their different sized and shaped leaves.

The combination of different color, shape, size and texture make this garden a winner! Thank you Ernie Klimonda for taking such a lovely picture!

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Judelsohn Joyce Skoglund

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http://www.cchca.org/ moms-group/

A great way to meet friends and build up your "village," whether you're from around here or not. We offer:

- •Monthly "kid-free" evening meetings for friendship, support, and refreshments.
- •Meals for families wel-

coming new children.

- •Google Group for sharing information and crowdsourcing ideas and questions.
- •Weekend freeplay standing appointment at My Gym Burke for our small kiddos (great for getting out the weekend/winter wiggles).
- •December Holiday Cookie Exchange and End-- of-- Year June/ July Picnic.
- •Shared support of a family in need through Britepath's Holiday Program.

To join or for more information, please contact:

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Hi CCH Neighbors,

On Saturday, 5 November, we had our 2nd annual neighborhood Craft Fair from 9:30-12. This year we held it at an OLH neighbor's house on the corner of Old Lee Highway and Cornell to catch more traffic. Luckily, the weather was glorious, though a little chilly at the beginning of the day.

We had 9 vendors selling knit and crocheted items, jewelry, baked goods, ornaments, Mary Kay gift items, and hand painted items including glassware, ornaments, and pictures. The Garden Club attended and sold some plants and wreaths and ornaments they had made.

A big thanks to all of you who came out to support your neighborhood crafters and to buy lovely Christmas gifts and items you will use yourself. We'll do it again next year so please think about getting started on some craft you might want to create and come join the other vendors.

Lessie Daniess





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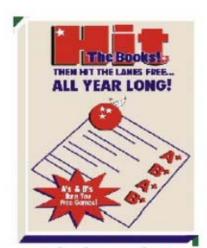
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To check your membership status visit our web site: www.cchca.org and go to the Membership Lists tab. If you find you have not yet paid your neighborhood dues you may do so online by going to the Membership Application tab and paying through the PayPal option.

CCHCA membership dues are just \$15 and help pay for events such as our Labor Day picnic, Halloween Party and End-of-School Ice Cream Social as well as our quarterly newsletters, yearly updated CCH Directory, the care and upkeep of the Common Area, Santa Claus's visits, Holiday Decorations Contest, Easter Egg-Roll and more!

If you have any questions about your membership status, or if you would rather pay your dues by check instead of online, please contact Stephanie Justen, 3420 Andover Drive (kjusten2@gmail.com).



New password for the online CCH 2017 Directory effective February 1st!

A new password will be required to access the online CCH 2017 Directory. Members please request the new password from: directory@cchca.org

Thank you!



Visit us online! www.cchca.org

IT'S TIME FOR THE CCH 2016 HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST

Have your lights on as soon as it's dark, Sunday, December 18, 2016!

A panel of judges from the Country Hills Garden Club will cruise through the neighborhood looking at displays after sundown on the evening of Sunday, December 18. All entries must be well-lit for night judging. Displays will be judged based on curbside appeal only. Judges will not enter the property.

"Enchanting" is the effect the judges are looking for! Recognition will be given for the best in each category. We look forward to your participation! Here are this year's categories:

BEST OF THE BEST:

For those who go all out and put it all together: Think Traditional, Winter Wonderland, Window and Door Trimmings, Ornaments, Lights, Lanterns, Wreaths, Displays, all rolled up into one perfectly wrapped package.

BLOCK PARTY:

Here's a fun idea: Get together with neighbors on your street or cul-de-sac and create some-

thing spectacular together! Consider coordinating themes and/or colors, or go big and create a continuous tableau that continues from house to house. The only limit is your combined imaginations!

NEWBIES:

If you're relatively new to CCH, this is a great opportunity to introduce yourselves to the neighborhood in style! This category is only for residents who have moved into the community within the past 2 years. Please contact Jennifer Judelsohn at 703-273-

0485 or mandalas@hotmail.com if you wish to be considered in this category.



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A List of Those who Have Renewed for 2017—Provided for your convenience!

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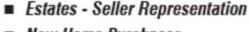
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