

THE ECCHO

Take a deep breath, a busy season is ahead as we all prepare for winter weather and holiday celebrations! Thank goodness midterm elections are over, but we've had some of our own in the neighborhood association.

Matt Levy needed to step down as CCHCA president in September and the board elected me to finish out his term. Long time board member Hildie Carney "came out of retirement" and was elected vice

president of Civic Affairs and we welcomed Stephanie and Keith Justen to the board as co-vice presidents of Membership. Also, at the annual meeting in June the membership voted to create a new vice president position, "Electronic Media", and elected Ernie Klimonda as our first vp of Electronic Media. If you haven't had a chance to visit the newly revamped website that Ernie and Steve Lescure have put together, I highly recommend a visit. There is an incredible amount of information, historical documents, and thousands of photographs, all easy to access with a couple of clicks. Our website is the envy of local neighborhood associations and for good reason. When you get the chance be sure and let Steve and Ernie how much their work is appreciated. We have a terrific team of volunteers on the board, and it is really a pleasure to be involved and an honor to serve as president.

Inside this edition of ECCHO you will get the lowdown on the Holiday Decoration Contest and the details of Santa's visit later this month. The annual donation drive for the local non-profit Our Daily Bread is underway. It has become a tradition for CCHCA to encourage neighbors to donate to ODB during the holiday season. ODB helps families year round of course, but the holidays are a time when we all are reminded of how we appreciate a good dinner, a full larder and a snug home. ODB works tirelessly to help those in our community who, at least temporarily, are not so lucky. You can send a donation to Dia Pullen, who is collecting donations from the neighborhood, or you can go to ODB's website (www.odbfairfax.org) and contribute directly.

New this year, the annual membership drive will take place in January. CCHCA will once again hold weekly drawings during the drive, giving away gift cards for local restaurants and merchants. Be sure and pay your 2015 membership dues so your name will be in the drawing!

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BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Now that the 2014 holiday season is approaching, I just wanted to give a big Thank You to all of our Block Captains for their service in delivering all of our newsletters, the directory, and event flyers during the year. We appreciate your giving your time to keep our neighborhood informed.

And to all of our residents, please have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday and hope 2015 is your best year yet!

Leslie Daniels, VP, Block Captains

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN?

Nancy Jones (3506 Spring Lake Terrace) Route 3D - 3500, 3502, 3504, 3506, 3508, 3510, 3512, 3514, 3522, 3524 Spring Lake Terrace; 10117 Cornwall

Nancy Jones is a firm believer in the importance of a well run civic association and one of our most dedicated block captains. She has an illustrious tenure as the BC covering the east side of Spring Lake Terrace between Farmington and Old Post and was previously secretary of the Civic Association.

Nancy and her husband Allen moved to CCH with their two teenage sons when the Navy assigned Allen to the DC area in 1978. They expected a standard tour of duty so had no plans to stay here long term. Nancy still expresses the surprise a Navy wife would have who finds herself with roots firmly established in one place. Their sons graduated from Fairfax High School and their youngest, Steve, lives nearby in Arlington while Scott is in Ohio.

Both Nancy and Allen are originally from Ohio and both have family as well as college ties there (the Buckeyes license plate is a give away!) but we are glad they call CCH home.



Nancy reported that other creatures seem to have a propensity for calling their yard home as well. Over the years they have had an owl, a heron, and once even an iguana in their backyard. And as anyone who has walked or driven down their block of Spring Lake Terrace can tell, they are avid and talented gardeners, so it is perhaps no wonder that it draws such unique visitors!

Many thanks to both Nancy and Allen for their block captain service and for their participation in the CCHCA through the years.

Article and picture provided by Brian Fraser.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT)

And no need to wait until January - it is never too soon to renew and you will find a membership application in this newsletter and more information inside.

We have a creative and dedicated group of volunteers who keep the association running smoothly. If you are interested in being a part of the leadership team, Leslie Daniels is coordinating the nominations for the board elections in May. You can contact her at lesdan001@verizon.net or talk to any board

member if you are interested in joining the board or volunteering in any other capacity.

If you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to get in touch! I hope you all have a wonderful, restful and joyous holiday season and New Year.

Sincerely,

Judy Fraser

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CCHCA ONLINE

Yahoo and Google Groups

We have created a new email address which will post your message to both CCHCA-Yahoo and CCHCA-Google groups while we work to combine the two.

Please submit all CCH related messages to:

groups@cchca.org

For more information about our electronic media, including our website and newsgroups, please contact:

Ernie Klimonda

webmaster@cchca.org
ggmoderator@cchca.org

703-591-0696

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The CCHCA is asking new and renewing members to send in their 2015 dues by the end of January. Dues are \$15 a year per household and are used to cover the costs of events and Commons maintenance.

If you join or renew before December 31, 2014 your name will automatically be entered into a drawing for one of four gift certificates to restaurants and businesses within Fairfax City!

We will have one drawing each week during the month of January, so the sooner you pay your dues, the more chances you have to win.

Board of Directors officers are not eligible to win

To renew or join CCHCA, simply go to the website: www.cchca.org and go to the Membership Application tab, or fill out the membership form included with this newsletter and return it with payment to:

Keith and Stephanie Justen, 3420 Andover Drive.

Thank you and good luck!

OUR DAILY BREAD - ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE

The holidays are a joyous time but can be an especially difficult time for those who are having trouble making ends meet.

Each year CCHCA members raise funds for Our Daily Bread, a local non-profit group that helps families in our community with a variety of emergency assistance.

Dia Pullen has volunteered to collect cash and gift

card donations and deliver them to ODB on behalf of CCHCA.

Please make sure your donation reaches Dia by Monday, December 15th. Her address is 10004 Boxford Court and email is diapullen@hotmail.com.

For more information about Our Daily Bread, or if you would like to donate directly to ODB, please visit its website, www.odbfairfax.org.

LOCAL MOMS GROUP

Are you a Mom in Country Club Hills or Old Lee Hills? Expecting a baby or looking forward to welcoming a child? In need of some friends and a good support network?

Please join the Neighborhood Moms' Group!

- * A great way to meet friends and build up your "village," whether you're from around here or not.
- * Monthly "kid--free" evening meetings for friendship, support, and refreshments.
- * Meals for families welcoming new children.
- * Google Group for sharing information and crowdsourcing ideas and questions
- * Weekend free--play 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 Our Daily Bread's Holiday Program

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BEAUTY SPOT

Early in October, we went out to select this month's Beauty Spot. Oft times, we have the opportunity to chat with the homeowners and tell them we're giving them the award. This month however, when we made our selection, no one was home so we put the sign in the yard and went on our way. Imagine my surprise when I received an email from the homeowners, asking if the sign in their yard was a prank. Congratulations to the Barrineaus of 10002 Boxford Court. It is not a prank! You are the rightful recipients of this October's Beauty Spot of the Month.

While I was a bit puzzled and amused by the query, it made me think about sharing something about why we choose the yards we do. When my husband and I moved to CCH, we bought a home with "well-established" gardens. (That's a polite way of saying they were overgrown and needed quite a bit of work.) Knowing almost nothing about gardening, I joined the Country Hills Garden Club, thinking I might learn a few things that would help me maintain our yard. When asked to write Beauty Spot, I readily agreed as long as Joyce Skoglund accompanied me to choose the spots and teach me about plants. I was interested in finding yards that exemplified concepts that perhaps we could all apply to our own gardens.

Over the years, we've learned about hardscapes (think retaining walls, sheds, stone paths), using perennials as foundational plantings (creating canopy and understory structure), living privacy screens, and

adding specimen plants and annuals for visual interest.

October's selection incorporates many of these ideas. It is a great example of well-established (in this case, think well-maintained) beds. On the left of the driveway, at the property border, is a large hedge of laurel, creating a thick, lush privacy screen. There is also a bed with hostas, a hydrangea bush, and a beautiful specimen plant, a miniature Japanese red maple.

The bed to the right of the driveway is planted with azaleas, Rose of Sharon, and a Camellia (in bud) and hostas. The bed continues around the front of the house with yellow feathery-leaved cypress evergreen, nandina, a huge mound of forsythia, and a large lilac bush anchoring the right corner of the bed.

At the foot of the driveway, is a crepe myrtle surrounded by hostas. And for added visual interest and a pop of autumn color, be sure to take a look at the hanging baskets at the top of the driveway filled with sweet potato vines and petunias.

I'm sure you'll agree, as you can see from the photo (credit goes to Ernie Klimonda), the result is a beautiful, inviting yard, totally worthy of the Beauty Spot of the Month Award!

Jennifer Judelsohn with Joyce Skoglund
for Country Hills Garden Club



Beauty Spot of the Month for October 2014 - Trey and Jacqui Barrineau - 10002 Boxford Court

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO CCH

It seems like every year, more and more families would like to have Santa (my personal friend, I might add) come and hang with the kids for a while before the big night. You know how the big guy is, he hates to disappoint anyone.

Once again, he has asked me to help out with coordinating his schedule on **Wed, Dec 18** and **Sat, Dec 20 (6-9pm each night)** to make absolutely sure that every child who wants to see him gets the chance.

In order to do that, every household will need to complete a sign-up form. The form may be found in this newsletter and is also available on the CCHCA website. The information is used solely for coordinating this visit with Santa.

If your family has never had a visit from Santa, you will have priority scheduling. If you have had a visit before, please consider hosting another family so that Santa may see as many Country Club Hills' children as he can this year.

The forms may be e-mailed, faxed or dropped off (see form for details). Sorry, but I cannot accept visit requests over the phone.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email me with the subject line "Santa Claus."

Amy M. Levy - amymlevy@gmail.com

(Just a reminder: if you would like Santa to give your child a gift you have previously selected, it should be left for Santa to pick up just prior to his visit on the front steps of your house.)

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NEIGHBORHOOD WINTER DECORATIONS CONTEST

It's time once again for our CCHCA Neighborhood Winter Decorations Contest! Help bring the Light of the Season to life by decorating your yard for the holidays! Wow us with your imagination and ingenuity!

Judging will take place on Monday, December 22, 2014, after sundown.

Turn your lights on as soon as it's dark! All entries must be well-lit for night judging. The Country Hills Garden Club judges will cruise through the neighborhood looking at displays on the evening of Monday, December 22, after sundown. Homes will be judged based on curbside appeal only. Judges will not enter the property.

Recognition will be given for the best in each category.

We look forward to your participation!

This year's categories are:

TRADITIONAL: Think Currier and Ives, Victorian, sleigh bells and holly, old-fashioned Santa Claus and reindeer, Christmas trees, poinsettias, wreaths, lighting, ornaments.

BEST LIGHTING: Décor limited entirely to Christmas lights on the house, roof, in trees, shrubs, wreaths, and garlands, illuminated Christmas characters such as Santas, toy soldiers, snowmen, etc.

OVERALL EXCELLENCE: For those who put it all together (lights, greenery, door and window decorations, yard, etc.) Simple or extravagant, the overall effect is what counts.

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THANK YOU DIA!

As many of you know, Halloween was the last event to be coordinated by our out-going Social Activities VP Dia Pullen. Here are a few photos of Dia in her many roles in CCHCA.

Thank you, Dia for your many years of service to the residents of Country Club Hills!



EDITOR'S NOTE

I look forward to hearing what you like... and what you don't like... about this issue. Send your comments to editor@cchca.org. And thanks.

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Would you or any member of your household like to offer any of the following in the next CCH Directory:

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☐ Other services you or your business offer (please provide name and type of service): _____

☐ Lessons you provide: i. e. music/instrument/language/other: _____

Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following:

☐ Volunteering your services for the CCH Civic Association Board and / or committees

☐ Garden Club ☐ forming or joining other groups or clubs _____

☐ Advertising in the CCH Directory or newsletters

☐ Joining the CCHCA Yahoo Newsgroup. (Indicate which emails you would like added to the Yahoo Group above)

☐ NEW! Sign up for the online CCH Residents Directory by emailing eklimonda@gmail.com to request access.

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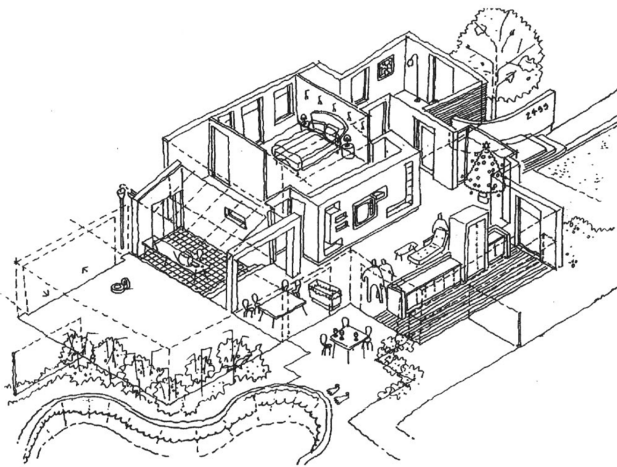
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Registration and CCHCA membership is required.

Complete all fields in this section (please print).

Resident Name(s)	Street Address
Are you currently a CCHCA member?	Contact <input type="checkbox"/> Home phone <input type="checkbox"/> Cellphone <input type="checkbox"/> Email
Has Santa visited before? If so, how many times?	

The children Santa will meet are:

Name / Relationship (son, daughter, etc)	Age	Any hobbies, sports, favorite activities?

Scheduling: Please indicate any day/time preferences and we will try to accommodate:

I am am not willing to host another family and share Santa's visit.

Completed forms will be accepted until 6:00pm, Sunday December 14th.

Forms may be submitted to Amy Levy, VP Publications:

- by dropping it off at 3305 Spring Lake Ct (behind the high school),
- by email (PDF or JPG) to amymlevy@gmail.com, or
- by fax to 703-991-4091.

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