

THE ECCHO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Happy Holidays”

Winter is here, and with it comes longer, darker, colder nights. Humans have always been uncomfortable in the dark; it's when we're most vulnerable. !

Which is why, I think, so many cultures have traditions of celebrating holidays with lights to combat the

Christmas, Chanukkah, the Lantern Festival, Diwali, or any of the many other such celebrations. The lights push away the darkness and remind us that the short days are only temporary. Humans have a unique ability to laugh at the things that frighten us.!

As a wonderful part of this celebration, the residents of Country Club Hills will have the chance to be visited personally by Santa. There's a form in this newsletter that you can use to let him know you'd like him to swing by. I hope that some of you will help Santa see more children by sharing your visit with another family. There is a box on the form so that you can tell Santa that you're willing to host another family. Sharing the joy with another family is a gift you can give to everyone, because, as magical as Santa is, even he only has so much time. !

There's another gift I hope you'll give this season, to yourself: give yourself a little time to breathe. It can be so easy to spend all of your time worrying about others; maybe it's hosting a holiday party or wrapping presents, or visiting friends and family.!

When we're so busy, we tend to forget the things that matter to us. What should be a joyous time can easily turn into a frustrating one. !

Take five minutes to sit and have some hot chocolate by yourself; stand outside bundled up and look at the winter sky; or watch your kids playing in the snow (once we get some). If you need it, take a nap. (As my wife will tell you, I follow that last bit of advice year round.)!

The winter reminds us that the days grow shorter. But the holidays remind us that even in the face of increasing darkness, there's joy and love to be had.!

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... and much more!

We are losing neighbors Jen Melton and Jerry Sumrell who will be leaving CCH soon. I just wanted to thank them for their service as Block Captains. They were kind enough to let me know several months ago so I could find a replacement. Thanks, Jen and Jerry, and good travels to your next location. — Leslie Daniels, VP Block Captains

Joyce Skoglund (3415 Country Hill) Route 1F (3415, 3417, 3419 Country Hill; 3550, 3552, 3554 Old Lee)!

Joyce has served on the CCH Board in a number of different capacities and has been a Block Captain for 30 years. As she walked around, she always found everyone very friendly and was able to really get to know her neighbors. In earlier years, BCs knocked on every door and collected the association dues. It gave them a chance to catch up and spend a little time with each of the families in the section. Everyone always joined and was appreciative of the Block Captains. !

Joyce and her husband, Len, moved into Country Club Hills in 1977, 36 years ago. They raised a daughter, Sara, and a son, Peter, here. Both children went to Layton Hall, Sidney Lanier and Fairfax High. Peter now lives in Orlando and Sara still lives in Fairfax.!

Len hails from Chicago and Joyce from Pittsburgh. They lived in Falls Church before moving here. When the real estate agent brought them to CCH, they thought they were in the country. They looked at their present home that evening and placed an offer the next day. The sellers never put up a For Sale sign. They feel fortunate to have moved into CCH and love the neighborhood. When they moved into their house, three of the neighbors were original owners. They took such great pride in their homes and the Skoglunds have tried to carry on the tradition.

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Thank you to all our advertisers, whose support helps fund our many activities throughout the year.

We hope you take advantage of your neighbors' services.!

The 2014 DIRECTORY will be published in January. ! Advertisers – please contact me if you would like to place an ad in the Directory. Pick your spot – first come, first served. !

Hildie Carney, Advertising Chair: 703-591-5305

HELPFUL HINTS AND REMINDERS

CCHCA BOARD MEETINGS

Did you know that all CCHCA Board meetings are open to all residents? !
 Come participate in the discussion!
 The next meeting is Feb. 11, 2014, 7pm.

TEN WAYS TO GO SUSTAINABLE

1. Grow some food
2. Ride a bike
3. Get to know your neighbors
4. Reduce your waste
5. Buy less stuff
6. Plant a tree
7. Eat more veggies & less meat
8. Learn a new d.i.y. skill
9. Drive and fly less
10. Turn off the TV

INCREASE GAS MILEAGE

How can you increase your gas mileage by slowing down?
 Most automobiles get about 28% more miles per gallon of fuel at 50 miles per hour than at 70 MPH and about 21% more at 55MPH than at 70MPH.

BEAUTY SPOTS

The end of summer can be a tough time on gardens: too much heat and humidity, too much or too little rain, too many weeds—and a too tired homeowner can all add up to a garden in decline. Fortunately for our **September Beauty Spot winner, Joan Phillips, at 10004 Blackthorn Ct.**, none of these conspired to deprive her property of its color, charm and whimsy!!

Do you remember the Peanuts comic strip? Every year in October, Linus would go to the pumpkin patch to wait for The Great Pumpkin. If only he'd gone to **Donna and John Sabo's house, 3415 Newbury Road** — even if he didn't see the Great Pumpkin, he would have found a beautiful autumnal garden, ripe for picking as the **October Beauty Spot of the Month.**

Read more about our beauty spots and view pictures of these lovely homes on our website cchca.org. Respectfully submitted by Teresina Christy, Jennifer Judelsohn, and Joyce Skoglund on behalf of the County Club Hills Garden Club

CCH ONLINE 2013/2014 DIRECTORY

Available to members of CCHCA - Updated weekly.!

To access the online directory, please contact the webmaster to get your password. Free of charge of course. Convenient for when you've misplaced your printed copy or when you're away from home.!

The 2013/14 Directory is always but one click away! If you're not a member of our CCH Civic Association, please join or renew your membership. It's still only \$15 a year. Help us make CCH a pleasant place to live.!

Ernie Klimonda, Webmaster
703-591-0696

webmaster@cchca.org

2013 HOME SALES

3429 Brookwood Drive	1/22/13	\$425,000
10140 Spring Lake Terrace	1/22/13	\$499,888
9914 Pinehurst Avenue	1/23/13	\$373,384
10119 Spring Lake Terrace	1/24/13	\$435,000
3504 Pinehurst Avenue	2/01/13	\$461,000
10112 Farmington Drive	2/22/13	\$498,000
10102 Capeway	4/01/13	\$400,000
10005 Blackthorn Court	6/26/13	\$560,000
3508 Spring Lake Terrace	6/27/13	\$515,000
10005 Blackthorn Court	7/01/13	n/a
10143 Spring Lake Terrace	8/01/13	n/a
10002 Blackthorn Court	8/13/13	n/a

Take a virtual tour of all homes listed for sale:

cchca.org > Homes for Sale in CCH

CCHCA-Yahoo Newsgroup – Yahoo has made it next to impossible to add new members to the group. We have therefore created a CCHA-Google Newsgroup to include new members who have joined after May 2013. Next time you post a message on cchca@yahoogroups.com please add a copy to: cchca@googlegroups.com – Thank you.
Ernie Klimonda, Moderator ggmoderator@cchca.org!

Have you noticed *potholes or cracks* on your street? ! For potholes or other asphalt repairs contact the Asphalt Crew Supervisor at 703.385.7979 or by email charles.blevins@fairfaxva.gov or Willis Shafer 703.385.7980 email willis.shafer@fairfaxva.gov!

Let's keep our CCH streets in good shape!!

THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION WELCOMES OUR NEW RESIDENTS

Julia Farr, Timothy and Mae & Michael Shen!

10002 Blackthorn Court, !
703-250-3277 / 703-965-7013

Farr.scouts@gmail.com
JuliaMaeinVa@gmail.com!

The Welcoming Committee
welcoming@cchca.org !

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SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus will be visiting Country Club Hills children on Dec. 11-13. A cleaned chimney is not required, as he will be knocking on your front door. (Although you might want to take care of that soon; it's getting chilly!)!

Registrations are now open for this year's visits. Please fill out the registration form included in this newsletter, or available at the website cchca.org, and turn a completed copy in to Amy Levy, VP Publications by **6pm, December 8th**. Forms may be submitted in person, via email, or even by fax — see form for details. While I understand some people will want to just pick up the phone, *please do not call to request a reservation unless you have missed the December 8th deadline and want to see if there are any slots still available.* !

Your contact information is very important, with an email address being preferred. This is how you will be notified of when you can expect a knock on the door from Old Saint Nicholas. !

You must be a current member of the CCHCA to be eligible for a visit. If you are not currently a member, becoming a new member for 2014 (see Membership Information below) will satisfy that requirement. If this will be your first time, additional information will be provided regarding the gift Santa pulls from his sack for each child.

OUR DAILY BREAD

As we have in the past, CCHCA is donating to Our Daily Bread for the holiday. !

At the moment Our Daily Bread has 3,500 needy individuals and families who live throughout the Fairfax County area on the holiday assistance list. **2,400 households -- including more than 5,000 children -- are still waiting and hoping** that they will receive help with food and gifts for the December holidays. !

Their website has donation information: !

<http://www.odbfairfax.org> !

if you would like to directly donate. If you would like to make a donation that can be bundled with your neighbors donations - please drop a check payable to CCHCA at my house - 10004 Boxford Ct. by December 15th. !

Or send me an email and I can stop by to pick up a check. 300+ homes contributing \$5.00 each would fund a grocery delivery for 21 families!! Amounts over \$5.00 also appreciated :-)! !

Thank you for your willingness to consider donating to ODB! !

Dia Pullen!
VP Social Activities!
diapullen@hotmail.com

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Announcing the 2014 Membership Drive! !

The CCHCA encourages new and renewing members to send in 2014 dues by the end of December. If you join before December 31, 2013 your name will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$50 gift certificates to some of our very favorite Fairfax City restaurants!!! We will have one drawing each week during the month of December so the sooner you pay your dues, the more chances you have to win. The drawings take place at noon on Dec 8, 15, 22 and 31st,

and if your 2014 dues are paid at that time, you will be qualified to win. Winners will be notified by email. With four drawings, **the earlier you send in your dues the greater your chances of winning!** If you have already paid your 2014 dues, thank you, and you are already entered in the drawings. Board of Directors officers are not eligible to win, but of course board members should get your renewals in by the end of the year as well. Thanks for your support and good luck to all!

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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MEMBERSHIP FORM

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<input type="checkbox"/> I can help more! Additional funds for Common Area maintenance enclosed \$_____		
Additional funds for Social Activities enclosed \$_____		

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

Babysitting/pet-sitting/yard work services (specify type of work; if under 18 please include parent signature as permission and give year of birth):

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

Joining or forming a special club or group

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.

Make checks payable to: Treasurer CCHCA Please return form and payment to:

VP Membership Judy Fraser, 3514 Spring Lake Terrace, Fairfax, VA 22030

For assistance contact jrobbfraser@gmail.com (703-825-7022)

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Troy Furr

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A Visit From Santa — Registration Form

Santa Claus will visit CCH on Wed. Dec 11- Fri. Dec 13, 2013 from 6-8pm.
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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?	Will you/did you attend the Dec. 7th Lunch with Santa?

The children Santa will meet are:

Name	Age	Relationship ! (son, daughter, grandson, niece, etc...)

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 8th.

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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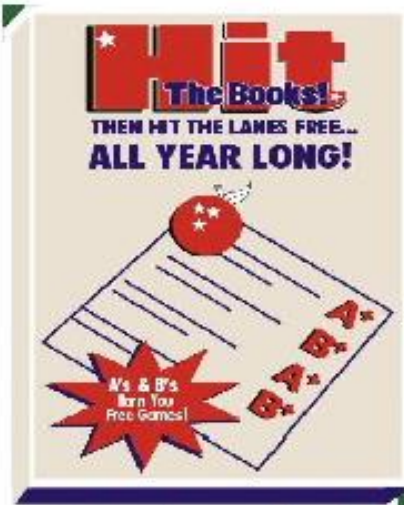
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