THE ECCHO

The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association

Founded 1954 February 2013 <u>www.cchca.org</u>

from the President:

While visiting the CCHCA website the other evening, I ran across a list of all the past presidents of Country Club Hills Civic Association the first of whom was elected to head the Board of Directors the year I was born. What an incredible run! Without fail someone has stepped up to volunteer their time and effort year in and year out for over 55 years.

I've enjoyed the last six years (two as President) serving my community with a variety of responsibilities. Looking back I can say I've thoroughly enjoyed the positive and productive relationships with the many talented and dedicated board and committee members with whom I have served. Through the Country Club Hills Civic Association there are a variety of ways to impact your community and now is the perfect time to begin. Along with the president's spot, several other positions will be available to any residents with an interest in how their community will be shaped in the near future.

In retrospect, I can truly say the cultivated friendships, working relationships, and all around fun easily outweigh my pre-volunteer thoughts of not wanting to get involved. I will also miss your emails – phone calls – social event chats alerting me to a variety of concerns, opinions, or suggestions for positive change in our community.

My door is always open – phone always on – and I never miss an e-mail...

Yours in service... Steve Caruso 703.273.3085 smcestop@msn.com

CCHCA WEBSITE UPDATE

Look what you can find on your website, www.cchca.org!

Click on "Services Offered By CCH Residents"

Mortgage Loan, Notary Public, Pet Grooming (Mobile), Pet Sitters and Laws & Regulations, Photography, Physical Therapy, Psychotherapy, Real Estate Agents, Roofing, Sewing, Tax Preparation/Accounting, Tutoring, Veterinarian, Web Design, Yard work and more under "Contractors & Services."

You may also enter a keyword, such as: notary, plumber, painter, etc. in the Search Box located at the top of the main page of our website.

Eklimonda@gmail.com or editor@cchca.org

ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Are you looking for a service? Check your newsletter/directory for a CCH advertiser. If you or someone you know would like to advertise in the ECCHO please email Hildie Carney at hildarn31@aol.com.

STRATEGIC MASTER PLAN

CITY PARKS NEED CCH TO HELP PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

The City of Fairfax Council has approved a Strategic Master Plan to look at the future of our

parks system, open space, trails, recreation facilities, recreation and cultural activities, events and services. A steering committee of broad-based community representation is being formed by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board to act as a sounding board to set the pace of the nine-month planning process, examine issues, formulate policies, make decisions, and send recommendations on to city officials.

The steering committee meetings will be open to the public; there will be a number of public workshops and opportunities for on-line engagement. If you would like more information on participating in planning the future character of the City of Fairfax, contact the City Director of Parks and Recreation, Mike McCarty, at 703-385-7858 or michael.mccarty@fairfaxva.gov.

If you would just like to learn more about the Strategic Master Plan from a neighbor, contact Park and Recreation Advisory Board member (representing the School Board), Toby Sorensen, at 703-591-5899 or tobe68@cox.net.



New Residents

The Civic Association welcomes new neighbors:

Luc Drlicka and Yelena Cummings 3429 Brookwood Drive 571-267-8072 Idrlicka@yahoo.com ycummings@gmail.com

Matthew and Katie Lynch 10115 Morningside Court 301.580.1274(M) 443.562.1602(K) Lynchmatthew000@gmail.com Katielynch10@gmail.com

Andreoni, Christine 10121 Farmington Drive 703-272-3691 Candreoni9@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

A big thank you to our membership for making the drive a great success! A total of 170 households have joined or renewed their membership in the CCH Civic Association for 2013. Thank you all for your continued support. Thanks again to Donna Sabo for lining up those great gift certificates to local restaurants that we gave away during the membership drive. If you haven't yet joined or renewed your membership for 2013 please consider doing so now. Your dues help fund the great initiatives and activities of your civic association. To join or renew please fill out the membership form at the back of this newsletter (there is also a link on the home page of our website www.cchca.org) and send or drop off with your dues to me at 3514 Spring Lake Terrace. Thanks.

Judy Fraser VP Membership

TREASURER'S REPORT

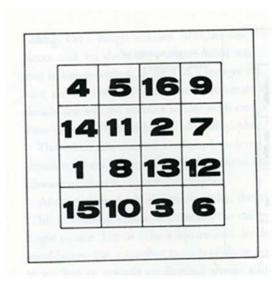
Balance at beginning of 2012 - \$4,790 Available balance as of 2.13.13 - \$6,102

Dollars spent in 2012:

Welcoming new neighbors - \$93
Donation to HS grad party - \$100
New signs - \$1350 (with over \$1100 in donations)
Admin fees - \$70
Easter - \$85
Yard sale - \$25
Ice Cream social - \$55
Adopt a Spot - \$14
Waterfest - \$360
City of Fairfax Band - \$150
Labor Day - \$700
Rocktoberfest - \$300
Halloween - \$175
Santa - \$275

The Magic Square is one that mathematicians call a diabolical. The constant, 34, is obtained not just by line, or diagonal but also by adding four numbers from the square in many different ways, like any block of four numbers for example. The corner numbers also add up to 34. In fact there are many more different ways reaching the same total. How many did you get? Share your experience with me.

Ernie Klimonda



eklimonda@gmail.com



The Association has a supply of these storm drain markers. If you notice a missing marker, please email Judy Fraser at jrobbfraser@gmail.com or call Judy at 703-825-7022, Ernie Klimonda at 703-591-0696, or Jennifer Judelsohn at 703-642-2465. Thank you.

SPEAKER AT NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Douglas Stewart will speak about *Fairfax City Citizens for Smarter Growth* and the Mason bicycle plan at our General meeting Thursday, May 23rd - 7pm (Location TBD).

For questions or comments about this newsletter please contact the editor: editor@cchca.org

New Press Box at Fairfax High School

Dear residents of the Country Club Hills neighborhood.

My name is Peter Noonan and I am the Superintendent of the City of Fairfax Schools. I had the opportunity to meet with the officers of your homeowners association in December to discuss an upcoming project at Fairfax High School.

We wanted to inform the residents of CCH about plans that are underway to build a press box and sound system for our girls' softball field for their upcoming spring season. Our intent is to secure a special use permit for both with the city council.

The need is two-fold. First, we are taking a proactive approach to ensure FHS is not in violation of Title IX, the federal law ensuring boys and girls sports must have equal facilities. Currently, our female softball players do not have the same facilities as the baseball team. Further, softball is the only sport at FHS without announcing capabilities.

Secondly, by providing equal facilities we will be able to bid on regional tournaments. Currently we are unable to bid on such weekend activities because we do not have appropriate facilities. These tournaments would be limited to a few times a year, but would bring revenue to our local downtown restaurants and businesses and help build the reputation of FHS as a leader in the county for facilities.

The sound system and press box, paid for by fundraising and booster funds, would be used with the existing lights – approximately twice a week from March until mid-May. As many of you know, the games traditionally begin at 6:30 p.m. and usually end by 8:00 p.m. The sound speakers will point toward the field and away from the CCH neighborhood resulting in less sound to the community. Further, there is a mature stand of trees that provide a 55' to 60' buffer between the school and homes.

We want to keep the lines of communication open and welcome any comments or questions you may have. Please feel free to email me directly (peter.noonan@fairfaxva.gov) or speak to your neighbor and fellow CCH resident and school board member Toby Sorensen. We are always so appreciative of the wonderful support the City of Fairfax neighbors and CCH residents gives our students. We thank you in advance for your help.

Sincerely,
Peter Noonan Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
City of Fairfax

CCHCA Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee

By David Stearman

The CCH Community Association is pleased to announce the formation of a new Special Committee, called "Neighbor-to-Neighbor." The purpose of this new committee is to help strengthen the bonds of connection between neighbors by encouraging neighbors to look out for each other and by matching residents in need with residents who want to help.

CCH is a diverse community, with residents who have lived here for decades and those who have just moved in. We have residents who range from young couples just starting families to seniors who have raised children and grandchildren here.

The other thing that distinguishes CCH is that we are more than just a collection of individual homeowners who happen to live in proximity to one another. We know and care about each other—and we help each other out. When the derecho roared through CCH this past summer, neighbors helped each other clear downed trees—lending chain saws and helping hands. When winter storms come, able-bodied neighbors clear driveways for those whose shoveling days are behind them. When a CCH resident suffers an illness or the loss of a loved one, neighbors are there to provide comfort and support.

That's where the new Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee comes in. The committee serves as a focal point for these connections.

How does it work? CCH residents who have a need—assistance around the house (for a single project or on an ongoing basis), transportation to an appointment, support during an illness, etc.—can let the committee know what they need (and when). Residents who are willing to help can let us know what they are willing to do. The committee will then facilitate matches.

- If you need assistance: Please provide your name, address, contact information (phone and/or e-mail), and a brief description of what you want help with to committee chair David Stearman (703-642-2465; wordmaven@hotmail.com). For example, "I need someone to shovel my driveway when it snows" or "I want to clear out the junk in my basement next weekend" or "I need a ride to a doctor's appointment next Thursday" or "I need someone to go shopping for me (or bring me meals) while I'm home with the flu." (If you need a professional contractor or other service provider, please check the CCHCA website: http://www.cchca.org/index.php?c=contractors or http://www.cchca.org/index.php?c=Services.
- If you want to help: Provide your name and contact information, along with any areas of assistance you are particularly interested in providing (or things you would prefer NOT to do), along with your availability. For example, "I am willing to shovel driveways," or "I can occasionally provide a few hours of manual labor around the house," or "I can drive someone to a doctor's appointment."

The committee will also act as a representative on behalf of the Association when CCH residents experience personal tragedy, such as the loss of a loved one. Anyone who has experienced a loss or knows of a neighbor who has is invited to contact the committee chair.

CCH is already one of the most "neighborly" communities in the area. Let's continue to strengthen the ties that bind us to each other.

2013 – CCHCA EVENTS

#	Status	Date	Event	Attendees	Organizer	email
1		Saturday 3/30 10am-Commons	Easter Egg Hunt	ССН	Nina Prescott	ninaprescott@verizon.net
2		Saturday 4/27 10am – 1pm	Adopt-a-Spot Accotink Creek Clean Tentative	ССН	Jennifer Judelsohn	mandalas@hotmail.com
3		Saturday 5/4 9am-1pm	Community Yard Sale	CCH Old Lee Hills	Leslie Daniels	lesdan001@verizon.net
4		Thursday 5/23 7pm – 9:30pm	General Meeting CCH Civic Association	ССН	Steve Caruso	smcestop@msn.com
5		Sunday 5/19 6pm – Dusk	Pie Pot Luck	ССН	Jennifer Judelsohn Dia Pullen	mandalas@hotmail.com diapullen@gmail.com
6		Monday 6/1	Newsletter Delivery	ССН	Leslie Daniels	Lesdan001@verizon.com
7		Tuesday 6/18 5 – 7pm	Ice Cream Social Bicycle Tune-up	ССН	Dia Pullen	diapullen@gmail.com
8		Sunday 7/28 6pm	Concert on the Commons	ССН	Judy Fraser	jrobbfraser@gmail.com
9		Tuesday 8/13 7pm	Quarterly Meeting CCHCA	Open	Amy Levy	amymlevy@gmail.com
10		Wednesday 8/28	Newsletter Delivery	ССН	Leslie Daniels	Lesdan001@verizon.com
11		Monday 9/2 4 – 7pm - Commons	Labor Day Picnic Dunk Tank	ССН	Everybody New Social Chairman	
12		September/October Weekend Morning	Adopt-a-Spot w/Accotink Conservation Group	ССН	Jennifer Judelsohn	mandalas@hotmail.com
13		Saturday 9/28 or 10/5 6pm – Dusk	Event TBD	ССН		
14		Thursday 10/31 5pm - Commons	Halloween Party	CCH Children	New Social Chairman	
15		Tuesday 5-Nov 7pm	Quarterly Meeting CCHCA	Open	Leslie Daniels	Lesdan001@verizon.com
16		Thursday 11/14	Newsletter Delivery	ССН	Leslie Daniels	Lesdan001@verizon.com
17		November Begin fundraise	Thanksgiving Christmas	ССН	Dia Pullen New Social Chairman	diapullen@gmail.com
18		12/16, 12/17, 12/18 6:30pm to 9pm	Santa's Visits	ССН	Amy Levy	amymlevy@gmail.com
19		Wednesday 12/18	Holiday Decorating Contest	ССН	Jennifer Judelsohn	mandalas@hotmail.com

HELP - WE NEED NEW BOARD MEMBERS TO ELECT IN MAY!

POSITIONS OPEN AND JOB DESCRIPTION:

Civic Affairs – Attend city council meetings and report back events affecting CCH. Meetings are twice a month on Tuesdays at 7.00pm. Good excuse for parents of young children to get out of the house and interact with adults – and hey if the car drives to Barnes and Noble or the Wine House afterwards... Or you can watch the pod cast from your laptop anytime and report in from your sofa.

Secretary – take notes at the meetings – usually five a year. Email notes to the Board members. Remember Ernie will be posting them on the CCHCA website – so don't insert jokes in the middle just to see if we are actually reading. Help set up the annual meeting.

Social Activities - STEP ONE is already done for you! The calendar was mostly planned for the year at last Board meeting. Folks have already volunteered to lead many of the events. A general manager is needed to oversee, designate, delegate, motivate, circulate, chocolate (ok just seeing if you were paying attention) – basically help CCH create and celebrate as a connected community.

Marketing/Advertising – as our yearly dues are the EXORBITANT amount of \$15.00 and we try to host a community event each month – extra dollars in the kitty are appreciated. As you go about your day in the city – keep an eye out for merchants who might welcome the opportunity to target 300+ homes four times a year in the newsletter for the low, low price of \$25.00. The product almost sells itself!

Publications – four newsletters a year –use template, insert articles from members along with advertising. Take to city to print. Give to block captain to distribute.

And last but not least the President position is open! The Pres keeps the above folks from running amok and general order at the board meetings and also VERY important – keeps the 4 meetings each year moving at a fairly rapid pace so they don't drag on and on— and ideally adds a bit of vision. Past presidents have had positive influence by involving us with Our Daily Bread and Blenheim. Steve freshened up our neighborhood appearance with the addition of new entrance signs and has been spearheading the effort to add solar power electricity to our pavilion at the Commons. Would you like to see CCH moving in a particular direction? If so, step up and lead us.

If you are new to the community seriously consider joining the board. The above should indicate that we don't take ourselves too seriously and the time commitment on all the jobs is feasible and doable. If you are a long time resident and haven't served on the Board, please reconsider. If you have attended one or many of the community events, please consider joining. If you don't attend the CCH events because they do not appeal, please consider joining – then you can impact CCH with some fresh ideas that appeal to new demographics.

Any questions – email me at diapullen@hotmail.com

Want to throw your name in the hat for a position, email me.

Want to throw your neighbor's name in the hat for a position, email me!

Troy Furr

703.541.8332

Summer Work: Mow Lawns Rake Leaves Trim Hedges **Assorted Yard Work**

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