



Country Club Hills Civic Association

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from the President:

It seems as if spring has already come and winter never had the chance to become a memory. Recently during our CCHCA quarterly meeting we discussed among many topics the real chance that raising our membership dues is to become a reality. Dues have not increased a penny over 10\$ annually in over 25 years and with membership at an all-time low the extra money will go to replacement of entry signs and for funding social activities that give us all the opportunity enjoy our community.

Voice your opinion before a vote at the CCHCA General Meeting 7pm. Wednesday May 16th, to be held at the Blenheim Estate. Come early at 6:30 for a tour or refreshments.

Special guest speaker is **Scott Silverthorne** who will relate his vision for our beloved Fairfax City. Please join us!

We currently are seeking to fill the position of VP of Membership that for the past two years has been under the stewardship of Margarita Diaz. Thanks for all the hard work.

Dates for upcoming events can be found in your ECCHO newsletter and on the CCHCA website. My door is always open – phone always on – and I never miss an e-mail...

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

General Meeting on May 16, 2012

Blenheim Visitor Center

6:30 Meet and Greet; tours of Blenheim

7:00 Speaker

7:30 Business Meeting

from the Board:

VICE PRESIDENT FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt is coming up soon! The Easter Bunny will have a fun morning planned for the kiddos. So dress up in your Spring finest and join us for an Egg-cellent time! Saturday, April 7 @ 10am. Hosted by Nina Prescott.

Larisa Parsons, larisakparsons@yahoo.com

Calendar of Upcoming Events

April 7	Easter Egg Hunt	10am
April 15	Candidates Night	4-6pm
April 28	Adopt-A-Spot Creek Clean	10am – 1pm
April 28	Garden Club Plant Sale	9am-1pm
April 28	Community Yard Sale	9am-1pm
May 16	General Meeting @Blenheim	6:30 pm
May 19	Acoustic Music/Pass The Hat	3pm-dusk
June 19	Ice Cream Social	5-7pm
July 22	Main Street Community Band at the Commons	4-6pm

VICE PRESIDENT FOR MEMBERSHIP

WE NEED YOU. Membership dues are due.

Of 320 home that are in our neighborhood only 133 have paid their dues. This membership is part of what helps our committees plan fun events for our neighborhood, as we are coming into summer time our committees are busy planning events.

Also as an added benefit you can post on our Yahoo! page - a great tool to use in the quest for referrals from neighbors on services or to find someone to take that old piece of furniture you want to get rid of, etc.

Please join or renew your membership for just \$10 a year and now we have the option of renewing for two years. Dues are due to increase in May, so take advantage now.

You can find your membership application on the back of this newsletter as well as in our website www.cchca.org; there you can also read about the benefits of being a CCHCA member.

You can make your checks payable to "Country Club Hills Civic Association" and mail it or deliver to Margarita Diaz 10109 Cornwall Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 or give the check to your block captain.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support.

Margarita Diaz, margaritadiaz22@msn.com

VICE PRESIDENT FOR CIVIC AFFAIRS

City elections are coming up on May 1st! To be eligible to vote, you must be registered 21 days or more before that election. Therefore, the following are important dates to **remember** prior to the City elections on May 1st.

Voter Registration Deadline is Monday, April 9, 2012.

Absentee Voting begins March 16, 2012. The deadline to submit Absentee Applications to the General Registrar by mail and or fax is Tuesday, April 24, 2012 by 5:00 PM. The last day to vote in-person Absentee is Saturday, April 28, 2012 until 5 PM.

Register to Vote at Sisson House, 10455 Armstrong St. Fairfax, VA 22030.

"MEET THE CANDIDATES"

Country Club Hills, Old Lee Hills and Westmore Neighborhood Civic Associations are hosting a "Meet the Candidates" event on Sunday, April 15th from 4–6 PM at The Commons. It's a great opportunity to hear from candidates for our City Mayor, City Council and School Board! Please email Jennifer Passey at jepassey@gmail.com with any questions.

A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATION HISTORIAN

A historian cannot write about the history of a place and its people without studying it. Your historian (that would be me) would like the chance to get to know you, and your connection with Country Club Hills, a little better. With that in mind, anyone interested in sharing their recollections, showing off their old photographs, or just walking through the past with a nice cup of tea, is invited to contact me. I can be reached via e-mail amymlevy@gmail.com or cell (202-341-8707).

CCH 2012 DIRECTORY-ADDENDUM ONLINE

You can now have access to your CCH 2012 Directory online. It is password protected and merely one click away. The only requirement to sign up is a renewed membership. Never again look for a misplaced directory. Contact me and voilà. Ernie Klimonda, (webmaster) 703-591-0696 eklimonda@gmail.com

OPEN BOARD POSITION

The CCHCA Board is seeking nominations for a vice president of membership. Margarita Diaz has held the position for the past two years and done a remarkable job of organizing and updating our membership rolls. Responsibilities include maintaining membership records and coordinating the annual membership drive. The upcoming term is from May 2012 to May 2013. Volunteering on the board is a great way to get better acquainted with some of your neighbors and provide a valuable service to this great neighborhood. To volunteer (or nominate a friend!) or for more information please contact Judy Fraser at jrobbfraser@gmail.com (703-825-7022) or Steve Caruso at smcestop@msn.com.

TOO MUCH STUFF?

Why not plan to join the CCH Community Yard Sale on Saturday, 28 April, from 9 - 1. All you have to do is set up your things at the end of your driveway or bring them down to The Common Area where CCH Garden Club will be selling plants. Signs will be posted at each entrance to CCH and an ad will be placed in the Washington Post. We will arrange for an AmVets truck to come after the yard sale to pick up any items

you would like to donate. To participate in the truck pickup, you will have to call or e-mail Leslie Daniels (by April 24) so you can be put on the schedule. The phone is 703-383-1272 and e-mail is lesdan001@verizon.net.

ORANGEBURG PIPE REPLACEMENTS

If you are interested in learning more about the sewer line replacement issue, please visit the CCHCA website and click on "Contractors" > Sewer Line Replacement, where our webmaster, Ernie Klimonda, is posting all messages on this topic, past and future, including all replies and comments. The direct link is <http://www.cchca.org/index.php?c=sewer> David Stearman and Jennifer Judelsohn are blogging about the progress of their own sewer line replacement project at <http://radioactivealiengiraffes.wordpress.com>

AREA MEETING ON THE COUNTYWIDE BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

An informal open house style meeting to learn more about the Fairfax City portion of the county's master plan for bicycle routes and trails will be held at Daniel's Run Elementary cafeteria on Thursday, March 29, between 6 and 8:30 pm. There will be a presentation at 7pm.

CCH ENTRANCE SIGNS REPLACEMENT UPDATE

by Jennifer Judelsohn, Community Appearance Chair
and Amy Levy, Community Historian

As we all know, every house needs regular maintenance to keep it looking its best. A fresh coat of paint and regular landscaping: These are the sorts of things that give our homes their curb appeal.

Country Club Hills is our community, our greater home, and its curb appeal could use a bit of sprucing up. If you have walked, biked, or driven past the entrance signs into our community, you can see that although the uprights are still functional, the signs themselves have decayed and are falling apart. These signs are the way we announce to the rest of Fairfax, "We're here!" They need more than a coat of paint. **They need to be replaced.**

This is not an expense your CCHCA Board can take to the city. The initial estimate is \$400 per sign, or

\$1,200 total. We must work together, **as a community**, to raise the necessary funds.

We are pleased to announce that we are well on our way in raising these funds. In honor of its long-standing involvement in the history of our entry signs, the CCH Garden Club has generously donated \$100. Donations from community members added another \$91, and donations from the CCHCA Board members have brought the grand total so far to \$418—enough for one sign!

However, that still leaves almost \$800 to raise. We need to raise these additional funds as soon as possible, so that we can get the signs replaced before they fall apart entirely. This is where **you** come in: Your CCHCA board will gratefully accept donations both large and small. Please send whatever you can to Amy Levy (checks payable to CCH; put "Entry Signs" on the memo line), 3305 Spring Lake Ct.

Donors who contribute more than \$50 will receive special recognition on the CCHCA website and a small "thank you" token. Ideally, we would like to have all of the funds in hand before the General Membership Meeting in May, so please make your donations today!

As an extra inducement, we are having a contest for design ideas for the signs. There are three categories: Elementary/Middle School students, High School students, and adults. The cost of each entry is \$1 (which will go toward the sign fund), OR an item of nonperishable food (such as canned goods) for donation to a local soup kitchen.

A template for the signs, along with design requirements, is included in this issue of the newsletter. Using this template as the basis for your designs, send or drop off your entries to Jennifer Judelsohn, at 10116 Farmington Drive, by Monday, April 30, 2012. We will put the designs on display at the General Meeting in May where community members will have a chance to view them and make their favorites known!

Thank you for supporting this effort to make the gateways to our community more attractive!

The Community Appearance Committee is looking for a volunteer to lead the semi-annual Adopt-a-Spot

Creek Clean ups for our neighborhood. Held in September and April, the Creek Clean Up events are important for our neighborhood, our stream, the Chesapeake Bay and are always fun! Please contact Jennifer Judelsohn at mandalas@hotmail.com if you are interested!

**MOSTLY ACOUSTIC MUSIC BENEFIT
SATURDAY - MAY 19TH - 3PM TILL DUSK
COUNTRY CLUB HILLS - COMMONS AREA**

This is an early heads up to all the musicians who volunteered their talents at Oktoberfest.

As suggested by many who attended the Oktoberfest CCHCA has been looking for the opportunity to add another grass roots music event for our community. It just so happens that we are currently working to raise money to replace our neighborhood entry signs (have already raised enough for 1 of 3 signs each costing around \$400.00) and the thought is to marry good music and generous hearts.

Emphasis is on MUSIC not money.

CCHCA will for a nominal fee offer burgers / hot dogs with chips / refreshment. Any level of donation will be greatly appreciated. These new signs will represent to others our commitment as a community. CCHCA general funds account will be used to complete our goal of \$1200.00.

Drop me an email, text or phone call so I can get a feel for numbers. More information to come!

Steve Caruso 703-273-3085 smcestop@msn.com

New Residents



The Civic Association welcomes new neighbors:

Bill and Katy Johnson of 10132 Spring Lake Terrace -
703-869-3387 billyjohnson@yahoo.com

If you are new to the neighborhood and haven't been contacted yet by a member of our Welcoming Committee please contact Ernie Klimonda at eklimonda@gmail.com

Garden Club Notes

The Country Hills Garden Club (CHGC) celebrated Valentine's Day with a luncheon at a member's home. We had a short meeting before lunch. We discussed our donation to the Country Club Hills Civic Association that will help defray the cost of new entrance signs to the neighborhood. We are delighted that we can help with this project.

Our club will again participate in the yard sale which is scheduled for April 28th by having a plant sale at The Commons which will feature native plants, shade and sun loving plants. We hope that you will stop by and support your "own" garden club.

The Garden Club takes pride in presenting a Beauty Spot of the Month Award to a CCH homeowner from early spring through late fall. Polly Haecker and Jennifer Judelsohn do a wonderful job each month with their selection and their write-ups are impressive. I hope that you all have an opportunity to drive around the neighborhood and check out the monthly winner. We will begin again in April.

CHGC is your club for CCH residents and property. If you would like to join us for a meeting, or have any questions regarding our club, you may reach me at 703-591-4017 or at jeskoglund@verizon.net.

GARDEN TIPS

That ivy that you love so much you let it climb up your trees....did you know that if left untouched it will eventually choke your tree to death? So if you want that tree to survive another 50 years, cut the ivy from around the tree and watch for any new runners and cut them off as well. When planting a number of bulbs in the same area, do not dig individual holes. Instead, try removing soil from the entire area. Prepare the bottom with soil, peat and bone meal, place bulbs and cover them gently.

Joyce Skoglund, President

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS

ENTRY SIGN DRAWING SUBMISSION FORM

SIGN REQUIREMENTS

- The entry signs will use the existing white and gold posts.
- The signs will be 24" tall by 18" wide.
- The lettering must be visible from the street at night.
- The signs will be painted on white aluminum, in part with reflective paint.
- Simpler designs are preferred.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Please submit your design on a copy of this form.
- You may submit as many designs as you would like.
- A donation of \$1 for the sign fund, or one non-perishable food item for a local food bank is requested for each submission.
- All submissions become the property of Country Club Hills Civic Association.
- All appropriate submissions will be on display at the CCHCA General Meeting, May 16th, when Community members will have a chance to weigh in on their favorites.

REQUIRED ENTRY INFORMATION

Printed Name of Artist

Signature of Artist

Printed Name of Parent or Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (if under 18)

Street Address

Age Category: ___ Elementary/Middle ___ High School ___ Adult

Contact (phone and/or email address)

By signing above, I agree that all submissions become the property of CCHCA, that all artwork was created by myself/the artist, and that I/the artist had fun doing this.

Drop off your Form and Donation with Jennifer Judelsohn, 10116 Farmington Drive before May 12th.

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Membership is about building our community!

☐ Renew your CCH Membership for 1 year, 2 years, ☐ Become a new member

Membership year: January 1 to December 31, 2012

Members only have the privilege to post messages on our CCH-Yahoo-Group and have access to the online CCH Directory

Name of Primary Resident(s):	
Teenagers:	
Address	Home Phone Number:
CCH Resident Since (Year):	
Cell Phone Number	
Email 1	Email 2

Please indicate if you – or any member of your household wish to be listed in a future CCH Directory for personal or business services.

☐ Babysitting/pet-sitting/yard work:
(Please give year of birth)

☐ Services you/or your business offer:
Name and type of service:

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

Please let us know if you are interested in one or more of the following:

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

☐ Joining or forming a special club or group;

☐ Would you like to advertise a business or service in our CCH Directory for a fee? If so, search the website **for rates**.

☐ Would you like to join the CCHCA Yahoo Newsgroup? - If so, please provide the email address you would like listed.

For more information visit our Website: **www.cchca.org**

Dues: \$10.00 per family for 2012

Make checks payable to: Treasurer, CCHCA

Please return form and payment to: VP, Membership, Margarita Diaz, 10109 Cornwall Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
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