

# THE ECCHO

The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association

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## ***from the President:***

The good news is we are just past the summer mid-season leaving ample opportunity for vacations or favorite summer activities to continue.

Also continuing will be Fairfax City's ongoing ownership and stewardship of our drinking water. Thanks to our newly elected City Councils vote of confidence we will continue to receive H2O from the Goose Creek watershed rather than the not as desirable Potomac River.

Your votes do make a difference. Your voices are being heard.

The Board of Directors has pledged to implement a social activity every month from April until Dec during 2012. The board has stayed true to that promise and will continue to provide quality events for the children and families of our neighborhood.

New Country Club Hills entry signs will soon adorn our entrance streets. The signs were completely funded by the residents of CCH without using membership dues earmarked for social activities. Because of your generosity the addition of a solar sign light will be added illuminating for up to six hours each night.

I look forward to seeing you all at upcoming events. Look for social activities on the CCHCA website or in the next issue of ECCHO newsletter at your doorstep soon.

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](mailto:smcestop@msn.com)

## ***from the Board and Committees:***

### **CCHCA WEBSITE UPDATE**

#### **Fairfax Electronic Notification Service:**

The City of Fairfax now offers free electronic notification service to anyone who signs up. Subscribe to any number of our notification services, and we'll send message alerts to your e-mail account (work, home, other), cell phone, pager, BlackBerry, Smart phone and/or PDA as events arise. You'll be the first to know about any breaking news with our e-Message Alert System. Sign up now!

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Please note that our CCH Yahoo-Group will not post any of these alerts or messages.

#### **A Back-to-School Math Quiz for Kids and Adults:**

The "Four Fours" - Use four 4s (not more and not fewer) to get the answers 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Additions, subtractions, multiplications and divisions (fractions) or any combination thereof are permitted.

For example, to get the "0" answer:  $44-44=0$  or  $4/4 - 4/4 = 0$  Now go ahead and find the remaining 10 answer. Email your results to me and be recognized in our next newsletter and on our website. Address any questions or comments to: Ernie Klimonda-[eklimonda@gmail.com](mailto:eklimonda@gmail.com)

### **BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER**

We've just lost 2 long time Block Captains, Chris Mullen and Madelyn Johns. Here's a big thank you to both of them for their years of service.

If you are a new resident of CCH and would like to be put on the list to volunteer for a Block Captain spot or as a substitute, please let me know. Substitutes would only be called in when one of the regular BCs was on holiday.

And, for my regular BCs, 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

### **ADVERTISING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Are you looking for a service? Check your newsletter/directory for a CCH advertiser. If you or you know someone who would like to advertise in the ECCO please email Hildie Carney at  
hilcarn31@aol.com.

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### ***New Residents***



The Civic Association welcomes new neighbors:

Jan and Steve Gaviotto  
10122 Spring Lake Terrace  
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janthefirst@cox.net

Julie and Angel Tuesta  
10112 Spring Lake Terrace  
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### **PRODUCING TRASH**

Introduction: I wrote this poem this spring while I was participating in a Country Club Hills discussion group on Sustainable Living. I was also trying to get in shape so an old man could visit Machu Picchu, in Peru. This poem came out while I was doing that and often cleaning Accotink Creek and Van Dyke Park for exercise. I've never published a poem before, so this is my first time. I offer it now.  
Ed Preston, Spring Lake Terrace

*As he grew old, he began to shift  
from producing to conserving.  
Producing seemed to trash the world - productively  
Conserving involves picking up trash, productively  
Working was about producing things  
that became trash in creeks and parks.  
Aging is about conserving creeks  
and parks and streets and back yards and life.  
Retiring brings mystery about what life is about.  
As he worked he controlled the world around.  
As he retired and ages, he becomes part  
of the world around, without need for control.  
Productive has a new meaning.  
Everything must now have two purposes or reasons:  
the need to produce and the need to conserve.  
So, he walks every day to produce a body  
that can walk to and through Machu Picchu,  
and he walks to pick up trash where he walks.  
It generates huge bags of garbage and recyclables.  
It generates better joints and muscles.  
It generates confidence and trust.  
It generates life.*

**BEAUTY SPOT – JULY 2012**

The Country Hills Garden Club Beauty Spot sign for July has been placed at **3514 Spring Lake Terrace**, the home of architects **Doug and Judy Fraser**. Check out the distinctive and intriguing addition they have recently made in the front of their home.

The Frasers have also put in a vegetable garden behind the front fencing, which complements the addition. At the back of the garden, bean plants twine up the fencing built like a trellis against the new addition. They have future plans to put in berry plants that will twine similarly on the front fencing.

The garden attests to Judy's recent participation in the Neighborhood Sustainability Group, as does the Fraser's removal of the upper part of their driveway to make more area for a profusion of plantings.

As a further observance of sustaining the environment, the Frasers are thinking about making mulch from a large pine destroyed by the derecho storm.

We congratulate Judy and Doug for their wonderful creativity and will enjoy watching their interesting endeavors develop over time.

Polly Haecker and Polly Feuer for  
The Country Hills Garden Club

**BEAUTY SPOT – AUGUST 2012**

The Beauty Spot of the Month for August 2012 goes to **Anita and Albert Johnson at 3301 Spring Lake Court**. This is a yard that masterfully employs perennials to create a beautiful, eye-catching landscape. A repetition of plants throughout the beds gracefully carries the eye along, allowing the viewer to enjoy the color bursts of plants in bloom. Right now the beautiful, golden yellow of the black-eyed Susans is magnificent!

To the left side of the driveway is a bed of dogwood, several rhododendron, and holly, and a huge sycamore tree is tucked in the back by the garage. An eastern white pine anchors the right border of the property.

The front yard on the right side of the driveway is where the real magic happens. Several small beds are planted with **variegated liriope** with its blooming

purple flowers tucked in amongst the foliage, hostas, azaleas, sedum with its flowers just turning pink, and vinca vines for ground cover. One bed features blooming gladiolas and salvia in vivid purple. The yellow-green of the variegated euonymus compliments the yellow of the black-eyed susans, and nicely offsets the purple of the salvia and the liriope blooms.

The beds by the sidewalk are rock-lined and planted with a maple tree, crepe myrtles, sedum, and liriope.

Pots of red geraniums scattered throughout the top of the yard add another burst of color, rounding out the effect.

This is a wonderful reminder that perennials can be used very effectively to create a winning landscape that looks good all the time, and has an extra-special appeal when the plants are in bloom. Why not walk over and enjoy the scene?

Respectfully Submitted by  
Jennifer Judelsohn (with Joyce Skoglund)  
for the Country Hills Garden Club

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*Calendar of Upcoming Events*

Sep 3	Labor Day Picnic	5-7pm
Oct 6	Oktoberfest	3pm - dusk
Oct 31	Halloween Party	TBA

WaterFest! on Saturday, Aug 11 was a lot of fun! We had a dunk tank (we even had a couple adults get dunked!), water games and prizes for all the kids. The weather was perfect and we had a nice turn out. Thank you to everyone who came over. I hope you had fun!

Our next activity will be our Labor Day picnic on Monday, Sept. 3 from 5-7pm. We will provide the bar-b-que, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. There will be a bounce house for the kids too!

Looking towards the future- Oktoberfest Music Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 6 and the kids' Halloween Party on, of course, Oct. 31!

Thanks to everyone who comes out and supports our activities. It's a great place to talk with neighbors and make new friends!

Larisa Parsons

## GARDEN CLUB NOTES

### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

**August** is one of the best times to control white grubs in your lawn. These grubs are easiest to control when they are small and actively feeding near the soil surface. Check your local garden centers for grub control.

**August** is a good time to begin your fall application of organic fertilizer.

**Feed your lawn** with Espoma Organic Lawn Food, Milorganite, or Scotts Natural Lawn Food

**Feed your gardens** with Espoma plant-tone or Holly-tone

**August** is a great time to divide your bearded iris if they have become overgrown and don't bloom well anymore or have stopped blooming all together.

- Cut back the foliage to 6"
- Break the rhizomes apart at the joints where they will snap naturally
- Throw away the old rhizome that has the flower stem
- Cut away any damaged or rotten parts
- Dip in a 10% Clorox solution for 3 minutes

- Allow to dry and then replant.
- Leave the top of the rhizome exposed at the surface
- DO NOT MULCH

### **It is time to start thinking about purchasing and planting your fall bulbs.**

- October and November are great times to plant bulbs. If you order your bulbs from a company and they arrive too early for planting, you can store them in the crisper of your refrigerator for several weeks.
- Bulbs of all sizes can be planted together in one large hole, 7 inches deep. Plant the larger bulbs (tulips and daffodils) the deepest, and cover with a 2 inch thick layer of soil. Then, add a layer of small bulbs (scillas, snowdrops, etc.) and a final layer of soil to fill the hole. A great time saver and the result are magnificent, multi-blooming bulbs.

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](mailto:jeskoglund@verizon.net).

Joyce Skoglund, President

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**Membership year: January 1 - December 31, 2012 Dues: \$15/year/household**

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