

# THE ECCHO

The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association

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## *from the President:*

Looking back I am pleased that many goals set earlier this year have been met or surpassed.

As a group we have accomplished the goal of holding one social event per month with the addition of a music event / fundraiser in May and the Waterfest in August.

May's event raised over half of the total amount necessary for new lighted signs now adorning our three entrance streets. I believe they are a positive reflection of our community and a welcoming vision day or night. I would like to thank our neighbor Stafford Markham for his fine workmanship.

August's Waterfest was targeted for children but became a total family event. The centerpiece dunk tank was in operation non-stop for over 2hrs much to the delight of the continuous supply of adventurous children and couple of brave adults. The water balloon contest was a hit and along with the water squirting contest everyone enjoyed the celebration of H<sub>2</sub>O fun. "Back to School" prizes were eagerly accepted by parents and tolerated by the kids.

**Thanks to all who helped create and carry out our CCH calendar of events.**

**A special thanks to all who attended events or donated towards entrance signs**

The time for giving is upon us. Look for CCHCA Sponsor-A-Family opportunities again during the holidays. Let's surpass the record amount that was given during last year's effort.

Santa is coming to town. CCH's Santa Visits Program is nearing. Make sure you are up to date as a paid member in order to enroll for a Santa visit at your home

Good reading in this issue of ECCHO Rebecca Gregory VP Community Safety submits an informational article about your neighborhood's electrical power. . Enjoy

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)

For questions and/or comments about the newsletter, please email: [editor@cchca.org](mailto:editor@cchca.org)

## *from the Board and Committees:*

### CCHCA WEBSITE UPDATE

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

The "Four Fours":

1 = 44:44	4/4:4/4
2 = 4/4 + 4/4	(1+1)
3 = (4+4+4):4	(12:4)
4 = 4 + {(4-4):4}	(4+0)
5 = {(4x4)+4}:4	(20:4)
6 + {(4+4):4} + 4	(8:4=2+4=6)
7 = (44:4)-4	(11-4)
8 = 4+4+4-4	(12-4)
9 = (4+4)+(4/4)	(8+1)
10 = (44-4):4	(40:4)

### **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 ECCO please email Hildie Carney at [hilcarn31@aol.com](mailto:hilcarn31@aol.com).

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### ***New Residents***



The Civic Association welcomes new neighbors:

Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Landivar  
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### **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The CCHCA board encourages new and renewing members to send in your 2013 dues by the end of this year. And now there is extra reason to join right away! If you join by December 31, 2012, your name will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$50 gift certificates to some of our tastiest 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 will take place at noon on Dec 9th, 16th, 23rd and 31st, and if your 2013 dues are paid at that time, you will be qualified to win. The earlier you send in your dues the greater your chances of winning one of these four great gifts! If you have already paid your 2013 dues your name will be automatically included in the drawings. Board of Directors officers are not eligible for the drawing. Special thanks to the

restaurants for their donation: Bollywood Bistro, Sabzi, Bellissimo, and Cee Fine Thai Dining, and to Donna Sabo for organizing this fun event.

Whether renewing your membership or joining for the first time, your dues are not only necessary funds but an action that shows your support for the ongoing efforts to ensure Country Club Hills is a wonderful place to live. At the end of this newsletter is an application for 2013 membership as well as a list of those who have already paid their dues for 2013 as of November 15, 2012. If you haven't yet paid your dues for 2013 please act now! Annual membership is \$15 per year. You can pay for two years at a time if you'd like as well. Also, if you renew for two years you will be entered twice for the drawings. Fill out the form and send it or drop it off at my house - 3514 Spring Lake Terrace. If you have questions I can be reached at 703-825-7022 or [jrobbfraser@gmail.com](mailto:jrobbfraser@gmail.com). Thanks!

### **BEAUTY SPOT – SEPTEMBER 2012**

We awarded Hector and Katerzyna Gonazalez at 9915 Farr Drive the Beauty Spot for September.

What draws the eye to the Gonzalez property is the way the landscaping and redesigned house complement each in artful symmetry. The color taupe further binds the house and yard together.

Pampas grass in full bloom blends with the house color, and these colors contrast wonderfully with the well-chosen, well-placed trees and evergreen shrubs.

A splash of color from the red-purple crepe myrtle at the right side provides a perfect highlight.

Our thanks to the Gonzalezes for adding to the interest and beauty of our community.

Polly Feuer for the Country Hills Garden Club  
[pollyfeuer@verizon.net](mailto:pollyfeuer@verizon.net)

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## THE 2012 CCHCA NEIGHBORHOOD WINTER DECORATIONS CONTEST

It's time for the 2012 CCHCA Neighborhood Winter Decorations Contest! Get creative and make the judges' jobs even harder than last year. "Enchanting" is the effect the judges are looking for!

### Have your lights on as soon as it's dark!

A panel of judges from the Country Hills Garden Club will cruise through the neighborhood looking at displays on the evening of Wednesday, December 19, after sundown. All entries must be well lit for night judging. 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! Here are the categories:

1. **Traditional:** Think Currier and Ives, Victorian, sleigh bells and holly, old-fashioned Santa Claus and reindeer, Christmas trees, poinsettias, wreaths, lighting, ornaments.
2. **Religious:** Decorations with religious themes such as a Christ child, angels, Virgin Mary, stained glass windows, doves, traditional manger displays, religious music/carols.
3. **North Pole:** Christmas characters (such as Santa Claus, Mrs. Claus, elves, toy soldiers, snow people), novelty items (wrapped presents, garlands, etc.), colored lights, etc.
4. **Best Lighting Award:** 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.
5. **Winter Wonderland:** Imagination and creativity are helpful attributes here. Think

about the beauty of the winter season and landscape rather than the Christmas Holiday.

6. **Overall Excellence Award:** 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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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

December	Adopt-A-Family	Month-long
Dec 18-19	Santa Visits	Tentative
Dec 19	Holiday Decoration Contest	TBA
December	Membership Drive	

Once again we are Adopting-A-Family through Our Daily Bread. I hope that we may raise \$200 to help out at least 2 families in the county. The money goes to buy food and gifts for children. If you would like to donate any amount in cash or a gift card, please let me know. I am happy to come by to pick it up. This neighborhood has always been so generous, this year will be no exception I'm sure!

Santa will be making his personal appearances in CCH! This is a favorite! So make sure you have paid your yearly dues; because he will only be making it to your home if you have.

Thank you for all your support by coming to our activities. We always have a lot of fun. On Halloween we had our Trick-or-Treat send off pizza party and it was a huge hit, like always! These events are made possible by your yearly membership dues. Hope to see you at the next party! Larisa Parsons  
larisakparsons@yahoo.com

## **Dominion Power Company Presentation**

On October 1, representatives of Dominion Power met with residents of Country Club Hills and Great Oaks to discuss the frequency of power outages in these neighborhoods. The meeting was held at the Northern Virginia Operations Center, and included a facility tour, explanation of how Dominion's operations are structured, and an extensive question and answer period. The meeting was facilitated by the managers of various Dominion divisions, to include State and Local Affairs, Electric Distribution Reliability and the Operations Center.

At the meeting, Dominion explained that power comes to CCH through two different circuits. The 872 circuit comes from Main Street/Old Lee Highway and connects to CCH at Old Post Road. This circuit serves the majority of CCH and is relatively reliable; therefore the meeting's focus was on addressing the frequent outages on the 305 circuit that currently carries power to Section I of Country Club Hills. This circuit travels to Brookwood Road and Spring Lake Terrace from Fairfax Circle; as a result, the line is in close proximity to many large trees on Old Lee Highway and in the Great Oaks neighborhood. As those living in Section 1 of CCH know all too well, power outages along this circuit have been frequent.

This is where the good news comes in: Dominion is planning to upgrade the 305 circuit, with the Work scheduled for Late Spring/Early Summer 2013. The upgraded circuit will connect to a pre-existing one and carry power from Route 50 rather than Old Lee Highway. It will enter the neighborhood via an underground connection. The power lines will then run across the high school property, into CCH, and then into Great Oaks. Once connection to this Circuit 679 is complete, the 305 will remain in place as a power source.

This plan is already in motion, as Dominion is acquiring the necessary rights to take the connection underground. In addition, other planned upgrades were discussed, such as a switch that will be installed on the 679 circuit at Rebel Run and Old Lee Highway. This switch will allow Dominion to disconnect CCH from Great Oaks should a tree come down in Great Oaks.

Trees are the cause of 95% of CCH power outages along both circuits. On the 872 circuit that supplies power to most of CCH, these outages are caused by trees in the CCH neighborhood. However, along the 305 circuit, these problem trees are often located in Great Oaks. As discussed at the meeting, Dominion has been prevented by Great Oaks residents and City officials from properly trimming trees in that area, in violation of Dominion's guidelines. Some tree-trimming Work Was carried out in CCH and Great Oaks in early October, but the Country Club Hills Civic Association will need to discuss options to ensure that fully-compliant tree-trimming is not blocked in the future.

When the power does go out, Dominion asked that residents contact them for outages lasting more than 65 seconds. Dominion prioritizes its response to power outages, in part, by the number of homes affected. According to statistics provided by Dominion at the meeting, Northern Virginia homes suffer an average of 111 hours of power outage per year (down from 135 hours five years ago). While those on the 305 circuit have had more than their fair share of outages, it is hoped that the upgraded circuit and proper tree work will bring an improvement in reliability to the whole neighborhood.

Thanks to Steve Caruso, Bob Denhardt and Bill Alsbrooks for attending this important meeting and sharing what was discussed.

# Troy Furr

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

*Your membership strengthens our community!*

**Membership year: January 1 - December 31, 2013 Dues: \$15/year/household**

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