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## The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association



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*President's Message*

Hello Country Club Hills and Happy New Year! I can't believe 2018 is here already. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, got lots of rest, ate good food, and are now ready to face the rest of winter.

We now have guttering installed (by our neighbor James Sabo) at the pavilion down at the Commons with a downspout to the rain barrel. It will make watering all the plantings much easier. We also have two new birdhouses installed by the garden club.

Fairfax City has installed a pad near the pavilion for the new garden shed. The shed is for storing the tubs holding all of our events supplies as well as gardening equipment. It has been ordered and should be put together and placed soon.

I'm sure many of you noticed the speed zone set up by the Fairfax City Police in October at the Commons. I requested the survey due to several e-mails received from residents stating that we might have a speeding problem on Spring Lake Terrace near that area. The posted speed limit in that area is 25 mph. During the 3 day survey, 1,245 vehicles passed the camera. Only 3 vehicles were clocked over the speed limit: one

going 41 mph, one 37 and one 35. The police have determined that we don't have a speeding problem but they are committed to patrolling the area more often to look for any violators.

The board is looking for ideas for new events to have in the neighborhood; please pass any ideas you might have to any board member. Of course, we are still planning our usual annual events. We'd just like to offer more. And any improvements you might like to see in CCH. We are always happy to make our neighborhood more beautiful and safe.

Here's hoping winter is bearable without too much snow and ice. If you see any of your neighbors needing help, please reach out to a board member so that we can assist, if possible.

*Leslie Daniels*

*Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!*

Event	Location	Date/Time
Easter Egg Hunt	The Commons	Saturday, March 31st at 10am
Stream Clean Up	The Commons	Saturday, April 21st from 9-11am
CCH Annual Meeting	TBA	TBA

*Do you have ideas for additional activities? Please contact Jason Gray, VP of Social Activities, at [social@cchca.org](mailto:social@cchca.org) and/or 703-691-4163*

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[www.cchca.org](http://www.cchca.org)

## CCH Thank You List!

**James Sabo** - our neighbor and owner of Elite Construction who donated time and materials to install guttering and a downspout on our pavilion at the Commons. Now the rain barrel will always be full for watering all the plantings. Thank you, James!

**CCH** for collecting \$670 in Holiday donations for BritePaths!



## Do You Know Your Block Captain?

### Cillian Gray (9919 Farr Dr.)

Route 1A (9910, 9912, 9914, 9916, 9918, 9920  
Broadview, 3424, 3426 Brookwood, 9913, 9915, 9917,  
9919, 9921 Farr)

Cillian Gray became a Block Captain at the age of 7 in Summer 2016. At the time, he was our youngest block captain. He took over Marilyn Larsen's route when she sold her home and moved away. At first, one of his parents went with him but now he delivers them himself. Sometimes his younger brother, Callum, tags along as his deputy block captain. When Cillian couldn't reach a mailbox, he would just roll up the newsletter and place it between the door handle and the frame. Spring is his favorite time to deliver his route because the weather is so nice. And he likes to wait until the weekends because his weekdays are just too busy.

Cillian says his parents both have jobs and he wanted one also. He is a third grader at the Flint Hill School. Often times, you can catch a glimpse of him jumping on the trampoline in his backyard. His favorite thing about CCH is that he knows a lot of people and that he'll be able to stay here for a long time.

**Thank you, Cillian, for stepping up to help our community, we appreciate your service!**



*Cillian (bottom) and Callum (top)  
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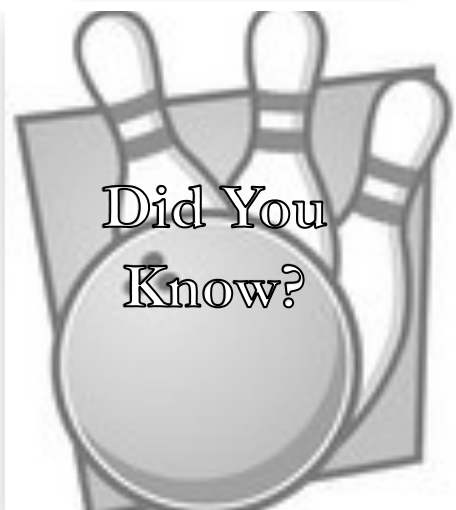


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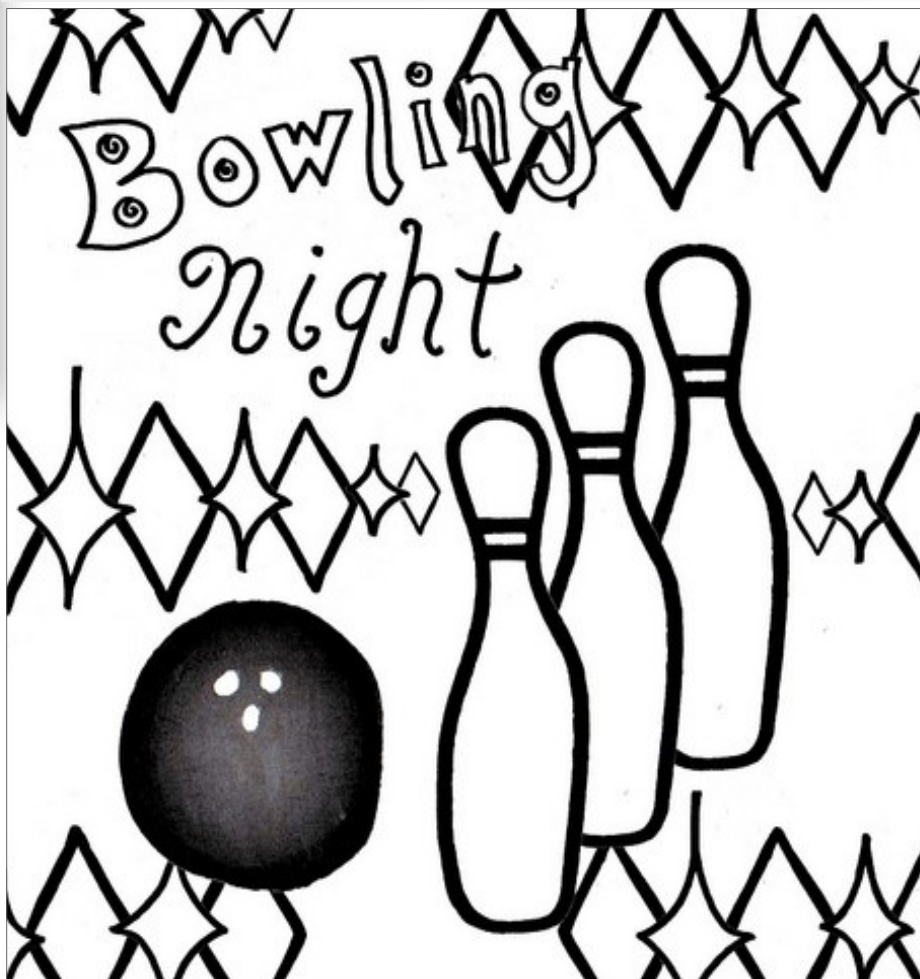
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HOME DEPOT  
at Fairfax Circle!**



Bowling has a long and rich history, dating back to 3200 B.C. in Egypt. Today it is one of the most popular sports in the world!

The CCH board is trying to arrange an "afternoon at the bowling alley" right down the street. Our first step is to find out how many of you might like to join in if we can arrange a special price for bowling and shoes and maybe even appetizers. Date would be later in January or February and it would be a weekend. Please e-mail Leslie Daniels at [lesdan001@verizon.net](mailto:lesdan001@verizon.net) or call at [703-383-1272](tel:703-383-1272) if you would be interested in having a CCH Bowling Day.

## Kids' Coloring Spot



## Looking for a baby sitter, pet sitter or walker?

Go to our website, [www.cchca.org](http://www.cchca.org) and click on "Babysitters" or "Pet sitters."

## You haven't subscribed to our Country Club Hills Google-Newsgroups yet??

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Our CCH-Google-Newsgroup reaches, so far, over 400 residents, who are being kept informed on events and happenings in your community. To subscribe, no charge of course, contact: [ggmoderator@cchca.org](mailto:ggmoderator@cchca.org) or call Ernie @ 703-591-0696

It's that time of year when CCH is putting together it's 2018 Directory. If you would like to reach over 300+ households at an affordable advertising rate, what better way to gain exposure?!? If you or someone you know is interested in placing an ad in our 2018 directory and/or quarterly newsletters, please contact me. Full, half and quarter page ads are available at \$100, \$50, and \$25 respectively for each the directory and an annual run in our newsletter. A discount is available for a directory/full year newsletter combo.

Regards,

Donna Sabo

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Members. Are you planning a yard sale? Let your neighborhood know by posting a message on our CCH-Google-Newsgroup; send your communication to: [groups@cchca.org](mailto:groups@cchca.org)



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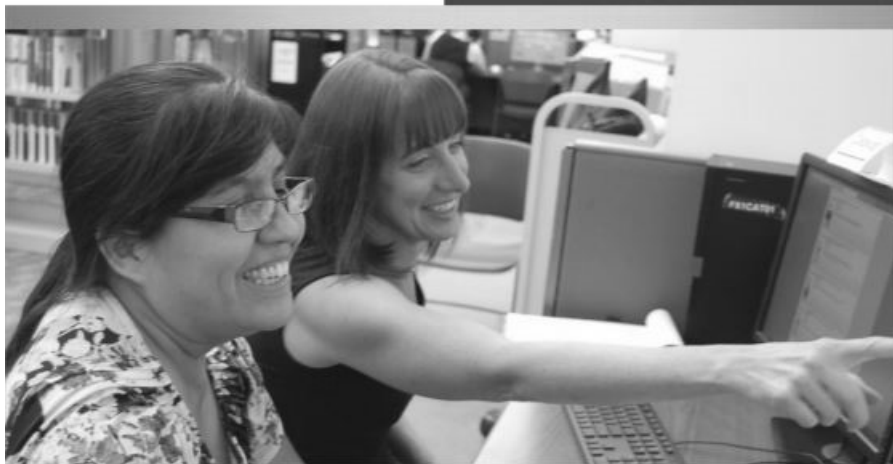
Hi Neighbors! I'm Matthew Eddy and I am your representative for community safety on the CCH Board. I am also serving on the Chief of Police Advisory Council for the City of Fairfax. If you have any safety concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

**Matthew Eddy**

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- Financial Literacy Mentors, Instructors and Coaches
- Naomi Project Mentors for New Moms
- Food Delivery Groups & Food Drives
- Special Event Sponsors and Volunteers

### 2017 Holiday Decorations!

The Country Hills Garden Club judges had an enjoyable time driving through the neighborhood admiring the holiday decorations. Even more houses were decorated this year, and the designs were more cohesive and coordinated. This year we were especially delighted by the bright and festive variety of colored lights in the displays, as well as the many displays with all-white lights. Another impressive new trend this year was the number of houses with rooflines that were entirely outlined in lights. Once again Country Club Hills has demonstrated its holiday spirit! Now, on to the winners:

The NEWBIE award goes to Catie and Andrew Bishop of 3410 Park Hill Place. The display is all in white lights. It includes an outlined roofline, a wreath of bright lights between the front windows, and shrubbery covered in light. An outstanding feature is a tree with a dramatic up-light that gives it a sculptural effect. The Bishops moved into the neighborhood in July, and we are delighted to welcome them to our community and thank them for joining in our holiday decorations festivities!

The best TRADITIONAL display goes to Sue and Colin McKenzie of 3408 Brookwood Drive. Their decorations are all in red and white. Lights of both colors are strung in the tree in front, as well as the shrubbery along the front of the house. A brightly lighted banner with Santa hangs between the front windows. The Santa theme is carried through the display, with a wreath and another Santa on the front door, and Santa and Mrs. Claus sculptures along the driveway. In a bed near the driveway are Santa, reindeer, and a candy cane. There are more red and white lights along the top of the driveway. The overall effect is a modern take on traditional themes.

For BEST LIGHTING, the award goes to Katie and Greg Koerner of 3404 Brookwood Drive. The design is simple, straightforward, and clean—and very colorful. The roof is outlined in large, multi-colored lights, matched by similar lights covering the bushes. The edge of the bed in front of the house also is lined in brightly colored lights. The multi-colored lights are dramatically offset by a small tree to the left of the house strewn in all vibrant blue and an obelisk in front decorated in all white. This house is a shining example of the light of the season!

For OVERALL EXCELLENCE, we were very excited to select a group of houses on Pinehurst Avenue from 9918 down to Country Hill Drive, as well as on Country Hill up to 3402. You can begin to see this display as you enter the community on Country Hill Drive from Old Lee Highway. There's a little of everything: white-light displays covering rooflines, trees, shrubs, and decks, along with colored lights, Nativity scenes, wreaths in windows, candy canes, illuminated snowman, bows and garlands, and projected light screens. The overall effect filled us with holiday cheer; we invite you to drive by and enjoy it as well.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this year so festive, merry, and bright. Be sure to drive through the neighborhood and experience the wonder for yourself. Happy Holidays to one and all and to all a good night!

*Jennifer Gudelson, Joyce Skoglund, and Nancy LeBow*

Country Hills Garden Club Judges



## Mom's Group

Are you expecting a baby or looking forward to welcoming a child? In need of some friends and a good support network?

### Please join the Neighborhood Moms' Group!

<http://www.cchca.org/moms-group/>

A great way to meet friends and build up your "village," whether you're from around here or not. We offer:

- Monthly "kid-free" evening meetings for friendship, support, and refreshments.
- Meals for families welcoming new children.
- Google Group for sharing information and crowdsourcing ideas and questions.
- Weekend freeplay standing appointment at My Gym Burke for our small kiddos (great for getting out the weekend/winter wiggles).
- December Holiday Cookie Exchange and End-of-Year June/July Picnic.
- Shared support of a family in need through Britepath's Holiday Program.

coming new children.

To join or for more information, please contact:

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### Lock Your Car

Leaving your doors and windows unlocked is just what a thief is looking for and makes it easy to steal your property or your car.

Even if you are leaving your car for "just a minute," lock it. A minute is all a thief needs to walk away with your valuables.

### Take Your Keys

Take your keys with you. Don't give a thief the opportunity to steal your car. Don't be tempted to hide a spare key in or around the car, and take the valet key out of your car.

Thieves know all the tricks and hiding places.

### Hide Your Valuables

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind" and "Better Safe than Sorry" is good cautionary advice.

Leaving valuables in plain sight only tempts a thief looking for the next victim.

Don't leave items such as GPS units, cell phones, cameras, MP3 players, laptop computers, purses, wallets and other valuables in your car.

If you must leave valuables in your car, such as when you're traveling, make sure things are hidden **before** you get to your destination. After all, it doesn't do much good to hide your valuables if the thief watches you and then waits for you to leave your car before breaking in.

It sounds simple, but you really can fight crime every day just by locking your car, taking your keys, and hiding your valuables.

It will make the City of Fairfax an even better and safer community and it may save you a lot of time, aggravation and money.

The best way to fight crime is to prevent it from happening in the first place.

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CCHCA membership dues are just \$15 and help pay for events such as our Labor Day picnic, Halloween Party and End-of-School Ice Cream Social as well as our quarterly newsletters, yearly updated CCH Directory, the care and upkeep of the Common Area, Santa Claus's visits, Holiday Decorations Contest, Easter Egg-Hunt and more!

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- ⇒ Dog license fees are due January 31st.
- ⇒ Free movies at Sherwood Center continue January 19. (Smurfs: the lost Village)
- ⇒ History Lectures are held at the Museum and at our own Blenheim every month. January 14th at the Museum come and learn about the "Myths about George Washington" and at Blenheim on January 27 about "African Americans in Medicine" Volunteers are always needed at these sites - come on over and learn about it.
- ⇒ Development on Paul VI was not approved because of the high density; developer will again submit another plan.
- ⇒ To keep up with the latest news in the City, sign up for "First Alert: at [fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert](http://fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert).

*Kildie Carney*

VP, Civic Affairs

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## November 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month

Congratulations to Carol Parry who lives at 3414 Park Hill Place! The Country Hills Garden Club has selected her front yard as the November Beauty Spot of the Month. The mature plantings surrounding her home accent its architectural design and add beautiful seasonal colors to its landscape scheme.

The attractive gazing ball placed at the top of the driveway reflects the beauty found in the Parry yard. A mix of evergreen and deciduous trees and shrubs creates the year-round curb appeal. At the front of the house, a thick, pruned hedge of azalea bushes complements the horizontal lines of the windows and brick wall. In contrast, a tall crepe myrtle and a holly freely grow toward the eaves at the wall corners. A stately arborvitae flanked by yew bushes highlights the distinctive picture window centered on the side addition. Hostas and azaleas are well-suited as companion plants in the shaded flower gardens close to the main entrance.

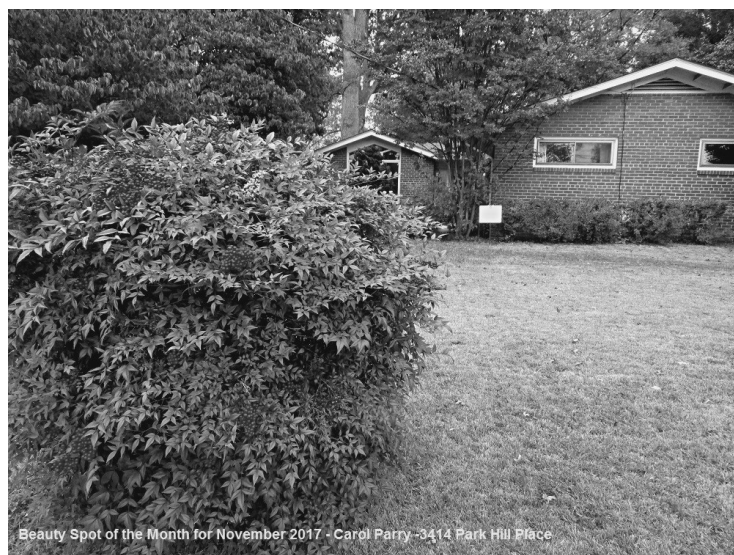
In November the colorful displays of ornamentals in the yard signal a change of seasons. At the driveway, fragile white summer flowers of a nandina bush have produced spectacular sprays of crimson berries. Along the side yard, dried hydrangea blossoms are edged with a dusty rose tint while dogwood branches show off their rich burgundy leaves and cherry-red fruit clusters. A floral arrangement of potted chrysanthemums and a pumpkin brings a festive touch to the front doorstep.

This month stroll through the CCH neighborhood for thrilling views of fall foliage! Be sure to stop at the Parry address to admire the impressive landscape enhanced by autumn's awesome special effects.

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita Johnson and Joyce Skoglund*

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