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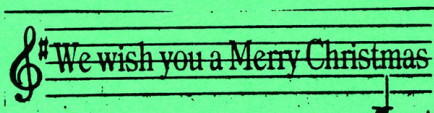
COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB  
Beauty Spot of Month For October

Benju and Lois Marbert  
10110 Farmington Drive



The Garden Club will award the Beauty Spot sign in December to the home which most exemplifies Fairfax City's Festival of Lights. We are encouraged to use single candles in windows with clear or white lights, and window wreaths.

Help us give the neighborhood a festive look!



JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS IN THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT ! !

The 1985 Country Club Hills Christmas Caroling will start at 5:00 p.m. on December 22nd from the home of Norm and Arlene Desmarais, 3423 Andover Drive. Join us for our second annual caroling. Bring a flashlight and your Christmas Carol song book. If you know of shut-ins who would enjoy hearing us, let Norm or Arlene know at 273-7197 so they will be included on the route. See you there!



A WELCOME is extended to the following new members:

Harvey and Louise Bartlett  
3403 Brookwood Dr. 591-2420

John and Gail Treires  
9917 Farr Drive 691-7946

Chuck and Susan Purcell  
10143 Spring Lake Terr. 385-0958

Glenn Johnston  
10003 Blackthorn Ct. 273-0801

Kenneth and Michelle Arnold  
3435 Brookwood Dr. 358-2821

\$5.00 is all it takes to become a member. Contact Irene Denhardt at 273-4291





NOTES FROM NORM:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Our next general membership meeting will be held on January 15, 1986 at the John C. Wood Municipal Complex. In accordance with our Association by-Laws we will elect a new Board of Directors at this meeting. We must have a good turnout of the membership!

Many thanks to Randy Jayne who served as Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Her Committee's recommended slate of officers appears below. When you look it over you will notice that the Committee could not fill three Vice-President positions: Crime Watch, Membership and Social. We need volunteers for these important positions. The Association cannot survive if we rely continually on the same handful of volunteers. Otherwise, we will end up where we were two and a half years ago - an inactive, dormant Civic Association. Also, keep in mind that Crime Watch, Membership and Social are established and well-functioning Committees. It's not a question of starting from scratch but keeping up the good work started by Bill Craig, Bud Paquette, Irene Denhardt, Randy Jayne and Arlene Desmarais. These neighbors were willing to volunteer. Now it's your turn! If you want your name to be placed in nomination for any of these positions, please call me at 273-7197 or Randy Jayne at 352-1534.

Norm

Nominees For The Board of Directors  
of the  
Country Club Hills Civic Association

President	Larry Larsen
Vice-President, Civic Affairs	Dorothy Stellmach
Vice-President, Membership	---
Vice-President, Publications	Barbara Barnes
Vice-President, Block Captains	Billie James
Vice-President, Crime Watch	---
Vice-President, Social Affairs	---
Treasurer	Howard Maguire
Secretary	Joann O'Neill



BLOCK WATCH: The Block Watch program continues to function well thanks to the neighbors- 98 volunteers from about 25% of the homes in CCH. There is a constant turn over, for one reason or another, and new volunteers are always needed. Our patrols consist of three people, two in a mobile unit that criss crosses CCH during a two hour tour, along with a bay station operator that the patrol contacts at the police station or at fire station no. 33 on Rt. 50. Each volunteer pulls duty once every 6 - 10 weeks on a Friday or Saturday night. The majority of patrols note "no incidents to report" on the log sheet, which is exactly what we in CCH desire, and police incidents are negligible. - - - - Bud Paquette



## FAIRFAX CITY FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AND CAROLS

The City of Fairfax Annual Festival of Lights and Carols event will be held this year on Thursday, December 19 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Briefly, the activities planned include:



- \* Lighting of the historic district in a "crystal city" fashion.
- \* Torchlight caroling down Main Street beginning at 7:00 p.m. sharp, from the old County Courthouse to Old Town Hall.
- \* The official lighting and decorating of the City Tree at Old Town Hall (bring an ornament to help decorate the tree).
- \* Holiday refreshments, food, and music on the first floor of Old Town Hall.
- \* Children's activities on the second floor of Old Town Hall, including a puppet show ("Rufus the Red Nosed Reindog"), Victorian crafts projects (children will make holiday ornaments they can take home), and, of course, Santa Claus.
- \* Tours of Earp's Ordinary, which will be decorated in traditional holiday style.
- \* Yule log fire, refreshments and caroling in the garden of Earp's Ordinary.
- \* A Victorian, horse-drawn carriage that will be on display and available for brief rides.

All Fairfax City residents are invited. Plan to attend and share in our community's celebration of the holiday season.



### CIVIC NEWS BRIEFS

The perennial doldrums of summer inactivity in local civic affairs continued into the fall season this year. As a matter of personal opinion, this perceived lack of civic news is attributed in major part to the efficiency of the Fairfax City Staff and our local government. There have been no major issues, no shortfalls of funds, no crises in local leadership.

The ongoing major activity at City Hall is the preparation of, hearings on, and approval of the 5-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). This draft document is available from the Comptroller's Office by a phone call. It lays out how the City plans to spend over \$15M in the coming five years for major renovations, maintenance, and purchasing projects for schools, highways, transportation, water system, building improvements, parks and recreation, and equipment. It inputs directly into the 1986 City Budget and becomes one of the driving factors in setting the tax rate on your home and establishing the kind of City we will have in the future.

Again this year the CIP seems to be well conceived, readable, comprehensive, fiscally sound, and builds towards the City's future. Several public hearings on the CIP were held by the Planning Commission and will be held in January by the City Council. Yours truly attends these meetings regularly. I have heard nothing derogatory on the CIP from any CCH resident. Please call me (273-3797) if you have any complaints on the CIP. The CCH Board can't represent your views if you don't sound off.

The only CIP issue being surfaced by CCHCA to the Planning Commission is the planned \$100,000 decrease in 1988-1989 funds for residential improvements through the Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Repair Program. Under this program (\$200,000 every year), another small portion of CCH will be repaired in 1986, although the remainder is not scheduled until 1988 or later.

Under a companion residential improvement program, the Street Repair Program (\$250,000 per year), a major portion of CCH will be resurfaced in September 1986. Included will be Pinehurst, Farmington, Broadview, Cornwall, and Farr. A letter will be sent from CCHCA requesting that the remainder of CCH streets (particularly Spring Lake, Park Hill, and Andover) be resurfaced in 1987.

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Larry Larsen





Christmas Greetings



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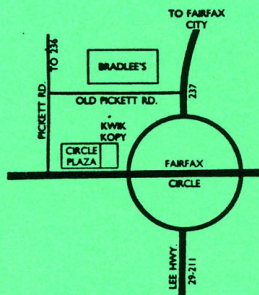
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