

Echoes From the Hills

Official Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association — Founded 1954

December 1987

NOTES FROM LARRY ---

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Properous and Healthy New Year to each home in CCH. For those of you who did not attend, the City Festival of Lights was fantastic - and crowded. Your civic association donated \$35 towards this entirely voluntary event. A special thanks to Dorothy Willard for working to make this a great event.

The turnout at our October general membership meeting was fine. The 5-minute meeting was followed by the public debate set up by your civic association. It was a lively forum attended by over 265 people. It was co-sponsored by 7 civic associations in the City and covered by 4 newspapers and one TV station. I want to publicly thank several people who helped me set it up, including the Northern Virginia Sun and Media General for providing publicity, Dr. Max Basset of NVCC for acting as Moderator, Diane Cabe/Judy Kiernan/Ellie Matthews of the City staff for their support, and the 6 other individuals/associations for their cooperation: Paul Balserak - Old Lee Highway, Tom Dodson - Little River Hills, Allen Griffith - Mosby Woods, Carl Hemmer - Great Oaks, William Scott - The Mews, and Mike Trentacoste - Triangle. I must mention the outstanding participation by the attending Fairfax High School students. Their behavior and their probing questions were better than some of the adults who were present.

The election results had both good and bad results (at least from my view). My good friend and neighbor, John Russell, lost his reelection bid to Emilie Miller by 181 votes out of over 35,000 cast. Jane Woods did surprisingly well against Jeff Fairfield. The State Lottery passed in the City by a slightly lower margin than the rest of the state. The City \$15M road bond went down to resounding defeat by a 3 to 1 margin!! So much for those who would pave over the City. Can you imagine that some City Councilmen are trying to get another road bond issue on the ballot for May the 10th???

Old Lee Highway --- Speaking of roads --- Despite three years of vigorous opposition by the 3 civic associations along this road, the City Planning Commission and the City Council have repeatedly tried various ways in which to force widening and "improvement" of this road. The latest proposal was initiated by the Traffic and Safety Committee. It is proposed to widen Old Lee Highway to three lanes with a painted center turning lane from Layton Hall Drive to the far side of St Leo's/Layton Hall School at a cost of almost \$500,000. The current CIP proposal is opposed by the PTA's of St Leo's and Layton Hall, as well as the three civic association. Please --- I urge you to turn out and let the City Council know your views on this issue during the CIP/Budget public hearings in January. It is your tax dollars they are planning to spend!!!

Taxes --- Speaking of taxes --- Look out for your assessments. They are expected to rise an average of 15% this year!! Which is fine --- if the tax rate goes down by 15%!!

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dogwood Trees - Thank you Joyce Skoglund for shepherding this project. Your rebate checks are in the mail. Your association purchased 5 trees that were planted in the public "green space" along Spring Lake Terrace at the foot of Brookwood. Remember to heavily water the dogwoods next spring and throughout the summer. I am begging those residents who live near the green space to adopt those planted there and water them heavily for us.

Fairfax City Gala/Friends of Fairfax --- Speaking of spring --- The Friends of Fairfax have started hard work on the spring Fairfax City Gala.

If any of you wish to join a CCH table give me a call (273-3797). Dorothy Willard (273-8754) is our rep on the Friends of Fairfax. Call her a call if you have questions or want to volunteer to help.

CCH ELECTIONS --- On January 13, 1988 at 7:30 pm at the John C. Wood Civic Center there will be a CCH General Membership Meeting and Election of Officers of your Association for the coming year. After four years on the Board, it is time that I step down and it is time for some of you to volunteer. We have an ongoing association, there is about \$1,000 in the treasury, there are projects that need to be done, but there is not a lot of work involved in being an officer. I appointed Irene Denhardt (273-4291), Armistice Turtora (273-5309), Barbara Barnes (273-0529), Phil Ferraro (691-1485), John Towse (273-2076), Billie James, Tom Keitt, Bob Lapolla, Henry Schneider, and Mary Roper to a nominating committee to find some new blood. They have done very well ---but we still haven't found any one to volunteer to be President. Would you volunteer? Call one of the above to volunteer for President or one of the other positions. Please, show your support of the CCH civic association by showing up at the January 13th meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The following have agreed to serve on the CCH Board of Directors:

Civic Affairs:	Mary Roper
Newsletter	Armistice Turtora
Secretary	Sue Miller
Treasurer	John Matzko
Block Captain	Sethe Eckstein

We need to fill the vacancies for President, Welcome Wagon and Crime Watch. Our current Board has worked long and hard for our neighborhood and the need to continue their hard work must continue

This community is made up of 315 homes and we all have extra activities that keep us busy. But we as a large group cannot allow this association to go down the drain. Please call Irene Denhardt (273-4291) if you are willing to serve on the Board.

HOME SALES IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER:

Our property values are climbing!

3413 Brookwood Dr.	\$164,500
3410 Brookwood Dr.	\$161,000
10006 Springlake	\$159,000
10103 Springlake	\$158,000

For info on any of the above call me at 273-6904 or 273-0529

Barbara Barnes

CCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 13, 1988

7:30 PM

JOHN C. WOOD

SEE YOU THERE -

Happy, Healthy
and Safe New Year