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NEW CCHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 1985

There was a good turnout for the General Membership/Election Meeting held on January 9th at the John C. Wood Complex -- After reports from the committees, the following Board was elected into office:

President-----Normand Desmarais 273-7197

V.P. Civic Affairs-----Larry Larsen 273-3797

Block Captains----Gail Lyon 352-4581

V.P. Membership-----Irene Denhardt 273-4291

Secretary-----Joyce Skoglund 591-4017 V.P. Publications-----Barbara Barnes 273-0529

V.P. Social Activities--Arlene Desmarais 273-7197

V.P.
Block Watch-----Bud Paquette
273-5906

Treasurer-----Howard Magwire 691-9075

And reappointed Chairman of the Welcoming Committee----Cindy Allbright 273-6895

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING A SUCCESS!!

Over 60 people, young and old, turned out for the first CCHCA Christmas Carolling Party held on 23 December. For those of us who were a little rustier than others, the trip through the neighborhood proved that, indeed, our development has "hills." Nevertheless, we shared some good cheer with many of our friends, and there's no doubt that next year's outing will be twice as big, twice as much fun, andtwice as cold!!! (We lucked out with a 50 degree carolling night and missed only the spirit of snow.) See you all next yearpractice begins on 4 July.

DOOR CONTEST WINNERS

CCHCA congratulates Clair Saunders of 3512 Brookwood Dr and Frank and Elaine Kadi of 3617 Old Post Rd in our neighboring civic ass'n, old Lee Hwy CA, for winning the two top prizes of the city-wide Christmas season Door Decoration Contest. Many of the CCHCA homes were also beautifully decorated this year. Next year we'll beat out OLHCA!

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

Something noteworthy recently slipped past your VP for Civic Affairs. On December 18, 1984, the City Council approved the submission of a Senior Citizen Center as the City's project for the Community Development Block Grant Program application. Our city has been lacking in activities for our Senior Citizens. This project, if approved for grant, will require little City support if staffed by volunteers and will find a good use for the soon to be renovated Old Fairfax Elementary School.

1985 DOG TAGS

The City of Fairfax dog licenses for 1985 are now available for \$3 each. All dogs older than six months should have been licensed by January 31st. After that date you are subject to a fine. To get the license, you must present a valid rabies certificate in person at the Treasurer's Office, City Hall, Room 208. You were able to register by mail also, but since the deadline is past, you should check with the Treasurer's Office first. Remember -- The City Animal Warden, Lou Frank, is one of our neighbors in CCH, so don't let your dog get caught without a current license!!



Notes from Norm

As I look back over 1984, I feel pretty darn good. Our Civic Association has indeed come a long way. But, we don't want to become complacent -- 1985 can be even better. We've had our first meeting of the new Board of Directors, and I'm fortunate that, again, I'm working with a dedicated group of your neighbors. I assure you that we will continue to support the goals of the Association and that we will continue to respond to your concerns. We're listening...TALK TO US!

I want to extend my personal thanks to our departing Board members: Marilyn Larsen, Bob Gatz, and Randy Jayne. Their hard work, literally, put CCHCA "back on track."

A warm welcome to our new Board members: Barbara Barnes, Gail Lyon, Howard Magwire, and Arlene Desmarais. With them, CCHCA is assured of continued quality leadership.

A special plea to Block Captains and Area Coordinators: without you, the Association simply cannot function. It is only through you that we get the word out. Please, please give Gail Lyon your fullest support and continued cooperation.

Happy 1985!

1985 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE by Irene Denhardt

The 1985 CCHCA Membership Drive is scheduled to begin in April. At my last count, we had 202 members. I think that is quite an accomplishment in one year. Many thanks go to the Block Captains and the Welcoming Committee for the time they have spent contacting both old and new residents. The Block Captains will be contacting every house in their respective areas to renew memberships and accept new memberships. It is necessary for everyone who is renewing to fill out a new form. The information for the 1985 CCHCA Directory will be taken from the new 1985 membership form, not the one filled out last year. Members who joined the Association since October 1, 1984 and paid \$2.00 will only have to pay \$3.00 when renewing their membership. Block Captains will be notified who these members are. Dues for 1985 will be \$5.00.

ADDITIONS TO THE DIRECTORY

Please note the following additions to the Directory. Some are familiar names and some are new to our neighborhood. Several of these names are people who filled out a membership form and paid their dues last year, but the forms never reached me. If there is anyone else who is not in the Directory but who paid their dues and turned in a membership form/fee, please get in touch with me. Irene Denhardt 273-4291.

ALMETER, Ron and Cathy
BODNARUK, Andy and Ann
BONNES, Harry and Pat
CHAVEZ, Larry and Bonita
COLCORD, Timothy and Ina
DOWNEY, Andy and Donna
FRANK, Louis and Donna
GRAY, Susan
GRIFFITHS, Frank and Shirley
GRUENDL, Paul and Stephanie
IBRAHIMI, Ismail
KATRIVANOS, Harry and Florence
KIDWELL, Patrick
MILLER, Kirk and Sue
PAPPAS, Aris and Eva
TIERNEY, Mary
WASSERMAN, Mark
WHEELER, Westley and Rosemary
WHITTINGTON, Diane
WILLIAMS, Glenn and Carol
WOTHERSPOON, Thomas and Rose
"OTHERSTOOM, THOMAS and Rose

9917 Broadview Dr	385-2630
9915 Pinehurst Ave	591-5412
10000 Blackthorn Ct	273-5088
10002 Blackthorn Ct	
	352-1738
10016 Morningside Ct	273-6053
10111 Cornwall Rd	273-9129
3405 Andover Dr	691-1268
3401 Park Hill Pl	not liste
10133 Spring Lake Ter	273-4184
9916 Farr Dr	
	385-8791
10018 Morningside Ct	273-0366
10012 Spring Lake Ter	352-8216
10102 Farmington Dr	691-0337
3521 Spring Lake Ter	385-9736
10103 Spring Lake Ter	352-5779
10007 Morningside Ct	273-2254
10117 Cornwall Rd	352-0384
3552 Old Lee Hwy	352-1372
10116 Cornwall Dr	352-1231
10108 Cornwall Rd	273-3640
3403 Andover Dr	273-2746
	2,3-2/40

POLITICS & MASS MEETINGS

Did you ever notice that elections never stop in Virginia? The Virginia 1985 Gubernatorial, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General races are heating up. The Republican and Democratic State Conventions will be held in late May/early June at Norfolk and Richmond, respectively. These conventions will result in the selection of nominees for the November General Elections for the three top positions in the State. Each of the Parties in the City of Fairfax will hold a Mass Meeting to select delegates to attend their respective conventions. Any registered voter is eligible to attend and vote at these Mass Meetings and Conventions in accordance with the respective Party Plans and By-Laws.

The Democratic Mass Meeting will start at noon, Saturday, March 30th at City Hall. Prefiling for persons desiring to be delegates to the State Convention is required not later than March 23rd. For further information contact Lisa Moeller at 691-0692.

The Republican Mass Meeting will be at 8 P.M., Monday, March 18th at City Hall. Sign-in will begin at 6:30 P.M. and end at 7:55 P.M. Prefiling is required for participants at the Mass Meeting and candidates for delegate to the State Convention and must be submitted not later than 12:30 P.M., March 16th. For further information contact Larry Larsen at 273-3797.

FAIRFAX CITY GALA



THINK SPRING! Act now to reserve your table at the third annual Fairfax City Gala which will be held on May 4, 1985 at the Fair City Mall. Following a one hour cash bar, J.R.'s Steakhouse of Fairfax will serve dinner at 8 P.M. followed by dancing until 1 A.M. Tickets for this event always sell out early, so call now to reserve your place with your friends and neighbors to enjoy this special evening. Tickets are \$18 per person, which includes dinner and dancing. Contact Marilyn Larsen, after 5 P.M., if you want to reserve seats at CCHCA tables for eight persons, or call 691-0076 or 385-7885.



CIVIC AFFAIRS

Between October and March of each year the City government prepares, staffs, holds hearings, modifies, approves and publishes the Five Year Capital Improvment Program (CIP) and the Annual Budget, in sequence. These documents form the basis for the kind of City we will have in the future --- and how much you will pay in real estate taxes. The CCHCA Executive Board reviewed the draft CIP starting last October. Our major concerns with the CIP were: (1) the large expenditures (\$500,000 +) planned over the next three years for the renovation of the City Hall and John C. Wood Community Center, (2) the lack of specificity in next year's program for traffic and transportation improvements, although two major items total \$800,000, and (3) the deletion of a planned minor Recreation Department project to add a small softball field behind John C. Wood. These concerns were briefed to the City Planning Commission by Larry Larsen at a public hearing in November. The comments also included praise to the City Staff for the comprehensive nature of the overall CIP and for including all requested funds for continued maintenance of the city schools, renovation of the deteriorating City-owned historic buildings, expansion of the street resurfacing program, and expansion of the sidewalk/curb improvement program. Other minor comments and recommended changes, many of which came from Bud Paquette, were also provided to the City Staff. Projected income over the next five years appears sufficient for the City to fund all planned capital projects with no increase in taxes.

A separate capital funding project will surface this summer/fall when the City Council plans to submit a proposed bond referendum to the voters (\$5-6 million) for major improvements and renovations to the City's water system. This project has been pending/postponed several years and \$1.8 million is available from earlier bonds to pay for the cost. Sooner or later these projects must be completed to insure an adequate supply of water into the next century. More on this issue later since the funds required will not come from the CIP or the Budget.

The Budget hearings will start soon. Residents are urged to call City Hall and request copies as soon as the document is available, and then give Larry or Norm your comments.

In the area of new developments in the City that affect CCH---- The LINPRO construction project of 500,000 square feet of office space in the area bounded by Route 50, Mosby Woods and Route 123 was given the go-ahead by several recent Council/Planning Commission actions. The TURNER 90,000 square feet office building next to Denny's is nearing completion. A second TURNER 90,000 square feet building behind CCH on the present Gateway Motel property along Route 50 will be breaking ground this month. The Planning Commission recently approved the construction of 19 expensive townhouses in a narrow strip of land perpendicular to 0ld Lee Hwy along the south side of Accotink Creek near Fritzby's. Great Oaks Association of homeowners and the owners of the homes adjacent to the proposed development approved of the construction due to the many concessions made by the developer.

A COMMITMENT TO OUR ADVERTISERS.....

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Editing your Echoes from the Hills has been a lot of fun this past year; I hope you will all give your cooperation to your new Editor, Barbara Barnes. The news is out there with you...send it on in to Barbara, for without your ideas, input, and feedback, the ECHOES will be empty of items that are interesting and informative to us all. Beginning with your receipt of this issue, pplease send all news (that's fit to print!) to Barbara Barnes, 3411 Brookwood Drive.

LOOKING TO SELL YOUR HOME OR THINKING OF BUYING A NEW ONE? Call Teddy Goodson at TATUM PROPERTIES, 591-5111 or Barbara Barnes at RUCKER REALTY,273-6904. Both ladies have been in the real estate business for a long while and are old friends of CCH neighbors.

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