

Echoes From the Hills

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JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS

AT THE

CCH YARD SALE

Saturday April 27

10 sm - 3 pm

Parkland on Springlake Terrace - foot of Brookwood Drive. Set up your own table.

Good chance to spring clean.

- * Country Hills Garden Club will sell baked goods.
- * CCHCA will have grilled hot dogs and soft drinks for sale all day.
- * Fairfax City Police will be available 10 am - 12 noon with their "Ident-child" program.

Civic Association will do all advertising.

Call Arlene Desmarais at 273-7197 for further information

The Fairfax High School Community
Has Spring Fever

Just a reminder of the "Operation Good Neighbor" on April 20th, 10 am - 2 pm. Help is needed to spruce up the school grounds. Bring rakes, shovels, brooms, clippers, watering cans, energy and enthusiasm. The school is providing 300 Pine seedlings, plastic bags, cool drinks, and more enthusiasm! Fairfax High wants you to be a Good Neighbor, so let's support them in this project. For information call 385-7857.

AND HERE IS ANOTHER ---

THE FAIRFAX FERNS GARDEN CLUB will hold a yard sale on May 4, 9 am - 3 pm at 3503 Brookwood Drive. Donations of your treasures are welcome. Please call Hildie Carney for pick up at 591-5305. All proceeds will be used for civic development within the city



CIVIC NOTES

Larry Larsen

The City of Fairfax proposes 1985 - 1986 Budget has been distributed for citizen comments and input. Norm and I have reviewed the document and will be making comments on it to the City Council at an upcoming public hearing. Some of our comments will be:

---Outstanding staff work - complete, accurate, extremely detailed, excellent summary charts, fully explained, well organized and readable. The inclusion of work objectives for each City Department is a great idea.

---The overall budget increased by 9.1% to \$35,903,545.

---The economic picture is very bright. Anticipated revenues exceed the expected expenditures with a planned surplus of \$1,286,262.

---A three cent reduction in the real estate tax rate is planned to lower it from \$1.18 to \$1.15 per \$100 of Valuation. For CCH this means an approximate net of no change in the amount of taxes paid because the assessed valuation of homes in CCH is increasing by about 3%.

---A planned reorganization of the City Departments reduces the overall number from 11 to 8 while creating three new Department heads. This appears to be a wise move.

---The overall Capital Improvement Program was funded at \$63.3% above that planned for last year. This is outstanding. All projects in the CIP are fully funded. Funds have been earmarked in this year's budget for asbestos removal. Over \$1,250,000 is earmarked for various transportation and transit capital projects.

---To pay for a part of this capital improvement, it has been proposed that a 1% restaurant sales tax be imposed. This would generate about \$400,000 annually. This proposal is strongly endorsed by this Civic Association.

---Full time City employees have been increased from 278 to 296. This Civic Association endorses the need for additional employees to provide better service to the residents.

---A 4% pay raise for all employees has been proposed. In addition there has been a reevaluation of numerous secretarial, administrative and police positions which resulted in an upward movement of one to three grades. This Civic Association endorses this raise and upgrade as necessary to remain competitive in the job market.

---The Transportation budget is awaiting detailed results of the special Mayor's Task Force due in the next few weeks as a result of a complete review of the many recent study reports. This Civic Association applauds the emphasis placed on roads, traffic, transit, sidewalk/curb/gutter and street resurfacing problems in the City this year and in future years.

We have received no comments on the budget from any members of the association. If you have any - on any subject - let us know.

NOTES FROM NORM

April is clean-up month in Fairfax City. While you're sprucing up your property keep in mind that the City does not routinely pick up brush, branches, etc. from the curb. You must call 385-7825 for pick up. The service is prompt, reliable and free so there should be no reason for unsightly piles of brush cluttering up the neighborhoods longer than necessary.

When you're cutting and trimming - let me suggest we do a little extra for the City and Country Club Hills by cutting and trimming the grass strips nearest the curb. Also, do your neighbors a favor by trimming low hanging branches on trees near sidewalks and edging your lawn so pedestrians can use the full width of the sidewalk.

The City budget for next fiscal year is out and it looks good in terms of services, costs, and projected revenues. One cheery note is a proposed lower tax rate. Naturally, assessments are up so we'll break even - not bad these days. There are funds in the budget for continued repairs to curbs, gutters, and streets. We'll be watching to make sure we get our fair share as in the past.

I will meet with the City Manager and City Staff on April 17. If you have any issues or problems you want to bring to their attention, give me a call at 2737197.

Please remember two important dates. The first is April 27, CCH Yard Sale Day. Details appear on the first page of this issue. The second is May 1, our Civic Association General Meeting, 7:30 pm at John C. Wood Municipal Complex. Let's have a good turnout for both events. See you there!

OUTDOOR FLEA MARKET

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department in the City of Fairfax will have an Outdoor Flea Market on May 11, 1985 from 10 am until 4 pm. Tables may be rented for \$10 each and reservations should be made by April 15h. The Flea Market will be held at the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department at 4081 University Drive in the City of Fairfax. For info call 591-4666.

1985 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our Association membership continues to grow, with two new families joining in the past month. During the month of April, you will be contacted by your Block Captain concerning renewing your membership, or perhaps joining if you have not done so already. It is very important that each family complete a new membership form. The 1985 Directory will be made up of the information from this new form, and not from the one you originally filled out. Just a reminder that dues increased to \$5.00 in January.

HOMES SOLD IN CCH (Jan - Mar)

3303 Springlake Terrace
3509 Pinehurst
10109 Farmington
3408 Park Hill Place



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SOUTHERN STATES: Spring is here but don't forget, winter will return. If your furnace needs serviced or replaced, this would be a good time to do so - before the cold weather rush. After 40 years on Chain Bridge Rd. Southern States has moved to Chantilly, 14401 Penrose Place. Their new telephone number is 378-4865.

HAVABITE EATERY:

Havabite Eatery has delivery service 11 am - 9:45 pm
Mon - Fri and 12:00 - 9:45
on Sat. and 1:00 - 9:45 pm
on Sunday. This is good to know if you are involved in a cable special and can't break away to cook!

REMINDER: General Membership Meeting, May 1st, 7:30 pm.
John C. Wood.

Swimming Pool Memberships

You may not have put your snow shovel and winter woolies away yet, but it is almost that time of the year when we all start planning on back yard barbecues and taking a dip in the pool. For those of us not fortunate to have a backyard pool, memberships are currently available in the Country Club Hills Recreation Association. This Association is open to all City residents and not just our neighborhood, as the name implies. This Recreation Association is a swimming pool and two private tennis courts, located across Old Lee Highway at the dead-end of Old Post Road. There is a very active and enthusiastic swim team, and swimming lessons for children are also available. Anyone interested in joining can find out more information by contacting Joe Hartka, 591-8317 or Dean Childs, 273-8169. The pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend, so join the Recreation Association and be ready for that first cool dip.

NOTES FROM GAIL:

I would like to extend many thanks to Paul Thompson and Eileen Gatz who did a great job. We will miss you. Good luck on your next adventure! I would like to welcome Sethe Nan Eckstein, Betty Denton and Kathy Keitt to our block captain team. If I can be of assistance, please give me a call. April is membership drive month. Please make sure all the yellow membership forms are filled out and returned to me by April 30th. (Remember - this yellow form guarantees a proper listing in the Country Club Hills Civic Directory. Thanks to all the Area coordinators and Block Captains. Without you our Association would not be in existence. Keep up the good work! Good luck with the membership drive.

Gail Lyon

NORTHERN VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Thinking of taking some classes this spring or summer? If you hurry, you can get in the spring session at NOVA by registering April 8th. If you prefer to enter the summer session, classes will begin June 18th, with resigeration May 20 - June 17. High School Students, homemakers, those interested in improving job skills and many others have a unique opportunity to register for courses. They can be transferred to other colleges and universities. They could be the beginning of a career oriented curriculum. They may be simply for personal enrichment. Of course, individual courses are available. It is a great time to begin one of the 70 occupational/technical curricula that are designed to provide the education and training needed to qualify for the jobs that are available here in Northern Virginia. To get started, telephone the Annandale Camust at 845-6200.

FROM THE EDITOR

Marilyn Larsen is a tough act to follow! She did an outstanding job as editor of the CCH Newsleter. Just like Marilyn, I am counting on YOU for news. It is almost graduation time so let me hear about the graduates in your family - high school and college. Call me at 273-0529 or drop off your news to me at 3411 Brookwood Drive.

Barbara Barnes

Congratulations to Beth Harley, Micheel Allbright, Sue and Erin Grogan who participated in the MISS FAIRFAX pageant at Fairfax High a couple of weeks ago;

BLOCK WATCH:

The block watch is working well. We have had several new people join and we now have two magnetic signs. The signs were donated by Mr. Cecil of FAIRFAX SIGNS.



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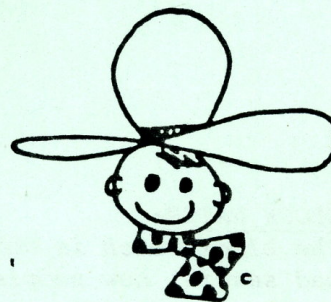
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