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ECHOES FROM LARRY:

This newsletter is primarily aimed at the Japanese Beetle problem in our neighborhood that many of you are concerned about. First, however, a few comments on other matters.

The recent City election resulted in the defeat of three incumbents who had been in office since 1982: Rob Lederer, Ron Escherich and Gene Moore. Four incumbents were reelected: Mayor George Snyder (who ran unopposed - yours truly was again his campaign manager) and Councilmen Alan Griffith, Pat Rodio and Glenn White. Three newcomers were elected to Council: Dorris Reed, John Mason and Art Von Herbulis. My opinion is that this election was, except for Alan Griffith, primarily a vote against incumbents. The political composition of the City Council remains essentially unchanged vis-a-vis pro-development or anti-development; conservative or liberal; and Democrat or Republican. Perhaps most noteworthy is the pathetic voter turnout --- only 24% of all registered voters exercised their right to vote. Precinct 2, which includes Country Club Hills did not have, for the first time in recent memory, the highest percentage of voter turnout. That honor went to Precinct 5 and Mosby Woods which gave Alan Griffith an overwhelming plurality.

Secondly, you are all to be congratulated on the appearance of your homes this spring! Country Club Hills looks terrific!! And this is being reflected in the home resale values. Homes are selling for \$120,000 and up. Please, help your neighborhoods' appearance when you finish cutting the grass and trimming the trees and bushes --- bag the grass cuttings because the City sanitation crews can't pick up the small leaves and grass off the street except in the fall. Also, call City Trash and Refuse Collection (tele: 385-7825) when you have tree limbs and brush --- call before 6 AM on Mondays and leave your address for pick-up. We have great (and free) service --- use it.

Thirdly, Joann O'Neill has graciously volunteered to serve CCHCA as Chairman of the Welcome Wagon Committee. She replaces Cindy Allbright. Thank you Cindy, for your work over the last two years. You were great!

Fourthly, we still need two other volunteers to replace Bud Pacquette as Chairman of the Neighborhood Watch Committee and Joyce Skoglund as the Secretary of the Association. Won't someone please call me (273-3797) to volunteer?

Larry

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CITY COUNCIL, ETC.

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At the City Council meeting of May 13, it was decided to postpone the \$10 million Road Bond Referendum project. The public hearings scheduled for June 3 and June 17 have been cancelled. The matter has been remanded to the Planning Commission for further study. You will be advised as to when the matter will come before the Planning Commission and again before the City Council.

Proposed Rental Housing Regulations were discussed on May 14 at the Neighborhood Association Representatives/City Staff Meeting. The proposed regulations include having a property owner (single family dwelling--this may be changed to include townhouse developments) register rental use of property with the Zoning Administrator who would in turn inspect the property for compliance with applicable State and City regulations and issue a certificate of occupancy for rental use. The certificate can be revoked if substantiated complaints reveal multiple violations by the owner and/or occupants of State and City and City codes which relate to nuisances or public health, safety and welfare, and upon written notice to the owner. This matter will come before the Planning Commission in June and before City Council in July.

Ideas are being considered by the Public Information Advisory Committee to celebrate the City's Silver Jubilee. If you have any suggestions or wish to serve on the Committee, please let me know. At the moment some items under consideration are a city-wide picnic at Van Dyke Park, ball games, etc.

June 7 is the opening of the Vienna METRO station. The City's celebration of the CUE system begins at 10 am. The CUE service is free during the month of June, and maps of the routes and schedules are available at City Hall.

June 26 is the date for the swearing-in ceremony for our new City Council at the City Hall grounds.

CCH MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IS COMING TO AN END! PLEASE contact your block captain if you have not turned in your membership form or call Joyce Skoglund - 591-4017 or Barbara Barnes - 273-0529 to turn in your form or for information. Let's make membership 100% this year.

The Traffic Safety Commission has asked to be advised of any traffic/safety problems. Let us know and we will pass along the information.

The next Neighborhood/City meeting is to be held in September. If you wish to have a matter appear on the agenda, please let me know.

Brian Marbert, 10110 Farmington Drive, is going to be married August 9 to Sarah Foster of Staunton, Va. They met at Bridgewater College where they both graduated in May 1985. Sarah teaches first grade at Fairfax Early Learning Academy in Arlington and Brian is employed at P.M.I. Mortgage. They will live at Franklin Farms.
CONGRATULATIONS, Brian and Sarah!

With CCH so pretty this spring, it must have been difficult for the Garden Club to select a "Beauty Spot of the Month" for April. But Rita Lamb of 9914 Broadview must have put a little extra TLC into her garden because she is the winner!



HOME SALES IN CCH

FOR SALE - 3404 Country Hill Drive

SOLD - 10107 Cornwall

For information on these homes call me at 273-6904 or 273-0529

Barbara

OPEN HOUSE Don't forget the CCH OPEN HOUSE on June 8th as announced in last month's newsletter. Call Randy Jayne at 352-1534 if you plan to participate by opening your home so we may see what improvements you have made.