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

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JUNE/JULY 1984

ECHOES FROM THE HILLS is the official name for our CCH Newsletter. Congratulations to our contest winner, POLLY HAECKER of Morningside Court for this winning entry! After our second plea for more entries, there were many additional names to choose from, creating quite a contest among the entrants. The Board wishes to thank the following members for their time, talent, and interest in helping to make a truly difficult decision: Helen Paquette, Marjo Herrmann, Michael Roper, Norm Desmarais, Armistice Turtora, Lois Cullison, and Larry Larsen for his "original" chuckles, The Post, The Journal, and The News.

We're looking for some artists who can help us out with a few designs for the DIRECTORY. We'd love to print your work for all our members to see--call 273-5595 if you can help.

We've finally ironed out some of the problems with reference to circulation of the newsletter, and we hope that you will all receive copies within a week after release from the press. Many thanks to the Block Captains, Area Coordinators, and to our V.P. Block Captains, Linda Stafford, for their efforts and coordination in ensuring prompt and cheerful delivery of our Echoes from the Hills. As we did with the first issue, we are listing the names and jurisdictions of all Block Captains and Area Coordinators for your convenience. You should receive your Echoes copy within the first week of each month. For the summer months only, a combination JUNE/JULY and JULY/AUGUST issue will be circulated during the third week of June and during the third week of July, with the next regular issue hitting the doorsteps during the first week in September.

MEMBERSHIP

Irene Denhardt reports that membership is up to 159 and still climbing! This will be our last plea for membership before the CCH Directory goes to press, so get those forms and checks in ASAP. Call Irene or your Block Captains for further info. Irene has also compiled a list of babysitters and yard workers for this issue of Echoes in the event that some of our members need these services prior to the Directory's publication.

YARD WORK

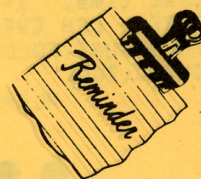
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David Carillo - 591-9095
Shawn Daniels - 385-8514
Patrick Ford - 273-4249
Janine Larsen - 273-3797
Lee Larsen - 273-3797
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BABYSITTERS

Michele Albright, 15 - 273-6895
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Stacey Costantini, 13 - 591-4556
Lois Cullison, adult - 273-8356
Patrick Ford, 12 - 273-4249
Jennifer Ford, 10 - " "
Lynn Kensinger, 15 - 385-1188
Janine Larsen, 14 - 273-3797

COMING UP IN JULY/AUGUST ISSUE

- News on CABLEVISION
- CCH Cameo
- Garden Club Notes
- After Pool Party Report
- Report on New Signs for CCH Entrances
- School Openings/Reports



REMINDERS

- Ads for the DIRECTORY are now being sold! Please call 273-3797 or 273-5595 for ad space reservations!
- JOIN CCH NOW!!!
- POOL PARTY- CCH 28 July 1



Next General Membership Meeting
SEPTEMBER 5th
JOHN C. WOOD- 7:30 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

...Notes from Norm

On April 25 I attended the quarterly meeting of City Staff and Civic Associations. Also, on May 22 I addressed the City Council on our revitalized Country Club Hills Civic Association. Larry Larsen has had several meetings with Mr. Shull of the Public Works Office, the results of which appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

What strikes us during these meetings is the real impact we, as an Association, can have on the issues relating to Country Club Hills--just by speaking up. The City Council and the City Staff really welcome and encourage our views...and they do listen. It doesn't take much to get action!

When I addressed the City Council, I told them that our Association intended to become more active in City affairs. I meant it and the Mayor and Council were glad to hear it. But, as I said last month, we need your input. The Board of Directors do not want to operate in a vacuum. If you're having problems with the City, or you have ideas for needed improvements, let any one of us know about them.

I feel we're back on track as an Association. Membership is higher than it ever was, the Board of Directors are meeting regularly, and the City is aware of our presence. We don't want to lose what we've gained so far. Let's all stay involved!

Norm Desmarais

WE'VE SWAPPED THE STREET FOR THE POOL

At our recent Board meeting, we discussed the idea of having a Pool Party as opposed to a Block Party--the Pool Party won, and plans are underway for the BIG SPLASH on JULY 28th from 8-12. It will be a POT LUCK party structured around the following guidelines:

A-L	M-R	S-Z
Main Dish	Veg/Salad	Dessert

Make enough of any one of the above to feed 8 people; BYOB...set-ups, ice, and paper products will be provided. We're looking for someone to handle the music or D.J. position. Any ideas or volunteers? Please call Randy Jayne at 352-1534 between 5 and 8 p.m., or try to get one of the other Board members if you cannot call during that time. IT'S FREE--IT'S FUN-- and IT'S A REAL CCH EVENT. GUESTS ARE WELCOME, BUT THEY MUST FOLLOW THE "ALPHABET" POT LUCK GUIDE, TOO!

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

INTERESTED IN.....

- starting a CCH Gourmet Club?
 - starting a Bridge Group?
 - joining a Coop. Babysitting Club?
 - starting a Harry/Harriet Homeowner's Group? (why re-invent the wheel? Let's get together with folks who've done it before for some tips)
 - starting a Singles Group?
 - starting a Seniors Group?
 - starting a Creative Play Group for kids?
- Call Marilyn at 273-5595 or 273-3797 for information.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS-CCHCA

President: Norm Desmarais-273-7197
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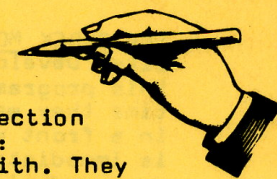
GARDEN CLUB PRES. - Temple Craig-273-9302
BLOCK MOTHERS - Betty Keshka- 385-8370

The Board is elected to serve you and to respond quickly to any problems you may have. Please call any member with your concerns, and the issue will be addressed as promptly as possible.

BLOCK WATCH

Bill Craig reports that Block Watch is running smoothly. With over 70 volunteers who patrol our neighborhood every Fri. and Sat. night between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m., we can literally "rest assured."

CIVIC NEWS BRIEFS



As most of you know, the City General Election on May 1, 1984 resulted in the election of George Snyder as Mayor and the following Councilmen (in order of vote totals): Rob. Lederer, Pat Rodio, Ron Escherich, Gene Moore, Glenn White, and Allen Griffith. They will be sworn in to two-year terms at 7 P.M. on June 27, 1984, on the front steps of City Hall.

***** CCH RECOMMENDS PLANS

On May 22, 1984, our CCHCA President, Norm Desmarais, made a public presentation to the City Council. His presentation covered four key points: (1) Our rejuvenated Association intends to become more active in civic affairs. Norm mentioned that 621 CCH residents are registered voters who cast almost 8% of the City wide totals in the November '83 election. (2) CCHCA thanked the City Manager, Ed Wyatt: Assistant Mgr., Jon Ellestad: Police Chief, Lloyd Smith: Police Information Officer, Tom Welle: Officers Peacher and Barrington for helping CCH in strengthening the Association and for training our Neighborhood Block Watch Committee. (3) CCHCA recommended that the Old Fairfax Elementary School on Main Street, which had been used as a Police Academy, be sold for appropriate commercial development. Norm also recommended that the softball field and playground be retained for local residents and FPYC use. The original historic elementary school (now boarded up) should be retained and renovated by private donations, if possible. Proceeds from the sale of the main building should be used for needed capital improvements to the John C. Wood Community Center or allocated to other projects noted in the current Five Year Capital Improvement Program. (4) CCHCA joined the entire City in honoring Mr. Lee Wigren after his many years of devoted, conscientious service to the City.

***** CHOPPER SITE MOVED

Fairfax County has announced that it will move the County Police Helicopter Unit base from the Massey Building in Fairfax City to the former County landfill site further west of I-66. While your Mayor and Council were instrumental in securing this relief to the City, your Civic Association is proud to report that its multiple efforts in uniting other Associations in opposition to this plan were also instrumental factors in changing the heliport site plan.

***** PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. VISITS CCH

Mr. Shull, the City Engineer, recently toured portions of CCH with Board Member, Larry Larsen. Mr. Shull discussed several points of interest to CCH: (1) the removal of the crab apple tree stumps will definitely be made this year but may not be completed by the summer as planned. (2) The repair of damaged storm drains and curbs will continue throughout CCH. More on this in forthcoming issues of Echoes. (3) The small creek running from Old Lee Hwy NW between Fairfax High School and CCH should not be dredged out as some residents have suggested. Mr. Shull said that the natural leaf and brush build-up prevents serious erosion. The bigger problem is apparently caused by the residents whose backyards border the creek. They have been building large piles of brush, logs, and leaves, causing damage to the natural drainage of the area. This writer is one of the guilty culprits...I've always thought that the biodegradable leaves and brush would present no problem--but it does. In addition to brush and leaves, Larry and Mr. Shull noted other refuse like pipes, old swing sets, etc., which contribute to the drainage problem and create breeding places for mice, snakes, and mosquitoes. Mr. Shull suggests that the residents place all refuse and leaves in the street for City pick up.

***** THE BAYOU REVISITED?

The small swamp and stagnant pool next to the unsightly footbridge leading up to F.H.S., will be repaired by the City or by the County: the County is responsible for the maintenance of the school grounds. The second small swamp behind the Spring Lake Terrace homes will also be drained as time and priority permit.

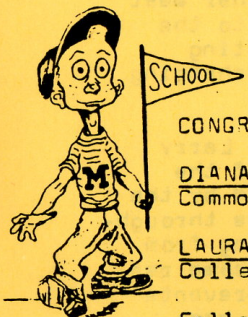
***** NEW BIKEWAYS AND WALKWAYS FOR CCH-DO YOU WANT THEM?

The further improvement and development of bikeways and walkways throughout the City is one area of interest to your Executive Board. Existing (and funded) plans call for 1984-1985 completion of a trail running along Spring Lake Terrace to the foot of Brookwood Dr. and from there across the "green space" to (and across) the small creek via a wooden footbridge, through the woods, to where the trail will eventually cross under Route 50 in an attempt to connect with the Mosby Woods and Fairfax County trails going east, west, and north. All CCH sections have been completed, except for the sections of the wooden footbridge. Mr. Shull said that even though funds for the project had been appropriated last year, the project was placed on temporary hold due to the complaints received from one resident in CCH. Your Executive Board has recommended approval of the project and construction of the footbridge. This project will provide additional safe walkways and bikeways for CCH recreation purposes, and it will offer a safe route for CCH walkers to either the 7-11 store in Mosby Woods' area or to Victoria Station. In addition, it will offer CCH commuters an alternate route in order to catch the City Express or Metro Buses that run along Route 50. Your Association intends to request continuation of this project unless we hear your views to the contrary. If you do NOT want this project to continue, please make sure to call Larry or Norm by July 3rd.

The BLOCK MOTHERS PROGRAM is one of the most well supported and valuable programs in our City. Developed in coordination with the Police Department, area schools, and residents, this program ensures emergency aid and assistance to our school age children during the time they walk to and from school. Volunteer Block Mothers place a bright orange sign in a front window of their home; this sign signifies their position as a Block Mother and is immediately recognized by the children who have been made aware of the program's purpose and mission. Volunteer Block Mothers have been called upon to provide everything from a "Band-Aid" to temporary shelter from the cold when a house key has been inadvertently tossed into the cafeteria garbage pail at lunch time. In addition to the comfort they provide a lost or distressed child, Block Mothers observe their areas and, during the a.m. and p.m. "school walk" hours, watch for any signs of trouble or suspicious behavior. If you care to join the program or if you need a new sign, please call Betty Keshka, our area Chairperson, at 385-8370. Betty acts as area liaison between our residents and the Police Information Officer, Tom Welle. Recently, Betty informed the Block Mothers of the suspicious behavior of a suspected child molester who was seen at Providence Park and later spotted at the Jermantown School area. Betty suggests that you notify the Police Department if you see anyone fitting the following description:

" Caucasian male, 145 lbs, 5'11, approx. 36 years old.
Full dark beard and bushy, dark collar length hair:
wire-rimmed glasses. Driving a 4 door, 1983 blue Datsun,
Virginia plates BCC-CBL. Suspect was NOT sporting beard
when seen in the Jermantown area."

Betty will keep us informed of the Block Mother activities, and she will provide us with any information concerning incidents that affect us.



ABOUT THE KIDS

CONGRATULATIONS to our CCH kids ---

DIANA GATZ graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University, May '84

&

LAURA WELLS graduated from Shepherd College, May '84.

Following close behind with Fairfax H.S. achievements are: Susan and Erin Grogan who both made the FHS Show Choir AND the FHS Confederettes! Lee Larsen from Rocky Run Intermediate made the RR Show Choir and the Johns Hopkins Univ. CTY Program; Lee will be spending 3 weeks at Franklin and Marshall College in Pa.

CCH KIDS ARE TOUGH TO BEAT!!!

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: AIR CONDITIONER-Fedders 15,000 BTU window AC-\$200 or best offer-works fine, but we've installed central AC-Call Ken Kelly, 591-2275

RADIOS-AM/FM car radio for Ford Escort-\$30:

AM car radio for LeMans-\$10, Ken, 591-2275

OVEN-36" white GE Elec. good cond. \$75 or

best offer. SEWING MACHINE-Sears Kenmore

in wood cabinet-\$35, Debbie 591-3819 (eves.)

CARPET-medium blue 12'x15' cut pile w/pad

never been used-\$350, Bill 273-9302

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS POOL MEMBERSHIPS-now

available-special summer memberships also.

Call 273-7913 or 273-8169

HELP WANTED: Decorator: Interested in art? Flair for decorating? Part time/full time: will train. Debbie-591-3819

SPECIAL SOCIAL ITEMS:

Norm and Arlene Desmarais announce the wedding of their daughter, Donna, to John Mahoney on July 14, 1984.

John and Armistice Turtora announce the wedding of their daughter, Janice, to Michael Zagardo on July 1, 1984.

The CCHCA wishes the very best for Janice and Donna as they embark on a new and beautiful life. When they take their final tour of the "hills" before their weddings, we would like to give them a tangible reminder of their childhood as written in "The Old Oaken Bucket" by Samuel Woodworth---

" How dear to this heart are the scenes of my childhood,
When fond recollection recalls them to view;
The orchard, the meadow, the deep-tangled wildwood,
And every loved spot which my infancy knew."

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY LIFE
of
NEW MEMORIES !!

AREA I

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Area Coordinator

AREA II

Paul Thompson
10003 Spring Lake Terr.
273-2468

Area Coordinator

Barbara Barnes
3411 Brookwood Dr.
273-0529

Block Captains

Joyce Skoglund (14)
3415 Country Hill Dr.
591-4017
Country Hill Dr. 3406, 08, 10, 12 and 14-20
Old Lee Hwy. 3550, 52, 54

Marianne Ford (13)
9919 Broadview Dr.
273-4249
Broadview 9909-9921
Country Hill 3409

Diana Rucker (12)
9911 Farr Dr.
591-4092
Farr Dr. 9910-9921

Debbie Jacobs (14)
3404 Country Hill Dr.
591-3879
Country Hill Dr. 3400, 3402, 3404
Pinehurst Ave. 9910, 9912, 9914-22

Barbara Barnes (14)
3411 Brookwood Dr.
273-0529
Brookwood Dr. 3404-3411, 3413
Pinehurst 9923, 9924, 9928, 9930, 9933

Anne Jayson (12)
3432 Brookwood Dr.
273-0439
Brookwood 3421, 3423-27, 3429, 3431-35

Block Captains

Janet Lapolla (14)
10001 Boxford Ct.
273-1915
Boxford Ct. 10000-10007
Pinehurst 3506, 3508-3512

Betty Ritter (13)
9932 Pinehurst
273-5184
Pinehurst 9932, 9934, 9937, 3502, 3504, 3507
Blackthorn Ct. 10000-10006

Normand Desmarais (14)
3423 Andover Dr.
273-7197
Andover Dr. 3410-3415, 3419-3424
Cornwall Rd. 10009-10010

Wendy Tierney (13)
10007 Morningside Ct.
273-2254
Morningside Ct. 10006, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 20
Andover Dr. 3407, 3409

Donna Frank (12)
3405 Andover Dr.
691-1268
Andover Dr. 3400, 3403-3405
Spring Lake Terr. 10017, 10019, 10103, 10107, 10108
Park Hill Pl. 3401-3403

Paul Thompson (13)
10003 Spring Lake Terr.
273-2468
Spring Lake Terr. 10000-10009
Brookwood Dr. 3401-3403

AREA III

Area Coordinator

Jean Grogan
3418 Park Hill Pl.
385-3365

Block Captains

Pegí Wells (13)
3523 Spring Lake Terr.
273-5493
Spring Lake Terr. 3510-3515, 3517, 3519, 3521-3525

Stanley Lach (11)
3504 Spring Lake Terr.
273-5699
Spring Lake Terr. 3500-3509
Cornwall 10117

Alice Hoeth (12)
3518 Old Post Rd.
591-4281
Old Post Rd. 3509-3518, 2521, 21

Phil Ferraro (14)
10110 Cornwall Rd.
691-1485
Cornwall Rd. 10107-10112
Old Post Rd. 3501-3508

Jean Grogan (14)
3418 Park Hill Pl.
385-3365
Cornwall 10011-10013
Park Hill Pl. 3418, 3420, 3421, 3423, 3501

Eileen Gatz (12)
3408 Park Hill Pl.
273-3037
Park Hill Pl. 3405-3416

Area Coordinator

Lois Harbert
10110 Farmington Dr.
273-5396

Block Captains

Dodie Render (10)
3405 Spring Lake Terr. 3405, 7, 9, 11, 13
Cornwall 10114, 16, 18, 20, 24

John Towse (13)
10142 Spring Lake Terr.
273-2076
Spring Lake 10140, 42-44, 46
Farmington 10116-10123

Michael Roper (13)
10125 Spring Lake Terr.
273-4045
Spring Lake 10125, 26, 30, 32-39, 41
Newbury 3411

Dorothy Willard (6)
10118 Spring Lake Terr.
273-8754
Spring Lake 10116, 10118, 10120, 22, 24, 26

Donna Ransom (10)
10112 Spring Lake Terr.
273-9033
Spring Lake 10110-10115, 17, 19, 21, 23

Cindy Allbright (10)
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273-6895
Capeway 10100-10105
Newbury 3413, 15, 17, 18

Lois Harbert (13)
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Farmington 10100, 02-05, 07, 09-10115

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3406 Country Hill Dr. 273-5595 (W)

Call the Editor at the above telephone should you have a news item to report. She will help you in reporting any item of interest concerning your family members, organizations, and coming events.

Association members may place a classified ad in the Newsletter without charge. Write out the material to be used and send it to the Editor at the above address by the deadline date. Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. Ads are NOT taken on the phone.

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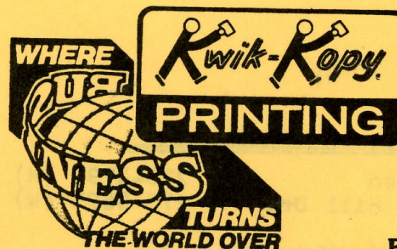


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