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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

With summer fun almost at an end we now start a harvest of new activities hopefully absent anymore earthquakes or hurricanes.

Our desire to offer an activity monthly during the warmer months of the year has been mostly realized. The August event dubbed "*Waterfest*" cancelled this summer will begin planning earlier next year and will boast many slick H2O activities.

If you have taken in a summer event I would like to hear from you. It is important that planners receive feedback about events. Send me your suggestions, constructive critiques or complements. Help us to raise enjoyment levels and streamline the production process.

A welcome and shout out thank for new volunteers:

### Jennifer Judelsohn

Community Appearance Chair

# Rebecca Gregory

Vice President Community Safety

# **Phillip Parrish**

Adopt-a-Spot Chair

As a society we are leaning heavily towards electronic media. CCHCA website (constructed and maintained by longtime resident Ernie Klimonda / webmaster) is a comprehensive and cutting edge information hub. Astoundingly complete and vigorously updated it places the community at your fingertips. There is always something new to use or enjoy, so visit CCHCA.com soon.

Plans are in the works to offer electronic payment methods for membership dues.

Ever needed tree work done at your home? Attend our upcoming Quarterly Meeting hear a short presentation from a professional Tree Co. followed by a question and answer session. The hope is to gather enough business to spark a group rate discount. Date and location found on CCHCA website.

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### MORE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# **Upcoming Events**

- Test the political waters "Meet the Candidates Night" Sept 15th.
- Environmental opportunity "Adopt-a-Spot Accotink Creek Clean" Sept. 24th.
- Bring the family enjoy local talent "Octoberfest Open-Mic Night" Oct. 1st.
- Be creative "Kids Halloween Parade" Oct. 31st.

# November is an opportunity month.

• Join neighbors in giving a small donation used to help a family in need through the Thanksgiving and Christmas. Working thru "Our Daily Bread" We will send resources to a families less fortunate than our own.

### December will conclude the 2011 social calendar

- Santa Claus Visits Dec. 15th & 16th
- Christmas Holiday Decorating Contest Dec. 19th

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# SECRETARY'S NOTES- JUDY FRASER jrobbfaser@gmail.com

# **CCHCA Main Street Community Band Concert**

The first annual CCHCA Main Street Community Band Concert took place Sunday July 24th. In spite of the heat and forecasts of thunderstorms, the courageous and adventurous band members gathered down at the common area and brought with them a light breeze and clear skies. The music of a sixty piece band filling the outdoor space of the common area was a wonderful thing to experience. Geoffrey Seffens, the band's director and CCH resident, has assembled a great group of musicians! We are working on getting on the band's schedule for a spring performance in our neighborhood next year so stay tuned. Meanwhile, their upcoming performances around town include the Fall Festival on October 10th and Woodson High School on December 5th. More information can be found at http://www.fairfax-band.org/ensembles/mainstreet.php.



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# CIVIC AFFAIRS - JENNIFER PASSEY jpassey@gmail.com

# Virginia state elections are on November 8, 2011.

Are you registered to vote? If not, in order to vote in the upcoming election you must be registered 21 days or more before the election. For more information on registering to vote in the City of Fairfax please visit:

# http://fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/RegisterToVote.asp

This year's ballot for residents of Fairfax City will include candidates for Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney, County Sheriff, VA Senate & VA House of Delegates. I encourage you to take the time to learn about the candidates and vote on November 8th!

Lastly, mark your calendar! The Country Club Hills Civic Association (CCHCA) is giving you the opportunity to learn more about this year's candidates. On September 15th from  $5:30~\mathrm{pm}-7:30$  in the neighborhood commons, we will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" open house. We have invited all the candidates on November's ballot to come and meet voters in our neighborhood. This is your chance to meet and better know the candidates vying to represent you here and in Richmond. For more information on this event please see the CCHCA website or contact me at <code>jepassey@gmail.com</code>.

Hope to see you there!!



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### **BEAUTY SPOT OF THE MONTH - MAY 2011**

The Beauty Spot for May has been awarded to Joan Daniels, of 3411 Newbury Road (corner of Spring Lake Terrace).

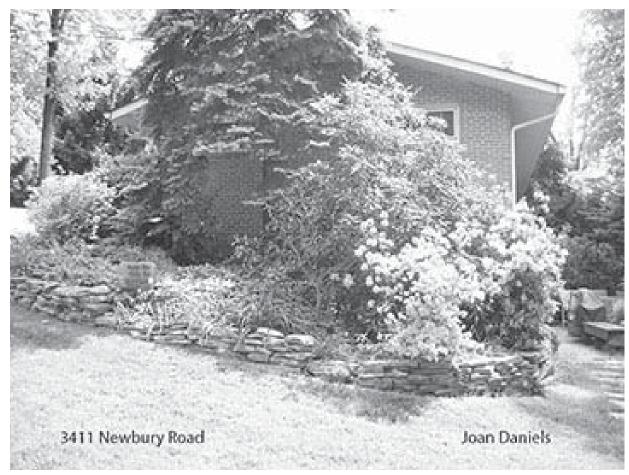
We first exclaimed over a gigantic evergreen, which nearly covers this charming house on Newbury Road. We followed a retaining wall across the front of the house and around the side where it begins a gradual slope up the hill on Spring Lake Terrace.

There are so many interesting and beautful levels to this property that we cannot cover them all, but one area begs to be described: the entire area on the right side of the house is, to us, like an English country garden, with paths winding through it. The garden is filled with a myriad of flowers, bushes and plants: azaleas(all colors), pink mountain laurel (we think), red maples, and dogwoods to name but a few, and all are living in perfect harmony, making up an understory for some lovely old oaks and dogwoods.

Also, you must see a very healthy, perfectly-shaped holly tree growing within the retaining wall, and shading a ring of hostas, ferns, daffodils, ivy, and small purple flowers looking a bit like hyacinths, but not.

The only way to appreciate the creativity and beauty of this property is to visit 3411 Newbury Road and see for yourselves!

Congratulations, Joan, you have created a truly wonderful spot.



### **MEMBERSHIP - MARGARITA DIAZ margaritadiaz22@msn.com**

Hard to believe, that we are entering the last quarter of 2011. It's a hectic time of year with a new school year just beginning and the holidays just around the corner.

If you haven't joined our association yet I urge you to do so. This membership is part of what helps our committees plan fun events for our neighborhood, such as coming up the kids favorite Halloween party as well as Santa's visits. Also as an added benefit you can post on our yahoo page a great tool to use in the quest for referrals from neighbors on services or to find someone to take that old piece of furniture you want to get rid of, etc.

Please join or renew your membership for just \$10 a year and now we have the option of renewing for two years.

You can find your membership application on the back of this newsletter as well as in our website www.cchca.org, there you can also read about the benefits of being a CCH-CA member.

You can make your checks payable to "Country Club Hills Civic Association" and mail it or deliver to Margarita Diaz 10109 Cornwall Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 or give the check to your block captain.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support.



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## **BEAUTY SPOT OF THE MONTH - JUNE 2011**

The Beauty Spot for June has been awarded to Ed and Diane Preston, of 10128 Spring Lake Terrace (at the intersection of Newbury).

When heading down the hill on Newbury to where it tees out at Spring Lake Terrace, be sure to look directly across the street to the charming house at 10128 Spring Lake Terrace.

The gardens are a wonderful example of using hardscapes and perennials to create a beautiful foundation: The bed fronting the house is outlined in weathered wood and planted in layers of dwarf boxwood, yew shrubs, otto luken laurel, and variegated ivy, creating texture and depth, all in shades of green. A low brick wall, a brick walkway and the brick stairs leading to the front door all outline a bed of perfectly manicured dwarf boxwood. Ivy climbing the iron handrail of the stairs adds an unexpected bit of Old World charm. A pot of impatiens nestled in the pachysandra at the base of the star magnolia adds a welcome pop of color!

The left side of the driveway is flanked with a bed of ivy around the foot of the Japanese maple tree. The bed is rounded out by daylilies.

The real secret of this property is the backyard oasis. When you stand at the foot of the driveway, peak into the back yard and you'll see a row of colorful prayers flags gently waving in the breeze over the creek at the back edge of the property. A sculptured pyramid of colorful bowling balls adds a bit of whimsy. There are several more sculptures, bird baths and bird houses situated along the walking path. Lush aucuba, varieties of hostas, potted palm trees and potted flowers enchant the eye. Several benches and seating areas add a sense of welcome and comfort, suggesting leisurely hours of relaxed enjoyment with family and friends!

The only way to appreciate the creativity and beauty of this property is to visit 10128 Spring Lake Terrace and see it for yourself!

Congratulations, Ed and Diane! You have created a truly wonderful spot.





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# ADOPT-A-SPOT - PHILLIP PARRISH parrishjp@gmail.com

The recent heavy rains have washed litter down to our local stream. To help correct this we are hosting a creek clean up on September 24th. Come get to know your neighbors and help keep the community clean. We will be picking up trash along the creek bed and shoreline so please dress appropriately (i.e. old tennis shoes). We will be meeting at the community commons pavilion at 10 am Saturday the 24th. Please contact Phillip Parrish at parrishjp@gmail.com with any comment or questions. I look forward to see you there and do not forget to

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# BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER - LESLIE DANIELS lesdan001@verizon.net

Hello to all the Block Captains and residents of CCH. I'm your new VP of Block Captains. My name is Leslie Daniels. My daughter Vera and I moved to 3426 Brookwood in April 2008 and really enjoy this wonderful neighborhood. I'm looking forward to getting to know all the great Block Captains who deliver CCH news right to your door.

I've already been in touch with many of them as I tried to re-organize the routes a bit to get the Block Captains routes closer to their homes.

One suggestion I received is to send out a "heads up" e-mail if I can a couple of days before I bring you papers to deliver so you can notify me if you are going to be out of town.

You can also reach me at 703-383-1272 or lesdan001@verizon.net to let me know your schedules in case I need to find a substitute.

Our new ACE Hardware Store on Main Street (between Walgreens and TJ Maxx) and Home Depot accept compact fluorescent light bulbs for recycling. Handle the bulbs carefully - easiest thing is to use the packaging the new bulbs come in to hold the old bulbs for recycling.

Summer is here and everybody is thirsty -- try to use reusable pitchers and jugs when possible. A drink in hand is a lot more convenient than a stop at the "convenience" store (and costs a lot less!!). Keep a bag in your car so when you do end up buying drinks on the road and there isn't a recycling container handy, you can stow the empties away and put them in your blue bin when you get home. A little effort will keep a lot of recyclables out of the landfill.

Check out new Mason Sustainability Institute workshops at http://msi.gmu.edu/workshops.html. Upcoming topics are water conservation, energy efficiency at home and one that is of particular interest for recycling, waste minimization. These workshops will be offered to the community over the summer for a minimal charge at Green Acres, 4401 Sideburn Road. For more information you can also call 703-993-7725.

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# **BEAUTY SPOT OF THE MONTH - JULY 2011**

Pamela and Robert Petrie, of 3402 Country Hill Drive, are the winners of Country Hills Garden Club

Beauty Spot for July. The Petries moved in to this pristine yellow house four years ago and since that time things have begun to change. "It took us all that time to grow grass," said Pamela. Well worth the effort, we might add. The lawn is lush and bright green.

We love the welcoming antique 5-globe lamp placed near the sidewalk, with its basket of violet petunias, and also the white settee on the porch. These are some of the things that make us think of Victorian houses - but with none of the froufrou so prevalent in those times.

Bordering the house are white and deep pink impatiens, and leading up to the porch are green and yellow mums and venca. Fluffy white wormwood is striking against terra cotta bricks. Across the steps is a tall clear glass lamp surrounded by black-eyed susans. And there, flying from the porch, is the American flag! It was almost the 4th of July when we were there, and we thought of saluting.

We DO salute Pamela and Robert for the work they have done to make their property a showplace for Country Club Hills. With congratulations and thanks to the Petries.



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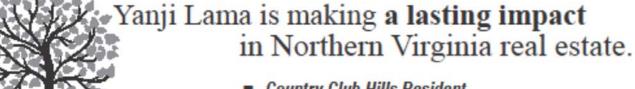
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### **BEAUTY SPOT OF THE MONTH - AUGUST 2011**

The Beauty Spot for August has been awarded to two homes together: Ann Marie and Mike Bartholme, of 3302 Spring Lake Court, and Patty and Steve Rodgers, of 3304 Spring Lake Court.

Why have we awarded Beauty Spot to two homes, you ask? Because it is evident that the landscaping of the two houses is so beautifully coordinated that it would be a crime not to. Here's the story:

Ann Marie Bartholme, and her husband, Mike, moved into the house at 3302 Spring Lake Court. The landscaping, which is lovely, was already there: A path of small rocks bordering both sides of the driveway, a beautiful stone wall, mature dogwoods, a camellia shrub and crepe myrtle trees, ground cover of pachysandra, and beds blooming with phlox, helleborus, stargazer lilies, bleeding hearts, bee balm, black-eyed susans, coneflowers, and coreopsis. Ann Marie does a wonderful job maintaining the landscaping! The yard always looks beautiful and well-maintained.

The house next door went on the market. Ann Marie's parents were living about a half-hour away at the time. Ann Marie's father, Steve, thought that was too far to be away from the grandkids, so he and Patty bought the house next door!

At 3304, in the front and along the right side of the house, the beds are planted with azaleas and hydrangeas, providing the ease of care afforded from perennials along with the burst of colors when the plants are in bloom. The front yard has a beautiful cherry tree that provides wonderful shade. The bed along the right side of the driveway (that shares the property line with 3302) has a Blessed Mary statue, one striking pink naked lady flower, a bunch of chrysanthemums, lilies of the valley, and knock-out roses. The ground is covered in ivy. And there is a beautiful brick walkway between the two yards.

Being here for a few years already, Patty and Steve thought they'd make some changes to their land-scape. Being ambitious folk, they decided to continue the stone wall along their property line, and add the same small stones to border their own driveway. They laid the stones themselves, and three months later they have an amazingly beautiful reward for their efforts. Bravo, Patty and Steve!

Congratulations, Ann Marie and Mike, and Patty and Steve! Your beautifully coordinated yards are an inspiration to us all!



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### **BEAUTY SPOT OF THE MONTH - SEPTEMBER 2011**

The Country Club Hills Garden Club has awarded the Beauty Spot for September to Jerry and Barbara Buckingham of 10001 Spring Lake Terrace.

The Buckingham's pristine white house is perfectly placed in its surroundings. It sits atop a green hill, evenly mowed, and so straight along the clean white driveway that it looks to have been "constructed" using a chalk line.

There are two tiers of deep green bushes along the house front, one of which we recognized as Cherry Laurel. A single smallish tree stands at midpoint between the bushes.

To the right of the house a Crepe Myrtle with Fuchsia blooms lends a bright note of color to the landscape; while down the hill a bit there is a cluster of Roses and Blackeyed Susans.

Was it Frank Lloyd Wright who coined the phrase, "Less is more?" We feel this to be so true of the Buckingham palace - beautiful!

Congratulations to Jerry and Barbara! We thank them for creating such a lovely addition to Country Club Hills.



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