

# THE ECCHO

## President's Message:

"Welcome, Neighbor!"

That simple message can mean so much when you're moving to a new place. When Amy and I moved to Country Club Hills at the end of 2009, we didn't know what to expect. It seemed nice, and we loved the house, but there's no way to know until you're moved in.

I'd like to share something with you all that's almost embarrassing now. I was a little put off by the name "Country Club Hills." To me, a country club is an exclusive place, members only, and when I was growing up, we never had the money to join one. So I was a little nervous.

Then, a day or two after we moved in, our welcome gift arrived. I don't remember everything in the basket, but I remember the warmth that came with it. I remember smiling and feeling relieved. Maybe you had a similar feeling when you got your welcome gift. We were home.

As I've learned since then, Country Club Hills is the opposite of what I'd feared. Our community has all sorts of families: older, younger, middle-aged (like us), with young children, teenagers, or grown children (like ours). We have military families, people who work in Fairfax, and people who commute. Some families have lived here for decades, and some have moved here from other states, and even other countries.

But we are all neighbors, in the best sense of that word. We all welcome each other here.

When I was asked to serve as president of the Board, I was surprised. Although Amy has been an active part of the CCHCA for years, my work schedule didn't allow me to do much beyond showing up at an event here or there. I knew the amazing work that the Board has done and, honestly, I didn't know if I would be up to the job.

But the Board has welcomed me in, just as you all made us feel welcome that day in 2009. I hope that I can live up to the example that my predecessors have set and do my part to continue making the Country Club Hills a warm, safe place to live our lives and raise our families.

One of the parts of this job I look forward to the most is getting the chance to meet more of my neighbors; I plan to walk around the neighborhood this summer and introduce myself to as many of you as I can.

In the meantime, please don't be shy. You can email me at [mattalevy@gmail.com](mailto:mattalevy@gmail.com) or you can call me at (202) 641-4418.

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## NOTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING: BYLAW CHANGES AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS

On May 23, 2013, the Association Annual meeting was held at the Green Acres Center. After several interesting speakers, and reports from the previous year's activities, the Association members who were present unanimously voted to amend the bylaws as follows:

**Article IX Section 6.** Welcoming Committee. This committee shall welcome and provide appropriate information to new arrivals in Country Club Hills and notify the Vice President for Membership and the Vice President for Publications of new arrivals. The gift included in the Welcome Packet shall not exceed 50% of the current membership dues.

**Article XII Section 2.** All disbursements of funds of the Corporation shall be made by check signed by the Treasurer, except the Treasurer may maintain a petty cash fund not to exceed \$50.00. The Treasurer shall disburse Corporation funds in excess of \$300.00 only with the consent of the Board or the majority of the members present at a membership meeting.

Checks over \$300.00 shall be signed by the President as well as the Treasurer. No donations to individuals, institutions, groups, or charities shall be made by members or directors without prior approval of two-thirds of the members of the Board present at the next quarterly or Annual Meeting of the Board and in strict conformity with applicable provisions of the law and regulations with the Bylaws of the Corporation

**Article V, Section 4.** No elected officer of the Corporation, other than the President, may serve more than ~~two~~ four consecutive full terms in the same office in the Corporation. The President may serve no more than two consecutive full terms.

**Article IX, Section 3.** Electronic Media Committee (Website and Yahoo-Group).

(b) CCHCA-Yahoo-Group. This committee shall monitor this site according to the established guidelines, follow up on bounced emails, and add the new residents' email addresses. There shall be two monitors assigned to the task.

**Article VIII, Section 6.** The Vice President for Publications shall produce an annual Directory (or Addendum every other year) of the Country Club Hills area for publication in ~~the fall~~ December or the following January; shall produce the Corporation newsletter at least quarterly; and shall develop an advertising plan to help defray cost of the Directory and newsletters, as needed.

New CCHCA Board members took up the mantle of service at the meeting as well. A complete list of current board and standing committee members; and their contact information, may be found in this newsletter.

#### Keep Fluorescent Bulbs Out of the Trash

Please remember to dispose of fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs properly like the hazardous waste they are.

Those bulbs contain mercury, which is hazardous even in small doses.

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#### HELPFUL HINTS AND REMINDERS

##### 2013 CCH Resident Directory

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## BEAUTY SPOT

If you moved into a new house and the backyard was full of stones, what would you do? A few years ago, Jennifer and Michael Passey were faced with just that dilemma. They found a beautiful solution. They dug up the stones, gathered them all together and built stonewalls for raised beds in their frontyard.

The Spring 2013 Beauty Spot goes to the Pasesys of 10109 Farmington Drive.

Spring is always an amazing time of year when the cherry trees, dogwoods, daffodils and tulips are in bloom. If you drive by immediately, you'll be able to see the beautiful cherry tree full of pink blossoms, tucked in on the right side of the house behind the fence. The blossoms are echoed in the front yard, where the dogwood is in bloom also. (Though there are no decorations on the dogwood tree currently, it is fun to sneak a peek around different holidays because the Passey boys and their mom, Jennifer, do thematically decorate the tree. We found remnants of the colorful eggs they recently had hanging up for Easter.)

The raised beds in the front yard have two tiers. In the lower tier, the sunny tulips and daffodils are in bloom... The bright pops of red, orange, and yellow make you feel happy! Low-lying juniper acts as

ground cover and a lovely textural back drop to the bursts of color. The higher tier has day lilies, promising future color bursts.

Along the left side of these beds are four rose bushes, which you know will be gorgeous when they start blooming. And there are some tall grasses that add interest, height, and texture to round out the beds.

Back against the front of the house there is a bed with a camellia bush flanked on either side by laurel. At one end of the bed is a holly. The other side, by the driveway, contains nandina and azaleas that are just beginning to bud.

Be sure to check out this Beauty Spot through the month of May. It promises to delight your eyes and fill your heart with happy songs! Congratulations to the whole Passey family. It has been fun watching you all out there working in the yard. Your hard work has definitely paid off.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Judelsohn with Joyce Skoglund for  
Country Hill Garden Club

## THE CIVIC ASSOCIATION WELCOMES OUR NEW RESIDENTS

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Did you know in the month of  
April there were no homes listed  
for sale in Country Club Hills?

That's the first time in decades!

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The CCH Yahoo-Group will not post any notices that are available from eMAS other than the monthly newsletter Cityscene. For more information, please contact: [eklimonda@gmail.com](mailto:eklimonda@gmail.com) - 703-591-0696

## FAIRFAX HIGH SCHOOL SOUND SYSTEM UPDATE

There have been a number of activities that have taken place over the last several months to begin the process of getting approval from the City Council to install the sound system for the girl's softball field at Fairfax High School. On December 6, 2012 Mayor Scott Silverthorne, Council Member and CCH resident Ellie Schmidt, School Board Member and CCH resident Toby Sorensen and Superintendent of Schools Peter Noonan met with the leadership of the Country Club Hills Community Association to begin the discussion and garner support for the sound system. Since that initial meeting, an application was submitted to the City of Fairfax Office of Community Development and Planning to secure a special use permit to allow sound. Further, there have been two "sound nights" at the high school. A third is planned for May 28th.

There will be a community meeting at Fairfax High School to address any further concerns. Finally, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the special use permit.

The following are the dates and times of these events:

Community Meeting Night: **June 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** at Fairfax High School in Room H106 in the Field House lobby (use door 21)

City Council Meeting - Special Use Permit Hearing: **June 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.** in City Council Chambers, Room 100, City Hall

(above excerpted from a letter from School Board Chairman Janice Miller; mailed May 23, 2013)

Join us at the CCHCA  
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**Tuesday, June 18**

**5pm - 7pm**

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## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Good News! As of the annual meeting on May 23rd, 181 of our households have joined CCHCA for 2013. Being a member of the CCHCA is a good way to support your community. The Board of Directors works hard to make CCH a nice place to live but couldn't do it without your support.

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703- 825-7022.

You can also check our current membership list online at <http://cchca.org/membership/Membership2012.pdf>

Our neighborhood is a great place to live and the CCH Civic Association is a group of neighbors who want to be sure it stays a great place to live. So join or renew today!

- Judy Fraser VP Membership  
[jrobbfraser@gmail.com](mailto:jrobbfraser@gmail.com)

If you haven't yet joined or renewed please fill out the form on the back of this newsletter or on our website at <http://cchca.org/membership/Application-2012.pdf>

If you aren't sure if you have already paid your dues for this year or next, feel free to contact me at

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

I look forward to hearing what you like... and what you don't like... about this issue. Send your comments to [editor@cchca.org](mailto:editor@cchca.org). And thanks.

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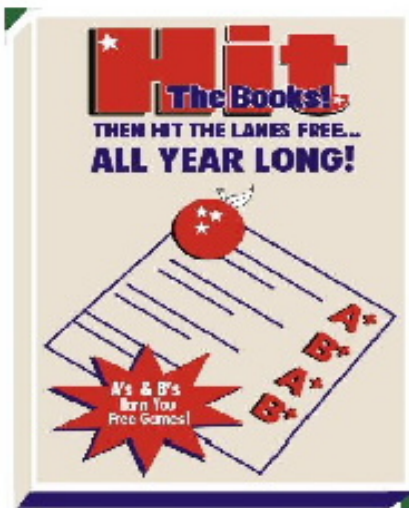
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