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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At our General Meeting on May 13th, there were elections for Board members for the upcoming year. Thanks go to the dedicated members who served last year and to those who will continue for another year. We are happy to welcome new Board members Margarita Diaz, VP Membership, Jennifer Kelly, VP Social Activities and Laura Downey, VP Community Safety. (See listing of Board and Committee members on page 2)

Also at our General Meeting, we welcomed our District Delegate, David Bulova, who gave us a thorough update of what is going on in our district as well as in the state of Virginia. We thank Mr. Bulova for his participation and interest in CCH.

At the General Meeting, our VP's gave reports of what transpired during the past year on their respective committee's. In retrospect, I am amazed at all the hard work that has been done to make our lives in CCH a better place. Just to mention a few of the duties; our Webmaster Ernie Klimonda who works on a daily basis to keep the website updated and to keep the membership abreast of what is going on in CCH as well as the City; Jackie and Andy Pachuta who work on getting our informative newsletter to you on a timely basis, and please help our new VP Membership Margarita Diaz by getting in your dues for 2010 as soon as possible and respond to her and her committee when they launch the membership drive. It's your dues that keep us in business to give you the activities and other perks. Our new Directory Chair, Toby Sorenson will be producing a Directory this Fall; need updates as well as helpers, and new Marketing Chair Kathy Barber would be happy to accept your ads for both the Directory and the Newsletter. (see rates in her article) We're always looking for help and would love to have you join us on one of the Committee's. Call any one of us and find out more about what you can do.

Join us for the Ice Crème Social on June 24th where we celebrate the end of school and the beginning of Summer. Our children will be out and about on the streets going to the pool and playing so being mindful of that when we are driving to and from our homes would be appreciated. We'll be planning for our next big event which is the Labor Day picnic so if you can volunteer your help please call Jennifer.

I know we don't want to think about winter right now -- but last winter brought about some issues that the City has asked us for help; (1) our fire hydrants were buried in snow and in case of fire critical to find! Is there one near you that you would like to adopt and dig out and identify? (2) is there a sewer near you that you would like to help clear so that the snow and water will drain faster? Call Judy Fraser and volunteer your services.

Thank you for your confidence in electing me as your President for another year. As always, I am open to all with suggestions and ideas to make our community a better place to be. Please feel free to call me at any time.

Summer and the living is easy!! I'm looking forward to that – see you at the pool.

-Hildie Hilcarn31@aol.com

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DON'T FORGET! Van Dyck Farmers Market is open and well stocked with fresh fruits and vegetables, meat, bread, and plants every Tuesday 8-12. So good and sooo convenient.

NOISY NEIGHBORS may be better than nosy ones, but still...During the summer months more people take the fun outside and so remember to please protect your neighbor's tranquility by keeping noise to a minimum, especially after 11pm. Also, as a courtesy it is a great idea to give neighbors a heads up on any big party plans you have that might mean lots of cars parked on the street or lots of music and activity. Most people mind those inconveniences less if they know to expect them.

In city code-speak: "It shall be unlawful for any person to make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary or unusual noise or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others within the city." Also, on a related topic, city code prohibits "the erection (including excavating), demolition, alteration or repair of any building before 7:00 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, before 8:30 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays and federal and state holidays, and at any time on Sundays".

If you have concerns about noise or questions about the noise ordinance you can call the Zoning Office staff at 703-385-7820. The city also runs a neighborhood concerns hotline at 703-385-7800 or you can email complaints to complaints@fairfaxva.gov for any and all concerns about your neighborhood (except complaints about your vp of civic affairs - send those to me).

DON'T WANT that freebie newspaper, The Washington Examiner? You are in luck. The publisher has formally agreed to honor stop delivery requests from homeowners. Email www.washingtonexaminer.com and click on "home delivery" or call 703-846-8500 and be sure to obtain a stop-order tracking number. If the paper is still being delivered after seven days the city's Community Relations Office (703-385-7855) will follow up on your behalf using that tracking number.

BLOCK CAPTAINS VP, STEVE CARUSO - SMCESTOP@MSN.COM

Block Captains Corner:

I want to thank all Captains for once again going door to door to aid our membership drive. Your service has great impact and is appreciated. Give yourselves a pat on the back for me. I've had many compliments about how quickly you tribe of Block Captains have been getting the materials delivered. I've also had a couple complaints about late deliveries. Let's do our best in a timely manner. On another note I have not yet found a new Block Captain to replace Steven Lane relocating early August. Steven Lane was the VP of Block Captains. He created the routes you now enjoy walking, and has continued on as a Block Captain for many years. Thanks Steven for all you have done for CCHCA and good luck on the other side of the globe. Should anyone know of someone who might be interested in taking over Steven's route please contact me: smcestop@msn.com or 7032733085.

MEMBERSHIP VP, MARGARITA DIAZ - MARGARITADIAZ22@MSN.COM

MEMBERSHIP VP, Margarita Diaz – margaritadiaz22@msn.com

RENEW OR JOIN TODAY!

Did you know that you can join or renew The Country Club Hills Civic Association for a mere \$10 a year? These funds are used to make your neighborhood a fun and better place to live! The membership period is from January 1st through December 31, 2010. You will find an application attached to the end of this newsletter or you can access one at www.cchca.org. Make your check payable to "Country Club Hills Civic Association" and deliver to Margarita Diaz, Vice-President for Membership, at 10109 Cornwall Rd or give the membership dues to your Block Captain.

PUBLICATIONS, JACKIE PACHUTA — JAQUELINESANTANA_7@HOTMAIL.COM

Our Advertising chair, Kathy Barber, suggests you reach out to your neighbors in CCH with your service or product by advertising in the newsletter and the directory. Current rates are:

ECCHO Newsletter (4 issues per year):

\$100 for a full-page add, \$50 for a half-page add, \$25 for a quarter-page add

CCH Directory (1 issue per year):

\$100 for a full-page add, \$50 for a half-page add, \$25 for a quarter-page add

RECYCLING COMMITTEE, KATIE BAXTER-GAGEN - KATIEPBG@YAHOO.COM

Recycling News . . .

Recently a young member of our community created a survey and questionnaire regarding our neighborhood's understanding of the recycling program offered by the City. Many participants posed questions we decided to answer in this newsletter's recycling column. If you have any additional questions after reading this bit, please feel free to call Fairfax City Recycling department at 703.385.7995 or check out their website at <http://www.fairfaxva.gov/RefuseRecycling/RefuseRecycling.asp>

The following items **CAN** and **should be** recycled by placing them into your blue bin. *Items DO NOT have to be separated, but should be rinsed out.*

- all plastics with any number on the bottom (lids/tops included!)
- any plastic grocery bags
- plastic wrap, aluminum foil
- card board (including: cereal boxes, pizza boxes, rinsed milk and juice cartons) folded if larger than the bin and placed near it on the sidewalk.
- Styrofoam and packing peanuts
- tin cans and lids
- wire hangers (even in a big jumbled mess!)

The following items **CANNOT** be recycled in the blue bins:

- paper towels
- small electric appliances

Take these to the Transfer Station - 4618 West Ox Rd. June 27th is the next *Electric Sunday* (normally the last Sunday of each month)

- cell phones
 - these can often be donated to various fund raisers or organizations reconfiguring them to help domestic abuse victims or the troops overseas
- they can also be recycled at many retailers or service providers such as T-mobile, AT&T, Sprint, Staples, Office Depot, Best Buy, Verizon Wireless

Thank you for your continued efforts keeping our landfills free from products that can be reused in a more productive manner. If you need another bin now that you will be recycling more of your trash, please call the number above; they will happily deliver one to your home or business!

COMMUNITY SAFETY VP, LAURA DOWNEY - LDOWNEY48@GMAIL.COM

Hello neighbors! Welcome to the safety column. My name is Laura Downey and I'm filling the 2010 community safety seat of the CCHCA board. My motto is an informed neighborhood is a safe and happy neighborhood. This column will offer safety tips and resources. I'll also periodically send out safety bulletins via email including safety information from the city and local crime data.

It's summertime and with it comes the heat! Protect yourselves, your kids and your pets. Here are a few tips from the Red Cross:

1. Wear light colored and light weight clothing.
2. Drink lots of water. It's easy to dehydrate in hot weather.
3. Eat smaller more frequent meals.
4. Avoid strenuous activity in the heat and humidity.
5. Be a good neighbor and check on the elderly around you.

And one thing I want to personally emphasize, never leave children or pets unattended in the car any time of the year. In the summer, heat can kill quickly. Even a few minutes or seconds matter. Doors get locked accidentally, keys don't work or jam or entrance codes get forgotten – especially in tense situations.

Summer days and evenings are a fun time for all with people out and about. We have lots of children in the neighborhood as well as lots of adults that like to walk, many with their pets too. Please follow the posted speed limit and as a general safety precaution slow down when you see people and animals.

July 4th is just around the corner! Fireworks are fun to watch but can also be dangerous when not handled properly. Please be safe and follow the city rules. From a recent article in the Fairfax Cityscene, "Fireworks that explode, emit a flame or spark higher than 12 feet, or are projectiles, are banned in the city – even if they are available for sale elsewhere." The Cityscene article offers the following safety tips for fireworks:

- Light fireworks on flat surfaces, away from combustible materials, vehicles and buildings.
- Keep bystanders at least 25 feet away from fireworks.
- Do not permit children to handle or light fireworks.
- Do not throw fireworks.

If you just want to enjoy a fireworks show Fairfax City puts on a great one! This year it will be on July 3. For information or questions on fireworks, call 703-385-7830.

Have a safe and happy summer!

TREASURER, ANDY PACHUTA – MR.PACHUTA@GMAIL.COM

Treasurer's Report for July:

The current total balance of the CCHCA account is . This is comprised of \$1,563.67 in "Restricted" funds, and \$4,222.63 in "Unrestricted" funds. Restricted funds are provided by grants, and are therefore to be used for specific community initiatives, such as the landscaping of public areas. Your membership dues supply the Unrestricted balance, which goes towards food and supplies for wonderful CCH events .

WELCOMING COMMITTEE, ERNIE KLIMONDA EKLIMONDA@GMAIL.COM

Welcoming New Residents

We sincerely hope you will enjoy living in CCH.

Jennifer Kelly of 3501 Park Hill Place ©703-615-5412 jennifer.kelly@rmxtalk.com

Glendia Rice of 10108 Cornwall Road © 703-966-0907 glendiam@gmail.com

Lee Napravnik of 3504 Pinehurst Avenue ©714-316-6240 napravnikl@gmail.com

Jim and Lindsey Roehner of 10111 Spring Lake Terrace jim.roehner@gmail.com

IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Kramer, long-time resident of Country Club Hills at 3414 Park Hill Place, passed away on May 8th, 2010.

COMMUNITY APPEARANCE, AMY LEVY - AMYMLEVY@GMAIL.COM

Lawn Maintenance

Welcome to summer! If you are like me, one of the least-pleasant chores as the mercury soars is keeping that lawn cut. Unfortunately, there can be some pretty expensive consequences for failing to do so. When the city receives an ordinance violation complaint, they send an inspector to see if the grass is longer than six inches. The property owner is given ten days to trim it, and a second inspection is scheduled. If the tenth day falls on a Friday or Saturday, the inspector will usually wait until Monday to give the homeowner the extra weekend. The city's contractor will be sent out to mow if necessary, at a cost ranging from \$300 to \$1,000 depending on the size of the lawn and the length of the grass. This cost will be billed to the property owner; any costs not paid are automatically added to the property taxes. There are several reputable lawn services; if you are not able to mow your own lawn perhaps a neighbor can recommend one?

You can contact the City's Neighborhood Concerns Hotline anonymously by phone: 703-385-7800 (from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, excluding holidays) or by email: Complaints@fairfaxva.gov

APRIL BEAUTY SPOT AWARD

The Beauty Spot for April has been awarded to one of our own, Garden Club member Nancy LeBow of 10120 Cornwall Road. No problem finding Nancy's place: "LeBow" is inscribed in black letters on a big, bright red wooden heart in front of the house. Nancy apparently found her yard under all that snow, and the yard was either in great shape or she has been working diligently ever since she could push the door open.

We love Nancy's huge corner lot. We saw three lovely dogwood trees ready to pop, if they have not already done so. Her healthy dark green bushes and well-kept fence border a spectacularly neat yard.

Congratulations, Nancy! And thank you for contributing to the interest and beauty of our Country Club Hills.



MAY BEAUTY SPOT AWARD (NO PICTURE AVAILABLE)

Barbara Will, of 10105 Capeway Ct. has won the Beauty Spot of the Month for May 2010.

We came upon the lovely Will property one day while sleuthing for May's Beauty Spot, and the place reminded us a bit of a small forest in the midst of a city. This is an unusually large corner lot, and includes well placed evergreens in a variety of sizes, shapes and shades of green, e.g. moss and sage green, blue-green, and grass green (no folks, there is no chartreuse). Barbara has cleverly used a low-growing kind of evergreen as a ground cover.

Since we had found our Beauty Spot, we stopped for several minutes to feast our eyes on the cool, perfectly trimmed grass and to enjoy the serene loveliness of the grounds.

Congratulations, Barbara, and thank you for contributing so nicely to the beauty and interest of Country Club Hills.

Polly Haecker for

Country Hills Garden Club

JUNE BEAUTY SPOT AWARD

"Lady June" has touched the property of Allen Kohn, at 10013 Cornwall Rd., and made it this month's Beauty Spot.

The breath-taking beauty of plants and flowers with their variety of colors and textures, provides a truly artistic display.

For a visionary treat, stop by and enjoy Allen's house and grounds (and be sure to see the side and back yards too – the interest travels around the house.) Congratulations Allen, and thank you Polly Haecker for Country Hills Garden Club pollyhaecker@yahoo.com 703-591-6494



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Tim is a composer, arranger, guitarist, vocalist and saxophonist who has taught at Georgetown University, Melody Music and is currently teaching at The Foxes Music Company and has been there for 8 years. Tim received his bachelor's degree in music composition from VCU and his graduate degree from California Institute of The Arts, where he studied with renowned contemporary classical composers Morton Subotnick, Earl Brown, Leonard Rosenman and Mel Powell.

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Membership Application / Renewal for 2010
Membership is about building our community!

Please let us know if we can count on you to:
 Renew your CCH Membership, Become a new member
Membership year: January 1 to December 31, 2010

Name of Primary Resident(s):	
Teenagers:	
Address	Home Phone Number:
CCH Resident Since (Year):	Cell Phone Number
Email 1	Email 2

Please indicate if you – or any member of your household wish to be listed in a future CCH Directory for personal or business services.

- Babysitting/pet-sitting/yard work:
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- Services you/or your business offer:
 Name and type of service:
- Lessons you provide: i. e. music/instrument/language/other:

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