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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Greeting

"I still find each day too short for the thoughts I want to think; all the walks I want to take; all the books I want to read; and all the friends I want to see."

John Burroughs

What happened to summer? I find it much too short for all the things I want to do and now sadly it is almost gone! I hope you all found time to enjoy your summer activities in spite of the heat. What could be better than our wonderful Virginia season of Fall to look forward to?

Your CCH Board has been working this summer to bring you the newsletter, the messages on our group email, and reacting to the good and bad news in our neighborhood. We are now actively planning for our Annual Labor Day picnic so please come and reconnect with your neighbors. (Look in the newsletter for details)

If you haven't paid your dues for 2010, we will be conducting our "last ditch effort" in the next few weeks. Our dues money is used to bring our residents the activities and notifications each year. Call Margarita Diaz, Membership Chair if you have any questions. I know there is some confusion as to when it is due because we have changed our associations calendar. Dues are due on **January 1** of the year. We will begin conducting drives for the 2011 year in October. Additionally, you can now pay for two years' dues if that is convenient for you.

Our new Directory Chair, Toby Sorenson, will be working to bring you a new CCH Directory this Fall. Please call her at 703 277 1064 if you are a new resident, know of anyone that has left CCH, or if you would like to **advertise** or be listed for a service in the Directory. Our Directory is full of information about CCH, the City, and exposes us to services in our area. Like to help Toby? give her a call.

We are always looking for volunteers for our committee's and if you would like to help in any way, take a look at the listing of our committee's in the newsletter and see if your interest and talent would be appreciated. The Board is your "family" that brings us all together.

I enjoy hearing from you about what is going on in the neighborhood. As always, I am available through my email (I am an email freak) or my phone so give me a call anytime with your good news (preferred), complaints, or reports.

The children will be heading off to school and I urge all our residents to be mindful of them walking to and from school to keep them safe.

So as we go forward to the busy season of back to school, planned events, the holidays and the winter – be happy and safe.

-Hildie Hilcarn31@aol.com

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In the coming months the City expects to receive new regulations from the EPA that seek to limit the amount of storm water entering our very own Accotink Creek. Not only are the lawn chemicals, litter, animal waste, oils and other debris that are swept into the creek with the water harmful, but the large quantity of water itself is eroding the stream beyond its capacity to support aquatic life. This is only the beginning, though, because our creek feeds the Chesapeake, literally. The EPA's focus on the Accotink is one indicator of how critical the health of our stream is to our region.

Buildings and paved areas in our city increase the amount of rain water that flows through the sewers and into the creeks. In fact, even lawn areas are only modestly better than paved areas because many lawn soils are compacted and grass roots are typically unable to retain significant amounts of water. Here in CCH we can each take steps around our yards and homes to reduce the amount of water and pollutants headed for the stream by creating rain gardens, using rain barrels, not using fertilizers and weed killers and picking up pet waste.

For more information check out:

Making a rain garden: http://www.pierce.wsu.edu/Lid/raingarden/Raingarden_handbook.pdf

Rain water collection basics: rainkc.com

The EPA and the Weather Channel put together a half hour video that explains the issue well at:

www.clu-in.org/asxfiles/afterthestorm.asx (Windows Media Player)

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/owow/nps/lid/

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

BLOCK CAPTAINS CORNER

Daylight hours are waning, and traffic now begins to thicken as summer traveler's return, their vacation hours spent. Maybe you visited a new leisure spot or tried a new activity. Maybe you just enjoyed the comfort of an old vacation spot with family or friends. Maybe staying home and paying down debt allowed for some home grown summer fun. In any case **welcome** back home to your home/neighborhood!

Welcome and thank you Marilyn Larsen our newest captain, and thanks to all captains for knocking on doors once again to aid in our Membership drive. Don't forget to check for e-mails, and please recycle your envelopes.

I am currently seeking a new Block Captain.

Please contact Steve Caruso at 703-273-3085 or smcestop@msn.com

DID YOU KNOW?

CCH Entrance Signs

Did you know who created our three CCH entrance signs many, many years ago? The credit goes to Stafford Markham of 3421 Park Hill Place.

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? **New this year, we have the option of joining or renewing for one or two years.** 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

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES VP, JENNIFER KELLY -

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LABOR DAY PICNIC Pot Luck on Monday, September 6, from 4-7 PM at The Commons Come meet your neighbor's, enjoy the entertainment, and show off your cooking and baking skills! CCH's Labor Day picnic is packed full of fun and eating. Thanks to our grilling Chef's, CCH will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, barbecue and drinks (if you have a special need bring your own drink). If you name begins with A-M, bring your favorite dessert to share and if your name begins with N-Z, wow us with your special side dish. Judges will have to determine a "best" from each category and prizes will be awarded! Entertainment this year will be the magician "THE GREAT ZUCCINI" - he will perform at 5:30PM so be sure to bring the kids. Our City police, firemen and some members of the Council will be available to speak to you about our wonderful City. If you would like to help call or email Social Chair Jennifer Kelly at jennfer.kelly@rmxtalk.com or 703 615 5412.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 31ST HALLOWEEN PARTY

Before the children go off to collect their "goodies", join us for a Halloween Pizza Party and Costume Parade! It will take place on Sunday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m. at The Commons. We hope to see you there! Questions? Call Tania at 703-273-1617 or Ttania.dedhem@gmail.com

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

Treasurer's Report for August

The current total balance of the CCHCA account is .\$4,175.45. This is comprised of \$1,403.67 in "Restricted" funds, and \$2,771.78 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, such as the Labor Day Picnic.

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

Hello Neighbors! It's already August and school will be starting soon. This means more cars, more people, more kids, buses and bikes out and about in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. Please be especially mindful of speed limits, crossing guards and crosswalks. Here are a few safety tips I found to share that are especially targeting the school year. They include tips for both parents and students. You can see a full list at: http://www.midlandsconnect.com/news/story.aspx?id=495863

Back to School Safety Tips

Walking:

- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice walking it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.
- Use the same route every day and avoid shortcuts.
- Walk to school with other students. There is strength in numbers.
- Teach children to recognize and obey traffic signals and pavement markings.
- Always look both ways before crossing the street at the corner and never enter streets from between parked cars or from behind shrubbery.
- Avoid talking to strangers and keep distance between themselves and any stranger attempting to approach or make contact with them. If a stranger approaches, tell a trusted adult such as a parent or teacher.
- Never get into a vehicle with a person even if you know them without your parents permission.

Riding Bicycles:

Bicycles are associated with more childhood injuries than any other consumer product except the car. To make sure children are safe when riding bicycles to school:

- Check with your school principal to make sure bicycles are allowed. Some schools do not allow students to ride bicycles until a specific grade.
- Make sure the student is wearing a helmet! Helmets can reduce the risk of head injury by as much as 85 percent.
- Obey rules of the road; the rules are the same for all vehicles, including bicycles.
- Stay on the right-hand side of the road and ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Know and use appropriate hand signals.
- Choose the safest route between home and school and practice it with children until they can demonstrate traffic safety awareness.

Driving (Parents or Guardians):

Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of unintentional injury-related deaths among children age 14 and under. To reduce the risk of injury:

- Always use child safety seats and safety belts correctly when driving or riding in a car.
- Arrive early- especially the first few weeks of school- and use the school's designated student drop- off and pick- up zone.
- Follow the designated procedures for Student Drop-Off or Pickup. This will assist in maintaining a timely flow of traffic.
- Maintain calmness and patience during the Dismissal or Drop-Off process. The normal procedures can be completed in a 30 minute window if there is patience and cooperation exhibited by all. Be a positive role model during this short period.
- Do not double park or make u-turns in front of the school or park in places that can obstruct the traffic flow and create hazardous conditions for pedestrians on campus.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE, ERNIE KLIMONDA EKLIMONDA@GMAIL.COM

Welcoming New Residents

Marcus and Maryanna Annibale and family of 3424 Andover Drive. 703-272-3491

mlannibale@yahoo.com marcus.annibale@yahoo.com

Michael and Jennifer Passey of 10109 Farmington Drive, 703-968-0510, 703-963-0503

mspassey@gmail.com jepassey@gmail.com

Stewart and Melissa Eastep of 10120 Spring Lake Terrace, 813-300-9790

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Keith and Stephanie Justen of 3420 Andover Drive © 971-227-8302

kjusten2@gmail.com

We wish them all a cordial welcome and hope they will enjoy living in CCH.

Homes fro Sale in CCH

10110 Farmington Drive

3414 Park Hill Place

COMMONS, NASRIN LESCURE — TONASRIN@YAHOO.COM

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	Now that it's getting cooler, let's make our Commons look great for our Labor Day Picnic. Bring	米
米	your favorite gardening tool and share it's use!	米
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### ELECTRONIC MEDIA, ERNIE KLIMONDA - EKLIMONDA@GMAIL.COM

### **CCHCA-Yahoo-Group**

Are you planning a yard sale? Don't forget to post (advertise) it on our Yahoo-Group!

It's free and effective! If the item is in good condition keep it inside and offer it to the community by posting it on our Yahoo-Newsgroup.

Not a member yet? Join, for free, of course, and be kept up-to-date on events and happenings in your CCH community. Are your neighbors members? Join the 300+ member residents and be part of the community. Your email address will be kept confidential if you so desire. You must be a paid up member of the CCH Civic Association in order to post messages on our CCH-Yahoo-Group. Send your \$10 to our membership Chair today and enjoy all the privileges included in the membership package.

### WWW.CCHCA.ORG

Can't find what you're looking for on our website? Try the new search box and get immediate results.

According to the hit-counter over twenty residents are viewing our website daily.

### WARNING!: Computer Virus.

If you happen to receive a request from an acquaintance "to become his/her friend" at **TUBELY**, please think twice before replying to the invitation. It's most probably a VIRUS which will infect your computer and forward this request to your entire address book. It happened to me. Delete the email and clean your machine with an anti-virus program.

### IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Windsor of 3413 Newbury Road passed away in July. Our wholehearted condolences go to her family. CCHCA

## COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB UPDATE, JOYCE SKOGLUND - JESKOGLUND@VERIZON.NET

The Garden Club had its most recent plant sale on May 22nd in conjunction with the annual yard sale of CCHCA. Members of the CHGC met and set-up at "The Commons" in preparation for the sale. The Club had over 125 plants for sale and sold them all at a very reasonable price. Not only did we sell plants, but also provided identification of plants, gave general gardening advice, information on how to grow particular plants, and recommended plants/bushes for our CHGC neighbors.

It was wonderful to get reacquainted with some former residents of CCH who heard about the plant sale and stopped by. We also had an opportunity to just visit with our neighbors. Thanks to everyone who stopped by.

Our programs for next year appear to be right on track with our plan to continue to provide garden information to our neighbors. Our next CHGC meeting will take place on September 14th at 10:00 a.m. Location TBD. For further information about joining the club or attending a meeting, please feel free to send me an e-mail or give me a call at 703-591-4017.

### JULY BEAUTY SPOT AWARD (NO PICTURE AVAILABLE)

The Beauty Spot for July has been awarded to Charlene MacVicar and Kathleen Miller of 10006 Boxford Ct. As we admire large clumps of airy lavender and white perennials against a pale yellow house, we are reminded of English country gardens – what are the odds of finding softly swaying flowers on a 96 degree day in the South?

Along the house front, gently moving triplet bushes pick up a slight breeze which seems to have been sent for our visit. Deep green, neatly trimmed lawn, like- new driveway, everything is fresh and sparkling. What a lovely place! Congratulations to Charlene and Kathleen for their hard work and devotion.

Polly Feuer, Polly Haecker for Country Hills Garden Club

### AUGUST BEAUTY SPOT AWARD (NO PICTURE AVAILABLE)

The Beauty Spot of the Month for August goes to Clifton and Sharon Fry. Sharon and Clifton: How DOES your garden grow - so tall and lush and strong in all this heat? We don't see a single rose or caladium leaf lying panting on the ground.

At the front of the house in front of brightly colored caladium of all shapes and sizes, a welcoming brick path curves around to a back patio (which we unfortunately can't see from the road). This is a lovely summer place on which to rest ones eyes for a few moments. Thank you Clifton and Sharon - and Congratulations!

Polly Haecker for Country Hills Garden Club, pollyhaecker@yahoo.com, 703-591-6494

### RECYCLING - REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE RESTORE

If you have re-usable items in good condition you can offer them to neighbors by posting a notice on our Yahoo-Newsgroup. Make arrangements for pick-up and out of courtesy to neighbors please avoid leaving items for pick-up out for more than a day. You can also join the yahoo group fairfaxfreecycle (you'd be surprised what people can use). For remodeling-related items such as old cabinets or working order, newerthan-10-year-old appliances give Restore, the Habitat for Humanity store, a call at 703-360-6700. They provide a pick-up service. - Submitted by Judy Fraser and Ernie Klimonda

### Lessons in Guitar and Saxophone

Offering summer rates for CCH residents. All ages are welcome. Call Tim for times and rates: Tim Carney at 703 383 4902 or timcarney1@cox.net.

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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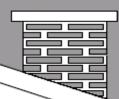
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