

## Letter from the President

In my last letter to the neighborhood, I had identified that the Board of Director's (BOD) goals for the Civic Association were to create a Safe, Fun and Welcoming neighborhood; but I'd like to add one more – Informed. I'd also like to take this opportunity to let you know the initiatives our board is taking to support those goals:

### SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Our Safety Liaison (Katie Baxter-Gagen) is spearheading an association fundraiser that will offer residents a low cost option to have their house numbers repainted at the curb, while raising money for the Civic Association. So, if you've been wanting to get that done – please consider 'hiring' your Civic Association Volunteers. See page 3 for more details.

- We are receiving regular reports from the Chief of Police regarding their efforts to increase traffic safety in the city, and by extension our neighborhood. See **Police Update: Project Safe Neighborhood** page 2.

### FUN NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Our Social Committee Chairs (Dia Pullen and Lee Faber) have been diligent in organizing and planning many fun filled social events. Most recently – our CCHCA Annual Picnic, which unfortunately (thanks to IVAN) has been rescheduled for 10/23/04, 12pm – 4pm. I hope that the postponement of the CCHCA Annual Picnic was the worst that IVAN had to offer you and your family, and remain equally hopeful that we'll see you at the rescheduled event.

- We are planning a birthday party for CCH. Did you know that the first phase of the development was completed fifty years ago, in 1954? We'd love to have a big soiree to celebrate our neighborhood's birthday. The results of our fundraising efforts mentioned above will dictate the size and scope of such a party.

- As a carry-over from the 2003-2004 BOD initiatives, we are continuing efforts to improve The Commons. A new pavilion will be constructed and (hopefully) in place by the end of this calendar year. According to the Parks and Recreation Department, the pavilion color scheme and 50 foot set back exception are with the Community Development Planning department for approval.

### WELCOMING NEIGHBORHOOD:

- Our Welcoming Committee (Hildie Carney and Courtney Ashmore) has been revitalized – ironically, the Committee Chair was vacated when the predecessor moved earlier this year. And while I hope each of you are doing your best to meet the new neighbors on

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## Block Party Rescheduled to Oct 23

**Saturday, Oct 23 from 12-4pm**

CCH Block Party! Food, music, games for the kids and adults too. More details on page 5. Please email [diapullen@hotmail.com](mailto:diapullen@hotmail.com) or [leef@cox.net](mailto:leef@cox.net) to volunteer for planning, setup or cleanup! Thanks!

**Mid December - Santa Visits**

Make reservations with Dia or Lee between Nov. 28 - Dec. 5 for Santa to visit your home in mid-December.

## CCHCA Semi-Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 20 at the John C. Woods Center, Room 6. Please bring your concerns and suggestions regarding our neighborhood to the annual meeting. All residents welcome!

## New Historian Looking for Old Stuff

The beginning of Country Club Hills dates back to 1954 as a subdivision of the historical Blenheim estate.

As the new CCHCA Historian I am asking readers (and especially any original owners) to look for any old documents, newspaper articles, newsletters, directories and/or pictures that you think might preserve the history of our neighborhood. If you have any such items or if you have any questions please call, write or email me today!

For instance, have you ever taken any pictures at CCH picnics or other events? That's the kind of stuff we need. Prints, slides, negatives or digital pics on CD are welcome. If you want to hold on to your photos or documents, no problem. We'll copy the items and return them to you undamaged in the original condition.

The historical documents and pictures can be viewed at the annual General Meeting of the CCHCA to be held this year on October 20 in room 6 in the John C. Wood Center from 7 to 10 p.m., or at any other time by contacting the Historian. Contact Ernie Klimonda at 703-591-0696 or [eklimonda@cox.net](mailto:eklimonda@cox.net).

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your street - please make sure to contact either Hildie (591-5305) or Courtney (277-2831) when you know of a new move in to Country Club Hills.

To the extent that our 'fun and safe' initiatives are successful, we hope that will translate to being a welcoming neighborhood as well.

#### INFORMED NEIGHBORHOOD:

Our BOD has made it a goal to have representation at every city council meeting starting in September. If you would like to join us, please feel free, we'd love to have you.

By using our CCHCA Yahoo!Group email list, CCHCA hopes to communicate to members information related to city and neighborhood activities. If you'd like to join the CCHCA Yahoo!Group, please send an email with your name, street address, and email address to [jilltoth@yahoo.com](mailto:jilltoth@yahoo.com).

Whatever priority you place on these goals, individually or collectively, I hope you understand the value that you bring to the association with your active membership! We currently have only 39% of our neighbors in active membership status, but our Membership Drive is still active. Dues are only \$10 for the year (May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2005). Please (re)activate your membership in the Civic Association now - see the last page of this newsletter for a blank membership form.

Lastly, please accept this as a personal invitation to attend our Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting on Oct 20 at 7:00 pm in Room 6 at the John C. Woods Center. We would love to hear your ideas about what would make our community a better place - and we'd like to ensure that we're not sitting in the room by ourselves.

As always, kind regards,  
Jill Toth

## Making CCH Safe

### Police Update: Project Safe Neighborhood

Of the 152 summonses issued as part of the Safe Neighborhood program in July, 40 were for speeding. Targeted violations during the first month were speeding, stop sign violations and turn restrictions in City neighborhoods. Officers also issued 70 warnings to drivers. During July, Police Department personnel dedicated nearly 143 hours to Safe Neighborhood enforcement.

The SpeedWatch trailers were deployed at six locations in July. Colonel Rappoport said that a positive result was that in most locations the average vehicle speed was at or below the 25 mile per hour speed limit.

"I am pleased and encouraged by the results of the first month of our Safe Neighborhood Program," Colonel Rappoport said. "It demonstrates that while many drivers are obeying our traffic laws, there still is a need for enforcement efforts to ensure the safety of our residents. We also believe this program will further enhance safety in our neighborhoods by serving as an additional deterrent to criminal activity."

Monthly tabulations of summonses and warnings will be available at the October 20<sup>th</sup> Semi-Annual General Membership Meeting.

If you have any issues or concerns regarding the safety of CCH that you would like to see the Civic Association help mediate, please feel to contact Katie Baxter-Gagen at 703-385-7737 or [katiepbg@yahoo.com](mailto:katiepbg@yahoo.com).



## The Commons

### Much, Much Mulch

A last minute effort was made to spread the humongous pile of mulch sitting on Spring Lake Terrace for over a month. On Saturday, Sept. 18, despite the winds and rains of Ivan (the terrible), many volunteers came out to spread the mulch around The Commons. Thanks to Ernie Klimonda, Bob Willard, Jenny Cox, Steve Lane, Sam Whetzel, Jay Whetzel for all their hard work.



*CCHCA mulch removal crew at The Commons on Sep. 18, 2004*

*(left to right: Ben Whetzel, Lisa Whetzel, Jay Whetzel, Sam Whetzel, Jenny Cox with daughter Celia, Steve Lane, Bob Willard)*

**VOTE!**



**It's not too late to register to vote.** You can register at Fairfax City General Registrar, Sisson House on 10455 Armstrong Street by 5pm on Mon., Oct. 4th.

### ***Get out the Vote on November 2***

Country Club Hills Votes in Precinct #2:  
John C. Wood Center, next to Police Station on 3730  
Old Lee Highway between 6am - 7pm  
Questions? Call (703) 385-7890  
Thanks,  
Paul Sullivan, VP of Civic Affairs

### **CCHCA Offers Curbside Painting**

Did you notice a company came around this summer and painted house numbers on curbs for \$20? Did you miss it? Did you hesitate because you weren't sure if the company was legit?

Well, here's your chance to make sure police and fire rescue will find your house in emergencies! CCHCA volunteers will conduct curbside painting for a mere \$15. \$15! And all proceeds go to CCHCA.

Please contact Katie Baxter-Gagen at 703-385-7737, [katiepbg@yahoo.com](mailto:katiepbg@yahoo.com) or respond to the poll on the yahoo group if you are interested in either volunteering your time and skills painting and/or you would like to have your house numbers painted on your curb. We need to have all orders in by October 15!

### **Rat and Mice Infestation**

Did you know that we are experiencing an increase in the rat and mice population? This is due to the influx of cicadas earlier this summer. The cicadas provided an increase in the food supply, which in turn increased the subsequent rodent populations. If you would like more information on checking for rodents, rodent proofing, or need assistance in controlling rodents, please contact the Fairfax County Health Department, Environmental Services Section at 703-246-2300.

## **City Seeks Input on Paving**

CCHCA recieved a letter regarding the paving on Old Lee Highway during September. Apparently, the City has received some negative feedback regarding the timing of the project. John Veneziano, Dir. of Public Works for Fairfax City stated several reasons for doing the work during the daytime:

(1) Nighttime work is noisy (2) Traffic volumes are moderate enough during the middle of the day that a one-lane construction zone can be maintained without creating significant backups (3) The City's Comprehensive Plan categorizes Old Lee Highway as a collector street, not an arterial (the State Rte. 237 designation was removed some time ago). (4) Work was scheduled (originally) while schools were on summer recess. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the City's control, the contractor was unable to meet the original schedule. Thus, the work was extended into the new school year.

The remainder of Old Lee Highway from Brookwood Drive to Layton Hall Drive is proposed to be paved next summer. In preparation for that work, the city is requesting feedback from the affected Civic and Homeowners Associations with respect to performing the work during the daytime versus the nighttime. Nighttime work would typically start at 8pm and end at 5am. The advantages are that the contractor has more hours to work per day and less traffic with which to contend. The disadvantages are mainly the noise disturbing nearby residents.

Your opinion on this issue is important. **Please let John Veneziano know your preference by calling 703-385-7810.**

## **2004 School Bond Referendum**



The School Bond Referendum in November is proposing a redesign and renovation of Lanier Middle School and Fairfax High School. If you'd like more information about the referendum, please plan to attend one of the School Board's Community Presentations on the subject:

Oct 14 at 7pm at Providence Elementary School Cafeteria  
Oct 20 at 7:30pm at Fairfax High School Choral Room  
Oct 21 at 7:30pm at Lanier Middle School Auditorium  
Oct 28 at 7pm at Daniels Run Elementary School Cafeteria

If you'd like more information regarding these presentations, please call 703-385-7911.



## Join the CCH Yahoo Group

If you would like to receive e-mail updates about happenings in CCH, please consider joining the CCHCA Yahoo Group. To subscribe, send an email (from the e-mail account you wish to subscribe) to [CCHCA-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:CCHCA-subscribe@yahoo.com). In the body of the e-mail, state your name and address (street number and name only). Once subscribed, you will receive notices regarding CCH events – like the annual picnic, membership meetings, holiday festivities, etc. Please be assured that all addresses are protected. Your e-mail address will not be sold for SPAM. If you have any questions about the intent or usage of the CCHCA Yahoo Group, please forward them by e-mail to Jill Toth at [jilltoth@yahoo.com](mailto:jilltoth@yahoo.com).

## CCH-OLH Babysitting Co-op



If you're a parent and need to get something done without your kids in tow, or you just have to get out of the house once in a while, the Sitters Club may be your answer. This organization has existed for almost 40 years and includes members from the Old Lee Hills and Country Club Hills neighborhoods.

They operate by sitting for one another, using play money (or scrips) instead of real money. You choose who you want to sit for and who will sit for you. The sits are mostly, but not restricted to, weekdays when spouses are at work.

They have monthly meetings in the evening held at a member home on a rotating basis. They also have various playdates throughout the month to get better acquainted. For more information, call Janis Murray at 703-383-3436; [janice\\_downey@att.net](mailto:janice_downey@att.net) or call Alexis Adamson at 703-278-9636;

[anra5667@hotmail.com](mailto:anra5667@hotmail.com).

## FALL into Good Health, a Health Fair for all ages!

Located at Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Avenue, Fairfax, VA 703/ 591-3120 on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 10am to 1pm.

The following services/demonstrations are free of charge: Blood Pressure Check, Chair Massages, Child Safety Seat Installation by FFX Police, Nutrition/Body Mass Index, and Sight and Hearing Van. For a nominal fee you can also receive a flu shot (\$20) or Cholesterol/HDL/Glucose Screening (\$5). Kids - bring your doll or teddy bear for a physical. Also watch for the magician who will do magic tricks and make a balloon animal for you. For more information, please call FUMC 703-591-3120.

## Photo Retouching & Reconstructing

Do you have any old (torn, damaged) family photographs that need to be retouched or reconstructed? Got any recent photos that need to be improved? Are some of your pictures too dark or out of focus? Need to remove some items (or people!!) from some photos? They can be fixed for a nominal fee. **All proceeds go to CCHCA!**

Contact Ernie Klimonda at 703-591-0696 or [eklimonda@cox.net](mailto:eklimonda@cox.net)

## Ski Chalet Rental

The almanacs say 2004-2005 will be a great ski season - crisp, cool, and snowy. It's time to start thinking about rental places!

CCH neighbors are offering a ski-in, ski-out slopeside chalet for rent at Blue Knob, Pennsylvania's highest skiable mountain. The cedar A-frame house has been newly refurnished and equipped. It sleeps 14-18 in four bedrooms (including a big kids' room with two bunkbeds and two double futons) plus two pull-out couches, and has a hot tub, three TVs, a big double garage with ski storage and air hockey table, and beautiful views out over the valley. Blue Knob is less than a three-hour drive away, straight up I-70 and one exit along the PA turnpike.

Off-season rentals are available as well — Blue Knob has hiking and mountain bike trails, a golf course, two pools, tennis courts, and ATV rentals.

Call Steven and Debbie Lane at 703-352-6217 or [lane.link@verizon.net](mailto:lane.link@verizon.net) for rates and more information.

## New Home Sales

Source: *The City Assessment Office, City of Fairfax, VA*

NOTE: Records for home sales are filed first with Fairfax County and then fed over to Fairfax City. The City Assessment Office updates their database on a monthly basis - hence the gap in the sales dates.

For the period of 01/01/2004 to 09/20/2004:

Address	Sale Date	Sale Price
3513 Spring Lake Terrace	1/21/04	\$ 366,000
10005 Boxford Court	2/06/04	\$ 385,000
10012 Morningside Court	2/27/04	\$ 389,000
10119 Farmington Drive	3/23/04	\$ 380,000
3433 Brookwood Drive	4/20/04	\$ 440,000
10102 Capeway Court	4/22/04	\$ 425,000
3407 Andover Drive	5/06/04	\$ 407,000
10018 Morningside Court	5/21/04	\$ 440,000
10103 Cornwall Road	6/02/04	\$ 455,000
10109 Farmington Drive	6/22/04	\$ 450,000
3416 Park Hill Place	7/20/04	\$ 445,000
9919 Pinehurst Avenue	7/26/04	\$ 413,000
<b>Average</b>		<b>\$ 416,250</b>

## Ode To A Picnic

It rained out our picnic,  
We made the call late.  
We wanted a chance  
to play croquet and eat.  
But the rain and the mud,  
Made it too wet to play,  
and the wind would have blown  
all that good food away.  
So to schedule a new date  
We thought and we "knew"  
That the 23rd of October  
Was the date we must choose.  
We'll make the time early,  
12 - 4, and let's say  
If it rains we go indoors  
And we'll eat and we'll play.  
So, we hope you're not angry,  
We hope you're not sad,  
And we hope you come out  
Bring your mom and your dad,  
Bring your brother, your sister,  
Your dish that's to share  
And we'll make this October  
A merry affair...See you there!  
*by Lee Faber*

## (Rescheduled) Block Party!

with a Halloween twist



Saturday, Oct 23

12noon - 4pm

at The Commons

BBQ by Red Hot & Blue

Bring a side dish or dessert to share

Music Provided by You!

Bring your favorite CD or Tape and we  
will play a selection or two

Games for all ages

Moon bounce

Temporary Tattoos

Face Painting



costumes encouraged for all ages!  
but not required

Any questions?

Call Dia @ 703-352-8670 or Lee @ 703-273-0829

Rain Location is JC Woods Center, Rm 8, Oct 23

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## Welcoming New Neighbors

Please help us welcome new neighbors!  
Call Hildie Carney, Welcoming Chair, at 703-591-5305 or email her at [hilcarn31@aol.com](mailto:hilcarn31@aol.com) with the name and/or address of the new moved in neighbor (they can also be renters).

### Request for Contractor Information:

Have you replaced/repared your sewer line in the last three years?? If so, I would be very interested in your feedback, both positive and negative, as well as the referrals of the contractors you feel offered a positive experience. Please contact Livingston Johnson at 703-591-0014 or [snowpusher@att.net](mailto:snowpusher@att.net).

## For Sale



For Sale: 1988 Chevy Astro Van  
Recently replaced engine and  
transmission. Needs some repair.  
Call 703 591 5305 or 383 4902

## COMING EVENTS

### CCH CALENDAR

Oct 20	CCH Semi Annual Meeting
Oct 23	CCHCA Block Party
Nov 20-21	Fairfax City Holiday Craft Show
Nov 28	Make reservations for Santa Visits

For more information on any city-sponsored event, or on any of the city's programs and services, visit the City of Fairfax Web site at [www.ci.fairfax.va.us](http://www.ci.fairfax.va.us).

### From the Editor:

Have questions or comments about the newsletter? This newsletter belongs to you. We accept ads for services or items for sale or donation. Contact Lisa Whetzel, Eccho editor, at [whetzelink@aol.com](mailto:whetzelink@aol.com) or 703-383-5989.

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## Benefits of Joining the Country Club Hills Civic Association

By Olivier Denier Long, Esq., VP for Membership

Country Club Hills ("CCH") membership includes 124 families, or 39% of the households in our community. Participation has never been higher, and for good reason.

*See how many membership advantages you find in this list—*

✓ **CCH Website:**

- ◆ Calendar of City and CCH Events;
- ◆ CCH Officer Contacts;
- ◆ Community Improvement Projects;
- ◆ Suggestions regarding Sun Room / Deck / Carport Conversion / Painting / Home Improvement Contractors, Pavers and Landscapers;
- ◆ Maps;
- ◆ City Hall Contacts; and
- ◆ The latest updates on hot topics like the Lee Highway Widening (Will the noise be in the daytime or at night?); the School Bond Referendum and Fairfax High School Renovation Plans; the City's Bicentennial; and Downtown R Redevelopment.

✓ **Quarterly Newsletter:**

- ◆ Possible guest columnists like Mayor Robert Lederer, City Councilwoman Patrice Winter, CCHCA President Jill Toth, and City Parks and Recreation Director Mike Cadwallader;
- ◆ Biographical Feature of a Distinguished Resident;
- ◆ Sales and Listings Reports; and
- ◆ Topical Stories such as perhaps a report on the Finances and Activities of the CCH / Old Lee Hills Community Pool and Tennis Courts, and Improvements to our New Park at the Bottom of Brookwood Drive.

✓ **Yahoo Newsgroup** (Quick access to dozens of other CCH Members);

✓ **Increased Influence** (When CCH officers appear on your behalf before the Fairfax City Council);

✓ **Neighborhood Watch Program;**

✓ **Meeting Neighbors;**

✓ **Obtaining Economical, Reliable Services** (Like yard work, small fix-it jobs, house sitting, pet sitting and baby sitting);

✓ **Community Activities;** and

✓ **Improving the Comfort, Attractiveness and Value of Your Home.**

As you can see, few investments offer such a substantial return as **\$10** for a year of dues paid to Country Club Hills Civic Association.

Indeed, possibly no other civic association in the City of Fairfax has so effectively advanced an agenda before the City Council in the past eighteen months. CCH has taken persuasive positions on issues that include the open space at Rebel Run and Lee Highway, the Blenheim Estate, improvements for our new park - "The Commons," the scheduled new "Stub Park" at the northwest corner of Spring Lake Terrace, and whether to retain the Police Station at the John C. Wood Center site.

***Please join (or renew) today, by sending your check to Country Club Hills Civic Association, c/o Olivier Denier Long, Esq., Vice-President for Membership, 3423 Brookwood Drive, Fairfax VA 22030-2043.***

The more members we have the more powerfully we can lobby. Besides, increased participation means more benefits we can offer each other!