

Country Club Hills'

NEWSLETTER

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NOT NECESSARILY MINUTE BY MINUTE

The CCH General Membership Meeting on April 25th at Layton Hall School was called to order by Henry Schneider. Following Mr. Schneider's welcome, a Treasurer's report from Fred Magnussen showed a balance of \$673.48 in the CCHCA treasury as of March 14, 1984.-----Mary Roper presented the proposed BY-LAWS to the membership; and after considerable discussion, the BY-LAWS were adopted, subject to amendments for inclusion at a later date. A revised copy of the BY-LAWS will be included in the CCHCA DIRECTORY which will be ready for the press during the first week in June. "Old Business" concluded with the presentation of the slate of officers for the '84-'85 year. Congratulations to the following new officers of the Executive Board.

President-	Norman Desmarais	273-7197
Vice Pres., Civic Affairs	Larry Larsen	273-3797
Vice Pres., Block Watch	Bill Craig	273-9302
Vice Pres., Publications	Marilyn Larsen	273-3797 or 5595
Vice Pres., Membership	Irene Denhardt	273-4291
Vice Pres., Block Captains	Linda Stafford	591-4751
Vice Pres., Social Activ.	Randy Jayne	352-1534
Treasurer of the Corp.	Bob Gatz	273-3037
Secretary of the Corp.	Joyce Skoglund	591-4017

President Norman Desmarais introduced Mr. Don Mathison of Media General who provided the membership with a slide presentation demonstrating the different cable t.v. plans and prices that will be available to us before September. The scheduled programs, ranging from high-tech information to Oscar winning movies, will no doubt eliminate the phrase "boob tube" from the 80's vocabulary. It was obvious that the members are looking forward to "cable-by-the-fireside" come early fall.

The heroes of the evening, without a doubt, were the Stafford Builders. The Staffords donated \$100.00 to the CCHCA Block Watch Program in order to help defray the cost of printing patrol manuals for the Block Watch patrols. In addition, the Staffords said they plan to give a \$1,000.00 finder's fee to any member who finds a legitimate buyer for one of the 12 new homes currently being built along Spring Lake Terrace. Magnanimity lives on, folks. As if that weren't enough, Tom Stafford added a matching gift of \$200.00 to the Association for every member who finds a buyer. The meeting adjourned at 9:49 p.m., and the members scurried home in the drizzle. Although only the daffodils were in full bloom, it certainly looked as if everything was coming up roses.

SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

We can envision few community events that might be more fun for the neighborhood than Block Parties. Nothing beats the wide, free expanse of open road filled with elated toddlers running fearlessly along every inch of the usually forbidden by-way. Bordered by

tables filled with pot luck samplers and simmering charbroiled steaks and hamburgers, the Block Party exists for the simple pleasures in life--good food, good friends, and lots of home town fun. Make this vision of summer a reality...get into the planning stage now...call Randy Jayne at 352-1534 if you have any ideas or suggestions.

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER-aka "Notes from Norm"

Your Civic Association is back in business, but it needs the support of every family in Country Club Hills. Of the 304 families in the community, at this writing only 80 are now members. That's not enough. If you haven't joined yet, I urge you to do so. The Association cannot survive without full participation by all CCH residents (owners and renters). Your Block Captain would be happy to sign you up. For your convenience, your Block Captain's name and telephone number are written on the front of the newsletter. Whether you are a member or not, you will receive a monthly newsletter. We hope it will be useful, and we'll try to make it responsive to your needs. All of us on the Executive Board are enthusiastic over our new duties, and we want to thank you for your confidence in electing us. We want the Association to serve you, and we welcome your ideas and comments--complaints, too. At our first Executive Board meeting, we all agreed on this--the Association must take the lead in rekindling PRIDE in our CCH community. Join us!

Norm Desmarais

P.S. I'm looking into putting up signs at the three CCH entrances. Any suggestions? Give me a call.



BLOCK WATCH

In case you haven't noticed, there's something new in CCH. All 6 signs for the Block Watch Program have been put up at the following locations: 1) at each of the CCH entrances from Old Lee Highway, totalling (3); 1) at the footpath across Spring Lake Terrace into Jean Street; 1) at the Fairfax High School footpath; 1) at the walker's entrance into the St. Leo area.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Block Watch Patrols will have patrolled your area. These patrols will be in constant CB communication with a Base Station. In addition, each patrol car will be equipped with magnetic signs for each car door. The words "BLOCK WATCH -COUNTRY CLUB HILLS" are printed on these signs in night reflective material. Any suspicious activity observed by the patrols will be reported to our PCPD for appropriate action.

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile program, please call Bill Craig at 273-9302, or call any one of the following Team Leaders:

Team #1- Toni Allee 385-3457

Team #2- Bob LaPolla 273-1915

Team #3- Ed Tierney 273-2254

Team #4- Bill Smith 273-0670

Team #5- Bill Albright 273-6895

Team #6- Stan Lach 273-5699

NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE-MAY 26th If it's true that "one man's junk is another man's treasure," then we may all be able to tell whatever's in the Sierra Madre to move over on Saturday, May 26th, when CCH will hold a grand neighborhood yard sale. Scheduled for 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the yard sale promises to give delight to the browsers, bargains to the buyers, and profits to the sellers. Come early for set up, and bring plenty of change. Set up will take place at the "green space" on Spring Lake Terrace. Advertising and permits have been taken care of, so start digging into those closets-- and come up with the treasures we're all waiting for! See you on the 26th. Rain date- the 27th.

HELP

It must be difficult to go through life without a name. Hey, WHATCHACALLIT, how's it going? Not so bad, WIDGIT...D'jya see WHATSHERFACE at WHATSHISNAME'S last night? Our newsletter is really insulted. To date, only 7 entries in contention. There's got to be more to life than being called The Daily News, The Post, or The Journal. Yawn. Name our newsletter..drop off entries at Marilyn Larsen's house, 3406 Country Hill Drive, or call 273-3797 or 5595.

Newsletter deadline has been changed from the 25th to the 20th of each month. All school reporters, Board submissions, and classified information should be in no later than the 20th. There's no need to write anything- just submit the facts, and we'll take it from there.

REPORT

CIVIC NEWS BRIEFS

- City Council unanimously approved the City Manager's \$22 million Budget on April 10th with only a few changes. In the Personnel area, an additional three firemen and a collections specialist position for the Revenue Office were added to the proposed budget.--There should be a net real reduction of about \$65.00 in most of your annual tax bills. Most CCH 1984 home assessments remained unchanged from 1983 while the proposed budget contains a 7 cent reduction per \$100 of assessed value. Note: A future issue of the CCH newsletter will have an article on how assessments are determined---and vary from house to house.

- THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION will be over by the time many of you receive the newsletter. Next month's issue will cover the election for your convenience. Candidate's night at Layton Hall School on April 25th was well represented by your Executive Board; perhaps next time, CCH will sponsor a Candidate's Night of its own if sufficient interest exists.

- Your CCHCA Board desires feedback from the membership on two issues which will shortly be coming before the City Council. 1) What position, if any, should CCH take on the future use of the Fairfax Elementary School property, more recently the Police Academy at the corner of Locust and Main. Your position/input is needed by 20 May. 2) What position, if any, should CCH take on the issue of whether or not some private streets in the City (Comstock, Fairfax Square, Mosby Woods Courts, Jermantown Apts.) should be accepted into the City system if offered.

- An informal request from three other civic associations has been received by CCH to join them in open opposition to the Fairfax County plan for helicopter traffic patterns into and out of the Massey Building area. Please let any Board member know of your position, or write/call Larry Larsen.

- On April 24th, the City Council selected and appointed seven members to the Commission for Women. Appointed were Betsy Beckman, Elizabeth DaGata, Marilyn Larsen, Susan Maslar, Lisa Moeller, Phylis Salak, and Joey Stephens. The Commission was established to identify the needs of women, children, single parents, men or women, and the elderly in Fairfax City.

ORANGEBURG--IT'S NOT THE BIRTHPLACE OF O.J. SIMPSON

We know it as "Orangeburg"--- actually, it is "bituminous fiber piping"---called Orangeburg after the Orangeburg, South Carolina town which supplied much of the piping to this part of the country back when our homes were being built. Thirty years ago, this asphalt-impregnated fiber, called tar paper in some plumbing circles, was used as the chief pipe system for the sewer line running from our homes to the main City sewer lines. It's life expectancy is about 20 years. (Isn't it nice to know that we're flushing on borrowed time?). Some of us have been luckier than others---we have not yet had to incur the inconvenience and the significant expense (\$1900 plus) of replacing this pipe system with the recommended material, PVC. Nevertheless, there are many residents who have had to deal with this bane of our existence. As a result, our neighbors have been able to come up with recommendations and/or references for those companies that have provided service in this area. In next month's newsletter, a list of "services rendered" will offer residents the names and addresses of those companies or concerns that have contracted with some of us for a variety of repair and/or improvement services. Although the "Orangeburg Scourge" heroes will head the list, other repair/improvement providers for driveways, siding, soffits, gutters, roofing, etc. will be included. Each member of the Board has been working independently in order to secure as many names as possible of companies that have contracted with our CCH residents. If you care to share some of your experiences with us, whether or not those experiences have been pleasant or unpleasant, please call one of the Board members. Through some ardent leg work and thorough investigation, we plan to come up with several companies that might offer discount rates and services to us as a community. Please call---your input will save some of your neighbors valuable time, effort, and \$\$\$.

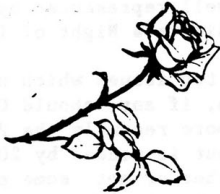
IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

The following telephone numbers represent only a fraction of the numbers that will be listed for you in the new DIRECTORY :

Animal Control	385-7924
Central Library	691-2741
City News Recording	273-1776
Schools-Layton Hall	273-3643
Fairfax High	591-8350
Sidney Lanier	273-0790
Trash and Refuse P-Up	385-7825
Poison Control	698-3600
Police Non Emergency	385-7924



MEMO



GARDEN CLUB NOTES

Many residents are busy with spring yard work, much of which entails tree and brush trimming. There's no need to look for a way to haul the limbs or brush from your premises, for the City has a special service to help us out. The number to call for special brush pick up is 385-7835. Place brush and limbs at curbside on Sunday evenings prior to the Monday pick up. If you call before 6:00 a.m. Mondays, you'll be placed on the schedule for that morning.

The Garden Club selects a "Beauty Spot of the Month" each month from April through October. The Club places the Beauty Spot sign on the winner's lawn where it remains for the entire month. It's a nice way of saying how much the community appreciates what you are doing to make our neighborhood more beautiful.

HEARD AROUND THE HILLS

You can tell spring has sprung...the residents are out in force weeding, planting, trimming. On rare occasions, however, one does run into the proverbial spring Scrooge. Last week I

asked some guy down the street what he fed his lawn. He looked at me as if I were nuts and quickly replied, "I don't believe in feeding my lawn. If it's hungry, let it go out and work like I did!" Some of us go to the opposite extreme...we feed, we fertilize...we do everything humanly possible to come up with GREEN. Often, our attempts are futile. Why, only this morning I went out to work on the lawn, and I heard a chorus of dandelions singing "We Shall Overcome."

CLASSIFIED

The classified ads paid off last month--Bill Craig sold some of his screens and his lawn mower, and a CCH employer who needed an Admin Assistant hired a CCH resident! Nothing like keeping it in the family. Perhaps the same good luck will come from the following:

CROSSING GUARD WANTED--Oakton High School Crossing Guard wanted for two hours each day. \$6.00 per hour to start. Includes uniform, paid holidays, and a great retirement program. H.S. Diploma or GED required. Call Sylvia Clarke at 644-0421.

CAR POOL MEMBER NEEDED--To D.C.-K Street Corridor, vicinity 23rd to 11th Streets. Leave CCH approx. 7:40, depart D.C. approx. 5:15. \$45.00 per month. Call Liz Davey-628-0514

WHAT'S THE BEST BARGAIN IN TOWN? -CCHCA MEMBERSHIP--- \$2.00--SEE YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN TODAY OR CALL IRENE DENHARDT AT 273-4291.

STUMPED NO LONGER

If you've ever driven down Broad Street, right before you get to Cherry Road in Falls Church, you've probably seen a lovely little park with a welcoming, Gatsby-like gazebo in its center. Inscribed on the bronze plaque at the gazebo's threshold, are the words "The Donald S. Frady Park."

Donald Frady was the Director of Public Works and the City Forester for Falls Church back in 1950. It was Mr. Frady who was responsible for the beautification plans for the City of Falls Church from 1950 until his retirement in 1975. Mr. Frady is now giving his many years of experience to the City of Fairfax as Arborist and Special Consultant. "So you want to know about those tree stumps on Brookwood, eh?" Mr. Frady asked with apparent pride and delight as he proceeded to explain the short and long range plans to beautify all the communities and developments in Fairfax City.

It seems that over the years, the Public Works Department discovered that certain kinds of trees are best suited for planting near sidewalks and concrete structures. Unfortunately, trees such as the ones we have along Brookwood and throughout the development, crab apple trees, are not the kind that should have been planted there when the development was established. Crab apple trees have thick, bulging, hard root systems. Eventually, these systems can break through nearby concrete, resulting in dangers and eyesores along the sidewalks and by-ways of a community. That's exactly what happened along Brookwood. Recently, the crab apple trees were cut down to four foot stumps, but they will soon be dug out and completely removed before the summer. Following the stump removal, the City will replant in the same areas...dogwoods or other blossom trees that have tender, small root systems will be used. Mr. Frady has no intention of planting tiny saplings. To the contrary, he intends to plant good-sized, thick-trunked trees that will produce both shade and blossoms during the following season. Kudos to Mr. Frady and to the Department of Public Works for their commitment to a very worthwhile project in CCH and in the entire City of Fairfax.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

The Commission for Women needs input from all City residents concerning problems they have faced in seeking meaningful employment, legal assistance, housing, emotional support, financial management, and transportation. Task Forces for these, and other areas of human services, are currently being established by the Commission. The Commission has set up a Career Strategy/Reentry Employment Seminar to be held in late May or early June. If you would like additional information on this program, or if you would like to serve as a member of one of the Task Forces, please call Marilyn Larsen at 273-3797 or 5595 (w).

Dateline

WHO'S NEWS

Donna Adamek, eat your heart out. When Country Club Hills gals go to a bowling tournament, they go to win! At this writing, our neighbors, Dorothy Willard, Flo Machinski, and Jean Agnew will be bowling their hearts out in the 1984 Virginia State Bowling Tournament in Richmond. We hope the luck of CCH holds out for them!

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