

**CCH BLOCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 7. CHANCE OF FUN 96%. SEE YOU THERE.**

## **Another Eccho**

"Well it's that time again," these things always begin. Which is newsletter editor shorthand for "God, is it really time to do this again? Let's see - has anything happened since last time?"

It *has* come around awfully fast. Work and life have intervened, and *ECCHO* staff have spent some time on location at the beach and on the vacation beat in New Hampshire. And I'm afraid some of the half-promises made in volume 1 will be unkept — no gossip column or cartoons (yet), and no penetrating six-part series on the strip mall and suburban angst.

So no Pulitzer this year. But there is actually quite a bit to report, and report it we have, in handy bite-size nuggets on the following pages. A lot has happened in our fair city since May — Family Fun Fest, Civil War Days, Historic Homes tour, a community yard sale, July 4th parade, a pool party with the mayor, National Night Out, and several more prosaic but perhaps ultimately more important happenings, to do with roads and crosswalks and city planning and the like.

We have a new board, under the able leadership of new president Paul Sullivan, who actually did a lot of the work for this newsletter. He's very energetic and politically savvy, and seems to know how to get things done in the City. I look forward to working with him and the rest of the board.

Until its that time again . . .

## **May Membership Meeting**

The spring membership meeting was held at the Wood Center on May 21. Attendees were few in number (perhaps 20 people showed up altogether) but lively and engaged. We received a visit from new Mayor elect Rob Lederer, who shared some thoughts on growth in the city and pledged to keep open lines of communication with CCHCA and other civic associations.

The first order of business was to elect a new board of directors (see page 2). After the election, new president Paul Sullivan took the gavel and presided over a productive meeting. Among the actions were

- Appointment of a historian, Ingrid Annibale, to compile scrapbooks and maintain items of historical interest to CCHCA. Joyce Skoglund and Sharon Leasure also volunteered to help.
- A motion to write a letter to the city manager, mayor,

## **BLOCK PARTY EXPECTED TO DRAW CROWDS**

The biggest event of the CCH annual social calendar is coming up in just a couple of weeks: The CCH Block Party. September 7, 4:00-8:00 p.m. on the common area on Spring Lake Terrace. Don't miss it! This is a great chance to meet your neighbors.

All kinds of fun and games and food are planned. For kids, there will be a moonbounce, games, and, as always, the chance to run around and yell. For everybody, hamburgers, hot dogs, and condiments will be provided. Plus music!

Please bring your own drinks and lawn chairs. Also, if your last name begins with A through K, bring a side dish; for L to Zers, bring a dessert. There will be prizes for the best dessert and best side dish.

The organizers are looking for a few middle and high schoolers who need community service credit to help set up, clean up, and run activities for kids. Please contact Debbie Lane at 703-352-6217 if you are interested. Adult volunteers are welcome too.

Note: There will be a membership table at the picnic, and you are encouraged to stop by to pay dues for 2002-2003. There is no entrance fee, but the party is financed by CCHCA dues, which are \$10 for the year. And, of course, the more families pay *dues*, the more we can *do*.

Thanks to Debbie Lane and Lisa Whetzel for organizing what promises to be a terrific afternoon.



and city council, expressing concern about a proposed 4-story hotel to be built at the corner of Rebel Run and Route 50. (Since that meeting, the city council has voted to purchase the land.)

- Reading of a letter from the City of Fairfax awarding CCHCA a \$3,000 grant from the city's Task Force for a More Livable City of Fairfax.

Other items discussed were ownership and potential uses of the "common area" at Brookwood and Spring Lake Terrace; traffic issues, particularly the difficulty of getting in and out of the CCH subdivision; and various social events.

## Board of Directors

The new board met for the first time on July 2, and again on August 1. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 25**. If you have issues you would like the board to discuss, please contact the appropriate board member at least a week prior to that date. The CCHCA Board of Directors for 2002-2003 are:

President	Paul Sullivan 3302 Spring Lake Court 703-293-9774; <i>paulsullivan99@hotmail.com</i>
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Secretary	Nancy Jones 3506 Spring Lake Terrace 703-591-2284; <i>anjonesfx@cox.rr.com</i>
Treasurer	David Oliver 3400 Country Hill Drive 703-352-3955; <i>davidkoliver31@aol.com</i>

## Committee Chairs

Welcoming Cmte.	Sharon Leasure 10012 Morningside Court 703-267-6163; <i>sharonLL1@att.net</i>
Historian	Ingrid Annibale 3424 Andover Drive 703-691-1087; <i>jannibale@cox.net</i>
Grant Committee	Jill Toth
Bylaws Committee	Ingrid Annibale, David Oliver

## 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 e-mail (from the e-mail account you wish to subscribe) to *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, yard sales 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 CCH Yahoo Group, please forward them by e-mail to Jill Toth at *jilltoth@yahoo.com*.

## Back to School . . . for Fun?



The Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI), operated by Elderhostel and George Mason University, is holding a Back to School Open House on Tuesday, **September 3**, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.,

at the Tallwood House Annex, 4210 Roberts Rd., on the edge of the GMU campus.

LRI offers undergraduate-level courses in a variety of disciplines — music, arts, drama, philosophy, religion, science, history, and more. Courses are taught by “highly qualified members and volunteers,” according to LRI, which also runs visits to museums, lunches, theatre trips, and visits to other local sites of historical or cultural interest.

For more information, please contact the LRI office at 703-503-3384, or call Art Cook at 703-764-2993.

## Historian Seeks CCH Memorabilia

Newly appointed CCH historian Ingrid Annibale would appreciate the assistance of all CCHers, especially those of a more mature vintage, in providing material for her official CCHCA scrapbooks. If you have any photos, news clippings, posters, flyers, official documents (meeting minutes, old bylaws, incorporation documents) and don't mind bequeathing them to CCH for posterity, please contact Ingrid at 703-691-1087, *jannibale@cox.net*.

The scrapbooks will be available for viewing at CCH functions throughout the year — membership meetings, the annual picnic etc., and by appointment.

## CCHCA Awarded Community Grant

The association was awarded a grant of \$3,000 through the Fairfax City Grant Competition. This program is designed to assist city civic/homeowners associations with funds for activities such as community beautification, organization, outreach, etc. Half of the grant has already been used to reimburse the association for funds expended on the new entrance signs installed in 2001.

The other half — \$1,500 — is up for grabs, and the BOD is looking for ideas. Please contribute your ideas for the remaining portion of the grant to Jill Toth, chair, grant committee, by e-mail to [jilltoth@yahoo.com](mailto:jilltoth@yahoo.com) no later than **September 7**. Jill will also be available at the community picnic, staffing a membership table. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Old Lee Highway To Get Facelift

The City of Fairfax plans to improve Old Lee Highway, from the police station to the Artie's restaurant. The City's long-term conceptual goal is to make the road safer, more uniform, and pleasing to view.

During June and July, the City's Community Appearance Committee, headed by Don Lederer, met with representatives of the four neighborhoods that would be affected by the road work: Country Club Hills, Fairfax Oaks, Great Oaks, and Old Lee Hills.

In concept, all of the associations tentatively agreed to the City's draft plan, with some minor exceptions. In brief, the proposed roadway will feature one 12-foot lane in each direction. The north side of the road (the CCH side), will feature trees and a 10-foot bike/pedestrian path. The south side of the road (the Old Lee Hills side), will feature trees and a 4-foot sidewalk.

The next step will be for the mayor and City Council to review the draft plans for inclusion in long-term planning and budgeting. The road work will begin at Layton Hall Drive and end at Accontink Creek.

The road improvement process, from concept, through planning and budgeting, to actual construction, may take several years. The input of local residents is critical to ensuring that the final road meets the needs of local residents.

To view a color version of the plan and share your views about the need to complete this important project, please contact Don Lederer and the Community Appearance Committee at City Hall at 703-385-7995.

CCHCA intends to remain active in this process and will share views presented by residents with the City.

## CCHCA Stops Motel Plans

*100 Room Holiday Inn at Rebel Run and Lee Hwy Blocked*

In May, CCHCA, stopped Holiday Inn from building a four-story 100-room budget motel at the intersection of Rebel Run and Lee Highway.

At the annual membership meeting in May, members of the CCHCA voted unanimously to send a letter to Fairfax City expressing concern over traffic and other problems a motel would potentially cause at the northwest corner of our residential community.

The association presented its letter and concerns at the May 28th City Council meeting. The council added the issue to their agenda that night and voted 5-1 to begin the condemnation process. The City Council, following the intent of voters in the recent special referendum, decided our limited open space should be saved and our residential neighborhood should be protected from encroaching commercial development.

As a result of CCHCA's input and the City Council's fast response to community needs, the proposed motel site will be guaranteed to remain as wooded open space as soon as the City completes the condemnation process. The City will advise CCHCA when the legal process is completed.

A letter has been sent to the City Council, thanking them for their responsiveness. The CCHCA board thanks the membership for bringing this issue to its attention.

## Residents Complain of Electrical Problems

Several residents have recently complained to the CCHCA Board about frequent power surges and power outages.

Our neighbors are increasingly upset because Dominion Power reportedly refuses to address this very important safety issue. Common complaints show a pattern of power surges knocking out televisions, DVD players, VCR players, computers, and other appliances, even when there are surge protectors. In many cases, residents are faced with buying new TVs and other electronic equipment, sometimes costing in the thousands of dollars. And these costs aren't covered by insurance or Dominion Power.

If your home has experienced recent power surges or power outages, and you've called or written Dominion Power to complain, please send an e-mail to Paul Sullivan, president, CCHCA, at [paulsullivan99@hotmail.com](mailto:paulsullivan99@hotmail.com).

Many residents believe an organized petition to Dominion Power may result in a safety review of our neighborhood and a reduction in these expensive and unreasonable power outages. Any suggestions on dealing with this problem would be appreciated.



## City Seeks Ideas for Public Works

The Fairfax City Department of Public Works (DPW) is preparing its five-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for fiscal years 2003 through 2008. DPW is responsible for city-owned buildings, city vehicles and equipment, landscaping, storm-water facilities and highways, including paving, sidewalks, signs, and signals.

On August 13, DPW wrote to the Country Club Hills Civic Association seeking our ideas for improvement projects within our neighborhood. In order to be considered for the next five-year CIP, ideas need to be submitted as soon as possible because DPW must submit their proposals by **October 1**.

Please submit your ideas to Adrian J. Fremont, City Engineer, 10455 Armstrong Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. For copies of the current five-year CIP, please call 703-385-7870. For questions about submitting an improvement project, please call 703-385-7816.

If you want to submit your improvement idea through the Country Club Hills Civic Association, please e-mail it to Paul Sullivan, president, CCHCA, at [paulsullivan99@hotmail.com](mailto:paulsullivan99@hotmail.com). CCHCA is particularly interested in ideas for improving the beauty and usability of the common area on Spring Lake Terrace.

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN OCTOBER

The next membership meeting is scheduled for **October 16**. Time and location will be announced nearer the time. ***Please note that amendments to the bylaws will be voted on at this meeting.*** Per the requirements of the bylaws, copies of the proposed amendments will be distributed to each member household at least one week prior to the meeting.

## Lighted Crosswalk

A new lighted crosswalk was recently installed on Old Lee Highway in front of Fairfax High School. The system lights up the roadway when a pedestrian pushes the button on either end of the walkway. The crosswalk is the first of its kind in Northern Virginia, according to James Burney, signal system supervisor for the City of Fairfax. Burney encourages pedestrians to continue to use caution, despite the new lighting.

## Barking Dogs

We've been asked by several residents to put in a plea for people to bring their dogs inside when they are barking at night. Residents have complained of being kept awake at night. Thanks for your consideration.

*Population Update — According to figures from the U.S. Census Bureau, Country Club Hills had 302 houses and 827 people in 2000.*

## FAIRFAX CITY COUNCIL

A new Fairfax City Council was elected in June. Councilmembers have already proven to be very responsive to concerns expressed by ours and other neighborhoods. Please contact them with any concerns you have about the city. Here is the contact information for the council:

### Mayor

Robert F. Lederer  
3511 Winston Place  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
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# Country Club Hills Civic Association

## Membership Application for 2002

**Be a Part of Your Community!! Get Involved!! CCHCA Needs You!!**

Please indicate whether you are:

☐ Joining CCH Membership, Dues check attached OR ☐ Providing information only for Directory

**DIRECTORY INFORMATION (please print):**

- ◆ Names of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Names of Children (ages optional): \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Years at Current Residence: \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ E-mail Address' (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD WISH TO BE LISTED IN THE 2002 DIRECTORY FOR PERSONAL AND/OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (FILL OUT ONLY NEW INFORMATION):**

- ◆ Babysitter Registry \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Pet sitter Registry \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Yard work Registry \_\_\_\_\_
- ◆ Maintenance Rescue Crew \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ONE BOX FOR EACH QUESTION BELOW:**

- ◆ Are you interested in volunteering services for the CCH Civic Association?  
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, in what capacity? (i.e., help with a social activity, block captain)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ Would you like to join or form a special club or group?  
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please describe!  
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\_\_\_\_\_

- ◆ Would you like to advertise your company's business or service in the directory?  
☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, please attach a business card.

- ◆ How would you prefer to receive CCHCA Newsletters and other Information?  
☐ Hardcopy ☐ E-mail (provide address) \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues = \$10.00 per family for 2002**

**Make checks payable to: Treasurer, CCHCA**

**Please return form and payment to: Vice-President for Membership**

Jill Toth

9934 Pinehurst Avenue

**\*\*Yearly membership term is May 1 through April 30.**