

Letter from the President

During the five years I've lived here in Country Club Hills, I've seen a surge in energy and civic mindedness, particularly through the work of the Country Club Hills Civic Association (CCHCA). The CCHCA has been a great way to meet neighbors and learn more about our larger community.

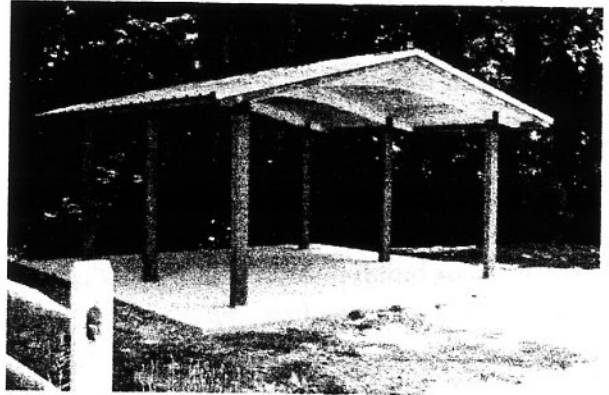
I can't say enough about how great our neighborhood is! We are quite fortunate. Our location within the metro area and Fairfax City is well placed; we are within walking distance to schools, shopping, parks, neighborhood pool, and historic downtown Fairfax. But our location isn't our main asset. We have thoughtful and concerned citizens who are willing to commit their time to building our community. The list of new offices and committees within CCHCA is growing because people see a need and want to volunteer.

If you're new to the neighborhood or just interested in supporting the endeavors of CCHCA, I encourage you to become a member. Annual dues for CCHCA membership are \$10. Thanks to a coordinated membership drive this spring, membership has increased. You can become a member any time within the membership year, which is from May 05-April 06.

This year, we plan to host an array of social activities for all ages. Keep on the look out via the web and our signage throughout the neighborhood for upcoming events. We are also hoping to get out a new directory (but we could use some help with that).

New this year, we are attempting to establish a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) in CCH. It will be the first in Fairfax City. CERT is a national organization with chapters all over the country. Each chapter consists of 10-20 concerned citizens that get specific training to help 1st responders in case of disaster, such as hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, etc. If you are interested, read further in Matthew West's article.

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We Have a Pavilion

Many thanks and a big hats off to those who made this happen!

LABOR DAY BBQ

Monday September 5

4-7 pm at the Commons

Poolside Party



First Annual
CCHCA and Old Lee Hills
Party for Adults Only

August 26 8-10 P.M.

CCH Swimming Pool

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And how about that pavilion in The Commons? Picnic tables and a garbage can too? A place for us all to gather. You can thank city council members next time you bump into them. We have Chris Gagen to thank for donating the park benches. The city is responsible for mowing, but CCHCA is committed to the upkeep of the landscaping. If we all pitch in on clean-up days, we can keep it looking inviting.

As always, if you want to get involved, talk to a board member, come to a board meeting or the next biannual meeting in October. See the back page for contact information.

CCHCA is about building our community. Getting to know your neighbors is the first step.

—Lisa Whetzel



Spring CleanUp Participation

6/14/05: Mayor Lederer presents CCHCA President Lisa Whetzel a Certificate of Appreciation for Participation in the City's April 2005 Spring Clean-up Month. Katie Baxter-Gagen initiated and coordinated efforts for our involvement in this city wide project.

Welcoming New Neighbors

Please help us welcome new neighbors!

Call the welcoming committee: Melissa Peterson, 703.691.2199 tdp1@mac.com or Yanji Lama, 703.395.3693 yanjilama@yahoo.com with the name and/or address of the new moved in neighbor (they can also be renters).

New Residents in CCH:

We welcome you!

Woody & Katie Davenport
3413 Andover Drive

Madelyn and Michael Johns
3413 Spring Lake Terrace

José A. & Rosa E. Vigil
10111 Spring Lake Terrace

Calendar News

This summer's social events have been a blast so far... the ice cream social summer kick off was well attended by children and adults as was the S'mores and Songs evening. Both events were held at the new pavilion. A big thank you to Tim Carney for leading us in the sing-a-long.

If we missed you at either of these events we hope to see you at one of our next events:

- the Adult **Poolside Party** on Friday, August 26 from 8–10pm at CCH pool
- the **Labor Day BBQ Potluck** on Monday, September 5 from 4–7pm at the Commons
- the **Halloween Party** on Sunday, October 30 from 4–5pm at the Commons

In **November** we would like to organize a Thanksgiving meal for a family in need. Please contact either Jill or Katie if you would like to participate in this service project.

In **December** look forward to a weekend of evening luminairies on the 17th and 18th as well as visits from Santa.

Your participation in these events makes them successful—we look forward to seeing you!! More information on all social events can be found at www.cchca.org.



August 6, 2005 Commons Clean-up Day

CCH CALENDAR

For more information on CCHCA related activities, visit www.cchca.org. For any city-sponsored event, or on any of the city's programs and services, visit the City of Fairfax Web site at www.fairfaxva.gov.

Upcoming Events

26 August—First Annual Poolside party
Dive into the good times! Come join CCHCA and Old Lee Hills in their first annual Poolside Party for Adults only.

5 September—Annual Labor Day picnic

21 September—Board Meeting

19 October—Semi-Annual General Meeting

30 October—Halloween Party

2005-06 Board Meetings

Commons Clean Up

A great time was had by all at the neighborhood cleanup on August 6 as crews of 26 reclaimed the garden club's planting efforts from the wiles of insidious weeds. It was a wild time of doughnut eating and weed pulling but most of all, meeting neighbors and good clean fun.

Blenheim

At a worksession on July 14, the Council approved building an interpretative center at Blenheim. The building will be approximately 3,500 square feet and will house an exhibit room, a multi-purpose room, office space, bathrooms and a kitchen.

Thanks to all CCH residents who participated by expressing their views at the January open meeting with the Council. Since this building has been significantly cut in space, the next step will be to redesign it and then to break ground. This is a positive step for the future of the site.

For questions or more information you can call Dr. Chris Martin, Director of Historic Resources or Hildie Carney, President of Historic Fairfax City, Inc. (CCH board member) at 703.591.5305.



Thinking of Updating your House?

The Renaissance Housing Corporation of Fairfax City has put together blueprints of upgrades for the rambler style homes in Country Club Hills. They offer several designs that increase the size of the kitchen, add a second story and/or a garage.

If you are thinking of renovating, check it out. CCHCA has copies available for members. Contact Jill Toth at jilltoth@yahoo.com.

You can also pick them up from City Hall, Rm 101, between 8:30am—4:30pm.

FRHC No-Interest Loans

Another thing that you should check out if you're thinking of renovating is the Fairfax no interest loan program. In conjunction with Cardinal Bank, the City of Fairfax Renaissance Housing Corporation (FRHC) will make available home improvement loans up to \$100,000 with no interest paid by the borrower for the first two years. Interest on this loan will be paid by the FRHC during the 24-month term.



FRHC Guidelines for Loans

These guidelines provide a summary of requirements only. For more information contact the Neighborhood Renaissance Office at 703.385.7805.

- Only City of Fairfax residents are eligible. (Prospective City homeowners with contracts to purchase are also eligible to apply.)
- The home must be owner-occupied and only the homeowner may apply.
- The home must be at least ten years old.
- The home must exhibit one or more of, but not limited to the following conditions: exterior or interior deterioration, functional obsolescence, or lack of amenities found in today's new homes (such as master bedroom suites, two car garages, etc.).
- All required paperwork and/or permits must be applied for and be approved by your homeowners association (if applicable), the City of Fairfax, and the FRHC. Improvements must be completed within eighteen months of the loan closing date in order to avoid an interest reimbursement to FRHC. (The interest reimbursement will be equal to the amount of interest paid by the FRHC on the loan for the period that the loan was in place. Under extraordinary circumstances this guideline may be waived by the FRHC Board of Directors.) The loan proceeds must be spent on the approved residential improvements and may include loan fees and closing costs.
- You may be required to spend up to twenty-five percent of the loan proceeds on exterior improvements, such as the entryway, walkway, or landscape at the front or sides of your home. (May be waived at the discretion of the FRHC Board of Directors.)
- The home must remain owner-occupied and cannot be sold for at least twenty-four (24) months after the loan closing date in order to avoid an interest reimbursement to the FRHC. (The interest reimbursement will be equal to the amount of interest paid by the FRHC on the loan for the period that the loan was in place. Under extraordinary circumstances this guideline may be waived by the FRHC Board of Directors.)
- You may submit only one application per home. (May be waived at the discretion of the FRHC Board of Directors.)

To find out more, go to:

<http://www.fairfaxva.gov/Renaissance/programs.asp>



HISTORIAN'S CORNER

From Newsletters of a bygone era: 50 years ago!!!!!!

April 7, 1955

"FIRST MEETING"

- PROPOSED -

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Place: 609 Farr Drive

Office in Basement

Time: Thursday, 7 April 1955

8:30 P.M.

Purpose:

- 1) Organization
- 2) Initiate Action for Rural Postal Delivery
- 3) Street Lights
- 4) Beetle Control
- 5) You name it

May 13, 1955

SWIMMING POOL: The controversial issue of whether or not to attempt construction of a swimming pool for use this summer was discussed very thoroughly.

Directory

A temporary Country Club Hills directory will be furnished immediately to each residence. The necessary information will be procured through a door-to-door canvass by the Section Representatives.

June 15, 1955

Agenda for 4th Meeting

- 1) 10:30 P.M. proposed Adjournment
- 2) Proposed Recreation Facilities

3) Collection of Dues (\$1.00)

Ten minutes recess

4) Report on Insect & Pest Control

5) Proposed Civil Defense Committee

6) Discussion of Street Lights

7) Factual Report by Liaison Committee

November 12, 1955

H2O Picture

The following report was submitted by the Chairman of the Water Committee:

After receiving a \$10.50 water bill for the month during which we took vacation, I called the Town of Fairfax Water Department. I was advised the "people in Country Club Hills use too much water and that nothing is wrong with the meters." I was further advised that Fairfax has the lowest water rates in this part of the country. I next called Arlington, Annandale and Falls Church all of them, as well as the corporate town of Fairfax have lower rates than the unincorporated part of Fairfax County.

December 10, 1963

"Baby Sitters

Daytime: Mrs. Ann Hewitt,

204 Farmington Dr. 591-5330.

50¢ per hr. 1st child, 10¢ each additional children."

History of Country Club Hills

We are looking for a person or persons who could and would be willing to write a one-page condensed history of Country Club Hills. Please contact the historian: eklimonda@cchca.org 703.591.0696
Thank you!

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 Jenny Cox at jenny@jennycox.com



Neighborhood Concerns Hotline in Fairfax City

Over the years, the CCHCA board has periodically received complaints regarding the appearance of properties within the neighborhood. Since our Civic Association has no bylaws addressing this issue, generally, we have had no recourse. In the past, we have first tried to work with the resident or landlord to address the problem. Sometimes a resident needed help due to physical or financial constraints, and CCHCA has lent a hand. In other cases, unfortunately, we have gone to the city for action.

Recently, Fairfax City has established a "Neighborhood Concerns Hotline" to address these issues at 703.382.7800. The phone line is answered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays (excluding holidays). Multilingual assistance is provided. TTY callers may use 711 or call 703.293.7120 for assistance. To make a report via the web, e-mail information@fairfaxva.gov. In case of emergency, call 911.

While the city provides a way for concerns to be addressed anonymously, and without CCHCA involvement, CCHCA recommends that you first approach your neighbor directly. First and foremost, CCHCA hopes that we are community of mutually respecting neighbors that looks out for one another.

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 scripts) instead of real money. You choose who you want to sit for and who will sit for you. The sittings are mostly, but not restricted to, weekdays when spouses are at work. They have monthly meetings in the evening held at a member's 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 or call Alexis Adamson at 703.278.9636; anra5667@hotmail.com.

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. 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.

Bonjour

A /

Halo

Foreign Languages at Country Club Hills

Spanish Club: Meets once a month. A two-hour friendly conversation evening open to residents of any level of knowledge. For more information contact Nina Prescott: 703.278.1008, ninaprescott@verizon.net.

French Club: Meets once a month. A two-hour friendly conversation evening open to residents of any level of knowledge. For more information contact Olivier Long: 703.359.6383, Counsel@EZJustice.com.

German Club: Is anybody interested in forming this club and brush up on his/her German? Contact Ernie Klimonda at eklimonda@cox.net.

Lessons: One-hour lessons of basic/intermediate French, Spanish or German for \$15.00—payable to "Treasurer – CCHCA" (Fund-raising program). Open to all residents age 5 to 90. Location: Your place or mine. Contact Ernie Klimonda at eklimonda@cox.net.

Other foreign languages: Are there any residents willing to teach Arabic, Chinese or other languages to our residents and donate the proceeds to CCHCA? Please contact us.

2005-06 Board of Directors

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Community Appearance Committee

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Area Coordinators Block Captains

CCHCA appreciates its Block Captains!

Area 1—Steve Lane (Coordinator)
Kim Horn, Irene Denhardt, Polly Feuer, Courtney Ashmore, Peg Martin, Joyce Skoglund, Jill Toth

Area 2—Jill Butterfield (Coordinator)
Billie James, Greg Beck, Jenny Drummey, Livingston Johnson, Steve Lescure, Sue McKenzie, Martin & Dia Pullen

Area 3—Hildie Carney (Coordinator)
Katie Baxter-Gagen, Hildie Carney, Jean Benneche, Nancy Jones, Susan Pepin, Toby Sorensen, Bryan and Karen Bishop

Area 4—Scott Adamson (Coordinator)
Bob Willard, Ana Alonso, Kathy Keitt, Scott Adamson, Steve Lane, Chris Mullen, Terry Stephens

If you are a member and wish to become a Block Captain contact: *eklimonda@cox.net* or (703.591.0696)

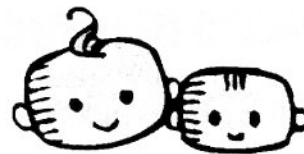
Community Appearance

The position of Chairperson of the C.A.C. is open. We are looking for a responsible member of the Association to fill that post. Please contact: Lisa Whetzel at *whetzelink@cox.net* 703.383.5989... Thank you!

Board of Directors-Chairpersons
Upcoming CCH events
Directions to CCH
CCHCA Application form
City of Fairfax
Garden Club
Bridge Club
French/Spanish Clubs
Photo Club
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Babysitters
Pet sitters
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Photo Gallery
Fairfax Weather
CCH Swimming Pool
Schools
Places of Worship
Historic Sites
Post Offices
Airports
Newspapers
Hospitals
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Parks/Recreation
Fairfax Police
Bus/Rail Transportation
Grocery Stores
DMV – Motor Vehicles
TV/Internet
Electric Power
Telephone services
Washington Gas
Water & Sewer
Movie Theaters
Theaters
Museums & Art Galleries
CCHCA – BOD
and more . . .

Questions? Suggestions?

Contact: webmaster-cchca@cox.net



Babysitter?

Are you a babysitter and would like to list your services (no charge) on our website?

www.cchca.org

Call: 703.591.0696 or email

webmaster-cchca@cox.net

Pet sitter?

Are you a pet sitter and would like to list your services (no charge) on our website?

www.cchca.org

Call: 703.591.0696 or email

webmaster-cchca@cox.net

Handyman?

Are you a handyman and would like to list your services (no charge) on our website? www.cchca.org

Call: 703.591.0696 or email

webmaster-cchca@cox.net



Love gardening?

Do you love gardening and would like to join the Country Hill Garden Club?

More info at: www.cchca.org

Contact: Pres., Mary N. Means

703.743.5573

MaryDorsey24@aol.com

Do you play bridge?

Why not play with us at the CCH Bridge Club?

Contact: Lee Faber at 703.273.0829

eef@cox.net

CCHCA on DVD Available

A DVD on CCH events of 2005/2006 is now available for \$10 payable to "Treasurer CCHCA". Get your copy by calling 703.591.0696 or emailing

webmaster-cchca@cox.net



Great Horned Owl

Rumor has it that the great horned owl seen from time to time around the neighborhood lives at Blenheim. Keep a watchful eye on the trees at night to see this magnificent creature or hear its eerie whoo whoos...



Poison Ivy

Can you identify this plant?
Remember, leaves of three, let it be!

CCHCA KidsCorner

Kids, bring the completed puzzle to the Labor Day Picnic for a special prize!

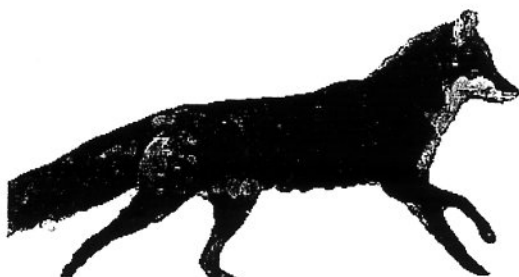
WORDFIND: On The Street Where I Live

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Park
Boxford
Cornwall
Morningside
Pinehurst

Broadview
Country Hill
Newbury
Spring Lake



Tell us about your most recent wildlife sighting or draw a picture of something that you saw in your backyard. Get published in the next neighborhood newsletter!

Submit entries to jenny@jennycor.com

Benefits of Joining the Country Club Hills Civic Association

Country Club Hills Civic Association 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 Redevelopment.
- ✓ **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 / 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 \$10.00 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.

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

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.