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The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association



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Happy Autumn!

A big welcome to all the new neighbors who moved in over the summer here in CCH! I hope if you are new to the neighborhood you will feel free to reach out to other neighbors and CCHCA board members and volunteers for any help or advice you might need as you settle in. The CCHCA Labor Day Picnic and the Halloween Party are two great CCHCA traditions where neighbors can meet and "re" meet each other down at the common area while the kids run off some of that overflow of back to school and Halloween generated energy! New and "old" neighbors are always welcome to attend the CCHCA board meetings. We keep them short, friendly and informative (at least we try!). Next meeting is on November 10, and we'll send out a reminder and location ahead of

Benches! By the time you receive this two new benches should be at the Common Area. City Parks and Rec folks will be installing two more benches on concrete pads when their work schedule lets up some, but the benches that the association purchased will in the meantime provide a much wanted place for people to sit and enjoy the serenity of the Common Area and appreciate the lovely gardens of our CCH Garden Club and CCHCA volunteers.

But there's more! Some of you have noticed that we have a rain barrel at the pavilion with no downspout to supply it! While Chad who lives next door has kindly filled it periodically with his hose so that our volunteers have water for garden use we could save him some trouble by adding a gutter to the pavilion roof. If your company installs gutters and you wouldn't mind providing a bid, please contact me.

Good luck to the many students and teachers headed back to school and hope that seeing old friends and meeting new ones softens the blow of the end of summer.

Have a great fall and hope to see you 'round the 'hood!

Judy Fraser

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Event	Location	Date/Time
Labor Day Picnic	The Common Area	Monday, September 5th, 4-7pm
Taste of the Vine—see page 14 for details and registration	Historic Blenheim Civil War Interpretive Center	Saturday, September 17th, 6:30- 9:30pm
Halloween Party	The Common Area	Monday, October 31st, 5-7pm



July's Beauty Spot

Gardening takes time, patience, and faith. It is not for the faint of heart. This is abundantly clear in the efforts of Mary Lou Bishop and Dara Aldridge of 10135 Spring Lake Terrace, our July Beauty Spot of the Month winners.

We've been following the development of this yard for the past 5 years. Over that time, four large trees were removed, the lawn was ripped up and re-sodded, specimen trees were planted, and the beds along the house have been updated. None of this happened overnight. The transformation of this yard has been an inspiration to watch.

The bed to the left of the driveway, along the house, is anchored with a pair of boxwoods and rose bushes blooming in different shades. A giant hosta and several small liriopes fill it out. A collection of garden adornments (ceramic frogs, rocks, a garden blessing, and metal garden angel sculptures) adds a welcoming touch. The bed continues around to the front of the house, with lilac bushes at the corners. A snowball hydrangea is full of massive white blooms. A euonymus bush is loaded with buds just ready to burst into blossom. The bed also contains staple perennial bushes—azaleas, hydrangea, and irises. The beds on the long side of the house, along Spring Lake Terrace, display an assortment of azaleas, ferns, grasses, and a weeping cherry tree. There is a well-established oak tree surrounded by a bed of ivy, along with a Japanese maple, a crepe myrtle getting ready to bloom, and a horse chestnut that's actually bearing chestnuts.

Congratulations to Mary Lou and Dara on the job you've done thus far. It is exciting to see how visions manifest and efforts pay off. We look forward to watching your yard continue to change and grow and beautify our neighborhood!

Respectfully Submitted, Jennifer Judelsohn Joyce Skoglund Country Hills Garden Club

Do You Know Your Block. Captain?

Judy Fraser

The Frasers moved to CCH in 2007 from Falls Church. They were looking for the same kind of small community life they enjoyed there and happily found Fairfax City and CCH (first CCH person they met while house hunting - Ernie!).

Judy became involved in the Civic Association early on and has served in many positions on the board, including her current tenure as president. Judy really is a BCINO (Block Captain In Name Only) as whoever in the family is available when Leslie Daniels drops off the newsletters and flyers delivers them to their route on Spring Lake. Her husband, Doug, is a native born Virginian (though his parents were

from Minnesota). He is an architect and works for the City of Falls Church as the City's Building Official. Judy grew up in McLean and has run her own successful architecture business since 1995, which involved her working primarily with homeowners to craft their living spaces to their needs. In recent years she has been focused on developing and practicing an ecological approach to land use, from individual homeowner decisions in their yards to public land stewardship. In fact, her business has a new name as of last year- EcoLogics Design and Consulting LLC with website in the works. She has served on the City's



Environmental Sustainability Committee since its creation in 2009, is a master gardener with Fairfax County and she and Doug are active members of Transition Fairfax, a group of Fairfax residents committed to lowering their use of fossil fuels. Doug and Judy have two sons, Brian and John. Both are headed back to school soon, Brian for his second year of college and John for his junior year in high school. All the Frasers really enjoy living in CCH and treasure the friendships that they have made here.

Block Captain's Corner

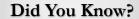
I want to welcome two new, young Block Captains. They are Brody and Willa Ramsey who are going to take over Route 2D which includes the end of Spring Lake Terrace as well as Spring Lake Court. Their father, Mark Ramsey, is our VP of Civic Affairs. Thank you to the Ramsey family for their support to CCH.

In case we have any other openings come up, please let me know if you would like to be put on the list to volunteer for a Block Captain spot or as a substitute. And if you know you are going to be out of town for a while, please send me an e-mail or call me so I can arrange for a substitute.

You can reach me at 703-383-1272 or lesdan001@verizon.net.

Leslie Daniels





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Looking for a baby sitter, pet sitter or walker?

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You haven't subscribed to our Country Club Hills Google-Newsgroups yet??

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Our CCH-Google-Newsgroup reaches, so far, over 400 residents, who are being kept informed on events and happenings in your community. To subscribe, no charge of course, contact: ggmoderator@cchca.org or call Ernie @ 703-591-0696

The CCH Civic Association welcomes all new residents who moved to Country Club Hills in 2015/2016! We hope you're enjoying living in this community. welcoming@cchca.org Manuel Moreira, Agentina Tobar, Cristina Martinez, 3516 Old Post Road

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Ernie

August's Beauty Spot

The Country Hills Garden Club is proud to present the August "Beauty Spot of the Month Award" to Jennifer Judelsohn and David Stearman who reside at 10116 Farmington Dr.

Jennifer and David have been creating this gorgeous yard for the last several years. They have had many obstacles to overcome which included removal of a very large Southern Magnolia as well as a Japanese maple that had become diseased. When the derecho winds came through our neighborhood it knocked down trees in their backyard as well as neighboring yards. This had an impact on completing the front area. They persevered and you can see the results when you drive by this property.

The dark green Skip Laurels planted just below the front windows, the attractive Junipers which anchor the corners of the house and the Red Twigged Dogwoods are just the beginning of this landscape wonder. The dogwoods, which will be gorgeous in the winter with their red stems, and the ornamental grasses, lend interest and variety to the well-proportioned front bed. Their lawn is also "weed" free, green and lush. This garden is pleasing with its many colors, textures and shapes.

As you admire the front of the house, don't forget to look at the right and left sides of the driveway. On the right side you will find Jennifer's "purple" garden. She has placed a bench in the center of the oval shaped garden which is surrounded by a thriving Beautyberry bush, New England Asters, which will be blooming in the next month, and Clematis which is very happy growing over the arbor. What better place to meditate? Near the patio at the top of the driveway you can't miss the surprise. A patch of "walking onions" whose gangly, leggy shape is bound to make you smile. A few still small squash plants line the driveway within easy reach of the kitchen. Nearby Jennifer has planted Lavender, Echinacea (Eastern Purple Coneflowers) and Rudbeckia (Black-eyed Susan's) and azaleas for lovely color and variety..



Near the front door you will find Itea virginica (Sweetspire) which bears summer fragrant, creamy white flowers, azaleas and sedges which are outlined with whimsical sea birds.

The lower level garden can be reached by following the brick winding path. Hear the reader must use his imagination as the area is secluded by a wooden fence. Peaking over the garden gate we see Crape Myrtle blooming and a Japanese Maple hinting of more delights to come within.

Thanks Jennifer and David for allowing us a visit into your delightful garden.

Submitted by:

Joyce Skoglund, President of CHGC and Allison Schaffenburg, member of CHGC



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A Question about Dogwood Trees

I was speaking to a Fairfax City arborist at the Fairfax Fair last October about the dogwood trees that are planted all over CCH in the verge area between the sidewalks and street. He thought they had been planted years ago by the city to beautify the neighborhood. However, it hasn't worked out so well since there isn't much room for their roots to grow. Some trees are doing well but many others are not, with broken and dying branches.

I wanted to know who was responsible for taking care of them, was it the city or the home owner. He said that home owners should call the Office of Public Works, 703-385-7810. So if you have some of these dogwoods and need to have them trimmed or assessed for health, you now know who to call. If the city feels they are not healthy, they will let you know and you can decide if you want the city to remove them. You should know, though, that the city will not replace them.

Lessie Daniess



According to CCH resident, Hildie Carney, "originally we had crab apple trees and they were so messy that people complained to the City to replace them. Yes, it is City property but residents are welcome to plant whatever they want there. Some of us elected not to have any trees in the Island."



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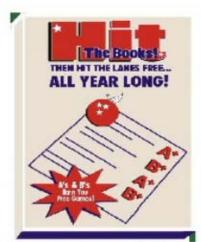
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CCHCA membership dues are just \$15 and help pay for events such as our Labor Day picnic, Halloween Party and End-of-School Ice Cream Social as well as our quarterly newsletters, yearly updated CCH Directory, the care and upkeep of the Common Area, Santa Claus's visits, Holiday Decoration Contest, Easter Egg-Roll and more!

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