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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was a dark and stormy night, at least by the time we had to adjourn the CCHCA annual meeting early. It had seemed like a nice idea, having the annual meeting at the Commons. We'd offered pizza and we had a great speaker. (You'll learn about the speaker's presentation inside the newsletter.)

But we hadn't grasped a couple of important facts:

Tuesday nights aren't a great night for people to come out, and, well, pizza isn't the draw we'd hoped. And so we found ourselves without enough members to have elections or vote on a proposed amendment to the Bylaws. (More on that amendment below.) We were able to make some calls and get enough people to come out to get our key business done before we got rained out. Those folks really saved the day! But we on the board found ourselves wondering why we had so much trouble getting people to the annual meeting. The theory that seems the most likely is this: people are really busy. It's not that they don't want to be involved, it's that they just have too much going on. We figured that it might be much easier for everyone if we could connect the annual meeting to an event that people are already coming to. The business part of the meeting doesn't take much time, and no one would have to make a special trip.

Our most popular event of the year by far is the Labor Day picnic, which makes it a natural time for the annual meeting. There's one small hitch, which is that the Bylaws require us to have our annual meeting in April or May. So, we need to amend the Bylaws to make this happen.

You can read the entire Bylaws on the CCHCA website. Here's the proposed amendment to change the date of the annual meeting:

Article VII of the CCHCA Bylaws shall be amended to replace "April/May" with "September."

It's a simple enough change. Except that in order to amend the Bylaws, we have to have a vote of the general membership. And normally, we wouldn't have a general membership meeting until the Annual Meeting, which wouldn't happen until 2015. We don't want to wait until September 2015 to have another meeting. Here's our solution. **We are calling a special meeting of the general membership for June 25 at 5:30pm.** June 25 is also the Ice Cream Social, which will start at 5pm.

We'll have the general meeting shortly after that to vote on the proposed amendment. If you can't make it, you can still vote by absentee ballot. To vote absentee, please email your vote (for or against the amendment) to me at mattalevy@gmail.com. I need to receive all absentee ballots before noon on June 25. (Each household gets one vote.)

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

I would like to note one special thing that did happen at the Annual Meeting: Ernie Klimonda, who has been welcoming all of us to the neighborhood for many years, was elected as our first Vice President for Electronic Media. Congratulations, Ernie!

I hope to see you all at the Ice Cream Social. Have a great summer!

— Matt Levy, mattalevy@gmail.com

BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Thank you to CCH resident, Chad Hurley, 10124 Spring Lake Terrace, for his long service as a Block Captain for Route 4C.

Welcome to the new Block Captains for that route, Debbie and Steve Lane
10019 Morningside Court.

Thank you to Jennifer Passey who will be leaving CCH for overseas soon! We wish you all the best.

— Leslie Daniels, VP Block Captains

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Meghan and Matt moved to CCH 4 years ago, in April, 2010. Apart from being Block Captains, Meghan works in the ESOL department at Lanier Middle School and Matt works for General Dynamics. They have an adorable one and a half year old daughter, Hannah, who will be attending Daniels Run Elementary once she gets older.

When asked about any stories they had in their career as Block Captains, Matt recalled the time he was handing out newsletters and was mistaken for a kid by an elderly resident. Matt confessed he has a somewhat youthful face and seemed to be in good humor about the mistake.

The Eddy family makes their home at 3414 Andover Street, and is a real delight to be around. If you see them about, be sure to thank them for their service to the neighborhood.



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Your Neighborhood Needs You!

Do you have a couple of hours to spare? CCHCA is looking for volunteers to help manage our many Social Activities.

Contact any board member to learn how you can help.

For more information about our electronic media, including our website and newsgroup, please contact

Ernie Klimonda: 703-591-0696

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Join us at the CCHCA
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Wednesday, June 25th

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General Meeting of all Association Members to be held 6/25 at 5:30pm for a special vote.

FAIRFAX CIRCLE REDEVELOPMENT

At this year's Annual Meeting, we had a special presentation from Mark Looney, representing Combined Properties. Combined Properties is planning to redevelop the shopping center at Fairfax Circle.

As you can see in the illustration, the new development will combine residences and retail, including a new supermarket. There will be 400 residential units, above-ground parking lots, and a walkable retail area.

The plan is ambitious, but it should completely revitalize Fairfax Circle. The developer is working closely with the city to develop new traffic patterns so that the development won't make congestion any worse than it already is.

According to Mr. Looney, they're hoping to begin construction early in 2015 and complete the development in 2016.

Mr. Looney took a number of questions from the audience, and he is willing to answer any more questions that people might have. If you'd like to ask about the development, please email me at mattalevy@gmail.com, and I will forward your questions to Combined Properties.



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There are currently no other CCHCA-sponsored Social Events planned until the Labor Day picnic.

I've been mulling over:

2nd annual watermelon seed spitting contest
Board Game night
Dodge Ball / Wiffle Ball tournament
Pie Potluck night
Root Beer float night

I am sure there are some other entertainment notions rumbling around my brain as well. If anyone is interested in helping propel one of the above onto the calendar - **email me please!!**

If anyone has a brilliant idea - email me as well.

Hope all is well with you.

— Dia Pullen. Social Activities

NEIGHBOR - TO - NEIGHBOR

Over the past few months, the CCHCA Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee has supported several CCH residents in difficult circumstances. Members of our community have suffered the loss of family members (a brother, a grandmother, spouses), dealt with a serious family medical crisis, and experienced job loss. On behalf of the community, the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Committee has sent cards and meals to comfort these fellow CCH residents.

The committee stands ready to provide support to CCH residents. If you know of someone in the

community who has experienced a loss or is otherwise in need of support, please contact the committee chair.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP REPORT

On Saturday, April 26, several CCH neighbors and members of the Country Hills Garden Club gathered at the Commons to participate in Fairfax's city-wide clean-up day by cleaning up the Commons and the creek that runs behind our neighborhood.

We gathered at the picnic tables in the Commons around 8:45 am for donuts and area assignments. Several teams armed with trash bags went off to collect trash from the creek, filling half a dozen bags and bringing back an odd assortment of other miscellany that has no business be thrown away along a creekbed. I imagine our animal neighbors, including the den of fox and other wildlife appreciate our natural housekeeping efforts! Thank you to the following CCH residents for your creek cleaning efforts: Ed Preston, James and Gwen Sabo, Ariel Harwick, Connor Klimenko, and the Pullen family.

Meanwhile, members of the Country Hills Garden Club (Polly Feuer, Georgia Laxton, Betty Russell,

and Joyce Skoglund along with her husband, Len) spent time weeding, thinning, pruning, edging the Garden Club's spot in the Commons Area. CCH neighbors Teresina Christy, Judy Fraser, Jan Galiotto, John and Donna Sabo, Gwen Sabo, and Ariel Harwick worked other sections of the Commons weeding, thinning, pruning, edging and digging out dead plants that did not survive our harsh winter. At the end of the morning work sections, the Commons was spruced up and looking great for future community activities including the Garden Club's annual plant sale that took place the following week on May 3rd.

Thank you to everyone who participated in helping to maintain the beauty and cleanliness of our community! We look forward to having everyone participate in future community clean-up activities!

Jennifer Judelsohn
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BEAUTY SPOT OF THE MONTH

What an inspiring time to cruise through Country Club Hills in search of Beauty Spot of the Month! It was a tough choice this month because it is evident that many folks have been working in their yards. Nonetheless, one yard stood out for the work being done. Congratulations to Steven and Debbie Lane of 10019 Morningside Court: You are the recipients of the June 2014 Beauty Spot of the Month!

Corner lots can be a challenge because there are so many areas within public view. Some gardeners might find that overwhelming, but the Lanes have handled this potential challenge beautifully by working their yard in sections.

The first area that struck us was the bed right on the corner of Andover and Morningside. The highlights of this area are the rocks outlining the bed, barberry and spirea bushes that anchor the bed, and yellow irises that provide a pop of color against the purple petunias, salvia with its purple blooms, and the spiky leaves of the daylilies, just beginning to bud. We also noticed the new crepe myrtle (which we

found out replaced one that did not survive our recent winter).

At the top of the driveway, there is a row of hanging baskets along the edge of the screened-in porch. Along the driveway and the front of the house are beds of assorted shrubs and trees: dogwood and crepe myrtles with a smattering of pink impatiens at their roots; an eye-catching euonymus shrub with its full yellow foliage; blooming lace cap hydrangea with white flowers; a pop of burgundy color from the barberry bush. Hostas add another dimension of foliage rounding out the beds.

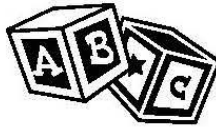
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HISTORY OF CCHCA**From Northern Virginia History Notes**

Lynn Moyer began subletting a portion of the store in 1969 to Dan Couch for his outdoor adventure retail business. Mr. Couch began with a counter in the c. 1904 portion of the schoolhouse and a small storage space above the cellar stairs.[36] In 1972, the trustees of Payne's estate sold the lot to Dan Couch's business, Appalachian Outfitters, Inc.[37] Appalachian Outfitters closed in 2003.

[36]_ Oral remarks, Jeanie Couch, daughter-in-law of Dan Couch, to Debbie Robison, 2004.

[37]_ FXDB 3741:358

Many of you may have seen the advertisement of businesses starting out of garages. They include the likes of Walt Disney, and not included is our own Dan Couch who started his river & wilderness enterprise from his garage here in Country Club Hills.

There was an article in the Washington Post in June of 2010 by T. Rees Shapiro speaking of Dan's history as a pilot in the Air Force, and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He started his business to furnish his son's equipment for their Boy Scout group.

I, among thousands of 'river runners' in the area, used the original Appalachian Outfitters store in Oakton at the corner of Rt. 123 and Hunter Mill Rd when I was growing up in Fairfax. Dan was always interested in peoples' exploits in the out-of-doors.

His store sported a signature aluminum canoe cut length wise in half and nailed to the outside wood wall facing the intersection; truly iconic.

Several current residents of our community still remember Dan and his family. Here is the Washington Post article about him.

— Robert Pratt, Historian

From Washington Post - T. Rees Shapiro

Daniel R. Couch Appalachian Outfitters Founder
Daniel R. Couch, 88, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who founded the wilderness and camping store Appalachian Outfitters in Oakton, died June 10 [2010] at his home in Middletown, Va. He had cancer.

Col. Couch founded his flagship store in an old house in Oakton. He said he started the business because he could not find suitable camping equipment for his son's Boy Scout troop. He later opened stores in Washington; Hunt Valley, Md.; Ellicott City; Fort Hunt; Salem, Va.; Raleigh, N.C.; and Cincinnati.

His stores could furnish professional climbers with crampons and ice picks for a trek in Denali, Alaska, and provide recreational campers with snug sleeping bags and watertight tents. After 35 years in business, Col. Couch closed his stores one by one, ending with the original in 2004.

Daniel Richard Couch was born in Herkimer, N.Y. He served in the Army Air Forces during World War II and was trained as a pilot. He received an officer's commission and flew C-47 and C-54 transport planes in China, Burma and India. He was twice awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for saving his crew during emergencies in flight.

Later in his military career, Col. Couch escorted French President Charles de Gaulle during the funeral proceedings for President John F. Kennedy. His final active-duty assignment, in 1965, was as comptroller for Bolling Air Force Base in Washington.

His marriage to Ruth Shary ended in divorce.

Survivors include his wife, Deidre Cochran of Middletown; three children from his first marriage, Kevin Couch of Gainesville, Va., Kenneth Couch of Reston and Kathy Tucker of Harleysville, Pa.; two stepdaughters, Suzita Cochran of Boulder, Colo., and Heather Cochran of Los Angeles; a sister; and seven grandchildren.

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