

THE ECCHO

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter has its grip on CCH as I write this, but the birds and the sun are both out in force, so spring can't be too far away. With spring comes the annual CCHCA meeting and Board of Director elections. We now have ten board members who are elected at the annual meeting on May 7 at Blenheim. Although terms are for one year, individuals can serve up to four consecutive terms in each position on the board, except for the president, who can only serve a maximum of two years.

Board of Directors

President	Judy Fraser	703-825-7022
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+ Marketing	Hildie Carney	703-591-5305
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VP Membership	Stephanie Justen	703-273-5249
VP Social Activities	Dia Pullen	
VP Online Media	Ernie Klimonda	703-591-0696
VP Comm. Safety	Rebecca Gregory	703-927-5340
+ (CERT)	Matthew West	703-359-4652

This year we already have nominations for all but three positions: VP of Social Affairs, VP of Community Safety, and VP of Civic Affairs. Each position has its own responsibilities which are enumerated elsewhere in this issue of The Eccho, but the biggest responsibility is to participate in the decision making of the board as a whole. It is great to be part of a board with members who are incredibly collaborative. When my family moved here in 2007 we quickly found that volunteering with CCHCA was a great way to meet people and feel more at home in the new 'hood. Whether you are new to CCH or have lived here for years, please consider volunteering on the board or on one of our committees, such as community appearance or social activities. It's a very satisfying and not too time consuming way to be engaged in your community.

We had a terrific membership drive this year, with several lucky winners of dinners out thanks to the hard work of Stephanie Justen, Donna Sabo and Leslie Daniels. Thank you to all who have renewed your membership. Also last month the new CCHCA Directory was completed. Ernie Klimonda and Donna Sabo worked hard to make sure all the data was current and correct. And our dependable block captain network, run by Leslie Daniels, efficiently delivered all 320 directories to our doorsteps.

Many of you will be happy to hear that very soon you will be able to pay your dues by PayPal on our CCHCA website. This service has been requested many times in recent years and we have a team of just the right people on hand to make it happen. Steve Lescure has been spearheading the work on the website end, and Amy Levy, Ernie Klimonda, Donna Sabo, Stephanie Justen and I have been working through the details of integrating the new process with our current record keeping. Stay tuned!

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... and much more!		June 19	Ice Cream Social @ Commons

BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hello to all of you and here's hoping Spring is just around the corner! I just wanted to mention that I keep a list of prospective Block Captains in case one of the team moves or can't serve any long for some reason, or is ill and can't deliver their route for a short period of time. So if you think you'd like to help CCH in this way, please e-mail me at lesdan001@verizon.net and I'll add your name to the list. It doesn't entail a lot of time to be a BC. We deliver four newsletters a year, as well as the directory and event flyers in the warmer months.

The routes vary in length but it should never take more than 30 minutes with a maximum of about 10 deliveries a year. We'd love to have more volunteers so please consider helping out. Thanks, Leslie Daniels VP, Block Captains

DO YOU KNOW YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN?

Bob Willard, 10118 Spring Lake Terrace; Route 4B - 10100, 10102, 10104, 10106, 10108, 10110, 10112, 10114, 10116, 10118, 10120, 10122, 10124, 10126, 10128, and 10130 Spring Lake Terrace

Bob Willard is Block Captain for the stretch of Spring Lake Terrace homes that border Accotink Creek. He is also known to many here in CCH for his volunteer work with the City of Fairfax police.

Newer residents may not know that he has lived here for more than 40 years. Bob worked for IBM and a promotion brought the Willards here in 1973. All four of their children graduated from Fairfax High School.

When they moved here, it seemed like "everyone was military". Bob felt that made the neighborhood very friendly and welcoming and neighbors held many parties.

Many thanks to Bob for his spirit of civic volunteerism and support of CCHCA!



Thank you to Brian Fraser for the article and photograph.

Board Committees

Comm. Appearance	Jennifer Judelsohn	703-273-0485
Welcoming	David Stearman	703-642-2465
Historian	Bob Pratt	703-352-4891
Website	Ernie Klimonda	703-591-0696
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Yahoo Group Mod.	Ernie Klimoda	703-591-0696
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Street Signs	Ariel Harwick	
Recycling	Katie Baxter-Gagan	703-385-7737
Neighbor-to-Neighbor	David Stearman	703-642-2465

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

I am getting antsy to start spring gardening and so am very excited about a terrific garden project that CCHCA and the CCH Garden Club are collaborating on at the common area this spring. Jennifer Judelsohn is heading up a project to plant native seedlings, perennials, and understory trees in the common area. We will have some volunteer days coming up so keep an eye out for those dates, or contact Jennifer if you'd like to help out. More info in this issue!

If you have noticed some common themes here, it is that great work is being done on behalf of the neighborhood and the same names seem to keep coming up! Please volunteer for a project, participate in one of our many social activities, or volunteer for the board and join these folks in helping to make CCH the nice place to live that it is.

Judy Fraser, president@cchca.org

CCHCA ONLINE**CCH Directory 2015**

Please double check to make sure the information listed for you and your family is correct. If any changes need to be made, just drop an email to directory@cchca.org with the updates or call 703-591-0696 and we'll take care of it.

Thanks!

REMINDER

Members, when posting on our CCH-Yahoo or CCH-Google group please use the following email address:

groups@cchca.org

Your message will be posted on both groups thus getting the greatest exposure.

Check Out Services Offered by Neighbors!

Accounting – Art painting – Babysitters – Caretakers – Remodeling – Computer services – Construction work – Decorations & Flower arrangements – English lessons & tutoring – Environmental consulting – Estate liquidation – Foreign language courses – Hairdressers – Handyman services – Health & Fitness services – Insurance solutions – Lacemaking/Tatting/ Sewing – Lawn mowing – Cartographer (map designing) – Math tutoring – Masonry – Mortgage loan (licensed) – Music lessons – Notary Public – Pet grooming – Pet sitters – Photography – Physical therapy – Psychotherapy – Real Estate agents – Sign crafters & Custom signs – Tax preparations – Tennis lessons – Veterinarian – Website design/ Construction – Yard work

Visit our website www.cchca.org and click on "Services Offered by CCH Residents."

For more information about our electronic media, including our website and newsgroups, please contact: Ernie Klimonda webmaster@cchca.org, ggmoderator@cchca.org or 703-591-0696

CALLING ALL GAMERS

We are looking to start a gaming group that would meet once a month to play board game favorites such as Risk, Formula De, Settlers of Catan, Pandemic, Small World, and many, many more.

All ages and skill levels are welcome!

If you are interested, please send a note to amymlevy@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE RESTAURANTS WHO DONATED GIFT CARDS

AND CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WINNERS!!

During our annual membership drive in January, 2015, we sent out flyers to all 320 of our neighbors and received an enthusiastic response. One restaurant gift card was given away each week; the restaurants and winners are listed below.

The **Great American Restaurants** gift card (thank you to Natalie Miller) was chosen by Erica and Jay Sarvepalli.

The **Red Lobster** gift certificates (thank you to Glenn Decicco) were chosen by Mary Bishop and Dara Aldridge.

Edward and Diane Preston chose the **Bollywood Bistro** gift card.

Kyle & Karen Royer received the **P.J. Skidoos** gift card (thank you to Cosmos Bells).

VACANT BOARD POSITIONS

**We'd like to ask for volunteers to step up and become more involved in the
CCH Civic Association by becoming a board member.**

Please consider joining our board by filling one of these positions:

VP, Social Activities - the VP for Social Activities coordinates and supervises our fun events during the year, aided by a group of volunteers who actually run each event. Time spent as VP would be about 2 hours a month unless there was not an event leader in which case the VP would step in to coordinate and run that event.

VP, Civic Affairs - the VP for Civic Affairs serves as first Vice President of the association and would fill in for the President in his/her absence. The VP should plan to follow developments and actions within the City of Fairfax which might impact CCH (which can be done multiple ways including including attending City meetings or watching them on the City's website or TV channel, and reviewing CityScene) and communicate to the Board of Directors any developments or actions which affect the neighborhood.

VP, Community Safety - The VP for Community Safety is responsible for monitoring the Fairfax City Police Department bulletins for Country Club Hills. The VP shall report to the Board of Directors and to the neighborhood on any safety concerns in Country Club Hills.

In addition to these individual position duties, all Board Members are expected to attend quarterly Board meetings and the Annual Association meeting. Terms are for one year and members can be re-elected to their board position for four consecutive years.

LOCAL MOMS GROUP

Are you a Mom in Country Club Hills or Old Lee Hills? Expecting a baby or looking forward to welcoming a child? In need of some friends and a good support network?

Please join the Neighborhood Moms' Group!

- * A great way to meet friends and build up your "village," whether you're from around here or not.
- * Monthly "kid--free" evening meetings for friendship, support, and refreshments.
- * Meals for families welcoming new children.
- * Google Group for sharing information and crowdsourcing ideas and questions
- * Weekend free--play standing appointment at My Gym Burke for our small kiddos (great for getting out the weekend/winter wiggles)
- * December Holiday Cookie Exchange and End--of--Year June/July Picnic
- * Shared support of a family in need through Our Daily Bread's Holiday Program

To join or for more information, please contact:

Lindsay Barry, President, Old Lee Hills resident, at lindsay.c.barry@gmail.com or

Leslie Woods, Treasurer, Country Club Hills resident, at woods.leslie@gmail.com

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Saturday, May 2, 2015
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

To participate, just set up your sale in your yard or at the Commons. We will take care of advertising. After the sale, an AmVets truck will be available to collect any left over, unwanted items. Send your name, address, and phone number to Leslie Daniels by April 28 to have the truck stop by your house.

CCH Contact: Leslie Daniels lesdan001@verizon.net or 703-383-1272

CREEK CLEAN-UP AND COMMONS WORK DAY

**Saturday, April 18, 2015 from 9am to Noon
Pizza and Potluck Lunch to follow**

During this clean-up--which is part of the City of Fairfax's month-long program--we will be cleaning up the Commons and the creek that runs behind the neighborhood.

Our work in the Commons this year begins our multi-year project toward sustainability and native plants. Besides weeding, edging and mulching the whole area, we will begin a concentrated effort on the area in front of the sign, clearing out the plants that grow too tall and planting sedges and other native ground covers and plants that will require less maintenance in the future and support local wildlife.

We are also purchasing a group of native seedlings and will be preparing the ground for their planting later in May.

Thank you to all who have made donations specifically to upkeep of the Commons. Your generosity is helping make this project possible!

We are excited to begin and know that we and our furry and feathered neighbors will benefit for years to come.

We'll be gathering at the picnic tables in the Commons around 8:45 am for donuts and area assignments. Cleanup will be from 9:00 to noon. Don't worry if you can't stay for all 3 hours--even an hour of your time will be most gratefully appreciated!

Be sure to wear clothes and shoes you don't mind getting dirty (and possibly wet). If you have work gloves, please bring them. Trash bags will be provided.

Following our clean-up efforts, please join us for a Pizza and Potluck lunch to celebrate our efforts and good work!

In order to help us with the donut and pizza orders, please RSVP to Jennifer Judelson at mandalas@hotmail.com or (703) 273-0485 by Thursday, April 16th. Students who will be participating as part of required community service hours should to bring their forms with them!



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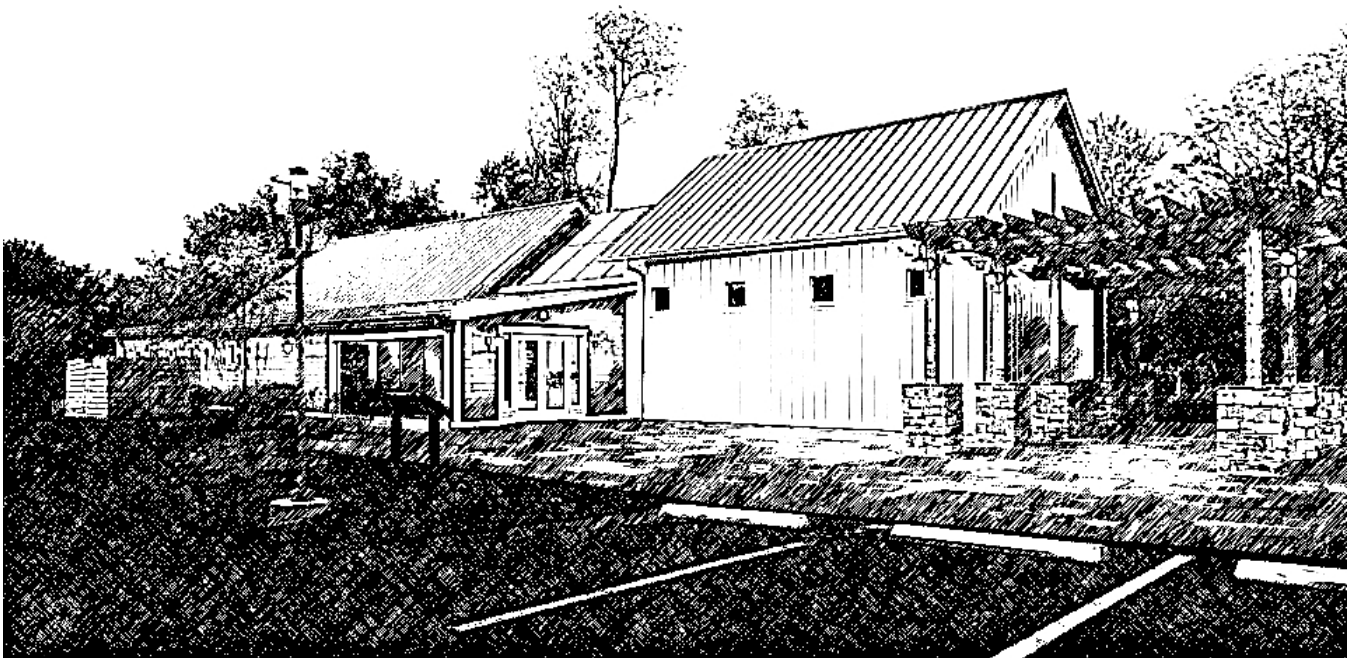
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2015 CCHCA ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us May 7th at 6:30 pm for a socializing and a possible complimentary tour of Blenheim, followed by a speaker from Historic Fairfax City Inc to speak about the history of Blenheim at 7:00 pm.

The presentation will be followed by a brief meeting. Your board of directors will present summaries of the previous year's business, and will be confirming your returning and new board members.

Refreshments will be served!



EDITOR'S NOTE

I look forward to hearing what you like... and what you don't like... about this issue. Send your comments to editor@cchca.org. And thanks.

Old Lee Highway “Great Street” Concept Plan

SAVE THE
DATE!

Public Outreach Meeting
Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm
Sherwood Community Center
(3740 Old Lee Highway)

**Do you walk, bike, drive, take the bus,
live or work along Old Lee Highway?**

We need your input to help shape the future of Old Lee Highway.

This meeting is an important first step of the process. There will be a second meeting at a later date to review possible concepts.

Your input at this stage is critical.

If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to share your thoughts please email wendy.sanford@fairfaxva.gov or call **703-385-7889**.

For more information, please visit our webpage www.fairfaxva.gov/OldLeeHwy
or contact us on social media



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Would you or any member of your household like to offer any of the following in the next CCH Directory:

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☐ Other services you or your business offer (please provide name and type of service): _____

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Please let us know if you are interested in any of the following:

☐ Volunteering your services for the CCH Civic Association Board and / or committees

☐ Garden Club ☐ forming or joining other groups or clubs _____

☐ Advertising in the CCH Directory or newsletters

☐ Joining the CCHCA Yahoo Newsgroup. (Indicate which emails you would like added to the Yahoo Group above)

☐ NEW! Sign up for the online CCH Residents Directory by emailing eklimonda@gmail.com to request access.

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VP Membership Stephanie Justen, 3420 Andover Drive, Fairfax VA 22030

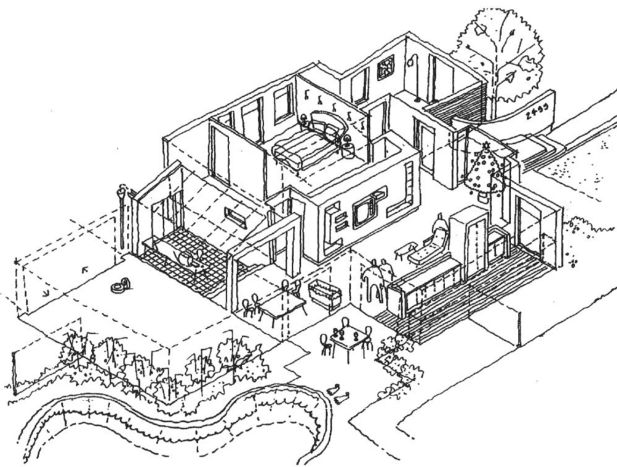
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