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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Autumn!

It was a lovely summer here in CCH, and I hope you all had as relaxing or adventurous summer as you wished for! Although pretty quiet along our streets, I saw lots of dog walking, some skate boarding, bicycling and ran into a few neighbors enjoying the swimming pool, the common area and the new splash pad downtown, so evidence suggests it was a pretty enjoyable summer all around CCH.

Unbeknownst to many of us casual observers there was a lot going on at the Common Area. By that I mean our dedicated volunteers have already identified enough birds, animals and insects to qualify for Audubon At Home Wildlife Sanctuary Certification for the Common Area! The program requires that certain species be identified making use of the area— eating, nesting, etc. and not just “fly-bys”. The species identified are: American Goldfinch, Monarch Butterfly, Gray Tree Frog, bats, damselflies, Carolina Wren, Ruby Throated Hummingbird, Eastern Towhee, Carolina Chickadee, and Gray Catbird! I hope you all will take pride in the accomplishment. The official sign from Audubon should be posted in the next month or two, and will be a great reminder of the importance of the Common Area in our local ecosystem. We hope that our continuing work on planting native plant species will continue to support even more of our native birds and insects.

There will be several opportunities to pitch in on fall planting sessions if you'd like to help. Special thanks go to birder/naturalists Ariel Harwick and Teresina Christy for their eagle eyes and commitment and the volunteers, including our Garden Club members, who come down and help out with the Common Area.

If you are participating in the Audubon at Home program on your own property, let CCHCA know! We'd love to keep track of the properties in the neighborhood that are seeking and achieving sanctuary status. It is fun, too, so get out those binocs! More information on the program is at www.audubonva.org, or feel free to contact me to learn more.

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BLOCK CAPTAIN'S CORNER

Hello CCH! I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer starting with our Ice Cream Social on the last day of school. And ending with the Labor Day picnic at The Commons. A big thank you to all the Block Captains who volunteer in our community to get the word out on all these fun events and to bring community news to each home. We sure appreciate your efforts!

And be sure to let me know if you are not going to be able to make your route at any time so we can call on one of our back-up Block Captains to help out.

Thanks, Vera Daniels (703-383-1272)

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DO YOU KNOW YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN?

**Samuel Wilson & Harry Keppler (9924 Pinehurst) Route 2E
(3402, 3404, 3406, 3408, 3410 Brookwood; 10009 SLT; 9910, 9912, 9914, 9916, 9918, 9920, 9922, 9924 Pinehurst)**

Brothers Samuel and Harry are our youngest official Block Captains and they have held this route since the summer of 2013 along with Cowboy, their unofficial dog helper.

At first, Harry wasn't even tall enough to reach some of the mailboxes but he can now manage all of them.



This year Samuel will be in the 7th grade at Lanier and Harry in 4th grade at Daniels Run. They have both lived in CCH all their lives and love to call it home because of all their friends who live here, how they can walk to school (except middle school), and that the pool is nearby for summer fun.

They both love sports, playing travel and little league baseball, upward basketball, and tennis.

Each has learned karate: Samuel is working on his 2nd degree black belt and Harry has earned his 1st degree black belt.

They love our events at The Commons including the Ice Cream Social, Dodgeball, and Halloween. And feel that volunteering allows them to help people and make new friends.

Thank you to Samuel and Harry for showing us it doesn't matter how old you are, it is the spirit of trying to make a difference that counts.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

I hope you all caught the terrific piece in the June 27 edition of The Washington Post about CCH, by Cheryl Kenny. Of course we all knew already that CCH is a community we can all be proud of, but the article was a nice reflection on us all.

they say, many hands make light work, so please join us and join in.

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

CCHCA wants to keep the good feelings going, so please volunteer your time and talents to the association – the more involved you are, the better it gets. Even if you don't have much time, nobody need take on more than they have time for, and as

Judy Fraser

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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

CCH Directory 2016

We are now updating our directory to be printed in January. The online directory is being updated constantly. If there have been changes in the information/data we have on hand please fill out the attached flyer, instructions contained within.

Many thanks.

CCH FEATURED IN THE WASHINGTON POST - JUNE 26

It was great to see the article in today's [Washington Post Real Estate Section about Country Club Hills](#). I had never thought to look to see if there was a website for CCH, and what a pleasant surprise to see such a well-designed and informative community website. I hope you don't mind if I use it as an example for communities I have been involved with in the past and in the future.

My dad was the Secretary and business partner at Stafford Builders during that period, and his signature appears on Art Lamb's deed. We lived in the Willcoxon house from 1952 until 1955 while the first sections of CCH were developed, and then moved to our home at 800 Spring Lake Terrace (CR3-0710). It is my scribbling and that of my sister that was so carefully removed from the attic when the house was restored after the Scott family passed on. There were six children in the Spring Lake Terrace home when we moved away in 1966. Being a builder, it was fascinating to read the correspondence between the CCHCA and Stafford regarding complaints to the VA inspectors. Yes, that was my dad who

had to write that painfully written response to the complaints. Some things never change. Builders are always the bad guys, although I hope that the solidly built homes in Country Club Hills are a lasting legacy to the quality that Bob Stafford and my dad built into them.

We still have friends in CCH, including the Lamb family. Although I live in Washington DC now, I often drive through CCH whenever I am in Fairfax. It was and still is a great place to raise a family. When the Willcoxon house was being marketed, I made an offer to purchase the estate and the surrounding acreage to restore the house and to build an enclave of single-family homes on large lots. I was pleased to withdraw my offer when the city expressed a desire to purchase the whole thing and create an historical site. I have visited many times, and have enjoyed a visit to the attic on a couple of occasions.

Thanks for keeping these memories alive.

Bob Harris, Jr.

THE HISTORY OF COUNTRY CLUB HILLS, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

Have you been to the Fairfax Museum on Main Street? It was the first elementary school in Fairfax, and was built in 1873. The museum produces exhibits on city-related history.

If you're a quilter or a quilt aficionado then you should head over there and learn about a WPA project that employed quilters at the old Fairfax Courthouse from 1936 thru 1941. The exhibit ends on March 28th. Upstairs at the museum is a permanent exhibit dedicated to the town/city of Fairfax. The exhibit traces the history of the area from when it was inhabited by Indians, through colonial times, the civil war, its time as a farming village, and the more recent suburbanization period.

There's an amusing quote on display from George Washington in regard to his experience with the roads in this area in 1774. He calls them "the worst roads that ever was trod by Man or Beast". I guess some things never change.

The exhibit at the Museum led me to wonder about the nature of our neighborhood before it became Country Club Hills. What was here before all the houses? Who owned it and what did they do with it the land? The library has numerous resources available to research City history. The Hopkin's Map published in 1878 shows the local roads and landowners. A landowner had to pay \$5 to have his name on the map, \$10 for the name to appear in large type.

Judging from this map, it's clear that the Willcoxon family owned the land that would eventually become CCH. In 1810 Rezin Willcoxon owned

one thousand acres in the area, and in 1854 his son Albert bought 367 acres from this father. His land included, what is now the police station, CCH, Old Lee Hills and Daniels Run Elementary. He operated a farm, growing mostly wheat and oats and ran it with slaves. The land remained in the hands of the Willcoxon's for four generations. The family lived in the Blenheim house through the Civil War when the area was occupied by northern troops (which must have been uncomfortable for Albert, since he voted for secession). After the war the Willcoxon's turned to dairy farming, like many farmers in Fairfax County.

The county was the largest dairy producer in Virginia for a long period and was very successful. Albert died in 1885, and his wife Mary in 1903. Albert's son Harry inherited the house and land on the CCH side off Old Lee Highway and his sister, Bessie inherited what is now Old Lee Hills. The green house with the high wall on the corner of Old Post Road, was her home. In 1948 the 4th generation Barbara Scott and her Mother 3rd generation Margarite Duras sold all except 12 acres, the surrounding land which became CCH.

Today, the home of Albert and the 12 acres is a City Park and houses a Civil War Museum and is open for all residents to enjoy. So there you have it. What was in our neighborhood before we all showed up? Cows.

Thanks to Karen Moore of the Fairfax City Library and Andrea Lowenwarter, Historic Resources Specialist of Historic Blenheim for their help with this article.

MEMBERSHIP

Yearly membership dues for the CCHCA are \$15. If you have not yet paid for 2015 please consider sending in a check now. Money collected in dues is used to help pay for food and entertainment for events such as our Labor Day picnic, Halloween Party, End-of-School Ice Cream Social, as well as neighborhood upkeep and care of the Commons, the CCHCA website, Yahoo-Google Newsgroups, quarterly newsletters, yearly updated CCH Directory, Santa Claus's visits, Holiday Decoration Contest, Easter Egg-Roll and more . . . !

To renew or join CCHCA, simply go to the website: www.cchca.org and go to the Membership Application tab. You will be instructed on how to renew your membership for one or two years using the PayPal payment option.

If you would rather pay by check, please take a moment to fill out the membership form included with this newsletter and return it with payment to Keith and Stephanie Justen, 3420 Andover Drive.

Watch for our membership drive, coming in January 2016!

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

As we prepare for our first meeting of the fall season, our programming co-chairs have come up with a magnificent idea. We will be sharing a favorite recipe using an herb that we have either grown in our garden this summer, or just a favorite herb that we love using. We will also be encouraging members to bring an herb to share if they have extra in their garden and to share some facts about their herb.

On our agenda this month we will be discussing what our plans are for updating our area of "The Commons" in order to conform to the Community Appearance Committees' wishes. In preparation for fall clean-up and plantings, we have removed some liriopie in the area this summer as well as weeding and mulching.

If you are interested in finding out more about your neighborhood garden club, plan on attending the September meeting. It will be held at the Skoglund home at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Joyce Skoglund, President at 703-591-4017 or jeskoglund@verizon.net.

Garden Facts:

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BEAUTY SPOT

Congratulations Lauren and Joseph Valentino of 10112 Cornwall—you are the winners of the September 2015 Beauty Spot of the Month!

As we drove by this month's selection, we were drawn in by the lushness of the beds. The bed in front of the house is filled with laurel. On the left side of the driveway, the layer closest to the house is full of Acuba and Domestica Nandina. It is rounded out with azalea, hosta, and assorted plants in pots. These add a wonderful backdrop for the gems that make this yard pop.

On closer inspection, there are three themes on display in this yard:

1. ATTRACT POLLINATORS

At the corner of the beds in front of the house and to the left of the driveway is a large Butterfly Bush, still blooming with purple buds and many bees and butterflies fluttering about. Also on display, and attracting more pollinators, is Rudbeckia (black-eyed susan), Echinacea (purple cone flower), and sedum.

2. INTEGRATE HERBS INTO THE LANDSCAPING DESIGN

At the top of the driveway, by the front door, is a big bush of a plant, blooming with white flowers. At first glance, you might think it is Queen Ann's Lace, but on further investigation, you will be surprised to see that it is actually chives that have been allowed to go to seed and flowered. Also, embedded within the design are rosemary and sage. The herbs add shape, texture, and scent to the garden.

3. VEGGIE CONTAINER GARDEN

At the top of the driveway, to the right, is a lovely little container garden with colorful cages supporting tomatoes and peppers. A pot with bright bold orange marigolds plays nicely against the red of the tomatoes and also acts as a bug repellent.

Stop by and see this beautiful yard— it's chock-full of great design ideas!



Beauty Spot of the Month for September 2015 - The Valentinos - 10112 Cornwall Road

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Judelsohn, Joyce Skoglund Country Hills Garden Club
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WINTER IS COMING

With winter quickly approaching, your board members would like to remind you to please be sure to shovel the sidewalks in front of your homes after each storm, as well as any fire hydrants. Also, should you find yourself in need of assistance in clearing snow, please check our website for a list of neighborhood shovelers, or contact David Stearman, chair of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor committee.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Neighborhood Holiday Craft Fair, Saturday, 7 November, from 9:30-12 (rain date 14 Nov). Come down to The Commons to support your neighbors by shopping for one-of-a-kind, handmade Christmas presents. You'll be happy you did!

For more information or to add your name to the list of crafters selling their items, just call or e-mail Leslie Daniels at lesdan001@verizon.net (703-383-1272).

CCH Holiday Decorating Contest will be during the month of December.

Visit from Santa is currently planned for Thursday-Saturday, Dec 17-19. More information will be provided in the next newsletter. Anyone interested in helping to organize this event (including sleigh drivers and other elvish positions), please contact Amy Levy at amymlevy@gmail.com (202-341-8707).



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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.

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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 _____

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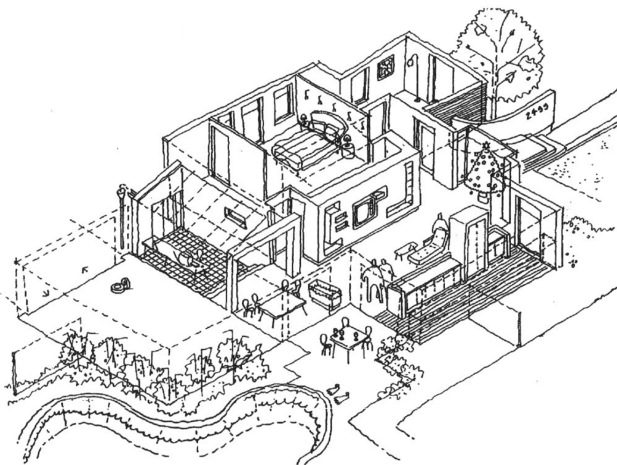
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Email 1	Email 2

Please complete the questionnaire and email to Ernie Klimonda, directory@cchca.org, or call for pick up, 703-591-0696

The 2016 CCH directory is now being prepared. Please complete and return this questionnaire to assure correctness of your data.

Many thanks,

Ernie Klimonda
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