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2017

## The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association

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*President's Message*

Hello, my name is Leslie Daniels and I was voted in as the new CCH President at the annual meeting in May. My daughter, Vera, and I moved to CCH in March 2008 and have loved living here ever since. I became VP, Block Captains in 2010 and continued in that position (with one year off when my daughter took over) until this year. Thank you to Judy Fraser for handling this office so well for the last couple of years.

At our annual meeting, Cathy Salgado, Director of Parks and Rec in Fairfax, gave a presentation on the Master Plan being put together for Van Dyck Park. One of the most popular proposed changes is having permanent toilets installed. Also the city is considering a senior center nearby to replace the one at Green Acres. However, the main point is that Van Dyck is well-loved so Fairfax City does not plan to dramatically change the character of the park, just improve it.

So far it has been a hot summer and the board is trying to plan an event in August that might include ways to cool off such as water pistol fights, wading pools, watermelon eating, etc. If you have any ideas you'd like to suggest or you would like to help plan an event, please contact Jason Gray, our VP of Social Activities. Of course, our annual Labor Day Picnic is on the calendar for the 4<sup>th</sup> of September, look for the flyer in this newsletter.

So, all of you, have a wonderful rest of your summer, enjoy the pool, being outside, talking to neighbors, gardening, and all the other ways we spend the long, hot days.

*Leslie Daniels*

*Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!*

Event	Location	Date/Time
Dog Band Concert	The Common Area	Saturday, August 12th, 6:30-8pm
Labor Day Picnic	The Common Area	Monday, September 4th, 4-7pm

*Do you have ideas for additional activities? Please contact Jason Gray, VP of Social Activities, at [social@cchca.org](mailto:social@cchca.org) and/or 703-691-4163*

## *CCH, We Need Your Input!*

The CCH board is considering having the City of Fairfax install some playground equipment at the Commons (at the other end from the pavilion). It would not be a large set but maybe some swings, slide, and maybe something to climb on. The city is willing to have their playground providers draw up some ideas and would put it, if approved by us, in their next budget to probably be installed within the next year.

We have beautiful plantings down there now and I've told Cathy Salgado, head of Parks and Rec department, that we wouldn't want them disturbed or hidden from view so planners should take that into consideration. They would come to Commons to view the area and take measurements, then produce ideas for us to review. What I would like from all of you are comments about the idea. Are you for it or against it? Do you have any requests to be considered? Please send your ideas/thoughts to me at [President@cchca.org](mailto:President@cchca.org). Appreciate your responses. Leslie Daniels



## *Do You Know Your Block Captain?*

**Noel Klimenko (3402 Park Hill Place)  
Route 4D (3402, 3406, 3408, 3410, 3412, 3414,  
3416, 3418, 3420 Park Hill Place)**

Noel and husband Dimitri Klimenko moved into Country Club Hills in 1998 from Falls Church. Noel grew up in Fairfax, in Mosby Woods and other parts of the city, from the time she was 4 years old. They have two children who will both be at Fairfax High School this fall. Connor is 15 and Kylie is 14.

Noel works for Fairfax County Public Schools and Dimitri is self-employed. She has been a Block Captain for at least 7 years and probably more. You can see her delivering the newsletters with Marta, their dog.

*Thanks to Noel for her service to  
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*(l-r) Kylie, Noel, Dimitri, and Conner Klimenko*

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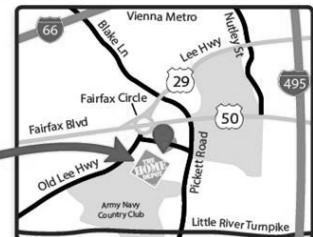


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**Kids' Coloring Spot**



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We had 6 very happy winners.

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**Nick DeSalvo, Greene Turtle**

**Christie Black, ABS Auto Repair**

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## July, 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month

Congratulations to the Fitzgeralds, our CCH neighbors at 3419 Country Hill Drive! The landscape at their home has been selected as the July, 2017 Beauty Spot of the Month. CCH owners of corner lots have used many landscape designs to beautify their extra wide front and side yards. The Fitzgeralds have enhanced the curb appeal of their home by transforming their outdoor space into a lovely private retreat.

When traveling on Old Lee Highway past the side yard of this home, one first notices the row of mature cypress trees at the edge of the property. These closely planted tall evergreens with feathery, emerald leaves form an attractive privacy wall next to the sidewalk. At the corner of the property, one's attention is captured by the glossy leaves of a magnolia tree with wide-spreading branches that are adorned with fragrant white blossoms in the spring. The dense foliage of these ornamental trees extends to the ground and serves as a year-round screen to block the distractions of pedestrian and car traffic.

On the opposite side of the natural green fence, a remarkable variety of trees, shrubs, and flowers comes into view. To the left of the driveway, several holly trees and a towering maple shade a level area of turf with plenty of open space for family outdoor activities. Powder blue hydrangea flowers brighten the rear boundary. To the right of the driveway, in the middle of the lawn, two dogwoods provide a colorful focal point through the change of seasons. Plantings of contrasting sizes and colors fill the sunny gardens along the house foundation. Large euonymus and aucuba with variegated gold and green leaves and mounds of low-growing blue star junipers parallel the front wall. Nandinas dress up the house corners with cascading white summer flowers and red winter berries. Perennial flower beds near the main entrance feature azalea and wood sedge. Liriope grass and dwarf boxwood border the walkway leading to the doorstep accented with potted pink begonias and purple verberna.

Prominently located at an entrance to Country Club Hills, this attractive property makes a lasting impression on residents and visitors in the neighborhood. The Fitzgeralds garner many compliments, especially on a national holiday when they display patriotic decorations for all to enjoy!

Respectfully submitted,

*Anita Johnson and Joyce Skoglund*

Country Hills Garden Club

View pictures online at [www.cchca.org](http://www.cchca.org)



### LABOR DAY PICNIC!

Come join the fun!

Monday, September 4th, 4-7 pm

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## Mom's Group

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A great way to meet friends and build up your "village," whether you're from around here or not. We offer:

- 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 freeplay standing appointment at My Gym Burke for our small kiddos (great for getting out the weekend/winter wiggles).
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To join or for more information, please contact:

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### Lock Your Car

Leaving your doors and windows unlocked is just what a thief is looking for and makes it easy to steal your property or your car.

Even if you are leaving your car for "just a minute," lock it. A minute is all a thief needs to walk away with your valuables.

### Take Your Keys

Take your keys with you. Don't give a thief the opportunity to steal your car. Don't be tempted to hide a spare key in or around the car, and take the valet key out of your car.

Thieves know all the tricks and hiding places.

### Hide Your Valuables

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind" and "Better Safe than Sorry" is good cautionary advice.

Leaving valuables in plain sight only tempts a thief looking for the next victim.

Don't leave items such as GPS units, cell phones, cameras, MP3 players, laptop computers, purses, wallets and other valuables in your car.

If you must leave valuables in your car, such as when you're traveling, make sure things are hidden **before** you get to your destination. After all, it doesn't do much good to hide your valuables if the thief watches you and then waits for you to leave your car before breaking in.

It sounds simple, but you really can fight crime every day just by locking your car, taking your keys, and hiding your valuables.

It will make the City of Fairfax an even better and safer community and it may save you a lot of time, aggravation and money.

The best way to fight crime is to prevent it from happening in the first place.

Don't become a victim!

If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately to police at (703) 385-7924.

### Lock Your Car

### Take Your Keys

### Hide Your Valuables

**The CCH Civic Association welcomes all new residents who moved to Country Club Hills!**

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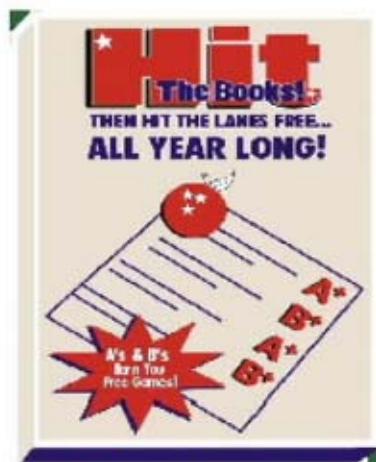


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CCHCA membership dues are just \$15 and help pay for events such as our Labor Day picnic, Halloween Party and End-of-School Ice Cream Social as well as our quarterly newsletters, yearly updated CCH Directory, the care and upkeep of the Common Area,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

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The link below will take you to my entry (10 photos in all) and you can vote every day up until August 4th.

<https://www.gardenista.com/submission/2017/back-in-black/>

Let's show the internet how we do it in CCH!!

Thanks in advance for your time and support!

*Karen Nichols*



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But we can do our part every day by making sure that trash goes in the trash and that nothing manmade gets into the storm sewer inlets. In fact, something as ubiquitous as cigarette butts may be small but they are lethal. The butt of the cigarette contains all the harmful toxins that the filters are keeping out of the smokers' lungs - once in the stream many of those toxins simply, and fatally, leach into the water, and even the filters are not biodegradable these days and end up in the intestines and stomachs of aquatic animals. So not only is keeping our neighborhood trash-free aesthetically desirable but it is a simple way to protect our creek and its many inhabitants!

Send any questions or suggestions to [communityappearance@cchca.org](mailto:communityappearance@cchca.org)

*Judy Fraser*

Chair Community Appearance Committee



# The DOG Band



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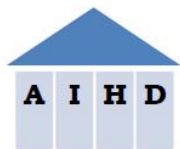
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## ***My New Abode***, by Kon Rhyu of 3403 Andover Dr.

On a fine Spring day, with new house keys jiggling in my hand, my wife and I stepped out of the settlement office. After dutifully signing endless documents with robotic fervor, the contract was finalized and we were more than ready to get out and head to our new house. We put the pedal to the metal and pulled into the driveway of our new house in no time. Up until this moment, we were in a mind set of utility, characterized by the legal and financial process of buying a house. But the very moment we stepped out of the car, the realization that we now belong to this house and the neighborhood hit us with feelings of excitement, hope, and uncertainty.

Fast forward to ten months later, I'm sitting in my dining room tinkering with and trying to restore a Mid Century Modern lighting fixture original to homes like ours. As I hold this object from the 50's and start cleaning, my mind starts to wander to the lifestyle of former inhabitants of this house. What were they like? Did they enjoy living in this house and the neighborhood? What were their hopes and aspirations?

I can imagine theirs probably were not far off from mine at the core. Basically we all want a little piece of safe and nourishing haven where we can come home and relax after a hard day of work and where our children can grow up happily and reach their full potential. We also want a place to be responsive to our changing needs as we grow older.

So far, our house and the neighborhood meet our family's needs and we are happy to call this place our home. And that feeling of uncertainty we had when we first moved in has dissipated in the course of numerous community events, backyard BBQs, house renovations, and settling kids into new schools and activities.

I still have a long list of house work and places to explore around the neighborhood. But I feel that, mentally, I am gradually beginning to take ownership of our home and our community.



## **Dominion Power Presentation**

On 17 July, Dominion Virginia Power gave a presentation to the boards of Country Club Hills, Great Oaks, and Ridge Avenue developments. I attended for CCH and here is a brief summary of the information covered. Rick Landis and Leslie McMillan presented from the Reliability Department. Leslie is actually the operations specialist for Fairfax City. CCH has two circuits coming into the neighborhood. 679 comes in on Fairfax High School side and 872 on the St. Leo side. 872 is actually the more reliable circuit and also feeds into Sherwood Center and the police station.

Dominion Power has added disconnects to isolate problems so that fewer houses lose power. They have been checking the condition of their substations, the load on local transformers to make sure it isn't too much, tree trimming all year, replacing switches on the main lines, and performing thermal scans to measure heat coming off their equipment. Automation is being added, overvoltage protec-

tion installed, and some undergrounding of lines was completed behind CCH on the Spring Lake Terrace side.

Scheduled improvements for the next year affect Circuit 679, which we share with Great Oaks. They will be performing upline reconditioning which consists of replacing poles and lines for the main line coming into CCH. Also planned is some undergrounding of lines which can be done on single tab lines (they branch off main lines and serve one street). Park Hill Place is planned first due to having the most outages. The other two single tab lines are Farr and Country Hill which have almost reached the criteria for undergrounding.

The CCH Board will consider asking these two Dominion Power representatives to come to one of our next board meetings at which time members of the neighborhood could come to voice their concerns and ask questions. Stay tuned for more information.

*Leslie Daniels*

# Country Club Hills Civic Association

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## MEMBERSHIP FORM

*Your membership strengthens our community!*

**Membership year: January 1 - December 31, 2017 Dues: \$15/year/household**

Members are allowed to post messages on our CCH-Yahoo-Group and have access to the online CCH Directory

Name of Resident(s)			
Street Address		Home Phone	
Email 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Add to Google Group <input type="checkbox"/> Add to Online Directory	Cell Phone(s)	
Email 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Add to Google Group <input type="checkbox"/> Add to Online Directory	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member OR <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 year (\$15) OR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years (\$30)		<input type="checkbox"/> Check OR <input type="checkbox"/> Cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> I can help more! Additional funds for Common Area maintenance enclosed \$_____			
Additional funds for Social Activities enclosed \$_____			

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

☐ Babysitting/pet-sitting/yard work services (specify type of work; if under 18 please include parent signature as permission and give year of birth): \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Lessons you provide: i. e. music/instrument/language/other: \_\_\_\_\_

**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 Google Newsgroup. (Indicate which emails you would like added to the GoogleGroup above)

☐ NEW! Sign up for the online CCH Residents Directory by emailing [eklimonda@gmail.com](mailto:eklimonda@gmail.com) to request access.

**Make checks payable to: Treasurer CCHCA Please return form and payment to:**

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

Questions or info email [kjusten2@gmail.com](mailto:kjusten2@gmail.com) or call 703-273-5249

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