

THE ECCHO

The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association

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From the President

Hello neighbors,

Another year is coming to a close in CCHCA history – and we've been busy!

I'd like to say thank you to board of directors and committee (co-)chairs for a job very well done. It's been a pleasure. Now might be a good time to mention that elections for the Board occur this May. Do you like what we're doing? Do you have ideas about what could be done better? Join us! We always welcome fresh ideas and enthusiasm. And we can use some help in some areas.

We've increased our publicity within the neighborhood and the city, thereby making CCH more visible.

Our website, thanks to Marty and Ernie, continues to be a shining example for other civic associations. We've also put up more signs regarding our social functions.

Our Social Co-chairs, Katie and Jill, have orchestrated some of the finest activities we've seen in recent years. Every function continues to increase in size. People must be having a good time!

Our VP of Civic Affairs continues to be a viable presence at City Council meetings. Paul keeps us in the loop about pertinent happenings in the city and how they might affect us. See his update on pages 5 and 9.

We have an updated directory, thanks Ernie, which includes members and non members. Our member count is now at 63%. Just phenomenal, Hildie and Block Captains!

Our newly established park (which is sort of old news now) will be dedicated this spring by Mayor Lederer and City Council. The pavilion, fencing and trees were all funded by the city. We thank them for their support over the years and for making this idea a reality.

And did you know....CCH is celebrating 50 years as a neighborhood! (technically, our neighborhood was created in a couple of phases, but we are taking the liberty to celebrate NOW!) See details for our dedication this April on page 5. Check out some of the original photos in the www.cchca.org website. It was a field with very few trees!

We look forward to many more years to come!

Thank you,

—Lisa

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- Set up playgroups at local parks or member's homes
- Host monthly "moms only" social events/meetings
- Provide meals and support to new moms
- Run a Yahoo newsgroup to provide a forum, swap recipes, list fun kids activities, and relate activities about local businesses and healthcare providers
- Baby sit each other's kids by voluntary arrangement

– get out to the dentist without a major hassle!

Interested? Contact us at OLHmoms@yahoo.com

Become a member-CCHCA

Thank you all for your overwhelming participation in last year's membership drive.

The new fiscal year will begin May 1, 2006 and will end April 30, 2007. We will be sending out notices for the membership drive beginning in April 2006. Hope you are ready to write your check to join this year. Dues are still only \$10 a year. The dues are due by May 31, 2006. Call me, Hildie Carney, Membership Committee Chair, at 703-591-5305 with any suggestions or comments.

Welcoming New Residents

*Herring, Ron and Brunie, Chrystina, Xavier
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Residents since 2005. (*) denotes member of CCHCA

Please help us welcome our new neighbors! We need the names and/or addresses of our newly moved-in neighbors (owners or renters).

Call the welcoming committee:
Yanji Lama, 703-395-3693, yanjilama@yahoo.com
or Melissa Peterson, 703-691-2199, tdp1@mac.com

Yahoo-Group-CCHCA

It's free to join! Receive and/or send notices that are of interest to Country Club Hills residents.

To join follow the following steps:

- 1) Log on to www.cchca.org
- 2) Click on : Yahoo-Group-CCHCA
- 3) Click on: sign-up (on top of page)
- 4) Follow the instructions..

Good luck and welcome!

Join the Cavalry!

During the last snow storm, most of us experienced a 2 hour power outage, which was just long enough to be annoying. However, some of the neighborhood experienced a 19 hour power outage, like one of our older resident couples. Normally relying on a daughter nearby, they were uncomfortable asking for help. A thoughtful neighbor did come to the rescue after they suffered freezing temps for hours.

We, as a neighborhood, need to be there for our neighbors. Some neighbors were able to help, but wouldn't it be great if we could form a committee that would be on standby to help when need arises?

If we had 7-10 willing folks just to be on standby to either make a meal, shovel a walk, bring in some firewood, help start a car, or move a desk from one room to the other, it could make all the difference.

Would you be willing to help? Or be the point of contact for the committee to make some calls to see who might be available. It would be a welcome relief for some of our older residents.

Give me a call if you're interested, Lisa Whetzel at 703-383-5989.

It Pays to Advertise

To advertise in the CCHCA Newsletter and/or Directory, the yearly fees are:

Full page \$100

1/2 page \$50

1/4 page \$25

For information contact: Hildie Carney at 703-591-5305 or Hilcarn31@aol.com

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Upcoming CCH Events

Commons Dedication and 50th Anniversary Event Set for April 2

Congratulations Everyone! Our new park is ready to be dedicated and used for the 50th Anniversary celebration of our Country Club Hills neighborhood!

Please mark your calendars and attend the event at the Country Club Hills Commons at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 2. We'll officially open our park on a beautiful spring day when our new trees, bushes, and flowers begin blooming.

Our dedication ceremony features a ribbon cutting by Fairfax City Mayor Robert Lederer and Country Club Hills Civic Association President Lisa Whetzel at our new 20-foot by 20-foot pavilion on the east end of our new park.

More importantly, immediately after the dedication, CCHCA will provide goodies (that means cake and ice cream!) plus other activities for children. Please thank the many families who have made CCH a wonderful place to live for more than 50 years.

Last year our City's Parks and Recreation Department installed the new pavilion and our new "Country Club Hills Commons" sign that reflects the name residents voted on at a CCH Civic Association meeting.

Children playing at our Commons is a truly wonderful sight that we can appreciate for future generations thanks to the hard work of dozens of volunteers over the past four years to clear brush, clean trash, and plant lots of beautiful trees, bushes, and flowers.

Our City Council, School Board, and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board were all invited to this very special community event. Please bring your family to this spectacular event so we can thank everyone involved with our community-building activities.

Pitchforks and Rakes!

It's "clean-up before the guests arrive" time! The Commons needs some TLC before the scheduled dedication. The city will aerate, seed and fertilize the grass. It's our job to take care of the landscaped beds and we need to get a jump on the mighty weed population. It's also a perfect time to tear down that

pesky kudzu along the tree line - they're brown and vulnerable.

Do you have any perennials from your yard you think would do well in the Commons? We could use some hearty, sun-loving and shade-loving flowers.

Come out Saturday, March 25, at 8:30am to help us spread mulch and plant hearty annuals. Bring your wheel barrow, pitch fork, rake, shovel, gloves, branch clippers and humor. Refreshments provided, kids welcome. Call Danielle Sullivan at 703-293-9774 for more details.

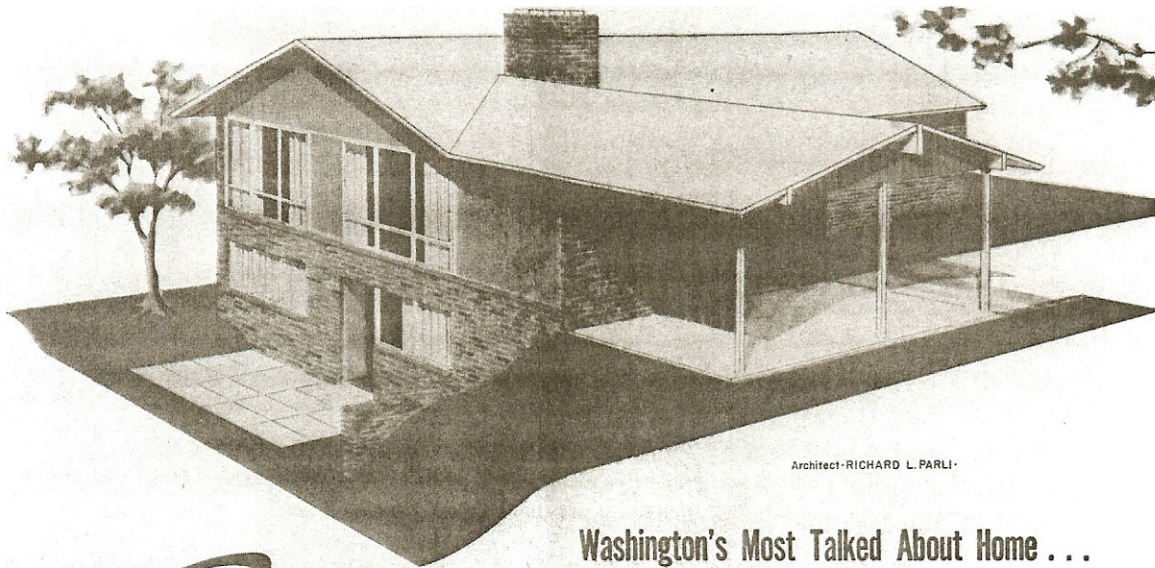


Calendar

Next CCHCA Board Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2006 and will be hosted by Yanji Lama, 10124 Spring Lake Terrace, 703-278-0428, yanjilama@yahoo.com. All residents are welcome and urged to attend.

Next ECCHO Newsletter will be published June 1, 2006. Please submit your entries (articles, news, etc) by May 20 to Ana Alonso, VP-Publishing, 9916 Farr Drive, 703-273-4737, a.alonso@cox.net.

CCHCA Annual General Meeting will be held on May 17, 2006 at Fairfax High School. Yes, it's that time again! At the meeting, a new slate of officers will be presented for the 2006-07 year. Please take a look at the positions and call me if you would like to be nominated for a VP position or would like to help on any committee. Hildie Carney, Chair of Nominating Committee, 703-591-5305.

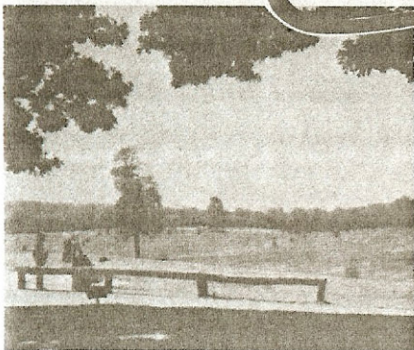


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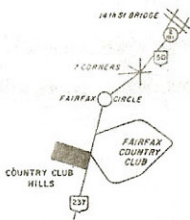
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The Historian's Corner

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You can look at it in color on our website:
www.cchca.org

History of Country Hills Garden Club

by Polly Feuer

Country Hills Garden Club held its first meeting in January 1957. The 15 charter members lived in the 300 new homes in Country Club Hills, recently built on farmland pastures. They landscaped and gardened their own properties and worked with the Country Club Hills Civic Association to plant trees in the subdivision and to obtain signs for its three entrances.

Club members also quickly applied their talents to the larger Fairfax community. By mid-1957 they were helping plant trees and boxwood on the grounds of Layton Hall (now Daniels Run) Elementary School. In September 1958, the school was the scene of the first of many flower and garden shows the club produced. The shows recognized the creative efforts of individuals in the community and displayed educational exhibits on a variety of garden club-related subjects and projects.

Some of the other projects the club engaged in over the years included dogwood and tulip plantings at John C. Wood Elementary School (now the John C.

Wood Municipal Complex), perennial flower beds at the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute, trees and shrubs at Fairfax High School, and daylilies along the Layton Hall bicycle path, at the Country Club Hills swimming pool and recreation center, and at the Fairfax Cemetery.

As a special Bicentennial project, the group renovated the grounds of the Truro Episcopal Church rectory. Also in 1976, club past-presidents Lois Marbert and Arlene Desmarais served on the Fairfax City Appearance Committee. They sponsored contests, implemented an environmental improvement program, ran a booth promoting recycling during the city's annual Fall Festival, and decorated the entrance signs to the city, which received the thanks of Mayor Frederick Silverthorne for "a wonderful gift for all to enjoy!"

The club helped establish a walk-through garden at Commonwealth Doctors' Hospital (now INOVA Commonwealth Care Center), contributed benches and landscaping plants to Fair Oaks Hospital, and helped with the installation of a butterfly garden at Fairfax Nursing Home.

In 1997, to celebrate the club's 40th anniversary, members made a presentation to the Fairfax Museum of eight albums of historic photos and articles of the club's activities. It was the hope of the club members to provide insight into the contributions that service-oriented groups have made to the City of Fairfax and to share the memories of the many women who have been part of the Country Hills Garden Club projects.

As Country Hills Garden Club approaches its 50th anniversary, members remain committed to its motto of "meet and reap." Meetings combine educational and social events. Experts are invited to talk on a variety of topics, and the group makes interesting field trips every year. The club continues to promote beautiful lawns and gardening efforts through the award of its Beauty Spot of the Month within the Country Club Hills community.

The 2006 CCH Directory

If you are a member of CCHCA and need a free replacement copy of the directory, please contact: Ernie Klimonda 703-591-0696, eklimonda@cchca.org

Non-members: a copy of the new 2006 CCH Directory is available at \$5.00 each. Why not become a member and receive a free (home-delivered) copy. See page 3 for details.

News from the Treasurer

CCHCA's bank balance as of Feb 28, 2006 is \$4,858. Roughly \$2300 is in the unrestricted account and can be used by the community for any expenses incurred. The remaining \$2500 is in the restricted account. This account contains the grant money the city has given our community for enhancing the Commons. Deposits since the last update (Sept 30) total \$560- from annual dues and directory advertising. Expenses for the same timeframe were \$970. Approx \$475 were entertainment expenses - various parties in the community during the Fall and Winter, \$140 towards the Commons beautification, \$225 in donations to charities at the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, \$60 in miscellaneous expenses related to the directory and historian projects, \$50 towards welcoming gifts for our newest neighbors, and lastly \$25 to the State Corp. Commission.

The Magic Square

Any four touching numbers will add up to 34. So will any four horizontal, vertical, or diagonal numbers.

4	5	16	9
14	11	2	7
1	8	13	12
15	10	3	6

Can you find and construct another similar square that contains numbers arranged in equal rows and columns such that the sum of each row, column, and diagonal is the same? Submit your entry and we'll publish it in our next ECCHO Newsletter. Contact Ernie at eklimonda@cchca.org or 703-591-0696.

The Social Corner

We had a busy Fall season with many fun-filled events.

- Our Halloween Trick-or-Treat Kick-off was a huge success! We gathered at The Commons for pizza and a costume contest. There were several lucky winners.
- We adopted several families in the region for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We provided \$75 gift certificates to Shoppers Food Warehouse for their holiday meal and a \$75 gift certificate to Target.
- We would love to get more participation on the Luminaries weekend. Imagine how beautiful we can make our neighborhood look with luminaries lining the sidewalks... we'll consider amending this event based on your feedback.
- Santa was another huge success! Many happy children received inexpensive gifts during a visit from Santa in the comfort of their own homes. This is a fun event to coordinate with a neighbor too!

Look forward to more fun events coming soon...

- We're really excited about the Commons Dedication and the 50th Anniversary Celebration on April 2 at 2:00pm! See page 5 for details.
- Summer initiation Ice Cream Social will be planned for a day at the end of June. Look for signs and flyers and check the website for exact time and date, still to be determined.

The Social Committee is revamping. We need lots of participation from you in order to keep the fun stuff happening. We are looking for new ideas, new energy and volunteers for the upcoming membership year. We need helping hands to continue to pull off the Labor Day Potluck, summer events, Halloween, Santa, the Easter Egg Hunt and any "adults only" get togethers in the future.

Please contact any of the board members with your interests! Thank you!

Fairfax High School Cars Flood CCH; City Notified

In February, your Country Club Hills Civic Association received several complaints about a flood of cars parked by Fairfax High School students. Fairfax High School students lost more than 200 parking places due to the extensive renovations. In February, the Old Lee Hills neighborhood prohibited student parking for their entire subdivision. Students are now parking each morning along Spring Lake Terrace near Spring Lake Court as well as along Pinehurst up toward Andover.

The extra cars are not the main problem. Rather, according to residents, some students speed and block driveways, creating a traffic hazard. Some play loud music and walk through private back yards as early as 7:00 in the morning. Some students leave piles of trash, bottles, and cans in the gutter.

On February 27, Paul Sullivan, our Vice President for Civic Affairs, e-mailed Fairfax High School and the School Board about the problems, and they are investigating possible solutions. On February 28, Sullivan spoke to our Mayor and City Council, and they are also looking into the situation with the School Board and High School.

No decisions have been made to resolve the problem. One alternative under review is to declare all of Country Club Hills neighborhood a "permit zone" between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Another alternative is for the High School to obtain parking spaces elsewhere, such as the Army-Navy Country Club, Home Depot, or Outback Steakhouse.

Please let Paul Sullivan know if you have any questions about this issue p.sullivan29@verizon.net

Potholes

Have you seen any potholes in your street or neighborhood?. Call Paul Sullivan, VP-Civic Affairs, at 703-293-9774 or email him at: p.sullivan29@verizon.net. Paul will contact the City for further action.

Humor is the Best Medicine

A lively auction was momentarily halted when the auctioneer announced: "A gentleman in the room has just discovered that he lost his wallet containing \$1000 cash, and is offering a reward of \$250 to the finder."

A brief silence followed, when from the rear of the room a voice cried out: "\$275!"

Census Taker: "What part of your income does your family spend for rent, clothing, etc?"

Citizen: "About 40% for food, 30% for clothes, 30% for rent and 10% for recreation."

Census Taker: "That adds up to 110%."

Citizen: "That's right."

Blenheim Update

by Hildie Carney, Chair, Blenheim Task Force

Work on the renovation of the Blenheim house is progressing very nicely. Have you noticed how wonderful the outside bricks look?

The house is now restored to its original look since the 1950's kitchen addition and much of the shrubbery have been removed. A new roof has been added and work on the interior has begun as well.

The Blenheim Task Force Committee is meeting to approve the design for the Interpretative Center and Museum. Please call me at 703-591-5305 if you have any comments.



Spring is almost here!

Your Neighbor Since January 1986

City of Fairfax Councilmember Patrice Winter

Patrice Winter has been your neighbor here in Country Club Hills since January 1986. Her involvement in the neighborhood began as Social Director, organizing the Santa visits, Easter Egg Hunt and the Labor Day Block Party in the early 90s. She later served as president, for several years. During that tenure, the Association received City grant money to acquire signage at each of the three entrances into our neighborhood. Her children, MaryEllen and Jonathan, have attended City schools their entire school careers. They are now at Fairfax HS and Lanier MS. She has been actively involved with all the schools they have attended.

Patrice is grateful for the neighborhood support she has received since being elected to the City of Fairfax Council in May 2002. The past four years have been a great opportunity to be even more involved in our community. She is looking forward to continued service and encourages all to get out and vote May 2, 2006.



Getting to Know You

Civic Association Board Member Hildie Carney

Hildie has been involved in the Country Club Hills Civic Association Board on and off for the past 40 years. She is currently the Membership Chairperson and last year was successful in bringing the membership of CCH to over 186 members or about 58%. Hildie has served as VP of Civic Affairs, Block Captains, and this year has been appointed as Nominating Chair. Since gardening is her hobby, she was instrumental in planning the gardens for "The Commons".

Hildie began her involvement with the city when she moved to Country Club Hills in 1964 and joined the Fairfax Ferns Garden Club. Since that time, she has been involved in church, school and city committees. Her community involvement has included serving on the Boards of the Commission for Women, Human Services, Downtown Fairfax Coalition, and others.

When Lt. Cdr. Charles Carney was transferred to the Pentagon, they began their search for a home that had to accommodate 2 teeny boppers and 1 kindergartner plus Hildie was expecting their 4th child. The house at 3512 Old Post road was perfect. As Hildie said, "Driving down Old Lee Highway on a beautiful April day I knew this would be my neighborhood". The Carney 4 children, Cynthia and Tim, born in Pensacola, FL, Dan, born in Great Lakes Naval Station, IL, and Jennifer, born at Bethesda Naval Hospital, all went to City schools. Hildie has 6 grandchildren.

Hildie is now a candidate for city council in the May 2 election and states: "As a Fairfax City resident for 40 years, I have seen this city grow and prosper. I'm proud to be a resident in CCH and want to continue to serve our citizens."

Candidate's Night

Old Lee Hills and Country Club Hills Civic Associations are planning a Candidate's Night for all the people who are running for City Council in the elections to be held on May 2 of this year.

The Candidate's Night will be held on Monday, April 24 at 7PM in the cafeteria of Daniel's Run Elementary.

Please submit questions ahead of time so we can be prepared to ask them. Contact me, Tim Cooke, OLHCA President, at timcooke@cox.net.



Spin

by Michelle Rummel

It seems that fame has gone to his head. He was certainly high maintenance before, but now...he is virtually impossible to live with. I guess I greatly underestimated the power of the written word. Of course, it might not have been my words at all, but the knowing glances, words of praise, the extra smiles and endless treats, the (seemingly) renewed patience with the ruckus he usually makes fence side...it's amazing what a column in the CCHCA newsletter can do for a dog. Even one as feisty as Jazz.

But Jazz's superiority complex aside, for me the upside of my wordspin was that Jazz surprisingly became a catalyst for subtle change, gently hoisting me out of my usual safe obscurity. Neighbors I barely knew stopped me and my family on the street to say hi. Many smiled and waived; some started casual conversation and shared life stories...one is now a dear friend. How lucky am I? Give that dog a bone!

Sometimes we all need a new perspective, fresh vision, a new spin, to see and appreciate what we have. Sometimes it's good to shake things up a bit.

Children instinctively understand this. With arms outstretched, they spin with reckless abandon and dizzy dance their way across a room. As a child, I remember lying on my back on the pink and orange shag rug of my ultra hip, pink and orange bedroom, suddenly seeing my room from a whole new perspective. World turned upside down, the ceiling was now the floor, the landscape drastically changed and along with it, my young imagination soared.

We tend to be creatures of habit, playing it safe, quietly going about our daily routines, often oblivious to the beautiful wealth of potential around us. If we could just look up (go ahead, it's ok!), or turn the world upside down every once in a while, we might take notice of the wonderful opportunities around us to expand our minds, to add to our lives, to learn someone new. Best of all, you don't need a pup by your side to catapult you into reaping the rewards of a good spin. Go for it!

The Arts Around the City

Here are two free events coming up in the next few months around the City:

Nortec Collective in Concert

In 1999, some DJs from Tijuana began mixing traditional Norteño and Banda music of Mexico with the modern pop and dance music they had heard as kids on American radio stations over the border. The result was Nortec Collective: a hip, techno music that represents an entire electronic aesthetic.

On Saturday, April 8, Nortec Collective will be in concert at 7:00 pm. at the Johnson Center Dewberry Hall, George Mason University. Pre-concert lecture/conversation starts at 6:30 pm, Room G19A, Johnson Center. Free and open to the public.

Movies under the Moon at Van Dyke Park

The city has informed CCHCA that it will be changing the location of the summer event "Movies under the Moon," from George Mason University to Van Dyke Park in the lower bowl. This annual, family friendly, FREE event is planned for one week in early summer. Look for exact dates posted in City Scene.

There will be shuttles run from Fairfax High School and downtown Fairfax City to ease parking for this event. Hopefully, this new location will motivate people to walk or use public transportation. This is a trial run. The City Council looks forward to hearing your feedback. You can also contact Lisa Whetzel at 703-383-5989 or whetzelink@cox.net if you have any concerns.

Check out the City's website (www.fairfaxva.gov/Calendar/Calendar.asp) for a list of other interesting performances scheduled around the city or, you can call 703-352-ARTS for events at Town Hall or, 703-993-ARTS for the Center for the Arts.

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The Window Exchange

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The workmanship is fantastic, and the windows are the SAME windows that were offered to us by three other local companies' quotes three years ago. We couldn't be happier with our new windows.

Bryan & Karen Bishop
3504 Old Post Road, 702-273-6176, bkbishop@cox.net

Reid's Tree Service

I used, and was happy with, Reid's Tree Service (Joseph Reid, 540-522-1331). Insured. For me, they cut down a fairly large (30-35 ft) double-trunk tree, which was overhanging my roof, a medium (25 ft??) maple, several small trees, two very large "shrubs" (25 ft?); whacked about 10 feet off the top of the remaining 4 "shrubs" and trimmed them back drastically; cut off a big Sycamore branch overhanging my yard from a neighbor's tree, and ground the maple stump and a small stump. Cleaned up nicely and gave helpful advice about remaining stumps. Not pushy. Didn't even ask to use my bathroom. \$1600.

I still have more tree work to be done, and will definitely call them when I have the resources.

Jill Butterfield
3410 Brookwood

Kenny Jenkins Tree Service and Landscaping

We live on the corner of Park Hill and Farmington and had extensive tree work done this summer - one very old and large Elm tree removed, along with removal of old and tired out shrubs.

We used Kenny Jenkins Tree Service and Landscaping.

He was responsive, his pricing was very fair, and his follow-through cleanup was great. His toll free number is 1-866-536-5369. Other numbers include 540-672-4750 and 540-825-4638.

I hope this helps. Should you call, you can mention that I referred you.

Bonnie Roberts
3421 Park Hill Place, 703-591-8758,
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Flagstone Patio Work

A week or so ago there was a request for recommendations for flagstone patio work. We used Tom Aurelio of the Green Team to install a flagstone patio this summer in our back yard and it was a wonderful experience.

He was easy to work with, his prices were reasonable as compared to the 2 other estimates we received, and we love the final result.

His cell phone number is 703-926-2435. If you're interested in using him or want to see the patio he installed for us, feel free to give us a call.

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Backyard sheds

We bought a shed 2 years ago from Backyard Fun & Leisure, Inc. They are way out Jeff Davis Hwy into Stafford, but the drive out there was worth it. They have a number of models built to check out. We got a 10 X 8.9 with vinyl siding but wood construction and shingles with a skylight.

They provided someone to construct it for an additional charge but the whole price was less than \$2200, which was better than Home Depot or Lowes. It was a bit of a drive to look at the models but we are totally happy with the end result. So, check them out.
Smiles,

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