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The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association

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From the President

Thank you for the honor to serve as your new civic association president! I am thrilled to represent this fabulous community in the city, state, and whole country for that matter.

Thank you to the entire Board of Directors for the previous term. Their hard work and enthusiasm allowed me to accept this presidency free of concern. I know we will continue to move forward on the current pressing issues as well as maintain our high standard of social events and community presence.

Thank you to Hildie Carney for accepting another \$1000 from Mayor Lederer in early June as our neighborhood again received the community appearance improvement grant. We have been applying for, receiving and spending this annual grant money on Common Area improvements and other beautification projects in CCH.

Thank you also to Steve Caruso who led a successful Accotink Creek clean up day. We pulled an amazing number of large pieces of garbage from the water that day. Please remember not to dump yard waste into the creek. Even though it is biodegradable it does not lend itself well to a healthy creek ecosystem and it is also against the law!

Thank you to Lisa Whetzel for serving us so generously as both our previous president for the past two years and ice cream social organizer and scooper!

And, thank you to all of the volunteers who stepped up to serve on the board of directors for this new term. I am looking forward to another great year: productive and fun!

Please let me know of any concerns or kudos you'd like to see addressed. I can be reached by phone or email or you can try to catch me at home if you want to stop by!

See you around or down on the new path by the creek! ${\sim} Katie$

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Join CCHCA Today!

All new and renewing memberships received as of September 3, 2007 will be entered into a drawing to receive a **\$25 Home Depot gift certificate**.

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Home Safety Tips

June was National Safety Month and a great time to follow-up with these steps to make your home safer:

• Place a fire extinguisher in your kitchen and on every floor in your home.

• Install battery-powered smoke alarms including in all bedrooms. Check the local building codes to verify that you have the right kind and enough of them for the size and layout of your home.

• Install a CO (Carbon Monoxide) detector.

• Have a well stocked first aid kit where everyone can find it. Your first aid kit should include activated charcoal (use this only if instructed by poison control center), adhesive tape, antiseptic ointment, adhesive bandages, triangular bandage, blanket, cold pack, dis posable gloves, gauze pads, roller gauze, hand cleaner, plastic bags, scissors, tweezers and a small flashlight with extra batteries.

• If you have children, or children visit, put plastic covers in your electric outlets, always request child safety caps when having prescriptions filled, and keep the number to Poison Control easily accessible (800)222-1222.

• Have a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) electrical outlet installed in your kitchen, bathroom and around any other water source. These outlets can prevent electrocutions, electric shocks and some electric fires.

• Keep all electronics a safe distance from the sink, bathtub and shower in your bathroom as well as the sink in the kitchen.

• Investigate any water stains or cracks on your ceilings. They could be signs of serious water leaks, in your roof or your water pipes. If not taken care of, the ceiling may eventually weaken and fall. If the problem is serious, you should consult a professional.

Home Safety Tour

Take a tour around your home looking in and around everything such as old appliances. Look for fraying wires or overloaded electrical outlets that could be fire hazards. See if there are any pieces of furniture that have sharp edges that could hurt someone.

If you are having visitors over, especially young children, before their visit complete the safety tour. Think about what kids might get into, especially down at their level. You'll definitely feel more comfortable knowing your home is safe for you and your guests.

Patrick, adapted from homemadesimple.com

V.I.P.S. Volunteers in Police Service

There are many opportunities to serve your community as a Volunteer in Police Service member with the City of Fairfax Police Department.

What is the Volunteers in Police Service program?

- The VIPS program is designed to include citizens in our community.
- Volunteers in Police Service offer their talents, skills and abilities to support the police services provided to the community.

• VIPS offer and perform hours of service without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services rendered.

• VIPS can gain invaluable insight into our law enforcement system and how it works.

• VIPS have the opportunity to assist local law enforcement through their service, attitude and ideas for improving programs and to help their community.

What do our VIPS do?

• Offer bilingual services for special events or anytime that translation services may be needed.

• Traffic direction and control – assist police officers during major events or local emergencies.

• Clerical/Office support to the records section or dispatch center.

• Photography – help document department activities at major events. Take photographs of day-to-day activities.

• Emergency communications – help answer phones and general questions during an emergency.

• Special events such as the Fall Festival, Fourth of July, etc.

• Crime prevention activities – help with presentation on crime prevention tips and ideas, or community events.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Volunteers in Police Service, please contact the VIPS coordinator for the City of Fairfax Police at 703-385-7914 or by email at: *vips@fairfaxva.gov* You may also call Bob Willard, VIPS and CCH resi-

dent, at 703-273-8754 or email: rwillard@juno.com

Ernie Klimonda

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The Commons and Accotink Creek

I would just like to say "Thanks!" to all in CCHCA who have done so much in the past few years. I've been here since 1975 and I've never become active in CCHCA, but I have appreciated the organization and the neighbors who have worked in it for all those years.

Today I just read the latest "The Eccho" and I particularly appreciated it. Since I live along Accotink Creek, I especially appreciated the articles on Red Foxes and "Help Keep City of Fairfax Streams Clean.

I recently discovered a group called Friends of Accotink Creek (*mmm.accotink.org/*) They are working to preserve the health of the creek for its entire length.

Last week I helped several of them clean the creek between Chainbridge and University in Fairfax City. I am, however, disappointed at how many people are still dumping yard waste into the creek. If you are doing that or know of others who are doing that, please note that the city loves hauling away yard waste for you and it is actually a crime to dump stuff into the creek because it pollutes everything out into Chesapeake Bay.

I plan to soon enjoy the walk that now takes us from the Commons to the creek. I'm a bit old to take on anything in the CCHCA organization but I hope to begin helping with work in the Commons.

Smiles, Ed Preston Spring Lake Terrace.

Calendar

All residents are welcome to attend the following meetings!

Board of Director Meeting, Wednesday, September, 19 at 7:00pm at Lisa Whetzel's house.

Semi-Annual General Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 10 at 7 pm at Daniels Run Elementary School.



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Country Hills Garden Club

In May, I was on the prowl again for CCH beauty spots. Its seems that every yard was resplendent with azaleas of every color and pink and white dogwood. **The Beauty Spot of the Month for May 2007** has been awarded to **Charles Duncan at 3517 Old Post Road**. The many dogwood trees make the yard look like fairyland.

The Beauty Spot of the Month for June 2007 goes to Jaime and Carmen Figueroa, of **3507 Pinehurst Avenue**. There is a very colorful freeform garden in their front lawn -- exciting colors of yellow, purple pansies and other flowers – very nicely planned.

We are pleased to award **the Beauty Spot of the Month for July 2007** to **Paul and Teresina Christy of 9923 Pinehurst Avenue**. It's obvious that the Christys have done much planning and work to create this charming space.

Congratulations to all our winners!

Carole Towse and Polly Haecker Country Club Hills Garden Club I could describe for you each individual contribution, but as nature's janitors we are humbled by this task so I'll save this day's stories to be shared in person with anyone who chooses to join our next Accotink Creek Clean sometime in October. It was a down and dirty day, but a deep sense of accomplishment filled our hearts. Thanks volunteers!! See you next time.

Steve Caruso

Farewell to Long Time Resident

Long time resident Billy James is not moving far. She's going to the Virginian so we can still visit her. Billy and her husband Jim moved to CCH 50 years ago. Billy worked as a Court Reporter and Jim was the wonderful "fixer" of our old heating systems. Good Luck!

Many Thanks!

Thanks to all our newsletter contributors who have made this publication possible. If you have a poem, short story, comment, etc. and would like to share it with your neighbors, send it to Ana Alonso at *a.alonso@nww.cox.net*

Being Green

June 10th Accotink Creek Clean Success Story Early this past Sunday morning a small group of layman environmentalists laid siege to all forms of human sponsored creek trash. Workers ranged in age from grade school kids – through sleepy teens – to a broad range of young adults – and anchored by our golden generation (one a 40yr. resident of CCH). (Jones family compliments of Daniels Run Cub Scout Pack 882)

Once in the Accotink we were joined by more volunteers (Baxter/Gagen family 7 strong) and our group swelled over a dozen. Working together seamlessly, some as shore walkers staying almost dry – others immediately in the drink working creek edges, we collected an astounding variety and mass of garbage. Starting at CCHCA's Adopt-a-Spot, this group of tireless workers continued up stream non-stop for 2.5 hrs. never losing their sense of adventure or humor.

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Two Houses in the Outer Banks, NC

House in Kill Devil Hills, on the Beach Road:

4 bedroom; 2 bath; washer dryer; central air, cable TV (6); beautiful views; walk to the beach; sleeps nine; August 12 - September 9 (\$1,395 per week); September 9-September 30 (\$950 per week); September 30-end of season (\$770 per week). Price includes all applicable taxes and fees (except optional cleaning).

Take a house tour of the "Beach Crab" @ www.crabsobxvacations.com

House in Kill Devil Hills, on the Sound:

4 bedroom; 2 1/2 bath; washer dryer; central air, cable TV (5); beautiful sunsets; sleeps eight; August 26 - September 9 (\$1,395 per week); September 9-September 30 (\$950 per week); September 30-end of season (\$770 per week). Price includes all applicable taxes and fees (except optional cleaning).

Take a house tour of the "Sound Crab" @ www.crabsobxvacations.com

Contact: Dave Scango, 10106 Springlake Terrace, 703-385-9519

Recycling Protocol

Did you ever see the recycling truck sweep down the street – leaving a bunch of cardboard boxes that you thought you were recycling on the curb? It may be because the boxes weren't prepared properly. Recycling processors refuse heavily contaminated materials, so it's crucial that residents sort their recycling. The workers on the recycling truck move quickly, and don't have the time to fix errors that folks make. So follows these simple steps:

Near but not in the bin: This is the time when it's OK to fold under pressure! Corrugated cardboard, flattened and folded to a size less than 3 feet by 3 feet. Material should be set out loose or tied into bundles, no thicker than 6 inches.

In the blue bin: Place metal containers, glass bottles and jars, and plastic (#1 and #2 only!) bottles and jugs. Remove the caps and discard them in your trash, and put sharp metal lids to the bottom of their cans for safety. Beside your recycling bin: Mixed paper (including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, paperboard, office paper, phonebooks, etc.) should be placed in a paper grocery bag (not plastic) or tied with twine.

Please set your recycling apart from the trash by 2 feet or more. "And, when in doubt, leave it out!"

Ernie Klimonda

New CCHCA Kid's Page

It's an early Sunday morning. Crowded around my dining room table are 6 kids, the remnants of a group sleepover, one of the great privileges of youth. All neighborhood friends since young childhood, they slumpsit with eyes half open and rumpled bed head awaiting the filling of their rumbling bellies. They have all just woken up and they are really hungry.

This isn't just any old ordinary group of kids. These are best buddies who've shared holidays and dinners and hand me downs and pink eye and playing in the creek and telling jokes. They eat me out of house and home, but I don't mind because it means they are comfortable here. Comfortable enough to eat the last cookie, play the drum set or just hang out. I feel as though I've blinked and in that short time, these kids grew up.

At this early hour, they are not exactly bright eyed and bushy tailed, but awake, enough. One of them rubs his eyes. Another is scratching a mosquito bite. They're quiet, but alert. Perfect.

I have a proposition for them. Mindful of the fact that parental suggestions are often ignored, I wade in carefully.

"So...", I begin as I put the bagels on the table, "I was thinking about our CCHCA Newsletter, how it could be so much more, so much better, more interesting..."

Yawn Yawn Yawn Yawn Yawn YAWNNNNNNNNNNNNNN

I try again.

"Wouldn't it be cool if there were a kid's page? Y'know, with interesting stuff that all the kids in the neighborhood could read, enjoy and relate to? Hmmm...If only some kids could get together and write something of interest..."

They are now all looking at me, chewing. I somehow have their full attention and I didn't even have to bribe them with sugar!

One of them matter of factly says, "We could write it."

And that's pretty much all it took...

Enjoy!

Shell Rummel

Our Newsletter Contributors

Charley Baxter Gagen- 14 years old Dylan Lescure- 14 years old Tyler Lescure- 14 years old Jordan Rummel- almost but not quite 14 years old Lexi Rummel- 10 1/2 years old

What Is the Best Thing about Living in Country Club Hills?

- Tyler: There are a lot of kids
- Jordan: The Commons! There is always something cool happening there
- Charlie: The Creek
- Dylan: My great friends
- Lexi: Our CCH community pool, and of course, Ernie!

Super Sweet Summer Jamz

Contributed by Charlie Baxter Gagen

Our Top 10 songs...Some old, some new Look 'em up in iTunes!

- 1. Party Like a Rockstar
- 2. What I've Done
- 3. Makes Me Wonder
- 4. Girlfriend
- 5. Over Seasons
- 6. What is Love
- One Night in Bangkok
 Summer Love
- 9. U and Ur Hand
- 10. Carry On My Wayward Son

Is your child a budding artist, wordsmith or Joke master? Send all submissions via email along with your

child's name and age to michelle@poetreestudio. com for future newsletter submissions.

Fourth of July Fireworks Review

Contributed by Lexi Rummel

Every year I love how the neighborhood always gets together at the commons and watches the fireworks. I feel that it's so much fun when we are all there to enjoy it together.

This year it felt that we had several great finales in the middle of the fireworks display, but then all of a sudden the fireworks fizzled. The crowd sat in silence, waiting for the grand finale which never came.

We're all wondering about why we didn't have a Fourth of July grand finale. The rumor that was buzzing around CCH was that Fairfax High School ran out of fireworks, or that they used the finale fireworks in the middle by accident but it's simply not true. You can trust me to have the right information. I have it from a reliable source (of whom I cannot speak) that the finale fireworks got all wet! Wet fireworks are dangerous. Wet fireworks can easily go astray. It was for the best, because the people lighting the fireworks were just looking out for our safety.

Super Sports Review

Contributed by Jordan Rummel

Well this summer has started out with a bang for sports! I personally was on the Fairfax American All Star team, intent on bringing pride to the reigning state champions. Sadly, we went 2 and out and got eliminated in our second game against Gainesville. In spite of losing, this team had excellent heart and pride, and we held our heads high after the season ended. In other news...

Alexa Rummel, swimmer for the 9-10 girls at Country Club Hills Pool, swam backstroke in an 'A' meet with a time of 59:43. She earned a third place ribbon for that time, and earned her team 1 point. The CCH Sharks won the meet and continued their victorious season onward!

With Barry Bonds approaching the Home Run Record set by Hank Aaron, everyone is talking about whether or not he should be admitted to the Hall of Fame. Some of the arguments against Barry Bonds are probable steroid use or different growth enhancements. I personally believe that he used growth enhancers, and I don't believe that he should be admitted into the Hall of Fame.

If you or somebody you know has a good sports story they would like to share, send it to michelle@poet-reestudio.com.

Joke Mania

Contributed by Tyler Lescure

Questions

- 1. Why did Tigger look inside the toilet?
- 2. What do you say when you get in trouble for not doing your homework?
- 3. What word is always spelled incorrectly?
- 4. What language does a billboard speak?
- 5. What's black and white and red all over?
- 6. What do garbage men eat?

See page 11 for answers.

CCHCA Crossword Puzzle

Contributed by Lexi Rummel



Across

- 3. The city that we live in
- 5. She keeps the commons clean
- 6. Many of us love to play in that wet area

Down

- 1. This is a place were we love to play
- 2. Mascot of our pool
- 4. My last name, Lexi
- 6. The name of our neighborhood

See page 11 for answers.

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Recalled pet foods

It seems like a daily news item lately: the numbers of recalled pet foods keep growing. Pet lovers don't know about a safe, healthy alternative: a B.A.R.F. diet (Bones And Raw Foods or Biologically Appropriate Raw Foods). Other names are the evolutionary diet, natural diet and species-appropriate diet.

A B.R.A.F. diet generally contains at least 60% fresh human grade meats, poultry and game, and less than 40% healthy produce and grain. Diets fluctuate among species. B.A.R.F. mimics animals' eating habits in their natural habitat, the wild. There, they subsisted on their prey's flesh and bones, the innards, and predigested fruits, grasses, leaves and seeds. A B.A.R.F. diet tries to be as similar as possible, not replicate, dogs' and cats' evolutionary diet. Commercial pet foods, and especially dry foods, contain considerably more grain than pets would eat in the wild. Cats particularly need more wet food in their diet. Cats are obligatory carnivores – they cannot digest and do not need grains – and dry food, by design, is grain based.

Several cookbooks are available to guide folks who want to cook for their pets. Those who find cooking for their human families challenging enough can purchase pre-packaged raw diet foods. Without the fillers and additives found in many commercial pet foods, B.A.R.F. diets offer benefits: some pet owners find that their pets have fewer allergies, shinier coats, and better overall health.

Ernie Klimonda

SmarTrip Cards Accepted for CUE Bus Fares Beginning June 1

FAIRFAX, Va. — CUE Bus helps traveling on vacation and for work even easier with a new fare option: SmarTrip cards.

The plastic cards, sold by Metro for Metrorail and MetroBus fares and Metrorail parking lot payments, now can be used for paying for CUE Bus rides. Fares are automatically deducted from the card, with no need for tickets or change. For information, visit *www.wmata. com/riding/smartrip.cfm* or call 888-SMARTRIP. CUE Bus fares are 75¢, and riders age 3 and younger ride for free. GMU faculty, students and staff also ride CUE Buses for free. Students of all ages, seniors age 60 and older and riders with disabilities pay a reduced fare of 50¢. Proper identification is needed for discounts. For information, visit *www.fairfaxva.gov/cue-Bus/RiderInformation.asp#Fares* or call 703-385-7859.

On Code Orange, Red and Purple Ozone Action Days, all rides on the CUE Bus are free. Ozone Action Days, which identify unhealthy air quality days, are announced on the city's Web site (*www.fairfaxva.gov*) and on Cityscreen-12, the city's cable television station. For information, visit *www.mwcog.org/environment/ air/partners/days.asp*

Also, receive alerts via eMAS, the city's electronic message service. To sign up for this free service, visit *www. fairfaxva.gov/emas*

CUE Buses run from 5 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. weekdays (and until 1 a.m. Fridays), from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays and from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sundays, excluding holidays. (Times may vary by route.). For information, visit *www.fairfaxva.gov/CUEBus/CUEBus.asp* or call 703-385-7859.

Joe Cotellessa, Community Relations Assistant, City of Fairfax, *nmm.fairfaxva.gov*, 10455 Armstrong Street , 703-293-7120 (phone), 711 (ITTY Virginia Relay Service), *jcotellessa@fairfaxva.gov*

Lisa Whetzel

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Tidbits from the Historian

Greetings from the new Historian of CCHCA! I look forward to adding to the materials that the previous historian, Ernie Klimonda, and others before him have so assiduously collected over the years.

The current collection contains many interesting items, including:

- CCHCA Board of Director Meeting Minutes dating back to 1954.
- CCHCA Newsletters dating back to 1957.
- CCHA Directories one from 1965.

• Pictures, both old and new of the CCH community and its residents. Some date back to 1954. CCH certainly looked different in 1954 – no trees!

Also included is a copy of the Fairfax County School Budget for 1966-67. The student population in the county was 102,000. An average of \$441 was spent per child, less then both DC and Maryland. Fairfax County was in the top four counties in the US in income. An average teacher made about \$7000.

There are also many letters written in the 1950s from CCH residents to the CCHCA, most complaining about the builder of the original homes – Stafford Builders. Here's a short excerpt from one three paged single-spaced letter written in 1956 concerning the homeowners unhappiness with the builder's work.

"...the bowl in the bathroom was unspeakable. The workers had used it and stuffed building paper in it.... When I told the Stafford's office, they said they would get someone on it but in the meantime go next door... for three days we waited for a plumber..... They said I had to pay rent until the house would pass inspection but they did nothing to get it ready.... We had no light in our bathroom for 4 months.... The furnace kept leaking.... I took off from work and went to see them. They promised....we called almost daily and they promisedwe stayed home and waited. .. They promised...."

The homeowner goes on to list no less than nineteen items that need to be fixed. As those of us who have recently had work done on our homes know, some things never change. Please contact me at (703) 591-2452 if you have anything – pictures, newspaper articles, historical information of former or current residents, etc... - that might be of interest. I would love to add it to our collection so that both current and future CCH residents can enjoy it.

Stephen Lescure

Puzzle

The missing dollar. Three men had lunch and spent \$30 total, including tip (\$10 each); upon leaving the restaurant the waiter realized that the total bill was \$25 only. He caught up with the men, gave each of them \$1 back, keeping \$2 as an additional tip.

Each of them therefore paid \$9 – times three makes \$27, plus the waiter's \$2 makes \$29. Where is the missing dollar?

Ernie Klimonda

CCHCA - Yahoo-Group

Over 150 households in Country Club Hills have subscribed, free of charge, to our Yahoo newsgroup. They receive information such as upcoming events and happenings in our neighborhood, garage sales, emergency notices and other valuable facts/news. To subscribe, contact: Ernie Klimonda, CCH Yahoo-Group moderator 703-591-0696.

Answers to Joke Mania

- 1. He was looking for poo.
- 2. I can't get in trouble for something I didn't do
- 3. Incorrectly
- 4. Sign language.
- 5. A newspaper.
- 6. Junk food

Answers to Lexi's Crossword puzzle:

- 1. Commons
- 2. Sharks
- 3. FAIRFAX
- 4. Rummel
- 5. MrsLescure
- 6. Creek/CCH

Cost of Membership in CCHCA \$10 Benefits of Joining - Priceless!

Last year 57% of residents in our neighborhood were members of the Country Club Hill Civic Association. That's a wonderful number and shows a high level of commitment among our residents and a sense of pride in our community. Yet there are many residents who have not joined.

CCHCA membership is voluntary. The association does not set or enforce rules governing the appearance of houses and yards. CCHCA does represent our neighborhood's interests to the city! CCHCA is monitoring several issues including the new Fairfax Boulevard plan, environmental matters relating to Accotink Creek, and continued concerns regarding U.S. Postal Mail Service. CCHCA members are also working on community safety concerns and enhancement of our neighborhood appearance. These are issues that affect every resident in Country Club Hills!

CCHCA also publishes newsletters, membership directories, a yahoo newsgroup and a website *www.cchca.org*

For a minimal investment of \$10, my family enjoys CCHCA's advocacy on our behalf PLUS -- pizza dinners on Halloween, Santa visits at Christmas, ice cream in June, and a Labor Day Picnic in September. I can't take my family of 5 out for ice cream for less than \$10.

Show your support for all the hard work CCHCA is doing on behalf of you and your family by joining today!!! All residents who join or renew by September 3, 2007 will automatically be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Home Depot gift certificate.

Katy Sidwell

VP Civic Affairs

Blenheim groundbreaking was a momentous event with about 100 people attending. The bids for The Center are in and construction should begin in the fall. For your update, the Center site backs up to the Old Post Road side.

An issue affecting all citizens of Fairfax is the Fairfax Boulevard (RT. 50) Master Plan. The Council, Planning Commission, BID members and the Consultant will be meeting in a 2 day session at the end of August to finalize the plan so that it can be presented to the citizens. I urge all to attend this presentation and I will send out a message when the date is set.

City Council voted at the July 10 meeting to pay the sum of \$20,000 to the Country Club Hills Recreation Corp. to use the trail easement on that property. The agreement term is for 20 years.

Affecting our neighborhood is a project that was approved on Old Lee Highway. The portion of land next to the Ridge Road townhouses has been approved for construction of about 20 single family homes. The good news is that there will not be access onto Old Lee Highway from the project; the traffic will exit onto Ridge Road, however, this will affect traffic on Old Lee Highway.

I have been asked by the Mayor to Co-Chair a Committee to form An Association of Associations. I hope that our very successful Civic Association will be a model for this group. This committee is now actively searching for all the Presidents of Civic Associations in the City of Fairfax.

Please feel free to call me if you have a City issue to discuss or have questions (Hildie Carney 703-591-5305).

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Join the Country Club Hills

Civic Association

"To promote the general welfare of the community of Country Club Hills"

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- * Resident Listings
- * CCHCA organizational information

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CCHCA helps improve the **comfort**, **attractiveness** and **value** of your home through many CCHCA initiatives and projects. Few investments offer this much return. Annual dues are **only \$10**. Join or renew today!

Please complete the application and return it with payment (checks payable to Country Club Hills Civic Association) to Katy Sidwell, Vice President for Membership, 3412 Andover Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Questions? Please call Katy at 703-293-9033 or email *katy_sidwell@hotmail.com*.

Country Club Hills Civic Association Membership Application for 2006 – 2007

Membership is about building our community!

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