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Country Club Hills Civic Association Newsletter - Fall 2021

Halloween is COMING!!



CCHCA will be sponsoring our annual pizza party before trick or treating! We are so happy to be celebrating in somewhat normal circumstances. We will provide pizza and water. Join us at 6pm at The Commons on October 31st.

We also hope to be having a costume contest, with prizes from Woody's! We will have three age groups; infant-4, 5-8, and 8 and up. If you are interested in judging the costume contest, please email Leslie Cullen at izzy1978@gmail.com.

I've heard from many families that they LOVED the unique ways kids were able to trick or treat last year. We'd love to continue this tradition, so please, get creative!!!
-Leslie Cullen

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Civic Affairs Update *by Hildie Carney*

As your representative for “what’s going on in Fairfax”, I will begin with suggesting that you sign up for a great website to keep up with all of the City news:

Cityoffairfax@public.govdelivery.com .

Upcoming important date is November 2 when we can do our civic duty and vote for our State leaders. There are many opportunities to vote ahead of time.

Update on the Old Lee Highway redevelopment project: I hope you were able to attend the public display of the current plan on September 30. If not, it is on the City website. Neighbors on both sides of the highway have been very active with input. Final plans are still underway so if you have an input email or call Councilpersons.

Coming up in December is the City of Fairfax Holiday Craft Fair, held at Fairfax High School.

Our local police will be hosting children 12 and under for a “trick or treat” program from 6PM to 8PM on Wednesday, October 27th. This is a very safe way to get some goodies.

As the Vice President of our community I want to welcome our new President Mike Cullen and the new Board. I urge you all to support Mike and become active in the Association. I am looking forward to working with all of you!

Thank you to Katie Lynch for stepping up and becoming our Publications Chair. If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, email her.

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HOLIDAY EVENTS

This year, CCHCA will be sponsoring a photo setup for our neighbors. We have been given permission to borrow Merrifield Garden Center's **vintage red truck** for photos!!!!

I'm still on the hunt for a good Santa, so if you know of one, please contact me ASAP! I'll also be looking for helpers that day to set up the area with fake presents and blankets and other sorts of decorations. I'll also need volunteers to help take photos if all family members wish to be in the photos.

This will be an event that you **MUST** sign up for. We will have 15 minute time slots for photos and a chance to chat with Santa. We only have the truck for one day. Sign ups and more information will be coming soon, so keep an eye out!

-Leslie Cullen



Treasurer's Update

The current balance of the CCHCA bank account is \$9,790.74. Since January 1 of this year, we have had income of \$1,953.89 and expenses of \$1,595.43. The income has come from dues and advertisements in the newsletter and directory. The expenses have come from social activities (Easter treats, the ice cream party, snacks for the annual meeting, and the Labor Day party) as well as the costs of sign materials.

-Toby Sorensen

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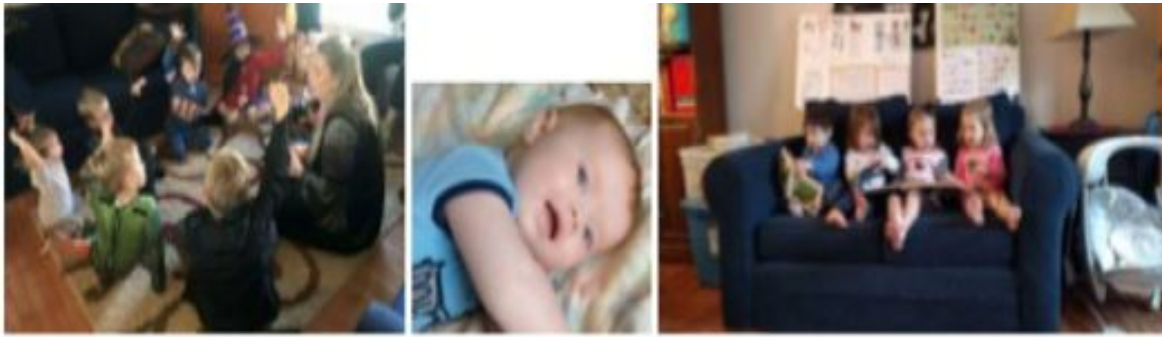
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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

CELEBRATE FALL COLOR

Most deciduous trees are best planted in the autumn, which conveniently coincides with the best time to choose a tree for its fall foliage. Trees are like people: within one species there is plenty of variability, so if fall color is a high priority for you, this is the time to go shopping.

If you have a chance take a look at The Commons and you will spot a Black Gum tree, whose red leaves positively glow in the sun. The muted red leaves of the Flowering Dogwood, Virginia's state tree, provide a background for scarlet berries that are an important food source for migrating birds. It is important to choose native trees, as it is only plants that evolved within our local ecosystem that support that ecosystem. Fall color is not just about foliage. The berries of many native plants, especially shrubs, ripen in fall and make a bright display that attracts birds to your yard. Goldenrods and asters are the host plants for more species of caterpillars than any other perennials.

But it is trees that support the most wildlife of all. If you only have the time and energy to plant one plant, let it be a native tree.

Joyce Skoglund
Country Hills Garden Club
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LEAVE THE LEAVES AND STALKS

Denuding the ground of fallen leaves and dead stalks damages the soil and deprives many caterpillars, bees, fireflies and other organisms of their winter habitat. Please leave them in place wherever you can.

FALL IS FOR PLANTING

With the exception of evergreen trees and shrubs, which are best planted in the late winter or early spring, the best time for planting is fall. This gives the roots plenty of time to establish before hot weather hits again. The only downside to planting before spring is that freeze/thaw cycles may cause some plants to heave out of the ground. Watch for that, and just push them back down.



October 2021 Beauty Spot
Catherine and David DeConcini
3412 Park Hill Place

CITY OF FAIRFAX HAPPENINGS

Upcoming City Events and News

Leaf Collection

Curbside leaf collection begins November 1 and runs through December 30. Rake all leaves to the curb by December 23. And remember, bagged leaves are NOT collected.



City Programming

From toddler ballet and music classes to adult dance and fitness programs, activities through the City's Parks and Rec program have picked up again. The Young at Heart programming also has a full schedule, including a morning coffee group, card games, book groups, pickleball and day trips. Check out the quarterly *Parks & Rec Connected!* Magazine for a complete guide to events, arts, programs and parks.

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/parks-rec-connected-magazine>

Election

The November 2nd Election is just around the corner. Early voting by mail and in-person at City Hall is available now. For more information, visit <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/voter-registration-elections>

Exhibit at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center - *The Long Tradition of Virginia Canneries*

The history of Virginia canneries told through oral interviews is a traveling exhibit from The Blue Ridge Institute in Ferrum. Check is out between now and December 30, 2021. The Museum's website is <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/historic-resources/fairfax-museum-visitor-center>

October 22 - Rock the Block

The final Rock the Block concert this season will be on Friday, October 22 from 6:30 - 9:30 pm at Old Town Square (10415 North Street). These family friendly events feature live music (Darby Brothers in October), a beer garden, food vendors, and more. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a fun evening under the stars.



For more information on any of the stories on this page, refer to the City of Fairfax's website: www.fairfaxva.gov.



Holiday Themed Events in the City of Fairfax



Holiday Market

The annual Fairfax City Holiday Market in Old Town Square will be held December 3rd - 5th and December 10th - 12th. This event features artisans, live holiday music, hot drinks and gourmet treats.

35th Annual Holiday Craft Show

This year's Holiday Craft Show will be Saturday, November 20 (10am - 5pm) and Sunday, November 21 (10am - 3pm) at Fairfax High School. Admission is \$5 per day or \$8 for a two-day pass. Come support your neighbors and other local and regional crafters at this popular event!

Save the Date!

The Festival of Lights & Carols will be held December 4th from noon until 6pm at Old Town Square. This free event features holiday festivities culminating with a tree lighting at 5:30 pm.

Lunch with Santa is planned for Saturday, December 11th at Old Town Hall. Tickets go on sale November 1st.

For more information on both of these events, visit

www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents



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IN THE HILLS: *Other CCHCA Updates*

Stay Connected:

Website

Have you checked out the CCHCA website? The address is www.cchca.org. The site contains a lot of useful information. You can view posts on upcoming and recent events, find the name and email address of each CCHCA Board and Committee member, view the current CCHCA Directory, read the Beauty Spot write-ups, and much more.

Check out this selection of pictures from the photo collection --> <http://www.cchca.org/history-3/historical-archive/historical-archive-gallery/>

Steve Lescure - Webmaster

Facebook Group

Join the neighborhood Facebook group - *Country Club Hills - Fairfax City, Virginia* - to keep up with what's happening in the neighborhood and City. The group currently has about 500 members. You **MUST** answer the Membership Questions to be approved (to help reduce spam). Remember: no advertising, politics, religion, etc. All posts should have to do with the neighborhood or City.

Google Group

Have you joined our Google Group? It's good way to keep up with what's happening in the City and in the neighborhood.

Follow this link for instructions on how to join --> <http://www.cchca.org/yahoo-group-guidelines>.

Email me if you have problems --> ggmoderator@cchca.org

Remember to follow the rules --> <http://www.cchca.org/odd-ends/Google%20Group%20guidelines.pdf>

All posts must be approved before they are distributed to the group. Remember to post well in advance if your post is time sensitive. The Group is not monitored for new posts 24x7. If your post is not distributed, it's most likely because one of the rules above was not adhered to. It's also possible, although much less likely, that it was just missed. To check what happened, email me at ggmoderator@cchca.org.

Steve Lescure - Group Moderator

Neighborhood Moms Group

Years ago, CCH and OLH joined forces to create a network of moms. The group currently is a social one, with monthly dinner events, a book club and a Google Group for sharing news, supporting new moms, asking questions and organizing events. For more information or if you're interested in joining, email KatieLynch10@gmail.com.

Historic Fairfax - Eating Houses

By Hildie Carney

What would we do without restaurants today? Did you ever wonder how they started? In the 19th century, restaurants were called "Eating Houses". They were operated mostly by former slaves. It was one of the few opportunities African-Americans had after the Civil War. After all, they had performed these duties in bondage for generations. Before there were Eating Houses, a traveler had little choice to eat. Most localities only had a single "ordinary" (a hotel) where guests could find overnight accommodations, which included food and drink. The owner determined the time and type of food, and all guests ate at the same table with the owner. Prices were fixed and regulated by the local County court. The City of Fairfax (known as Fairfax Court House at the time) had two hotels – the Wilcoxon Tavern and

Allison's Tavern.

When more demand became obvious, Eating Houses became popular as a separate entity from hotels. Patrons now had the ability to dine at almost any hour, and they had a menu which gave them a greater variety of food choices. From 1869 to 1899, there was just one Eating House in Fairfax Court House: "Ferguson's". Jim Ferguson's Eating House was segregated and catered exclusively to white customers. Most owners of Eating Houses operated their businesses from their homes and thus they were frequented mainly by locals. While African Americans owned Eating Houses, they were not allowed to dine in them unless they catered exclusively to other African Americans.

"Yesterday, while the colored Sherriff of Alexandria County, and his two companions, were in the village they went to Jim Ferguson's Eating House, a colored man whose house is known to have excellent food and keeps an orderly and respectable house. When they entered the house J. F. motioned them back and said" Oh, no, you can't go in dar, dat is for de white gemmen; you come go in de kitchen and eat wid me and de ole woman".

AN EXERPT FORM THE Alexandria Gazette, January 3, 1874



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These funds are used to make your neighborhood a fun and better place to live!

A few notes...

- Membership period is Jan 1 to December 31
- Join or renew online: www.cchca.org
- Paper form is attached to this newsletter

Not sure if you're **ON THE LIST**? Contact membership@cchca.org to see if you're up to date on your dues and membership for 2022.

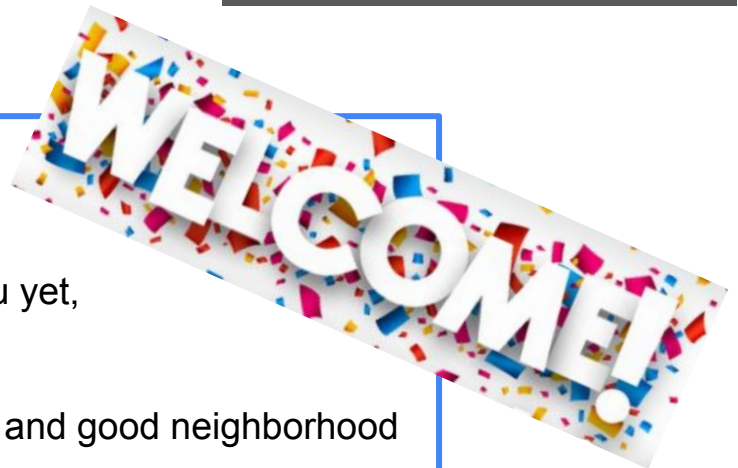
The **CCH Directory** is available on the CCHCA website. For any questions or updates, contact directory@cchca.org.

We want to welcome all of you who have moved in over the last few months! We have visited many homes to welcome new neighbors. However, if we haven't gotten to you yet, we will soon.

We hope you enjoy the old trees, hills, location and good neighborhood if you're new here.

Remember that our google group is a great way to give and receive useful information about living here.

Sincerely,
Renée and Katy
(Welcoming Committee)



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Email 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Add to Online Directory	<input type="checkbox"/> New Member OR <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal
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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
- ☐ Email webmaster@cchca.org for instructions on accessing the online CCH Residents Directory

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