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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Spring. March fans it, April christens it, and May puts on its jacket and trousers."
Henry David Thoreau

Spring has finally arrived! I hope everybody is enjoying the beautiful weather, if not all the yard work this time of year brings. Since it is spring the first topic should be the Commons, where spring has definitely arrived. Everybody should come down and check out the plantings. The daffodils and quince are out already and many others are not far behind. The Commons is looking better than ever, thanks to the hard work of the Country Club Hills Garden Club (in particular the incredible efforts of member Betty Russell), Judy Fraser, Nasrin Lescure and many other CCH residents. The City also got in on the act, coming down to aerate and seed the grass area. CCHCA is working hard on obtaining a grant that the City provides as part of its Community Appearance program. The grant will help us fund additional plantings.

The annual Bowling event occurred in February, led again by Leslie Daniels. The event was enjoyed by all. By the time this newsletter comes out the Easter Egg Hunt will have occurred. Thanks to Kate Small for leading the event again this year. The Creek Clean-up will also have occurred, led again by Kon Rhyu. Coming soon will be the annual Yard Sale and the CCHCA Plant sale, both on May 4th, and the CCHCA Annual Meeting, which will be held on May 15th.

Please try to attend the Annual Meeting. Hildie Carney has been working hard to organize the event. The new CHCCA Board will be sworn-in, and our speaker will be Brooke Hardin, the Fairfax City Director of Community Development and Planning. With all the things happening around the City right now, it should be an interesting presentation. The Annual Meeting is also a prime opportunity to meet some of your neighbors. And if that's not enough, pizza and cake will be provided.

Steve Lescure – President - CCHCA

CCHCA ANNUAL MEETING—MAY 15 AT 7:00PM

Don't forget about on the 2019 CCHCA Annual Meeting which will be held at historic Blenheim on May 15th at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be Brooke Hardin, Director of Community Development and Planning. It will be a great opportunity to hear first-hand about all the changes going on in the City, meet the 2019 CCHCA Board, and also socialize with your neighbors. Hope you can be there.



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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Storm drains and Chesapeake Bay Watershed
- Yard and Plant Sale, May 4, 9am-1pm



The storm drains are meant to absorb rainwater only; please do not use them for any other purpose. If you notice any storm drains without this marker, please inform me so that a new marker can be affixed. We have a supply of them. Thank you. Ernie@cchca.org

CIVIC AFFAIRS, HILDIE CARNEY

We welcome a new City Manager, Robert Stalzer. Rob came to us from Fairfax County with a lot of experience and is open to calls from citizens.

A new Chief of Police, Erin Schaible is from McLean, VA and also worked for Fairfax County.

Happenings in the City:

May 8: the City Council will vote on the FY 2020 budget. The budget was presented by the City Manager in March which included a possible tax hike. Let your voices be heard by coming to the public hearings in April.

April 26-May 12: Spotlight on the Arts will be honoring the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock. Check the website for all the events. Fairfaxspotlight.org.

April 24: Meeting of the City of Fairfax Homeowners' Community Association Meeting at City Hall at 7PM. Speaker will be Delegate David Bulova. All CCH residents are invited to attend.

April 27: Fairfax History Day at Historic Blenheim 10 to 5pm. A day of fun for the kids and learning about the Civil War and the history of Fairfax.

April 28: Earth Day at Daniels Run Elementary School. 2:30 -5PM. Learn about composting, recycling, planting trees and more.

Close to home: Date TBA is the replacing of a water main on Old Post Road. There will be a disruption of our water source. Homes will be notified ahead of time.

May 4: Ratcliffe-Allison-Pozer House opens for tours at 11am-to 2pm. May tours will be May 4 and May 18.

May 15: CCHCA GENERAL MEETING: May 15 at Historic Blenheim.

Troy Furr

703.541.8332



**Mowing
Rake leaves
Trim hedges
Mulching
Planting trees & bushes
Power washing**

**Winter services to include shoveling/
snow removal too!**



VAN DYCK PARK—ORIGINS OF THE NAME

We've all been to Van Dyck Park. Those of us with kids have visited it more times than we care to remember. Did you ever wonder where the name came from?

The park is named after Everett Calvin Van Dyck, the representative of the Town of Fairfax who led the effort to win independence from Fairfax County. I guess he's our very own George Washington. Van Dyck was born in Portsmouth, Va. He received a degree in Electrical Engineering from Virginia Tech and then earned a law degree from the University of Virginia. He and his wife loved to play tennis (me too). He suffered a fatal heart attack in February, 1967 at the age of 52. Just weeks after his death the Fairfax City Council honored him by naming the new city park in his memory.

(Much of this information is from the Fare Facs Gazette, the Newsletter of Historic Fairfax City, Inc. Volume 2, Issue 1)

Steve Lescure – Historian Emeritus

Members. Are you planning a yard sale? Let your neighborhood know by posting a message on our CCH-Google-News group; send your communication to:
groups@cchca.org

Your ad could be here!
Advertise in the ECCHO

Ad rates (for four issues):
¼ Page (or business card) - \$25
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Fay Carroll 3409 Brookwood Drive
703.867.1223 fkcarroll@aol.com

Renee Gokey, Welcoming@cchca.org

CCH WEBSITE

Have you visited the [CCHCA Website](http://www.cchca.org) lately? The front page now consists of “featured posts”, which we’ve been using (mostly) to point out CCHCA or City-related events coming in the near future. The menus have also been reorganized a bit. It’s always a work in progress but it’s getting better all the time. Are you a member of CCHCA (hint)? If you’re not sure, check the [Current Members page](#). If you don’t see your name then your membership has expired. You can [join on-line](#) (hint, hint). You can also make a donation to help out CCHCA from the same page. Donations can be earmarked for the Commons or Social Activities.

We recently added a [calendar](#), which will hopefully make it easier to find out what’s happening in CCHCA.

Steve Lescure –webmaster

*“If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant.”
- Anne Bradstreet*

CCH COMMUNITY YARD SALE AND PLANT SALE

YOUR JUNK IS SOMEONE ELSE’S TREASURE!!

**SET UP YOUR SALE EITHER IN YOUR YARD – OR AT THE
COMMON AREA (ON SPRING LAKE TERRACE)**

FLAG YOUR SALE BY PUTTING UP BALLOONS



For your convenience, an AmVets truck will collect any unwanted items but you must e-mail Leslie at lesdan001@verizon.net by April 30th with your name/address/phone number if you would like your items picked up.

Rain Date: 11 May

**** COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB WILL BE SELLING PLANTS
AT 3415 COUNTRY HILL DRIVE ****

Country Hills Garden Club Plant Sale

Plants proven to grow well in the DC Metro area
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May 4, 2019

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Country Club Hills Subdivision

Entrance #1

3415 Country Hill Dr., Fairfax, VA

Skoglund Home

Old Lee Highway in the City of Fairfax



Native Ferns



German Iris



Wood Poppy



Monks Hood



Hostas

Proceeds go toward club projects to support and beautify
our CCH community and to help your neighbors grow as gardeners.

If you would like more information regarding the plant sale
or Country Hills Garden Club, please contact Club President, Joyce Skoglund at
jeskog612@gmail.com



YOUR LOGO
HERE

CCHCA Board of Directors and Committee Chairs

President: Steve Lescure

Civic Affairs: Hildie Carney

Treasurer: Toby Sorenson

Publications: Leslie Cullen

Secretary: Miguel Castro

Block Captains: Kon Rhyu

Membership: Sue Mochinski

Social Activities: **OPEN**

Community Safety: Matt Eddy

Director, Website: Stephen Lescure, Ernie Klimonda (co-chair)

Director, Google-group: Ernie Klimonda, Judy Fraser (co-chair)

Standing Committees

Welcoming: Renee Gokey, Ernie Klimonda (co-chair)

Historian: Steve Lane

Signage: Leslie Cullen

Community Appearance: Judy Fraser

Special Committees

Recycling: Katie Baxter-Gagen

Neighbor to Neighbor: **OPEN**

Native groundcovers

Are you seeking a groundcover that is both beautiful and friendly to the ecosystem? Try looking beyond the old standbys to the new trend in gardening circles: native Virginia plants.

Bare ground in a garden is an invitation to weeds and erosion. The conventional landscaping solutions are either to pile on wood mulch or to plant an aggressive plant - such as English ivy, Japanese pachysandra, Vinca, spreading Liriope, or Yellow Archangel - then let it take over. The problem with those plants is that they take over more than just our gardens: they spread where they are not wanted by inexorably creeping along and by producing seeds that allow them to leap into our few remaining natural areas, where they crowd out the native plants and ruin the local ecosystem.



To prevent these unintended consequences, landscapers are now turning to plants that evolved locally, of which there are numerous examples that provide the “look” we are used to: a dense, low-growing monoculture for shade or part shade areas. Some are evergreen, others deciduous. A few have the additional feature of colorful spring flowers. Some can tolerate the bone-dry conditions under a tree; others prefer constant moisture. With the exception of Golden Ragwort (*Packera aurea*) and Common Violet (*Viola sororia*), none would be accused of being aggressive. Isn't this nicer than having a bare mulch garden? Details and photos can be found on the [Plant NOVA Natives website](https://plantnova.org/natives/).



Plant NOVA Natives is a joint marketing campaign of over sixty private, public, and non-profit organizations, and hundreds of individuals. Our mission is to educate the community and to promote the benefits to water quality and natural habitat of planting beautiful Northern Virginia natives, through the efforts of committed volunteers using multimedia outreach and events, and by working with local growers and sellers of native plants. All are welcome to participate in this collective action movement. [Plantnovanatives.com](https://plantnovanatives.com)

Get Involved! Open Board and Committee Positions

We have several open positions that need volunteers. Can you lend a hand? Help your neighborhood, meet your neighbors, and have fun all at the same time. The amount of time required is really minimal. You can make it as big or small as task as you'd like. Other board members and ex-board members are happy to lend guidance.

Contact Steve Lescure at cchca@president.org to learn more/volunteer.

Position	Job Description
VP of Social Activities	Coordinate and supervise an annual social program for the community and assist in organizing social activities.
Community Appearance Committee	Addresses concerns related to community appearance and services as the liaison with the City of Fairfax for the Common Area, Adopt-a-Spot, and other city appearance initiatives.
Neighbor to Neighbor Committee	Help strengthen the bonds of connection between neighbors by encouraging neighbors to look out for each other and by matching residents in need with residents who want to help.

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



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Name of Resident(s)		
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☐ 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

☐ Sign up for the online CCH Residents Directory by emailing eklimonda@gmail.com to request access.

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Purchase one or two year membership.

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Membership, Sue Mochinski, 10139 Spring Lake Terrace, Fairfax VA 22030

Questions or info email membership@cchca.org or call 703.851-0080

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CCHCA 2019 membership

(as of 4/12/2019)

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