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Country Club Hills Civic Association Newsletter - Spring 2022

Spring is in the air...



Easter is back in full swing this year at **The Commons!** We will have our traditional Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, April 9**. Festivities will be divided up by age groups. We will start with our younger crew, baby to 6 year olds, released to hunt for eggs at 10am. And then our older group, 7 to 12 year olds, will hunt for eggs at 10:20.

If you are participating, it is important to bring 10 filled plastic eggs for each participating kid. What you fill them with is up to you, but keep in mind we do have residents with allergies, so think in terms of non-candy items if you can.

The prefilled eggs will be hidden by the adults prior to the start of the hunts so arrive a few minutes early! Once we start the hunt, please make sure your child only "hunts" for 10 eggs. Once they have found 10, they can help others, but we want to make sure each child leaves with 10 eggs.

We are thrilled to be doing the Egg Hunt again! And we're looking forward to seeing so many smiling faces.

-Leslie Cullen

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Glass Pick Up

Starting April 1, Fairfax City will stop collecting glass in curbside recycling. Residents are able to drop glass off at Purple Bins throughout the City and County, but now we have another option! Three Fairfax High School students, Ashley, Claire and Sophie, have started an effort to come **TO YOUR HOUSE** to pick up glass every other Wednesday (i.e. when you put your trash out). Place it separate from other recycling by mid-late afternoon for them to pick it up!

Follow them on Facebook, **Country Club Hills Glass Recycling**, for more information.

Next Pickup: March 30th

New to CCH? Claim Your Welcome Gift! Page 11 for Details

City Events Update *by Hildie Carney*

Upcoming History Events

The Search for Maria Lewis, Black Female Trooper of the 8th NY Cavalry

Saturday, March 26 • 2 p.m. Free
Historic Blenheim

Join Dr. Anita Henderson as she discusses her research on Maria Lewis, a black woman who disguised herself as a cavalryman and rode with the Union Army in the Civil War. Dr. Henderson will describe her search for Lewis focusing on the methodology of her research, including documentation from the diary of Julia Wilbur, a Quaker abolitionist.

Uncovering the History of Mantua

Sunday, March 27 • 2 p.m. • Free
Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center

Join author and historian Sue Kovach Shuman as she discussed her new book on Mantua, a mid-century suburb community with long historical roots. Book sales and signings will follow the talk.

FAIRFAX HISTORY DAY

APRIL 23, 2022, 10am - 5pm

Fairfax History Day is returning to Historic Blenheim. There will be special features of demonstrations and interactive Domestic Arts, including weaving, spinning, needlework, quilting and women's dressing. Bring your own crochet and needlework projects and join a "bee." Demonstrations of the Building Arts of brickmaking, blacksmithing, and carpentry will introduce you to the skills of those who built structures or provided parts to wagons, carts, and more. You will have the opportunity to talk with a naturalist, a surgeon, and nurses or participate and watch activities from soldiers from the War of 1812 and the Civil War. The circa 1859 Historic Blenheim House will be open for timed tours of the first floor, where docents will talk about the newest research and discoveries of Civil War soldier graffiti and ongoing preservation projects. Be sure to secure your tour reservation at the entrance tent.

There will be hay rides and wagon rides and food vendors from the Knights of Columbus at St. Leo's the Great and Colonial Kettle Korn. Spirituals, a brass band, 19thc. dance and a string band will entertain all.



As part of the Historic Garden Week in Virginia, April 23rd- 30th, Blenheim and the Ratcliffe Allison Pozer house will be featured on April 26th. For more information, visit www.vagardenweek.org

If you haven't already signed up to receive news from the City, visit the City Website and Sign up for "City Connected".

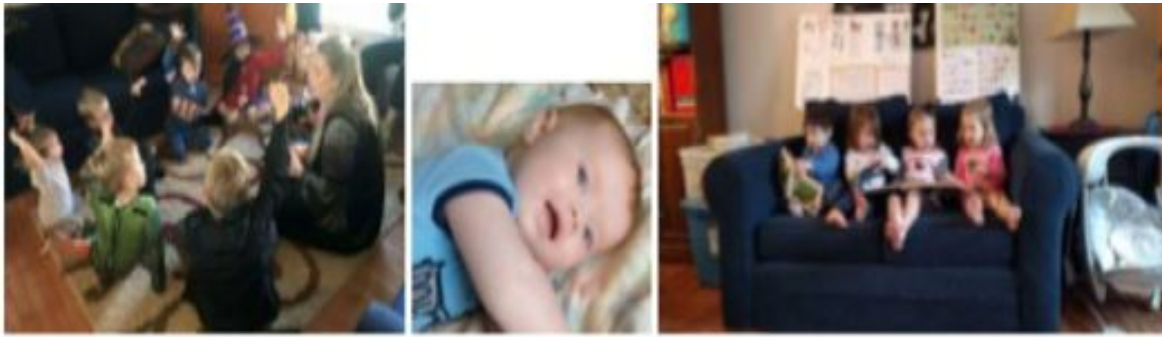
Looking back...

CCH Holiday Events

A huge thank you to Leslie Cullen for organizing the photos with Santa this year. As another year of modified holiday celebrations approached, Leslie went above and beyond to organize the perfect red truck from Merrifield Garden Center, a beautiful holiday display of flowers, blankets and wrapped presents,, and a wonderful Santa. Many happy holiday photos were taken thanks to Leslie's dedication and artistic eye.

And another great big thank you to the Garden Club for orchestrating yet another wonderful holiday decorating contest. With so many houses participating, they had their hands full to pick the winners!





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CITY OF FAIRFAX

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Plastic Yard Waste Ban

Fairfax City residents who receive curbside yard waste collection will no longer be able to use plastic bags for yard waste. Yard waste set out in plastic bags will be left on the curb. Residents must transition to paper bags, reusable containers, or bundling branches and sticks with twine. Yard waste set out in plastic bags will be identified with a red tag, and the material will be left on the curb. Residents may re-bag or bundle materials and set them at the curb for their next collection day.

This change will reduce plastic pollution in the city. Plastic bags get shredded during yard waste processing and become part of the compost and mulch we use in our yards and gardens, which pollutes our soil and local streams.

To properly dispose of yard waste:

- Paper Bag It! Use paper yard waste bags
- Bin It! Use a trash can labeled for yard waste
- Bundle It! Bundle branches and sticks with twine or rope made of natural fibers

Proposed 2023 City Budget Highlights:

- Reduced Real Estate tax rate of 4¢ - \$1.035
- CUE - zero fare for all riders
- Storm Water Utility – Effective cost of first year's service for all customers is \$14.40/BU
- Tax Relief Program for a greater number of senior and disabled citizens
- Wastewater Winter Quarter Rate
- Expediting and increasing the number of capital projects designed and constructed using ARPA funding, resulting in lower costs and better quality of life
- Expediting and increasing the number of storm water capital projects designed and constructed resulting in lower costs and a better quality of life and environmentally sustainable community.
- City citizen input is welcome.

Explore Two Augmented Reality Experiences in Old Town Fairfax

The city has installed two augmented reality experiences in Old Town Fairfax as part of a Smart City Challenge and Engage ART technology program.

Download the app to view a love story unfold in a living mural in the alley adjacent to The Wine House and play with a virtual dog in Old Town Square.

Mason's Green Machine provided an original soundtrack for the love story.

<https://smartcitiesconnect.org/fairfax-virginia-virtual-smart-city-challenge-leads-to-2-pilot-projects/>

For more information on any of the stories on this page plus additional resources available for City residents, refer to the City of Fairfax's website: www.fairfaxva.gov.

FRAUDULENT CHECKS... HOW YOU CAN PREVENT BEING A VICTIM

Elva Card of Old Post Road became a victim of this terrible trend after writing three checks and depositing them in envelopes at the City's Post Office at the beginning of the year. A few weeks later, she checked her bank account online to find an incredibly low balance. Checks that were originally made out to pay credit card bills had been altered, in both amount and payee.

Apple Federal Credit Union informed Elva, "That's a very common crime." The bank is working with her to try to get her money back, but there's no guarantee all of it will be recovered. "How could they have allowed such large checks to go through?" she asked. The bank explained, "Humans never saw those checks." Unfortunately, the convenience of electronic banking has proved to be very convenient for thieves as well. The City Police and the Postal Inspector confirmed the widespread nature of this type of crime. In fact, another victim was at the police station filing a similar report at the same time.

So, what can one do?

1. Pay **electronically**, outside mailboxes are especially vulnerable to theft.
2. If you must put a check in the mail. **Endorse it on the back as well as the front.** On the back, write: "For deposit only, (name of payee). It is harder for thieves to alter the back side.
3. Be sure that you do not have overdraft protection and **keep a low balance** in your checking account so that an unexpectedly large check will bounce.
4. Set up your account to be **notified by email or text** if a check over a certain amount is cashed.

Hopefully those steps will protect checking accounts. Now, about those thefts of packages from front doors...

Hildie Carney: Woman of Influence 2022

The City's Commission for Women chose Hildie Carney (3512 Old Post Rd) as "Woman of Influence 2022". Hildie, current Vice President of CCHCA and resident since 1964, has always been interested in Women's issues and has worked for women's rights in several capacities. One of the most interesting career positions Hildie held was being personal assistant to the author and feminist Betty Friedan for 13 years; plans are in the works for a book of this experience.

Hildie is an active resident of Fairfax City and has been on several commissions, starting with the Commission for Women. She is active in City politics and ran for the City Council a few years ago. She has chaired the Historic Fairfax City Inc. Board and was instrumental in saving the Blenheim historical home. Hildie is also a longtime active member in the Country Club Hills neighborhood association and has held several offices. She is a member of the ISCC Association and is a Past President. She is the City's Manager of the Memorial Kitty Pozer Garden in Fairfax and is still active with the maintenance of the Garden.

Looking for:

Babysitter
Pet Walker
Daycare Provider
Flamenco Dancer
Music Teacher



Do this:

1. Visit www.cchca.org
2. Click "Neighborhood"
3. Select "Services"
4. Contact Provider
5. Enjoy



Willard-Sherwood Health and Community Center

The Joseph Willard Health Center and the Stacy C. Sherwood Center sites are being redeveloped by Fairfax City and Fairfax County to provide a single destination for health, wellness, fitness, child care and the arts. The programs and services at this joint campus will be designed to meet the needs of all ages and abilities. The project is still in its early planning stages. Look for upcoming opportunities to offer feedback on the project.

<https://engage.fairfaxva.gov/willard-sherwood-health-and-community-center>

Annual Community Yard Sale

Save the Date: April 30, 2022

Got CLUTTER? Lots of STUFF? Start getting it together for someone else to enjoy. The yard sale will begin at 9 AM and will end at 2 PM on Saturday, April 30, 2022.

And after the sale, you don't have to bring anything that's leftover back into your house! We will arrange for a charity to come and pick it up at your house.

Email Hildie to join the yard sale and to be placed on the after-sale pick up list, or if you have any questions.

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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 jessicalynnebaker@gmail.com.



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Membership and Welcoming Committee Updates

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For only \$15/year, you can join the CCHCA and be a bigger part of our wonderful neighborhood community.

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.

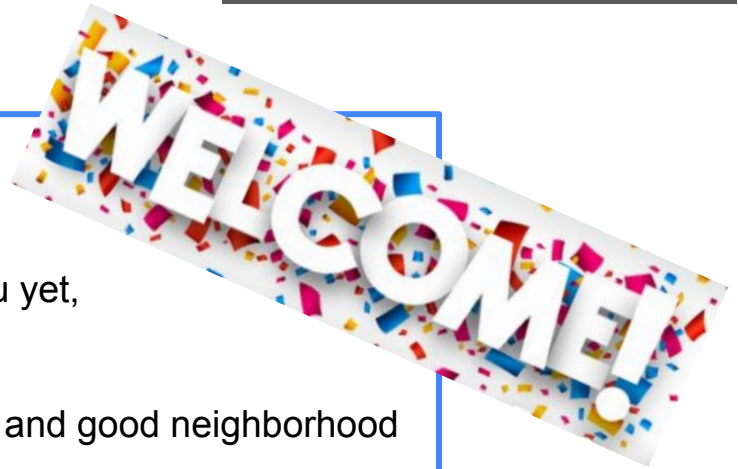
The **CCH Directory** is available on the CCHCA website. For any questions or updates, contact directory@cchca.org.

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)



FRANCY'S HOME SERVICES

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Country Club Hills Civic Association
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www.cchca.org

MEMBERSHIP FORM 2022 Your membership strengthens our community!

Membership year: January 1 - December 31, 2020 Dues: \$15/year/household

Members only have access to the online CCH Directory

Name of Resident(s)		
Street Address		Home Phone
Email 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Add to Online Directory	Cell Phone(s)
Email 2	<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 CCHCA activities \$ _____		

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

PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD: PAYPAL

Go to www.cchca.org / Click on Membership Application /

Purchase one or two-year membership.

*Or make checks payable to: Treasurer CCHCA Please return form and payment to: VP 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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