

### President's Message by Steve Lescure

I hope everybody is enjoying the change in seasons. With all the old growth trees, our neighborhood is particularly beautiful this time of year. It's a joy to walk around the neighborhood and admire the show of color.

COVID is STILL putting a damper on CCHCA activities. Given the CDC recommendations, the Board decided against sponsoring any in-person Halloween events. Although it was disappointing to not have our usual Halloween pizza party, we felt it was the responsible thing to do. Thanks to Leslie Cullen and Katy John for organizing the Virtual Halloween contest. We had a number of neighbors that really went all out, and many well-

done costume submissions. Thanks to all who entered and congratulations to the winners.

Most of you are probably already aware that the Old Lee Hills Multimodal Improvement Project is moving forward. The City has organized a Stakeholder's Advisory Committee to gather ideas and concerns of the affected neighborhoods and organizations. Hildie Carney (civicaffairs@cchca.org) is our representative. Although we will experience some short term pain during the construction, it seems the project will bring many benefits, such as bicycle lanes, improved walkability, and extensive landscaping.

Work continues, as always, down at the Commons. In particular, note the spruced up area in front of the park sign and the newly cleared out areas in front of the new Black Gum tree and Winterberry bushes. Thanks to the Country Hills Garden Club and Nasrin Lescure for all the hard work!

Miguel Castro is stepping down from his role as Secretary. Many thanks to Miguel for his years of service. Anybody interested in a position with CCHCA should contact me, at president@cchca.org.

Until next time.

Steve Lescure



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### Civic Affairs Update by Hildie Carney

As stated last time, I am the Chair for the Old Lee Highway redevelopment project. There was a meeting with Historic Resources addressing the front of the Blenheim property. There will be adjustments to the amount of space taken to preserve the historic property. If you have questions, call me.

If you are interested in the Committee that is being formed in the City to address the Social and Racial Equity issues, please contact City Council and submit your application before December 1.

The City's Holiday Craft Show will be a Virtual Show this year. For more information email irfaxholidayshow.com.

"Supporting small businesses is about supporting our communities," says Danette Nguyen, assistant director of Economic Development. "We encourage everyone to get out to shop and dine at city businesses. Your support helps ensure the survival of our city's small business community and

directly impacts city neighborhoods.

I just wanted to flag for you a new documentary, "Rushing In: The John Wood Story," which premiered earlier this week. The film focuses on John Wood of the historic 29 Diner (at 10536 Fairfax Blvd, Fairfax VA 22030) and his efforts tackle the economic fallout from COVID-19 by providing more than 35,000 free meals to at-risk youth in Fairfax. John has also provided meals for

first responders and health care workers and established a food pantry. Congratulations to John who is being honored for his work.

If you haven't already signed up with "Community Connect" with the City, email FairfaxVa.gov. This will provide you with help when needed as well as keeping you connected with what is going on in the City.

To help someone who is in need of food or other supplies for this Holiday, email the City's for information how you can help!

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Contact Hildie:

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### Befriending the butterflies by PlantNova Natives

Where do butterflies go in the winter? If you are picturing the adults hibernating like bears, that's actually not that far from the truth for a few of them, including Mourning Cloak butterflies. This handsome creature reappears very early in the spring because it overwinters as an adult in crevices of bark or in leaf litter. Most butterflies and moths overwinter as eggs, larvae or pupae, starting off in the tree tops and riding the leaves down in the autumn. Once they land in our yards, what happens next is up to us. To support butterflies, planting the native plants that are their food source is only half the job. The other half is to create the conditions that allow the butterflies and other beings to complete their life cycles.

Many of us were raised to think that dead leaves should be ejected from our yards as quickly as possible. The concern was that they would smother the grass. Green grass all winter was seen as a sign of a healthy landscape. It turns out that we had that exactly backwards, because the natural color of winter in the Mid-

Atlantic is golden brown with a sprinkling of dark green evergreens, not the light green of turf grasses that were imported from Europe. But for those who want a green lawn, dead leaves add valuable organic matter to the soil, making fertilizer unnecessary. It is surprising how quickly dead leaves shrivel up and disappear if there aren't too many of them. If they are piled too thickly on the grass, they can be spread under shrubs or trees where the shade makes lawn a poor choice anyway, or added to a flower bed, or consolidated in a pile to turn into compost. They can also be left in place on the lawn by mowing them over with the lawn mower, although of course shredding the leaves may also mean shredding the butterflies.

Another landscaping misconception that has been turned on its head is the idea that garden beds need to be "cleaned up" for the winter by cutting the plants down to the ground and removing the stalks. If instead the native plants are left standing over the winter and the leaves left underneath, the garden will provide a

source of seeds for the birds and shelter for a myriad of other little critters including native bees and fireflies. What formerly might have been a dead landscape made up of empty mulch beds is transformed into a scene of life and growth, even if most of it is not immediately apparent to the human eye. In some ways, caring for a landscape that supports life means working less, not more, with less work needed for tidying. Admittedly, humans have devised ways to save even more labor (and labor costs) by turning yards into barren landscapes where every weed is suppressed by chemicals or by thick expanses of toxic mulch that have been sprayed with herbicides, barely a step removed from asphalt in terms of ecological value. Fortunately, as a species we are coming to see that welcoming life into our yards benefits us as well as our fellow beings. For some basic tips on how to achieve these benefits, see the management plan page of the Plant NOVA Natives website.commons@cchca.org

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# Message from Mayor Meyer...

#### Improving Electric Reliability

In response to concerns expressed by City elected officials and electricity customers within the City of Fairfax, Dominion Energy has initiated a Strategic Underground Project for 29 residences on Farr Drive, Country Hill Drive., and Pinehurst Avenue. Electric lines at these selected residences on these streets are being placed underground. Dominion will remove the electric power lines from the top of the utility poles along the streets where these residences are located. This targeted undergrounding initiative will strengthen the reliability of the power grid within the Country Club Hills and Old Lee Hills neighborhoods. Only the electric service lines (the top

wires on the utility poles) at these residences will be placed underground. The remaining wires on the poles are communication wires for Verizon and Cox Cable. The City anticipates that this undergrounding initiative will be completed by December 31, 2020, weather permitting. This work is being done at no additional cost to these residential customers or to the City of Fairfax.

#### Commons Trail

The City of Fairfax has submitted a funding request under VDOT's Smart Scale program for the Commons Trail. VDOT is now in the process of evaluating this application, along with all other applica-

tions submitted by jurisdictions across the Commonwealth of Virginia. VDOT will finalize their recommendations to the Commonwealth Transportation Board in January 2021. If this project is approved, funding would be for FY 2025, with a target completion date in 2028.

David Meyer Mayor City of Fairfax, Virginia





### HALLOWEEN WRAP UP by Katy John

#### **Best Yard**

Bill & Erin Matlock- Spring Lake Ter Every year this house is a must see. Hands coming out of the ground holding lanterns, leading up the spooky driveway, as a remote control vehicle delivers candy to the trick or treaters was a highlight for sure!

Runner up- Kristen & Phil- Blackthorn

Runner up- Felicia Laurente

#### Most Creative Candy Delivery

We added a category to recognize the creativity and effort put into carrying on traditions while keeping everyone at a safe distance.

Robert & Lee Faber Spring Lake Ter Always a highlight, in normal years this house hosts the unofficial first stop for all our ambitious trick or treaters, and this year they did not disappoint. Trick or treaters were drawn by the sounds of a Disco Party complete with Disco Lights. Walking up the driveway, the kids were greeted by a very long, large pipe where they placed their candy bags below and the candy was delivered along with cloud of smoke.

Bill Evans- Park Hill Place In full costume, Bill delivered candy from the roof of his carport, attaching the candy to a zip line delivering it directly into the trick or treaters candy bag.

#### **Most Halloween Spirit**

Maryanna (Mrs. Mary) Spring Lake Ter Many of the children know that Halloween is a huge big deal for Maryanna. She starts planning months in advance by asking all the children what candy is popular. She provides different candy and goodies for different age groups. This year she is awarded the Most Halloween Spirit for her continued enthusiasm and her offer for her 'Boo Crew" to provide contactless deliver for those not comfortable trick or

If you entered your kids in the Costume or Pumpkin Carving Contest, please reply to this email with your address and I will get you their awards!

Thank you to everyone who put in so much effort to make this another great Halloween for CCH!!

#### Planning a yard sale?

Let your neighborhood know Post to the CCH Google Newsgroup.

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A Lasting Impact



The Welcoming Committee has welcomed some terrific new neighbors over the last few months.
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Sincerely, Renee & Katy

# Country Club Hills Civic Association www.cchca.org

# Welcome to CCH! This is a great neighborhood community!

CCH Residents, an updated directory benefits our community! Please email us at your earliest convenience with the basic information below. Thank you!

| Name of Primary Resident(s |            |                    |
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| Street Address             |            | Home Phone Number: |
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Please email the completed questionnaire to: directory@cchca.org or ggmoderator@cchca.org This action will add you to CCH Directory and Google Group.

We hope you enjoy the welcoming gift to Country Club Hills and will consider joining our CCH community for only \$15/per household a year! Sign up online today to take full advantage of the benefits: http://www.cchca.org/membership-application-new/

Welcome to the neighborhood!

Renee Gokey 3403 Andover Drive ReneeGokey1@gmail.com Katy Johnson 10132 Spring Lake Terrace Katynor@aol.com

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# Affordable in-Home Daycare, LLC Receives 2020 Best of Fairfax Award

Fairfax Award Program Honors the Achievement.

Press release from Affordable in-Home Daycare, LLC: February 9, 2020

Affordable in-Home Daycare, LLC has been selected for the 2020 Best of Fairfax Award in the Child Care Agency category by the Fairfax Award Program. Each year, the Fairfax Award Program identifies companies that we believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and our community. These exceptional companies help make the Fairfax area a great place to live, work and play. Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2020 Fairfax Award Program focuses on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the Fairfax Award Program and data provided by third parties. About Fairfax Award Program The Fairfax Award Program is an annual awards program honoring the achievements and accomplishments of local businesses throughout the Fairfax area. Recognition is given to those companies that have shown the ability to use their best practices and implemented programs to generate competitive advantages and long-term value. The Fairfax Award Program was established to recognize the best of local businesses in our community. Our organization works exclusively with local business owners, trade groups, professional associations and other business advertising and marketing groups. Our mission is to recognize the small business community's contributions to the U.S. economy.

SOURCE: Fairfax Award Program

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# IN THE HILLS: Other CCHCA Updates

### **INFO**

#### WEBSITE

Our site, www.cchca.org, contains a lot of information. You can join or renew your CCHCA membership. Find contact information for CCHCA board and committee members. View posts on upcoming and recent events. Download the CCHCA Directory. Read the writeups on each month's Beauty Spot. There are also photo galleries, newsletters, meeting minutes going back to the 50s, and much more.

#### **NEWSLETTER**

Have you got something you want to share about Fairfax City or our neighborhood? Perhaps you know of a special event, or activity for children that would be worth sharing! Maybe a new baby has arrived and you'd like to share your news with us! If so, please send an email to Leslie Cullen at publications@cchca.org

### **MEMBERSHIP**

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- Paper form also attached to this newsletter
- Not sure of member status? Check the list Page 13

### **EVENTS**

While we all know that covid-19 has us keeping our distance, CCHCA is still working to have certain events this late fall and winter coming.

We may not have our annual Santa visits, but we are in talks for something new and slightly different. Stay tuned!

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|--|--|---|--|
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