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Country Club Hills Civic Association Newsletter - Fall 2022

As I write this, the colors of autumn are really coming into their own. I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some outdoor time while the weather has been so fresh and the colors so spectacular. It is my favorite season in Virginia. In CCH autumn also means our fantastic Halloween party is almost here and in the near future Santa will be arriving for his whirlwind tour through the 'hood, as well as City events (more details inside!). A big thank you to Katy Johnson for organizing the CCH Candidate Afternoon. It was a great opportunity to ask questions and get to know the candidates, and as importantly, for them to get to know CCHers! At the Sherwood candidate forum on October 19, many of the candidates stressed how important it is to listen to residents who are most affected by development and construction projects. I can't help but think it was on their mind partly from talking with our neighbors a few days beforehand. I hope this is the first of many opportunities to interact with our leaders, and that you will reach out to them on issues of importance to you. Same goes for your CCHCA Board here. We have a great group of volunteers who want CCH to be a pleasant place for all of us to call home, so let us know when you feel something needs to be addressed by the board. Also, if you are able to spare a bit of time to volunteer, we need one more block captain (contact Dara at blockcaptains@cchca.org). Our next quarterly meeting is in November, and we'll send out a reminder about a week ahead in case you'd like to attend. This issue is packed with good information. Thanks go to the contributors and to our talented editor Katie Lynch for another great production. - Judy

Halloween is on the way...

On Monday, October 31st, be on the lookout as ghosts, witches, and wild animals gather at the Commons then depart to gather their loot. Join us at 5 pm for pizza and costume contests before we send the cutest kids in Fairfax off to trick or treat!



CIVIC AFFAIRS

by VP Hildie Carney

ELECTION It's time again to participate in the selection of our City Council and Mayor. This year, for the first time, the elections will be held November 8th during the State elections. This year citizens are selecting a new Mayor, as well as two new Council members. I hope that you will take some time and research all of the candidates' qualifications. The list can be found on the City's website. Check out the early voting dates at City Hall.

FLOOD PLANS The City has received an \$144,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. It will be used to develop a community flood resilience plan and to conduct a study for a flood plan for Mosby Woods.

New to CCH? Claim Your Welcome Gift! Page 12 for Details

YOUTH IN 'ACTION'

by Hildie Carney

My heartfelt thanks go out to one of our CCH residents whose service benefits our community. Dan Gonzalez and his wife, Carrie, live on Andover Drive. They took over the leadership of the "Action" youth group, which is sponsored by the People of Praise, a Christian community whose members belong to various churches. The youth are students at Trinity High School.

One of the projects Dan and Carrie want to encourage the youth to do is service to senior citizens and others in the community. When Dan reached out to the Civic Association and told us of our plan, I said, "I want to be first on your list", and indeed I was.

On a Saturday afternoon in September, 14 young men and women appeared in my yard. In about 3 hours, they trimmed all my bushes, weeded my gardens, pulled out vines, and even had time to help my next door neighbor, Cathleen. They were a wonderful group who were ambitious to learn about what was a weed, what was flower, and how to prune. They were respectful, eager to help, and just delightful to be around. I enjoyed working with them.

Dan will be working with our Neighbor to Neighbor Chair, Janna Craig, and or Community Appearance Chair, Joyce Skoglund. Through these chairwomen, the youth of "Action" will reach out to neighbors with dates they can do service.



Country Club Hills Civic Association

Troy Furr

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

**Winter services to include shoveling/
snow removal tool**

CITY OF FAIRFAX HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/special-events/>



Holiday Craft Show
November 19th and 20th
Fairfax High School



Fairfax City Holiday Market
Old Town Square
December 2-4 and December 9-11
Craft vendors and photos with Santa

Lunch with Santa
December 10, 2022
Seating Times 11a, 12p and 1p
Old Town Hall
Enjoy lunch and have your picture
taken with Santa!
(Pre-registration is required)



2022 Festival of Lights
December 3, 12p - 6p
Old Town Square
Holiday music, s'mores,
hot cider, and more.
Tree lighting will be at 5:30p.

A little bit about...

By Erin Frank



We are a Fairfax City based all volunteer non-profit with a holistic, sustainable approach to eradicating homelessness and hunger.

These are our programs:

A Place to Eat

- provides weekend food bags to hundreds of Fairfax City children
- maintains a food pantry at Fairfax High School

A Place to Glean

- collects donated produce from the farmers market and distributes to local families in need

A Place to Thrive

- provides case management services to families in need to help increase their self-sufficiency, self-efficacy and financial stability

If you are interested in volunteering, donating or learning more go to aplacetostand.org or email richelle@aplacetostand.org.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 8TH

**THIS YEAR, BOTH CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR WILL BE ON THE BALLOT
EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING BEGAN SEPTEMBER 23rd**

For detailed information on Virginia's ID requirements:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/in-person-voting/>

Voting absentee, emergency absentee and early in person:

<https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/early-absentee/>

Last day to vote early in person is Saturday, November 5. Request an absentee ballot by mail or online here <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>

You can also confirm your current status by using the link above and clicking on Registration Status (Citizen Portal).



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UPCOMING CCHCA EVENTS

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION

As the holiday season approaches, be on the lookout for information about a **Santa visit**. Details are still underway, but CCHCA is excited to once again bring Santa to our neighborhood to visit with the children and hear their wishes. If you'd like to help plan the event, please reach out to Lara Hughes (larahughes@verizon.net). And if you know of an aspiring photographer who would like to help take photos, please reach out. We'd love the opportunity to add photography to this wonderful event.



SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

In case you might not know, CCH has an active Facebook group. Our group has always been Public, but due to changes made to Groups by Facebook, we have recently changed our settings to Private. You can join by searching **Country Club Hills - Fairfax, VA** and an Admin will allow you to join. Please let us know if you, or your neighbors, have any trouble finding us.

CCH Civic Association assumes no responsibility for this group and users should use the group with common sense in mind. We ask that you please not post personal contact information for minors (baby sitting, lawn care, snow removal, etc.). You can use DM's or email to share this information.

Please be kind to each other and remember you are speaking to your neighbors.

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



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-al-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 private group currently has about 500 members. You **MUST** answer the Membership Questions to be approved (to help reduce spam). Remember: no advertising, national 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.



Second Chance Store

The Humane Society of Fairfax County’s (HSFC’s) Second Chance Thrift Store opened its doors again in September of 2021. This volunteer-run store benefits our rescued dogs, puppies, cats, kittens, horses, small mammals, and birds. All proceeds from the sale of items at the store are used to care for the animals until they are placed in forever homes.

Second Chance is located at 4055 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax City. The store hours are Monday - Friday from 10:00 am until 4 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am through 3:00 pm. Our phone number is 703-385-3064. Donations are accepted during these hours. Clothing for men, women, and children along with household items, books, collectibles, pet supplies, and jewelry are sold at unbeatable prices. Our large inventory changes weekly so please visit us often for a fun and rewarding shopping experience.

To learn more about the Humane Society of Fairfax County please visit our website at www.hsfc.org



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Old Lee Highway... More Than Just A Street

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OLHPlacemaking>

Kamp Washington Small Area Plan

At their October 10 public hearing, the Planning Commission approved the Kamp Washington Small Area Plan and recommended its approval and adoption to City Council. Once the Small Area Plan is adopted by Council, on October 25, City staff will complete develop of an implementation guide to ensure the plan’s recommendations are enacted. They will present the guide to the Planning Commission; this is tentatively anticipated to occur later this fall. The most recent draft of the Small Area Plan and a video from the public hearing can be found on the Engage Fairfax project page under “Project History.” If you have any questions or comments, please contact Lyndsey Clouatre at lyndsey.clouatre@fairfaxva.gov. <https://engage.fairfaxva.gov/kamp-washington-small-area-plan>

For all the information that’s going on in the City, sign up at cityoffairfaxva@public.govdelivery.com. And for additional resources available for City residents, refer to the City of Fairfax’s website: www.fairfaxva.gov.

CANDIDATE AFTERNOON RECAP

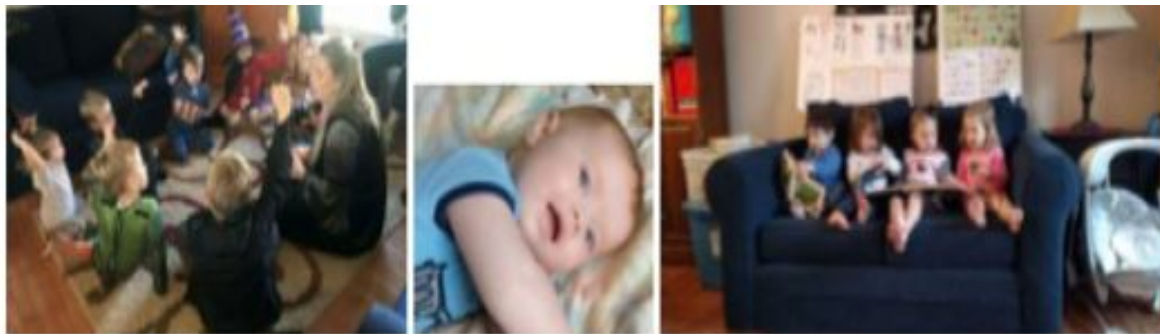
By Katy Johnson

We had amazing weather for our Candidate Afternoon. We were joined by our two Mayoral Candidates, Catherine Read and Sang Yi; Council Candidates Billy Bates, Kate Doyle Feingold, Jeffrey Greenfield, Joseph Harmon, So Lim, Ana Renner, Tom Ross, Craig Salewski, and Jon Stehle’s representative. Also in attendance were School Board Candidates, Stacy Hall, Sarah Kelsey and Amit Hickman.

Toby Sorensen did a marvelous job welcoming our guests, and, more importantly, she set the tone for a wonderfully positive and engaging event. Kona Ice Truck was also on hand to cool any hot topic political talk, but thankfully it was not needed. The treats were enjoyed by many of the neighborhood children who were also enjoying all that our wonderful little treasure of a park has to offer. We had a big crowd for the entire event. Over all, the event was a huge success, many questions were answered, and concerns were brought before our current and future decision makers.

Huge thank you to our Candidates, and thank you to everyone who was able to join us. Our City is a better place when we all get involved!





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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.

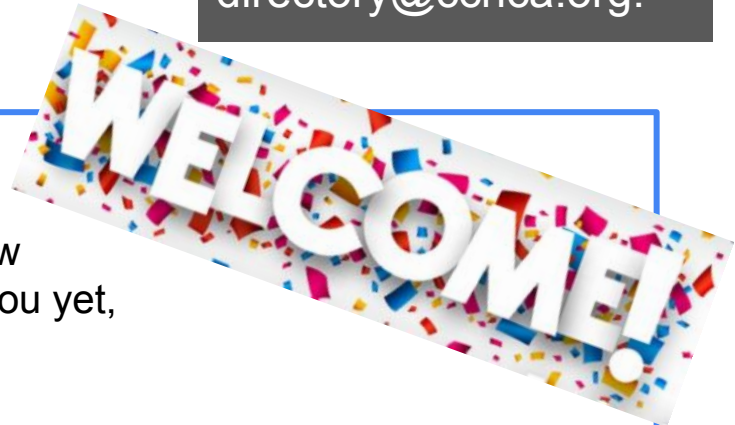
The **CCH Directory** is available on the CCHCA website. For any questions or updates, contact directory@cchca.org.

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.

If you know of a new neighbor moving in, please email welcoming@cchca.org.

We hope you enjoy the old trees, hills, location and good neighborhood if you're new here. And remember that our google group is a great way to give and receive useful information about living here.

Sincerely,
Jane (Welcoming Committee)





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Country Club Hills Civic Association

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2022 Your membership strengthens our community!

Membership year: January 1 - December 31, 2022 Dues: \$20/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 (\$20) OR <input type="checkbox"/> 2 years (\$40)		<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)
- Sign up for the online CCH Residents Directory by emailing webmaster@cchca.org to request access.

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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