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Country Club Hills Civic Association Newsletter - Winter 2023

Hello CCHers! I hope everyone's winter has been going well. While we wait for the flowers to bloom, your CCHCA Board has been working on plans for Spring. We are getting spring rolling with a new event! We are very excited to be co-hosting a pre-Oscars party with Old Lee Hills Civic Association on the afternoon of March 11th at Earp's Ordinary. You'll find more details inside this issue.

Some of you may have heard about the Village concept. The City has created a new program to assist seniors and adults with disabilities in our community, called Fairfax Village in the City. I don't know a whole lot about it, but similar programs have been very successful in other communities. I've invited Jason Scadron, the City's coordinator of the initiative, to talk with interested neighbors on Tuesday, March 21st at my home. Please let me know (president@cchca.org) if you'd like to attend and learn more about how we can support this innovative program! More information is also available at the website at the bottom of this page and at the upcoming Home for Life Expo at the Sherwood Community Center on March 31.

In April we will be holding a creek cleanup on Earth Day (April 22) and the same day the Country Hills Garden Club will hold a Plant Clinic at the Common Area. This is a great chance to get your vexing garden questions answered and to help clear our stream and woodland of litter (and there might be a donut or two in the mix!).

The neighborhood yard sale will be held on Saturday, May 6, and be sure and contact Hildie (civicaffairs@cchca.org) if you'd like to participate.

We will be holding our civic association annual meeting in May. Please reach out to me (president@cchca.org) or to Katy Johnson (socialmedia@cchca.org) if you would like to serve on the civic association board. It is a great group of people and a pleasant way to be involved in the neighborhood. Everyone's help makes for a smooth running association. We are all grateful for the volunteers who pitch in and make CCH that much nicer of a place to live!

Last, just a reminder to be sure your email address is on our google group list serv so you don't miss out on neighborhood information, and also **renew your membership** at <https://www.cchca.org/membership-application-new/>. It is quick and easy to use the paypal link or you can fill out the attached membership form and send it to Sue, our membership director. Your membership means a lot!

Judy Fraser



<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/human-services/fairfax-village-in-the-city-advisory-board>

More than Just a Street

By now we hope that you have noticed the street signs for Old Lee Highway have been changed. We are now **Blenheim Blvd.**

The Blenheim Blvd placemaking effort will connect people and places along the historic corridor through the addition of aesthetic and functional features that reflect the corridor's unique characteristics. The City is still looking for ideas from citizens for what you would like to feature along Blenheim Blvd.

New to CCH? Claim Your Welcome Gift! Page 14 for Details

2022 Holiday Decorations Winners

Once again, CCH was beautifully decorated and full of spirit for the holidays throughout December. Let's give a well deserved THANK YOU to the Garden Club for once again judging the contest, which included dozens of contestants across four categories. Check out the community website for details of the contest and a short write up about each of this year's winners!



CCH COMMUNITY YARD SALE

May 6 9 am to 3pm

YOUR JUNK IS SOMEONE ELSE'S TREASURE!!

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From an expert on uncluttering—

“Every time you go into a room: look around and see what you can live without: place it in a box labelled “yard sale”.



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*2nd Friday, June -
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Van Dyck Park*



*Saturday, May 6
3:30p-8:00p
Historic Blenheim*



*4th Friday, May -
October, 6:30pm
Old Town Square*

Save the Date:

- April 6: Egg-Streme Teen Egg Hunt
- May 20: Antique Car Show
- June 3: Beer in the 'Burbs
- June 25: Hometown Celebration

Earth Day 2023 Celebrations in CCH!

Join us this year on **Saturday, April 22, at the Country Club Hills Commons** as we celebrate Earth Day the right way (and earn credit towards your Stormwater Utility Fee)!

Mark your calendars for April 22nd for our **CCH Creek Clean Up**. More details will be available as the the date gets closer, but this is also the day of the Garden Club's Plant Clinic at the same location! Traditionally we have met at the Commons for some breakfast treats, then we take off to collect trash from the Accotink Creek that runs the length of the neighborhood along Spring Lake Terrace. We may try to cover more of the Creek upstream and meet at the Jean Street Bridge, but we have not hammered out the details in time for the writing of this Newsletter. Therefore, be on the lookout for more information via our Google Group emails and Facebook. Haven't joined either? Let us know and we will get you connected.

A little about the Accotink Creek...

If you are new to CCH you may not know, the Accotink Creek is a 25 mile long tributary of the Potomac River. The City of Fairfax sits on the headwaters of the Accotink Watershed. The water from our creek will eventually make its way to the Chesapeake Bay. What happens here in our little City and in our little neighborhood will have far reaching effects so let's all do what we can!

A little about the Stormwater Utility Fee Credits...

Annie de la Torre, *Utilities Coordinator and Public Works – Admin & Engineering*, provided the following information on how to obtain stormwater utility fee credits:

"City of Fairfax property owners who participate in stream cleanup, invasive removal, or native plant save events can apply to receive credit on their Stormwater Utility (SWU) fee. A credit of 1% can be earned for every two volunteer hours spent at the event. A maximum of 15% credit can be earned for 30 or more volunteer hours. An example of how the credit is calculated: A household of four participates in a stream cleanup event, and each participant volunteers for two hours. Each participant will earn 1% credit, providing a 4% credit for the entire household/property. Participants who want to receive credit for their involvement will need to submit a Non-Structural SWU application online here:

<https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/public-works/stormwater-and-floodplain-management/stormwater-information/stormwater-utility/utility-credit-application-non-structural>

They will need to include the following information:

- Total number of hours donated for the cleanup event (*required*)
- Photos of the event or cleanup effort (*required*)
- Any additional supplemental documentation (i.e. sign up sheets, liability waivers, etc.) *optional*"

A little about who to contact for more information...

This year's events are being coordinated by Katy Johnson (socialmedia@cchca.org), Jane Kadish (welcoming@cchca.org), and Joyce Skoglund (Jeskog612@gmail.com).

Save a Sapling: Pull Invasives

There's lots of talk lately about invasive plants and what to do about them. Plant NOVA Natives, promoting native plants in Northern Virginia, has a post with helpful insights and tips.

<https://www.plantnovanatives.org/post/save-a-sapling-pull-invasives>

JOIN US! Want to volunteer your time to a wonderful cause that benefits you, your family and your neighbors directly? **Consider joining the CCHCA Board!** Attend the upcoming Annual Meeting in May, or reach out to Judy, president@cchca.org, for more information.

COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB

Your own "Country Hills Garden Club" is planning a couple of events and we encourage you to put these dates on your calendar and attend.

On April 22, 2023 we will be holding a plant clinic at The Commons from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The clinic will give members of the community a chance to have gardening questions answered. Bring your plants, clippings from a tree/bush for help in identifying the problem. We will have a Master Gardener from Green Spring Gardens to help answer your questions.

On June 3, 2023 we will be holding our annual plant sale from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will be held at the Skoglund home, 3415 Country Hill Dr. We will be featuring native plants that will be perfect for your garden. These plants come from members' gardens. More information will be provided closer to the date.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FOR COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB

The Country Hills Garden Club (CHGC) is looking for a few new members. The club has been around since 1954 and has stayed active all these years. We meet the second Tuesday of each month from September through June. We have workshop for not only club members, but we open those up to the neighborhood and often invite other clubs to attend. Our dues are only \$20.00 for the year. What a deal!

We have very interesting speakers that address our local soil conditions, deer proof gardening, flower and herb gardens, shade gardening and many more interesting topics. We will visit Burnside Tulip Farm in Nokesville, VA this spring. That will be wonderful. We mostly car pool for our field trips and meet here in the neighborhood.

Come meet us at our upcoming plant clinic on April 22 or at our annual plant sale on June 3.

We hope that you will consider joining us as a member, but if you can't please contact any member of the club to perhaps join us on a field trip.

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CIVIC AFFAIRS

by VP Hildie Carney

If you haven't already signed up to receive all the current news from the City, sign up at cityoffairfaxva@publicgovdelivery.com. All your questions are answered! This website sends out a "stay connected" newsletter every month.. All information listed can be found at: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/home>.

All the City Council meetings dates are listed and the outcome of the meetings are available on this website. Let's support our new Mayor and Council by engaging.

Want to keep up on crime in the City? All crimes are listed: <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/police/news-reports> Looks like CCH is crime Free this month.

Call 703-359-2486 to find out if you are eligible for City Tax Relief and other assistance, such as help with trash cans. One of the great perks for senior citizens and those with disabilities.



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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.

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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-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.

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UPCOMING CCHCA EVENTS

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Easter Egg Hunt - April 8

Please reach out to Lara Hughes (larahughes@verizon.net) if you'd like to help with this wonderful event. More details will follow; watch your email and check the website or Facebook page for more information.



Creek Clean Up and Plant Clinic - April 22

Join us at the Commons on Earth Day. Be on the lookout for specific times and help needed.



Annual Meeting - May 18

The presentation has yet to be confirmed, but be on the lookout for information regarding our annual meeting at Historic Blenheim at 6:30pm on May 18. Please attend to share any thoughts, voice your concerns, or to volunteer to join the board or help the community in another way!

June 15 - End of School Ice Cream Social

Details are being worked out, but the Board is looking forward to bringing back this tradition on the last day of school. If you would like to volunteer to help organize this event, please let Lara or Judy know!

Garden Club Plant Sale - June 3

See the Garden Club's article about this wonderful event!

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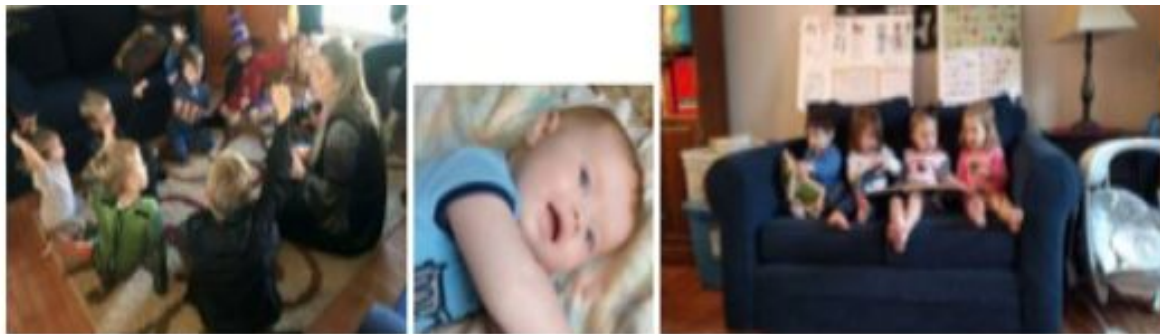
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A few notes...

- 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 2023.

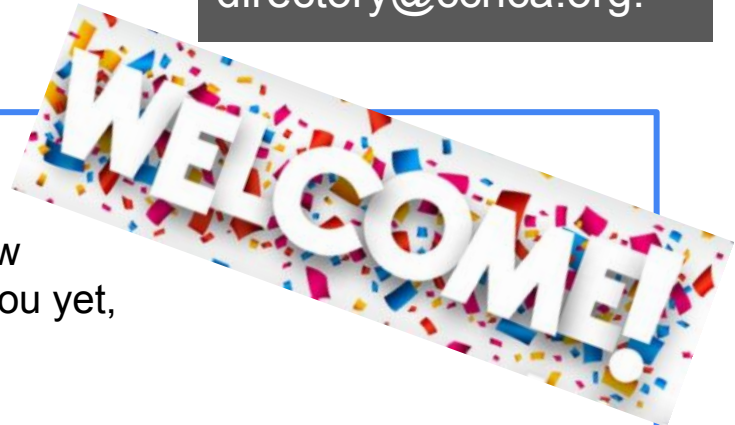
The **CCH Directory** is available on the CCHCA website. For any questions or updates, contact directory@cchca.org.

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)



Dive into fun this summer!

Join Country Club Hills Pool



- Competitive youth swim team (NVSL)
- Tennis program
- Poolside movie nights

- School's out party
- Adult night
- Ice cream socials & more!



Country Club Hills Recreation Corporation is a community organization focused on providing a fun and relaxing environment for our members and their guests. For over 50 years, CCH Pool has been providing our local community a friendly place for fun and fitness.



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Country Club Hills Civic Association

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MEMBERSHIP FORM 2023 Your membership strengthens our community!

Membership year: January 1 - December 31, 2023 Dues: \$20/year/household

Members only have access to the online CCH Directory

Name of Resident(s)		
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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)
- 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,

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Questions or info email membership@cchca.org or call 703-851-0080

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