

[ **E C C H O** ]**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Another season has flown by! Winter was ... not so white, but still quite beautiful around here. I hope everyone enjoyed the hunkering down time and is ready to Spring into action with this new season of sprucing up the Common Area (beautifully featured in the recent City Scene), taking out garbage from our adopted spot along the creek, and helping tag storm drains with reminders of the water's final destination.

Of special interest to many is the hope for news on the status of the Community Center. I have been closely monitoring the Community Center proposal for Van Dyck. It seems there have not yet been any final decisions by the Council as of this drafting. Hopefully, we will know soon. Please see inside for a summary of the online survey many of you participated in with regards to concerns over the community center. We had a great response to the survey and I thank everyone who took the time to note their opinion. Unfortunately, due to needing the results of the survey quite abruptly, the only avenue used to disseminate the information was via the Internet Yahoo! group. If you are not a part of our Yahoo! group, please visit [www.cchca.org](http://www.cchca.org) to sign up. And, thank you to Katy Sidwell, without whom these results would not have been so efficiently synthesized for your reading pleasure.

Ernie Klimonda has done a fabulous job maintaining our neighborhood website and monitoring the Yahoo! group. We would like to formally recognize his work by amending our organization's bylaws to include a board directed permanent committee position to oversee our electronic media forums. When our bylaws were last amended we did not have such a strong Internet community available and now it is only appropriate to change with the times and recognize the importance of this technology. Ernie has put in hours of his time to set up and coordinate our neighborhood's timely move into the Internet world. Please see inside for the proposed bylaw changes. We will vote on the new bylaws at our general meeting on May 15.

Please mark your calendars for **7PM, Thursday, May 15 for our biannual general meeting at the Daniel's Run Elementary School cafeteria**. We will be electing new members onto the Board of Directors and discussing a lot of business old and new.

May is Membership Month! Please remember to renew your membership. Dues are merely \$10 for the year. These dues allow participation in all of our social events for the entire year. Come to the Labor Day Potluck and you've more than benefited from your membership. Participate in any or all other events at a personal financial gain! Folks, there is no deal better than that offered anywhere near here! (and that's only with regards to opportunities involving food)! See inside for a slew of additional benefits your membership will offer.

Thank you for continuing to make living in Country Club Hills a pleasure!

And so, in Garrison Keillor's words, "Be well, do good work and keep in touch".

~Katie Baxter-Gagen

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## STAYING IN THE ZONE

As property values and the cost of living soar, some homeowners may consider segregating single family homes into multiple rental units with independent kitchens.

However, doing so is a violation of the City's zoning code. If a single family structure is segregated to provide separate, independent living areas for different groups or "families," the homeowner is in violation of zoning regulations.

Further, if additional kitchen areas are added to a single family dwelling without a special use permit, the dwelling is in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Construction of an accessory dwelling unit –

*a separate additional living unit, including separate kitchen, sleeping, and bathroom facilities, within a single family residence – requires special permission by the City Council.*

The Zoning Office regularly responds to reports of illegally established accessory dwelling units. If the violation is not corrected, the city can issue fines and initiate legal proceedings to gain compliance.

For more information on how to legally establish an accessory dwelling unit or to report illegal accessory dwelling units, call 703-385-7820.

*-Ernie Klimonda*

## CALL 811 BEFORE YOU DIG!

We all know how important it is to avoid sticking our fingers in an electrical outlet. Or, why we are careful not to let the main water line into the house run unhindered into the basement. Of such things embarrassing, lifelong, repeatable stories are made. Why not make sure we're just as careful outside the house—especially when we're doing the work and don't have the luxury of blaming it on "contractors".

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For additional information visit:

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*- Ernie Klimonda*

*Would you like to advertise in the ECCHO? Contact*

*alexisadamson@yahoo.com for more information.*

## THANK A NEIGHBOR

Has a CCH neighbor shoveled your driveway or mowed your lawn? Maybe she baked cookies for you or planted a tree that you can enjoy from your

kitchen window. Maybe he offered a helping hand on move-in day or you just want to thank him/her for keeping his yard looking great. Show your ap-

preciation for someone who has done something kind for you. Send your kindness story to alexisadamson@yahoo.com and we'll print it in a future

newsletter. A small effort can really brighten someone's day.

*-Ernie Klimonda*

## SURVEY RESULTS

Seventy (70) individuals responded to a recent survey posted to the Country Club Hills (CCH) Yahoo! Group regarding a new community center and its proposed location at Van Dyck Park. This survey was intended to provide immediate feedback to Katie Gagen, CCHCA President so that CCH resident opinions could be represented at a City council meeting. The Yahoo! Group is open to all CCH residents; although not all residents are currently participating and were unable to respond to the survey.

The survey consisted of six (6) questions trying to determine the level of Country Club Hill resident support for a community center within Fairfax City, the preferred location, size and functions at a community center, the importance of environmentally friendly design and construction, and the funding of the community center.

### Level of support

Sixty-one percent (61%) of respondents agreed or strongly agreed in

favor of having a community center for rehearsal and performances in Fairfax City. Twenty-two percent (22%) of respondents were unsure and seventeen percent (17%) of respondents disagreed or strongly disagreed with having a community center.

### Location

The majority of respondents (72%), did not want a new building constructed anywhere in Van Dyck park; twenty-eight percent (28%) indicating a preference for the City to consider renovating an existing facility anywhere else in the City for the new community center. Fifteen percent (15%) supported constructing a new community center in a different area within Van Dyke Park. Thirteen percent (13%) supported the community center design on the plot of land in Van Dyke Park currently designated by the City.

Twenty-seven (27) respondents provided thirty-eight (38) additional comments on lo-

cating the community center at Van Dyck Park. The majority of comments received stressed the importance of preserving the open space within Van Dyck Park and open space in Fairfax City. There were ten (10) comments stating that other buildings within the City (Green Acres, Fairfax High School, Lanier, and the City Hall Annex) already provide for the majority of, if not all, community center services and suggested renovating those existing buildings. There were five (5) additional comments supporting a new community center at another City location. One (1) commenter noted the donors desire to have a memorial community center in the highly visible Van Dyck Park and hoped the donors would consider an alternate location.

There were six (6) comments expressing parking availability and traffic concerns on Old Lee Highway; many comments pointing out the 3 churches, 3 schools, a new police station and a new library all

located on Old Lee Highway. There were three (3) concerns regarding the cost of building the community center and the additional debt that is likely to incur.

Three (3) comments showed support of the location of the center in Van Dyck Park noting the size of Van Dyck Park, accessibility to bus lines and availability of additional overflow parking at Daniels Run Elementary School. Two (2) more comments felt the community center could be designed better than proposed and fit better into the available Van Dyck Park space.

### Size

The majority of respondents (57%) did not have a strong opinion on the proposed size of the community center. Nineteen percent (19%) preferred a 14,000 square foot building and sixteen percent (16%) preferred a 32,000 square foot building. Twenty-five (25) respondents made thirty (30) additional comments relating to (see page 10)

## TREE FACTOIDS

### Energy Efficiency

Tree windbreaks have been found to reduce residential heating costs by 10-15 percent, while shade and evapotranspirational cooling from trees have been found to reduce cooling costs by 20-50 percent

On hot summer days, a tree can act as a natural "evaporative cooler" using up to 100 gallons of water a day and thus lowering the ambient temperature

Computer simulations using standard building and tree configurations for cities across the U.S. indicate that shade from a single well-placed, mature tree (about 25-ft crown diameter) reduces annual air conditioning use 2 to 8 percent and peak cooling demand 2 to 10 percent.

### Human Health/Social Benefits

In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension.

Researchers have found that in housing areas with more trees, rates of domestic violence are lower than in otherwise identical housing areas with fewer or no trees. Residents from buildings with trees reported using more constructive, less violent ways of dealing with conflict in their homes.

Symptoms of children with Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) are relieved after contact with nature. The greener the setting, the more the relief. By comparison, activities indoors such as watching TV, or outdoors in paved, non-green areas leave ADD children functioning worse.

Researchers report that girls with greener and more natural views at home had greater self discipline. They were less impulsive and had better concentration. These traits led to better life decisions and better school performance.

### Pollution Control

Trees, especially those with large leaf-surface areas, absorb and trap airborne dirt and chemi-

cal particles, such as nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and ozone. Trees also help by reducing wind speed so that heavy particles settle out.

Trees and vegetation can form a barrier that partially deadens the sound from traffic, lawn mowers, and loud neighbors. Trees also create "background" noise of rustling leaves and wind through the branches that can help muffle other noises.

Trees can limit soil erosion by helping control storm-water flow. Fibrous root systems hold soil in place so that it is not washed away by rain or flowing water. Erosion can be especially severe at construction sites in urban areas. Research has found that while forested land can lose about 50 tons of soil per square mile per year, developing areas can lose 25,000 to 50,000 tons.

The canopy of a street tree absorbs rain, reducing the amount of water that will fall on pavement and then must be re-

moved by a storm water drainage system. In one study, an 8-year old Cork Oak intercepted 27 percent of the gross rainfall, while a 9-year old Bradford Pear intercepted 15 percent. Savings are possible since cities can install surface water management systems that handle smaller amounts of runoff.

### Property Value

Several studies have shown that the value of homes in neighborhoods with trees are higher than those of comparable neighborhoods without trees. In addition, neighborhood green spaces or greenways typically increase the value of properties located nearby.

Adapted from: <http://www.treelink.org/linx/factoid.php>

## THE BLUE BIN COMETH

It may be another bulky thing to haul to the curb, but a little effort on our part has more impact than one might expect. In addition to the warm, fuzzy feeling you get when you think about the 2 liter soda bottle turning into roofing shingles, t-shirts, or perhaps more bottles, did you know that Fairfax City earns revenue from our recycling efforts? A private company purchases the recyclables. Another great reason to recycle everything you can!

You may have noticed that the city now collects the blue bin and paper recycling together in one truck (a city trash truck, not a separately identified recycling truck). This technique is called single streaming and is a more efficient pickup method. The materials are brought to a privately owned recycling facility and sorted mechanically. This means you can put paper in the recycling bin, just be sure it is secured and doesn't end up in your neighbors' yards on those windy mornings. The city will supply extra bins if you need more. Call 703-385-

7995.

Recycling is not only a good idea, these days it is mandatory. According to city staff, most everyone sets out their blue bins. The city relies on good citizenship rather than enforcement to achieve our citywide recycling goals. If you can help a neighbor obtain a bin and start recycling it would be great to get 100% participation in CCH!

What to trash and what to recycle – it's hard to know with some ordinary household goods.

### Don't Put this Stuff in Your Blue Bin

- Plastic "clamshell" food containers and plastic packaging. Plastic bottles caps - but don't bother peeling off bottle rings or the labels from your bottles.
- Metal Lids, aluminum foil, or scrap metal. Scrap metal should be set aside for separate collection.
- Waxy cardboard (like milk cartons) aren't yet on the recycling list either – waxes and oils clog up the machines.
- Metal and construction debris are not allowed in

the county landfill.

The city needs to be able to pick those up separately to take to a private site. Of course, please sort out any recyclable items.

**Near but not in the Bin:** Sometimes it's OK to fold under pressure! Corrugated cardboard, flattened and folded to a size less than 3 feet by 3 feet. Material should be set out loose or tied into bundles, no thicker than 6 inches.

Although brush and yard debris are recyclable, please ensure that your house and yard contractors remove the debris they create – they must haul it away and dispose of it properly. They're not allowed to leave it at your curbside.

More info at:

[fairfaxva.gov/RefuseRecycling/recyclingpocketguide.pdf](http://fairfaxva.gov/RefuseRecycling/recyclingpocketguide.pdf)

David Bulova of the Virginia House of Delegates is confirmed for a discussion with residents of CCH at our general meeting on May 15 at 7PM at the Daniels Run Elementary School Cafeteria.

He is available to speak on a variety of general issues or address specific concerns we have as a neighborhood (or personally for that matter).

if you would like to ensure Mr. Bulova comes to the meeting with specific information or answers, please email your questions to Katie Baxter-Gagen at [katiebg@yahoo.com](mailto:katiebg@yahoo.com). She will forward the responses. Forget to send the email? Mr. Bulova will, of course, answer questions and concerns generated during the gathering.

- Katie Baxter-Gagen

## 2008—2009 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It's that time of year again -- the annual Country Club Hills Civic Association (CCHCA) membership drive. Annual dues remain \$10. The membership year runs from May 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009. Thank you to the 136 households who were association members this past year.

Show your CCH spirit by joining and supporting the activities and events that make Country Club Hills the wonderful neighborhood we call

home; such as: the Annual Labor Day Picnic, Ice Cream Social, Halloween Costume Party, sponsoring a Family for the Holidays, Santa Claus visits, Easter Egg Hunt, contribution to the Fairfax High School All Night Graduation Party, sponsor of the Fairfax City 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities, and upkeep and improvements to the CCHCA Commons Area. Your \$10 goes a long way...

Each household will be receiving an invoice with

your personal household information that will be published in the County Club Hills Directory. The directory contains information for **ALL** CCH households regardless of membership in the civic association. Please review the information and make sure your information is correct and complete. Corrections, changes and/or requests to opt out of the directory should be submitted to Katy Sidwell. The next directory will be published in September.

All new and renewing members who submit their dues on or before May 31 will be automatically entered into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate. So don't delay, get your dues payment in today! If you lose the invoice you received with this newsletter, you can download the application from the [cchca.org](http://cchca.org) website under the "Join CCHCA" link or contact Katy Sidwell at 703-293-9033

### *2008 Beach House Rentals*

#### *Two Houses on the Outer Banks, NC*

##### **"Beach Crab" in Kill Devil Hills, on the Beach Road**

4 Bedrooms; 2 Baths; washer and dryer; central air; cable TV (6); beautiful views; walk to the beach; sleeps 9. Take a virtual tour @ [www.crabsobxvacations.com](http://www.crabsobxvacations.com)

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4 Bedrooms; 2 1/2 Baths; washer and dryer; central air; cable TV(5); beautiful sunsets; on the water; sleeps eight. Take a virtual tour @ [www.crabsobxvacations.com](http://www.crabsobxvacations.com)

##### **Rental Fees (Includes all taxes and fees except optional cleaning)**

January 1 to May 25 = \$840 / week

May 25 to June 8 = \$1,020 / week

June 8 to September 7 = \$1,495 / week

September 28—December 31 = \$840 / week

## CCHCA YAHOO! NEWSGROUP - YOUR RESOURCE

**MEMBERSHIP** - Members are being kept informed about events and happenings in Country Club Hills, your community. Over 200 households in CCH have opted for this FREE service.

**SECURITY** - Your email address is NOT available to other members unless you post a message. You may ask another member to post a message for you if you prefer to keep your email address secret.

**RECEIVING** - On an average, once a week you might receive a message of interest to CCH residents. The sender does NOT have your email address.

**POSTING MESSAGES** - You may post messages of interest to CCH residents, such as sales (garage sales), giveaways, lost and found and similar, occurring in CCH only and events in CCH or in the City of Fairfax. When in

doubt, please contact the Yahoo-Group moderator.

**REPLYING** - When your reply to a message that concerns the sender only, please ascertain that your reply is addressed to the sender only and not to the entire group at large.

**SUBSCRIBING** - Nothing is easier than that. Visit our website [www.cchca.org](http://www.cchca.org) and "click to join CCHCA-Yahoo-NewsGroup" located in the bottom left-hand corner. Don't remain in the dark and signup today. You may unsubscribe at any time, of course.

**CHANGING EMAIL ADDRESS?** Please notify the Yahoo-Group moderator whenever you have switched to a new email address, in order for you to remain "connected."

Have you noticed the new feature on our website?

Double-click on any word in any text to learn more

about that word. Try it out!

Please let us know if you have any suggestions about further improving our website.

- Ernie Klimonda

703 591-0696

[eklimonda@gmail.com](mailto:eklimonda@gmail.com)

### Do you own a digital camera?

Do you like to take pictures?

We would like to talk to you.

Thanks!

Please contact: 703 591-0696

[eklimonda@gmail.com](mailto:eklimonda@gmail.com)

### Use / ReUse / Recycle

If anyone is remodeling and disposing of an old bedroom window (particularly the frame) or a closet door from a CCH home, please contact Joe Benneche 703-273-4088.

## CCHCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2007-2008

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## PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

In order to keep our association bylaws current with the times and best practices determined over the year, we need to revisit and amend them every so often. So, please review the proposed changes below. An official vote on these changes will be conducted at the general membership meeting on May 15.

### Article VIII

– Section 4 Change

"September" to read "May"

- Section 5 Change "September" to read "May"

These changes will reflect our May membership campaign and efforts.

Section 6 Change "annual directory" to "directory or addendum every other year" and "January" to "September".

These changes will

reflect the common practice of publishing a new listing of members after the most recent membership drive instead of before it all changes.

### Article IX

Add a new Section 6 (renumber following sections to reflect addition).

"Electronic Media Committee: There are two subsections for this committee – Website Manager and Ya-

hoo! Group Moderator. The Website Coordinator maintains and updates the CCHCA website and the Yahoo Group Moderator maintains up-to-date list of all members of the email group, solicits new membership, and regulates appropriate use of the resource. These duties can be managed by one person or shared by two or more."

*-Katie Baxter-Gagen*

## May is Membership Month!



Show your CCH spirit by joining and supporting the activities and events that make Country Club Hills the wonderful neighborhood we call home!

# Dues are only \$10

**Send in your invoice or application TODAY!**

www.cchca.org ☺ Annual Labor Day Picnic ☺ Ice Cream Social ☺ Halloween Costume Party ☺ sponsor a Family for the Holidays ☺ Santa Claus visits ☺ Easter Egg Hunt ☺ contribution to the Fairfax High School All Night Graduation Party ☺ sponsor of the Fairfax City 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festivities ☺ Upkeep and improvements to the CCHCA Commons Area ☺ Neighborhood Cleanups ☺ Progressive Dinner ☺ Yahoo Group

## TO FIOS OR NOT TO FIOS

Verizon is inviting CCH residents to enroll in their fiber optic services (FIOS), offering bundles of services for telephones, cell phones, televisions and internet connections. One concern should delay your decision: when Verizon connects fiber optic service to your home, they disconnect the current copper wire. With the copper wire and at least one telephone in your home plugged into the network directly (not a wireless telephone that

requires electrical service to operate), you continue to have telephone service even during prolonged electrical outages. With FIOS, your telephone service will be available only as long as the rechargeable battery in the system lasts. The batteries they are installing will provide approximately eight hours of service before going dead. Beyond that you will be without your home telephone for emergency communication and

your other FIOS services.

Residents who decide to proceed with FIOS should take some precautions for emergencies. First, ask the installer for an extra battery for the FIOS network in your home. The batteries can also be purchased to ensure you have spares on hand. That will extend the time telephone service is available. Once the original battery has used up its charge, you can delay installing your

spare until you need to use the telephone, extending its usefulness. When the electricity is restored, the battery in the system will recharge. Residents are satisfied with the high quality of their television images, the speed of their internet and telephone services. The bundled services are offered at prices that are very competitive, and are guaranteed for two years.

- Ernie Kilmonda

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER GREAT FUN

The CCHCA Global Progressive Dinner was a hit! Ten residents began our first course at the home of Pamela Spraker. She served scrumptious Spanish tapas and festive sangria was provided by

Alisa and Patrick Scibilia-Kyle.

Walking to the home of Jill Toth for course number two, we were delighted by a breathtaking sunset. At Jill's, Katie and Chris Baxter-

Gagen served a hearty African stew and Kristin and Chris Wilson-Keppler provided fantastic Pasta with vodka marinara sauce. Patrice Winter joined us for dinner, which was a pleasant addition!

that we had to force ourselves to continue from course to course.

Each home was so comfortable; the food and atmosphere were perfect for lingering all night.

This is an event not to be missed next year! We will do our best next year to advertise the date farther in advance.

- Lisa Whetzel

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the proposed size of the community center. Six (6) comments expressed concern that the size of the building matches the objectives of the activities. Six (6) comments expressed concern about the volume of traffic on Old Lee Highway. Six (6) comments felt that the building should be as small as possible if it must be located in Van Dyke Park. Four (4) comments stressed that the City should not spend beyond the \$5m gift because of the current level of debt within the city. Two (2) comments questioned why the community center is even needed.

Two (2) comments asked that the community center be built large enough to anticipate growth and additional needs. One (1) comment related to building a smaller building now that can allow for future expansion if needed. Two (2) comments called for including additional programs/amenities. One (1) comment felt that any

community center is better than no center at all.

### **Amenities**

The survey asked the level of support for a variety of proposed usage options and respondents were able to select multiple answers. The theater for music/dance/dramatic performances was given the strongest support (79%); followed by a senior center (76%), basketball court (50%), mommy and me classes (48%) and a cafeteria style stage at end of banquet hall (47%).

### **Environmentally friendly design and construction**

While rating the importance of an environmentally friendly (Green or LEED Certified) design and construction considerations, ninety four (94%) of respondents felt Green or LEED Certified construction was extremely important or important but not necessary. Six (6%) felt environmentally friendly construction was not important at all.

### **Accept or decline the \$5M gift**

When asked to choose either accepting the generous offer of the family that donated the \$5M under the stipulation that certain conditions be met, one of which is the controversial location of the proposed community center OR returning the gift unused forfeiting the opportunity to have a new community center for the City of Fairfax, seventy nine percent (79%) of respondents chose to decline the gift. Of those respondents declining the gift, thirty six percent (36%) would propose the City Council set aside necessary funds to build a community center while preserving sanctity of Van Dyck Park. Twenty one percent (21%) of respondents would accept the gift and build in the required location in Van Dyck Park.

Thank you to all the residents who responded to the survey. Your input is very valuable. As you can see by the results, there are a variety of

opinions within the neighborhood and we want to make sure everyone's voice is heard. For links to more information on the Community Center Proposal, please visit our web site [www.cchca.org](http://www.cchca.org). -Katie Baxter-Gagen

## **WHO'S RUNNING FOR THE BOARD?**

### **CCHCA Secretary:**

Dia Pullen

### **Social Committee:**

Stephanie Uttenweiler

Nina Prescott

You can run, too! Also, volunteers for the committees are always welcome!

If you'd like to run for any office or volunteer for a committee, please attend the May 15 general meeting. You may also want to contact the CCHCA president Katie Baxter-Gagen.



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