

E C C H O

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Every time a hand reaches out to help another – that is Christmas” -Unknown

With the Holidays almost here, CCHCA Committee Chairs will be busy with several events. We all know there are many needy people out there so hope you will be generous to our **drive** to collect funds for holiday meals for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Board voted to donate \$300 for that cause also. Also note the article by Lisa Whetzel (CCH) Director of **Our Daily Bread**, who is making a plea to help support a family for the holidays.

Santa will be visiting your children again this year. Call Chair Jill Toth and make your appointments. Get your creative hats on and begin to think about how to **decorate** your home and win an Award. (see categories)

Again I want to thank our very **active Board** for working throughout the year to enhance your community. The Labor Day picnic, Halloween Pizza Party were a big success; thanks to our Newsletter Editor, our block captains, and our website, you get the news of CCH “hot off the press”: AND a special thanks goes to **Toby Sorensen** who produced the new 2011 Directory. Hope you enjoy it and note all the advertisers – all of them have done some work for CCH residents and would appreciate your patronage.

Dues for 2011 are due now. Please respond to your **membership** Chair Margarita Diaz or your Block Captain. Application forms are both in this newsletter and in the Directory; see the perks you get just for \$10.00. We had 50% last year – let’s make it 100% in 2011!

We are sorry to lose 2 of our Board Members, Kathy Barber and Amy Levy, **Community Appearance Chair and Advertising Chair**. If you are talented in either ones of these venues, please call me. Would love to have you on Board.

We were sorry to hear about the fire in one of our CCH homes but the family is doing fine in a rented home and rebuilding the house and their lives. See the **Community safety** report and be aware of the hazards during the winter months and keep safe.

Welcome to all our new residents – we had the pleasure of Jennifer Passey’s attendance at our Board Meeting on November 4th. Jennifer, husband Michael and their 4 children love CCH. Anyone is always welcome to our Board meetings and we look forward to meeting you.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season. If you or anyone you know in CCH needs some help with the lawn, shopping or just a visit from someone please call me.

And – if you are new to Country Club Hills – welcome!

-Hildie Hilcarn31@aol.com

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The Elections Are Over, the Leaves Are Coming Down And Those Free Newspapers Are Blooming Again

This past congressional election in our district was a great example of the old saying that every vote counts. The election of our representative to the United States Congress was determined by less than 1,000 votes - probably about the population of our neighborhood (or about 1/10th of the number of leaves on our patio).

That time of year... leaves should be raked to the curb for suction truck pick up. The city doesn't want any leaves in bags. Vacuuming will continue through mid to late December. The crew's method is to start at one end of the city and go all the way through as many times as they can during the two months. Optimistically we'll see them once every two weeks, weather and leaf volume being the variables. Some extra things that are helpful: please try to keep branches and trash out of the leaf piles and don't pile leaves "upstream" of storm sewer inlets. The goal is to keep great quantities from entering the storm sewer system during rainstorms.

When snow comes, it is a good idea to also keep snow piles downstream from inlets and keep inlets clear. If you have a hydrant on or near your property the Fire Department appreciates neighborhood efforts to keep them cleared after snowfall as well. And now's the time to make sure your shovels and gloves are ready to go!

Freebie newspapers have been showing up again on CCH driveways and lawns. If you are once again receiving newspapers you don't want, submit a stop delivery request to the Washington Examiner email www.washingtonexaminer.com and click on "home delivery" or call 703-846-8500 and be sure to obtain a stop-order tracking number and hold onto it even once the newspaper deliveries stop. If they don't stop after two weeks, or reappear, send your address and the date of your original stop delivery request, with the tracking number if you have it, to chriscohen@fairfaxva.gov or call her at 703-385-7947.

BLOCK CAPTAINS VP, STEVE CARUSO - SMCESTOP@MSN.COM

Hello Captains,

Welcome! All new block captains thank you for stepping up to represent your neighborhood. In addition to this Echo newsletter hand delivered quarterly to every address each home also received a CCHCA Directory. All residents benefit from the Association's many services and information technologies especially the Yahoo website. Block Captains are an integral part of the process for Membership into the association.

Starting in early December your block captain will give each member on their delivery route a phone call gently nudging residents to join the association. The Civic Association depends on the \$10 yearly membership fee per household to fund the many social events and helpful services provided for all residents. Please greet their calls with the same enthusiasm and positive energy in which they are presented. This reach out would also be a great opportunity to get answers for all those questions you've wanted to ask.

There currently is a Block Captain route available. For information on how to sign up please call or contact Steve Caruso VP Block Captains 703-273-3085 or smcestop@msn.com

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES VP, JENNIFER KELLY -
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Special Event: Santa's Sleigh Will be Stopping by CCH Again This Year!

Country Club Hills has made Santa's nice list again, and he will be coming door to door. On the evenings of Friday, December 10th and Monday, December 13th, Santa will be available between 6:30 and 8:30 for visits with all the good little boys and girls at their homes. This is your opportunity to get a picture of the kids with Santa in front of your own Christmas tree.

If you would like Santa to come to your home, e-mail the attached form to Jill Toth at jilltoth@yahoo.com by Dec 5th. We make every effort to ensure that Santa visits according to your preference, but dates/time slots are given on a first come, first serve basis.

To help Santa's elves, leave a small gift outside the front door just before your scheduled visit. Santa will slip it into his bag on the way in.

Do you have a little spare time to help spread holiday cheer? We are in need of a driver to escort Santa around the neighborhood for both nights. Happy holidays, everyone!

For more information or to volunteer to drive Santa, please e-mail or call Jill at jilltoth@yahoo.com / 703-383-1965. Happiest of holidays, one and all!

OUR DAILY BREAD COMMUNITY OUTREACH - LISA WHETZEL

Our Daily Bread desperately needs your help to ensure everyone is served this Holiday Season. As of November 7, ODB had nearly 1,000 more applications for Assistance than we did at this time last year. The Program served more than 3,700 families in 2009. We hope you will help us make a difference for the families who need a helping hand this holiday season. As a resident of Country Club Hills for 10 years, I am proud that CCHCA has sponsored families in the past. There are many ways to help:

- Sponsor a family or families for Thanksgiving or Christmas for a meal and gifts for children.
- Encourage your workplace or community group to sponsor families: Now companies and groups can Take the Sponsor-a-Family Challenge and compete to help even more families.
- Donate to the Holiday Program on-line or by mail to help us send gift cards to families who are not sponsored.
- Attend David LaMotte's Dec. 5 concert at Jammin Java to benefit the Holiday Program. Help us spread the word by telling your family, friends and colleagues about the program.

Visit http://www.our-daily-bread.org/Holiday_Program.html or call 703-273-8829 for more information

Lisa Whetzel, Director, Our Daily Bread, 703 591 5305

MEMBERSHIP VP, MARGARITA DIAZ - MARGARITADIAZ22@MSN.COM

As this year comes to an end, it's time to start thinking of the New Year, which is why we have started to collect membership dues for 2011. The membership period goes from January 1st thru December 31st.

Please join or renew your membership for just \$10 a year and now we have the option of renewing for two years.

You can find your membership application on the back of this newsletter as well as in our website www.cchca.org, there you can also read about the benefits of being a CCHCA member. You can make your checks payable to "Country Club Hills Civic Association" and mail it or deliver to Margarita Diaz 10109 Cornwall Rd, Fairfax, VA 22030 or give the check to your block captain.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thanks in advance for your support.

PUBLICATIONS, JACKIE PACHUTA — JAQUELINESANTANA_7@HOTMAIL.COM

Reach out to your neighbors in CCH with your service or product by advertising in the newsletter and the directory!
Current rates are:

ECCHO Newsletter (4 issues per year): \$100 for a full-page add, \$50 for a half-page add, \$25 for a quarter-page ad

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I LOVE MY NEIGHBORHOOD!

I was laying in the gutter by the curb, contorted, with leaves & gravel in my hair, painting the house number for emergencies. Not much traffic, but two different neighbors stopped their cars to see if I was okay. Thank you. I love this neighborhood.

Karen Royer, Spring Lake Terrace

2011 COMMUNITY DIRECTORY IS READY!

We are in the process of delivering the 2011 CCHCA Directory. If you see an error in your listings, or if you would like to include an additional phone number or e-mail address, please contact Directory Chair Toby Sorensen (10137 Spring Lake Terrace, 703-591-5899, tobe68@cox.net). Also, let Toby know if you have a new neighbor who is not yet listed. The more accurate the directory is, the more useful it will be.

Directories, as well as the quarterly newsletter, are available to every resident home in Country Club Hills. Please remember this when the 2011 membership campaign begins. Memberships are only \$10 per family and provide these services and so much more!

COMMUNITY SAFETY VP, LAURA DOWNEY - LDOWNEY48@GMAIL.COM

It's the holidays and time for fun and good cheer with friends and family! It's also a time to stay safe. Each year, hospital emergency rooms treat about 8700 people for injuries, such as falls, cuts and shocks, related to holiday lights, decorations and Christmas trees. Here are a few safety tips compiled from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission taken from a Reader's Digest website. For the full list, see: <http://www.rd.com/home-garden/christmas-safety-checklist/article15322.html>).

Safer Trees and Decorations

- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant."
- When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from branches and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin, and when tapped on the ground, the tree should not lose many needles.
- When setting up a tree at home, place it away from fireplaces and radiators. Because heated rooms dry live trees out rapidly, be sure to keep the stand filled with water. Place the tree out of the way of traffic.
- Cut a few inches off the trunk of your tree to expose the fresh wood to allow for better water absorption.
- Use only noncombustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals. Leaded materials are hazardous if ingested by children.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use nonflammable holders and place candles out of children's reach.
- Take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food, which may tempt a child to eat them.

Bright Ideas for Lights

- Indoors or outside, always use lights that have been tested for safety by a recognized testing laboratory that indicates conformance with safety standards.
- Check each set of lights, new or old, for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, or loose connections, and throw out damaged sets.
- Use no more than three standard-size sets of lights per single extension cord.
- Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. The tree can become charged with electricity from faulty lights, and a person touching a branch could be electrocuted.
- Before using lights outdoors, check labels to be sure they have been certified for outdoor use.
- Fasten outdoor lights securely to trees, house walls, or other firm supports to protect the lights from wind damage. Use insulated staples to hold strings in place, not nails or tacks.
- Plug all outdoor electric decorations into circuits with ground fault circuit interrupters to avoid potential shocks.
- Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. The lights could short out and start a fire.

Friendlier Fireplaces

- Use care with "fire salts," which produce colored flames when thrown on wood fires. They contain heavy metals that can cause intense gastrointestinal irritation and vomiting if eaten. Keep them away from children.
- Do not burn wrapping papers in the fireplace. A flash fire may result, as wrappings ignite suddenly and burn intensely.

OUR DAILY BREAD, PART II - DIA PULLEN

Hi:

I hope everyone had a chance to read Lisa Whetzel's update on the vast need for donations for the holidays in our local community. If you are not able to participate in any of the ways suggested, each year CCH takes up a collection to sponsor a family. If you would like to join us again this year, just drop off a check at my house or email/call me and I can pick up a check from your house. Last year, with donations of all sizes (some just \$5.00- every little bit helps!) combined, we were able to make a huge difference in one family's holiday.

-Dia Pullen

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WELCOMING COMMITTEE, ERNIE KLIMONDA EKLIMONDA@GMAIL.COM

Welcoming New Residents

Our warmest welcome to the neighborhood!

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Steve and Sandra Forbes of 10103 Spring Lake Terrace 703-242-3799

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COMMONS, NASRIN LESCURE — TONASRIN@YAHOO.COM

Many thanks to Teresina Christy (Yellow team), Jay & Lisa Whetzel (Blue team), Country Club Gardening Club (Lavender team) and Fairfax Ferns Gardening Club (Green team) for keeping the Commons area beautiful.

Nasrin Lescure, Common Area Chairperson
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TREASURER, ANDY PACHUTA — MR.PACHUTA@GMAIL.COM

Treasurer's Report for November

The current total balance of the CCHCA account is \$4,953.74. This is comprised of \$1,403.67 in "Restricted" funds, and \$3,550.07 in "Unrestricted" funds. Restricted funds are provided by city grants, and are therefore to be used for specific community initiatives, such as the landscaping of public areas like "The Commons". Your membership dues supply the Unrestricted balance, which goes towards food and supplies for wonderful CCH events, and donations towards philanthropic and civic initiatives.

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RECYCLING - REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE RESTORE

The City of Fairfax is proud to unveil an updated list of what we can put in the blue bins and what should stay out. Look for a yahoo group announcement and website link on November 15, National Recycling Day!

Many residents have kindly emailed or called me with their recycling questions. I encourage anyone with questions to feel free to contact either the City at 703.385.7995 or me via phone or email.

The County offers Electric Sundays during which televisions, computers, fluorescent lights and other obsolete electronic equipment can be recycled. The last date for 2010 is Nov 21 at the I-66 Transfer Station (4618 West Ox Rd) between 10AM and 3PM.

During the holidays, we often generate more trash than at other times during the year. Please remember to recycle the wrapping paper or reuse bags and boxes. Of course, the more creative you can be with your wrapping the less likely you are to need to recycle!

Christmas trees will be collected curbside throughout January. There is no need to call ahead for a special pick up. As we start a new year, please remember to make recycling a resolution that keeps on growing.

ADOPT-A-FIRE-HYDRANT - LAURA DOWNEY

Last year's record snowfalls reminded us all that fire hydrants can get buried underneath the winter snows. As a pre-emptive safety measure, we'd like to ask for volunteers to adopt a fire hydrant in the neighborhood to make sure that in the event that a fire hydrant is needed to protect a neighbor's home, the fire hydrant will be free and clear of snow so that the fire department can make immediate use of a hydrant when needed.

We have a fire hydrant map which can be viewed at: <http://www.cchca.org/odd-ends/CCH%20Hydrants.pdf>. There are 74 fire hydrants in our neighborhood which appear as solid black blobs on the map. If you would like to volunteer to keep one of our fire hydrants clear during a snow fall, please send me your name and which hydrant you are adopting and I will keep a list of "adopted fire hydrants."

Just email me at ldowney48@gmail.com. Thank you for your help in keeping us all safe in Country Club Hills.

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Residents residing on the following streets will need parking permits

Country Hill Drive, Pinehurst Avenue, Broadview Drive, Brookwood Drive and Farr Drive.

Residents of these streets must display on their vehicles a special city decal that includes a residential parking permit. These neighborhoods have signs advertising the need for these special permits issued by the Treasurer's Office in City Hall.

The neighborhoods requiring parking permits are those near Fairfax High School. Visitors who park in these neighborhoods also need special permits. For information, call 703.385.7900. - Ernie Klimonda

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COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB UPDATE, JOYCE SKOGLUND - JESKOGLUND@VERIZON.NET

The Country Hills Garden Club (CHGC) met at “The Commons” on October 19th for a short meeting. Our club is participating in the second phase of the national project for garden clubs called the “Golden Days”. The National Garden Club President, Renee Blaschke, has selected daffodils as a major project for garden clubs nationwide. She feels that few plants offer as much reward for so little input as the daffodil. Daffodils have been among the favorite pass-along plants for generations. Ms. Blaschke is encouraging garden club members to plant and share daffodils with longtime garden club members and listen to their gardening stories; as well as, in retirement communities, and nursing/assisted living facilities where former gardeners might be living. What a wonderful way to remember former gardeners.

In keeping with the National Garden Club President’s wonderful project, I had a meeting with Director, Kevin Bainum of the Woodlands, a retirement community on Route 29 south and the home of two CHGC members. We discussed the continuation of the Golden Days project and Mr. Bainum was excited and loved that our club was continuing the endeavor.

After our short meeting, we proceeded to The Woodlands. We planted approximately 75 daffodil bulbs underneath the trees along Rt. 29 (where the deer statues stand). I know the area will be stunning come spring. Country Hills Garden Club is doing its part ³/₄ “The World Around Us. Love It - Beautify It - Protect It.”

We also had a small get together on October 23rd to work at our adopt-a-spot at The Commons. We reorganized some of the plantings, weeded, trimmed, and planted spring bulbs. After we finished at The Commons, we planted crocus at entrance #1 and 2 of our neighborhood. Along with the daffodils we planted last year, spring around CCH should be spectacular.

At our November 9th meeting we had a landscape designer answer our questions concerning our gardens in particular and questions in general. If you would like to join us for a meeting, or have any questions regarding our club, you may reach me at 703-591-4017 or at jeskoglund@verizon.net.

-Joyce Skoglund, President

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SEPTEMBER BEAUTY SPOT AWARD

September's Beauty Spot has been awarded to The Commons area and to Nasrin Lescure, her committee, the Fairfax Ferns Garden Club, Country Hills Garden Club (if we may) and individuals who have helped when needed. We note that summer is moving over to make way for Fall in the Commons Area, and it's HIGH TIME for us to praise and thank all of you who have so faithfully kept the Area looking beautiful by digging, planting, weeding, mowing and cleaning up when necessary; some of us remember when the "flood plain" was nothing but woods, weeds and longish grass (and you watched where you stepped!).

Now we all are so very proud of this beautiful area. Thanks to all of you who came forward to keep the Commons area beautiful, not just in September but all year long.

-Polly Haecker for Country Hills Garden Club



OCTOBER BEAUTY SPOT AWARD

The Country Hills Garden Club has awarded the October Beauty Spot to John and Elvesia Cesarini, of 3421 Brookwood Drive. For some time we have noticed small miracles happening, one by one, at the Cesarini's place. First of all, a smallish building began to materialize; then, presto!, it was a handsome, very well built garage; then zip! zip! two round stone-bordered gardens appeared, nicely placed in the front yard, lovely flowers and plants seemed to spring up over night. A pretty white fence delineates the property on the east side, and a nice path runs around to the back.

We have enjoyed watching the Cesarinis in the yard, reaping the benefits of a summer of diligence and just plain hard work digging, seeding, mowing and watering.

Three cheers for you, Elvesia and John. You should be very proud! We thank you for making your property so attractive, and for adding to the beauty of Country Hills.

-Polly Haecker and Polly Feuer for Country Hills Garden Club
(No photo available)

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Tim Carney, composer, guitarist and sax player has been teaching at Foxes Music for ten years. Lessons are available at his home in CCH. All ages, levels and styles are offered. For an appointment for lessons, email timcarney1@cox.net or call 703 383 4902.

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The Main Street Community Band

The Main Street Community Band is the newest ensemble of the City of Fairfax Band Association. It is a "come and play" community band open to individuals 18 years of age and older. No audition is required! It is recommended that individuals have at least high school band experience. The ensemble rehearses once per week from 7:45 to 9:45 p.m. in the Choral Room at Fairfax High School. Five performances are scheduled during the school year, plus two concerts during the summer. All of the City of Fairfax Band Association ensembles take the month of August off. The ensemble is directed by Jeff Seffens, former band director at Sidney Lanier Middle School and CCH resident!

MSCB began in February of 2009. In the past year and a half, it has grown from 25 members to averaging over 50 per rehearsal! Rehearsals are relaxed and friendly, yet focused, and our members are an absolute delight. If you are 18 or older and are looking for an opportunity to renew or continue your musical skills, come check us out! You'll be glad you did!

For more information contact:

Jeff Seffens, Director, 10009 Cornwall Road, 703-273-9194, rxseffens@aol.com or visit the City of Fairfax Band Association website at: <http://www.fairfaxband.org/index.php> (also available on www.cchca.org)

Once here, click on "ensembles", and then "Main Street Community Band."

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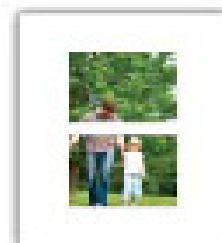
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Membership is about building our community!

Please let us know if we can count on you to:
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Membership year: January 1 to December 31, 2011

Name of Primary Resident(s):	
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