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The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association



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*President's Message****Hi to All!***

Spring has sprung! For sure this time. During the early taste of spring we had in February many CCHers enjoyed the neighborhood Open House on February 12. I've heard from several folks that we should do more events like the open house so if you missed this one, be sure and come to the next one! Thanks to Stephanie Justen for another successful membership drive and thank you to all who have renewed your membership in CCHCA! Many members are using the online option now, simply go to our website, click on membership and select the application. You will have the option to renew for one or two years and payment is handled via PayPal.

This is my last term as president. I have really enjoyed serving as president of the association, especially with such a fine group of folks on the board. We have ten board members who are elected at the annual meeting each spring. Terms are for one year and individuals can serve up to four consecutive terms in each position on the board, except for the president, who can only serve two terms. At this time we have volunteers for most of the board positions for the upcoming term, but we don't have a volunteer yet for the presidency. The association also has several committees and positions including community appearance, recycling, historian, signage and advertising. If you are interested in serving on the board or would like to volunteer in another capacity, please contact me or any of our board members. *(Cont'd on page 7)*

Upcoming Events—Mark Your Calendars!

Event	Location	Date/Time
Easter Egg Hunt	The Commons	April 15th, 10am
Britepaths Artful Living	Sherwood Community Center	April 22nd, 7-10pm
Pathway Homes Steps to Pathways Breakfast	Sherwood Community Center	May 11th, 8:00-9:30am
Civil War Day	Historic Blenheim	April 29, 10am-5pm
Yard Sale and Plant Sale	Various	May 13th, 9am-1pm
Annual Board Meeting	Historic Blenheim	May 4th, 6:30pm
Ice Cream Social	The Commons	June 23rd, 4-6pm

Spring Clean Up

Big thanks to Kon Rhyu for organizing Spring Clean Up at Accotink Creek on April 8th from 9 to 11 am!

The CCH Civic Association welcomes all new residents who moved to Country Club Hills!

Gilbert and LeAnne Worley, 3400 Country Hill Drive, 703-865-6554 – worleys@cox.net
Daniel and Flavia Perrotti, 3402 Brookwood Drive
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House number painted on your curb

can make it easier for ambulances and fire trucks trying to locate your address in an emergency, thereby taking a few precious minutes off the clock. Other companies such as FedEx, UPS and DHL would also greatly appreciate this service. Several people have offered to paint house numbers, one of whom is Paul Damanda. He will paint the number on your curb for \$15 or on both sides of your driveway for \$21.



Do You Know Your Block Captain?

Courtney Ashmore of 3420 Country Hill Route 1D (3400, 3402, 3404, 3406, 3408, 3410, 3412, 3414, 3416, 3418, 3420 Country Hill)

Courtney and Tim Ashmore moved into Country Club Hills in Dec 2002 with their daughter, Lynn, who was 1 at the time. On the same day they put the contract on their home, they found out they were pregnant with Spencer. Lynn is now a sophomore at Fairfax High School and Spencer is in 8th grade at Lanier. One of their favorite things about CCH is that you can walk to so many things like schools and Van Dyck Park. In fact, when the kids were younger, each family member would take turns choosing a restaurant to walk to on Friday nights.

They came here from Stafford and chose Fairfax City and CCH because it was close to their families where they had grown up; Courtney in Falls Church and Tim in Vienna. The family they bought from was only the 2nd owner of the home and it needed a lot of renovation which they have done. Their home is actually one of the two models that prospective buyers came to look at when deciding to purchase here in CCH. Courtney has worked in HR at George Mason University since 2009 and Tim is

at Software AG. She previously worked at Our Daily Bread and at Daniels Run Elementary. About 2 years after they moved in, Courtney became VP of Block Captains and also had her own route but as the children needed more of her time, she stepped down from the VP position but continued as a Block Captain. We thank her for her service to the CCH community.!



Courtney Ashmore and dog Bindy

Block Captain's Corner

Spring is here even though it actually felt more like it a month ago. Our daffodils and forsythia bloomed way earlier than usual; cherry trees also around Fairfax. I look forward to seeing everyone out in the neighborhood as we deliver newsletters and other CCH flyers in the coming months.

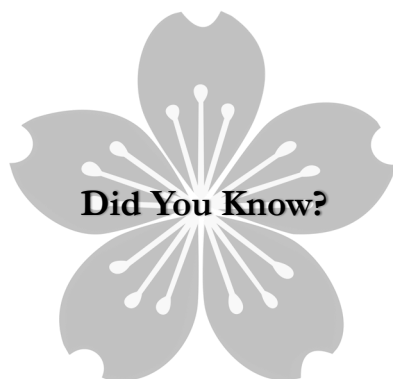
A huge Thank You to all our wonderful Block Captains who come out rain or shine to deliver all your newsletters and notices of events.

If any new residents of CCH would like to be put on the list to volunteer for a Block Captain spot or as a substitute, please let me know. And if you know you are going to be out of town for a while, please send me an e-mail or call me so I can arrange for a substitute.

You can reach me at 703-383-1272 or lesdan001@verizon.net.



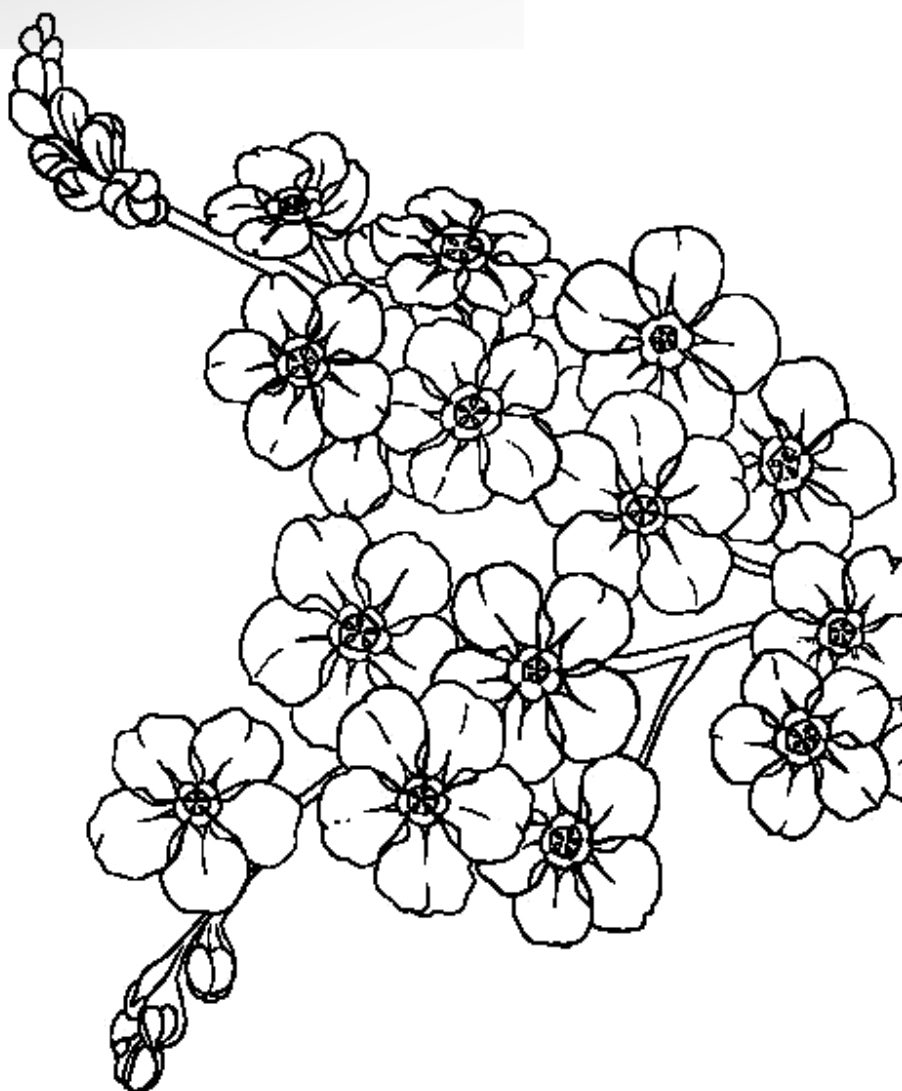
Leslie Daniels



Kids' Coloring Spot

Cherry Blossoms!

A cherry blossom is the flower of any of several trees of genus *Prunus*, particularly the Japanese cherry, *Prunus serrulata*, which is called sakura after the Japanese (桜 or 櫻; さくら). The significance of the cherry blossom tree in Japanese culture goes back hundreds of years. In their country, the cherry blossom represents the fragility and the beauty of life. It's a reminder that life is almost overwhelmingly beautiful but that it is also tragically short.



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A HUGE THANK YOU TO THOSE RESTAURANTS WHO DONATED GIFT CARDS AND CONGRATULA- TIONS TO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WINNERS!!

Thank you to all who participated in the 2017 Membership Drive! As of
March 1, we have 135 households who are paid members in our
neighborhood association. We appreciate everyone who
made the effort to promptly pay their 2016 dues.

For 4 weeks in January and February we randomly chose one of our
2017 members to receive a gift card donated by a local business. The
gift cards were generously donated by these establishments:

Great American Restaurants (thank you to Natalie Miller)

Coyote Grille (thanks to the Manager, Coyote Grille)

ABS Auto Repair (thank you to Christie Black)

Bombay Bistro

Paisano's Pizza

And congratulations to these lucky neighbors:

Shahina Ibrahim and Aquil Ahmed

Dennis & Janice Fairbanks

Carol Towse

Bill & Katy Johnson

Allen and Colleen Lewis

If you haven't yet paid your 2017 dues, or are not sure whether you
are paid up, please check the membership list on our web
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MAY 13, 9AM TO 1PM



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**SET UP YOUR SALE EITHER IN YOUR YARD – OR AT THE COMMON AREA
(ON SPRING LAKE TERRACE)**

FLAG YOUR SALE BY PUTTING UP BALLOONS

For your convenience, an AmVets truck will collect any unwanted items but you must e-mail Leslie at lesdan001@verizon.net by May 8th with your name/address/phone number if you would like your items picked up.

**** COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB WILL BE SELLING PLANTS
AT THE COMMON AREA ****

Mom's Group

Are you expecting a baby or looking forward to welcoming a child? In need of some friends and a good support network?

Please join the Neighborhood Moms' Group!

<http://www.cchca.org/moms-group/>

A great way to meet friends and build up your "village," whether you're from around here or not. We offer:

- Monthly "kid-free" evening meetings for friendship, support, and refreshments.
- Meals for families welcoming new children.
- Google Group for sharing information and crowdsourcing ideas and questions.
- Weekend freeplay standing appointment at My Gym Burke for our small kiddos (great for getting out the weekend/winter wiggles).
- December Holiday Cookie Exchange and End-of-Year June/July Picnic.
- Shared support of a family in need through Britepath's Holiday Program.

coming new children.

To join or for more information, please contact:

Lindsay Barry

President

Old Lee Hills resident

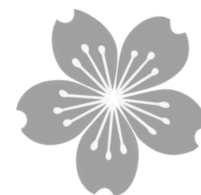
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Leslie Woods

Treasurer

Country Club Hills resident

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Lock Your Car

Leaving your doors and windows unlocked is just what a thief is looking for and makes it easy to steal your property or your car.

Even if you are leaving your car for "just a minute," lock it. A minute is all a thief needs to walk away with your valuables.

Take Your Keys

Take your keys with you. Don't give a thief the opportunity to steal your car. Don't be tempted to hide a spare key in or around the car, and take the valet key out of your car.

Thieves know all the tricks and hiding places.

Hide Your Valuables

"Out of Sight, Out of Mind" and "Better Safe than Sorry" is good cautionary advice.

Leaving valuables in plain sight only tempts a thief looking for the next victim.

Don't leave items such as GPS units, cell phones, cameras, MP3 players, laptop computers, purses, wallets and other valuables in your car.

If you must leave valuables in your car, such as when you're traveling, make sure things are hidden **before** you get to your destination. After all, it doesn't do much good to hide your valuables if the thief watches you and then waits for you to leave your car before breaking in.

It sounds simple, but you really can fight crime every day just by locking your car, taking your keys, and hiding your valuables.

It will make the City of Fairfax an even better and safer community and it may save you a lot of time, aggravation and money.

The best way to fight crime is to prevent it from happening in the first place.

Don't become a victim!

If you see suspicious activity, report it immediately to police at (703) 385-7924.

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Hide Your Valuables

President's Message (cont'd from page 1)

There are many other ways to help out too- come up with a good idea for the neighborhood, participate in one of our many social activities, help care for the Common Area, run an event, keep each other informed of issues of importance for the neighborhood via google groups and Facebook. Your involvement helps to make CCHCA the great place it is to live. Be sure and mark your calendar for our annual meeting at Blenheim, on Thursday, May 4. Pizza and nibbles at 6:30, and the meeting starts at 7 pm. Our guest speaker, Cathy Salgado, is the Director of Parks and Recreation for the City. We have asked her to join us to give the neighborhood an update on the Van Dyck master plan and to answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you there!

Judy Fraser



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Open House Notes

CCHCA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Present at the Open House:

President – Judy Fraser

VP Electronic Media – Ernie Klimonda

VP Block Captains – Leslie Daniels

VP Publications – Heather Gray

Secretary – Sue Mochinski

Treasurer – Donna Sabo

Membership – Stephanie Justen

Neighbor to Neighbor – David Stearman

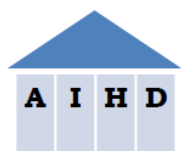
Date: Sunday February 12th; Time: 2pm – 5pm

Location: 10139 Spring Lake Terrace

Open House for the quarterly meeting. Meet and greet for the Civic Association. The Board provided pizza, appetizers, drinks and some desserts. We had lots of food, many people brought items to share. We had a good turn out from the neighborhood. Judy is following up with some folks to see if they are interested in Board positions.

Judy is contacting Hildie to book Blenheim for the end of April/ beginning of May for the Annual Meeting.

Susan Mochinski



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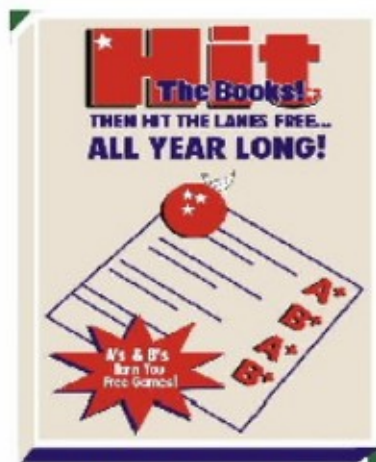
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CCHCA membership dues are just \$15 and help pay for events such as our Labor Day picnic, Halloween Party and End-of-School Ice Cream Social as well as our quarterly newsletters, yearly updated CCH Directory, the care and upkeep of the Common Area, Santa Claus's visits, Holiday Decorations Contest, Easter Egg-Roll and more!

If you have any questions about your membership status, or if you would rather pay your dues by check instead of online, please contact Stephanie Justen, 3420 Andover Drive (kjusten2@gmail.com).




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A new password will be required to access the online CCH 2017 Directory. Members please request the new password from: directory@cchca.org

Thank you!



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EMBRACE THE VIOLETS!

This is the story of a gardener who discovered that less was more. For years, she had been weeding out the Common Violet from her garden. Violets are unassuming plants that tend to pop up all over the place, including flower garden beds, which the gardener thought should be kept clear to allow other plants to grow.

One year, a small construction project on the lawn resulted in some bare soil in semi-shade. Luckily for the gardener, that disturbed soil did not become covered by invasive introduced plants (which is the most common result of leaving soil bare in Northern Virginia) but rather produced a bumper crop of violets. Their thick, low growth habit seemed like a reasonable substitute for lawn, and so she left them alone.

The next year, the gardener walked out her back door only to be greeted by six huge orange butterflies feeding on her Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*). She was very excited to think that she had finally attracted Monarch butterflies by planting this type of milkweed, but as she got closer, she discovered that they were actually not monarchs but the equally beautiful Great Spangled Fritillary butterfly, something she had never heard of before that day. Yes, the Butterfly Weed – a wonderful plant for attracting butterflies – was providing food for the adult butterflies, but it turned out that the Common Violet is a host plant for the caterpillars of Fritillary butterflies. Without their host plants – almost all of which are native plants – butterflies cannot reproduce.

So yes – plant native plants. Let the ones that are there already flourish as well. And don't be afraid to layer them together. A native plant garden will resist weeds the best if the bare ground is covered by plants.

from <https://plantnovanatives.wordpress.com/2017/02/19/accidental-environmentalism-the-case-of-the-unexpected-butterflies/>

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☐ Other services you or your business offer (please provide name and type of service): _____

☐ Lessons you provide: i. e. music/instrument/language/other: _____

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☐ 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 above)

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