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## **Country Club Hills Civic Association Newsletter - Spring 2024**

Hello CCH,

There is nothing like Spring in CCH! The Dogwoods are my personal favorite, they are quite stunning. I find myself taking the long way through the neighborhood to catch even just a glimpse of all the blooming flowers. What a treat for the senses, not just all the beauty, but the smell is engulfing and breathes life back into our overwintered souls. Spring has sprung and has brought all the lovely things around us back to life. What a blessing it is to live in such a phenomenal neighborhood!

I am excited about our next Community gathering, a much less serious but equally interesting topic, as the Nova Mineral Club teaches about the Geology of the Accotink Creek. I hope you will join us May 18th, 10:00 am at the Commons. This field trip is for all ages, please bring your kids and their friends, it might just inspire our next generation of Geologists!

More information on the Nova Mineral Club can be found at:

[Home | Northern Virginia Mineral Club](https://www.novamineralclub.org/)

<https://www.novamineralclub.org/>



Our annual General Meeting has been set for Wednesday June 5th, 7:00pm-9:00pm, with refreshments at 6:30pm. Please let us know if you would like to help with serving, setup, or breakdown. Many hands make for light work. Volunteering is the best way to meet neighbors and really become part of such a great community. If you are regularly involved, I challenge you to personally invite at least one neighbor who might not join otherwise and bring them along with you.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve such a great Community,  
Katy Johnson

**New to CCH? Claim Your Welcome Gift! Page 13 for Details**

# UPCOMING CCHCA EVENTS

*BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION*

## END OF SCHOOL YEAR CELEBRATION

The community will host an end of year treats party at The Commons on Wednesday, June 12. We will serve cold treats to include ice cream and other non-dairy items. This is open to all the kids in the neighborhood from preschool to high school. Treats will be available starting at 4pm and will be available until 5pm.

If you'd like to help organize the event, reach out to Lara, [larahughes@verizon.net](mailto:larahughes@verizon.net).

## **Country Club Hills Civic Association ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 5, 2024**

Join friends and neighbors on June 5th at Blenheim to hear committee updates, learn about what's going on and what's planned for our community, and to enjoy pizza and drinks.

Refreshments will be available starting at 6:30 pm, with our meeting officially commencing at 7:00 pm and scheduled until 9:00 pm.

If you are able to help with the set up at the beginning of the evening, with serving refreshments, or with breakdown at the end of the evening, please plan to arrive a bit early or stay a bit late. The more hands, the better.

And bring a neighbor along who may not otherwise be planning to join!

## STORY TIME

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a Story Time at the commons during the month of June. We plan to have a local author join us to read their story and visit with the children. This first event will be aimed at younger elementary aged children. The date is TBD and will be announced through the neighborhood Facebook page and Google Groups email. If you have an author in mind for a future Story Time please email [social@cchca.org](mailto:social@cchca.org).

We are always looking to host new events and would love to start a summer book club for older children. If a parent or high schooler is interested in taking this on, let us know, [social@cchca.org](mailto:social@cchca.org).

**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 Katy, [president@cchca.org](mailto:president@cchca.org), for more information.



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# CITY OF FAIRFAX UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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



*Fourth Friday of the Month, May - Oct.  
6:30pm - 9:30pm  
Old Town Square*



*Saturday, June 1  
5pm - 7pm, Old Town Hall (In collaboration with GMU)*



*Between June 30th and July 4th, Fairfax City is offering numerous Independence Day related activities. Check the City's website for events, time and locations.*



# Fairfax City Event Highlight - Movies Under the Moon

Fairfax City holds dozens of events for all ages throughout the year. Returning this summer is **Movies Under the Moon**. Four times throughout the summer, at 8pm on a Friday night, **Van Dyck Park** is transformed to an outdoor movie theater. This summer, join neighbors, friends and fellow Fairfax residents to enjoy **Elemental** (June 14), **Wall-E** (July 12), **Incredibles 2** (August 9), and **Onward** (September 13). This event is free and open to anyone! Bring a blanket or a chair, grab your popcorn and snacks, and come relax under the summer evening sky.



## Celebrate Memorial Day with Ride of the Patriots

The 24th Annual Ride of the Patriots "Rolling to Remember" will take place on Sunday, May 26th. Grab a seat along Fairfax Blvd and watch the bikes as they make their way toward RFK Stadium.



# Troy Furr

**703.541.8332**



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

Winter services to include shoveling/  
snow removal tool

## Build a Mini Bird Sanctuary

Submitted by Katy Johnson, from Plant NOVA Natives Website



The best sanctuaries for birds are undisturbed expanses of forests and meadows. Anyone can see that those are rapidly disappearing in Northern Virginia, and where they remain, they are rapidly shrinking below the size needed for many bird species. Those in charge of any patch of land can help some of these birds by adding plants to expand the habitat value of nearby parks and natural areas.

What does it take to provide sanctuary for birds? The first requirement is that the plants be native to the local ecosystem. This is because the diet of baby birds consists primarily of caterpillars, and most caterpillars can only eat the plants with which they evolved. By far the biggest source of food for caterpillars is the leaves of large native shade trees, by virtue of their immense canopy compared to smaller plants. The second requirement is to provide food for the adults. Adult birds also require caterpillars and other bugs for protein. They also need [the seeds and fruits from the smaller native trees, shrubs, vines, and flowers](#) that are tailor-made for their nutritional needs (unlike those of many non-native plants.) Different bird species feed and nest at different heights from the ground, so native plants are needed at all levels. You may notice, for example, the preference of sparrows and robins for the ground layer, bluebirds for the shrubs, bluejays higher still, and woodpeckers in the canopy. (The fact that some birds require the lower levels is the reason why it is so imperative to keep cats indoors.)

Another reason to install native plants at the ground layer is that many of those caterpillars feeding up in the trees spend part of their life cycles sheltering on the ground. They cannot find the habitat they need in mounds of mulch, not to mention in lawns where they get chopped up by lawn mowers. What does provide shelter is native perennials and dead leaves. So once you have your trees and shrubs in place, you can have the fun of exploring the numerous [native groundcover options](#), gradually expanding the landing pad out to the drip line as the trees grow.

### SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Our CCH Facebook page is alive and well, thank you for all your contributions that keep neighbors informed and entertained! A few things to keep in mind as we enjoy our social media connections: Please remember that the CCH Facebook is not a private group, nor is it limited to current residents. The group is intended for current and former residents and neighboring community members, local businesses and publicly elected officials to have a space to talk about issues of interest to our small community. We've recently 'closed' the CCH FB page and require admin approval for new members to join, but this system is far from perfect; but we do our best to keep out fake profiles or ones that do not support our intended goals, but we are not going to get them all immediately. We really appreciate you flagging posts and comments of concern. We do our best to weed out unwanted solicitations and unnecessary comments. With that mind, we suggest you don't post private information like phone numbers or emails on the CCH Facebook page - or any social media site. For curb alerts or road construction discussions, cross roads or just the street name and direction often work just as well as a full address. Just use some basic precautions and all will be well!

Finally, your admins are of the mind that free speech is important, but not at the expense of civility on our page. Please always remember you are talking with your neighbors :)

If you have any questions or concerns about the page or ideas for making it better, please reach out to the Board.

Thank you! Social Media Committee

Note that 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.



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# CIVIC AFFAIRS

by VP Hildie Carney

**Visitors in town?** Consider taking a tour at our Historic Sites.

**Ratcliff Allison House** on Main St. and Kitty Pozer Garden Tours: Sat. 12-3.

**Historic Blenheim** on Blenheim Blvd: Tuesday thru Sat. 1PM  
(Closed for January)

**Attention Seniors:** Need some help? Sign up to "Fairfax Village. You can sign up for services from our volunteer network Or you can become a volunteer.

**Want to Start Something New?** CCHCA is always looking for new and engaging activities within our neighbor and our community as a whole. If you have an idea, want to try a new hobby, or maybe want to discuss a book or movie, reach out to your neighbors! You never know who is waiting in the shadows with the same interest. If you need help getting started, reach out to Katy or one of the Board or Committee members listed on Page 12!

## ANNUAL PLANT SALE

### COUNTRY HILLS GARDEN CLUB

# JUNE 1, 2024

Please join us anytime from 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.  
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### Stay Connected

If you haven't already signed up to receive all the current news from the City, sign up at <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/residents/news-and-information/fairfax-city-connected>

**All of your questions are answered!** All of the City Council meetings dates as well as 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 through the website and email subscription.

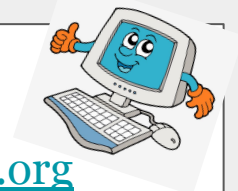
## Looking for:

- Babysitter
- Pet Walker
- Daycare Provider
- Flamenco Dancer
- Music Teacher



## Do this:

1. Visit [www.cchca.org](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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These funds are used to make your neighborhood a fun and better place to live!

A few notes...

- Membership period is Jan 1 to December 31
- Join or renew online: [www.cchca.org](http://www.cchca.org)
- Paper form is attached to this newsletter

Not sure if you're **ON THE LIST**? Contact [membership@cchca.org](mailto:membership@cchca.org) to see if you're up to date on your dues and membership for 2024.

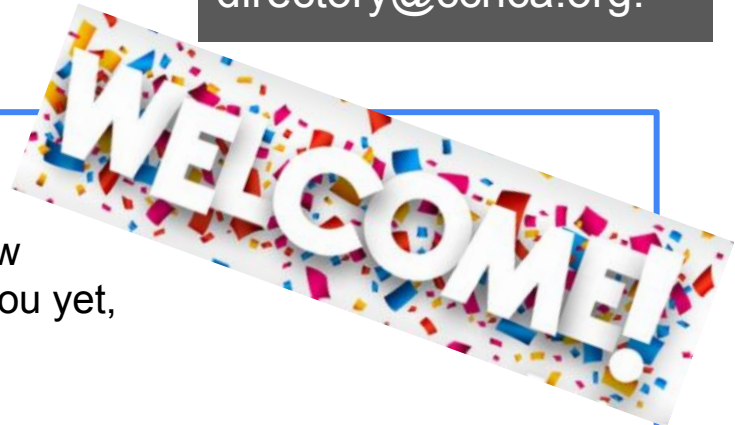
The **CCH Directory** is available on the CCHCA website. For any questions or updates, contact [directory@cchca.org](mailto:directory@cchca.org).

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](mailto: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.*



**For more information on membership or to join, go to [www.cchpool.com](http://www.cchpool.com).**



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## Country Club Hills Civic Association

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM 2024 Your membership strengthens our community!

**Membership year: January 1 - December 31, 2024      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](mailto:webmaster@cchca.org) to request access.

**PREFERRED PAYMENT METHOD: PAYPAL**

**Go to [www.cchca.org](http://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](mailto:membership@cchca.org) or call 703-851-0080*

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