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The Newsletter of the Country Club Hills Civic Association

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From the President

Country Club Hills Civic Association is winding down another successful year – and gearing up for the one ahead. I am very excited about all the residents that have come forward to be on the board for 2007. Please look for the nominations on (Page 8) and cast your vote at the Annual General Meeting May 16 at 7pm at Daniels Run Elem.

Here are some highlights of 2006:

- Attendance was up by at least 20% at the Labor Day picnic, Halloween party and for Santa visits. Residents of CCH adopted two local families in need for the holidays. Our participation even made the evening news on NBC4!
- You heard about all these activities because of our excellent Newsletter, website, yahoo group and signage. And let's not forget those Area Block Captains and Block Captains that deliver publications to your door.
- Block Captains play a large role in increasing membership in CCHCA, which is up to 57%. Become a member! Only \$10 annually.
- An updated directory will be issued to CCHCA members at the General Meeting.
- We maintained The Commons and our Adopt a Spot along the Accotink Creek.
- By the end of May we hope to have a 5' wide, woodchip covered pathway from the pavilion to the creek.
- Hopefully by the time this goes to print, stop bars will be added at needed intersections.

- I'd like to think we made some progress with the US Post Office and everyone is experiencing better service.

Considering that all this was accomplished with volunteers, that's pretty darn impressive!

Thank you everyone, especially the current BOD, for your generous donation of time and commitment to making CCHCA a better place to live!

Lisa

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Plan ahead



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Country Hills Garden Club

Congratulations to The Beauty Spot of the Month for **September:** The Commons area. It was so beautifully developed and cared for by Nasrin Lescure and her helpers. Thank you, Nasrin, for making the commons Area the beautiful spot we are all so proud of.

Carole Towse and Polly Haecker
Country Club Hills Garden Club

Thanks!

Thanks for selecting our "Country Club Hills Commons" as our beauty spot! May I also recognize Ernie Klimonda for his green thumb, too? Ernie played "Johnny Applesseed" by planting thousands of flower seeds during our planting days. I salute Nasrin, Ernie, and all those who made our park so beautiful. Our City park crews have done a nice job lately of mowing the lawn, too.

Paul Sullivan

P.S. The flowers and new park sign make a nice backdrop for a family portrait.

Advertise

Would you like to advertise in the next **ECCHO-Newsletter**? Contact Ana Alonso at a.alonso@cox.net or 703-273-4737.

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The new **CCH Directory** is in the final stages of being completed. If you would like to add any information contact Chair Hildie Carney: hilcarn31@aol.com.

The deadline for submitting your ad and check is April 15th.

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Garden Song

by David Mallett, (Submitted by Nasrin Lescure)

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Inch by inch, row by row
Gonna make this garden grow
Gonna mulch it deep and low
Gonna make it fertile ground

Inch by inch, row by row
Please bless these seeds I sow
Please keep them safe below
'Till the rain comes tumbling down

Pullin' weeds and pickin' stones
We are made of dreams and bones
Need a place to call my own
'Cause the time is close at hand

Grain for grain, sun and rain
Find my way in nature's chain
Till my body and my brain
Tell the music of the land

CHORUS

Plant your rows straight and long
Season with a prayer and
song
Mother Earth will make you strong
If you give her loving care

CHORUS

[*The Anti-Garden Verses - by someone whose name Arlo forgot*]:

Slug by slug, weed by weed
Boy this garden's got me
t'd
All the insects come to feed
On my tomato plants

Sunburt face, skinned up knees
The kitchen's chocked with zucchinis
I'm shopping at the A&P's
Next time I get the chance
[End of Anti-Garden Verses]

Old crow watching from a tree
He's got his hungry eye on me
In my garden I'm as free
As that feathered thief up there
CHORUS

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Welcoming New Residents

Please help us welcome our new neighbors! If you know of anyone who just moved in, call the welcoming committee: Yanji Lama, 703-278-0428, yanjilama@yahoo.com or Donna Frank, (co-chair), 703-691-1268, marineCat1@verizon.net.

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Treasurer's Report

Our bank balance continues to be healthy. As of March 7, the civic association balance is \$5,646. \$3,186 of this balance are funds from the City restricted to use in community improvements projects. We are planning on spending some of the funds in April, adding a trail to the Commons area. We are also applying for a new grant for 2007 and hopefully will receive an additional \$1,000. The remaining \$2,459 is from the \$10 yearly dues and advertising revenues and is used for community entertainment. Your next opportunity to enjoy the community dollars at work is the Spring Egg Hunt!!

Dia Pullen

Classifieds

Do you baby-sit, pet-sit, cut grass, shovel snow, give music or foreign language lessons?

We will print your classified ad for FREE and put it on our website. Contact Ernie Klimonda at eklimonda@cox.net (703-591-0696.) Baby-sitters please tell us if you are CPR or Red Cross certified.

For Sale - Pool Table

Olhausen Dona Marie 8ft pocket pool table with T/M Shield finish, 1/4 inch slate, Simonis Burgundy cloth and Guardian fabric. Plus all accessories including a mahogany and maple raised light. Rarely used and in excellent condition. Paid \$5,553.84, will sell for \$3,000.00. Have receipts- you move. Contact Terry Stephens, 3409 Park Hill Place, at 703-359-5857.

CCHCA Does Not Endorse

CCHCA does not endorse or investigate any of the services or products advertised in this newsletter and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy of ads or for the services or products provided.

Homes in Country Club Hills

Homes for sale in Country Club Hills as of February 1, 2007
3402 Country Hill Road
10101 Capeway Court
3413 Spring Lake Terrace

Homes sold in Country Club Hills in 2006
10141 Spring Lake Terrace
3426 Brookwood Drive
3431 Brookwood Drive
3434 Brookwood Drive
9924 Pinehurst Avenue
3413 Andover Drive
3514 Spring Lake Terrace
10106 Spring Lake Terrace
10107 Spring Lake Terrace
10108 Spring Lake Terrace
9910 Broadview Drive
10012 Cornwall Road

Humor

Found inner peace

I am passing this on to you because it definitely worked for me, and we could all use more calm in our lives. By following the simple advice I heard on a Dr. Phil show, I have finally found inner peace

Dr. Phil proclaimed the way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you have started. So I looked around my house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished; and, before leaving the house this morning I finished off a bottle of White Zinfandel, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of Kahlua, a package of Oreos, the remainder of my Valium prescription, the rest of the cheesecake, some saltines and a box of chocolates.

You have no idea how freaking good I feel. Please pass this on to those you feel are in need of inner peace.

A Great Many Thanks to our Block Captains.

Our Block Captains have once again done a great job in 2006!
Scott and Alexis Adamson; Ana Alonso; Courtney Ashmore; Katie Baxter-Gagen; Greg Beck; Jill Butterfield; Hildie Carney; Irene Denhardt; Jenny Drummey; Polly Feur; Kim Horn; Lara Hughes; Chad Hurley; Madelyn Johns; Livingston Johnston; Nancy Jones; Kathy Keitt; Steve Lane; Steve Lescure; Sue McKenzie; Chris Mullen; Bill and Jan Parrott; Susan Pepin; Ruth Prieto; Dia and Marty Pullen; Joyce Skoglund; Toby Sorensen; Terry Stephens; Judy Sue; Yvonne Tharp; Bob Willard.

Calendar

All residents are welcome to attend the following meeting!

The **CCHCA Annual General Meeting** will be held on **May 16 at 7 pm** at **Daniels Run Elementary School**, 3705 Old Lee Hwy. For details please contact: Lisa Whetzel 703-383-5989 or whetzelink@cox.net

Upcoming Events

Historic Fairfax City Homes Tour will take place on **Saturday, May 5**. Tour six beautiful homes in the City of Fairfax. Tickets and information are available at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414, or call CCH resident Hildie Carney at 703-591-5305 for tickets. \$15 in advance.

Country Club Hills-Old Lee Hills Joint Yard Sale will be held this year on **Saturday, May 12**. More information will be upcoming so save the date on your calendar.

Country Club Hills-Yahoo-Group

This is a very useful tool available **free** of charge to all residents of CCH. Over 100 residents have signed up and enjoy receiving and/or posting valuable information for the neighborhood's residents only. To subscribe simply call 703-591-0696 or send an email to: webmaster-cchca@cox.net, Ernie Klimonda

Caution: When responding to the author of a message, please be sure to click on "reply to sender" (not "reply to group" or "reply via web post") so that the sender alone will receive your message.

Many More Thanks

A huge thank you need to go out to all those who have volunteered in the past and who have stepped up to chair a committee for this upcoming term including: Dia Pullen, Lee Faber, Marty Pullen, Ernie Klimonda*, Stephan Lescure, Nasrin Lescure, Yanji Lama, Karin Royer, all of the block captains and area coordinators.

In addition many neighbors have been instrumental in carrying out the details for the social activities and we would formally like to thank: Jill Toth, Alexis Adamson, Noel Klimenko, Lauren Valentino, and Melissa Peterson.

*Ernie has played many roles for CCHCA including (but I'm sure not limited to) Historian, Web Master, Yahoo Group Moderator, Sign Manager, Copies Maker, task manager, camera man and overall motivator! Thank you for all of your efforts and energy!!!!

Katie Baxter-Gagen

Slate of Nominations for the 2007 CCHCA Board of Directors:

BOD

President	Katie Baxter-Gagen
Treasurer	John Sabo
Secretary	Jill McNeil
VP Civic Affairs	Hildie Carney
VP Membership	Katie Sidwell
VP Social Activities	Lisa Whetzel
VP Block Captains	Chad Hurley
VP Publications	Ana Alonso
VP Community Safety	
Adopt a Spot	Steve Caruso
Safety Liaison	Patrick Thomas

Committee Chairs

Publicity	Dia Pullen
Common Area	Nasrin Lescure
Welcoming	Yanji Lama
Webmaster	Ernie Klimonda
Historian	Steve Lescure

Ten Recycling Opportunities

If clutter reduction is among your 2007 resolutions, but you think, "What a waste," when you have to throw out so much stuff, consider these recycling opportunities:

- 1. Cell phones.** Take them to any FedEx Kinkos, Staples, or Office Depot. They will re-program them to be used in developing countries.
- 2. Old sheets, towels and pillow cases.** Most animal shelters need old sheets and towels. The County shelter is always looking. Homeward Trails, a local mixed-breed dogs and cat rescue, accepts donations on specific weekends; contact Laura Bandini at bandini@hotmail.com
- 3. Not-this-year's-color sheets and towels.** Programs that help people move from institutionalized care to apartments need complete/matching sets of sheets and towels in good condition for their clients. Try The Green Door, 1623 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, telephone 202-462-4092.
- 4. Leftover yarn.** Prayer shawl ministries often need yarn. Gladys Seisler represents Naughty Knitters – they only knit for charities and have donated more than 5,000 items to babies and children, and to senior citizens in need in the past 12 years. Her contact info is GGSeis@aol.com.
- 5. Metro cards with just cents left.** Mail them to Maureen Jais-Mick, c/o The Green Door, 1623 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009. This program consolidates them, and uses the fare to help mentally ill clients go to appointments, work, etc.
- 6. Computers, monitors, printers, scanners, etc.** Do not trash, please; dispose of these items properly. Keep our environment clean. For more information: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/mat-comp.htm
- 7. Men's and women's clothing in good condition in large sizes.** Many medications prescribed for people with mental illness cause weight gain, and large sizes are scarce. Call Jeannette Wick at 703-524-8531 and she'll arrange delivery to District facilities.

8. Old bicycles. Bikes-for-the-World is your answer. You give them your old bike and \$10, they turn it into a prized possession in a third-world country. Find directions at: www.bikesfortheworld.org/donateabike.html

9. Ink cartridges. It takes almost three ounces of oil to produce a brand new cartridge and over ten centuries for the plastic in these inkjets to decompose. Take them to any FedEx Kinkos, Staples, or Office Depot. Or, pick up a prepaid mailer at the post office.

10. Companion animal crates and leashes. Rescue groups always need crates and leashes. Try Homeward Trails (see contact for Laura Bandini above), or if they are BIG, Chesapeake Area Alaskan Malamute Protection at malamuterescue@gmail.com to arrange pick-up.

Ernie Klimonda

Electronic Recycling

Citizens may recycle electronic equipment from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 28 at NOVA Annandale Campus at 8333 Little River Turnpike.**

Items that will be accepted include computers, televisions, fax machines, VCR's, cell phones, scanners, calculators and test equipment.

The recyclers will not accept televisions in wooden consoles, or televisions with broken CRT (tubes), software, kitchen appliances and any item containing Freon.

The charge for disposal is \$5 each for computer monitors and CPU's and \$15 each for televisions. There is no charge for the other items shown above.

For more information call: 703-385-7995

Help Keep City of Fairfax Streams Clean

New markers are being placed on city storm drains to educate citizens not to dump anything down the storm drain. The markers were designed by students at Daniels Run Elementary School and are part of the city's environmental education program.

What is the problem?

Every time it rains, water runs off the land and paved areas to the city's storm drains, which dump into our streams. This means that anything picked up by rainfall on the ground eventually ends up in the streams. Pollutants entering the streams degrade water quality and can be harmful to humans and wildlife.

Accotink Creek is the major stream that runs through the city. Accotink Creek drains to the Potomac River, which eventually reaches the Chesapeake Bay.

How can I help?

Do not dump anything into the storm drain or streams. Properly dispose of all hazardous materials including pesticides, oil-based paint and gasoline. Place materials in sturdy containers and call 703-324-5068 for proper disposal information.

Pick up after your pets. Dog waste adds harmful bacteria and nutrients to streams. Put dog waste in trash or down the toilet.

Yard waste adds pollution to streams and clogs storm drains. Compost your yard waste or bag it for collection by the city. For composting information and classes call 703-385-7995 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/refuserecycling/refuseRecycling.asp

Report illegal dumping in streams and storm drains. There are laws protecting against dumping and the city's Code Administration Office will investigate illegal dumping activities. To report illegal dumping call the Fire Marshal's Office at 703-385-7830 or the Police Department at 703-385-7924.

Use fertilizer and pesticides sparingly. Applying more chemicals than needed will only wash off with the next rain and end up in the city's streams.

Pick up trash. Plastics and litter dumped on the street

or sidewalk will eventually make its way to the city's streams where it can harm or kill wildlife.

Volunteer to help install storm drain markers.

Volunteers are needed to help install storm drain markers throughout the City of Fairfax. This is a great opportunity to get your family involved in helping to protect our environment or a perfect activity for school or scouting groups that are looking for community service hours. If you are interested, please call 703-385-7816 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/Environment/Students_Community.asp for more information.

For more information on City of Fairfax Environmental Programs, check out the City's website at: www.fairfaxva.gov/Environment/Environment.asp

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Red Foxed in Country Club Hills

Country Club residents have seen red foxes recently. Red Foxes are found in most of North America. They are not native. In the mid-18th century, landowners imported red foxes from England and released them in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. Our red fox populations are hybrid of imported and native species.

Red foxes inhabit a variety of habitats, including woodland, farmland, pastures and brush. They adapt to diverse urban and suburban environments. They are active day and night, but most active at dusk and dawn. Although urbanized and considered sly and cunning, they are actually wary of people.

These small, doglike animals are known for their red color, but their undercoat is white. The backs of their ears, lower legs and feet are black. They go through several color Phases other than red, including silver and cross. The silver phase is almost completely black with silver tipped hairs. The cross phase is reddish brown with a dark cross on its shoulders. Red foxes in all color phases have white-tipped tails.

Foxes hear low-frequency sounds best, unlike most other mammals. The fox listens, for example, for small mammals' underground digging, gnawing and rustling. When it hears them, it digs into the soil or snow frenetically to capture the animal.

The red fox also stalks its prey like cats do. It hunts large quarry like rabbits by getting as close as possible, and then running the prey down when it flees. Foxes hunt even when full, and cache excess food under snow, leaves or soft dirt.

Foxes often smell like skunks, especially during courtship when males and females establish territories by scent marking. Foxes create maternity dens, usually in sparse ground cover with a view of surrounding area. At seven months, kits are ready to leave. The males tend to travel, while the females stay closer

Rabies, mange and distemper do occur in the fox population.

Foxes live throughout Country Club Hills. They are

harmless unless they are handled or rabid (which is very rare; no cases of fox-human transmission of rabies have ever been reported.) Having a red fox on your property is a privilege – they eat rodents and entertain you. Most backyard foxes are just taking a shortcut. If you don't want them around, be certain that trashcan lids fit tightly, never put meat scraps into a compost pile, and keep pet food inside.

Fast Facts

Adult weight: 12 to 18 pounds.

Winter diet: primarily small mammals.

Summer diet: primarily insects and berries.

All-the-time diet: road kill and carrion.

Running speed: up to 30 miles per hour.

Jumping height: 6 feet.

Mating season: late January and February.

Litter size: one to ten kits.

Litter time: April to May.

Male kit relocation distance: 150 miles plus.

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