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Country Club Hills Civic Association Newsletter - Summer 2024

Citizen Engagement: A Success Story

by Katy Johnson

Anyone who speaks with me more than 5 minutes, knows that I believe our Community, and our City as a whole, is a better place when we are all informed, engaged and involved. I believe Citizen involvement is what makes our little City feel like a real Home Town, despite being a suburb of a major metropolitan area. I want to highlight a very recent Citizen engagement success story.

The Public Works Program Manager for the Ashby Pond Dredging Project, Satoshi Eto, reached out to myself and Philip Latasa of Friends of Accotink Creek last year to see if there were Native Plants to rescue in the disturbance area of the dredging project. On our walk to identify plants, I asked "What about the turtles?" His response was "What turtles?" I said "The giant turtles that live here." Philip mentioned a similar project in Manassas that had rescued a number of turtles ahead of a pond's draining. Another concerned Citizen, Anne Hurley from Little River Hills, spoke boldly and expressed her concerns about the turtles at the City's Public Meetings on the Project. Philip passed along more information about the Lucasville Pond Retrofit in Manassas. The City contracted Dr. Rimkus of Hawksbill Hope, a Turtle Conservation Non-Profit, who had participated in the Manassas rescue.

What resulted from Citizen engagement was that so far, 55 turtles (snapping, painted and a river cooter) that would have otherwise been brutally destroyed, have been safely relocated to ponds that could support, but do not currently have a turtle population.

It is important to know what is happening in and around our neighborhoods. It is important to speak up when we have concerns. Good things happen when everyone is invited to be part of the conversation. Better things happen when the City listens to its Citizens!

Flip to Page 2 for some photos from this successful event!

New to CCH? Claim Your Welcome Gift! Page 12 for Details

UPCOMING CCHCA EVENTS

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Lara to volunteer and get involved
lara.hughes@verizon.net

Labor Day Picnic Event

Save the date for another year of Labor Day Fun at the Commons. Details will come later this month, but plan to bring your family to the pavilion for an evening of wonderful community and delicious food on **Friday, August 30th**.

Halloween Pizza Party

Look for details later this fall regarding CCH's **Annual Halloween Pizza Party**. As is tradition in our wonderful neighborhood, kick of trick or treating on **October 31** with pizza and games. Let Lara know if you want to help plan!

Ashby Pond Turtles





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Country Club Hills Civic Association



*Monday, September 2
at 8:00 am
Old Town Fairfax
Near Fire Station 3*



*Saturday, October 5,
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Old Town Square
(Part of Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations)*



*Saturday, October 12
10:00 am to 5:00 pm with after fest
5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Old Town Fairfax*

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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.

Troy Furr

703.541.8332



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

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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!

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, for more information.

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.

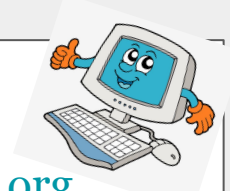
Looking for:

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



Do this:

1. Visit www.cchca.org
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. 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

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.

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.



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.

To learn more about the Humane Society of Fairfax County please visit our website at www.hsfc.org



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For only \$20/year, you can join the CCHCA and be a bigger part of our wonderful neighborhood community.

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
- Paper form is attached to this newsletter

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

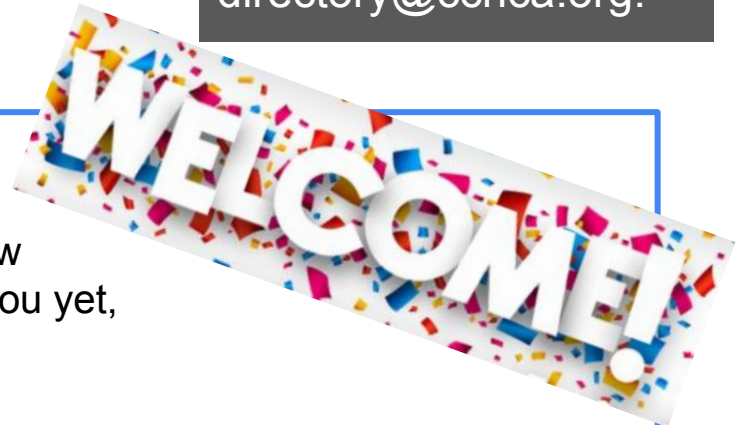
The **CCH Directory** is available on the CCHCA website. For any questions or updates, contact directory@cchca.org.

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.

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.



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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 to request access.

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**Go to www.cchca.org / Click on Membership Application /
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Sue Mochinski, 10139 Spring Lake Terrace, Fairfax VA 22030

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