

The Chantilly Highlander

November 2002

Nearing the Close of 2002

by Barbra Mooney, CHHA President

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Contracts Awarded

Congratulations to all our newest contractors ...

Jeff Parnes will continue to update our Website at <http://www.chha.org>.

Pat Terry is the new editor for our monthly publication, "*The Chantilly Highlander*."

Patrick Palmer is our common grounds contractor, and Karen Setia is already at work designing and updating our community center landscaping.

Volunteers Make it Happen

I want to thank the residents of Chantilly Highlands for getting involved in 2002. We had a wide variety of events to pull the community together. Some highlights

enjoyed this year were the Spring Party with the Egg Hunt for the children, and various pool parties and float nights.

Over 100 volunteers representing both young and older residents worked together to make our community day a most memorable experience. As of this writing, the plans are set for a fun Halloween Parade and party, and ideas are forming for some "Magical Holiday" fun in December.

Thank You All

Thank you to each and every volunteer who has worked to build community spirit in our fine neighborhood.

As we near the end of 2002, let me thank everyone who has given of themselves to help make Chantilly Highlands the wonderful community it is.

Coming this fall to Chantilly Highlands...

"A Magical Holiday"



(see page 6)

*The Giving Season begins
with a **Clothing
Drive**, thanks to a
couple of Girl Scouts from
Chantilly Highlands...*



GIRL SCOUTS

(see page 6)

**CHHA
Board
Of
Directors**

President Barbra Mooney Liaison, ACC	703-471-6323
Vice President Elizabeth Grasty Liaison, Land Mgmt	703-904-8151
Secretary Jim Ceh Liaison, Webmaster	703-709-8560
Treasurer Jim Wright Liaison, Database / Civic Affairs	703-437-7067
Bill Wolff Liaison, Community Facilities	703-481-9156
Vicki Danoy	703-437-7375
Will Gregory Liaison, Neighborhood Watch	703-787-3560
Wendy Osborn Liaison, Social Activities	703-834-7978
Dan Feer Chair, Land Management	571-203-9558

The Chantilly Highlander is a monthly publication of the Board of Directors, which addresses various neighborhood issues and serves the residential community of Chantilly Highlands.

The deadline is the **TENTH of each month** for submitting articles, signed letters to the Editor, camera-ready advertising (w/payment) and photos of your event. Articles are processed at the discretion of the CHHA Board. Publication of advertisement is not considered to be an endorsement. Send to CHHA, c/o The Chantilly Highlander, P.O. Box 710238, Oak Hill, VA 20171; or call Pat Terry at 703-437-7116, or email: middet@erols.com.

	Resident	Non-Resident
KidWorks (to age 18 yrs)	Free til Jan 1 st \$ 2.50	\$ 10.00
Classified Ad (Adult)	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00
Business Card	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Quarter Page	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00

**CHHA
Committees
&
Additional
Numbers
of
Interest**

ACC (Architectural Control Committee)	
Doug Fearson	703-742-8340
Peg Heeter	703-709-8487
Pat Terry	703-437-7116
Civic Affairs	
Jeffrey Parnes	703-904-0131
Community Center Rental (Answering Machine Line)	703-435-0736
Community Facilities -Open-	
Database Administrator	
Bradley Matthews	703-628-9929
Garden Club	
Virginia Hodge	703-318-9231

Neighborhood Watch -Open-	
Resale Packages	
Doug/Denise Fearson	703-742-8340
Social Activities Chair	
Wendy Osborn	703-834-7978
Swim Team Chairperson	
Steve Bachman	703-709-7470
Swim Team -Winter Swim-	
Ellen Lidwin	703-736-0808
Tennis Courts	
Steve Edwards	703-742-3353
Webmaster	
Jeffrey Parnes	703-904-0131

Board members attending; Barbra Mooney, Will Gregory, Jim Ceh, Jim Wright, Dan Feer, Wendy Osborn, Bill Wolff, Vicki Danoy.

Meeting called to order 7:35 PM. Accepted meeting minutes from September BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Certified letters sent to 9 homeowners for delinquent dues and late fees. First draft of 2003 CHHA budget is being prepared. Dues for 2003 will be determined at November BOD meeting.

Social Activities: 2002 Community Day was big success. Adult volunteer dinner being planned in appreciation for those who helped. Plans are under way for Halloween Party and Holiday Celebration in December. Still in need of volunteers to help with upcoming events.

ACC: Eleven Alteration Requests were processed ... 1 rejection, 9 approvals and one pending additional information.

Neighborhood Watch (NW): Two community members attended training session held on Sept 12th by Fairfax County Police Officer. In need of volunteers to help get NW up and running, as the committee is designed to be extra eyes and ears for the neighborhood. Great time to get involved and get committee back on track.

Land Management: A few trees need to be removed from common ground sites.

Future LM meetings scheduled as needed. Contact Dan Feer for next meeting, which will be held Nov 14th at his home.

Community Facilities: Reviewing procedures for next year's pool season to monitor guests and homeowners entering pool. Playground equipment has been repaired and bids are being obtained for painting pool house and community center.

Newsletter: Welcomed new editor. Discussed advertising and design changes.

New Business:

Swim team representative asked for support in 2003 budget. Preliminary proposal presented to place bubble over pool for year-round use.

Discussion held concerning no parking zone on one side of street at common ground on Stoneheather near path to Oak Hill school ball field.

Discussed results of neighborhood walk-through by the Board and concerns being reviewed by ACC & Board. Major items to be addressed immediately are improper sheds, peeling paint/rotted wood/maintenance issues.

Meeting adjourned 10:25 PM.

Full minutes available upon request to Jim Ceh, CHHA Secretary.

October 3rd

Board of

Directors

Meeting

Minutes

submitted
by Jim Ceh

The **Board of Directors** meets the first Thursday of each month, at 8:00 PM, at the community center. All residents are welcome. To get on the agenda, please contact the President prior to the meeting.

The **Architectural Control Committee** (ACC) meets on the first Tuesday, at 7:30 PM, at the community center. Contact any ACC member if you have any questions. (Please see page 2.)

The **Community Facilities Committee** meets the first Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 PM, at the community center.

The **Land Management Committee** will meet at the home of Dan Feer on Thurs, Nov. 14th at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be provided. RSVP to Dan at 571-203-9558.

The **Chantilly Highlander** newsletter welcomes your ideas and suggestions for article content. Please contact Pat Terry at 703-437-7116.

The **Social Activities Committee** meets as events are scheduled. Please contact Wendy Osborn at 703-834-7978 for more information.

*Meeting
Times for
CHHA
Groups*

*Letter
to the
Editor*

Dear Editor:

I wanted to alert neighbors to a recent theft at my home.

In late September, two of my son's friends came over to our house after school. They each parked their skateboards on my front porch, leaning them against the house. When they left a few hours later, both boards were gone. It was daylight ... between 3:00-4:00 in the afternoon.

I had the front door open with the screen latched because it was a beautiful day. So we were particularly surprised that someone was bold enough to come up to the porch to snatch the boards.

In fact, it was such a brazen act, we were convinced it was a prank played by a friend. But no one has stepped forward. We didn't report it to the police right away for that same reason.

I feel terrible that guests at my home were victimized. (I know skateboards can get expensive these days.)

But I also am concerned about the level of safety we have always taken for granted.

I guess we can't be so trusting anymore!

Thank you,
Melinda Nahmias
Glen Taylor Lane

Editor's note: Please see the Neighborhood Watch article in September's issue of the Highlander.

Will Gregory, Board Member, asks that anyone with an interest in Neighborhood Watch, and everyone who experiences crime issues in our community, please contact Will at 703-787-3560.

"Taps"

This Veterans Day (Nov 11th) the well-known sound of "Taps" will be played at observances throughout our country. It was composed by Major General Daniel Butterfield, a member of the Army of the Potomac during the Civil War. He is buried in the Post Cemetery at the United States Military Academy at West Point. There are no official words to accompany the music, and many versions can be found. Here is a sampling of a few verses ...

Fading light dims the sight,
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.
From afar drawing nigh - Falls the night.

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Then good night, peaceful night,
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright,
God is near, do not fear- Friend, good night.

Do you wonder how your street measures up to the Standards & Guidelines of our homeowner's association?

You might want to keep an eye on this section as the ACC sorts through the notes from the Board's recent walk-through of Chantilly Highlands.

There was a fairly small number of major non-compliance that will be addressed

immediately. However, there was a high number of minor maintenance and other ACC concerns that must be addressed before they adversely impact other neighbors. We have decided that the best way to approach these issues is to take it street by street.

We should begin to see progress as we all get behind this effort, street by street, to spruce up Chantilly Highlands.



"My favorite thing to make for dinner is reservations." I used to have a plaque in the kitchen with that quote. The irony is that it should have been in a high-traffic area to be appreciated. It's not that I don't ever cook; it's just that I'd rather not. I think my family would rather I not cook, too.

For the most part, the reviews in this column will be for moderately-priced, family friendly, nearby restaurants. On occasion I hope to venture into some more exotic cuisines, possibly even as far away as ... Maryland or D.C.!

Of course, you may not agree with my tastes or opinions, but hopefully some of you will find my suggestions helpful. For those of you who love to cook and rarely venture out to dine, I envy you and your wallets.

My favorite type of cuisine at the moment is Mexican. There seems to suddenly be an abundance of Mexican and Tex-Mex restaurants in the area. You don't have to go far for a decent and relatively inexpensive meal. In addition to the old standbys, Don Pablo's, The Tortilla Factory, Rio Grande, On the Border and Tia's, I'm pleased to add Baja Fresh (Fairfax Town Center, Plaza America in Reston, McNair Farms), Picante (Chantilly) and Tequila Grande (Vienna) to my personal favorites. If you're willing to go a bit farther, there's Chevy's (Fairfax and Pentagon City.) If you don't care for spicy food, you can still have Mexican. Just order the milder dishes.

*...all for
under
\$10.00!*

There are three preliminary ways to judge a Mexican restaurant: Chips, salsa, and fajitas (four, if you count Margaritas). If these pass the test, you can safely go on to other fare. Suffice it to say, all of the restaurants mentioned have excellent chips and salsa, albeit quite different in taste and texture. Of the three, Tequila Grande has the most varied menu, but I have to admit to ordering the same thing almost every time – the Pollo Ranchero. This consists of chunks of chicken breast meat sautéed in delectable ranchero sauce with fresh broccoli, cauliflower, peppers and onions, in addition to Mexican rice, black beans, and tortillas, all for under \$10.00! I'm also a big fan of their tortilla soup, which is a favorite

appetizer of mine at other Mexican restaurants as well, particularly Rio Grande and Tia's.

I have tried a limited number of entrees at each of these restaurants, but I'd be willing to bet you would be pleased with whatever you order. The ingredients are fresh and the dishes remain consistent from one visit to the next.

I think my next plaque will read:
"Why make it if you can buy it?"

Please feel free to e-mail me (MKUPMAVEN@aol.com) if you would like to request a review of a local restaurant or have any questions regarding the restaurants mentioned in this issue.

As established in our Bylaws, three Board members end their terms at the end of each year, and three new volunteers come forward to serve on the Board of Directors for Chantilly Highlands.

This is your opportunity to be involved in the governing of our community. If you are interested, please contact any of the current Board members for information, or if you have any questions.

Your Feedback is Welcome...

What would you like to see in the 'filler' space of your newsletter? Do you want to see household hints ... maybe ethnic recipes that represent our neighborhood diversity? Do you want to see more about individuals from Chantilly Highlands? Would someone

like to help organize announcements like births and other family news? Your input would be helpful and appreciated. We'll compile the ideas and do everything we can to make it happen. We hope you will like the changes in the coming issues of *The Chantilly Highlander*.

The Dinner Bell

by
Barb Robbins

Board Openings

Filler-Up ?



Area Girl Scouts'

Yard Sale...

Dairy Lou Parking Lot

at Franklin Farm Rd

Nov 2nd

8:00 AM til 12-Noon

-free admission-

Multi-Family

Girl Scout Ad

Clothing Sale

"A Magical Holiday"

Party & Celebration

Saturday, December 14th

1:00 til 4:30 PM

Community Center



*This year,
let's make
it ...*

A

*Magical
Holiday*

The Social Activities Committee is planning our December holiday party. We call it "A Magical Holiday", and it will feature a magician.

We would like the holiday party to be a time for all members of the community to come together to share their traditions and cultures during these holidays.

In order for this to happen, we will need volunteers who will help participate in the planning.

The planning meeting for "A Magical Holiday" Party is Thursday, November 14th at 4 PM at the community center. If you have any ideas, suggestions or questions, please contact Wendy Osborn at 703-834-7978.

On November 26th, John Fish, the "*Shrub Guru*" of Meadows Farms Nursery, will discuss the use of shrubs for topiaries and containers. He will also provide guidance on how to keep those beautiful forms in shape!

Meet at the community center at 7:00 PM. Light refreshments will be served. Open to everyone...visitors and guests are always welcome!

Adopt a Spot Reminder...

November 2nd is the next **clean-up** along Stone Heather Drive Adopt-A-Spot is sponsored by the Garden Club. Bring strong gloves and meet at Starbuck's at 9AM. Safety vests provided.
Call Cathe Hargenrader at 703-787-5745 for information.

For more information about the Chantilly Highlands Garden Club, please contact Virginia Hodge at 703-318-9231.

*Garden
Club
Nov News*

Pictures...



Some children's I.D. photos taken at our Community Day event have yet to be picked up. Please contact Wendy Osborn at 703-834-7978 if you have not received yours.

Brookstone Mortgage 1/21 page

GAS Handyman 1/2 page

JED Mechanical Plumbing/Htg & Gas
1/2 page

Danny Sampson 1/2 page

The

Henn Baskets & Pottery

Business Card

Clay Cafe Studios

1/2 page

**South Riding
Speech Therapy**

Business Card

Brennan Tree Service

1/4 page ad

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Beauty: The holidays are right around the corner! Make this year easier on yourself. Shop AVON. Please call Kris Morris, Independent Sales Representative 703-464-9373 for free catalog.

Childcare Needed: M-F, 9-5 for 4 1/2-yr-old (preschool MWF mornings) and 18-mo-old. Childcare experience, reliable transportation a must. Call Leigh 703-318--0483.

Crafters Wanted: Oak Hill Elementary Craft Show, Friday Dec 6th from 3-9PM. Tables \$15 + donation. Call Mary Ann Ceh 703-709-8560 or maryannceh@aol.com.

House Cleaning: Perfectly Maid excellent home cleaning service. Very energetic, meticulous and dedicated staff that takes pride in their work. Licensed/bonded. Frank Farm resident. Kimberly 703-758-8644. Free estimate.

Interior Design & Painting: Decorating a room & don't know where to start? Having trouble picking out a color to complement your room? Call Stromboli Brothers for free consultation and references 703-930-6504.

Pet Care: KC Pet Watch - experienced, dependable. In-home pet care while you are on vacation, business trip, or working late. Daily walks, feedings, TLC, medication if needed. Will collect mail, papers, and set security. For reservations call 703-435-3408.

Preschool Teacher Wanted: Frying Pan Park, for 3-yr-olds. Mon's & Wed's 11:45AM to 3:15PM. Competitive pay. Great team of co-teachers. Call 703-481-9444 or email: Ktdidinc@aol.com.

Misc For Sale: Washer/Dryer Set - Left over after move. White-Westinghouse. Extra large capacity. Great shape, \$75 each, OBO. Call 703-796-3590.

Resort Rental: Deep Creek Lake, MD - SKI! Private home. 3BR + loft. Sleeps 10. Indoor hot tub, 3 fireplaces, lake front, outdoor fire pit, 20 min. to WISP Mtn. 412-838-9245. \$475/non-holiday wknd.

Scrapbooking: Get ready for the holidays! Consider a gift from the heart, a photo album, or supplies for scrapbooking. Wish lists, gift certificates, catalogs, workshops, etc. Beth Butcher 703-707-0994 or CMBethButcher@aol.com.

KIDWORKS

(Young Entrepreneurs...18yrs & under)

Bicycle Helmets: 9th grader, needs unwanted bicycle helmets for science project. Need in early Nov. If willing to donate, please call Brad 703-478-2818.

Babysitter/Petsitter: 7th grader, CPR/Childcare/Emergency Care certified. Loves games & all sports. Loves all types of animals. Call Erinn 703-471-7269.

Childcare: 10th grader available for childcare and light housework. Completed hospital babysitting course. Adores children of all ages. Experienced. Call Kim 703-787-0113.

Lawn Care: Call Greenstone Friends for lawn mowing, raking, mulching. Reliable & flexible. Weekly services or as needed. Enjoy yourself - let us do the work! Call 703-435-5992 for estimate.

Monroe's Plumbing

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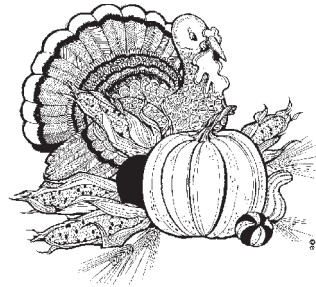
We're on the WEB:
www.chha.org

ACC Alteration Request Form
www.chha.org/extaltr

Resale Package Request
www.chha.org/resaler

Database Update Form
www.chha.org/dbform

Annual HOA Meeting Proxy
www.chha.org/theproxy



Happy Thanksgiving!

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