

## COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES

In January, CHEA contacted the County Treasurer's Office and the Solid Waste Management Office and asked them to review every tax bill in the CHEA area. They agreed to do this, using the addresses we provided. As a result of their review, they found errors in a number of the bills and have subsequently mailed new tax notices correcting them. If your tax bill was in error, you should have received one of these notices, along with an explanation on what happened. If you still have unresolved issues or questions, you should contact Linda Chialastri at 952-4827. She works for the County.

It is suggested that you check all of your County tax notices for this past year, including the supplemental notice(s) and make sure your total taxes for 'solid waste service charge' adds up to \$218.72. This charge applies to unincorporated areas where the County provides trash collection service. If your charges add up to any other number call Linda Chialastri. If you can not get a hold of Linda, call Mac Gibson at 833-5821. He is the manager of the County waste management program. They have been helpful to CHEA as we researched this problem, and they should be helpful to you if you need to call them.

## 1996 CHEA MEMBERSHIP FEES

Check the mailing label on this newsletter. Above your name is the date (YY/MM format) of your last payment. If this date is highlighted in yellow, your 1996 fee (\$25) is due and should be sent to Ron Blunck, 7001 Wells Parkway, College Heights Estates, MD 20782. Thank you.

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Does anyone remember the location of the old Hollingsworth house somewhere on Clagett Drive? Well, unless you've lived in the community a long time you probably don't! Twenty seven years ago Ed and Janette Sims moved into the Hollingsworth house, which is located at 4110 Clagett. If that wasn't enough, Janette's sister Sue Cronin paved the way into the community first by moving into the home she and her husband Frank live in, which is just across the street! Good relatives, good friends and good neighbors.

As we look back into Ed Sims' past we see that his father was the Chief of Police in Alexandria, Va, which is where Ed grew up. He attended the George Washington Law School and worked for the government during his early years. Janette's grandfather owned the Delhaven Motel on US #1 just north of the Beltway during the 1930's, but the Beltway, of course, was not there then! In order to avoid moving to California, the Sims decided to leave government service and get into the motel business. They ultimately purchased the Royal Pines Motel located on Baltimore Blvd north of the University of Maryland in 1958. This was their home as well as their business until they moved to Clagett Drive in College Heights Estates around 1969. While Ed is semi-retired now, he still participates in motel activities, and prior to his retirement he served for a period of time as the President of the Maryland Hotel/Motel Association.

Ed and Janette have four children, Drew who lives in Williamsburg, Va, Chris who lives in Silver Spring, Amy who lives in Laurel and Kim who lives in University Park. Through these four children Ed and Janette have 12 wonderful grandchildren. While semi-retirement has brought them some time, their grandchildren and their boating & golf hobbies have taken up most of the slack!

There's a lot of personal history coming from 4110 Clagett, just ask Ed or Janette!

## WELCOME NEW NEIGHBOR

If you live on Chansory Lane, you may have noticed a new family in the Nees home at 7007 Chansory Lane. They are Steve and Mary Ann Snider and their children Will (age 9), Jake (age 6) and Mattie (age 4). Will and Jake attend University Park Elementary School and Mattie goes to the College Park Nursery School. The Sniders previously lived for 15 years in Takoma Park, but they decided to look for a new community with a natural setting and full of trees and mature shrubs. The 'beauty of the College Heights community' was a real draw for them.

The Sniders own their own business, which is located in Takoma Park, but Steve is a music lover and Mary Ann enjoys artistic painting and working in the yard. The kids enjoy sledding, and were seen many times in January taking advantage of the snow on Chansory Lane! A hearty welcome is extended to these new members of College Heights Estates.

For all the 'old' neighbors in College Heights, if you have a 'new' neighbor on your street, please call one of the CHEA Board Members so we may contact them and welcome them as well to our community.

## POLICE SUPPORT & STATISTICS

CHEA stays in contact with the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) officer assigned to our community. His name is Danon Ashton, and he is in the process of setting up a COPS office at PG Plaza. Until a phone is installed at the Plaza he can be reached at the COPS general office (699-2640). When his new number is available we will provide it to you. If you have general questions or concerns related to police issues, please feel free to call him. Officer Ashton is the individual who initiated the bike patrols within his jurisdiction last year. His jurisdiction includes College Heights Estates. While the winter months have been tough for his bike patrollers, you may have seen them in our community.

If you have a Police emergency, you should always call 911 for 24 hour-a-day emergency service. Don't wait for Danon to be on duty for emergencies! Also, the County Police at the District 1 Hyattsville Office prepare monthly statistics on police calls received from our general area. Each of these calls are recorded in their records. On site police reports are taken on those that require it. For all of 1995 and for January of 1996 the number of calls for our area were:

CALL TYPE	1995	JAN
Accident	30	1
Suspicious Person	13	1
Found Property	0	0
Premise Alarm	24	5
Stolen Vehicle	2	0
Assault	1	0
Theft	14	1
Domestic Issue	12	0
Traffic	18	3
Disorderly	2	0
Party	2	0
Abuse	1	0
Tampering	1	0
Check Auto	6	0
Hit & Run	1	0
Death	1	0
Prowler	2	0
Break & Enter	13	1
Assist	2	0
Vandalism	8	1
Other	25	3
Total	178	16

The County Police encourage all citizens to call them to report all problem, even if they are only minor problems or unusual activities. We know our own neighborhood & community better than anyone else, and we can help the police by being willing to pick up the phone and call them. They won't feel like you are wasting their time!