



**General Membership Meeting
September 28, 2020**

Call to Order: 7:31 pm.

Remarks from James Walkinshaw, Braddock District Supervisor:

- He attended our Ice Cream Anti-Social.
- COVID-19 Pandemic:
 - As of today: **21,030** positive cases in Fairfax County, **601** deaths (large portion of deaths occurred in nursing homes).
 - Disproportionate impact in the Hispanic community:
 - ✓ 17% of population
 - ✓ 47% of COVID cases
 - Fairfax County has 1400 new cases/week
 - In April, our positivity rate was 35%. This week, it dipped under 5%. Mask wearing has really helped, and our citizens have stepped up.
 - The Health Department has been targeting hard hit areas of the County with free COVID testing since February.
 - The Health Department has assembled a team of over 1,000 contract tracers who encourage COVID positive individuals, as well as their contacts, to isolate themselves. We have the capacity now to track every positive person.
 - Although we really don't know what will happen, we have to be prepared for a virus resurgence this winter.
 - COVID dashboard on the Fairfax County website is available to citizens.
 - How our community can help:
 - ✓ Fairfax RISE grant program was created to assist small businesses and non-profits affected by the economic downturn who did not receive government help (ten to 15,000 dollars).
 - ✓ There is a \$20 million basic needs fund to help cover food, rent, etc. that is distributed by existing non-profits who know the community.
 - ✓ Fairfax FISH works directly in our area and we could contribute to them.
- Lake Barton will be dredged this winter, and restoration work will be done to the riser. Cold deep water will be shunted downstream through the riser to improve water quality.

- Braddock Road improvements are planned between I-495 to Wakefield Chapel Road and Danbury Forest Drive. There will be no road widening, but 17 interchange improvements as well as bike/pedestrian paths are proposed.
- There is a \$112 million park bond referendum on the ballot this fall. The first 20 million could be used to improve the Audrey Moore rec center.
- The Braddock Beacon newsletter is published every Friday and it contains 15-18 pages of community news. You can subscribe by sending an email to: Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov
- The best way to reach Supervisor Walkinshaw is Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-425-9300.

Board Updates:

First Vice President (Bill) – external affairs:

- He is putting together a past presidents list and also a past covenants list.

Second Vice President (Diana) – internal affairs:

- We have a full set of block captains now (Mindy helped a lot!).
- The membership drive will be in January.

Treasurer (Theresa):

- Almost \$19,000 in checking account, but must keep \$10,000 in reserve for sign replacement.
- According to our by-laws, we must keep \$5,000 in reserve for legal fees. We have that in the savings account.
- The directory was not printed this year, so no advertising revenue. We plan to print it in 2021.
- Members voted to accept the budget.

President (Amye) – By-laws changes:

- The Welcoming Chair has been separated from the Events Committee, formalizing the Events Committee. Members voted to accept this change.
- Members voted to establish a Past Presidents' Committee.

Program:

Marion Plummer, Recycling Specialist with Fairfax County Solid Waste Management

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- Recycling plastics depends upon the collector, and what the processing facilities will accept and can sell. Resin numbers mean nothing concerning recyclability.
- Ridding ourselves of plastics:
 - Stop using bottled water
 - Stop using plastic produce bags
 - Skip the straw

- Re-use plastic take-out containers
- Avoid pre-packaged food
- Store food in glass containers
- For more information:
 - ✓ <https://lifewithoutplastic.com/>
 - ✓ <http://www.cleanfairfax.org>
- For a future General Membership meeting speaker, she recommended Jen Cole of the Clean Fairfax Council.
- Avoid contamination in your recycling bin such as plastic bags, shredded paper, hangers, dirty diapers, hoses, and take out containers. They clog up the equipment, and workers must stop operations to remove them.
- Glass recycling is a huge success in Fairfax County!
 - Four million pounds of glass has been collected since Spring 2019.
 - Our glass is of very good quality and is in high demand by reprocessors.
- Use paper bags for yard waste. Not sure whether Fairfax County will implement a ban on plastic bags.
- Food waste drop-off sites will be available in the next month. Possible locations: community centers, libraries, farmers markets, landfill near 95.

Committee Updates:

Public Service (Bob M.):

- There have been a few incidents recently involving thefts from cars. This can be deterred by locking your car, keeping it in the garage, or removing valuables.
- Please note the newsletter article regarding fireplace safety, as chimney fires can happen.
- The Fire Department will not be hosting open houses this year due to COVID, but will have virtual open houses instead. For more info, go to the Fire and Rescue website.
- About 10 calls per day coming in for COVID, which is way down.
- Budget cuts due to the loss of business taxes means a \$5 million cut to the Fire Department. They have revamped their response algorithm in order to cut down on personnel and equipment.
- Advanced-EMT Certification now requires only 150 hours of training vs. 1400 hours.
- If you see something, report it to the Police! The more calls they get, the more they will patrol our area.

Schools (Mindy and Aileen):

- Schools are still giving out food, but nothing else going on right now.
- Elementary schools are planning to start bringing back a small cohort of students.

Newsletter (Laura): not present

- Winter edition comes out in December.

Beautification (Bertha and Peter):

- Will start changing the plantings for fall in the next week or so.
- The signs need to be cleaned (they are plastic).

Scholarship (Bob C.):

- Looking forward to giving out the scholarship next year.

Welcoming (Bertha):

- Has delivered 6 more packets since the newsletter was distributed.
- Lots of young people moving into our community.

Events (Sherrie):

- We had a successful Ice Cream anti-social! Over 100 people attended, there were lots of young families, and they enjoyed the crafts.
- Many people have come forward with ideas to cope with the Pandemic:
 - Remembrance Mondays – to honor the lives lost
 - Bag piping
 - Porch concerts
 - Food trucks – there are 4 now, and we have a schedule through March.
- Please check Next Door regularly for information about what is going on!

Women's Club (Karen Houck and Kay Nicklas):

- The Women's Club meets the first Monday of the month (Sept-June) at a member's home. Lunch is served, and the agenda includes a speaker and business meeting.
- Some club members no longer live in CCV, but continue to participate.
- Kay has been a member for 7 years and is now the President.
- Members donate money and goods to various charities.

Other items:**Halloween:**

- Pumpkin Carving Contest and Halloween Yard Decorating Contest led by TJ McCurdy:
 - Post photos on Next Door of your pumpkin and/or yard decorations, including your name and address.
 - Residents can vote online from **Oct. 30, 6 pm** until **Nov. 1, noon**.
 - One winner per contest will receive a gift card and trophy.
 - The trophies will be passed from winner to winner each year.
- Trick or Treating – CCVCA cannot mandate what people should do this year, but suggestions include placing individual bags of goodies on a table for the children to select.

Suicide Prevention Walk, October 3 (Susan McKenney):

- Will take place in our neighborhood since the City of Fairfax would not give a permit. The route will be posted on Next Door and Facebook.
- Suicide is on the rise because of COVID-19.
- Opening ceremony at noon, 5213 Concordia St. Supervisor Walkinshaw will be there.
- Walk begins at 12:30, and concludes with a cookout at Susan's house.

Rundown Properties:

- If you notice a house that appears rundown, or the yard needs mowing, the best approach is to knock on the door and ask if they need help.

Outstanding Tasks:

- Amye is in the process of updating our logo and website.
- Bill B. is still working on the CCV land records mission. He is able to do this online, rather than go to the Government Center. Bill Sweitlik has old colored maps of the neighborhood with various notations which he can show to Bill.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Beatty
CCVCA Secretary