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## President's Message

*Diana Michel, CCVCA President*

Summer is upon us and with the warmer temperatures our thoughts give way to outdoor pursuits and projects. Since we have a few new families in the neighborhood, I would like to share a couple of the highlights of warmer weather for me. First are Fairfax County farmers markets! There are 11 farmer's markets currently listed on the county website at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/wp-farm-mkt.htm>. They run from Wednesday through Sunday at varying times of the day to accommodate most any schedule. All items sold are grown within 125 miles of Fairfax County. The beautiful array of brightly colored fresh fruits and vegetables is visually tantalizing and smells wonderful during strawberry and blueberry season.

Another summertime favorite is the huge selection of free summer concerts. The closest venue to CCV is Braddock Nights on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at Royal Lake. If one is willing to travel a little further, there are many other choices - and on varying nights as well. These events are all child and dog friendly. Details are available on the Fairfax County website under the Park Authority's Summer Entertainment Series - <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/braddocknights.htm>.

Closer to home, we often turn our attentions to our yards at this time of year and contemplate some improvements! If you are thinking of adding or modifying an existing fence or adding a shed to your property, we would suggest doing two things: talk to your neighbors and check Fairfax County's code requirements. While you may not be under any legal obligation to get a neighbor's approval for changes on private property, it is always nice to maintain the good will of one's neighbors and speaking with them prior to making improvements will go a long way toward that. It is much easier to work out differences in the planning stages than when a contractor arrives with supplies! The website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/setbacks.htm> is a good place to start looking for county code requirements. Since we in CCV are a civic association, our only requirements are that your improvements meet county code.

As always, please feel free to reach out to any board member with any issues or concerns that you may have. Hope you all have a great summer!

## National Night Out

*Don Weber, CCVCA Treasurer*

National Night Out is a nation-wide initiative to bring neighbors together, strengthen communities, and raise awareness of public safety. **It will take place this year on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.** Country Club View Civic Association supports National Night Out. We encourage Block Captains to organize informal get-togethers that evening, indoors or out, for their residents of their blocks, serve some light refreshments, and get to know one another a little better. It's not so important what you do - just plan something simple and easy. Like inviting neighbors to bring their lawn chairs, sit around in the yard, and enjoy an Italian ice while chatting. CCVCA will reimburse Block Captains for refreshments up to \$25 for each block. Please let one of the community leaders know if you are holding an NNO event so that we can coordinate visits from public safety agencies. For more information about National Night Out, go to [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org). Please make NNO part of your summer!

## About the CCVCA Newsletter

The Country Club View Civic Association Newsletter is published quarterly. To advertise or submit articles or suggestions, please contact Susan Mekenney at [susan@movetovirginia.com](mailto:susan@movetovirginia.com). CCVCA reserves the right to not publish any material it deems inappropriate.

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### Civic Association Scholarship

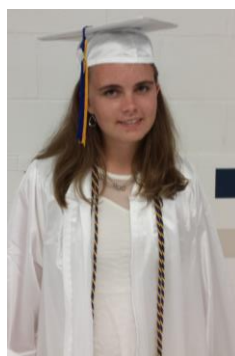
Robert Mizer, Scholarship Chair

Each year your association awards a scholarship to a graduating senior whose family is a member of the Civic Association. The Paul Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, participation in school and community activities, a short essay, and an interview. This year, because of your generosity, the association was able to provide two scholarships.

The association received applications from seven graduating seniors this year, a record number. The selection committee met over several nights, reviewing the applications, conducting interviews and after much deliberation selected two recipients. It was not an easy decision as all the candidates are great examples of the outstanding young men and women in our community. Thanks again to Sheila Coffin and Nicole Benn for participating on the committee.

This year's winners are **Katharine Dunphy** who lives on Portsmouth and **James Kan** who resides on Princess Anne Ct. Katharine, who graduated from WT Woodson High School, will be studying biomedical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Worcester, Massachusetts. She was active in school, participating in several diverse organizations including the Varsity Math Team and Science Olympiad. Her hard work earned her membership in the National Honor Society and National Science Honor Society. Katharine is a senior Girl Scout and life guard. You may see her at the Sideburn pool where she is assistant manager. James graduated from Robinson Secondary and will be attending the University of Illinois where he will be studying electrical engineering. While at Robinson, James participated in a wide range of activities including the Science Olympiad, the Philharmonic Orchestra, and the varsity tennis team. He was a member of the Math Honor Society and attended the Governors School for Mathematics, Science, and Technology. Congratulations to Katharine and James.

**For the Class of 2016 it is time to start thinking about your application for next year's award.**



## Neighborhood Watch Needs You!

*Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service & Neighborhood Watch Chair*

The Neighborhood Watch needs individuals/couples who are willing to patrol the neighborhood for **two hours three times a year**. We know everyone has commitments but we are asking you to find six hours a year to help keep your community safe. We especially need watch standers who can go out during the day. The program also needs people who can call watch standers the week before they are scheduled to remind them of the watch. If you have a cell phone you can be a watch stander. Training is provided.

If you are unable to participate as an active watch stander remember everyone in the community is still part of the watch. Be alert as you go about your daily business, know your neighbors, make notes of suspicious activity or vehicles and call the police if you feel there is something wrong.

The watch serves an important role in the community. Statistics show that neighborhoods with an active watch have a lower crime rate. The watch serves as the eyes and ears of the police and your CCVCA board. It is also an opportunity to get out in the community and meet your neighbors and see what is happening in CCV.

Earlier this month several CCV residents had packages delivered by the USPS, FEDEX, and UPS stolen. If you are expecting valuable packages you can request signature required delivery. I know this is inconvenient but it will ensure your package is safe. If you have a neighbor who is home during the day, have them be on the lookout for the delivery and hold it for you.

As a reminder, don't leave valuables in your vehicle and lock the doors when you leave it on the street.

## Robinson Update

*Michelle Cummings, CCVCA Schools & Scholarship Chair*

Although school is out for summer, Robinson and Oak View will still be busy. The schools will host a variety of summer programs and camps. Here is just a small sampling of some of the summer offerings:

Robinson Drama Camp – Robinson offers a variety of camps for all ages (kindergarten through high school) to learn more about the performing arts. All children are welcome regardless of whether Robinson is the school they will attend or not. The camps vary from half day to full day, morning and afternoon. For more detailed information on the camps, please visit the website:

<http://www.robinsondrama.org/stage-door/>

Ram Sports Camps – The Rams Sports Camp has been running for over 13 years at Robinson. There are a variety of camps for all ages (kindergarten through high school) and all athletic abilities. Camp varieties include multi-sport camp, preschool camp, and sport-specific camps. Camps vary from half day to full day, morning and afternoon. Children can participate in multiple sessions per week. If you have a busy schedule and don't want to commit to a full camp, the preschool and multi sports camp offer a daily drop in policy. For a more detailed description and schedule of the camps, please visit <http://www.robinsonathletics.com/main/otherad/contentID/260723>

When we return to school in September, remember that there will be a new schedule for Robinson and Oak View. ***Oak View will run from 8:30-3:15 and Robinson will run from 8:00-2:45.*** Because these are new start times, please be patient with the morning traffic. Hopefully it will not be a problem, but you might want to plan ahead starting in September.

## Country Club View Woman's Club

*Bea Stephens, CCVCA Women's Club Representative*

Club meets at 9:30 am on the first Monday of the month in members' homes. If you would like to visit a meeting or learn more about us, call Jean Brewer, Membership Chairman, at 703-978-5592. Our October Program will be John Orr, Biologist, Fairfax County Health Dept., Subject: Protecting Yourself from Disease Carrying Insects. Other Programs are being secured over the summer.

## The CCVCA Directory Is Here!

*Cliff Keenan, CCVCA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

With much appreciation to **Tom Carnahan** for all of his work in creating our membership database and converting it into our Neighborhood Directory, we are happy to say that CCVCA members will receive their 2015 Directory along with this newsletter. In it you will find contact information for your neighbors (who want their info so listed), along with services provided by both adult and youth neighbors, important phone numbers, the CCVCA by-laws, and ads from our supporters (please be sure to consider using their services first!).

If you do not receive the Directory, we do not have you listed as a CCVCA member (or made a mistake - sorry!). In either case, please contact Cliff Keenan ([cliffkeenan@gmail.com](mailto:cliffkeenan@gmail.com)) and we'll make the necessary changes (along with any edits that may need to be made).

It's never too late to join the CCVCA - though we only publish the Directory every two years, we will provide an update next year in order to reflect changes that have taken place. You can find a current membership form on Nextdoor.com.

### *IT'S GAME TIME...*

#### **THE WORLD POLICE & FIRE GAMES COME TO FAIRFAX COUNTY!**

*Stephen Belisle, CCVCA First Vice President*

The 2015 World Police and Fire Games kick off around our Country Club View community on June 26, with an opening ceremony at RFK Stadium, and end on July 5, with a closing ceremony at Wolf Trap National Park. This is one of the largest, multi-sport, multi-venue events in the world, drawing more than 12,000 athletes from police, fire, and other public safety agencies, who represent about 70 countries and will compete in 1,600 medal events across 61 sports – in other words, this is a massive 10-day event happening around us. All of the sports events are open to the public and free to watch, although a few events require a complimentary ticket due to venue capacity. For some events, you would not need to travel far: George Mason is hosting baseball, basketball, bodybuilding, boxing, martial arts, orienteering, swimming, tennis, track & field, volleyball, and wrestling; and Robinson also is hosting tennis. To learn more about the Games, visit [fairfax2015.com](http://fairfax2015.com), and for an updated sports program schedule, visit [fairfax2015.com/schedule](http://fairfax2015.com/schedule). This is a great opportunity for everyone, particularly kids, to see Olympic-like sports competition right in our backyard (for free), and to honor and celebrate our community heroes.

## Good Neighbor Award

*Sheila Coffin, CCVCA Secretary*

At the General Membership Meeting held at the end of April seven of our neighbors were honored with a certificate and a gift card from Dunkin Donuts. These good neighbors were all nominated by members of the association for their helpfulness particularly during all the snow we received – a couple of them also are known to be helpful with their lawn mowers

Congratulate the following for being such good neighbors:

**Frank Brady** –

nominated by Bea Stephenson

**Linwood and April Rhodes** –

nominated by Michelle Cummings

**Matt Lomar** –

nominated by Diana Michel

**Robert and Jan Surprise** –

nominated by Don and Eva Driscoll

**Bob Franklin** –

nominated by John and Patricia Nash

**Beverly Harris** –

nominated by Susan Mekenney

**Raphael Gumucio and Tam**

**Lampremon** –

nominated by Diana Michel

We will do this again at the General Membership Meeting in the Spring so be thinking of nominees and send their names to Sheila Coffin at [sheshe.coffin@gmail.com](mailto:sheshe.coffin@gmail.com)



**Regan Miller** of 10512 Dillard Court was the lucky winner of the \$25 gas card from the Spring General Membership Meeting that was held on April 30 in the Oak View Cafeteria.



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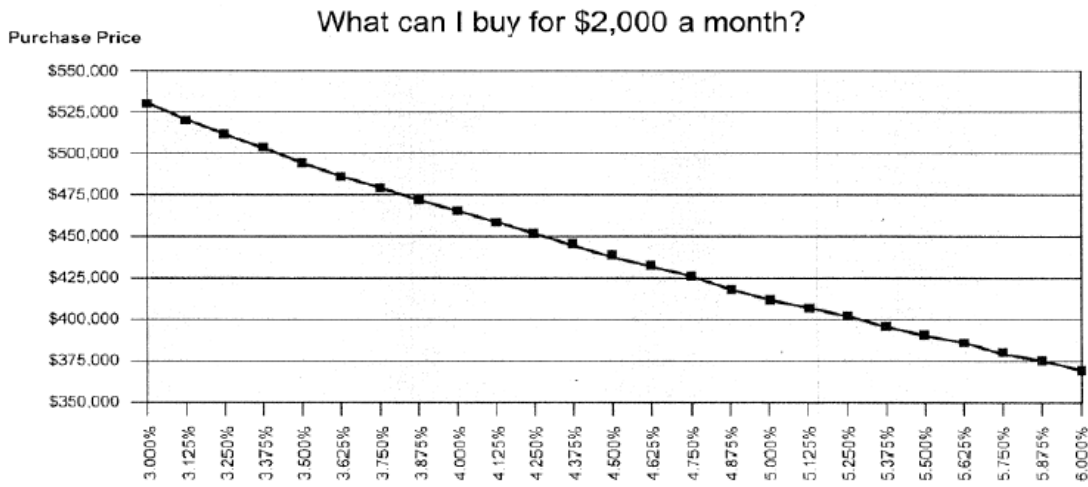
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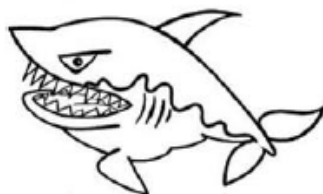
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