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**Editor's Note:**

*We value your input. If you have any comments on this newsletter or better yet, ideas for future articles, please contact Susan Mekenney, Newsletter Editor at [susan@movetovirginia.com](mailto:susan@movetovirginia.com)*

### President's Message

*Diana Michel, CCVCA President*

As I write this, it is snowing again, but the good news is that spring is literally days away. I would like to thank all the wonderful neighbors who have donated their time and effort this month using their snow blowers and shovels digging out some of the older residents near them!! It is always great to see people in the neighborhood volunteering to help others.

Note that our spring general membership meeting is on **Thursday this year – April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Oak View Elementary school's cafeteria.** We will be electing officers for CCVCA and Supervisor John Cook plans to attend to update us on events within the county and the board of supervisors. We should have a written update to share on the status of University Mall. Please plan to attend and contribute your views to the meeting. Hope to see you there!

#### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service & Neighborhood Watch*

Each year your association awards a \$1,000 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.

Applications will be due no later than **March 21, 2015.** The application is available on Nextdoor.com and from the scholarship committee chair. The application provides details about the process and required documentation. All seniors, regardless of school attended or home schooled, are eligible. **Feel free to contact me at 703-425-9607 if you have any questions.**

**Country Club View Civic Association General Membership Meeting  
Thursday, April 30, 2015, 7:30 p.m.**

**Oak View Cafeteria**

**Door Prize, \$25.00 Gas Gift Card,--Guest Speaker, Supervisor Cook  
Important Board Elections**

## 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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## MUSICAL CHAIRS IN COUNTRY CLUB VIEW

*By Sheila Coffin, CCVCA Board Secretary*

For as long as I have lived in Country Club View (30 years this coming fall) there have been only a handful of names on the Board of the civic association. A few people have managed to escape – mostly by being promoted to larger regional boards or positions and some of those (Cliff Keenan) are doing both. Some have managed to escape for a period of time only to succumb to pressure to return. Our by-laws allow for a person to hold a specific position for only three years – what has been happening for years is that when those three years are up people simply rotate to a new job on the board. Of all the people on the board currently only two are on their first term ever – one is a young mother of two very small children with a full time job – and a young father with two young children and a full time job – so being busy is no excuse. Everyone else on the board has held several different positions.

It is unfortunate that in a community of this size there are only a handful of people willing to step up and help. The jobs are not difficult or demanding. We try to meet once a month in the evening about ten months out of the year. We meet in each other's homes (no long drive), usually have snacks (sometimes beer – one of the hosts even has a kegerator) and share good fellowship. We learn of happenings in the area that others might not know for a while, we get to interview bright young people and award scholarships to them – just a couple of the "fun" things that come with being on the Board.

Please give a thought to joining the CCVCA board or one of its many committees – there is no such thing as too many volunteers! You can find the job descriptions for board members in the neighborhood directory.

**Call Diana Michel, President, at 703-352-0945 or e-mail her at [dianamichel@gmail.com](mailto:dianamichel@gmail.com) if you would be interested in joining this illustrious group.**

# We Want; No, We Need You!

## 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 also need people who can call watch standers the week before they are scheduled to remind them of the watch. We provide the necessary training. The watch is down to the lowest number of participants that we have ever had in the 20 plus years I have had the watch. We need help.

If you are unable to participate as an active watch stander remember that 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 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.

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

**Contact Bob Mizer at 703-425-9607 for more information or to volunteer.**

## Robinson Update

*Michelle Cummings, CCVCA Schools & Scholarship Chair*

As the weather warms up, check out the happenings at Robinson. Be on the lookout for posts on [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) for event details on the spring play, mulch sale, art show, and more. For those of you who would like to come cheer on your neighborhood school, check out the Robinson webpage for the athletics calendar ([www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS](http://www.fcps.edu/RobinsonSS)).

Lastly, as we get closer to next school year, check [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) for the new, official start times of Robinson and Oak View. In the meantime, think warm thoughts so we can actually get to school to finish the year.

Nextdoor is where it's at when it comes to Robinson as well as Country Club View Civic Association activities. Consider joining to stay informed.

## CCVCA Memberships

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

The CCVCA Directory will be published later in March, so we're having a last push to try to get as many residents signed up as possible. As of today, we're well below 50% participation (about 200 homes out of the 475 within the neighborhood), so I've asked the Block Captains to knock on the doors of those homes from whom we haven't gotten a response as of yet. March 21st will be the deadline for returning your application (that is also the deadline for our Scholarship application, which is only available to CCVCA members).

We are looking at options for renewing memberships on-line (any tech-savvy volunteers out there?), but hopefully that is not keeping folks from joining the CCVCA. As always, feel free to contact me or any Board member with any questions or suggestions. Thank you.

## Country Club View Woman's Club, *Bea Stephenson, CCVCA Women's Club Representative*

Country Club View Woman's Club meets in member's homes the first Monday of the month at 9:30 AM. We have 4 vacancies as we are limited to 25 members.

- In March, John Orr from the Health Department will give a program on Disease Carrying Insects.
- In April, Emily Murphy will give a Tea Seminar and a Tea Tasting.

To learn more about us or visit a meeting call **Jean Brewer, Membership Chairman at 703-978-5592.**

## Nextdoor.com Continues to Grow But No Replacement for CCVCA Membership

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

We hope you're finding the Nextdoor.com website useful. We do have great representation there (**455 CCVCA neighbors are currently subscribed**), but it is not intended to replace your membership in the CCVCA. We are not utilizing some of the functions (like the "Events Calendar" or "Groups") to the greatest extent possible - feel free to use this great (and free) tool as much as possible (so long as the posts are appropriate, e.g., not purely commercial).

If you are not familiar with the site, you can access it at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com), and it will guide you through the sign-up process.

**Be a Good Neighbor. . .**

## Pick Up After Your Pets

*(Reprinted from the Fairfax County Web Site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov))*

Dog walkers are out in the morning before the workday begins and again in the evening. Most have something in common. They carry a bag, usually a grocery bag or the long plastic sleeve in which newspapers are delivered. These conscientious pet owners take their waste-filled bags and put them in their household trash or flush the contents in the toilet.

What about the not-so-conscientious pet owners? The Center for Watershed Protection refers to them as "**bad dog walkers**" and claims their numbers are 16 million in the United States.

***Pet owners who violate the County's pooper scooper law may incur a fine up to \$250.*** Unfortunately, since 1999 not one summons was issued for such violations. That means the only deterrents to leaving pet waste on the ground may be our individual conscience and societal mores.

Pet waste left on the grass or in the woods makes its way to storm drains every time it rains. **Storm drains lead to lakes or streams that ultimately lead to the Occoquan Reservoir and the Potomac Rivers, our drinking water supply.** Pet waste may carry disease-causing organisms, which make water unsafe for swimming and more costly to treat for drinking.

Dog waste on the ground is ugly and messy. It pollutes our environment even if it is hidden in the bushes, under leaves or in the woods. **Please pick up after your pets. Our health may depend on it.**

## Good Neighbor Award

*Susan Mekenney, CCVCA Newsletter Editor*

Our newsletter this issue is peppered with comments on the winter of 2015. While we've been blanketed with snow more times than anyone cares to mention, we're better off here than if we lived in Boston! *I can't even imagine over 100 inches of snow!!!* Guess there's always a better way to look at things—which brings me to the point of this article. Yes, we've been blasted with snow and yes, it's been a pain to shovel sidewalks and driveways but truth be told, this nasty weather has brought out the best in many of the residents of our lovely Country Club View neighborhood. Neighbors have helped neighbors unable to shovel for themselves. Just read some of the posts from NextDoor neighbor.

This is a great neighborhood and we do have a lot of wonderful neighbors. So your active Civic Association has decided to honor those neighbors who have stepped to the plate and become our neighborhood's Good Neighbor Winter heroes.

Please submit the name of your candidate by posting it on Nextdoor neighbor or emailing me, Susan Mekenney at [susan@movetovirginia.com](mailto:susan@movetovirginia.com). We will be honoring these people at our upcoming general membership meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 30 in the Oak View Cafeteria.





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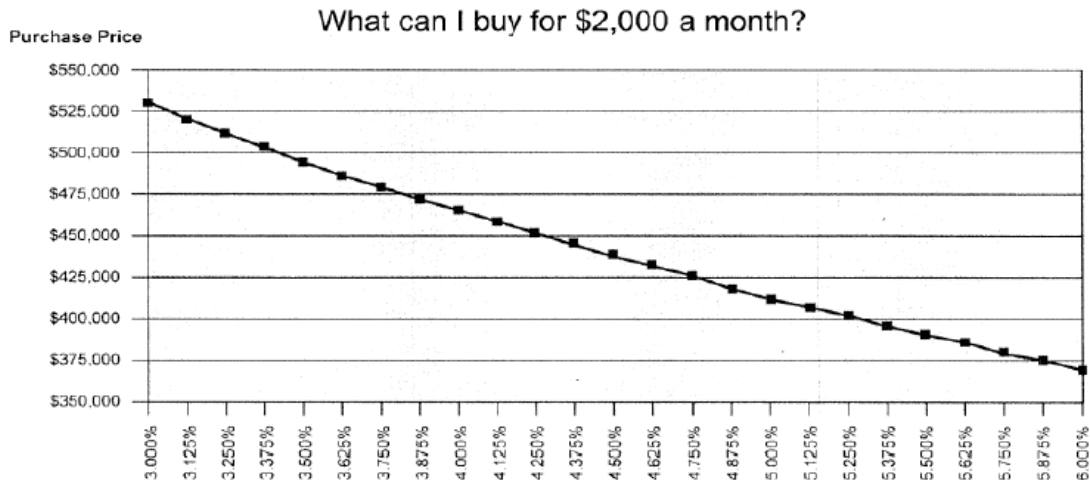
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Dear Country Club View Home Owners and Residents,

Country Club view is a great place to live. We've lived in the neighborhood for over 25 years and love it. Where else can you walk to school from kindergarten to college? Where else can you get a half price burger and go to the movies for \$2.00 on a Tuesday night? Where else can you walk and see the Circus, an opera or a rock show? We have sidewalks and street lights and our roads get plowed as soon as it snows. We're centrally located to the beach and the mountains, each just about two hours away depending on the time of day and the weather. Hands down, Country Club view is a great place to live.

We not only love living here but we believe in giving back to our community. We're members of St. Mary of Sorrows where we donate a portion of our commission to the St. Mary's building fund. We're also miracle agents which means we donate to the Children's Miracle Network with every one of our sales. In case you didn't know, any money donated to the Children's Miracle Network stays in the community.

We like to stay current on the value of our homes in Country Club View as I'm sure you do too. Sales in our community from January through the beginning of March include the following:

10506 Linfield Street	\$623,000	Regent
5115 Holden Street	\$569,000	Continental
5010 Sideburn Road	\$586,000	Nellie Custis

Inventory is low. So if you're even remotely thinking of selling, now is the time to do it! Want a no obligation assessment of your home's value? Give us a call.

Rosemarie Johnson and Susan Mekenney

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## Be on the Lookout for the 2015 Country Club View Directory

Country Club View Civic Association (CCVCA) is in the process of reprinting our neighborhood directory. This is a great tool to have at your disposal as it contains a list of all the members of the civic association by name and by street, a map, the bylaws, youth services and phone numbers of local businesses. The big catch is you must be a member of the civic association in order to be listed in the directory. Preference is also given to advertisers that are civic association members. So what are you waiting for? Join today! **Contact Cliff Keenan at either 703-385-8797 or email, [cliff.keenan@gmail.com](mailto:cliff.keenan@gmail.com).**

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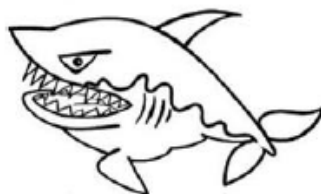
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