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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

President's Message

Diana Michel, CCVCA President

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer and done lots of fun things! Each change of season brings its new opportunities. The kids will be going back to school – starting out fresh with new teachers and hopefully making a few new friends each year. Fall craft shows will begin gearing up soon with fun and goods for all ages.

Perhaps some of the adults in CCV are taking stock of things and planning new projects for the fall as well. If so, one thing to consider may be composting! Backyard composting is a great way to utilize all those leaves that will soon be falling in our neighborhood and make some great compost to amend any gardens, shrubs, trees or lawns that might need a boost of nutrients. There are many sites on the internet with great ideas on bins for you to build, two-stage or three-stage systems or buying a ready-made compost bin. Fairfax County has a nice write up on concepts for getting started at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resource-management/archives/composting.htm>.

We have several neighbors composting already. I'm sure any of them would be happy to share ideas. Reach out through NextDoor if you are interested! Whatever you decide to do this Fall, we hope you enjoy our beautiful neighborhood, engage with some new neighbors and live life to the fullest. Hope to see you at the Fall General Membership Meeting!

**You are invited to the CCVCA Ice Cream Social Sept. 13 from 3:00-4:30 p.m.
CCV Park on Henrico Street. All are welcome!
Ice cream and toppings provided.**

Bring your lawn chair and meet the neighbors. Stay as long as you like.

Need:

2 doz. Cookies – 5

Whipped Cream – 3

2-liter soda – 5

Large bag of ice – 2

Jar of peanuts - 1

Contact Diane Carnahan (dcarnahan@cox.net or 703-425-9398) to bring any of these items.



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. CCVCA reserves the right to not publish any material it deems inappropriate.

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About Our Civic Association

Cliff Keenan, CCVCA 2nd Vice President

The Country Club View Civic Association (CCVCA) is a voluntary neighborhood association serving the Country Club View subdivision. The Association's primary objective is to make our neighborhood a better place to live. CCVCA does quite a bit for our community, including the following:

- Serves as the designated contact point for state and local governments.
- Represents CCV on the Braddock District Council and the GMU Community Council.
- Provides a forum to explore community issues, such as parks, traffic and parking.
- Sponsors a volunteer Neighborhood Watch program.
- Publishes a newsletter that focuses on news and issues relevant to CCV.
- Publishes a neighborhood directory of names, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses for CCVCA members. The directory also lists useful phone numbers and provides free advertising for services offered by CCVCA members and their families.
- Maintains a fund for future capital expenses.
- Presents awards for the best decorated homes.
- Sponsors a Welcoming Committee to meet and greet new neighbors.
- Sponsors a college scholarship program for local students. The amount of the scholarship awarded depends upon the contributions made by CCVCA members.
- Contributes to worthy community organizations, such as the Scouts and the annual James W. Robinson Secondary School graduation party.
- Sponsors neighborhood beautification projects.
- Maintains and landscapes common areas and CCV signs.
- Sponsors neighborhood social events.
- Sponsors community yard sales.
- Coordinates with other neighborhood civic association.

With annual dues of only \$15.00 per household, enjoy the benefits of being part of CCVCA and help make our neighborhood a better place for all residents. Return your completed membership application to:

- your Block Captain or
- CVCA, PO Box 7074, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7074 by **Oct. 31, 2015.**

Questions, contact Cliff Keenan, at 703-385-8797 (or cell 202-230-8210), or at cliffkeenan@gmail.com.

Public Safety and Neighborhood Watch

Robert Mizer, Public Service & Neighborhood Watch

As much as we hate to admit it, summer is almost over and a new school year is upon us. This means Friday night football games, soccer tournaments, Mason students, and cut through traffic. All this means more people going through the neighborhood by car and on foot and at different times than we see in the summer. There is more late night traffic which means that everyone in the neighborhood has to be more alert as we go about our daily business. Remember, everyone is part of the watch whether you are signed up or not. If you see something that doesn't look right, report it (non-emergency number is 703-691-2131). Neighborhood Watch teams have to consider going out later in the evening, especially after Robinson games and be more active in checking the park. (We can always use more volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch.)

In August CCV saw a rash of mysterious Q-tip deposits on various driveways and porches. While there was no real danger, it is a good reminder not to pick up this type of waste without some type of protection such as a plastic bag or paper towel. Better safe than sorry.

While talking about protection, here a few safety tips for the fall and winter months that can save your property and maybe your life.

- Replace smoke and CO detector batteries. If your detectors are more than ten years old, replace them. Consider buying the newer models with ten year batteries.
- If you use your fire place or a wood burning stove, be sure to have it inspected to prevent fires.
- Place ashes from fire places or fire pits in closed metal containers and store them away from your home. Do not leave ashes on a deck or near a wood fence. Ashes remain combustible long after they appear cool and gray.
- Be sure your fire pit has an adequate screen to prevent embers from escaping at least 10 feet from any structure.
- It is against the law to set an outside fire to burn trash, leaves, or any material without a permit.
- While hurricane season is past the half way point it is never too late to get ready. There are several good websites on the subject of preparedness that have a lot of great information on planning for the big one. (search hurricane preparedness)
- Get your vehicles ready for winter early and avoid getting caught by an early snow. You should carry a shovel, blanket, water and some snacks in your vehicle. Be sure your tires are in good shape and you have deicer and windshield washer fluid available

**Country Club View Civic ASSN.
General Membership Meeting
Monday, Sept. 28, 2015, 7:30 p.m.
Oak View Cafeteria
Door Prize, \$25.00 Gas Gift Card
Guest Speakers
From the County Code
Compliance Office**

Join Scouting Night Open House

What:
Pack 1865

When:
Thursday, Sept. 10

Where:
Oak View Cafeteria

Time:
6-8 pm or drop in
anytime



Election Officers Needed!

The Office of Elections is currently recruiting voters to serve as Election Officers a few days a year, including the upcoming General Election on **Tuesday, November 3, 2015**. Election Officers are needed at each of the 240 precincts in Fairfax County to run the polls and assist the voters.

[View the "Become an Election Officer in Fairfax County" Video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HV5cWp1fn60&feature=youtu.be)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HV5cWp1fn60&feature=youtu.be>

The Election Officer's main priority is to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the election process. Election Officers are offered a stipend of \$175 for serving a full day. *We especially encourage bilingual citizens to serve as we need language assistance in many precincts.* Residency in Fairfax County is not required. It is a wonderful opportunity for those interested in the election process or public service, and we need civic-minded individuals to help make Election Day a success!

To apply, call the office at (703) 324-4735. You can also email elect@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit the Office of Elections at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/working.htm> for more information.

Trash Services

For a number of years Country Club View has had a special rate with both Republic and American Trash Companies that service our community.

Republic is offering two options.

1. Twice a week trash, once a week recycling and yard waste for \$75.50 per quarter
2. Once a week trash, once a week recycling and yard waste for \$69.50 per quarter

In the past, there was a senior rate of \$69.50. However, Republic has decided to offer once a week trash service regardless of age to CCVCA residents. There will no longer be a senior rate.

Bulk and white good/appliance collection would still be billed to the customer.

They have also moved toward an automated renewal process. Customers that would like to maintain their regular 5 star service are not required to sign contracts or call in to renew. The rollover to the next term will happen automatically

The renewal term for Country Club View will be from **11/1/2015 – 10/31/2018** – note the three year term. Customers choosing the once a week option will be able to select Monday or Thursday. To contact Republic call 703-818-8222 and request the Country Club View rate.

American is offering trash and recycling service for \$75.00 per quarter to Country Club View residents. This would be effective as of 9/1/2015. In order for residents to get this offer, they must call their office at 703.368.0500 Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and identify themselves as being part of the Country Club View community.

Trash collection days are Tuesday and Friday. Recycling collection is on Tuesday. Yard waste collection is on Wednesday.

A word of caution for neighbors considering a "switch" from one company to the other: there may be a "service" fee from the former company to pick up its bins.



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Remember there is 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, be patient with the morning traffic.



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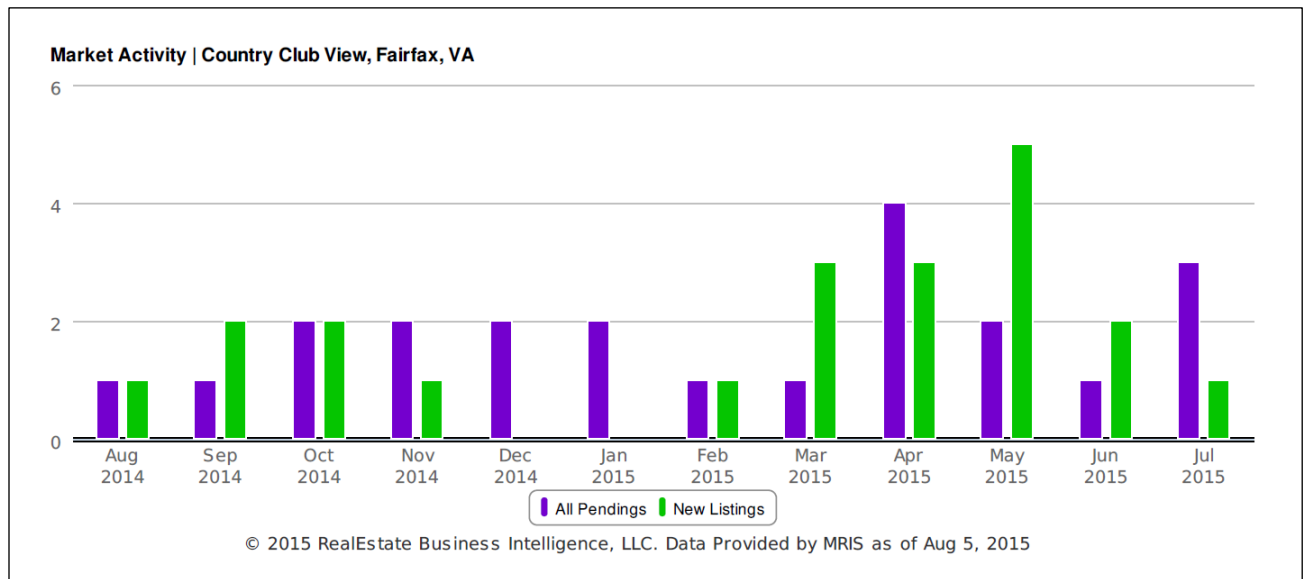
We would like to invite you to two very exciting classes that are being offered at our RE/MAX Executive offices in the month of September.

The first class is on **Sept. 10** in our Lakeridge office, 12531 Clipper Drive, Woodbridge. The class is entitled, **“Mold . . . It’s a growing problem.”**

The second class is on **Sept. 17** in our Fairfax office, 12001 Lee Jackson Highway, 2nd Floor, Fairfax. The class is entitled, **“Home Improvements that Sell Homes and Pay.”**

Both classes are free. Call or email us for details.

Now is the time to start getting your home ready for sale if you’re considering selling your home in the 2016 spring market.



The first column represents pending sales. The second column represents new listings. So as you can see, market trends tell us that March is the month to list and April is the month to sell.

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. We live in the neighborhood and we love it!



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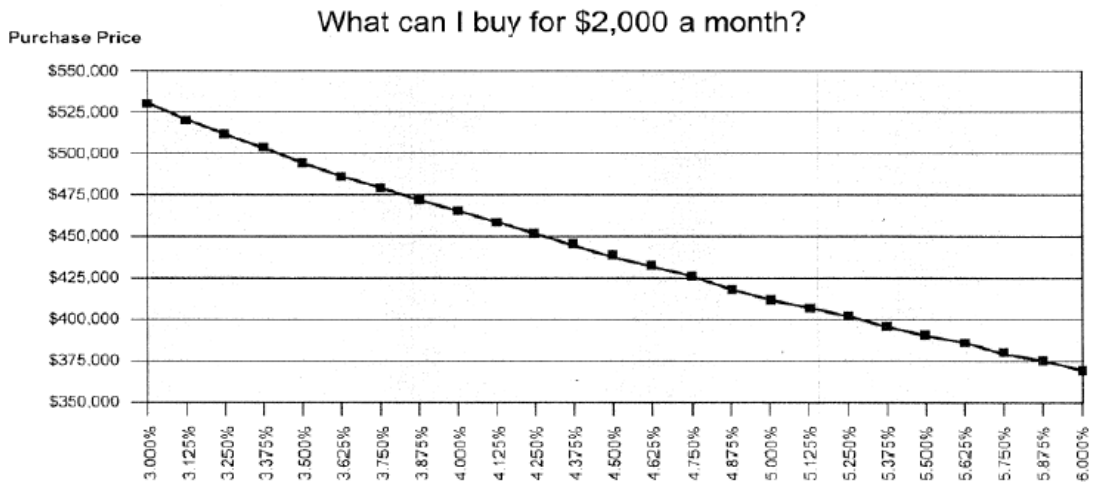
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