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### **Editor's Note:**

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## President's Message

*Diana Michel, CCVCA President*

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the winter holiday season. The CCVCA board has been busy this year working to keep CCVCA a great place to live! You will find the details in the many articles in this newsletter.

CCVCA sponsors Boy Scout troop 1865. We would like to thank them for their fall service projects that help maintain and beautify our neighborhood. The troop removed briars and dead bushes near the stairs going from the back of Oak View to Gadsen drive. They also planted ivy and ornamental grasses on the hill to try and slow down the erosion. Special thanks to scout, **Nathan Patrick**, who is working on his community service merit badge and his Dad, **Randall**, for weeding in front of both our neighborhood signs and planting pansies that are blooming there now.

We are on the lookout for neighbors who need some help with yard work who are unable to pay a lawn service. If you fit this category, or know someone who does, send me an email at [dianalmichel@gmail.com](mailto:dianalmichel@gmail.com), and we will try and connect you with a Boy Scout who needs service hours.

The renovation of the Giant at University Mall is coming along. Van Metre hopes it will be done in late January or February. They will be starting on a new building abutting the rear of Giant for McAlister's Deli that will take 7 – 8 months. So we will still have construction going on at University Mall well into 2017.

Look out for each other during the winter snow and ice and stay warm!

## CASH PRIZES CASH PRIZES CASH PRIZES CASH PRIZES

The annual CCVCA Holiday Decoration competition will be judged by a panel from the local Women's Club on **December 20 with a rain date of December 21**. Be sure to have your holiday lights on by 7:00 p.m. so all their beauty can be admired. The ladies will have cash prizes with them and will award \$50 for first place, \$35 for second place and \$25 third place winners.

You **MUST** be a dues paying member of the civic association to qualify for a prize but the ladies will have membership applications with them just in case. A sign will be placed in your yard if you are a winner so that all your neighbors can see how well you did.

Congratulations to last year's winners:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: **Chet and Candace Shafer**, 4911 Briar St., 2nd Place: **Jim Lovejoy and Tom Maves**, 5125 Holden St.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: **Patrick and Jan Packnett**, 5017 Gadsen Dr.

## About the CCVCA Newsletter

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## Holiday Safety Tips

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

Be sure your holidays are happy and safe by:

- Keeping your fresh tree well-watered
- Using only UL approved lights and not overloading circuits
- Turning off all lights & electrical decorations before bedtime
- Limiting the use of extension cords
- Not using candles as decorations
- Disposing of fireplace ashes outside, away from the home, and in a metal container
- Never leaving candles burning when you are not in the room
- Keeping candles away from combustible materials and in a glass or ceramic container

If you do need assistance from the Fire and Rescue Department you can help by making sure your address is clearly visible from the street. When there is snow on the ground, clear the snow from around the fire hydrants near your home.

## Calling All High School Seniors

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

It's that time of the year for graduating seniors to be thinking about applying for the association's annual scholarship. Each year your association awards a non-renewable \$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 20, 2017.** The applications will be available on Nextdoor.com and from the scholarship committee chair by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The application provides details about the process and required documentation. All seniors, regardless of school attended or home schooled, are eligible. It is not too soon to be thinking about applying. Feel free to contact **Bob Mizer** at 703-425-9607 if you have any questions.

## Trash Services for 2016-2017

*Diana Michel, CCVCA President*

For a number of years Country Club View has had a special rate with both companies that service our community. I have recently contacted American and would like to report their current offerings.

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.

Republic has 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 would be from 11/1/2015 – 10/31/2018 – note the three year term. I inquired if one were to choose once a week trash service, which day would it be and was told that the customer would be able to select Monday or Thursday.

***To contact Republic call 703-818-8222 to request a Country Club View rate.***

Trash collection days are Monday and Thursday.  
Recycling and yard waste is on Wednesday.

American is offering trash and recycling service for \$75.00 per quarter to Country Club View residents. This would be effective as of your next billing cycle and is a one year offer. In order for new and existing residents to get this pricing,

***you will need to call American's office Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm at 703-368-0500 and state that you are a resident of Country Club View.***

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

***Note: If you choose to switch companies for trash service, the company you are leaving will probably charge a fee to pick up their containers.***

## **MEMBERSHIP MATTERS: JOIN THE COUNTRY CLUB VIEW CIVIC ASSOCIATION**

*Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA First Vice President*

So what is a “civic association,” and why should I join? Two good questions, both answered here.

Importantly, a civic association is not a home owners association, and for example, has no powers to enforce rules and covenants, levy fines, or mandate membership. Instead, a civic association is simply a group of citizens who have *voluntarily* banded together for the common good of its members and community. In our case, the Country Club View Civic Association (“CCVCA”) comprises volunteer members from many of the approximately 470 homes in Country Club View (“CCV”). The CCVCA’s objectives include preserving the quality of our neighborhood and surrounding areas, including our schools and parks, roads, trash collection, parking, assessments, utilities, and much more, as well as promoting the general welfare, safety, and civic spirit of our neighborhood. The CCVCA seeks to accomplish those objectives using the “power” of its collective voice—your voices. Indeed, a single voice often goes unheeded by businesses and officials, but the collective voice of a civic association like the CCVCA usually has at least some, if not full, desired impact.

***Ever wonder why the massive utility poles and high voltage power lines along Braddock Road adjacent to George Mason University (“GMU”) aren’t on Country Club View’s side?*** That’s thanks to the CCVCA’s collective voice. While GMU didn’t want the poles on its side so as not to spoil the appearance of campus entrances, CCV residents likewise didn’t want the poles on their side due to health and property value concerns. The CCVCA supported its residents against GMU, and among other actions, even orchestrated and sent a bus load of residents to Richmond to testify at a hearing about the matter. In the end, the CCVCA kept the power lines away from CCV homes.

***Ever wonder why CCV residents pay less for certain trash services than many non-residents?*** That’s again thanks to the CCVCA’s collective voice. On a regular basis, the CCVCA contacts the local trash service companies, namely, Republic Services and American Disposal Services, to negotiate a special rate for CCV residents. The current CCV rate for Republic (703-818-8222) is \$75.50/quarter for twice-a-week trash or \$69.50/quarter for once-a-week trash, and for American (703-368-0500) is \$75.00/quarter. If you’re paying more, call the relevant trash company and request the CCV rate.

***In addition to its collective voice, the CCVCA promotes the civic spirit of our neighborhood,*** for example, by being the chartering organization for Boy Scout Troop 1865, which currently has a membership of about 85 Scouts and Venture Crew. This provides an opportunity for boys in our community to develop leadership and practical skills, and in turn residents benefit from various Eagle Scout and other service projects involving our community. Similar opportunities are provided for girls in our community by Girl Scout Troop 3847, which serves the Robinson Secondary School pyramid. The CCVCA also awards one or more merit-based college scholarships, with the largest typically being \$1,000, to one or more high school seniors in our neighborhood, based on community involvement, academics, achievements, and an interview with the CCVCA Scholarship Committee.

***The CCVCA promotes the safety and security of our neighborhood, for example, through a vibrant “Neighborhood Watch.”*** As per the Neighborhood Watch moto, “*We look out for each other!*” Thanks to many, many years of service of Bob Mizer, CCVCA’s Neighborhood Watch Chair, the CCVCA has a well-organized force of volunteer observers that patrol the community to help ensure a safe and secure environment for all of us.

We are our own first line of defense, and the CCVCA urges everyone to consider offering a few hours a year to our Neighborhood Watch program.

The foregoing is just a flavor of the benefits of CCVCA membership. By joining the CCVCA, one by one you strengthen the CCVCA's collective voice, and in turn the CCVCA's ability to be heard and be influential on future issues affecting our community. The time to grow and exercise our civic association—a force of citizens—is now, not only when the next big issue arises, as that may be too late.

**Membership matters—join or renew your CCVCA membership today ... it's only \$15!**

## How To Join the CCVCA

Obtain the CCVCA Membership Application, available at <http://www.countryclubview.org> under “Documents.” Electronic Submission: Scan and email a completed application to **Sheila Coffin** at [sheshe.coffin@gmail.com](mailto:sheshe.coffin@gmail.com), and submit payment via PayPal under “Payments” (<http://www.countryclubview.org/payments>). Paper Submission: Mail a completed application and payment to:

CCVCA, P.O. Box 7074, Fairfax Station, Virginia 22039-7074.

Note: If you're uncertain whether your CCVCA dues are current, please ask CCVCA President, **Diana Michel** ([dianalmichel@gmail.com](mailto:dianalmichel@gmail.com)).



## Can you guess the CCV location pictured here?

*Sherrie Brady, CCVCA Secretary*

Send your guesses (be specific) to [\*\*sherrie.brady@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:sherrie.brady@gmail.com) for correct answers to be collected for a drawing. Executive board members will draw for a winner who will receive a \$10 gift card after the January meeting. Be sure to include your name and address with your guess.

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