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Editor's Note:

We value your input. Comments or ideas for future articles are welcome. Contact Susan Mekenney, Newsletter Editor at susan@movetovirginia.com

President's Message

Diana Michel, CCVCA President

As winter is drawing to a close, we will all have the "blizzard of 2016" to remember! No doubt some will remember it more fondly than others. It was great to see so many neighbors helping other neighbors dig out. I do think it helps to build a sense of community that contributes to Country Club View being a great neighborhood!

Spring will be here soon and so will our general membership meeting! We will be meeting on Tuesday, April 26th in the Oak View Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to join us! For our internal business agenda we will be electing officers of the Civic Association for 2016 - 2017, discussing traffic calming in the neighborhood and hearing reports from our board members. Our outside speaker for this meeting is John Orr from the Fairfax County Health Department. He will be speaking on Protecting Yourself from Mosquito and Tick Diseases. With the Zika virus all over the news, we thought this might be a particularly appropriate topic for this spring. See you on the 26th!

Country Club View Civic Association General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2016, 7:30 p.m., Oak View Cafeteria
Door Prize, \$10.00 Gift Certificate, Compliments of Hair & Nail Masters
Guest Speaker, John Orr, Fairfax County Health Department
Important Board Elections

2016 Civic Association Scholarship Deadline is March 21

Bob Mizer, Scholarship Chair

Each year CCVCA 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 are due no later than March 21, 2016 and are 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. Questions? Contact **Bob Mizer at 703-425-9607**.

About the CCVCA Newsletter

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

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Not a Member of CCVCA? We Need You!

Cliff Keenan, CCVCA Second Vice-President

The Country Club View Civic Association (CCVCA) depends upon its membership to help make ours as wonderful a neighborhood as it is. In addition to asking for you to be INVOLVED in all that we do, the CCVCA also relies upon the dues it collects to provide its services, along with the voluntary contributions to the Paul Maltagliati Scholarship fund that is awarded each year to a worthy student whose family is a member of the CCVCA.

This year, our membership is well below what we had projected – we need YOUR support, if you haven't already joined. Please renew your membership, or sign up for the very first time! If you are not sure whether you have done so, let me know and I will check our records for you.

Membership is a mere \$15 a year. That's translates to \$1.25 a month. Such a deal!

Neighborhood Watch Needs You!

Bob Mizer, Public Service & Neighborhood Watch

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 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. Consider giving six hours a year to the community. It is worth it. Contact **Bob Mizer at 703-425-9607** for more information or to volunteer.

BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY ONE NUMBER AT A TIME

Stephen Belisle, CCVCA First Vice President

Ten digits – your phone number – in the hands of your immediate neighbors could one day pay great dividends for you. In the wake of the recent snow storm, we are all reminded yet again of the age-old saying, “hope for the best, but prepare for the worst.” But are you prepared for the worst, how about even the not-so-good? Well, you could take a giant leap down the path of preparation by giving your immediate neighbors your contact information, preferably landline and cell phone numbers and an email address. Once exchanged, neighbors should not hesitate to contact each other, particularly anytime things seem “not normal.” What does that mean?

Imagine a scenario where you’re home on a Saturday morning and you’ve observed your neighbor drive away with the whole family in tow as seems to always happen on Saturday mornings, but then a bit later you observe someone looking through windows in their house or moving around inside – you could zip over to your refrigerator where you’ve stuck your neighbor’s phone numbers and call them. Perhaps everything is fine, but perhaps not – your quick call could be the best phone call your neighbors ever received. Neighbors that can communicate with each other can provide some of the best (and free) security available.

Imagine another scenario where it has snowed 30 inches, everyone is hunkered down in their homes to ride out the freezing outdoor temperatures, plows haven’t come by in two days, and one of your adjacent neighbors who lives alone had recently celebrated her 90th birthday – you could grab her phone number off that same refrigerator of yours and call her “just to check in.” Until your 90th birthday though, you probably won’t fully appreciate how much comfort you provided to her by simply calling and letting her know that “you’re there if she needs help.”

Imagine one last scenario where you’ve flown off to Disney World for summer vacation and are having a blast with your kids, but back in Country Club View, a thunderstorm with strong winds has just sent a large silver oak tree crashing into your home. Perhaps you really don’t want to know what just happened and ruin your long-awaited vacation, but perhaps you’ll be ever grateful to your neighbor who grabbed your phone number off that same refrigerator of his (it apparently has lots of phone numbers) and called you about the terrible situation. While you obviously couldn’t wave a magic wand and immediately appear back at your house, nor make the tree disappear, understanding the situation on the ground by talking to your neighbor would most likely allow you to mitigate any further damage as much as possible.

Strengthen the fabric of our community by exchanging contact information with your neighbors and keep it updated. Don’t procrastinate, do it now.

COMING SOON

Be on the lookout for a brand new Country Club View Civic Association web page
www.countryclubview.org.

Country Club View Woman's Club

Bea Stephenson, CCVCA Woman's Club Representative

Country Club View Woman's Club meets in member's homes on the first Monday of the month at 9:30AM.

- In March we will have Joe Marinucci speak on Unusual Local Street and Place Names.
- In April a Fairfax County Detective will speak on Human Trafficking.

If you are interested in learning more about our Club, call:

**Jean Brewer, Membership Chairman
703-978-5592.**

Audit Volunteers Needed

The CCVCA by-laws state that each year a committee composed of at least two members of the CCVCA, not on the executive committee, shall audit the CCVCA bank accounts. It is time for the annual audit, so we are looking for two volunteers to form the committee.

CCVCA has a checking account and a money market account. Auditing them is a simple process, just a matter of reviewing the bank statements and check ledger to verify deposits and expenses.

If you are willing to help with this year's audit, please contact:

- **Diana Michel, CCVCA President, 703-352-0945 or**
- **Don Weber, CCVCA Treasurer, 703-978-2524.**

Country Club View Spring Community Yard Sale Scheduled for April 30

The annual CCVCA spring community yard sale will take place on Saturday, April 30th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. The civic association will provide advertising and will post signs at all entrances to the community. The sale will take place in each participant's own yard. Participating households may put out a sign, balloons, or something else to attract buyers.

The community yard sale has been a very successful event in years past. It is a great opportunity to de-clutter and to make usable clothing and household items available to others. Please help publicize the yard sale among your friends, colleagues, and associates. If you have any questions, please call Cliff Keenan, 2nd VP, at 703-385-8797, or email him at cliffkeenan@gmail.com.

All community households are welcome to participate, but if you are not already a member of the civic association, we encourage you to join. Membership forms are available from your Block Captain or on <https://countryclubview.nextdoor.com>. Soon forms will also be available on the CCVCA website, www.countryclubview.org



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Yard Sale Tips To Help You Turn Clutter Into Cash

Compliments of Rosemarie Johnson and Susan Mekenney

Thinking of selling your home this year? Yards sales are a great way to declutter and make a little money in return. Here are some pointers on how to make the most of your yard sale.

- Attention grabbers:
 - Place your large items close to the street to grab the attention of folks as they drive by.
 - Create a “free pile” to entice people to stop by.
- Put a price tag on every item.
- Make sure items are clearly labeled.
- Price items to sell.
- Display like items together.
- Use clear bags to contain sets.
- Make sure items are clean.
- Have plenty of change on hand such as quarters and dollar bills.
- Have lots of bags for customers to put their purchases in.
- If you have items that plug in, make sure you have a power source available so customers can see that the item is in working order.
- Create an atmosphere of comfort by playing some easy listening music in the background.
- Consider selling sodas or bottled water or even homemade cookies.

Left over items? Not to worry. We’re happy to take them off your hands. We’ll be driving around the neighborhood after 12 noon on April 30 to pick up any unsold, unwanted items and taking them to the nearest Value Village drop off point. Here the items will be converted into cash. Any monies received will be donated to the ***Paul Stefan Foundation building fund***. The Paul Stefan Foundation provides pregnant women in need of a place where they can focus on the birth of their babies. The Foundation is in the process of building a regional maternity and education center slated to open in the Fall of 2016.

If you won’t be participating in the community yard sale but have items you wish to donate, please contact either Rosemarie Johnson or Susan Mekenney to arrange a private pick up.

Rosemarie Johnson and Susan Mekenney

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