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Editor's Note:

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

President's Message

Diana Michel, CCVCA President

We hope everyone has had a pleasant summer and is now settling into the new routine of fall – whether that means the return of children and grandchildren to school – or just relief from the heat and humidity! ***We also hope one of the first things on everyone's fall schedule will be to renew your membership or become a member of CCVCA!***

The CCVCA board meetings are open for any residents of CCV to attend if you have any issues you would like to bring before the board or if you are just curious to see what goes on during the meetings. We meet the 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 in various members' homes. Contact any board member to find out the current location. Please let the host board member know you are coming just as a courtesy.

CCVCA is the sponsoring organization for Troop 1865. Their fall mulch sale is coming up soon and you should be receiving a flyer delivered to your door. Please help support our troop! **Mulch will go on sale September 10 and will be delivered the weekend of October 15th and 16th.**

Happy leaf raking!

Country Club View Civic Association General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Sept. 28, 7:30PM, Oak View Cafeteria

Door Prize, \$25.00 Gas Card, Compliments of:

Susan Mekenney & Rosemarie Johnson, RE/MAX Executives

Guest Speaker, a representative from Parks and Recreation, the "Green Team" will be speaking on how the money voters approved for park bonds will be used.

Neighborhood ice cream social! Come meet your neighbors!

Sunday, September 18th from 1-3pm, Country Club View Park

Please RSVP to tgired@yahoo.com so we know how much to purchase.

Feel free to bring a topping and lawn chairs



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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Update on CCVCA Traffic and Parking Subcommittee

Bob Mizer, Public Service & Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair

The committee met and is in the process of formulating several alternatives to define the problems and recommend potential solutions to the CCVCA Board and the membership for consideration.

The primary focus of the committee has been on the Portsmouth/Gadsen intersection, reviewing traffic and parking in that area. The committee is also looking at other areas of the neighborhood identified as problem areas as well as examining the overall condition of roads throughout CCV with an eye on future paving needs by VDOT.

More details will be provided at the September membership meeting.

Contact **Bob Mizer** at 703-425-9607 if you have any ideas or areas of concerns that you would like the committee to address.

2017 Civic Association Scholarship

Bob Mizer, Public Service & Neighborhood Watch Committee Chair

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 1st. 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.

Interested in being a part of our welcoming committee care package? Please contact either Diane Carnahan at dcarnahan71@gmail.com or Susan Mekenney at susan@movetovirginia.com. It's a great way to introduce your business to our new neighbors.

ST. MARY'S NEW CHURCH DESIGN UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA First Vice President

The County's Board of Zoning Appeals ("BZA") answered St. Mary's prayers on July 27, 2016, when it unanimously approved Special Permit Amendment SPA 77-A-041-04 for the latest design and alignment of St. Mary's proposed new sanctuary, rectory and fellowship hall. This latest design consists of an 18,500 SF sanctuary with a maximum height of 55.5 feet (depicted generally in the image below), 2,600 SF rectory, and 10,400 SF fellowship hall, which in total are about 15,000 SF smaller than the previously approved design. The county staff supported St. Mary's amended design and had recommended approval by the BZA in its July 20, 2016 Staff Report. Indeed, County Staff determined (and the BZA agreed) that St. Mary's latest proposed design is "in conformance with the land use recommendations of the Comprehensive Plan," "will continue to be in harmony with the purpose and intent of the R-1 District," "will not adversely affect the use or development of neighboring properties," and "has met all requirements of the Zoning Ordinance" (Report at pp. 17-18, 22). According to St. Mary's Pastor, Rev. James S. Barkett, the next step towards an eventual groundbreaking is for the church to work with its architects to complete the detailed architectural drawings necessary to construct the new church.



(Reproduced with St. Mary's permission.)

For more information, the 107-page Staff Report, recording of the BZA hearing, and BZA resolution may be found at the following links, respectively:

Report:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4534575.PDF>

Hearing:

http://www.ebmcndn.net/fairfax/fairfax-county-viewer.php?w=768&h=432&viewnode=BZA_7_27_16

Resolution:

<http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4536748.PDF>

Country Club View Women's Club

Bea Stephenson, CCVCA Women's Club Representative

Country Club View Women's Club meets in members' homes on the first Monday of the month, September through June, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon. Our programs for the coming year are being planned at present.

If you are interested in learning more about our club or visiting a meeting, call

Jean Brewer, Membership Chairman
703-978-5592.

WANTED

**Volunteers to serve as members of
the CCVCA Neighborhood Watch**

**Contact Bob Mizer at 703-425-9607
If interested**

Neighborhood Schools' Update

Mindy McAllister, CCVCA Schools Chairman

Schools are back in session and parents are heaving a sigh of relief! The football players have come around selling their \$20 discount cards for University Mall. [Please support the kids coming around early on that Saturday morning fundraising for band and orchestra!](#) [Tag Day for band and orchestra is Saturday, September 17th.](#) Please consider making a donation to support these worthwhile groups!

Get on board for another exciting year of Robinson Rams Athletics! Your valuable support of Robinson's student-athletes will provide transportation, uniforms, equipment, scholarships and facilities maintenance/improvements that will enable our athletes to strive to be champions as they compete at the 6A level of VHSL sports! Membership in the Robinson Athletic Booster Club provides you with EXPRESS ENTRY to ALL HOME* sporting events throughout the 2016-2017 academic year along with other valuable benefits. Each membership level below comes with the designated number of Athletics Boosters Sports Passes that provide the holder with entrance to all regular season home athletic events. For membership questions please email: Rob Jones, rrabcmembership@gmail.com or go to the www.robinsonathleticsboosters.com/membership.

Back to school nights at Oak View are Thursday, Sept. 22 – K-1, Tuesday, Sept. 27 - grades 3- 4 and Thursday, Sept 29 - grades 5-6. Back to school for Robinson are Sept. 14th (HS) and September 21 (MS).

Country Club View to Become a “Bee Safe Neighborhood”

Jennifer Hitchcock, CCVCA Resident

Madeline Hitchcock and **Adeline Prante-Price** of Girl Scout Troop 1742 are working to make Country Club View a “Bee Safe Neighborhood” as they earn their silver award. A “Bee Safe Neighborhood” is one in which a substantial number of homeowners agree to refrain from using pesticides harmful to bees. Honeybees are essential to our food supply, and approximately a third of the honeybees in Virginia have been dying each year. Since honeybees range as far as four miles, large chunks of land need to be poison free for them to survive. Maddie and Addie’s mission is to protect our bee population by getting signature pledges from 75 homeowners in CCV. They plan to visit homes through early fall sharing information and raising awareness of the importance of pollinators. Once they reach their goal of 75 commitments, they plan to host a party! You can read more about Bee Safe Neighborhoods at <http://livingsystemsinst.org> or contact **Karen Prante** at kprante@verizon.net for more information.

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University Mall Will Soon Be ALL New

Sheila Coffin, CCVCA 2nd Vice President

After a long delay, Giant Food has joined the renovation bandwagon and hopes to be open again in early 2017. Meanwhile, there are several new and interesting businesses at the mall.

ORANGE THEORY FITNESS – is currently selling memberships at their temporary office located on the lower level next to the ABC Store. Their facility will be next to Brion's on the upper level.

ABC STORE – is located on the lower level beside the veterinarian.

GIANT PHARMACY – is a temporary outlet for the Giant Pharmacy located on the lower level next to Kinkos.

BOXCAR TAN BAR – is located on the upper level behind Brion's.

REV PILATES GYM – is located on upper level behind Brion's.

THE CAVE GAMING CENTER – is located on upper level behind Brion's.

TROPICAL SMOOTHIE CAFÉ – is located next to the Giant entrance to the mall on the upper level.

COMMUNITY ROOM– when plans for the University Mall renovations first started, Supervisor Cook insisted there be space for community organizations to use for free. That space is now completed and located at the far end of the lower level under Giant. It includes an open area, 4 large tables, about 20 chairs and 2 bathrooms. It is available for any non-profit organization or individual. To reserve the room call **Angela Macuci** at Van Metre at 703-273-3200.

The Pinn and Mott Centers--two county run recreation centers are also available for community use without charge. Groups are encouraged to call or visit them for more information about what they provide.

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Noun

Definition: the state of belonging to or being a part of a group or an organization: the state of being a member : all the people or things that belong to or are part of an organization or group.

Sheila Coffin, CCVCA 2nd Vice President

The handful of Country Club View neighbors who run the civic association would be thrilled to have the backing of a large majority of the "members" who live here – whether they own or rent. A membership drive is currently running and an application for membership is in this issue of the newsletter.

Annual dues are \$15. We also accept donations to the scholarship fund which provides scholarships to children of members - the more money donated – the more scholarships.

While we do not always have a "big issue" to deal with, the Board is ready to represent the interests of the members in dealing with VDOT, George Mason, Fairfax County and others. It is amazing how much more weight a phone call from a CCVCA Board representative to one of these entities carries rather than an individual calling. We have regular representation on Braddock Council and other area organizations.

Please join the civic association by **returning the application and check to your Block Captain, bringing your check and application to the General Membership meeting on 9/28; or mailing your check and application to the address listed on the application.**



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