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President's Message

Stephen Belisle, CCVCA President

Temperatures dropping, kids bundling up, frost on the ground, and furnaces kicking on—winter is coming, and so too are the holidays! Are you ready?

I've written in past messages about vigilance, and do so again here. The cold and perhaps snow this year can challenge many things we rely upon for comfort in life, so don't wait until you need them to find out whether they work. How old is the battery in your vehicle? Don't get stuck in a frigid, dark, parking lot because your battery failed in the cold. Do you have a generator? When's the last time you started it? Do you have fuel for it? When's the last time anyone inspected your furnace or fireplace? Just because they worked last year, doesn't count for this year. Cracks in fireplace chimney flues or joints can ultimately burn down a house. Do you have enough emergency supplies in your home if an ice storm were to wipe out power in our area for several days? As the old adage goes, better to be safe, than sorry.

Attention! This will be the last newsletter distributed to members and non-members alike. Going forward, we will return to the past and distribute newsletters, without paid advertising, only to CCVCA members. So please refer to the membership article in this newsletter, which explains how to join or renew your membership, if not already done.

With winter, comes our CCVCA Holiday Decorating Contest! CCV always has some wonderfully decorated homes, but you must be a CCVCA member to win!

Happy New Year!

Steve



HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

The Women's Club will be judging outdoor decorations on December 19 (rain date the 20th). Have all your lights on by 7:00 p.m. Prizes will be awarded - \$50 for first place; \$35 for second place, and \$25 for third place. You must be a member of the civic association in order to win. **Another member benefit** – make sure you join now if you haven't already. The judges usually look at such things as symmetry, colorfulness or brightness, organization, thematic, whimsy, etc. – anything goes – GET CREATIVE!

About the CCVCA Newsletter

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HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS AND WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

Bob Mizer, Public Service, Neighborhood Watch

Be sure your holidays are happy and safe and prevent an unplanned visit from the Fire and Rescue Department (F&RD) by:

- Keeping your fresh tree well-watered
- Using only UL approved lights and not overloading circuits
- Turning off lights and 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 strong 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 F&RD, you can help by making sure your address is clearly visible from the street and clearing the snow from around the fire hydrants near your home.

Winter driving requires different skills and a greater level of preparedness. Many residents are new to the area and have never driven in winter conditions. Drive defensively, stay alert, and don't talk or text on mobile phones while driving.

- Be sure tires, battery, and windshield wipers are in good condition.
- Visibility can be severely compromised by snow. Clear ALL windows of snow and ice before heading out on the road. Remove snow and ice from the top of your vehicle so it doesn't blow off and cause an accident. Keep headlights on.
- Keep your windshield washer fluid topped off. Keep a can of deicer spray in your vehicle.
- Maintain a safe distance and speed. Avoid sharp turns or quick lane changes on snow or ice. Be alert for black ice.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle (blankets, food and water, small shovel, flares, extra gloves, and boots).
- Remember it is your responsibility to clear your sidewalks. Park your vehicle in your driveway or park on the odd numbered side so that plows can clear a wider path on the roadway and make their job easier and faster.



CALLING ALL SENIORS WHOSE PARENTS ARE CCVCA MEMBERS . . .

A HUGE MEMBER BENEFIT –THE PAUL A. MALTGLIATI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Bob Coffin, Scholarship Chair

It's time for the Class of 2018 to start thinking about their applications for next year's award. Annually, CCVCA awards a scholarship to a graduating senior whose family is a member of the Civic Association. The Paul A. Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on:

- Academic achievement,
- Participation in school and community activities,
- A short essay, and
- An interview with the Scholarship Committee.

The exact amount, and number, of scholarships may vary based on funds available (Note: most funding \$\$\$ comes from the annual Membership donations to the scholarship on the Membership form). Donations from members at other times will be most willingly accepted and appreciated, just contact the Scholarship Chair—we DO have some extremely talented and worthy students in our community!

Application forms can be obtained from the CCVCA Chairperson, **Bob Coffin, 10716 Almond St., Fairfax, VA 22032**. Applications must be turned in by **20 March 2018**. Contact the Chairperson at 703-385-3264 or ntktwalr@verizon.net if there are any questions about the application process.

MAKE CCV THE BEST IT CAN BE . . .

BECOME A MEMBER AND JOIN THE CCVCA NOW!

Diane Carnahan, 2nd Vice President

JOIN CCVCA NOW – We are well into our membership drive for the civic association for 2017-18. So far, we only have about 40% of the 400+ eligible residents, but we are hoping to get over 60% at least. Your participation in our association is encouraged. If you haven't joined yet, please get your application to us as soon as possible. You can send it to our mail box or deliver it to me at 4930 Gadsen Drive. Forms are available on our website and NextDoor.com or email me for a copy.

DIRECTORY – We will be publishing a new directory in early 2018. You will not be in the directory if you are not a member. The directory is a handy guide to the community and includes some ads as well as lists of neighborhood businesses, teens that are available for various tasks, public safety phone numbers, etc.

THANK YOU – Let me take this opportunity to thank all of our Section Leaders, Block Captains, and the Board. All together we have over 60 people involved in leadership in our community. That includes 41 block captains, 5 section leaders, 11 board members and committee chairs, as well as a few who assist with various tasks such as the community signs, yard sales, website, social events, etc. It is interesting to note that 9 people serve in more than one position such as a board member/block captain or section leader or they are block captain for more than one block. There really is a lot to keeping our community up to date and we invite you to participate.

THE COUNTRY CLUB VIEW WOMEN'S CLUB HAS OPENINGS FOR NEW MEMBERS.

- We usually meet on the first Monday of the month in members' homes.
- We have speakers at most of our meetings ranging from historical figures and Park Authority experts, to flower arrangers and various health/wellness experts.
- We take field trips such as to wineries and the Lavender Farm in Purcellville.
- We "do" lunch a couple of times a year.
- We raise money to donate to local charities such as FACETS, The Lamb Center, elementary schools, Warrior 360, No One Left Behind, Fairfax Animal Shelter, among others.
- We love getting to know each other, sharing fun activities, lending a helping hand when needed, and making a difference to each other and to our community.

For information, call **Liz Bateman at 703-323-1454.**

ATTENTION: Public Musical Performance by the Robinson Secondary Concert Orchestra

FIRESIDE CAFÉ

Tuesday, Dec. 19th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, in the Burke Centre Library meeting rooms.

Come and listen to beautiful music performed by Robinson Secondary Concert Orchestra, while relaxing by our flickering fireplace and savoring hot chocolate.

All ages. No charge.

*** NEEDED ***

TWO BLOCK CAPTAINS



We are looking for block captains for the following two areas:

5029-5038 Portsmouth/Elmira Court and
5014-5521 Portsmouth

If you live in one of these areas, please consider being a block captain so that our communication is not falling short.

What is a block captain and what kind of time commitment does it entail?

Block Captains collectively assist the CCVCA in communicating with Country Club View residents. Key duties and expectations of Block Captains include welcoming new CCV residents, encouraging them to join the CCVCA, and informing the Welcoming Committee Chair of such new residents, preferably within about one month of arrival as well as delivering CCVCA newsletters, directories and other material to residents within about one week of receipt from the CCVCA.

COMMUNITY INPUT SOUGHT FOR NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRAINING CENTER SITE

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

Supervisor John Cook is soliciting community input regarding the future of the former Northern Virginia Training Center site on Braddock Road. Recently he hosted a community meeting to talk with residents about the comprehensive planning process that is being launched for the site. The comprehensive planning process will allow the community to express its vision for the Training Center site and the adjacent State Police property.

Erickson Living has announced its intent to purchase the 78-acre site from the Commonwealth and is proposing to build a 1,100+ resident continuing care community there. However, this land has never gone through a Comprehensive Plan Review process.



The County has begun conducting a community needs assessment to better understand what the area currently lacks or needs to improve on regarding land use, environment, transportation, public facilities, housing, and parks and recreation. Supervisor Cook will also host a community meeting in late January to give residents the opportunity to express their opinions on community needs in person.

In order to ensure that Braddock District residents are involved throughout the comprehensive planning process, Supervisor Cook is creating a Training Center Site Task Force. Any Braddock District resident may apply by filling out an application form that can be found on his website. The Task Force will require a significant time commitment from members. The members will be selected the first of December and will begin working in early February. The Task Force will use the needs assessment and community planning meeting as a starting point from which it will develop options for a Comprehensive Plan. These options will be presented to the community at a public meeting in April 2018. The Task Force's work is anticipated to end with a community presentation of its official recommendations in late June 2018.

Supervisor Cook will share official dates for meetings via email and social media (Twitter and Facebook). He encourages citizen participation in this community planning process.

CCVCA RELATIONS WITH THE LARGER COMMUNITY

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

GMU West Campus Update — In June 2017, GMU issued the final report on its plans for the west campus. It is titled "George Mason University — West Fairfax Campus Vision" and is available on GMU's website at www.facilities.gmu.edu. The report discusses various options for developing three hubs, or neighborhoods, on the GMU campus for academics, innovation, and athletics. The report discusses potential impact on surrounding areas and includes a proposed timeline for development of the campus over the next 30 years.

Fairfax Federation 2017 Legislative Proposals — CCVCA belongs to the Fairfax Federation, a county-wide organization of civic associations and home owner associations. CCVCA has voted to support the legislative proposals that the Fairfax Federation has forwarded to our state senators and delegates for

consideration by the Commonwealth legislature. Many of these proposals may die in committee, but some may be enacted. To view these proposals, visit www.fairfaxfederation.org. Under “Committees” click on “Legislation.” Then click on “approved legislative package” which is highlighted on the Legislation Committee page.

Other external matters (discussed in separate newsletter articles herein) include development of the NVTC site on Braddock Road, a proposed housing development for the northeast corner of Braddock and Roberts Roads, and a coat/blanket drive for Syrian refugees.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about transportation, zoning, covenants, legislation, or any other matters involving GMU, University Mall, the Fairfax Federation, the Braddock District Council, the County Board of Supervisors, the County Planning Commission, VDOT, or neighboring civic associations, please contact the CCVCA 1st VP (**Don Weber**) or any other member of the CCVCA Board of Directors or Executive Committee.

2017 BLANKET AND COAT DRIVE CONCLUDES

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

Since 2013, Northern Virginia citizens, businesses, local governments, religious groups, and non-profit organizations have come together to collect and donate blankets and coats to assist Syrian and Iraqi refugees who have fled their homes to other countries to escape the violence from the civil war in Syria. On November 16, the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova, officially announced the 2017 launch of the Northern Virginia Blanket and Coat Drive for Syrian Refugees, stating: “We are pleased to continue this wonderful humanitarian effort and join other Northern Virginia non-profits and local governments to assist refugees abroad in need of winter coats and warm blankets.”

The 2017 drive was led and organized by the Northern Virginia Relief Center (NOVARC). The drive continued until December 3, 2017. Paxton Van Lines will transport all donated items to the Port of Virginia, where they will be shipped to Lebanon via Maersk Shipping for distribution to refugees in need. In past years, shipments were made to refugees who were living in refugee camps in Turkey. As with the previous blanket and coat drives, both Paxton Van Lines and Maersk are donating their services this year. These two companies have generously shipped over 15 large moving vans of coats and blankets over the past 4 years (over 100 tons)!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year’s drive. If you missed this year’s drive, mark your calendar for November 2018, when the next drive will take place, and start gathering new or gently used blankets and winter coats to be donated then. Although collection of coats and blankets has ended, it may not be too late to make a monetary contribution specifically for the drive. All monetary donations will go toward the purchase and distribution of coats and blankets. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit NOVA Relief Center’s website at www.NOVAReliefCenter.org.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED AT BRADDOCK ROAD AND ROBERTS ROAD

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

A proposal has been filed to rezone approximately 9.56 acres on the north side of Braddock Road and east of Roberts Road from R-1 to PDH-8 to create a high-end residential development with 49 single-family detached homes. The property is currently developed with three single-family detached homes and a church, which would all be removed. The development would include amenities such as a central lawn area, community garden, pavilion, children's playground, and small corner park. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road. Supervisor John Cook plans to hold a community meeting on the proposal in early 2018. Watch for further information. In the meantime, please send your comments to Supervisor Cook's office. The rezoning application number is RZ/FDP 2017-BR-030.



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