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*We value your input.
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President's Message

Stephen Belisle, CCVCA President

Do you hear a buzz in the air around CCV? If not already, you soon will! Many folks have returned from summer vacations, kids have awakened the halls of Robinson and Oak View, high school sports are in full-swing, college students have returned to Mason both day and night, and CCV residents are planning and executing their fall projects. With all this, the need for vigilance and alertness cannot be understated—please be watchful for the children (and everyone else) moving about CCV, take extra care as you approach crosswalks and corners with your vehicles, and don't hesitate to report anything suspicious to the authorities.

To help welcome in fall, the CCVCA's **Ice Cream Social Subcommittee** has planned a great community event—with ice cream, face painting, and more—for **Sunday, September 24, 2017, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Country Club View Park** (near the tennis courts). We thank our Subcommittee Chair, **Sherrie Brady**, and her team for organizing this fun event. Mark your calendars and bring the kids.

With fall, comes our **CCVCA General Membership Meeting**, scheduled for **Wednesday, September 27, 2017, 7:30 to 9:00 PM, in the Oak View Elementary cafeteria**. Hope to see you at the meeting! This is a great opportunity to get updated on what's happening in and around CCV, meet some of your neighbors, and offer your thoughts or ask questions about CCV-related matters. Please join us!

Steve

SAVE THE DATE!!! Join your neighbors on this date for a community-wide decluttering!
Fall CCV Yard Sale – Saturday, September 30, 2017, beginning 8:00 AM



What Do You Like Best About Country Club View?

Diane Carnahan, 2nd Vice President

I moved to Country Club View in 1985 and wasn't familiar with the area. Over time I have come to realize many of the things I like about living here. We want to hear from you about what you like! **We want to BRAG about our community by having a slogan contest.** Here are two ways you can participate:

Send an email to me at ccvca2ndvp@gmail.com with the following: (1) a slogan you think best describes CCV, and/or (2) three words that to you best describe living in CCV.

I look forward to hearing from as many of you as possible about our great community. Hopefully we'll get a lot of you to participate. Winner of the slogan contest will get a \$25 gift card to a local establishment.

About the CCVCA Newsletter

The CCVCA Newsletter is published quarterly. To submit articles, contact the newsletter editor. CCVCA reserves the right to not publish any material it deems inappropriate.

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Bob 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. 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. (As always, we can use more volunteers for the Neighborhood Watch.)

While it may seem early, here are a few safety tips for the fall and winter months that can save your property and maybe your life.

- Replace your smoke and CO detector batteries and test them at least monthly. If detectors are more than ten years old, replace them because they lose their effectiveness. Consider buying the newer models with ten year batteries.
- If you use your fireplace or a wood burning stove be sure to have it and the chimney inspected and cleaned to prevent fires.
- Place ashes from fireplaces or fire pits in closed metal containers and store them away from your home. Do not leave the ashes on a deck, near a wood fence, or your homes vinyl siding. Remember the ashes remain combustible long after they appear cool and gray.
- Be sure your fire pit has an adequate screen to prevent embers from escaping and it is at least 10 feet from any structure.
- Remember, 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.

TO OUR VOLUNTEER SECTION LEADERS AND BLOCK CAPTAINS—A BIG THANK YOU!

Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA President

The CCVCA wishes to thank and extend our gratitude to our many volunteer Section Leaders and Block Captains, who collectively assist the CCVCA in communicating with CCV residents. One Section Leader and one Block Captain are assigned to every home in CCV. It is through these volunteer neighbors that you receive most of the communications from the CCVCA Executive Committee. So what specifically do these folks do for you?

The CCVCA has divvied up the approximately 470 homes in CCV among five Section Leaders. These Section Leaders are responsible for delivering our newsletters, directories, and other materials to their respective Block Captains soon after receipt. We also ask that they attend our spring and fall General Membership Meetings when available, and preferably attend at least one monthly Executive Committee meeting per year. Section Leaders have a direct line of communication to the Executive Committee for providing feedback regarding any issues or concerns of residents, often brought to their attention through Block Captains.

Within the five sections, the CCVCA has assigned about forty-one Block Captains—yes, we have many volunteer Block Captains to help us with community communications. The Block Captains welcome new CCV residents to our neighborhood and encourage them to join the CCVCA. They also deliver door-to-door our newsletters, directories, and other materials soon after receipt from their respective Section Leader. We urge Block Captains to attend at least one of the two General Membership Meetings each year when available. We also urge them to host and/or plan at least one social event per year with their respective block, such as a “get together” for National Night Out. Block Captains are our “ears on the ground,” so please feel free to communicate any CCV-related comments or concerns to them, and they in turn will inform their respective Section Leader and ultimately the Executive Committee.

We typically are in need of more volunteer Block Captains at any given time. If you would like to learn more about the duties and responsibilities and/or to volunteer, please contact our Second Vice President, **Diane Carnahan**. Likewise, if you don't know the identity of your Section Leader or Block Captain, please contact Ms. Carnahan.

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

Bob Coffin, Scholarship Chair

With last year's winners of the Paul A. Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship, **Haley McAllister** and **Michael Briggs**, happily wended off to college, 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 CCVCA. The Paul A. Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, participation in school & community activities, a short essay, and an interview with the scholarship committee. The amount, and number, of scholarships may vary based on funds available. Funding comes from the annual membership donations to the scholarship on the membership form. Applications can be obtained from the CCVCA chairperson, **Bob Coffin**, 10716 Almond St. and must be turned in by **March 20, 2018**. Questions, contact Bob at 703-385-3264.



SUPERVISOR COOK ANNOUNCES FINAL PLANS FOR BRADDOCK ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

After more than two years of study and significant community input, Supervisor John Cook has announced the final plans for the Braddock Road Improvement Project. Seventeen intersection and corridor improvements will be constructed between Guinea Road and Ravensworth Road. Ten-foot wide shared use (pedestrian and bicycle) paths will be built on both sides of Braddock Road throughout the corridor. The county will not build a transit center or park-and-ride lot as part of this project.

Pedestrian and bicycle improvements include not only the mixed use paths, but all trail connections in the corridor will be completed. A pedestrian-controlled signal will be constructed at Grantham and Burke Lake Road, with the shopping center entrance there becoming right in, right out only. Another pedestrian controlled signal will be constructed on Braddock Road, between Bradfield Drive and King David Boulevard/Dunleigh Drive. These signals will stop road traffic and allow pedestrians to cross safely. A pedestrian overpass will be constructed just west of Burke Lake Road across Braddock Road, with the potential of additional overpasses being added later.

The project will not include the construction of commuter parking, which had been considered for the Kings Park Shopping Center. Surveys showed that the community does not want additional commuter parking. If in the future the community wishes to consider commuter parking options, the community can initiate a review at that time. While the citizen task force had considered a recommendation to delay a final decision on a park-and-ride lot at the Kings Park Shopping Center until after construction of road improvements, Supervisor Cook decided not to build a park-and-ride lot at all rather than postpone a final decision. He stated that further delay in making a decision would have resulted in endless questions about what the ultimate decision would be, and the ongoing discussion would be a distraction from the important work of getting done what the community has agreed to construct.

The next stage of this project will be to move into final engineering design. To assist county engineers in that effort, and provide residents with the additional opportunity to provide input on the specifics of the intersection improvements, the county will hold six workshops this fall. Each workshop will focus on a specific stretch of the corridor and will allow residents to speak directly with the engineers working on the final design plans. Country Club View residents are invited and encouraged to attend these workshops. The schedule of workshops is as follows:

- Sep. 18: Guinea to Dunleigh-King David, 7:30 pm in Braddock Hall
- Oct. 2: Wakefield Chapel-Danbury Forest, 7:30 pm in Braddock Hall
- Oct. 18: Beltway area, 7:30 pm in Braddock Hall
- Oct. 25: Burke Lake Intersection, 7:30 pm in Kings Park Library
- Nov. 16: Ravensworth, 7:30 pm at Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Rd, Annandale, VA 22003, with Mason Supervisor, Penny Gross
- Dec. 11: Burke Lake Intersection 2nd meeting, 7:30 pm in Kings Park Library



More details on the Braddock Road Improvement Project can be found on the County website under Department of Transportation. Use the search term "Braddock Road Multimodal Study." The final staff report for the project is in the last stages of editing and will be posted in the next few weeks.

COUNTRY CLUB VIEW CIVIC ASSOCIATION (CCVCA) RELATIONS WITH THE LARGER COMMUNITY

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

CCVCA represents the interests of Country Club View through participation in several outside organizations. CCVCA belongs to the Braddock District Council, (BDC). The purpose of the BDC is to represent the interests of community associations, facilitate cooperation and communication among associations, and provide a path of communications between associations and government agencies. Its goal is to promote the civic, community, and general welfare of citizens. Its membership consists of homeowner and civic associations within the Braddock District. The BDC operates in conjunction with the Braddock District Supervisor (currently John Cook) who represents Braddock District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Website: bdcfx.org.

CCVCA also belongs to the Fairfax Federation. The Federation is an organization of homeowner, civic, and community organizations that work together on issues that impact all Fairfax County residents. Among other things, the Federation participates in county government, maintains a relationship with the Board of Supervisors, works closely with Fairfax County staff, develops a strong state legislative program, works with state representatives in the General Assembly, and serves on task forces, boards, and commissions. The Federation holds an annual Citizen of the Year banquet. Website: fairfaxfederation.org.

We work directly with George Mason University's Office of Community and Local Government Relations. We attend the Mason Community Forum, which is a town hall collaboration with the City of Fairfax and the Braddock District to share with the community happenings at the university and throughout the surrounding area that may interest or impact them, including construction and events. Website: relations.gmu.edu.

Finally, the civic association works closely with the management of University Mall on matters that affect our community. In particular, we had significant input regarding the recent renovation of the mall. We alert mall management about issues that arise from mall operations. We enjoy good relations with mall management. Mall businesses support the community through ads in our newsletter, directory and schools. In addition, the mall has a community room that is available for the use of community groups. Website: vanmetrecommercial.com/UniversityMall/Pages/about.aspx

The CCVCA 1st Vice-President (external matters) or other member of the CCVCA Board of Directors attends meetings of these organizations on behalf of the community. If you have any matters of interest or concern to bring to the attention of and of these groups, or any other entity in the larger community, please notify the 1st Vice-President (currently **Don Weber**) or any other member of the Board. Remember, CCVCA helps make your voice heard.



This is an aerial view of Country Club View in 1967. A lot has changed in 50 years!!! Photo courtesy of **Don Weber**, long time resident of Country Club View.

SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY—JOIN CCVCA NOW!

Diane Carnahan, 2nd Vice President

As 2nd Vice President of CCVCA, my job is to oversee internal affairs. That means YOUR interests are my top priority. I encourage you to become a part of the civic association so we can best represent YOU. For \$15 annually this is one of the best values around.

Support your community by becoming a member of the Country Club View Civic Association. Read the back of the membership application included in this newsletter for a list of member benefits. We are here to truly draw our community together and represent the community in a broad range of topics of interest to our residents.

Applications can be turned in to your Block Captain, mailed it to our post office box, P.O. Box 7074, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7074, or paid online through Paypal at <http://countryclubview.org>. **Please return your application by October 31, 2017, along with your payment of \$15.**

Another way to support our community is to contribute to the Paul A. Maltagliati Memorial College Scholarship Fund for a scholarship awarded to one of our own community high school seniors. You can indicate your donation on your membership application.

Our neighborhood watch program also supports the community by being a vigilant set of eyes on any given night. If you would like to help with this you can also indicate that on the membership application or contact **Bob Mizer** at 703-425-9607 or email at bmizer@verizon.net.

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