



President's Message

Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA President

With sleet, freezing rain, and snow as our welcome package for Thanksgiving, it's hard to remember the CCVCA's awesome 2nd Annual CCV Ice Cream Social on the heels of Hurricane Florence this past September. Over 200 residents enjoyed the event, as well as Braddock District Supervisor John Cook, and we hope to see even more of you at next year's Ice Cream Social (earmark September 22 on your 2019 calendars).

But wait, there's more! Many residents have been urging the CCVCA to organize additional activities throughout the year with the goals of further energizing our community and providing comfortable forums for neighbors to meet each other. Our Welcoming Committee, chaired by Sherrie Brady, has listened and been working feverishly with other CCV resident-volunteers to brainstorm ideas. What did they come up with? Well, take a look at the CCV 2019 Community Calendar included in this newsletter. We've slated events such as a movie night, Memorial Day picnic, Halloween parade for kids (and non-kids), Turkey Run for the CCVCA Scholarship Fund, Leadership Appreciation Day, and more. Will all of these events attract crowds of residents – we won't know until we try. Please be on the lookout for future announcements about these events – we hope to see you there.

Of course, life is a balance, and more volunteer output certainly invites more volunteer input. All of the CCVCA's committees, especially the Welcoming Committee, and the Board could use more volunteers—really! Please consider whether you could volunteer any amount of time to help keep CCV a great place to live and raise a family. On that note, the next CCVCA Board election takes place at the end of April 2019, and you're all welcome to express your interest in any of the roles: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. If you're interested in jumping on or perhaps sailing the ship, just let me or any other Board member know.

On a similar note, our new membership year starts on January 1, 2019, and our Membership Campaign will run from January 1 through February 28, 2019. We hope all of our existing members will re-up, and urge everyone else to take the plunge for just \$15 – that's not even five gallons of gasoline.

With winter upon us, so too comes our CCVCA Holiday Decorating Contest. Please refer to the contest article in this newsletter for more information. CCV always has some wonderfully decorated homes, but you must be a CCVCA member to win!

Happy New Year!

Steve



Holiday Decoration Contest

*Agnes Brown, CCVCA Women's Club
Representative*

All members of the Country Club View Civic Association are invited to show how inventive and creative they can be in decorating their homes for the Christmas season. We encourage you to join us in spreading holiday cheer in our lovely neighborhood. Members of the Women's Club (formerly Garden Club) will be slowly driving through our area on Monday evening, December 17 (raindate: Wednesday evening December 19) to determine which homes will be the first, second, or third place winners. Prizes will be awarded on the evening of the judging and each home will be identified with a special sign to be placed in front of the winner's home.

First Place: \$50.00 gift card
Second Place: \$35.00 gift card
Third Place: \$25.00 gift card

If you are not yet a member of the association, there is still time to join so that you may also enter the competition.



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NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR STARTS IN JANUARY 2019

Diane Carnahan, CCVCA 2nd Vice President

Our new membership year is from January through December. In 2018, all members got an extra bonus of 3 months added onto their membership year. Enclosed you will find a membership application for 2019. The annual dues is still only \$15 per year. We will publish an addendum to the membership directory this year to add any new memberships. Watch for lots of other activities and updates on issues which concern Country Club View including traffic, parking, safety, etc.

There are now several ways to submit an application:

- Fill out the hard copy found in the newsletter and give it to your block captain or other CCVCA officer. Please contact **Diane Carnahan** (dcarnahan71@gmail.com) if you don't know who your block captain is or drop it off at my home at 4930 Gadsen.
- Fill out the hard copy and mail to our post office box with a check or pay through PayPal.
- Fill out the form electronically from our website or on NextDoor and email it to us. Electronic applications can be filled out on your computer and emailed to us. Dues are payable through PayPal.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. The civic association is here to serve you and the community.

Welcome to CCV

Sherrie Brady, CCVCA Welcoming Committee Chair

Do you have a new neighbor who has moved in over the last few months?

Contact Sherrie Brady at sherrie.brady@gmail.com or visit our website at www.countryclubview.org so we can say

“Hi!”



Country Club View – a History (Part I)

Sherrie Brady, CCVCA Welcome Committee Chair

Bea Stephenson is an original owner of her CCV house on Portsmouth Road. She and her husband, Jack, bought it in May of 1968, and she lives there still, an active great-grandmother. Her CCV story includes the care and nurture of her husband and two sons, and it includes neighborhood events that proved to forever shape their lives.



Bea served on the CCV Executive Committee for 48 years in several different capacities, mostly as Secretary and the Women's Club representative. During those 48 years the civic association had several confrontations with adjacent neighbors and with the county. "The first thing we fought was the pool," she says. "They wanted to put the pool back there in the CCV park. That's a flood plain. And, of course, the neighbors right there around it didn't want the pool in their back yard." So, as a result of the efforts of a united civic association the pool, Sideburn Pool, was constructed on the other side of Zion at Concordia.

The next battle involved the property where Salvation Army is now located. Presbytery, the governing body of the Presbyterian Church, owned that property and had plans to construct a church there. They had even designed and purchased a house at Buckingham and Portsmouth to use as a manse for the Pastor and his family. Once he established a congregation, however, the Pastor decided that the seven acres that Presbytery owned should be used for public housing. Bea says, "Well, everybody was very much against that because at the time we had no busses, no shopping center ... no way of people getting anywhere. And so we really fought that. C603 was the county designation." Petitions were signed and many CCV residents went to the courthouse for the hearing, the result being that the public housing was not built.

Around the same time as the hearing was the tornado, "maybe 1972." All the petitions were on a CCV resident's dining room table. She lost the top floor of her house on Gadsen, but the petitions were spared. A few doors down from her a woman had left her wedding rings on her dresser. The rings were never found. "It took the top off that house also." The tornado "came through the park, and that's how we ended up with the park because that was all trees before. All the trees came down with the tornado. The county owned that land but they didn't have a park there until the tornado came through."

Other civic association challenges included the construction of University Mall ("We didn't want it, but of course it's been handy since it's been there."), and the Exxon station ("It was in the agreement originally that they would not sell beer."). And GMU tried to build power lines on the CCV side of Braddock Road ("We finally won that battle.")

But our own Bea Stephenson was there through it all, signing petitions, going to hearings, having her say. She was active and vocal in support of her home and her family in Country Club View. Thank you, Bea, for all you did to make CCV the wonderful neighborhood it is today.



CCVCA Nominating Committee Needs Volunteers

Diana Michel, CCVCA Treasurer

The CCVCA Board is looking for one or more individuals to serve as a **Nominating Committee**. Each year we need to determine how many Board members have served three years in their current positions and need to either resign or change positions. New volunteers for the Board are always welcome! The Nominating Committee would need to be most active during the winter months since the election of new officers occurs at the April General Membership Meeting. The resources for finding new people are principally going through the membership applications to see who expressed an interest in being on the Board and word of mouth. Anyone interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or in any other capacity on the Board in 2019, please contact **Steve Belisle**! Thank you and hope to see some new faces at our monthly Board meetings!

CCVCA Scholarship – Last Chance

Bob Coffin, CCVCA Scholarship Chair

Need \$\$\$ for College? Who doesn't? It's time for the Class of 2019 to start thinking about their applications for next year's award. The CCVCA annually awards a scholarship (sometimes two) to graduating Senior children of CCVCA members (if you have paid your dues prior to March 31, 2019, you'll qualify!). 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 Country Club View! In the past two years alone, we have helped send off some truly remarkable representatives of our community: **Tess Mahon Kuzin** to Northeastern; **Zach Wade** to Georgia Tech; **Haley McAllister** to James Madison; and **Michael Briggs** to William & Mary. You too can join that list. **Applications are currently being accepted, but MUST be received before April 2, 2019.** Interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter.



Time is running out to submit your applications. Forms can be obtained from the CCVCA Chairperson, **Bob Coffin**, 10716 Almond Street (703-385-3264 or ntktwalr@verizon.net). Forms are also available on the CCVCA Website.

Application Deadline is 2 APRIL 2019!

Any questions about the application process, contact Bob Coffin.

Winter Driving Safety

Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service, Neighborhood Watch

Winter driving is different and requires different skills and a greater level of preparedness. Remember that many residents are new to the area and many have never driven in winter conditions so drive defensively, stay alert, and stay off the mobile phones.

- Be sure your tires, battery, and windshield wipers are in good condition.
- Check your anti-freeze level and test its effectiveness. You can buy an inexpensive tester at any auto parts store or have it checked by your favorite mechanic.
- **Visibility can be severely compromised by snow so be sure you clear ALL your 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 onto other vehicles and cause an accident. Keep your 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 conditions.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle (blankets, food and water, small shovel, flares, extra gloves, and boots) for use in the event you are stranded.



If you are home and snow is forecast, remember it is your responsibility to clear your sidewalks as soon as possible. If possible, park your vehicle in your driveway or if you park on the street, park on the odd numbered side so that plows can clear a wider path on your street and make their job easier and safer.

Stay safe and have a Happy Holiday Season!!!

Holiday Safety Tips

Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service, Neighborhood Watch

Be sure your holidays are happy and safe and prevent an unplanned visit from the Fire and Rescue Department by:

- Keeping your fresh tree well-watered
- Using only UL approved lights and not overloading circuits
- Turning off all 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 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 for any reason you can help by making sure your address is clearly visible from the street and when there is snow on the ground by clearing the snow from around the fire hydrants near you home.

External Affairs / Board of Supervisors Activity

Don Weber, CCVCA 1st Vice President

Pedestrian Overpasses on Braddock Road: As part of the Braddock Road Multi-Modal Project, Supervisor John Cook hosted a meeting on November 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lake Braddock Secondary School Cafeteria to discuss the proposed Pedestrian Overpasses on Braddock Road. A workshop was held in June with FCDOT and the slide presentation from that meeting can be found at <https://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/braddock-road-pedestrian-bridge-workshop-june-20-2018>. Members of the community had suggested the County research pedestrian overpasses as part of the Braddock Road Multimodal Study. After receiving feedback from the community and the Braddock Road Task Force, the County has proposed an overpass across Braddock Road near the Kings Park Shopping Center. The County also offered the option of placing an overpass across Braddock Road near Wakefield Chapel Road. Ultimately, the location of additional overpasses would depend on community interest. The County is open to any viable location with community support. Please feel free to contact Ann Sharp at ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-425-9300 for more information.

Help Prevent Crime and Terrorist Attacks in Fairfax County: The Fairfax County Police Department joined local authorities to create a new app called “iWatchNova” to collect information on suspicious activity or behavior that could be associated with terrorist or criminal activity. The app is free. It allows the user to report suspicious activities like people photographing or videotaping critical infrastructure or security checkpoints. The Northern Virginia Regional Intelligence Center (NVRIC) reviews the reports to detect patterns indicative of terrorist and criminal preparations. This allows law enforcement to use the eyes and ears of the community to keep Northern Virginia safe for all. For more information go to the FCPD website or <https://iwatchnova.org>.

Police Civilian Review Panel 2018 Public Forum: Join the Police Civilian Review Panel at its 2018 Public Forum on December 10, 2018 at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. At the Public Forum, you will learn how to initiate the complaint process, who will investigate complaints, what to expect once a complaint is filed, and receive a 2018 update on Panel activity. The Independent Police Auditor will also be present to explain the Auditor’s role in oversight. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions about the process. For more information, visit the Panel’s webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecivilianreviewpanel/.

Taste of Braddock: Wednesday, December 12, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Please save the date! Come sample food from many Braddock District restaurants and mingle with your fellow neighbors and friends! The event will take place at the Braddock District Supervisor’s office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, on the backside of the Kings Park Library.

SCAM ALERT: Spoofed Social Security Administration: If you get a call that looks like it's from the Social Security Administration (SSA), think twice. Scammers are spoofing SSA's 1-800 customer service number to try to get your personal information. Spoofing means that scammers can call from anywhere, but they make your caller ID show a different number – often one that looks legit. These scam calls are happening across the nation, according to SSA: Your phone rings. Your caller ID shows that it's the SSA calling from 1-800-772-1213. The caller says he works for the Social Security Administration and needs your personal information – like your Social Security number – to increase your benefits payments. (Or he threatens to cut off your benefits if you don't give the information.)

However, it's not really the Social Security Administration calling! If you get one of these calls, hang up. Remember:

- (1) Real SSA employees will never threaten you to get personal information. They also won't promise to increase your benefits in exchange for information. If they do, it's a scam.
- (2) If you have any doubt, hang up and call SSA directly at 1-800-772-1213. That is their actual number. If you dial it, you know who you are talking to. Caller ID can be fooled. If you get a call from that number, you cannot be sure that SSA is really calling.
- (3) If you get spoofed, report it to the SSA's Office of Inspector General at 1-800-269-0271 or <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>. You can also report these calls to the FTC at www.ftc.gov/complaint.

Blanket & Coat Drive for Syrian Refugees 2018, November 9 – December 8: The NOVA Relief Center is accepting donations to distribute to three camps in Jordan: Mafraq, Jerash and Irbid. The Braddock District Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, is one of the locations you can drop off new or gently used blankets and/or coats from November 12 – December 8. Paxton Van Lines and Maersk will ship all items to the refugees in Jordan this winter, free of charge.

Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee Meeting: The Braddock District Land Use and Environment Committee is seeking additional members. If you have an interest in helping plan our community, this is a great place to get involved. The Committee reviews all proposals for modifying existing land use in the Braddock District. It also reviews storm water and other environmental regulations that could impact our communities. The Committee is an independent, nonpartisan, volunteer group made up of interested Braddock District citizens. Its purpose is to advise the Braddock District Supervisor and Planning Commission on preserving stable neighborhoods in the district while allowing for change that improves our community. The Committee normally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Braddock Hall. To learn more about how the group operates, attend the next meeting Tuesday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall. Additional information and an application for membership can be found on the Braddock District website.

Training Center Site Comprehensive Plan Amendment: The Planning Commission on October 25 voted unanimously to recommend approval of a slightly amended staff recommendation for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for the former Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) and adjacent State Police sites.

The former NVTC site is currently planned for public facilities, governmental and institutional use, with a small portion of the western edge of the property planned for public parks. Erickson Living announced its plan to purchase the former NVTC property from the Commonwealth of Virginia a year ago. Based on consideration of a broad range of potential land uses, the Plan Amendment recommended by staff would provide for residential uses up to 2-3 dwelling units per acre, public park uses, and an option for a Continuing Care Facility on the former NVTC property. Several conditions must be met if the property is to be developed with a Continuing Care Facility. The State Police Site would remain planned for public facilities, governmental, and institutional use. If the property is sold by the state at some future date, the Plan would provide that residential use up to 2-3 dwelling units per acre or a public park may be appropriate. For the approximately 4-acre parcel owned by the State Department of Motor Vehicles, if no longer in state ownership, then the plan states that area may be appropriate for residential use up to 2-3 dwelling units per acre or public park use. As an alternative, the area may be added to the former NVTC property if that site is used for a Continuing Care Facility.

For more information on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment for this property, please visit these sites. The full text of the Staff Report is available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/compplanamend/trainingcentersite/nvtc-staff-report.pdf>. Information about the

Comprehensive Plan process may be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site>. Training Center Site Task Force meeting agendas, handouts, PowerPoints, and minutes are available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/training-center-site/meetings>.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Northeast Corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road: Following a public hearing, on November 1, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of a Comprehensive Plan Amendment for approximately 10 acres of land at the northeast corner of Braddock Road and Roberts Road. This area is currently planned for 1 to 2 dwelling units per acre and is zoned R-1. The property owner has proposed approximately 45 single-family detached homes and related amenities. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road, midway between Braddock Road and Shenandoah Lane.

The proposed Comprehensive Plan for this property as approved by the Planning Commission would recommend single-family detached residential use at 1 to 2 dwelling units per acre, but includes a redevelopment option at a density of 3 to 5 dwelling units per acre if certain conditions are met. County Staff had recommended a density of 3-4 dwelling units per acre. These include full consolidation of the 5 parcels south of the church property, environmentally sensitive design, and improved pedestrian conditions. Access is recommended to be limited to a single entrance/exit as far north as possible. Improvements should include a sidewalk or trail on the east side of Roberts Road to serve the new development. Staff further recommends that any redevelopment be sensitive to environmental features, particularly major tree stands.

A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors was held November 20. The proposal under consideration would only amend the Comprehensive Plan for this site, which provides general guidance on how a property should be developed. Any specific redevelopment proposal would be considered under the Rezoning process, which would include additional public meetings and hearings to get input from the community.

For more information on this proposal, please visit these sites. The full text of the Staff Report is available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/compplanamend/robertsroad/2018-ii-f1.pdf>. Information about this Comprehensive Plan Amendment may be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/roberts-road>. The PowerPoint presentations with the owner's proposal may be found at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-proposed-residential-development> and <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-developers-presentation-community-meeting-2>.

Comprehensive Plan Amendment for One University: Supervisor Cook held a community meeting on October 17 to discuss a proposed redevelopment of the One University site, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of University Drive and Ox Road, across from the George Mason University fieldhouse. The Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) received an unsolicited proposal in July for the redevelopment of this approximately 10.7-acre site. It is owned by the FCRHA and contains the office of its Board, its operational and maintenance facilities, and a 46-unit affordable townhouse community known as Robinson Square. Due to its location, the property has been seen as a potential site for housing for GMU students as well as a location for additional units of affordable housing, both of which are needed.

The proposed development calls for construction of approximately 100 affordable units for persons aged 62 and older and 140 affordable multi-family units in two four-story buildings with surface and deck parking. Approximately 360 units of student housing with approximately 820 beds would be provided in a separate six- to seven-story building with deck parking. A small retail building would also be included on the site. The PowerPoint presented by the developers at the meeting is available at: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/one-university-1017-presentation>. This would be a private development, not affiliated with GMU.

CCVCA 2019 Community Calendar

	MEETINGS and NEWSLETTER	EVENTS and DEADLINES
JANUARY	28 - Executive Committee meeting	1 - Membership Campaign kickoff TBA - Movie Night
FEBRUARY	25 - Executive Committee meeting	TBA – Leader Appreciation Day 28 - Membership Campaign deadline
MARCH	25 - Executive Committee meeting TBA – Newsletter #1	
APRIL	TBA – Ice Cream Social Committee 23 - All-Membership Meeting	1 - scholarship applications due TBA - scholarship interviews TBA - announce scholarship winners TBA – Spring Yard Sale
MAY	20 - Executive Committee meeting	TBA - Reception for scholarship winners 27 - Memorial Day Picnic in the Park
JUNE	24 - Executive Committee meeting TBA – Newsletter #2	
JULY	TBA - Ice Cream Social Committee 29 - Executive Committee meeting	TBA - Country Club Fireworks Display
AUGUST	26 - Executive Committee meeting	6 - National Night Out
SEPTEMBER	24 - All-Membership Meeting TBA – Newsletter #3	22 - Ice Cream Social 29 - Raindate Ice Cream Social
OCTOBER	28 - Executive Committee meeting	TBA - Fall Yard Sale 26 - Halloween Parade
NOVEMBER	18 - Executive Committee meeting	28 - Turkey Run for the Scholarship Fund
DECEMBER	16 - Executive Committee meeting TBA – Newsletter #4	TBA - Holiday Decoration Contest