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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
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or visit our website at
www.countryclubview.org
so we can say "Hi!"



President's Message

Stephen Belisle, CCVCA President

Hello summer! School's out, heat and humidity are certainly in, and for CCV's graduating seniors, life is about to take them on new journeys! On behalf of the CCVCA Executive Committee and everyone who contributed to our CCVCA scholarship fund, *congratulations* to our two 2018 CCVCA scholarship winners, Tess Mahon-Kuzin and Zach Wade. We are proud of you and all of our other graduating seniors, and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

As with all of our newsletters, this one is chock full of useful information for our CCVCA members. Be sure to spread the word about the CCVCA and urge any non-member neighbors to join our association. In this issue, you'll not only learn about our scholarship winners, but also about our CCV Ice Cream Social (Sunday, September 16), National Night Out (Tuesday, August 7), and fire and grill safety, among other topics of interest. Please be sure to mark your calendars for these fun neighborhood events and spread the word.

This newsletter along with many other materials find their way to your front door via our team of Section Leaders and Block Captains. As always, we thank them for all of their voluntary contributions to our CCV community, and invite anyone interested in helping in such roles to just raise your hand and let us know. We can always use more volunteers!

We wish everyone a fun and safe summer. Make memories!

Steve

THE CCVCA DIRECTORY HAS ARRIVED!

Diane Carnahan, 2nd Vice President

Along with this newsletter, you should have received your new 2018 directory. We hope you find this helpful. Be sure to frequent the advertisers. There are lots of new ones. If there is a need for any corrections or you have questions, please contact Diane Carnahan, CCVCA 2nd VP, Internal Affairs at dcarnahan71@gmail.com. Next year we plan to distribute an addendum for any corrections and new members. Please note that this year we did not include the CCVCA By-Laws as they are posted on our website.

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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Volunteers Needed for Neighborhood Watch

Bob Mizer, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

The CCVCA Neighborhood Watch program is one of the oldest continuously operating programs in the county. The program began in the early 1980s but it cannot continue to serve without volunteers. 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 also need people who can call watch standers the week before they are scheduled to remind them of the watch. We provide the necessary training.

For current volunteers, you may have noticed that the schedule now covers a four month period. As a result, you may appear on the schedule twice, especially if you have the watch in the first few weeks of the schedule. This should not result in any additional requirements over the course of the year but it is a reminder that we do need more help.

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



**** Sidewalk Alert ****

Diana Michel, Treasurer

With all the wonderful rain we have had this year, many of us have bushes and trees that are growing like mad – and some of them are growing right across our neighborhood sidewalks! If you own a house in Country Club View that has a sidewalk in front, please take a little time as soon as you can to trim back any bushes or trees that are hanging over the sidewalk. Or you could hire one of the neighborhood kids that are fresh out of school to do the job! Find a list of youth interested in yard work in your directory. Thank you in advance! All the neighbors who like to take walks will appreciate your efforts.

Congratulations to Tess Mahon-Kuzin and Zach Wade, 2018 Paul Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship Winners!

Bob Coffin, Scholarship Chair

Each year our association awards a scholarship to a graduating senior whose family is a member of the Civic Association. The Paul Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually based on academic achievement, participation in community and school activities, a short essay, and an interview.

This year, because of your generosity, the association was able to provide two scholarships. The selection committee reviewed the applications, conducted interviews, and after much deliberation, selected two highly worthy recipients. It was not an easy decision as all the candidates were great examples of the outstanding young men and women in our community. Thanks again for the sage commentary from **Nancy Kettelhut** and **Karen Andrews** in making some tough committee decisions. This year's winners are **Tess Mahon-Kuzin** who lives on Gadsen Drive, and **Zach Wade**, who resides on Portsmouth Road.



“Curiosity” may have killed the cat, but in Tess’s case it created a Renaissance Woman. Tess has excelled in a broad palette of subjects, adeptly blending STEM classes with Literature, Chinese, Film Studies and even Geography. Like DaVinci, she too is dyslexic. She doesn’t necessarily see things the way others do. Through years of self-advocacy, and some mitigating strategies, she has turned a learning disability into character strength. She invites challenge in any form.

Tess “aced” two years of International Baccalaureate courses while squeezing in a Peer Helping Class. While many excel academically, Tess truly “gets it.” She applies her skills. While interning as a Smithsonian guide, she realized that an elderly Chinese couple had difficulty understanding the exhibit—so she switched to Chinese! It made their day—and hers—as she got to realize the benefits of transcending the language barrier and developing cross-cultural respect. A study presentation she put together on “Coral Banks Degradation,” for her IB Film Studies class, piqued her interest in Oceanography, which she may key in on as she majors in Biology at Northeastern.

Tess’s abilities don’t end with academics. Tess captained the Robinson Soccer team, and her VYSL Travel Team twice won State Championships. She is an accomplished All Weather Team Frisbee Player. She has used her Championship soccer skills to mentor physically and mentally challenged youth through Top Soccer and “Eddie’s Club,” and plans to explore that concern at Northeastern. Rumor has it she also plays a mean ukulele!

Zach, our “Rambling Wreck from Georgia Tech,” likes to “get ahead of the power curve.” He was named an “Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction,” and with his bevy of extra credit AP scores, plus several dual enrollment classes at GMU, he will be entering Georgia Tech as a second semester sophomore! Along the way he found time to procure an MTA Software Development Fundamentals Certification; earned his Boy Scouts Eagle rank at 14; and even did some lifeguarding.

His passion has been robotics (it runs in the family with dad, Robert, a Lead Mentor, and sister, Kaitlin—a previous CCVCA \$\$\$ winner—an alum mentor). Since 2014, Zach has been part of, and eventually captained, the FIRST RTR Robotics Team #2421; in 2017 competing in the World Championships. That robotics activity has included constructing a 120 lb, 6 foot high machine that could run faster than a RC Car; climb over 6 feet; and lift 5+ lb objects more than 5 feet, while being manipulated by an X-Box Controller. Teams had 6 weeks to conceptualize, design, build, program, and modify the robot from a giant hunk of scrap metal. Team members had to not only employ computer and coding skills, but also building skills from soldering to welding, using routing tables and Dremels and “stuff” found in a commercial setting. Sidebar skills acquired included cost estimation; funding procurement; working toward a deadline; and leading/mentoring/being a team player. All this while bearing in mind—and often confronting—Edison’s adage “I have not failed. I have just found 10,000 ways that won’t work.” Zach, not surprisingly, is planning on majoring in electrical engineering.



***** The end date for submission of the CCVCA 2019 Scholarship Applications will be April 5, 2019. *****

Summer Fire Safety Tips

Summer is here and we are firing up our grills to enjoy a good cookout. But before you ignite the grill, think about doing it safely. Here are some tips that will keep you, your family, and your home safe.

- Clean the grill and check for bugs and other debris that may have collected since the last use.
- Check all connections to be sure they are tight and you have no leaks. Use a dish soap solution at the joints to check. If you see bubbles, turn everything off and have repairs made. If the leak does not stop, or a fire/explosion occurs, clear the area and call 9-1-1.
- Check to be sure all hoses are in good condition, no cracks or cuts.
- Place grills well away from siding, deck rails, and out from under eaves and overhanging tree branches.
- Never use a grill indoors or under a tent.
- Use only UL approved grills and cylinders and never store propane cylinders in the home or garage.
- If you use a fire pit, the same rules apply. Keep the fire a manageable size, away from any flammable materials, and have a hose or fire extinguisher handy. Dispose of any ashes properly in a metal container.



Fire Extinguishers

Fire extinguishers are an important safety item and you should have several of sufficient size throughout your home, but the question is WILL THEY WORK WHEN YOU NEED THEM? Portable extinguishers should last between five and fifteen years, but do you know when you bought yours? If in doubt, buy new ones. They are worth the money and possibly your lives. If you haven't handled yours in some time, it doesn't hurt to gently shake the dry chemical by tipping the unit back and forth. This will break up any clotting that may have occurred during long periods of inactivity. You should replace the extinguisher if:



- The hose or nozzle is cracked, ripped or clogged with debris.
- The locking pin is missing or broken.
- The handle is loose or broken.
- The gauge (which should be checked frequently) is broken or is not in the green.
- The extinguisher has been recalled. Late last year KIDDE, the largest selling brand, recalled almost 40 million units, so the odds are you may have one. Go to the website **KIDDE.com** to see if yours are included.

35 Years for “National Night Out:” Make it Part of Your Summer!

Diane Carnahan, CCVCA 2nd Vice President



This is the 35th year for National Night Out, which is a nationwide initiative to bring neighbors together, strengthen communities, and raise awareness of public safety. Country Club View Civic Association will once again support NNO this year on **Tuesday, August 7th**. **SAVE THE DATE!** Watch for more details from your Block Captain or you might even contact your block captain and offer to help. **We encourage Block Captains to organize informal get-togethers that evening, indoors or out, for the residents of their blocks, serve some light refreshments, and get to know one another a little**

better. In years past, some blocks in CCV have joined together for the occasion. It's not so important what you do – just plan something simple and easy like inviting neighbors to bring their lawn chairs, sit around in the yard, and enjoy an Italian ice while chatting. Please support your Block Captains if they plan an event. CCVCA will reimburse Block Captains for refreshments up to \$25 for each block. Please let one of the community leaders know if you are holding an NNO event so that we can stop by and even coordinate visits from public safety agencies. For more information about National Night Out, go to <https://natw.org>. Please make CCVCA and NNO part of your summer!

By-Laws Amended To Change CCVCA Membership Year

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

A proposed change to the CCVCA by-laws was approved at the general membership meeting on April 24th. Formerly, under Article III, Section 302, the CCVCA membership year was September 1 through August 31. Now, under the changed provision, the membership year corresponds to the calendar year. This change was proposed in order to simplify administration of the civic association.

The next membership year will start on January 1, 2019, and will end on December 31, 2019. The current membership year will be extended by four months so that it will end on December 31, 2018, instead of August 31, 2018. All current CCVCA memberships will be extended without charge to expire on December 31, 2018. **The next membership drive will start in January 2019.** CCVCA has sufficient funds on hand to cover anticipated expenses during the four-month transition period.

The change in the membership year required one other administrative change to the by-laws. Article VIII, Section 801 formerly stated that the first general meeting of the CCVCA shall be held in the last week of September. It now states simply that a general meeting of the CCVCA shall be held in the last week of September. This change was also approved at the April meeting.

These changes in the by-laws do not affect our general meeting schedule. General meetings will continue to be held in April and September every year. We will continue to present the proposed annual budget for approval at the September meeting. The budget presented at this September's general meeting will be for the 2019 calendar year.

Around the CCV World in 60 Seconds

Don Weber, 1st Vice President

Are You Interested in Local Government?

To keep current on issues affecting our community, subscribe to monthly newsletters from our Braddock District Supervisor, John Cook, and from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova. Visit their webpages on the county website to find links to subscribe to their newsletters, which contain useful information about matters impacting the quality of life we enjoy in Country Club View and Fairfax County.

Proposed Development at Braddock and Roberts Roads

A proposal has been filed to create a high-end residential development at this site, which is approximately 9.56 acres and is zoned R-1. It is currently developed with three single-family detached homes and a church, which would be removed. The property owner has proposed developing it with 45 single-family detached homes and amenities such as a corner park and picnic area, community garden, tot lot, and open lawn area. Access to the property would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road, midway between Braddock Road and Shenandoah Lane. The developer presented its proposal at our Spring CCV General Membership Meeting.



More information about this proposed development may be found at these websites: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/roberts-road> and <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/roberts-road-proposed-residential-development>.

Pedestrian Overpasses on Braddock Road

Supervisor John Cook hosted the first community workshop on the Braddock Road Pedestrian Overpasses on June 20 at Lake Braddock Secondary School with staff from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation.

The Pedestrian Overpasses are part of the Braddock Road Improvement Project and are intended to improve walkability, pedestrian safety, and connectivity in the Braddock District. The overpasses would serve as “elevated crossing alternatives” that would allow walkers to cross busy Braddock Road intersections without affecting traffic. County Staff introduced the idea in the Braddock Road Multimodal Study, surveyed residents on the topic, and worked with the Braddock Road Task Force to find the best locations on Braddock Road. The County currently is proposing a Pedestrian Overpass for the Kings Park Shopping Center at the intersection of Braddock Road/Burke Lake Road/Woodland Way. Additional crossings under consideration include Stonehaven Drive, Wakefield Chapel Road, and Port Royal Road.



Supervisor Cook would like to hear your thoughts on these proposals by this September, and will present his recommendations later in the fall. To comment, contact Supervisor Cook’s office at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-425-9300.

Training Center Task Force Recommendations Presented to the Community

On June 25, Supervisor Cook hosted a community meeting for the Training Center Site Task Force to present its recommendations for future development of the former Northern Virginia Training Center (NVTC) site, the adjacent State Police site, and a small parcel of land reserved for a future DMV facility.

The former NVTC site is the largest parcel of land available for development or redevelopment in the Braddock District since Burke Centre, and it is unlikely that we will see another property of this size. Erickson Living contracted for the property with the Commonwealth of Virginia in late 2017, and proposes to build a continuing care community with approximately 1,100 independent living units and 200 assisted living and acute care units. However, there is no existing Comprehensive Plan to guide land use on this site, and it's currently classified as institutional. Accordingly, Supervisor Cook has undertaken several community meetings and conducted a survey to receive community input as to the future of the NVTC site, and formed a task force to provide recommendations for moving forward.

More information about the future use of the NVTC site and Erickson's proposed development may be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/training-center-and-state-police-site>. If you have questions about this project, you may contact Supervisor Cook's office at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-425-9300.

Braddock Neighbor News

Supervisor Cook hosts a monthly television show, Braddock Neighborhood News, on Fairfax County Channel 16, which is available on most cable networks. Supervisor Cook invites special guests to discuss important issues affecting the Braddock District. This month's episode will focus on Environmental Stewardship. Supervisor Cook will interview Jen Cole, the Executive Director for the CleanFairfax Council, Paul Gross, the President of the Friends of Royal Lake, and Bryan Campbell, the President of the Friends of Long Branch Stream Valley. Episodes air on Sundays at 5 p.m., Wednesdays at 7 p.m., and Fridays at 5 p.m., and are available online.



Water Donations

The West Springfield Police Citizens Advisory Committee would like to remind everyone that we still have a long hot summer ahead of us, and donations of water to the West Springfield Police Station would be greatly appreciated. Next time you're out grocery shopping, consider purchasing an extra case of water for our officers and drop it off at the West Springfield Station.

Braddock Nights: Fridays at 7 p.m., July 6 – August 24, Lake Accotink Park & Royal Lake Park

Welcome to the summer 2018 season of free musical performances from classical to bluegrass! Feel free to bring picnic dinners, blankets, and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family to celebrate the end of the workweek. Volunteers are always welcome! For more information, contact Supervisor Cook's office at 703-425-9300.

Country Club View

Ice Cream Social

Hosted by the Country Club View Civic Association

**Sunday, September 16
3 – 5 p.m.
Country Club View Park
10609 Henrico Street**



Enjoy a sweet afternoon in the park! Bring the family for

- ice cream sundaes with a variety of toppings
- fun activities
- face painting by Sunrise Face Painting
- food donations to Oak View's Power Packs Program
- smiles and conversation with our neighbors
- opportunities to learn more about our Country Club View Civic Association
- prizes donated by local businesses

The park's main entrance is in our neighborhood at the intersection of Gadsen and Henrico. A park path is also accessible on Portsmouth, close to Marlborough.

Please bring your own chairs.

For questions, please contact Sherrie Brady at sherrie.brady@gmail.com