



## President's Message

*Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA President*

With the "Arctic Blast" and its freezing temperatures as our welcome package for Thanksgiving, it's hard to remember the CCVCA's warm, sunny 3rd Annual CCV Ice Cream Social this past September. Over 300 scoops of ice cream were served via two stations on that day—yet another record for the growing CCV social event of the year! We hope to see even more of you at next year's Ice Cream Social in September 2020.

As we look forward to the New Year, we are pleased to welcome several new volunteers to the CCVCA—Barbara Beatty (Secretary), Theresa Kessler (Treasurer), Karen Hauck (Women's Club Representative), Laura Mayer (Newsletter Editor), and Aileen Winquist (School Liaison—Oak View). We thank them for serving in these important roles, and invite you to give them a big virtual round of applause for volunteering their time to the community. Of course, all of the CCVCA committees, especially the events-planning Welcoming Committee, 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 2020, and you're all welcome to express your interest in any of the roles. If you are 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, 2020, and our Membership Campaign will run from January 1 through February 28, 2020. 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 the CCV Women's Club's Christmas Decoration 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*



## Christmas Decoration Contest

*Agnes Brown, CCV Women's Club*



Members of the Country Club View Civic Association are encouraged to join us in making our community sparkle during the Christmas holiday season. Do plan to participate in the annual competition. Judges from the Women's Club will be driving through our area and looking for the most colorful, creative, and unique outdoor decorations on Thursday evening, December 19, between 7–9 PM (rain date: Friday evening, December 20). First, second, and third place winners will receive cash awards as well as a sign to place on their front lawn to indicate the home of a decoration contest winner. If you are not yet a member of the association, there is still time to join so that you may also enter the competition.

### About the CCVCA Newsletter

The CCVCA Newsletter is published a few times per year. To submit articles, contact the Newsletter Editor. CCVCA reserves the right to not publish any material.

Contact members of the Board and Executive Committee via email at [ccvcafx@gmail.com](mailto:ccvcafx@gmail.com).

### Board of Directors

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### CCVCA Nominating Committee Needs Volunteers

*Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA President*

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 listening to verbal recommendations. Anyone interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or in any other capacity on the Board in 2020, please contact **Steve Belisle**. Thank you and we hope to see some new faces at our monthly Board meetings!

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### External Affairs Synopsis

*Diana Michel, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

- The I-395 Express lanes from Edsall Road to the 14th Street Bridge are scheduled to open on November 17, 2019. For details see the November Braddock Beacon or [expresslanes.com](http://expresslanes.com).

- The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously on October 29, 2019 to fund the plan to save Lake Accotink.

- The 2019–2020 Hypothermia Prevention Program has begun for the season and the no-turn-away policy is in effect for those experiencing homelessness. There are many locations throughout the county, many of which will be looking for donations and/or volunteers. See the November 2019 issue of *The Braddock Beacon* for details if interested:

[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/sites/braddock/files/assets/documents/november%202019\\_0.pdf](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/sites/braddock/files/assets/documents/november%202019_0.pdf)

- For families with an individual/child with special needs, there is a Transitioning to Adulthood Possibilities Workshop on Thursday, December 5 from 7pm–9pm at the Jewish Community Center: 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax, VA 22031.

- The City of Fairfax began a pilot program for E-scooters in July 2019. Three companies were approved: Bird, Lime, and Spin. If you wish to give feedback, you may call 703-293-7150 or email [dockless@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:dockless@fairfaxva.gov). The evaluation and recommendations for the program's next steps is planned for spring 2020.

## New Faces for CCVCA Board and Committee Positions

*Sherrie Brady, Welcoming and Events Chair*

Get to know some of our new CCVCA board officers and committee chairs!



Barbara Beatty is our new CCVCA Secretary! She has lived on Gadsen Drive with her husband Larry for 30 years. As a semi-retired medical laboratory scientist, she works with the Fairfax County Health Department.



Theresa Kessler is our new Treasurer! She took the position a few months ago but is still one of the newer faces on the Board. She has lived on Briar Street since 1997 with husband Jay and works full-time for a non-profit.



Aileen Winqvist is our new Oak View ES Representative! She moved to CCV in 2010 with her husband, twin daughters, and two dogs. She works for Arlington County in storm water management, and she has a rain garden in her back yard.



Laura Mayer is our new Newsletter Editor! She's also new to the neighborhood, having moved to CCV in the spring of 2018 with her husband, toddler, and two cats. With a background in education and writing, she tutors, writes, and edits part-time while being a stay-at-home mom full-time.



Karen Hauck is our new Women's Club Representative! She has lived on Gadsen Drive for 18 years with husband Dave. She is a retired sign language interpreter and certified veterinarian assistant, and she has served as chaplain for the American Legion Auxiliary.



## 2020 MEMBERSHIP YEAR STARTS IN JANUARY

*Diane Carnahan, CCVCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

Our membership year is from January through December. Once the holidays are over we will distribute a membership form for the new membership year. Watch for your block captain to drop it off. The annual fee is still only \$15 per year. We will publish a new membership directory in 2020 so be sure to join.

There are now several ways to submit an application and pay dues:

- Fill out the hard copy when it is delivered and give it to your block captain or other CCVCA Board member along with your dues. If you don't know your block captain, please contact **Diane Carnahan** ([dcarnahan71@gmail.com](mailto:dcarnahan71@gmail.com)) or drop it off at Diane's home at 4930 Gadsen Drive.
- Fill out the hard copy with a check and mail to the CCVCA at P.O. Box 7074, Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7074.
- Fill out the form electronically and print from <http://countryclubview.org/docs/CCVCA%20Membership%20Application.pdf> or the NextDoor App at [https://nextdoor.com/login/?next=/news\\_feed/%3Fpost%3D130056207](https://nextdoor.com/login/?next=/news_feed/%3Fpost%3D130056207) and email it to Diane at [dcarnahan71@gmail.com](mailto:dcarnahan71@gmail.com). Dues are payable through PayPal at <http://countryclubview.org/payments>.

**Membership application and dues deadline is  
February 28, 2020**

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. The Civic Association is here to serve you!

## 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, but if you must:
  - Never leave candles burning when you are not in the room
  - Keep candles away from combustible materials and in a glass or ceramic container
- Disposing of fireplace ashes outside, away from the home, and in a metal 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 by clearing the snow around the fire hydrants near your home.

## Winter Driving Safety

*Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service, Neighborhood Watch*

Winter driving is different and requires a greater level of preparedness and different skills.

- Prepare your car for winter and keep up with its maintenance:
  - Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle, including blankets, food and water, a small shovel, flares, extra gloves, and boots in the event you become stranded.
  - 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.
  - Keep your windshield washer fluid topped off. Keep a can of de-icer spray in your vehicle.
  - Be sure your tires, battery, and windshield wipers are in good condition.
- **As visibility can be severely compromised by snow and ice:**
  - **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 fall off onto other vehicles while driving and cause an accident. It's the law.**
  - **Keep your headlights on while driving.**
- Remember that many residents are new to the area and many have never driven in winter conditions; therefore:
  - Drive defensively, stay alert, and stay off mobile phones.
  - Maintain a safe distance and speed.
  - Avoid sharp turns or quick lane changes on snow or ice.
  - Be alert for black ice conditions.

Remember: if you are home during a snow storm, it is your responsibility to clear your sidewalks as soon as possible. If possible also park your vehicle in your driveway or if you park on the street, park on the **odd** numbered side of the road so that plows can clear a wider path on your street; it makes their job easier and safer.

**Stay safe and have a happy holiday season!**





## Try a Low Salt Diet Around Your House This Winter

*Protect your Pipes Campaign, <https://protectyourpipes.org/>  
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Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm trees, plants, and aquatic life and impact drinking water supplies. It's also not good for our pets' feet. Try a low salt diet outside this winter and minimize the amount of deicing salt that you use! You can help by following these environmentally friendly practices:

- **Shovel First!** Removing the snow first will allow the sidewalk and/or driveway to dry out and prevent thick sheets of ice from forming. If you can, shovel the snow onto your yard where it can melt into the ground.
- Sand and sawdust can be used as environmentally-friendly alternatives.
- Use salt substitutes that are less harmful, including potassium acetate (KA) and Calcium Magnesium Acetate (CMA).
- If you must use salt and deicing chemicals, follow these suggestion:
  - Take care when applying chemical deicers; only use as much as needed.
  - Limit your use of de-icing salt near plants and environmentally-sensitive areas including streams, ponds, and wetlands.
- After the snow melts, sweep up and throw away any leftover sand and salt residues to prevent it from washing into storm drains and streams.

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## FOG Clogs: Keep Pipes Clean this Holiday Season

*Aileen Winquist, Oak View Elementary School Representative*

Spend the holidays with family and friends, not your plumber! Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) clog your plumbing, causing blockages and costly repairs. Keep them out of your drain.

When fats, oils, and grease are poured or washed down the drain, they build up on sewer pipe walls, restricting the flow of wastewater and over time can block the entire pipe. Blockages can send sewage out of manholes into streets and rivers or up drains into homes and businesses, creating a health hazard and harm to the environment.



Follow these easy ideas to keep the pipes in your home and under the streets clog-free:

- **Can the grease.** Pour grease into an empty can or container that can handle heat. Allow the hot liquid to cool or store in the freezer. Once it solidifies, throw it in the trash.
- **Wipe before washing.** To reduce the amount of grease residue left after cooking, wipe pans out with a paper towel prior to washing.
- **Seal the oil.** Mix liquid vegetable oil with an absorbent material like kitty litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing it in the trash.

## Get Your REAL ID Before the 2020 Rush!

*Diane Carnahan, 2nd Vice President (Internal Affairs)*

A **REAL ID** is a form of identification that meets increased security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards. Travelers will be required to provide either a **REAL ID** or another TSA-approved form of identification in order to fly after October 1, 2020. Your passport is also a "REAL ID" but it must be valid. If you want to fly and not take your passport within the U.S., you will need to upgrade your driver's license. REAL ID compliant credentials display a **small star** in the upper right corner to indicate they meet federal requirements. Some military bases will be requiring REAL ID credentials to enter.

What you will need to obtain a REAL ID:

- **Proof of your identity** with a birth certificate and other options
- **Proof of legal presence**
- **Proof of Virginia residency**, such as bill with your name and address
- **Proof of Social Security Number**, such as your SS card or W-2
- **Proof of name change**, such as a marriage certificate or court order

Be sure the DMV facility you choose issues driver's licenses. Allow plenty of time when you go. Check locations and hours and other details at <https://www.dmv.virginia.gov>.

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## CCVCA Scholarship – Submit by March 15, 2020 – Save This Newsletter!

*Bob Coffin, CCVCA Scholarship Chair*

**Need \$\$\$ for College?** Who doesn't? It's time for the Class of 2020 to submit their applications for next year's award. NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME! DO NOT WAIT, DO NOT BE LATE, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE, NOR PERSEVERATE. This offer expires March 15, 2020.

The CCVCA annually awards a scholarship (sometimes two) to graduating Senior children of CCVCA members (if you have paid your dues prior to March 15, 2020, 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 three years, we have helped send off some truly remarkable representatives of our community: **Maggie Gould** and **Sam Teolis** to Virginia Tech; **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 (you do need your grades for your first 7 semesters of Secondary School), but MUST be received before March 15, 2020. Interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter.



Time is running out to submit your applications. Be the first in line; get them in as soon as you receive your 7th semester grades. Forms can be obtained from the CCVCA Scholarship Chairperson, **Bob Coffin**, 10716 Almond Street (703-385-3264 or [ntktwalr@verizon.net](mailto:ntktwalr@verizon.net)). Forms are also available on the CCVCA website ([countryclubview.org](http://countryclubview.org)).

### Application Deadline is MARCH 15, 2020!

Any questions about the application process, contact Bob Coffin.

## New Recycling Guidelines for Glass

*Diana Michel, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

As of Oct. 1, 2019, residents in Fairfax County using trash and recycling collection services—regardless of which trash company used—can no longer put glass bottles and jars in curbside recycling bins. Residents must put glass in the trash or take it to the County's purple containers for glass recycling.

Fairfax County decided to remove glass from curbside recycling services after conversations with Covanta Fairfax, Inc. which runs the waste-to-energy plant and private recycling sorting centers. The County says broken glass can contaminate other recycled items such as cardboard and metals and damage machinery. Another factor is the weight of glass adding to the cost of transporting recyclables to recycling centers.

The region has a separate glass collection program through the use of 21 purple collection containers. This glass is taken to the glass processing plant in Lorton and crushed to be used for a variety of projects. Clean glass bottles and jars of all colors are accepted. Glass items not taken are lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows, and sheet glass. Other jurisdictions participating in the purple container program are Fairfax County, City of Alexandria, Arlington County, and Prince William County.

The closest locations of purple glass collection containers for CCV residents are:

- Providence Community Center: 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA 22031
- Fairfax County Government Center –Lot B: 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax, VA 22035
- I-66 Transfer Station: 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030
- Springfield District Governmental Center: 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152
- Fairfax County Recycling and Disposal Center: 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton, VA 22079

For a full list of all locations, please see the October 2019 issue of *The Braddock Beacon* at:

[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/sites/braddock/files/assets/documents/october%202019\\_0.pdf](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/sites/braddock/files/assets/documents/october%202019_0.pdf)

Fairfax County advises residents to avoid putting certain items in curbside recycling bins.

### Allowed items:

- ✓ cartons, such as milk and broth
- ✓ metal food and beverage cans
- ✓ mixed paper and cardboard
- ✓ plastic bottles and jugs (with lids on)

### Not allowed:

- × batteries
- × clothing
- × diapers
- × film and pillow packaging
- × foam and plastic takeout containers and cups
- × food bags and wrappers
- × hangers
- × hoses and cables
- × mixed packaging
- × needles and medical waste
- × plastic bags
- × shredded paper

