# COUNTRY CLUB VIEW

## Civic Association Newsletter

**March 2019** 



## **President's Message**

Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA President

"You make a living by what you get. You make a life by what you give." by Winston Churchill

Your community needs you. Your Civic Association needs you. As we all race through 2019 (yes, March is here already), dealing with family, traffic, work, healthcare, etc., the last thing on our minds may be, "Oh sure, I can add more to my plate." But when it comes to our own neighborhood, there's always a way to contribute—just try and see. You're probably saying to yourself right now: "I enjoyed last year's CCV Ice Cream Social, and wish I could help organize the next one, or help with other community events to bring neighbors together." Or maybe you're thinking, "I can afford a few hours a year to drive around our peaceful neighborhood at night to help our Neighborhood Watch keep our community safe." Or perhaps you're interested in leading the Civic Association into the next decade, or in liaising between our Civic Association and other community associations, local schools, or the County. Well, great news, our Civic Association needs all of you, and we work within your available time. Getting involved in these and many other ways is as easy as just calling or emailing any CCVCA Executive Committee member (see the next page for contact information).

The CCVCA hosts two general membership meetings per year—one in April, where officer elections occur, and one in September, where the operating budget for the following year is presented for vote. At both meetings, we typically are joined by one or two guest speakers that present on issues affecting our community or residents directly. These meetings provide 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. Details for our upcoming April meeting follow.

#### Please join us!

CCVCA Spring General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Oak View Elementary Cafeteria

Guest Speaker - Delegate David Bulova / Important Board Elections

Please mark the April 23 CCVCA General Membership Meeting on your calendars and plan to join us if possible. Stay tuned to CCV Nextdoor for future details.

I look forward to seeing you on April 23. Happy spring!

Steve



## **April 27**<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 1 PM

GET READY TO SHARE
YOUR TREASURES
WITH OTHERS!



# 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 <a href="mailto:sherrie.brady@gmail.com">sherrie.brady@gmail.com</a>
or visit our website at <a href="https://www.countryclubview.org">www.countryclubview.org</a>
so we can say "Hi!"

### **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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Share Your Spare & Save a Life

## Jim Boswell needs a Kidney

Please consider becoming a Live Kidney Donor

- Jim has Dialysis 3 times a week for 4 ½ hours each
  - · Loss of family time
  - · Loss of time from work
  - · Difficulty dealing with the basic daily activities
- · Without Dialysis Jim will die
- The wait list for a deceased donor can be from 5-9 years

Contact: the Living Donor Coordinator 703-776-8053

<u>Kirsten.Greeley@inova.org</u>

https://www.inova.org/kidney-transplant/living-donor

## **Public Safety/Neighborhood Watch**

Bob Mizer, Public Service, Neighborhood Watch

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.

If you already participate as an active watch-stander consider doing a little recruiting among your neighbors. Sometimes it just takes a face to face to convince someone to help out. If not a participant, remember everyone in the community is still part of the watch. Be alert as you go about your daily business, know your neighbors, make notes of suspicious activity or vehicles and call the police if you feel there is something wrong.

**SAFETY TIP:** Did you know that 50% of residential fires are a result of cooking fires. Cooking fires are fires that are caused by stoves, ovens, warming units, and fryers. The biggest lessons to learn from this are to not leave food that you are cooking unattended and to be sure your appliances are in good working order. Don't ruin your day by leaving food on the stove with none in sight. Be a good and safe chef.

## CCVCA SCHOLARSHIP—LAST CHANCE

Bob Coffin, CCVCA Scholarship Chair

**Need \$\$\$ for College?** Who doesn't? It's time for the Class of 2019 to get those applications in for this year's awards! **NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME!** <u>DO NOT WAIT, DO NOT BE LATE, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE, NOR PERSEVERATE</u>. **This offer expires April 2, 2019.** 

CCVCA annually awards a scholarship (sometimes two) to graduating Senior children of CCVCA members (if you have paid your dues prior to April 1, 2019, you qualify!). 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 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, 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 get your applications in. Forms can be obtained from the CCVCA Website or the CCVCA Scholarship Chairperson, Bob Coffin, 10716 Almond Street, Fairfax, 22032 (T: 703-385-3264 or <a href="mailto:ntktwalr@verizon.net">ntktwalr@verizon.net</a>). Remember, **due date for application turn-in is APRIL 2, 2019!** Any questions about the application process, call Bob Coffin.



# CCVCA Memorial Day Family Picnic

Monday, May 27, 2019 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM CCV Park



Bring for Family	Bring for Sharing
picnic blanket	tennis equipment
picnic lunch	basketballs
sunblock	dessert

## Water Games! Racing Games! Team Games! Silly Prizes!

(no rain date)

## A CCV History – the Weber Family

Sherry Brady, CCVCA Welcoming Committee Chair

Once upon a time there was a young couple newly transferred to Northern Virginia by the US Navy. This young couple had friends who lived in the Middleridge neighborhood, and these friends knew of wonderful homes for sale just across the way in Country Club View.

"Yes," said the realtor, "but are you looking for a neighborhood Where children can walk to school, and even to university? Where a park is available right in the middle of the community?

Where church is within walking distance?

Where shopping is within walking distance?

Where two gas stations are easily accessible?

Where a community pool is within walking distance?

Which has an express bus to the Pentagon?

Then, yes, you may find a suitable home in Country Club View."

And that is how Don and Marie-France Weber along with their seven children (ages 2 months to 15 years) found a home in Country Club View in 1986. Dozens of houses were for sale which were going fast. The market was booming. The family chose a house on Concordia and quickly settled into the neighborhood.

Marie-France volunteered to be a Block Captain with Don as her trusty assistant. Don joined Neighborhood Watch and later agreed to chair the Schools Committee. Over the years Don also volunteered as CCVCA Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (several times), and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. They have also been church volunteers during their time in CCV. Don was a church leader for 14 years, first as bishop (leader) of the Fairfax Ward (congregation) and then as a counselor in the Annandale Stake (area) presidency. He also served as scoutmaster for seven years. Among other service, Marie-France was a leader in the children's auxiliary. Marie-France and Don accomplished all this while overseeing the busy school schedules of their children who in addition to attending class were involved in athletics, the arts, early morning seminary, and part-time jobs.

The Weber's experienced several neighborhood changes during those family years. The Mobil station near University Mall morphed into a Sunoco station, and the Mobil training center behind it became a gym. (That building was torn down when University Mall was renovated 2016). Power lines were installed to the satisfaction of GMU and CCV along Braddock Road after residents were bussed to Richmond to testify to a state committee. Target was built at Guinea and Roberts after much community controversy about its location and the re-routing of roads.

Don and Marie-France are now thinking of how best to spend their years of retirement. Don is planning a challenging bike trip across the entire country with his son, Matt. They will bike the entire Trans-America Trail from Yorktown to Astoria, 4300 miles. Marie-France may enjoy her new freedom by traveling to visit family and overseeing the construction of a new home in Colorado, or she may enjoy doing nothing for a while.

Thank you, Don and Marie-France, for the time and talent you shared with neighbors of Country Club View. Your many years here, 1986-2019, were a gift to us all.

## **Local History Corner**

Catherine Mortensen, CCV Resident

Our beautiful Country Club View neighborhood was once farmland owned by Dr. Frederick Brooks who died without heirs in 1941. Brooks left his home and land to his housekeeper, Mary Kidwell, who had run the farm side of his business for many years. The Brooks farmhouse was located on a small bluff on what is now Ames Road.



Home of Dr. Brooks mother's childhood home located in the area of CCV.

Fairfax resident Lee Hubbard, born in 1935, grew up just a few miles south of the Brooks farm and knew the Kidwell family well. When Lee was a teenager, he says Kidwell's husband would hire young men from the area to thin the corn on the farm. After Mr. Kidwell passed away, Mrs. Kidwell



Frederick Manning Brooks 1920

would let other people farm sections of their land. Lee's family, who grew corn and wheat on their nearby property, planted corn in the early 1960s on the Brooks Farm, in the area where the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saint building is now. Lee says almost all the

land that is now Country Club View was flat farmland, except for the wooded area near Sideburn Road.

Across Ox Road, the Country Club golf course was once the Haight dairy farm. According to Lee, there were once 72 dairy farms in Fairfax County and the main commerce artery for dairy was the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad. Its oldest line extended from Alexandria on the Potomac River northwest to Bluemont at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains near Snickers Gap, not far from the boundary line between Virginia and West Virginia.

Lee says Mary Kidwell's grandchildren inherited the Brooks farm and sold it to developers beginning in the mid-1960s. He says the first parcel of land sold off from the family farm was the land where the Ox Road Exxon now stands at the corner of Ox Road and Zion.



Dr. Brooks' House on Ames St.

Lee has a lot of interesting stories of our area, including stories of U.S. Army troops who came down Ox Road on convoys headed for training in the Shenandoah Mountains. He says one time the convoy crossed a bridge in front of St. Mary's church and the bridge collapsed under the weight of the convoy. He remembers the date as June 4, 1944. The soldiers knew the bridge wasn't that stable, so only one truck was allowed to cross at a time. They replaced it with a temporary bridge until 1948 and in 1948 they moved Ox Road behind St. Mary's church and put a new doublewide bridge in.

He says during WW II the U.S. government had a German prisoner of war camp near Lee Highway and Shirley Gate Road. Local farmers could "check out" POWs as day laborers on their farms. Lee says his father picked up two POWs to help on Mrs. Kidwell's property. "They had a lousy looking lunch with them and my dad invited them into our house for lunch," Lee explained. "I held up a knife to them and one solider said, 'messer,' (knife) and a glass of water and said 'vasser' (water). He was teaching me German," Lee added. "They were pleasant to me. I knew of one German POW who stayed, he was an officer, he came back to U.S. and married a girl from around here."

Lee went on to serve as police detective in the Fairfax Police Department. He still lives in our area and may be willing to come share more stories with our neighborhood group in the future.

## Snow or Shine Open House for CCV Leadership and Volunteers

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

In February, Tom and Diane Carnahan opened their home as a way of showing appreciation to all of the CCVCA volunteers. All of our block captains, section leaders, board members and other volunteers who have helped in a variety of ways over the last year were invited to enjoy an afternoon of snacks and socializing with neighbors. Among other things, volunteers help to change the lettering on the signs, post notices of yard sales, plan the ice cream social, movie nights, publish newsletters, visit new residents, and drive for neighborhood watch in addition to delivering regular communications and attending monthly board meetings. Pictured below are a few of the 25-30 who attended.



## Oak View Elementary School's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Sherrie Brady, Sarah Nguyen and Saba Dil

Oak View is inviting all current and former students to join the school in celebrating its Golden Anniversary on **Saturday, March 30 between 11AM and 3PM**. There will be a brief Commemorative Ceremony at 11:30 AM. Take a trip down memory lane and meet with classmates, teachers, and students from today and years past. It will be fun for the whole family. There will be rides, games, tours, food and much more. Don't miss it. If you can't be there go on line at <a href="https://flipgrid.com/oakview50">https://flipgrid.com/oakview50</a> to learn more about Oak View, see familiar faces and share your memories of Oak View.

## A SKIP AND A HOP THROUGH LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Don Weber, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (External Affairs)

## **Erickson Living Continuing Care Facility - Braddock Road**

Supervisor John Cook held a community meeting on February ERICKSON LIVING AT BRADDOCK - FAIRFAX, VA

4, 2019, to further discuss Erickson Living's proposal to build a Continuing Care Facility ("CCF") on the former Northern Virginia Training Center site on Braddock Road. Topics included proposed structures and traffic. Structures under consideration include an all-abilities recreation facility comprising two full basketball-sized multi-purpose courts and various flexible space, garden areas, picnic areas, and playground areas. Of course, funding these structures also is under consideration. As for traffic, no new access points onto Braddock Road are proposed, and the main CCF access would be through a gatehouse at the signaled intersection with Burke Station Road. Erickson expects to employ about 500 staff, but given the pro-



posed work shifts, traffic models do not predict any meaningful traffic issues on Braddock Road. The February 4 presentation, along with previous presentations and traffic study material, are available on Supervisor Cook's website at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/training-center-and-state-police-site.

## <u>Update on Roberts Road Redevelopment Proposal</u>

Roberts Road Investment LC has submitted a proposal to re-zone the northeast corner of Braddock and Roberts Roads to allow construction of a high-end residential community with 45 single-family homes. Vehicular access would be from a single entrance on Roberts Road, midway between Braddock Road and Shenandoah Lane. Roads internal to the development would be maintained by the state (and thus constructed to state standards). As for traffic, impact is expected to be minimal according to the developer. Peak hour trips are anticipated to increase by less than 1% with little additional queueing at the intersection of Roberts and Braddock Roads. To aid traffic flow, the developer would add turn lanes for entering and exiting the property.

### **One University**

The proposed "One University" project includes about 100 age-restricted affordable housing units, 140 multifamily affordable housing units, and approximately 360 student housing units with 820 beds. As for traffic, this development is expected to contribute about 168–260 morning peak-hour trips and between 305 and 327 evening peak-hour trips. The developers are continuing to receive and address concerns over both pedestrian and vehicular traffic around Ox Road and University Drive. The presentation from the recent community meeting, as well as previous meetings and traffic impact materials, are available on Supervisor Cook's website at: <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/one-university-community-transportation-meeting">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/one-university-community-transportation-meeting</a>.

#### **Community Emergency Response Guide**

A severe natural disaster strikes, and water, electricity, medical care, and other necessities fail—what's your family plan? No plan, then make one! The Community Emergency Response Guide ("CERG") can help anyone

create a family emergency plan, a business emergency plan, a neighborhood preparedness plan, and an emergency supply kit. The guide includes specific actions to take before, during and after each of Fairfax County's likeliest hazards. You may download the CERG at: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergencymanagement/cerg.

### **Drug Take-Back Program**

Drug take-back boxes are now located at each Fairfax County Police Department station. These boxes are a safe, convenient, and responsible way of disposing of schedule II-V controlled and non-controlled drugs, as

well as prescription ointments, over-the-counter medications, and pet medications. The following are NOT accepted: needles (sharps), liquids, illegal drugs, non-prescription ointments and lotions, aerosol cans or inhalers. For more information, contact the FCPD Property and Evidence Section Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at (703) 246-2786. The closest station to Country Club View is the West Springfield District Station, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152.

### **Fairfax County Launches Strategic Planning Effort**

The Fairfax County Government ("FCG") is beginning a strategic planning process with the community to shape the future together. The FCG asks community members to take a short five-question online survey, and share the survey invitation with neighbors, co-workers, family, and friends. For more information, including the online survey, meeting dates, and more, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/strategicplan.

## **Community Fitness and Recreation at GMU's Fairfax Campus**

GMU offers three state-of-the-art recreational facilities for the university and surrounding community: (1) Aquatic and Fitness Center (recreation.qmu.edu/afc); (2) Recreation and Complex (recreation.gmu.edu/rac); and (3) Skyline (recreation.gmu.edu/skyline-fitness). Fitness memberships include access to all three facilities and are available to both university-affiliated and non-affiliated individuals. Call to shutterstock-256737922 schedule a tour (703-993-3939) and/or visit recreation.gmu.edu.



### **Free Tax Return Preparation**

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free, individualized tax preparation for low-to moderate-income taxpayers—especially those 50 and older—at various locations nationwide, including these local sites: Mott Community Center, 12111 Braddock Road (Th. 9:30 AM-1:30 PM; Sat., 1:00 PM-5:00 PM; and Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale (Mon. & Th., 1:00 PM-8:00 PM, Tu./Wed./Fr., 9:30 AM-1:00 PM; Sat., 9:00 AM-1:00 PM. No reservations. Bring last year's tax returns, your social security card, W2s, 1099s, brokers' statements, and any other income tax related items.

### Represent the Braddock District on an Advisory Council

Citizen participation in local government is essential. Please consider volunteering to fill the following vacancies for Braddock District representation on local advisory councils: (1) Juvenile and Domestic Relations



District Court Citizen Advisory Council: This council advises and cooperates with the court upon all matters affecting laws relating to children, their care, and protection, and to dohttps://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/ BoardDetails.aspx? mestic relations. See BoardID=23324; and (2) Athletic Council, Braddock Alternate Member: This Council assists Fairfax County on the allocation, use, management, and future planning of County athletic resources. See https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/BoardDetails.aspx? BoardID=23314.

questions or to volunteer, contact Lindsey Smith in Supervisor John Cook's office (Lindsey.Smith2@fairfaxcounty.gov / 703-425-9300). Please be prepared to send a resume if interested.

## **Shepherd Center of Fairfax-Burke (SCFB) Launches New Program**

A Handy Helper program is offered for SCFB clients who need assistance in their residence. Offered services include minor yard work, limited house cleaning, and minor home repairs. If you need help in changing light bulbs, hanging curtains/pictures, changing batteries, trimming bushes, planting flowers, cleaning windows, etc., or of you wish to volunteer to help or have questions about the program, contact Barry Wickersham (aowbrw@verizon.net / 703-203-8929).