



President's Message

Stephen E. Belisle, CCVCA President

*"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment
before starting to improve the world."*

by Anne Frank

Your community needs you. Your Civic Association needs you. Make 2020 the year to volunteer! As Anne Frank said, "nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world." I wrote that opening to my original remarks for this newsletter before the coronavirus struck and changed the world, along with each and every one of our lives. Now, I find Anne Frank's perspective even more fitting. Although the virus continues indiscriminately to wreak havoc on the lives of those known and unknown to us, "nobody need wait a single moment" to (safely) offer a moment of time or labor to brighten someone's day—first and foremost, call or video chat with your family members, friends, or neighbors (especially our seniors). Your time and voice are powerful, and you need not be physically present to "be present" in another's life. Your Civic Association is here for you too (ccvcafx@gmail.com).

Turning to Civic Association business for a moment: Time flies—this marks the end of my third year and term as president of your Civic Association. Together we've taken many great leaps forward: sparking creation of an annual CCV Ice Cream Social to provide residents opportunities to meet neighbors; addressing ongoing parking issues, like facilitating a Residential Permit Parking District zone along Sideburn Road to address GMU student parking; hosting keynote speakers at our General Membership Meetings to discuss hot topics, such as the planned Erickson Living continuing care facility and other local development projects, as well as closer-to-home matters like aging-in-place; facilitating the onboarding of "new recruits" to the Board and Executive Committee; and invigorating our newsletter content and Nextdoor presence to keep our community informed. I extend a special thanks to my fellow Board and Executive Committee members for all of their service to CCV and the CCVCA. I congratulate the incoming president and Board, wish them great success, and thank them in advance for volunteering their time to our community!

The CCVCA *usually* hosts two in-person 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. **Unfortunately, due to extraordinary circumstances, namely the coronavirus pandemic and related safety precautions and facility closures, the CCVCA cannot host our in-person April meeting this year. But our CCVCA officer elections will proceed. To this end, the CCVCA Nominating Committee—Mindy McAllister, Amye Rheault, and Bonnie Harmon—herein and hereby nominates for election the slate of officers listed in the Proxy Ballot included with this newsletter. Only CCVCA members may vote, and to simplify the voting process under the present circumstances, members only need to return the Proxy Ballot *if voting for anyone other than those candidates listed in the Ballot* (if you wish to vote for the nominated slate of candidates, you do not need to return the Ballot—that is, member "silence" is a "yes" vote for the slate). Voting ends April 30, 2020. We thank the Nominating Committee for their time and efforts in recruiting great candidates to take the CCVCA forward into 2021!**

Take care, and be safe!

Steve

CCVCA PROXY BALLOT
(included with newsletter)

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 it deems inappropriate.

Contact members of the Board and Executive Committee via email at ccvcafx@gmail.com.

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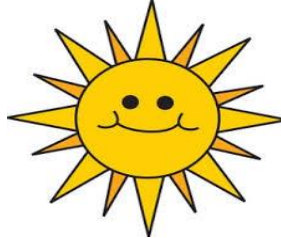
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CCVCA Appreciates our Volunteers!

Sherrie Brady, Welcoming & Events



The Snow or Shine Open House to acknowledge those in CCVCA leadership positions was a great success! Thank you to the planning committee (Diana Michel, Sheila Coffin, Frank Brady, Sherrie Brady) for hosting and for providing good eats and drinks. Board Members, Committee Chairs, Block Captains, and Section Leaders filled the Michels' warm home for an afternoon enjoyed by all. Also, much thanks to all who were there to show appreciation for our hardworking volunteers. Volunteers are the glue that holds CCV together!

The Neighborhood Watch Needs You!

Bob Mizer, Public Service & Neighborhood Watch

The CCVCA Neighborhood Watch program is one of the oldest continuously operating programs in the county. The program began in 1984, but it cannot continue to serve without volunteers. We are in desperate need of 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. At one time we

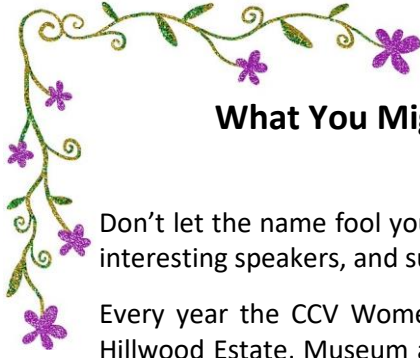
had over 175 participants but we are now down to just over 100, and it is getting more difficult to meet our patrol requirements. We also need people who can call Watch Standers the week before they are scheduled to remind them of the Watch. We provide volunteers with training.

The Watch serves an important role in the community. Statistics show that neighborhoods with an active watch have a lower crime rate. The Watch serves as the eyes and ears of the police and your CCVCA Board. It is also an opportunity to get out in the community and meet your neighbors and see what is happening in CCV.

While crime has been low in CCV, everyone should be aware that it does happen occasionally. One of the biggest problems is **unlocked cars**. Remember to lock your car and don't leave valuables visible! Don't tempt someone to break in.

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





What You Might Not Know about The Country Club View Women's Club

Liz Bateman, Women's Club President & Secretary

Don't let the name fool you: We have members who don't live in Country Club View! We take trips and tours, listen to interesting speakers, and support charities and our community with fundraisers and volunteering.

Every year the CCV Women's Club goes to at least one place sometimes two. Some memorable past trips include Hillwood Estate, Museum and Gardens; Brookside Gardens; tea in old town Manassas; tea at the Seven Oaks Lavender Farm; and a special tour of the Air and Space Museum. Up-coming trips include Gunston Hall and speaker, Tom Moncure, who is a direct descendent of George Mason, will talk about Mason's wife and mother at our monthly meeting in April (**now postponed**). We'll also go to Oatlands Historic House and Gardens in December for a formal tea and tour.

The CCV Women's Club typically meets on the first Monday of every month for refreshments, official business, and guest speakers. In March, we had a police detective speak about homeowner and phone scams. In May, we'll have a speaker on a historical topic yet to be decided, but we've had this speaker before and she's excellent. Lastly, we take pride in being able to support local charities and our community: we recently donated six single beds to Gracing Spaces, an organization which helps victims of domestic abuse. Other support efforts have included Warrior 360; the Lamb Center; Salvation Army; Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department; Robinson Secondary's All Night Grad Party; other local schools with donations of books, hats, gloves, backpacks, and other supplies; and a Braddock Road tree planting. There will be an upcoming fundraiser (**now postponed**) at Brion's Grill to raise money for Adopt-a-Platoon to support our soldiers in combat.

Want to come along for the fun and friendships? Please e-mail our membership chairman, Mary Bresnahan at marycb7@me.com or Liz Bateman, President and Secretary, at concordiaerb@aol.com.

Cleaner Water Starts with Your Lawn for a Healthier Chesapeake Bay

Aileen Winquist, Oak View Elementary Representative

Looking for ways to live sustainably? Follow these simple tips to beautify your lawn and garden while conserving resources and protecting our watershed.

Try Grasscycling: Fertilize your grass and reduce yard waste by recycling grass clippings back into your lawn! Get a mower with a mulching feature that processes grass clippings into tiny, unnoticeable bit that can be left on your lawn as a fertilizer. Grasscycling minimizes the need for chemical fertilizers and reduces fertilizer runoff to our waterways.



Limit fertilizer use: Overuse of fertilizers pollutes our streams, lakes, and the Chesapeake Bay. If you do use fertilizer, fall is the best time to fertilize fescue, bluegrass, and ryegrass.

Hire a Green Landscape Company: Do you hire a company to take care of your lawn and property? If you use a professional lawn care service, ask about minimizing fertilizer or find a landscaping company registered with the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation as "Green & Clean" who agree to follow landscaping practices that will reduce the amount of fertilizer runoff into our streams and rivers. <http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/soil-and-water/wqagree>

Put Your Lawn on a Diet: Tired of mowing, fertilizing, and raking leaves off your grass? Convert some of your lawn to native plants, known as a "conservation landscape." Native plants such as shrubs and trees will absorb more runoff than the grass and help improve water quality. Learn more about native plants at <https://www.plantnovanatives.org/>

Compost: It's a great way to reduce the amount of kitchen, garden, or yard waste being disposed and helps create a rich soil amendment that can be used on your lawn and garden. Learn more at <https://fairfaxgardening.org/compost/>

Safety Reminders and Updates

Bob Mizer, Public Service, Neighborhood Watch

Grill Fire Safety

Summer is just around the corner, and we will be thinking about starting up the grill to enjoy a good cookout. But before you ignite the grill for the first time, 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 during the winter.
- Check all connections to be sure they are tight and that there are no leaks: Rub 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, clear the area and call 911.
- Place grills well away from siding and deck rails and 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 as a grill, the same rules above apply. Also, 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.



Reminder: Please Yield to Emergency Vehicles!

Zion Drive and Ox Road are primary emergency response routes for our area. What should you do when you are driving and emergency vehicles with warning lights and sirens approach? It really is pretty simple. The law requires you to pull over as close as possible and parallel to the **nearest edge** of the road, stop, and remain stopped until all emergency vehicles have passed. Remember there is usually more than one vehicle responding so stay alert for the second or third emergency vehicle.

Neighborhood Parking and Roadway Safety Update

The petition of CCV residents in the proposed Residential Permit Parking District (RPPD) surrounding the Gadsen/Portsmouth intersection is continuing. 50% of the residents in the areas under consideration need to support the plan in order for it to be implemented. Remember the purpose of the RPPD is to eliminate the influx of GMU students using CCV as a university parking lot annex.

CCV is also looking into possible improvements to the Robinson entrance/exit on Sideburn near Commonwealth to reduce the potential for accidents. We are working with VDOT and county staff to see what can be done to reduce risks at the intersection.

We will have more details on both efforts in the coming months.

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations: Introduction and Happenings

Bill Barfield, CCVCA Member, FCFCA President

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA), of which Country Club View Civic Association is a member, was founded in 1940 and is the non-political, all-volunteer group of residents representing communities in every magisterial district. You could say it is the overarching, volunteer community organization for Fairfax County with membership being civic, community, condominium, HOA, and townhome associations ranging in size from fewer than 20 to over 3,000 homes.

FCFCA's Leadership Board consists of six elected officers, seven District Council Reps, and chairs for 18 standing and special committees. The Federation also provides citizen representatives to 12 Fairfax County organizations as required by their respective charters. FCFCA is a busy organization and is always practicing that mantra of "Recruit, recruit, recruit, and volunteer, volunteer, volunteer."

Besides representing "vox populi" or the voice of the people, the Federation produces several deliverables. These all start with issues, opinions, or events from Fairfax residents. The March deliverable compiled from committees and members is the *Federation's Budget Resolution Review of the Fairfax County Advertised 2021 Budget*. This document is presented in testimony to the Board of Supervisors and contains accolades, criticisms, or suggestions on the many county funding sources and expenditures. It is available on the Federation website [here](#).

(See <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/letters/Letter20200328FY2021FairfaxAdvertisedBudgetAnalysis.pdf>).

Every year in mid-spring the Federation hosts its Citizen of the Year Awards Gala. This is a big deal in a fine venue with awardees and their families, Federation members, special guests, and many elected officials. But this month it had to be postponed to October 16 due to, well, you know.

In the fall, the Federation conducts its annual county survey for issues that are bugging Fairfax residents, like affordable housing, school opening date, redistricting, tax burdens, short term lodging, hand-held devices while driving, and even gun legislation. These issues are compiled, voted on by the Board and the membership; and then sent for action to our 9 state senators, 16 state delegates, and 10 Board of Supervisors. The most recent Legislative Issues Package from October 2019 can be read [here](#). Several of these Issues have passed both General Assembly Houses and await the Governor's action.

(See <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/letters/Letter20191028Resolution2020LegislationPackage.pdf>).

If you are interested in contributing your time, energy, or opinion, reach out to your fellow CCVCA member, Bill Barfield, President of the FCFCA, FedPres202@FairfaxFederation.org. Cheers to our fine community and remember to "wash your hands!"

Event May Be Postponed or Canceled Due to Coronavirus

SAVE THE DATE



TROOP 1865 IS TURNING 50 YEARS OLD!

We are searching for former Troop 1865 scouts to share memories and help us celebrate our troops' past and present accomplishments.

If you or anyone you know has been involved with BSA Troop 1865, please email troop1865anniversary@gmail.com to be added to our communications list.

**CATERED PICNIC * CELEBRATION *
SCOUT & FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**JUNE 14, 2020
NOON
FORT HUNT PARK
ALEXANDRIA, VA**

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR THE 2020-2021 CCVCA BOARD

President - Amye Rheault



Since moving to CCV in early 2019, Amye became involved with the playground initiative, served as Block Captain, and was invited to the Nominating Committee. Currently a full-time parent to her 2-year and 4-year old daughters, Amye's prior career in higher education included fundraising, volunteer and board management, and community development. It is with these skills she wishes to serve the CCV neighborhood and looks forward to building on the incredible work of prior leaders.

1st Vice President - Bill Barfield

Bill moved to CCV in 2005 and has lived in Fairfax since 1982. An Air Force veteran, he is a past President of the CCVCA, past Chairman of the Braddock District Council of Community Associations, and is currently President of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations.



2nd Vice President - Diana Michel



Diana has lived in CCV for 28 years. She is still working as a computer programmer and she and her husband Doug have three grown daughters, one of whom lives in Fairfax City. She has previously held the offices of Treasurer and President of the CCVCA.

Treasurer - Theresa Kessler

Theresa has lived in CCV on Briar Street since 1997 with her husband Jay, and works full-time for a non-profit organization. Theresa presently serves as Treasurer of the CCVCA.



Secretary – Barbara Beatty



Barbara was born in Kansas, attended high school in Jacksonville, Florida, and moved to Virginia to attend Madison College in Harrisonburg. She earned a B.S. in Medical Technology and worked in several different hospital laboratories before making a career change to work in Public Health. She has worked in the Fairfax County Health Department Laboratory for 30 years as a Microbiologist. After retiring over a year ago, Barbara returned to the lab to work part-time. Along with her husband, Larry, she has lived on Gadsen Drive for 31 years, and has a son who lives in Seattle, and a rescue dog named Rosie. Barbara likes to garden, read, travel, and walk through our beautiful CCV neighborhood with Rosie.

**COUNTRY CLUB VIEW CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Proxy Ballot – 2020 Board Election**

One Ballot Per Household

Nominees:

President:	Amye Rheault	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
First Vice President:	Bill Barfield	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Second Vice President:	Diana Michel	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer:	Theresa Kessler	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary:	Barbara Beatty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Write-in _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

VOTING OPTION 1

IF YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR ALL NOMINEES, THEN YOU NEED NOT TAKE ANY ACTION
(Under the present extraordinary circumstances,
Member “silence” will be treated as a “Yes” vote for all Nominees.)

VOTING OPTION 2

**IF YOU WISH TO VOTE FOR ANYONE *OTHER THAN* THE LISTED NOMINEES,
THEN YOU MUST FILL OUT THIS PROXY BALLOT AND RETURN IT
BY APRIL 30, 2020, AS FOLLOWS:**

By U.S. mail to: Diane Carnahan, 4930 Gadsen Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032 (703-425-9398)
Or by email to: dcarnahan71@gmail.com

Member Signature(s) _____

Address _____

VOTING ENDS APRIL 30, 2020

ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING CAN VOTE!