

President's Message

Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President

Since I last wrote, we came together for September's Ice Cream "Anti-" Social during which many families and neighbors enjoyed the late summer sun and festive atmosphere. Thank you to Events Chair Sherrie Brady who bravely reimaged the event and to her team of volunteers that made the much-needed community gathering possible.

We also had excellent turnout at the September General Membership Meeting on Zoom with invited guests that included Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw and Recycling Outreach and Education Specialist Marion Plummer from the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program. You can find the meeting minutes and resources discussed on our website, <http://countryclubview.org/>, along with minutes from all of our recent Board meetings.

There are a few CCVCA Members who you may not find mentioned in the minutes, yet contribute mightily to our neighborhood. I hope you will join me in thanking the following individuals (and let me know of others who should be thanked as the unsung heroes for CCV!):

Thank you to **TJ McCurdy** who shared with us his love of Halloween by coordinating the CCVCA Decorating and Pumpkin Carving Contests. Look for more spooky fun in years to come!

Thank you to **Cathy and Robert Wade** who promptly and tirelessly maintain our website. The site will receive a major update in 2021 thanks to their expertise, so keep an eye out.

Thank you to **Barbara Bernero, Melinda Edwards, and Ann Stingle** who called upon us all to reflect upon the lives lost to COVID-19 with their Remembrance Monday series. Many thanks to all who participated, whether in-person or simply with a personal moment of silence.

Thank you to **Pat and John Nash** who reached out with archives of CCVCA Newsletters that hold invaluable (and amusing) insights to our organization over the years. These artifacts will be digitalized for all to enjoy on our new website in 2021.

Thank you to these individuals and many others who volunteer their time and efforts to make Country Club View a wonderful place to live. And thank YOU for being a valued member of our community and Civic Association. In this season, I hope you find a way to recognize and enjoy the benefits of the strong community we share in light of the challenges 2020 has thrown at us. Let us be grateful for all we have and approach the New Year filled with hope.

Happy Holidays,

Amye and the Rheault Family (clockwise: Greg, Amye, Harriet and Rosie)



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 CCVCA@countryclubview.org.

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The CCVCA Membership Drive is Coming!

Diana Michel, 2nd Vice President (Membership)

Greetings CCVCA Members! This is just a quick reminder that CCVCA's membership year runs from January 1 – December 31, and we will be kicking off our annual membership drive in early January. It is your dues that provide the funds to do all the fun activities throughout the year: Memorial Day Picnic, Ice Cream Social, Halloween activities and much, much more. So please join again, support our scholarship fund as well, and encourage your neighbors to join. Membership application will be delivered by your block captain in early January. Let's beat last year's numbers!



December Holiday Home Decoration Contest

Saturday, December 19

7:00-9:00pm

(snow date December 20)

Judged by the Country Club View Women's Club


CCVCA members are all eligible to participate!

1st Place - \$50.00

2nd Place - \$35.00

3rd Place - \$25.00

(CCVCA membership available at countryclubview.org)



CCVCA Scholarship for High School Seniors

Bob Coffin, CCVCA Scholarship

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING! All High School Seniors: Filing Deadline for the CCVCA Scholarship is March 15, 2021. Don't Miss Out--it's only three months away. This may be your LAST NOTICE!

Do you know any of these people: Haley McAllister, Michael Briggs, Maggie Gould, Tess Mahon-Kuzin, Michael McCabe, Reagan McHugh, Sam Teolis, Zach Wade? They are all previous winners of the Paul A. Maltagliati CCVCA Scholarships. You, too, can join that select group of scholarship \$\$\$\$ recipients.

CCVCA annually awards a scholarship (often two) to graduating high school senior children of CCVCA members (if parents have paid dues prior to March 15, 2021, you 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 awarded and number of scholarships may vary based on funding available: most scholarship money comes from the member donations on the annual Membership Form.)

Donations from members or through dedicated fundraisers are greatly appreciated as we have many talented and worthy students in our community.

Scholarship Application forms can be obtained from the CCVCA Website or the CCVCA Scholarship Chairperson, Bob Coffin, 10716 Almond Street, Fairfax, VA 22032 (703-385-3264 or ntktwalr@verizon.net). APPLICATION DUE DATE IS MARCH 15, 2021.

CALLING ALL PATRIOTS!

The CCVCA Board seeks a volunteer to fill the vacancy of liaison to George Mason University on the Schools Committee of our Bylaws. This position may be filled by a current or former GMU student, faculty or staff, or simply someone with interest and time for monthly Board meetings.

For consideration, please contact ccvcafx@gmail.com.
Go Patriots!



Sharing Events Makes Sense

Sherrie Brady, CCVCA Events

CCV is changing. Every time a new family moves into our neighborhood the ripples of that fresh presence are felt throughout all the surrounding households. It changes us. It changes them.

All of us can remember the day we moved into our CCV house, and we can also remember the neighbors who offered a friendly smile and an encouraging word. It just makes sense as those first conversations are happening to mention the events and activities available for CCV residents. Yes, the Civic Association does its best to meet and invite new residents, but you as a neighbor can do the most good. Does the new resident have a high school senior? Tell them about the CCV Scholarship. Does your new neighbor have young children? Tell them about the park and the efforts of Parents for the Playground. Spread the word!

CCV has events, meetings, and activities scheduled throughout the year. Every one of you, and every one of our new residents, can enrich and unify our neighborhood by attending, participating, and sharing in those many opportunities.

See the CCV 2021 Calendar on the following page!

Country Club View 2021 Calendar

	MEETINGS and NEWSLETTERS	EVENTS* and DEADLINES
JANUARY	25 – Board meeting	Kickoff Membership Campaign Begin Scholarship Application process
FEBRUARY	22 – Board meeting	Leadership Appreciation Day Deadline Membership Campaign
MARCH	22 – Board meeting Newsletter #1	Deadline Scholarship Applications
APRIL	26-All-Membership Meeting	Scholarship Interviews
MAY	24 - Board meeting	Scholarship winners announced Spring Yard Sale Memorial Day Celebration
JUNE	28 – Board meeting Newsletter #2	
JULY	26– Board meeting	<i>NEW!</i> Fun in the Sun Water Games <i>NEW!</i> FUNdraiser for Scholarship Fund
AUGUST	23 – Board meeting	
SEPTEMBER	27 - All-Membership Meeting Newsletter #3	Ice Cream Social
OCTOBER	25 - Board meeting	Fall Yard Sale Halloween Scare Trail (and more)
NOVEMBER	(no Board meeting)	
DECEMBER	7 - Board meeting Newsletter #4	Home Decoration Contest

**Look for the event dates and food truck information on
nextdoor.com and on the CCV Facebook page.**

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

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!

Winter Fire Safety Tips

Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service & Neighborhood Watch

Winter is the time to take care of a few things that will help to make your home safer. Most importantly, check your winter heating system. Whether you have a gas or oil furnaces or you use a wood burning system, it is important to have them checked by a reputable maintenance company to ensure they are clean and functioning efficiently.

If you burn wood, have your chimney and flu cleaned and inspected. Wood byproducts can over time coat the chimney liner and lead to a roaring fire several feet above your fireplace. You can tell if you have a problem if the chimney is drawing in more air than normal and you hear a roaring sound. This is a chimney on fire. If this happens, call 911 immediately and if you can, close the fireplace glass front if you have one to reduce the amount of fresh air being drawn up to the fire and evacuate your residence.



Also, be sure to place all ashes from wood fires in a metal container and store outside away from your home. Ashes are deceiving and stay hot for a significant length of time. DO NOT store the container on your deck. That is the cause of most of fall/winter house fires in the county.

The New County Zoning Ordinance called zMOD

Bill Barfield, CCVCA 1st Vice President

So you want to do a home improvement project like build a porch or shed, lay in a fence, add a room, or even make a whole new dwelling unit on your lot. Better check the zoning ordinance to see about set-back requirements, building standards, safety regulations, utilities compliance, or if county permits and inspections are required.

But wait! That massive Fairfax County ordinance is undergoing a major rewrite called zMOD (short for zoning ordinance modernization) and is nearing the final public hearings for the approving authorities, the Fairfax County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors (BOS). You can check your project zoning issues, of course, by wading through the current ordinance ([here](#)) or wait until the streamlined zMOD ordinance (public draft [here](#)) gets approval maybe by summer 2021. (Hyperlinks can be accessed through the digital version of the newsletter at <http://www.countryclubview.org/newsletters>.)

After two years of study, consolidation, and public comments, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) released the revised zMOD Draft Zoning Ordinance and Executive Summary on November 23rd. A week later the DPD will request the Board of Supervisors for authorization to hold public hearings in January 2021 with the Planning Commission. Then, in March the BOS will hold the decision-making public hearings for zMOD—and you can attend or speak at each of these hearings.

My first impression is that the forty-year-old, discombobulated zoning ordinance is completely replaced by the easier to read zMOD. The newer version is organized logically, has consistent terminology, and is much lighter to tote: it is now a hyperlinked digital version. More specifically, the new proposed zoning ordinance consolidates the current twenty articles and six appendices into nine articles and one appendix. Worth the wait to get clear answers for your home project!

If you have questions about your home project, zMOD, or the hearings you can contact the DPD Zoning Administration Division at 703-324-1314 (TTY 711) or [email](#) the zMOD team.

Why I Volunteer: Meet Sherrie Brady

Laura E. Mayer, CCVCA Newsletter Editor

New to the newsletter is this series of profiles about the people of CCVCA's Board of Directors and Committee Chairs called "Why I Volunteer." The CCVCA leadership hopes to put faces and personalities to names in order to build and strengthen the connections between us. While the spring quarantine (for most) slowed the pace and narrowed the focus of everyday life (in a regularly fast-paced, sprawling, transient metropolitan area), it still can be a challenge to foster community outside our family units, immediate street, schools, and centers of worship. Yet Sherrie Brady, CCVCA's Events Chair, is our cheerleader for a thriving neighborhood community.



Sherrie, her husband Frank, and their four children moved to Country Club View looking for a home with a bedroom for everyone, in the Robinson School District, and with a sunny yard for a vegetable garden—about twenty-two years ago. Yet (in her words) “the demands of raising four very active children in addition to holding two jobs delayed [her] involvement in the CCV Civic Association.” It was not until retirement that she was able to pursue volunteering, specifically as the Secretary of the Board of Directors. “The Board of Officers graciously endured my attempts to keep accurate minutes when we realized another position was needed which suited me better,” Sherrie humbly explained. She then went on to volunteer as the Welcoming Chair, actively greeting new neighbors, and then dually as the Events Chair, a position that organically grew from the seeds of activities she planted in the neighborhood—and those events continue to grow. (Have you seen CCV's calendar for next year?!) She now serves as simply the Events Chair.

When my family was new to the neighborhood about two years ago, one of the first faces I met outside my street was Sherrie. I had asked a question about the neighborhood on Nextdoor, and Sherrie quickly responded, connecting me with other neighbors and local resources. Through those interactions, CCV's Parents for the Playground informal committee, whose goal is to build a safer playground in Country Club View Park, was born. When Sherrie learned that I was pregnant and sick with a cold last winter, she brought homemade chicken noodle soup to my door. These acts of thoughtfulness helped connect me to our community at large, and because she took the time to listen to my voice and my needs, I felt called to reciprocate my own time and skills: when she mentioned the CCVCA Newsletter needed an editor, I accepted without a doubt (despite being a busy mommy myself).

Sherrie is the initial reason why I volunteer—and why I chose her as the first person in this series—but she is also the example of how to foster interconnectivity in our neighborhood. For it is by appreciating the uniqueness of every individual that people see their role in the whole and are inspired to keep contributing for the benefit of themselves *and* for the group. This cycle of caring is the beating heart of a community—and Sherrie intuitively nurtures it as her contribution, her gift. When I asked her what is her most fervent desire for our community, she replied: “...for us all to remember that every address is a success” and that “it's heartwarming to see so many people getting involved in ways which enrich our neighborhood,” [such as how] “people created a way for us to mourn the loss of lives to Covid; people came out of their homes to support small business food trucks; [over a hundred] people attended our Ice Cream Anti-Social; we experienced Halloween in new and fun ways. This was all accomplished by volunteers! Thank you CCV!”

So when I asked her in our interview why she volunteers, it may have been an oversight that Sherrie did not explicitly explain, but I believe she whispered it: as a mother, as a (retired) career teacher, as a gardener, as the community events leader, Sherrie wants to see lives flourish. So let's fulfill her wish and be someone else's “why” in the community by noticing the needs and gifts of others—and watch our corner of the world grow in togetherness.