

**President's Message**

*Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President*

It is with sincere gratitude that I write to you as your newly elected President. I am sure you will join me in offering our thanks to immediate past-President Stephen Belisle who continues to volunteer untold hours for the betterment of CCV. Thank you, Steve! We all are certainly in a better place as a result of your leadership and care for our community.

Despite a smooth transition after elections, this spring has been an unusual time to join the CCVCA Board. The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has shifted our meetings virtually to Zoom, and we have had to reconsider our approach for community events in light of social distancing. Even amidst the challenges of an unprecedented global public health crisis, the spirit of CCV residents persists and has been heartening to witness. Neighbors taking "socially distant" walks together (one on the sidewalk, one off the curb); supporting local businesses including amazing turnout for food trucks; sharing puzzles, new reading material, even advice for obtaining that coveted bathroom tissue: people are reaching out and stepping up with a true neighborly spirit.

Your CCVCA Board is enjoying new energy and perspectives as well. We welcome back *Bill Barfield*, this time as 1st Vice President for External Affairs. We are ever indebted to *Diana Michel* for her continued involvement, now taking on the role of 2nd Vice President for Internal Affairs. You may have noticed our entrance signs have fresh plantings thanks to new volunteer *Bertha McClintock* serving as both the Beautification Chair and as the Welcome Chair. Other names you may find familiar, and we continue to be grateful for their ongoing commitment to the welfare of CCV.

As the second half of 2020 unfolds, whether we find ourselves here at home or able to venture beyond, I hope it finds you and your loved ones healthy and secure. If nothing else, this spring has reminded us of the value of the place we call home. You can help us make our collective home, CCV, a wonderful place to live by sharing in that neighborly spirit so many of us have experienced the past several months.

If you have feedback, ideas, or would like to consider volunteering your talents for the greater good, you can reach me at [ccvca@countryclubview.org](mailto:ccvca@countryclubview.org) or by calling my cell, 215-264-7735. You can also find my contact info in the 2020 Directory Addendum accompanying this newsletter, which is a great resource to keep in touch and continue to support one another.

Take Care,

*Amye*

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### 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](mailto:CCVCA@countryclubview.org).

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### The Neighborhood Watch Needs You!

*Bob Mizer, Public Service & Neighborhood Watch Chair*

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. 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.

### Noise Ordinance Reminder



In light of us all spending more time than usual at home, here's a friendly reminder that we live in relatively close proximity to one another and that sound carries! To ensure all residents can enjoy their indoor and outdoor spaces, please adhere to the following Fairfax County Code regulations.

Making noise that can be plainly heard in another person's home with the doors and windows closed—such as with a loudspeaker or amplifier—is prohibited:

- ✘ Between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Sunday through Thursday
- ✘ Between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, and the day before a federal holiday.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/zoning/noise-ordinance>. Thank you to all residents for maintaining an enjoyable environment!

## Recent and Future CCV Community Events: Creative Adjustments

*Sherrie Brady, Events Chair*

Congratulations CCV! You stepped up and did a great job coping with the Covid-19 shutdown and adjusting to our sudden change in lifestyle. Residents were thankful for the window displays of shamrocks and Easter eggs and colorful chalk drawings which all offered some entertainment while walking our trails and sidewalks. Sadly, we were not able to celebrate Memorial Day together in our park, but many patriotic banners were waving as family grills were sizzling. The day was still honored despite the drawbacks.

Many thanks to our CCV neighbors Mindy Edwards, Ann Stingle, and Barbara Bernero who implemented their idea of a Monday Remembrance where a moment of silence was observed to honor all who succumbed to Covid-19. In addition to standing quietly while holding a lit candle, attendees listen to the music of a trumpeter and bagpipes player.

Mazza Kitchen Food Truck made a happy appearance May 28 at Portsmouth and Buckingham, thanks to the organizing skills of CCV resident Lorenda Wieder. The owner of this small business, Zafar Azam, is a GMU graduate currently working on a Master's degree. He was most appreciative of our support--see his post on Nextdoor.com--and looks forward to setting up shop here through the summer. Thank you, Lorenda and Zafar!

Summer and fall community events are still in question as of this writing. National Night Out, the Ice Cream Social, and the Halloween Haunted Trail will hopefully take place as planned, but they could very well be creatively adjusted to suit the requirements of Virginia's Reopening Phase 1/2/3. Your best chance to stay current with these activities is to regularly check our postings on Nextdoor and/or on Facebook.



Photos clockwise from left:

- 1) Monday Remembrance : John Hughes, bagpipe musician; Barbara Bernero, Ann Stingle, Mindy Edwards, planners
- 2) A CCV sidewalk chalk drawing
- 3) Mazza Food Truck



Please stop by and visit CCV's new Little Free Library courtesy of Carol Younce at 5209 Portsmouth Road. They have great books for all ages and interests. (CCV's other Little Free Library is located at 5106 Sideburn Road.)

# Thank You

The CCVCA Board would like to say "Thanks!" to the Jutras Family, Julia and Pierre, for their years spent cultivating the plantings around our community signs. The Jutras continue to volunteer in the neighborhood in other ways and we are thankful for their service.

The summer blooms you see currently at the corner of Rt 123 / Marlborough, and at Braddock / Sideburn are thanks to the efforts of Bertha and Peter McClintock who volunteered to chair our Neighborhood Beautification committee. Well done, McClintocks!

Please reach out if you can contribute plantings, mulch, or time with our Beautification efforts - all the more meaningful now that we are spending more time near home! Contact [bmclintock48@verizon.net](mailto:bmclintock48@verizon.net)



CCVCA wishes to congratulate all graduates, including the following students whose families wrote in to share their successes:

*Virginia Tech Class of 2020*

**ABBY BRUCK  
MARY GRACE GOULD  
JULIA MAHON KUZIN  
KAITLIN WADE**

*Robinson Secondary School Class of 2020*

**MICHAEL MCCABE  
REAGAN MCHUGH  
JOEY PROULX  
IRENIA TORRE  
NICK WILLIAMS  
REESE WOODS**

*6th Grade Graduates*

**LUCAS TOMASCO, PINECREST SCHOOL  
SIENNA WADE, LAUREL RIDGE ELEMENTARY  
REESE MILLER, OAK VIEW ELEMENTARY**

Have something to celebrate? Send your submissions to [ccvca@countryclubview.org](mailto:ccvca@countryclubview.org).

Rising high school seniors, look to apply for the CCVCA College Scholarship in early 2021!

## CCVCA Scholarship Winners 2020

*Bob Coffin, Scholarship Chair*

Each year your County Club View Civic Association awards a scholarship to a graduating high school senior whose family is a member of the Association. The Paul Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship is awarded based on academic achievement, participation in community and school activities, and an interview. This year because of your generosity, the Association was able to provide two scholarships. This year's winners are Michael McCabe, who lives on Gadsden Drive, and Reagan McHugh, who lives on Grinnell Street.



### Michael McCabe

Michael's enthusiasm for politics started with "Grandma" taking him to Lobby Day in Richmond while he was at Oak View Elementary. He channeled that experience into his first political act, coordinating a petition for a crosswalk between Zion Drive and Sideburn Road--and hasn't stopped since. He has spoken before the Board of Supervisors to acquire more school resources and to protect students from ICE; organized a Robinson student walkout over the Parkland shooting; and lobbied for anti-gun legislation at the State House in Richmond. His efforts as a planner, a thinker, an organizer, and a doer led him to become president of the Virginia March for Life in 2019. In 2020 he received the Fairfax County Youth Peace Award and promptly gave away the included stipend to Immigrant Legal Aid. Also as a viola and occasional violin player, he credits Mrs. Rupert of the Robinson Music Department for being his guiding light for six years. She challenged him to participate in bigger expressions, refine his techniques, and demonstrate rigor in all that he undertakes. In February, Michael will be off to Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand)--also known as "Te Herenga Waka" (the Meeting Place) in Maori--a school dedicated to finding solutions to some of the world's biggest problems. Go fix the world, Michael!



### Reagan McHugh

Reagan was a 14 year diver and swimmer for the Sideburn Sharks and a 4 year varsity diver at Robinson Secondary, winning championships for both teams and later became employed as an Assistant Coach for the neighborhood team. She expects to utilize the learning strategies and teaching techniques she gained from these experiences in her college classes and for her chosen minor of Child Studies. She is particularly drawn to helping learning disabled kids overcome obstacles. Reagan has had opportunities to work with hearing impaired children when she worked at Lifetime Fitness and children with anxieties as a Dive Coach, constantly encouraging them, boosting their self confidence and teaching them to believe in themselves. Thinking ahead, she took a business management class and two IB psychology classes at Robinson as grounding for her hopes to someday have her own psychology practice. She has been using her "quarantine time" to hone lessons learned in gourmet cooking and claims to make a perfect Lemon Biscotti cookie using her Grandma's recipe. Reagan is bound for Christopher Newport University where she plans to major in Psychology (and minor in Child Studies). Having once been awarded the "Most Awesome Shark" for her dogged persistence, the odds are she will be persistent in college and will achieve her professional goal!

Along with the CCVCA scholarship awards, \$50 stipends have been gifted to Robinson teachers, Anne Rupert (Band), and Ami Durand (English) and for being cited as guiding lights and inspirations to our two scholarship winners.

## Be Prepared for Summer Storms

*Content courtesy of Fairfax County Government*

With warmer summer weather comes a higher risk of flooding from thunderstorms and hurricanes. FEMA recommends several ways to protect any building from flood and wind damage:

- Re-grade the lot to drain water away from the building.
- Waterproof walls and install watertight enclosures over entrance ways. (This is not recommended if flood waters may exceed two feet).
- Raise the house above flood levels. Flood waters may pass under the house, causing less damage.
- Protect buildings from high winds during tropical storms and hurricanes by installing storm shutters and reinforced garage doors.
- Keep storm drains clear of trash and debris. Litter blocking storm drains may cause flooded streets, traffic delays, and property damage. Please use the Fairfax County Storm Drain Flooding Report Form to notify the county of blocked storm drains: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/contact-msmd-form>



Information about protecting buildings is available at FEMA's Safer, Stronger, Protected Homes & Communities <https://www.fema.gov/safer-stronger-protected-homes-communities> and FEMA's Homeowner's Guide to Retrofitting <https://www.fema.gov/homeowners-guide-retrofitting>. Any alteration to a building or land, including re-grading, filling or modifying a sewer line, requires a permit. For more information regarding building and site modifications, call Fairfax County Land Development Services at **703-324-1720, TTY 711**.

### Turn Around; Don't Drown!

The majority of people who die in floods made one common and fatal mistake: they drove their vehicles--including pickup trucks, vans, and sport utility vehicles--into flood waters. A bridge or road that cannot be seen through floodwaters may have been undermined or washed out.

According to the U.S. Geological Survey, water that is one foot deep typically exerts 500 pounds of lateral force on a vehicle. Once the vehicle is floating, the floodwater becomes the steering wheel. If the water is moving, the vehicle may be swept away, tipped on its side or flipped over, trapping the occupants inside.

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## How to Enjoy Fireworks Safely

*Bob Mizer, Public Service & Neighborhood Watch Chair*

With the cancellation of many local fireworks shows this year, there is a strong temptation to celebrate the 4th of July with your own fireworks, but remember many types of fireworks are illegal in Fairfax: Fireworks that explode, travel laterally, rise into the air, or fire projectiles into the air are not permitted for safety reasons and are illegal. This includes firecrackers, bottle rockets, skyrockets, and torpedoes. Not only are these fireworks dangerous to the person who uses them, but they can also cause serious injury to others and significant property damage. Therefore, **buy fireworks from local county dealers. They sell only approved items.** Allowed fireworks include sparklers, fountains, and pinwheels. The use, possession, or sale of illegal fireworks is a Class 1 Misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$2,500 or jail time.

If you do buy fireworks here are some common sense safety precautions:

- ✓ Keep a bucket of water and a garden hose handy. When you're done, place all used fireworks in the bucket of water and let them soak.
- ✓ Keep a safety zone around the area you will ignite the fireworks. Clear the area of things that can burn. DO NOT use in any area that contains combustible material. A driveway is usually a good area.
- ✓ Never hold fireworks in your hand or throw them.
- ✓ Don't allow children to handle fireworks.
- ✓ Wear eye protection.
- ✓ Never try to reignite a "dud".

The Fire and Rescue Department wants you to enjoy the holiday and not be in need of their service. Stay safe! For more information visit the Fairfax County website or the Virginia Department of Forestry website.

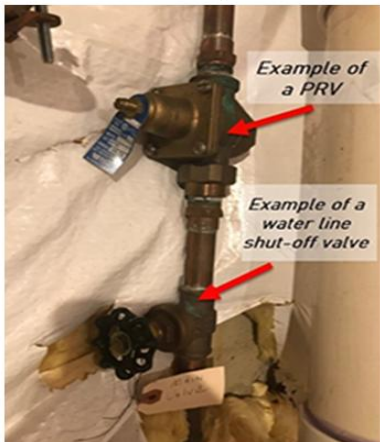
## Water Pressure Reducing Valves for CCVCA

By Bill Barfield, 1st Vice President

Fairfax Water is replacing both the 55 year old water mains in CCV (2 months of digging so far) and the water tower above George Mason University to improve our water system delivery and performance.

This results in an increase in water pressure, which is the “umph” that pushes the water through the system (measured in pounds per square inch, PSI). Many but not all of our CCV homes will feel this increase from a typical 50 to 60 PSI to sometimes over 80 PSI. This increased PSI means weak pipe joints and older-designed appliances may be susceptible to leakage or outright damage.

*From street & out of the wall . . .*



*. . . to all the pipes in the house.*

So enter the PRV, the *pressure reducing valve*, a specialized plumbing valve that reduces and stabilizes water pressure coming into a home. The PRV is installed where the main pipe enters the home. It usually does not require digging up your yard but the PRV does require a Virginia licensed plumber to install because it must comply with codes and certifications. Depending on pipe sediment, mineral deposits and PRV quality, a PRV will last 20 to 40 years.

Contributing to the water pressure servicing your house is the pressure from gravity, the slope of your lot and elevation, curves and bends in the mains and pipes, pipe diameters, and the new water tower and distribution system all. This is why only some homes received the notice from Fairfax Water suggesting a PRV be installed.

I emailed and spoke with Susan Miller, Public Affairs Officer/Manager, Fairfax Water (703-289-6018, [smiller@fairfaxwater.org](mailto:smiller@fairfaxwater.org)) to clarify some PRV questions. Her replies are in *italics*.

1. What are the risks to home water equipment if the PRV is not installed? *Some plumbing fixtures may not be rated to work with water pressure greater than 80 PSI. A PRV should be installed to help prevent premature failure of plumbing fixtures due to pressure over 80 PSI.*
2. When is the latest date that the PRV should be installed? *Please have the PRV installed by the end of September and submit for reimbursement by the end of October. If someone must wait until October to have the PRV installed, that is fine, but please have it completed and the request for reimbursement submitted no later than 10/31/20.*
3. Will every home in the newly-installed water main project area and in the George Mason water tower supply area be receiving your PRV letter? *No. Every home in the area will be experiencing an increase in pressure, but not every home will have pressure over 80 PSI after the tank goes online. Letters were only sent to homes where we expect the pressure to be over 80 PSI. If you did not get a letter, you do not need a PRV. If you got the letter and you already have the PRV, you do not need to take any further action.*
4. Can you recommend contractors who do the PRV installation for a group rate such as all our community homes potentially needing PRVs? *We cannot give out recommendations for plumbers, but this is a standard job that many plumbers can do. Feel free to use a licensed plumber of your choice and discuss the option for a group rate.*

Most importantly, Fairfax Water will reimburse customers for the cost up to \$500 of the PRV device and its installation only for the homes that have been identified as having future pressure above 80 PSI due to the University Tank Project. These customers received letters explaining the reimbursement process and the reimbursement application form. If you can't find yours, drop Susan an email request.

Also, a PRV should be installed by September 30, 2020. A request for reimbursement must be sent by October 31, 2020 and must include a photo of your home's water shutoff valve *before* and *after* the PRV is installed and the itemized receipt with proof of payment. Note that Fairfax Water assumes no responsibility for damages due to a change in water pressure.

More details are online at <https://www.fairfaxwater.org/utankprv> .