

## President's Message

*Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President*

When the pandemic brought the world-as-we-knew-it to a halt this past spring, it also forced us to reconsider how we can connect safely and creatively. Looking ahead to a fall unlike any other, I am reminded that, as I tell my daughters, "different" does not equal bad. In these moments, we can choose to embrace new ways, exercise our creativity, and ultimately expand our world --even when mostly confined to the four walls of our homes.

For instance, this year you CAN look forward to the **CCV Ice Cream Anti-Social** on Sunday, September 20th. That's right! While the event will look different--with masks and social distancing--all of the good stuff like ice-cream (albeit individually pre-packaged), arts & crafts, and family fun are still available for all! Bring a picnic blanket and enjoy an afternoon safely socializing out of the house. We all need the reprieve of time spent outdoors (with ice cream!) on occasion.

On Monday, September 28th all current CCVCA Members (if you have received this newsletter, that's YOU!) are invited to the first-ever **CCVCA Virtual General Membership Meeting**. Different? Yes. Exciting that more members may attend using this format? YES! Login to Zoom at 7:30pm EST Monday, September 28th using <https://tinyurl.com/meetCCVCA>.

During this meeting we will hear remarks from invited guest **Braddock District Supervisor James Walkinshaw** who began his term in January 2020. We will also hold a Q&A with **Recycling Outreach and Education Specialist Marion Plummer** from the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program. In addition, CCVCA Board members will provide updates and a proposed operating budget for 2021 (included with this newsletter). I sincerely hope to see you on-screen for what might be the first of many virtual opportunities to connect.

That is especially true if you are among our newest members -- those families who have moved to CCV during the pandemic. By attending the virtual meeting we would love to showcase the way CCVCA supports the neighborhood and begin to get to know you. Moving in the year 2020 is no small feat. We are glad you have found yourself in CCV and look forward to connecting. If you have any questions or would like to consider volunteering, please contact me at [cvca@countryclubview.org](mailto:cvca@countryclubview.org). I, too, was in your "newbie" shoes just 20 months ago!

Whether you are masked in-person at the Ice Cream Anti-Social on September 20th, unmasked on-screen at the Virtual General Membership Meeting on September 28th, or planning to attend both dates, I hope you will join us as we continue to connect and 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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### Welcoming New CCV Neighbors

*Bertha McClintock, CCVCA Welcoming*

I have recently become the chair of the CCVCA Welcoming Committee. We deliver a Welcome Packet to our newest neighbors. The packet contains information about the neighborhood, a message from our president, Amye Lee Rheault, and an application to join the CCVCA at a modest cost of \$15.

July was a banner month for delivering Welcome Packets to ten new homeowners! Twenty new children among those families are waiting to have the ability to meet other children from the neighborhood. Hopefully you will be able to attend the Ice Cream Anti-Social we have scheduled for Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 4-6pm in the CCV Park. (Just make sure to wear your mask!) This is a great opportunity that will allow you to meet your neighbors.

Welcome Packets are an important service to new neighbors. If you are aware of anyone who has just moved into the neighborhood, please send me an email at [bmclintock48@verizon.net](mailto:bmclintock48@verizon.net). If you would like to become part of this community service, please also let me know.

### The Neighborhood Watch Needs YOU!

*Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service & Neighborhood Watch*



With all the social distancing and stay-at-home guidance in place, are you looking for ways to spend a little time outside? Consider joining the neighborhood watch! You will have a chance to drive around Country Club View with your windows open and probably see a few neighbors you haven't seen before. We are also looking for people who may not want to drive around CCV but are willing to be a part of the Watch as they walk their dogs or go for a daily run. However, it's preferred if you can team up with a family member. We are asking for two hours of your time every three or four months. *Unfortunately, early one recent morning in CCV, several vehicles were vandalized and one vehicle stolen which was later recovered by police.* While we can't prevent all crime, it is shown that neighborhoods with a watch program have a lower incidence of criminal activity. The more watch standers we have, the more effective the program. Even if you don't want to be a part of the formal program, every resident of the neighborhood can participate by being alert and aware of what is happening around them as they go about their daily routines. If you are interested or have any questions contact me, Bob Mizer, at 703-425-9607. I will be glad to go over the details and sign you up. Look forward to hearing from you!

# **CCVCA Ice Cream Anti-Social Sunday, September 20th**

**4:00-6:00pm**

**CCV Park**

**Booths \* Games \* Crafts**

**Roaming Coyote Food Truck**

**\* Free Ice Cream \***

 **Social distancing  
will be observed.** 



## Food Truck Thursdays

*Sherrie Brady, CCVCA Events*

One of the great advantages of being penned up in your house all the time is that creativity starts to bloom. Such is the case with our own Lorenda Wieder who took it upon herself to invite Mazza Kitchen Food Truck to our neighborhood in July. Many people gleefully emerged from their homes that day to tentatively socialize and to enjoy some tasty Afghan kabob entrees. Thank you, Lorenda!

CCV will continue to enjoy Mazza Kitchen along with several other food truck offerings through October. Kona Ice will return with their many fun flavors of shaved ice. Roaming Coyote will be here with their always-popular southwestern entrees. Inside Scoop will serve wonderfully creamy ice cream. **Look for these trucks at Portsmouth Road and Buckingham on Food Truck Thursdays, 5:00-7:30pm.**

Invite your friends from other neighborhoods to join us in support of these small businesses!

- Sept 3 – Mazza Kitchen and Kona Ice
- Sept 10 – Roaming Coyote and Inside Scoop
- Sept 24 – Mazza Kitchen and Kona Ice
- Oct 1 – Roaming Coyote and Inside Scoop
- Oct 15 – Mazza Kitchen and Kona Ice
- Oct 22 – Roaming Coyote and Inside Scoop



## Clear the Way for Your Neighbors!

*Diane Carnahan, CCVCA Member*

It's great to see so many of our neighbors out in the community: Moms, dads, grandparents, kids, and even dogs traversing the sidewalk with strollers, bikes, skateboards, and wagons! Without a doubt being outside in the neighborhood has become much more popular in recent months. There's also been plenty of rain this spring and summer, so the foliage is more abundant than ever. Have you noticed that there are lots of bushes and limbs obstructing the sidewalks? **Please take a look at the sidewalks around your property and trim back some of the foliage to allow passersby easy traveling.**

Also, check that your house number is clearly visible. Foliage can obstruct mailbox numbers and house numbers. This is especially important when painted curb house numbers are no longer visible. **Easily seen house numbers are vital to mail deliverers and the fire department.**

(Picture taken at eye level.)



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/MEETCCVCA](https://tinyurl.com/meetccvca)

**Join CCVCA on Zoom  
for our first-ever Virtual  
General Membership Meeting**

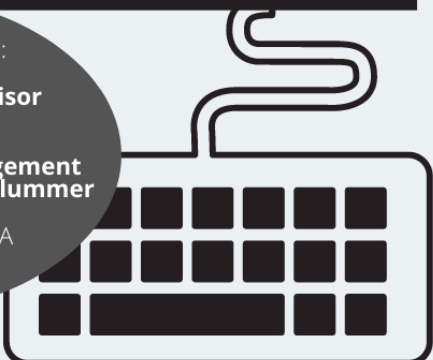
Login at 7:30pm EST  
Monday, September 28

Featuring Remarks from:

**Braddock District Supervisor  
James Walkinshaw**

**Fairfax County Waste Management  
Recycling Specialist Marion Plummer**

and a review of the CCVCA  
2021 Budget Proposal



# CCV Playground

In 2019 a group of neighbors gathered to consider the use and safety of our CCV Neighborhood Playground.

Through their effort, we are now in discussion with the Fairfax County Park Authority to potentially relocate and update the play structure for improved use and safety for all ages.

If you would like to receive updates or to offer your support, please email [ccvcafx@gmail.com](mailto:ccvcafx@gmail.com) with subject line Playground.



**CCV Loves to Play Campaign:  
for CCV kids age 2 to 92!**

From <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/>

**Election date**

General election - Nov 3

**Registration deadlines**

By mail - Oct 13

In person - Oct 13

**Absentee voter deadlines**

Application by mail - Oct 27

Application online - Oct 27

Application in person - Oct 31

Submission by mail - Nov 3

Submission in person - Nov 3

**Early voting**

No early voting period, but absentee ballot holders can cast a vote in person starting 45 days before Election Day if they have a valid excuse for not being able to vote on Election Day.

Begins - Sep 19

Ends - Nov 2



## Your Voice and Vote from Local to State

*Bill Barfield, CCVCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

There are two kinds of people we residents elect to represent our legislative voice: the community volunteer and the certified official. Both have responsibilities to their constituents and to the rules that they work under, from our local community by-laws up to our state and national constitutions. Note that we also elect non-legislative county officials such as the Sherriff, Commonwealth Attorney, and Soil and Water Director.

There are about 2,052 named communities in Fairfax County and every one of their residents can express an opinion, issue, or gripe to these volunteers and officials. (They also always warmly appreciate a friendly "Hello!" at the grocery store or at an office.) So who are these people in our elected "Chain of Command"?

Many people represent your voice as a resident of Country Club View in Fairfax County, Virginia. Let's start with the local elected community volunteers, and note that it is through these volunteer organizations that our elected officials receive the weighty collective voice of their constituents. Here is the list:

- **Country Club View Civic Association** - This is our strong and active community and is the grassroots of the saying "All politics is local". The CCVCA President is Amye Rheault at [ccvca@countryclubview.org](mailto:ccvca@countryclubview.org), and its website is <http://countryclubview.org/>.
- **Braddock District Council of Citizens Associations** – This is our Magisterial District community representation, along with many of our neighboring communities. The Chairman is George Becerra at [Chair@bdcfx.org](mailto:Chair@bdcfx.org), and its web site is <http://www.bdcfx.org>.
- **Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations** – The Federation represents both district councils of community associations and individual communities across Fairfax County, including HOA, civic, citizen, condominium, coop, residential, and apartment associations. The President is Bill Barfield (hey, that's me!) at [FedPres2020@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPres2020@fairfaxfederation.org), and its web site is <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org>.

And now, the certified elected legislative officials: **Fairfax County** is divided into 9 Magisterial Districts, each with about 129,000 residents and each managed by an elected Supervisor. These nine and one at-large as Chairman are the governing body of Fairfax County, called the Board of Supervisors:

- **Braddock District** – Our District Supervisor is James Walkinshaw at (703) 425-9300 and [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- **Fairfax County** – The Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is Jeff McKay at (703) 324-2321 and [chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov).

The **Commonwealth of Virginia** has a bicameral legislature called the General Assembly with two Houses, the House of Delegates and the Senate. CCV has a representative in both Houses:

- **State Delegate** - CCV is in the 37<sup>th</sup> House District with David Bulova our Delegate at (703) 310-6752 and [DelDBulova@house.virginia.gov](mailto:DelDBulova@house.virginia.gov).
- **State Senator** - CCV is in the 34<sup>th</sup> Senate District with Chap Petersen our Senator at (703) 349-3361 and [district34@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district34@senate.virginia.gov).
- **Governor** - Ralph Northam is at (804) 786-2211 and <http://www.governor.virginia.gov/>.

The **U.S. Congress** provides CCV with the biggest bang for our voice buck, potentially affecting national opinions and events. It, too, has two legislative houses:

- **House of Representatives** - CCV is in the 11<sup>th</sup> Virginia Congressional District with Gerry Connolly our Congressman, reached at (202) 225-1492, email <http://connolly.house.gov/>.
- **United States Senate** – CCV, like all Virginians, is represented by two U.S. Senators:
  - Mark Warner at (202) 224-2023 and <https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/>.
  - Tim Kane at (202) 224-4024 and <https://www.kaine.senate.gov/>.

The best up-to-date Fairfax County Directory of all of our elected officials, from Sheriff to President, with their contact info is at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/sites/elections/files/assets/documents/pdf/elected.pdf>.

And, finally, if you really want information about what your representatives are doing on State-level legislation, go to <https://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>.

Stay safe, be a neighborly resident, and go VOTE.

## Fall Fire Safety Tips

*Bob Mizer, CCVCA Public Service & Neighborhood Watch*

Fall is just around the corner. Early fall 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.

Be safe.



## Fertilize for Fall

*Aileen Winquist, CCVCA Oak View Liaison*

Did you know that fall is the best time to fertilize your lawn? Get your lawn ready now to look great next spring, and you'll have more time when the weather warms up to enjoy yourself!

- Leave grass clippings on the lawn after mowing. Nitrogen from the clippings will nourish the soil which means you'll need less fertilizer.
- Wait until fall to fertilize to avoid creating weak roots. Excessive fertilizer won't help your lawn; it will weaken it and send runoff into the Chesapeake Bay where crabs and oysters are already at risk of harm from fertilizer run-off.
- Get a soil test to find out the best type and amount of fertilizer for your yard.
- Apply it right. Use only the amount of fertilizer you really need. Too much fertilizer will actually weaken your lawn. Keep fertilizer off paved surfaces and don't apply it before it rains. Otherwise, you'll just be sending the fertilizer—and your money—down the drain.
- Use compost instead. Compost is not only a good alternative to fertilizer; it's also an excellent soil conditioner. Yards that use compost need less water and fertilizer, so you save money. Plus, you can get one of those cool compost bins.

Information courtesy of the Northern Virginia Clean Water Partners, representing local governments, water and sewer authorities, and Northern Virginia Regional Commission at [www.onlyrain.org](http://www.onlyrain.org).