

President's Message

Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President

The warm September day of the Ice Cream Social definitely warranted a cool treat. Even more heart-warming was the sight of so many neighbors once again coming together to enjoy some of life's simple pleasures: community, good food, and fresh air on a beautiful day. Our first-ever raffle to support the Scholarship Fund was a huge success as was the addition of alpacas alongside the various booths. Thank you to all who contributed time and talent to make this community tradition so memorable.

Within these pages you a recap from all the exciting neighborhood events this year, including our first-ever Halloween Scare Trail. Many thanks to the merry band of actors who knew just the right dose of "scary" for the CCV kids to have fun, not nightmares, along the Scare Trail! This issue also contains a summary of the September Membership Meeting with updates from George Mason University.

As is becoming my tradition, I'd like to use the remainder of this space to share my gratitude for CCVCA Members and volunteers who give of themselves to make this neighborhood wonderful.

Thank you to **Todd Crenshaw** for serving as the inaugural emcee for the Ice Cream Social this year. Your voice highlighted every activity and group that contributed, while your dynamic voice and enthusiasm made the event extra lively and fun!

Thank you to **The Women's Club** for our first-ever raffle to benefit the CCV Scholarship Fund. A special thanks to **Sheila Coffin, Diane Carnahan, and Jean Brewer** who co-led the charge. Their efforts, along with your generosity, mean that we can continue to honor CCV's hard-working high school seniors. As the year ends, and/or on your forthcoming 2022 Membership form, please consider giving what you can to further support our Scholarship Fund. All funds go directly to the recipient(s) that will be awarded by committee review in 2022.

Thank you to **Aileen Winqvist** and to our **Boy Scout Troop 1865** for leading a much-needed stream cleanup this spring. Our CCV Park stream bed was cleared of many bags of rubbish during just a few hours of teamwork. Please help keep our common spaces beautiful by using the trash cans near the tennis courts and playground and encourage visitors to do the same.

Finally, and importantly, thank **YOU** for your continued support of our neighborhood's Civic Association. As we close the year by reflecting on the memories and connections made, I encourage you to consider how you might join our efforts in 2022 as a member, volunteer, or member of the Board. I continue to be inspired by the dedication of our volunteers and look forward to building on these successes in 2022. I hope you will be there alongside us!

With Gratitude,

Amye

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 ccvcafx@gmail.com.

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Holiday Home Decorating CONTEST

The Country Club View Women's Club will judge on Monday, December 20.
Raindate Tuesday, December 21.
The judging will begin at 7:00 pm.

The categories for this year will be Traditional, Toyland, and Winter Wonderland with one winner chosen for each category.

The three winners will receive a gift card from CCVCA, and a yard sign will announce the category won at each house.

Good luck to all the contestants participating in this festive event!



LOOKING TO BUILD CULTURAL BRIDGES?

AFS IS RECRUITING HOST FAMILIES FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS COMING TO FAIRFAX COUNTY IN THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR.

Host families come in all shapes and sizes and commit to hosting for a semester or year.

Students come from all over the world from Argentina to Ukraine.

To learn more visit www.afsusa.org and contact local AFS volunteer, Michael Rodriguez.



CCVCA 2022 Membership Drive

Diana Michel, CCVCA 2nd Vice President

The 2022 Membership Drive begins the first week of January, and shortly after that all residents will receive the paper membership application via their block captain. For 2021 we had 237 members out of 477 homes in Country Club View. We hope that all of you who joined last year will choose to join again this year. Your membership dues (only \$15!) are what funds all the great activities throughout the year. Remember that fantastic ice cream social with the really cute alpacas and the face painter? That is only possible with the support of a lot of members. The Board has set a goal of exceeding 250 members this year – so please join and talk to your neighbors about joining too!

If you prefer to join online, please go to www.countryclubview.org and click on Join/Renew on our homepage to access the online membership application. Don't forget to pay using PayPal!

Thanks and see you around the neighborhood!

A Banner Year for CCV Events

Sherrie Brady, Events Chair

Congratulations, neighbors! Despite the abundant challenges of 2021 you managed to not only support all CCV activities, but you actually expanded participation in our scheduled calendar events. Woo-hoo! And because of this increased interest and participation you have strengthened our friendships, created new friendships, and continued to re-energize our wonderful community. Very well done!

Here's a recap –

- January – successful Membership Campaign
- April – impressively productive Stream Clean-up
- May – 1) bounteous Spring Yard Sale; 2) thoughtful Memorial Day Ceremony; 3) brilliant scholarship winners announced
- July – first-ever Fun-in-the-Sun Water Games
- August – well-attended National Night Out
- September – triumphant Ice Cream Social and Cash Raffle
- October – 1) perfectly timed Green Drop Truck and Fall Yard Sale; 2) online and in-person tricks and treats from Mr. Halloween
- December – highly anticipated Home Decoration Contest

Do you have an idea for a CCV Event? Would you like to help with the planning of a CCV event? Contact me, Sherrie Brady, at sherrie.brady@gmail.com. See the following page for next year's event calendar.

Thank you, CCV!
Every address a success!

2022 Calendar - Country Club View*

	MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTERS	EVENTS AND DEADLINES*
JANUARY	31 - Board Meeting	1 - Kickoff Membership Campaign Submit scholarship applications
FEBRUARY	28 - Board Meeting	Leadership Appreciation Day deadline Membership Campaign
MARCH	28 - Board Meeting Newsletter #1	15 - deadline scholarship applications Begin scholarship interviews
April	25 - All-Membership Meeting	Complete scholarship interviews Stream Clean-up
MAY	23 - Board Meeting	Scholarship winners announced Spring Yard Sale Memorial Day Ceremony
JUNE	No Board Meeting Newsletter #2	
JULY	25 - Board Meeting	
AUGUST	29 - Board Meeting	2 - National Night Out
SEPTEMBER	26 - All-Membership Meeting Newsletter #3	18 - Ice Cream Social and Cash Raffle
OCTOBER	24 - Board Meeting	30 - Halloween Spooky Trail 31 - Trick or Treat
NOVEMBER	No Board Meeting	
DECEMBER	5 - Board Meeting Newsletter #4	Holiday Home Decoration Contest

***Check CCV FACEBOOK and CCV NEXTDOOR for dates and times.**

Also, if you wish to address the Board with an idea or concern, email ccvcafx@gmail.com for our rotating monthly meeting locations.

CCVCA Scholarship: Reply by 15 March 2022

Bob Coffin, Scholarship Chair

NOW HEAR THIS!! Need \$\$\$ for college? Who doesn't? It's time for the Class of 2022 to get applications ready for this year's awards! STARTING NOW WOULD BE A GOOD TIME! DO NOT WAIT, DO NOT BE LATE, DO NOT PROCRASTINATE, NOR PERSEVERATE. (This offer expires 15 March 2022.)

You too, can join the ranks of Country Club View's finest! Over just the past ten years scholarships have gone to:



- ✓ Rachel Murphy (2012)
- ✓ Katherine Mahon-Kuzin (2013)
- ✓ Timothy Rodriguez (2014)
- ✓ James Kan & Katharine Dunphy (2015)
- ✓ Kaitlin Wade & Julia Kuzin (2016)
- ✓ Michael Briggs & Haley McAlister (2017)
- ✓ Zachary Wade & Tess Mahon-Kuzin (2018)
- ✓ Maggie Gould & Sam Teolis (2019)
- ✓ Michael McCabe & Reagan McHugh (2020)
- ✓ Emily Bruck, Elina Teolis & Maddie Hitchcock (2021)

If you saw their pictures and stories at the Ice Cream Social, you know how much they have achieved. At that event, Jean Brewer & Family “remembered” four of their family receiving those scholarships back as far as 1998. Anyone who can recall other recipients, please notify the Scholarship Chair; I'd like to compile a much longer list of winners!

CCVCA annually awards scholarship(s) to graduating high school senior children of CCVCA members. (If you have paid your dues prior to 15 March 2022, 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 vary based on the funds available. For 2021 we were fortunate to receive an anonymous \$1,000 Donation at the last moment, allowing us to provide three worthy young ladies with \$1,000 each to start off their college careers. (Note: most funding comes from the Scholarship Fund donations on the annual Membership form). For 2022, the Ice Cream Social Raffle has already raised \$772 toward the scholarships. Additional donations will be most willingly accepted and appreciated, just contact the Scholarship Chair—we DO have some demonstrably talented and worthy students in Country Club View! More donations helps the Scholarship Committee to award more winners instead of “picking winners over winners”!

Applications forms are currently available—but applicants need their grades for their first seven semesters of high school—and applications MUST be received before 15 March 2022. Interviews will be scheduled shortly thereafter.

Get started NOW. Be the First in line, get them in as soon as you receive your 7th semester grades. Forms can be obtained from: the CCVCA website or the CCVCA Scholarship Chairperson, Bob Coffin, [10716 Almond Street, Fairfax, 22032](https://www.countryclubview.org/), 703-385-3264, or ntktwalr@verizon.net. Due date is 15 March 2022. Any questions about the application process, call Bob Coffin.

Winter Safety Tips

Bob Mizer, Public Safety & Neighborhood Watch Chair

Heating Safety

- ✓ The number one safety tip revolves around your winter heating system. Whether you have gas or oil furnaces or have a wood burning system, it is important to have it checked by a reputable maintenance company to ensure they are clean and functioning efficiently.
- ✓ It is especially important to have your chimney and flu cleaned and inspected if you burn wood. Wood byproducts over time can 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. Then evacuate your residence.
 - Also be sure to place all ashes in a metal container and store outside away from your home. Ashes are deceiving and stay hot for a significant length of time. DON'T store the container on your deck. That is the cause of the majority of winter house fires in the county.

Holiday Safety

- Keep your fresh tree well watered.
- Use only UL approved lights and do not overload circuits.
- Turn off all lights and electrical decorations before bedtime.
- Limit the use of extension cords.
- Do NOT use candles as decorations.
- Dispose of fireplace ashes outside, away from the home, and in a metal container.
- Never leave candles burning when you are not in the room.
- Keep candles away from combustible materials and in a glass or ceramic 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. When there is snow on the ground you can also clear the snow from around the fire hydrants near your home.

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Winter Driving Safety

Winter driving is different and requires different skills and a greater level of preparedness. Remember that many residents are new to the area and many have never driven in winter conditions, so drive defensively, stay alert, and put down the mobile phone.

- Be sure your tires, battery, and windshield wipers are in good condition.
- 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.
- **Visibility can be severely compromised by snow, so be sure you clear ALL your windows of snow and ice before heading out on the road. Also, remove snow and ice from the top of your vehicle so it doesn't blow off onto other vehicles and cause an accident. It's the law. Keep your headlights on while driving.**
- Keep your windshield washer fluid topped off. Put a can of deicer spray in your vehicle.
- Maintain a safe distance and speed. Avoid sharp turns or quick lane changes on snow or ice. Be alert for black ice conditions.
- Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle (blankets, food and water, small shovel, flares, extra gloves, and boots) for use in the event you are stranded.
- If you are home and snow is forecasted, remember it is your responsibility to clear your sidewalks as soon as possible. If possible, park your vehicle in your driveway or if you park on the street, park on the **odd** numbered side so that plows can clear a wider path on the roadway and make their job easier and faster.

This Holiday Season: Can the Grease to Prevent Sewer Backups

Aileen Winquist, Oak View Elementary School Liaison Chair

Did you know that fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can clog sewer pipes?

FOG includes materials like butter, cooking oil, lard, meat scraps, shortening, and margarine. When these materials are dumped down the drain, they form large, thick clumps of grease that clog the sewer pipes. Clogged pipes can cause sewage backups in your home, can create environmental and health problems, traffic tie-ups, and even flooded businesses. Cleanup can be expensive.

What you can do to fight FOG:

- Keep an empty metal can and pour cooking grease into the can. Allow grease to cool in the container before throwing it in the trash.
- Use a paper towel to wipe out the remaining grease from pans prior to washing.
- Place liquid oils in a sealable container before throwing in the trash.
- Keep drains clean by pouring 1/2 cup baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup white vinegar. Wait 10 - 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.



Learn more: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/fats-oils-grease>

Concerns by CCV Residents get Legislative Action

Bill Barfield, CCVCA 1st Vice President

Country Club View is a member of the largest civic organization in Fairfax County, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. In chats with CCV residents, several community-wide concerns frequently pop up, such as the water-main installation, the street paving, storm water runoff into the Chesapeake Bay, noise abatement, and advance notification of construction projects. We aren't alone with these complaints.

The Federation, by using input from CCV and other county residents, annually develops a Legislative Issues Package that addresses these kinds of concerns affecting the welfare of Fairfax residents. This package is made publicly available and sent to the Board of Supervisors and the twenty-six members of the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly (GA) for their consideration and action.

Federation committees do extensive research on the relevancy and history of these issues to produce the Legislative Issues Package. Four of this year's eight issues related to the above specific concerns of CCV residents is briefly summarized here. All issues have a detailed one-page write-up and can be accessed by clicking on the blue box "2022 Legislative Issues Link" at <https://www.fairfaxfederation.org/>.

- (1) **Lawn-care Company Regulatory Authority** The GA should enact legislation that authorizes Counties to license landscaping and lawn-care entities and to regulate the application of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides.
- (2) **Renewable Distributed Energy** The GA should enact or improve various laws pertaining to improving solar programs, electric utility billing rates, resiliency, energy set-asides, energy tax credits, and certain electric charging practices.
- (3) **Community Input into Zoning** The State Legislature shall amend the Virginia Code to ensure that an urban form of county government maintain public input into zoning decisions affecting single family home communities.
- (4) **Mandatory Public Notice** State Legislature shall amend the Virginia Code to extend the requirement for advance (at least 90 days) public notice and comment for all proposed and planned construction projects on State property in local jurisdictions.

These issues for which CCV and other Fairfax residents have expressed concerns are on the way to our legislators. The General Assembly meets in January with many new members in the House (but the Fairfax delegation is intact!). The Federation visits members during session to push for legislative action on the issues. So stay informed, read 'em, and please don't hesitate to chat with me about any for more info.

Only Rain Down the Drain!

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Did you know? The Fairfax County storm drainage system, known as the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), carries stormwater to nearby ponds, streams, lakes, and rivers. Please do not dump anything down the storm drains. Do not rake or dump grass clippings or leaves into the storm drainage system. Never dump treated swimming pool water, pet waste, used motor oil, paint, chemicals or other substances into a storm drain. Secure garbage on collection days to avoid litter reaching the stormwater system.

For more information regarding the Fairfax County MS4, please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/storm-drainage-system>

For more information regarding different types of illicit discharges to the MS4, please visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/stormwater/illicit-discharge-and-improper-disposal-idid-program>

You, as a homeowner, can help to prevent pollutants from reaching the county's waterways.

Fall Membership Meeting Recap

Amye Rheault, CCVCA President

On Monday, September 27 CCVCA held our Fall Membership Meeting. This is one of two annual meetings during which all members of CCVCA are invited to attend. While monthly Board meetings are typically hosted at Board member homes, our Fall Meeting was graciously hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church where we spread out in a large meeting room.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. We first heard from our guest speaker Traci Kendall, the George Mason University Executive Director of Community and Local Government Relations.

Ms. Kendall reported that the university is very proud of its COVID-19 response. At the time of the meeting in late September, 91% of students and staff were vaccinated and those who are not yet vaccinated are tested weekly. The university maintains a COVID-19 dashboard online that anyone can check for current rates on campus.

Of great interest was the update on the University Master Plan, which "will be a framework to guide future decision making around the University's three primary campuses in Arlington, Fairfax, and Prince William." The University is wrapping up two years of gathering feedback from various constituents and is poised to propose a "bold long-term vision" for the future of GMU. Current info can be found on <https://construction.gmu.edu/university-master-plan>.

Earlier this year CCVCA established a Liaison to GMU Chair on the Board of Directors in order to closely follow the developing Master Plan, as well as to maintain positive communication with our neighboring Fairfax campus. Fran DelVecchio has filled this role and has been actively following these developments on our behalf. If you desire, please reach out to Fran by emailing ccvcafx@gmail.com subject line: GMU Campus Plan so that we can aggregate and address any valid concerns as a community with the strength of our Civic Association behind it.

After brief updates from the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. Learn more about the full September Membership Meeting agenda and see the Minutes from past monthly Board meetings by visiting www.countryclubview.org/documents/meeting-minutes.

Save the date for our Spring Membership Meeting on April 25, 2022. Have an idea for a great guest speaker? Send it in to ccvcafx@gmail.com at any time!

