

President's Message

Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President

On an overcast Saturday this spring I set out, quite a bit earlier than my usual weekend wake-up hour, to place Yard Sale maps near our two neighborhood entrance signs. CCV was quiet as I passed through: a few folks were just beginning to set out their wares. Not many neighbors or dogs were out walking at that hour.

Despite the quietude, I was struck by how many neighbors were involved in this single morning in CCV. A dozen neighbors submitted their addresses for the new Yard Sale Map feature, which our web managers custom-created for CCV. Another neighbor dutifully placed yard signs to advertise the sale, signs which had been carefully designed and sourced by yet another volunteer. Messages were posted all morning to our Facebook page to alert neighbors of the great deals available. And of course, let's not forget all the neighbors and locals who found a treasure or two that morning!

As all this was happening, that same day we also had volunteers leading the annual Stream Cleanup right here in CCV Park. A joint effort with Troop 1865, which CCVCA sponsors, the amount of debris that this group of volunteers pulled from our stream-bed is truly astounding. You can find photos of their efforts within the pages of this newsletter that follow.

What turned out to be a very active, not at all quiet, Saturday morning in our neighborhood was followed a few days later by our biannual CCVCA Membership Meeting. The Spring meeting is always a special one because we invite our accomplished CCV Scholarship Recipients and their families to attend (see photos within). The excitement of their senior year with all the promise of the years ahead was palpable in the room, and I think caused many of the CCVCA members in attendance to fondly recall their own launch into adulthood.

That's one of CCVCA's efforts I am most proud to be associated with: our Paul Maltagliati Memorial College Scholarship. Thanks to the efforts of our Scholarship Chair, Interview Committee, and donors like YOU, we have been able to award three annual \$1000 scholarships both in 2021 and in 2022. Incredible! Thanks for your support of these ambitious graduates. I hope we can continue to see the Scholarship Fund grow to support our future high school seniors.

Congratulations to all CCV Graduates in the Class of 2022, and thank you to all who attended, took an active role, and spread the word about our spring events. I hope to see many of you for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2nd and at our annual Ice Cream Social on Sunday, September 18th!

Sincerely,

Amye

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Earth Day Stream Cleanup

Aileen Winquist, Oak View Elementary Liaison



On April 24, 2022, over 30 intrepid volunteers from Cub Scout Pack 1865 and the CCV neighborhood celebrated Earth Day by showing some love for our local stream, Sideburn Branch of Pohick creek. It was a beautiful spring day and the volunteers collected numerous bags of trash, including some patio chairs! The volunteers were glad to remove the litter from our beautiful local park and stream, preventing it from washing down to pollute the Potomac or the Chesapeake Bay. Let's all remember to do our part year-round by cleaning up any litter we see as we enjoy walks around the neighborhood. Thanks again to the stream cleanup volunteers!

CCV Memorial Day Ceremony

Sherrie Brady, Events Chair

The Country Club View Civic Association presented a well-received memorial tribute for servicemen and servicewomen at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony. CCV Rolling Thunder rode the neighborhood, then made an entrance to CCV Park to begin the ceremony. Guest bagpiper, John Hughes, set the tone with a somber entrance into the meeting area. Bill Barfield (CCVCA 1st Vice President), James Walkinshaw (Braddock Supervisor), and Brigadier General Benjamin Spencer (CCV resident) spoke eloquently to approximately 100 residents and participants. Capable and well-rehearsed scouts of CCVCA's Troop 1865 served as Color Guard. Patriotic music was prepared and presented by TJ McCurdy.



Many thanks to all who attended and participated. The willingness of so many volunteers and residents to be present for this tribute speaks well for those being honored as well as for those who are protected and defended by our military personnel.



2022 Calendar - Country Club View*

	MEETINGS AND NEWSLETTERS	EVENTS AND DEADLINES*
JULY	25 - Board Meeting	
AUGUST	29 - Board Meeting	2 - National Night Out
SEPTEMBER	26 - All-Membership Meeting: 7:30pm St. Mary's Farrell Hall, 5222 Sideburn Road 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.**

Summer Safety Tips

Bob Mizer, Public Safety & Neighborhood Watch Chair

Summer is here and grilling season has started. Many of you will recognize the following safety tips from previous newsletters but they are worth repeating. Here are a few tips that will keep you, your family, and your home safe.

- Check all gas grill connection to be sure they are tight and you have no leaks. Use 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 and fire pits well away from siding, deck rails and out from under eaves and overhanging tree branches.
- Never use a grill indoors or under a tent.
- Use only UL approved grills and propane cylinders
- Never store propane cylinders in the home or garage.
- Whether you use a charcoal grill or a fire pit, 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.**
 - Remember that most house fires in the warmer months are caused by the improper disposal of ashes. Ashes stay warm long after the fire appears to be out. Place ashes in a closed **metal** container and keep it away from your home, not on your deck or near a fence.
- The summer's bright sun can wreak havoc on your vision while driving especially in the morning and evening when the sun is low. Keep a safe distance, turn on your headlights, and wear good sunglasses to cut the glare.

Remembering CCV Resident, Agnes Brown

Laura E. Mayer, Newsletter Editor

Two doors down from my house stands a colonial, brick on the bottom and white siding on the top with a black-shingle portico framing the door. The hedges that hug the front of the house are neatly trimmed into rounded shapes, like green pinecones and yellow buttons, and a narrow white sidewalk winds from the driveway to the back of the dwelling where a white-siding shed is a miniature house with two, black metal porch lights on either side of the door. Overall, Agnes Brown's house is both modern and traditional, humble and grand, empty and full of remembering.

"Have we met?" Agnes's eyes smiled to meet mine while white tile pieces were neatly scattered in the middle of a table, and while I was walking into our neighbor's kitchen.

"Yes, we have," I returned the smile, remembering the first time we were introduced.

"Oh, yes, that's right. You're the mom with the little boy on the corner," she put down the tile pieces in her hand. "I used to sit with the [old neighbors] in the living room of your house!"

That would be my last encounter with Agnes as the pandemic regulations kept us all at home and especially protective of our elderly. Yet our brief exchange of words reflected both her current condition—in the sunset of her life—and her history and connection to the neighborhood—as the first owner of her Country Club View house and the many friendships she maintained with those around her as a long-time Women's Club member (formerly known as the Garden Club) and participant in monthly Scrabble nights on our street.

Gerrienne Hoffman, Agnes's next-door neighbor, recalls Agnes with awe and delight: "Agnes will forever be etched in my heart. Agnes was my best friend full of fun, wit, and great graces."

"Mission Impossible is summing up Agnes," Kathy Morris, Agnes's across-the-street-neighbor, reflects, "but just saying her name makes me smile. Wit and wisdom, style and grace, many things to emulate. [The people in the neighborhood] always felt once inside her home [they] had her complete attention. An emptiness is felt now that she is gone. I wish she had taken her cell phone so I can call."

Debbie Swietlik, another close neighbor and friend to Agnes remembers her as "a gracious and lovely friend who always welcomed people [including me] into her home. She truly was a role model for all of us...and I always said she was 'a lady in every sense of the word.'"

Debbie also reminisces about Agnes's life prior to Country Club View and the ways she served the community outside her neighborhood: "I enjoyed many conversations with her about her early years as a teacher in Massachusetts, then her adventurous and exciting years in the late 1940's teaching in an American school outside Paris, France where she later met her husband-to-be, Jim, an American Air Force pilot. In her retirement years, Agnes gave so much of her time and talents to helping the community in various ways, including renovating and relocating the historic Legato School in Fairfax City as well as serving as a docent at both of the Air and Space Museums. Education was always at the center of her life."

The tapestry of Agnes's life is woven with recurring threads of humor, hospitality, intellect, refinement, kindness, and service—and this fabric is woven into the history of Country Club View. May she live in our hearts forever.

Paul Maltagliati Memorial Scholarship Winners 2022

Bob Coffin, Scholarship Chair

Alexis “Lexy” Wade

In elementary school, Lexy began having knee pain that later required two arthroscopic surgeries and eventually was diagnosed with Amplified Musculoskeletal Pain Syndrome (AMPS). Unwilling to let it cramp her style, she used it as a motivator by being a Girl Scout (kindergarten-12th grade); coaching young beginner swimmers; and competing in air rifle and smallbore as a member of the Robinson Rifle Team and the Arlington Optimist Acorns Junior Rifle Club. She attended the Chantilly Governor’s STEM Academy for two years, completed NVCC dual enrollment courses, and graduated from Robinson Secondary School with an Advanced Diploma (4.1 GPA). Lexy’s diverse talents include being Co-President of the Robinson Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and as part of Junior Achievement Day implemented a plan to teach elementary students about entrepreneurship and basic economics. At the 2022 Virginia FBLA Leadership Conference she placed first in the American Enterprise Project event for Skill Up! (a program bridges the gap between middle and high schoolers learning about career exploration) and fifth in Impromptu Speaking; specifically she qualified to attend the National Leadership Conference. Lexy has been a member of the award-winning FIRST Robotics RTR Team 2421, and her only regret is “flipping” the robot in competition when she was a driver. Also, you might call her a “Society Girl” as she is a member of the National Honor Society, the Technical Honor Society, and both the Math and Latin Honor Societies. Lexy will be pursuing her interests in nanotechnology and prosthetics in the Biomedical Engineering School at George Mason University. When she graduates, you can bet she will be wearing those high heels the doctors told her she couldn’t and shouldn’t...because that’s Lexy!

Ryan Carnahan

Ryan’s two passions in life are baseball—he started playing T-ball at four years old—and Young Life, a Christian organization he became involved with as a high school freshman. Both have helped him to lead by example and do the jobs no one else wants. They have also provided valuable lessons in sacrifice and hard work, teaching him there is always more to learn and how to manage his time. With these lessons, Ryan has succeeded admirably. He has become a Central Fairfax leader in Young Life. He has “earned” his way with jobs at Chick-Fil-A, Fairfax Country Club, and the Trattoria Villagio Restaurant. (Try their “Arancini.”) He will be graduating with an Advanced Studies Diploma (4.1 average), Academic Letters, and as a member of the National Honor Society. He has been the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) President at Robinson, winning an Excellence in Marketing Award. Ryan is a diversified athlete, receiving a Wrestling JV award and was chosen as the Co-Captain of the Robinson Baseball team his Senior year. His Young Life experiences include mission trips to build a deck in Dayton, Ohio and helping local children in Hawassa, Ethiopia. (Yes, he ate the injera bread and no, he passed on the flaming Harissa sauce). He once wrote a calculus paper on “The Optimal Angle of Velocity from the Bat for a Home Run.” His goal in life is to blend his hobbies with real life through a career in Sports Marketing. Specifically, Ryan plans to major in Sports Supply Chain Marketing with a minor in Business Analytics at the University of Tennessee.

Elsa Maysounave

Elsa is “une personne charmante” from Blagnac, in the Haute-Garonde, near Toulouse, France who joined us in 2019. She is deservedly proud of her command of the English language, having taught conversational and basic French to American English speaking employees of Airbus—as a volunteer. She loves reading, writing, math, and fashion—as well as basketball, which she played year-round on an AAU Team for eight years in France. Elsa relaxes by running, preferring longer distance after day jaunts. She is accomplished in running, having run both the Army Ten Miler and a triathlon. She has worked as an Online Stylist, prepping clothing and accessories for photos and then creating robust listings for the products. Elsa is deservedly proud of her acclimating to English and being able to earn an International Baccalaureate Diploma with a 4.1 average. She also is fluent in Spanish and has several years of Latin training. Lastly, Elsa has a passion for the environment and is looking for a career in Environmental Engineering. She plans to attend a college in the Blagnac area of France that offers a five year engineering program. Nous vous souhaitons le meilleur dans vos entreprises futures. (We wish you the best in your future endeavors!)



Left Photo, from left to right:
Lexy, Ryan, and Elsa.

Right Photo, from left to
right: Bob Coffin, Lexy,
Catherine Burdette, Ryan,
Chris and Reneé Carnahan,
Elsa, Jean-Luc Maysounave



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