

## President's Message

Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President

There's no place like the home for the holidays, and we are glad to call Country Club View our home. On behalf of the entire CCVCA Board, we wish you and yours a very happy holiday season.

Our neighborhood is a showcase for incredible holiday light displays, so be sure to take a walk or drive this season to enjoy everyone's efforts. The annual Holiday Decorating Contest will be judged the evening of Monday December 19th, so have your best razzle-dazzle on display by that date!

The end of each year is a time for gathering together and for reflection. The Civic Association is no different, and so in the following pages, you will find reflections from our year: volunteers who served, scholarships awarded, events benefiting the entire neighborhood. Look for "CCVCA 2022 By the Numbers" graphics throughout this newsletter, and look ahead to Spring 2023 when we plan to publish our second-ever CCVCA Annual Report.

In 2023 we will look to expand our leadership with fresh volunteer faces and to expand our outreach with a goal of 250 (or more!) member households. All members can please help our neighborhood simply by connecting with new or lapsed neighbors to become members.

We know we can count on YOU to renew your membership in the new year - and perhaps to join our merry band of Board members as a new leadership volunteer? We like to think our Board meetings are relaxed and approachable, so if you have ever thought of doing more in our community, NOW is a great time!

Thank you to all who made 2022 another wonderful year to be a resident of Country Club View. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
*Amye*



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## Holiday Home Decorating CONTEST

Regan Miller, Re/Max Real Estate Agent and last year's winner, will judge on Monday, December 19 / Raindate Tuesday, December 20  
The judging will take place 6:30-8:00pm

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. \*

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thanks to you,  
our volunteers

NEARLY  
**250**  
MEMBERS JOINED CCVCA

in 2022

### 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 [ccvcafz@gmail.com](mailto:ccvcafz@gmail.com).

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### 2023 Membership Drive

*Diana Michel, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

January 1<sup>st</sup> will be here before we know it, and that is the beginning of our annual membership drive— which runs through February 28th! The dues for 2023 will be \$20 per household. The Board decided to increase the dues by \$5 to cover the expenses incurred for events added to the calendar in recent years and to account for the inflation in overhead costs such as web hosting and printing.

Sometime during the first week of January, the paper membership applications will be distributed by our section leaders and block captains. You may join by filling out the form and mailing it to the P.O. Box; returning it to your block captain; or dropping it in the silver CCV envelope on the front of our house at 5131 Portsmouth Road. If paper forms seem old fashioned, you may join online at CCV's website, <https://countryclubview.org>; click on Join/Renew; and pay via PayPal.

Our goal this year is to exceed 250 households as members. Thank you in advance for doing your part to help us meet that goal!

## Please don't feed the foxes

- Foxes will breed more with a secure food source, but will stop hunting, making them dependent on humans for food.
- Foxes can bite transmitting disease to humans.
- Foxes have an ideal diet, and often people food can be harmful or even deadly.



•Instead, plant native berry bushes to attract wildlife and watch foxes from afar without interfering.

Source: Saveafox Rescue at [saveafox.org](http://saveafox.org)



The playground area of County Club View Park has recently experienced graffiti damage to the equipment. Earlier this year, we reported similar damage to the Fairfax County Park Authority and a maintenance crew quickly cleaned it. If residents of Country Club View notice any individuals defacing or damaging the park's equipment or discover a new incident, please contact the police **non-emergency** phone number at 703-691-2131.

## September Membership Meeting Recap

*Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President*

On Thursday, Sept 29th CCVCA Board and Members gathered during the annual Fall Membership Meeting, held at St. Mary's Farrell Hall. Those in attendance heard from our guest speakers; voted on our 2023 Budget Proposal (shared with the September News Bulletin to all members); and discussed the Ice Cream Social, Scholarship Raffle, and then-upcoming Halloween event.

Virginia Delegate David Bulova shared 2022 Session Highlights and his leadership on issues related to environment, education, and loud vehicle concerns. Delegate Bulova discussed the redistricting that will go into effect in 2024 which does impact our immediate area.

Braddock Supervisor James Walkinshaw is also working to address the loud vehicle concerns. Another current action item for the Supervisor's Office is the trash pickup problems that many have been facing. Additionally, Supervisor Walkinshaw reminded us that October is Suicide Prevention Month and planned to participate in the suicide prevention walk himself.

Our agenda also included the new Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Michelle Reid who held a Town Hall at Robinson the same evening as our meeting. CCVCA's Robinson Liaison, Erin Dyal, attended both meetings and continues to keep us informed of FCPS developments primarily via the Country Club View Residents Facebook Group.

Find the complete Meeting Minutes on our website under Members > Meeting Minutes.

Please mark your calendar to attend the next General Membership Meeting on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:30pm at St. Mary's Farrell Hall, 5222 Sideburn Road.



*Sherrie Brady, Events Chair*

You will surely agree that 2022 has been a banner year for events of Country Club View. The hundreds of volunteers who donated their time and talent for these community successes are to be greatly congratulated. Thank you, one and all!

Here's a recap:

April	Stream Clean-up; Yard Sale
May	Memorial Day Ceremony
August	National Night Out
September	Ice Cream Social
October	Halloween Spooky Trail
December	Holiday Home Decoration Contest

Each one of those events saw the willing participation of countless CCV neighbors who care about this community. And in the process they befriended neighbors who have lived here for several decades and others who have lived here only a few days. All were welcome, and all were pleased to be part of our CCV family. How gratifying it is to meet and be a volunteer with so many generous people.

The calendar for 2023 is in the works. If you have an idea for a new event or would like to be involved with an event which is already established, I look forward to your input. Take a moment to reach out to me at [sherrie.brady@gmail.com](mailto:sherrie.brady@gmail.com).

Every address a success!



## Call for Leadership Volunteers

*Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President (2022 to present)*

“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time - they have the heart.”



The calendar is jam-packed, the days fly by, and suddenly it is a new week, a new month, a new season. You look up to notice the passing of time marked by the hedge that needs trimming again; the Scouts are doing another food drive; and thoughts such as, *did I put the holiday wreath on the front door yet?* In the busyness of modern life, it is all too easy to focus on home with merely a passing wave to a neighbor. But allow me to share with you another way, one that has enriched my family's life and brought that connection we all need as fellow humans: volunteering right here in our neighborhood.

Currently serving and leading your CCVCA Board are neighbors just like you. From mothers at home with young kids, to parents who feel more like shuttle-bus drivers, to empty nesters, to those caring for elderly parents, those with demanding work lives, to entrepreneurs, to retirees, and on and on....no few phrases can capture the dynamic lives of our Board members, but they choose to spend just a few hours each month coming together in service to us all.

For some on the Board, it is the sense of community gained during our Board meetings. Others have service written into their heart and live that value in many ways. Some find the role a refreshing escape from the obligations that fill the rest of their days. For any reason, for all the reasons, we ask that you, too, consider stepping into volunteer leadership for CCVCA.

The doors are open and we eagerly await your outreach! There is no obligation in seeking more information. You may send a message to [ccvcafx@gmail.com](mailto:ccvcafx@gmail.com), which comes directly to me (Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President), or connect with any current Board member. We invite you to sit in on a Board meeting, take a walk with one of us, or email your questions.

Nominations are anticipated for the following roles; please refer to the Bylaws found at [www.countryclubview.org](http://www.countryclubview.org) for full descriptions:

- President
- First Vice President (external matters)
- Second Vice President (internal matters)
- Committee Chairs (various openings)

### Key Information:

- Volunteer Nominations begin in January and continue through April 24th, 2023.
- Elections are conducted at the April 24th 2023 General Membership Meeting.
- CCVCA Board Meetings take place Mondays at 7:30pm on January 23, February 27, and March 27th if you would like to observe a meeting. Email for location details.



Thank you in advance for sharing your talent and time with our neighborhood!

## 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. Also, 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.

## Eating Fresh and Local through the Seasons

*Hanan Idilbi, CCV Resident*

Did you know that there is a community-supported agriculture (CSA) drop-off site here in Country Club View? Are you interested in receiving weekly fresh produce in the spring, summer, and fall? If so, sign up to receive more information about the Potomac Vegetable Farms CSA program!

Community-supported agriculture (CSA) is a farming model that builds a mutually beneficial relationship between the farm and the customer: the consumer buys a share of the farm and in exchange receives a weekly supply of fresh produce. There are many benefits to eating locally grown produce, including preserving local farmland and green space, nourishing ourselves with seasonal, fresh (and better tasting!) foods, and supporting the local economy.

Potomac Vegetable Farms has been growing and selling local vegetables for over 50 years. The farms—located in Vienna and Purcellville—are woman-owned and operated and use ecoganic farming practices. They offer a wide selection, customizable for your needs and preferences: specifically, you can elect to receive a mini, regular, or robust share on a weekly or biweekly basis, and you always have the option of swapping items or rescheduling your share if you are out of town.



Sign-up for the 2023 CSA will occur on February 1 with weekly deliveries from June through November. For more information about Potomac Vegetable Farms' CSA, visit: <https://potomacvegetablefarms.com/ourcsa/>. To be notified when it's time to sign up for the CSA in 2023 (with a pick up at Dillard Court in CCV) please email me at [hanan.idilbi@gmail.com](mailto:hanan.idilbi@gmail.com) or to get on the Potomac Vegetable Farms' mailing list, please email Becky at [becky@potomacvegetablefarms.com](mailto:becky@potomacvegetablefarms.com).

## Scholarship Reminder

*Bob Coffin, Scholarship Chair*

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

**All High School Seniors,**

Filing Deadline for the CCVCA Scholarship is March 15, 2023.

Don't miss out—it's only 3 months away!

Do you know any of these people: Emily Bruck, Ryan Carnahan, Maggie Gould, Maddie Hitchcock, Tess Mahon-Kuzin, Elsa Maysounave, Michael McCabe, Reagan McHugh, Elina Theolis, Sam Theolis, Lexie Wade, Zack Wade? They are all previous winners of the Paul A. Maltagliati CCVCA Scholarships. And that is just in the past four years! You, too, can join that select group of CCVCA scholarship \$\$\$\$ recipients.

CCVCA annually awards scholarships to graduating senior students who are children of CCVCA members—if you have paid your dues prior to March 15, 2023, 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 varies based on funding available. NOTE: most scholarship dollars come from the member donations on the annual Membership Form, the Ice Cream Social Raffle, and personal donations. Over the past three years we have been fortunate enough to annually award three \$1,000 scholarships to the talented and worthy students in our community. Donations from members at other times of the year are greatly appreciated.

Scholarship Application Forms can be obtained from the CCVCA Website, or the CCVCA Chairperson, Bob Coffin, [10716 Almond Street, Fairfax, VA 22032](https://www.ccvca.org) (703-385-3264 or [ntktwalr@verizon.net](mailto:ntktwalr@verizon.net)). **DUE DATE FOR THE APPLICATION IS MARCH 15, 2023.**

Don't be late; don't procrastinate; **BE A WINNER -\$\$\$\$!**





## Redistricting: Who Is My Elected Official?

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

Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution mandates that a U.S. census take place every 10 years. The number of people across the U.S. determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census also determines how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed to local communities. It therefore requires accounting for the population changes by doing a re-balancing of the number of people in every voter district of each state and each county.

This “head count” balancing is called “redistricting” and is done by redrawing state and county district boundaries to make each kind of district have about the same number of people. In spite of the political and financial controversy, all states have accomplished this decennial Constitutional task.

In Virginia, the redistricting boundary changes put Country Club View into new State Senate and House voting districts. In accordance with The Code of Virginia Title § 24.2-311. (see <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title24.2/chapter3/section24.2-311/>), redistricting changes are effective after the next Senate and House elections in 2023.

In other words, in January, 2024, the redistricting boundary changes will move CCV into State Senate District 35 (currently Dick Saslaw, Democrat) and into State Delegate District 10 (currently Wendy Gooditis, Democrat). Note that these officials may change after the 2023 elections.

Currently, in 2022 and 2023, our State and County elected representatives don't change: Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11<sup>th</sup>), Senator Chap Petersen (D-34<sup>th</sup>), Delegate David Bulova (D-37<sup>th</sup>), and Supervisor (James Walkinshaw (D-Braddock). We remain in Fairfax County voter precinct 120 Sideburn.

On another voting note, to view your voting history, change your voter registration, and see what (future) districts you are in, go to <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>.

