# COUNTRY CLUB VIEW

# Civic Association Newsletter

# April 2023

# **President's Message**

Amye Lee Rheault, CCVCA President

I recently came across a sage bit of truth: If you only do the things you love, the things that spark joy. . . who does the rest? The message went on to say that the difficult, hard tasks are often fulfilled by those who believe in community; by those who believe that many hands make light work, and in being part of something bigger than yourself.

Well I can gladly report that from where I sit the neighbors of Country Club View embody this can-do community value. And that the role of CCVCA President these past three years has certainly sparked joy for me! When I undertook this role we had lived in CCV for just about one year and a global pandemic was looming, destined to force communities to isolate and people to withdraw. But since 2020 I have witnessed our members' involvement grow and our volunteers step up in creative new ways. You can review the accomplishments of the past year in the 2022 Annual Report found on pages 5-6. It just goes to show what believing in community can do! This is what makes living in CCV so great.

This Spring CCVCA will once again provide our neighborhood with opportunities to gather for social events, meetings, and more. Details are in the pages that follow. I hope that you will mark your calendar to join us.

As my term as President comes to an end, I'll use this space one final time to thank you, for I am truly grateful to have had the opportunity to serve. Thank you to my fellow Officers and Board members, who guided and encouraged me every step of the way. Thank you to the volunteers who share their ideas and energy. Thank you

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to all who renew, contribute to the Scholarship, and come out for events. The rewards of volunteering as CCVCA President have been manifold, and my family looks forward to continuing our involvement as active members of the neighborhood.

As a final request, please join me at the Spring Membership Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup> to cast your vote for the officers nominated for election by our Nominations Committee of Linda Creighton, Willow Bodman and Tony Teolis. These three worked hard to identify strong candidates who are eager to serve and bring a new era of leadership to CCVCA. Cast your vote in-person, or by returning the ballot found on page 7. We wish the incoming Officers all the best in their endeavors!

With Gratitude,

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 ccvcafx@gmail.com.

#### **Board of Directors**

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> Scholarship Bob Coffin

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> Website Wade Family

Welcoming Willow Bodman

Women's Club Representative Diane Carnahan <image><section-header><section-header><section-header>

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.

#### Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering to clean up our neighborhood local stream, Sideburn branch of Pohick Creek!

On April 22, 2023, the CCV Stream Cleanup will be held from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Two locations to meet at 10:00 am: CCV Park by the tennis courts or the park entrance off Grinnell Street. CCVCA will provide trash bags for volunteers.

This is a great opportunity for students to earn service hours. Treats provided to enjoy after the cleanup!

Come prepared to get dirty. Dress appropriately for being in the woods and around the creek — wear gloves and hat, long-sleeved shirt and/or jacket, long pants, and shoes that can get muddy.

# **Spring Event Highlights**

Saturday, April 22, 2023 | 10:00am | CCV Park Tennis Courts, or park entrance at Grinnell Street.

We invite you to join us the morning of Earth Day for a **Stream Cleanup in CCV Park**. This is great hands-on volunteering for the whole family, in partnership with our chartered Boy Scout Troop 1865.

Monday, April 24, 2023 | 7:30 - 9pm | St. Mary's Farrell Hall, 5222 Sideburn Road

All members are invited to the **CCVCA Spring Membership Meeting**, during which our Nominations Committee will hold Officer Elections, we will award our 2023 Scholarship(s), and hear from a local expert on the benefits of Native Plants.

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 8am – noon | Your Driveway!

May 6<sup>th</sup> would be a great day for a walk around the neighborhood – it's **Yard Sale Day**! We encourage anyone to host their own yard sale that day. CCVCA will do the advertising, you clear out the closets and maybe even find a new treasure!

Monday, May 29, 2023 | 11:00am - noon | CCV Park, 10609 Henrico Street

As we head into Summer bring a lawn chair over for the **CCV Memorial Day Ceremony**, where we come together to honor those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

## THANK YOU, CHARLES MEYER!!

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



The CCVCA board would like to extend a very sincere thank you to Charles Meyer for over 40 years of service to the community as a Section leader!! Section leaders are a critical piece of our civic associations distribution system. They receive newsletters, membership applications, etc. from the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP and distribute them to the block captains, who then distribute them to the residents of our community. Charlie, we really appreciate all you have done for Country Club View, thank you. It's people like you that make this community a great place to live!



Have you ever driven through Kings Park West on the last Saturday of the month and seen those cute little round signs next to a table of giveaways? Well, that is FREE SHARE SATURDAY and CCV is going to join in the fun of passing on no-longer-needed treasures to others in the community! Our first FSS will be Sat. April 29 2023.

#### How To Participate:

Watch for the monthly Facebook post announcing Free Share Saturday and respond to the post with your address and a picture of your goodies, if possible. You can get a round sign to post in your yard from your Section Leader – if you don't know who that is, you can email <u>ccvcafx@gmail.com</u>. Please be prepared to promptly remove any items that aren't scooped up by your neighbors by the end of the day. (The GreenDrop trailer in University Mall plaza is a great next option for unclaimed freebies!) Monthly Free Share Saturdays will be in addition to our Annual Yard Sale on May 6.

# 2023 Calendar – Country Club View Civic Association

	MEETINGS and	EVENTS and DEADLINES		
	NEWSLETTERS			
JANUARY	23 – Board Meeting	Kickoff Membership Campaign		
FEBRUARY	27 – Board Meeting	End Membership Campaign		
		Begin Nominations Committee		
MARCH	27 – Board Meeting	17 – Deadline for submission of		
	Newsletter #1	scholarship applications		
		22 - Begin scholarship interviews and final		
		assessments		
APRIL	24 – General Membership	7 - End scholarship interviews		
	Meeting at St. Mary's	8-15 – Notify scholarship winners and non-		
		winners		
		22 - Stream Clean-up (Earth Day)		
		24 – Recognize scholarship winners at		
		General Membership Meeting, conduct		
		Officer Elections		
MAY	22 – Board Meeting	6 – Yard Sale		
		29 – Memorial Day Ceremony		
JUNE	26 – Board Meeting			
	Newsletter #2			
JULY	24 – Board Meeting	15 – Home and Garden Tour		
AUGUST	28 – Board Meeting	1 – National Night Out		
SEPTEMBER	28 – General Membership	17 – Ice Cream Social and		
	Meeting at St. Mary's	Scholarship Fundraiser		
	Newsletter #3			
OCTOBER	23 – Board Meeting	8 – Leadership Appreciation		
		29 – Halloween Spooky Trail		
NOVEMBER				
DECEMBER	4 – Board Meeting	18 - Holiday Home Decoration Contest		
	Newsletter #4			

#### 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

COUNTRY CLUB VIEW CIVIC ASSOCIATION

#### **Elected Officers**

#### President Amye Rheault (2020 - current)

Resumed and hosted the Volunteer Appreciation event. Identified a need and established the Liaison to Fairfax County Park Authority role. Conducted a functional audit for the Welcome Chair. Consulted on fundraising for the CCV Women's Club by their request. Conducted crisis response for an acute social media incident, leading to clarification of the Association's presence and role on Facebook. Drafted a fundraising letter to solicit in-kind and monetary donations for CCVCA scholarship. Established a quarterly content calendar for CCVCA Newsletters. Maintained and expanded our digital archives.

#### First Vice President Bill Barfield (2020 - current)

Presented on several issues that affect the welfare of CCV and all Fairfax residents, including news on Zoning Ordinance Modernization (ZMod), redistricting in the Commonwealth and the county, future and current county and state elected officials, CCV and BSA Troop 1868 exposure to IRS tax compliance, and clarification from Fairfax County Park Authority and Fairfax County Public Schools on free usage of county meeting facilities by resident nonprofit organizations. Advocated on behalf of residents for a perimeter wall to be repaired by the Patriot Square landlord. 2022 also saw the completion of scheduled VDOT paving on various CCV streets.

#### Second Vice President Diana Michel (2020 - current)

Out of 484 households, over 250 joined as members - a 5% increase over 238 members in 2021. Brought to the Board and members voted in favor of increasing dues to \$20 annually in 2023.

#### Treasurer Theresa Kessler (2019 - 2022) & Secretary (2022 - current)

Led the creation of the 2022 Budget as Treasurer. After the April '22 elections, was voted into the role of Secretary. Added to the Board Minutes an *Action Items* section to highlight priorities discussed at meetings.

#### Secretary Barbara Beatty (2019 - 2022) & Treasurer (2022 - current)

Collaborated with other board members to develop 2023 Annual Budget; managed expenses of ~\$6,000 and incoming payments of dues and scholarships of ~\$8,000. Supported the fulfillment of a third party Treasury Audit.

#### **Standing Committees**

#### Public Service Chairperson Bob Mizer

Maintained Neighborhood Watch Volunteer corps of 60 households by distributing a printed schedule three times during the year, and through regular phone call reminders. Scheduled 175 watches during 2022, of which 152 were carried out by volunteers.

#### **Oak View Liaison Aileen Winquist**

Oak View students resumed in-person events. The Oak View playground was fully renovated in December 2022 and reopened in January 2023. Donated in support of the Oak View PTA.

#### **Robinson Liaison Erin Dyal**

Advertised our college scholarship to Robinson students and donated in support of Grad Night.

#### George Mason University (GMU) Liaison Fran DelVecchio

Approached various GMU divisions for support of our College Scholarship, obtaining donations of raffle prizes from the Center for the Arts, Athletics Office, and EagleBank Arena, awarded during the scholarship fundraiser.

#### Newsletter Editor Laura E. Mayer

Drafted, edited and distributed newsletters to members in April, July, September, and December. Each newsletter was also sent via email to all members after the printed distribution.

#### **Beautification Co-Chairs Bertha & Peter McClintock**

Maintained both entrance signs throughout the year. Planned and budgeted for a 2023 update to the Route 123/Portsmouth sign to include replacement of landscape timbers and new plantings.

#### Park Liaison Larry Beatty

Responded to property damage reports at the playground by contacting FCPA to paint over the graffiti. Coordinated the replacement of the wooden entrance sign at CCV Park. Communicated to residents the FCPA Deer Population Management procedures conducted over 2022 -2023.

#### Scholarship Chairperson Bob Coffin

Received applications and conducted interviews, along with a volunteer committee of reviewers, to offer scholarships to Ryan Carnahan, Elsa Maysounave and Alexis Wade. Procured prizes for a raffle at the 2022 Ice Cream Social, raising \$800 to be awarded in 2023.

#### Welcoming Chair Willow Bodman

Personally delivered welcome packets to 22 new neighbors, attempting in-person connection through repeated outreach. Collected names and contact information when possible. Audited the Welcome Packet materials, seeking updated resource materials and editing content for clarity.

#### **Events Chairperson Sherrie Brady**

Increased the number of CCV volunteers overall (200-250 adults, youth and scouts) in support of seven signature events (Stream Cleanup, Yard Sales, Memorial Day Ceremony, National Night Out, Ice Cream Social/Cash Raffle, Spooky Trail, and Holiday Decorating Contest). Decided to host a single annual date for Yard Sales, and offered a Yard Sale Map to increase foot traffic.

#### Holiday Decorating Contest Diane Carnahan

The Women's Club wishes to transfer ownership of the Holiday Decorating Contest to CCVCA. Recruited judges Regan Miller, Greg Rheault and Deb Vanover from among former winners. Additionally Regan Miller's new business offered to sponsor the event, acquiring 6 local gift cards which were awarded to each category of Traditional, Toyland and Winter Wonderland.

#### Website Co-Chairs Cathy Burdette & Robert Wade

Enhanced Neighborhood News landing page to allow featured posts to remain visible. Updated various photos/graphics and implemented a new slideshow plugin. Added a "human checker" question to the Welcome New Neighbor! and Contact Us forms to prevent bots from posting.

#### Women's Club Representative Diane Carnahan

Recent decline in Women's Club membership prompted adjusted operations and realignment of efforts. Continued meeting quarterly. Hosted speaker programs and social gatherings. Provided baskets for the Raffle fundraising for the CCVCA Scholarship. Made donations to a local food bank.

#### Past Presidents Chairperson Stephen Belisle

In the second year of operation, continued to collect names and contact information of past Executive Committee members in order to improve outreach and "institutional" knowledge.

# Country Club View Civic Association Proxy Ballot – 2023 Board Election

*Use this ballot if you cannot attend the April 24<sup>\*</sup> 2023 meeting at St. Mary's Farrell Hall. Mark the appropriate box(es) or write in the name of your candidate.* 

# **One Ballot Per Household**

#### Nominees:

President:	Marc Tang	Write-in	
First Vice President:	Todd Murphy	Write-in	
Second Vice President: (nominees wish to share the role)	Hanan Idilbi & Kellie Quartana	Write-in	
Treasurer:	Barbara Beatty	Write-in	
Secretary:	Theresa Kessler	Write-in	
Vote for All Nominees			
Withhold Vote			
Member Signature(s)		 	
Member Address			

## **ONLY MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING MAY VOTE!**

Please return this proxy ballot no later than April 23, 2023 to:

CCVCA P.O. Box 7074 Fairfax Station, VA 22039-7074

or by emailing ccvcafx@gmail.com