



March 2024 Newsletter

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 25 @ 7:30 PM

St. Mary of Sorrows Church – Ferrell Hall
5222 Sideburn Road

SAVE THE DATE

Guest speaker [Dr. Gregory Washington, GMU President](#), will join us to discuss issues impacting our larger community, including development of GMU’s West Campus. Good communication is the heart of neighborliness, and Dr. Washington’s visit is an opportunity for CCV neighbors to communicate our hopes and expectations to the head of our university neighbor.

Please submit your questions or proposed topics to ccvcafx@gmail.com or any CCVCA Board Member.



MALTAGLIATI COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE WED, APR 03

All 2024 graduating seniors whose parent or guardian is a current CCVCA member are eligible to apply – who are to apply and are enrolling in a 4-year college/university, 2-year college, or trade or technical training. Online Scholarship Application and details are available here: <https://countryclubview.org/documents/ccvcamaltagliatischolarshipapplication/>

COUNTRY CLUB VIEW EVENTS IN 2024

CHECK [HTTPS://COUNTRYCLUBVIEW.ORG/CALENDAR/](https://countryclubview.org/calendar/) FOR DETAILS AND UPDATES

SPRING EGG HUNT	SUN, MAR 31
CCVCA SPRING GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	THU, APR 25
STREAM CLEANUP DAY	SAT, APR 27
HOME AND GARDEN TOUR	SAT, JUN 08
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT	TUE, AUG 06
ICE CREAM SOCIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE	SAT, SEP 14
CCVCA FALL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	THU, SEP 25
HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL	SUN, OCT 27
CHILI COOKOFF / BAKE SALE / FOOD PANTRY CHALLENGE	SAT, NOV 16
HOLIDAY HOME DECORATING CONTEST	THU, DEC 19



... and Free Share Saturday is always the last Saturday of each month!

POST THIS PAGE
ON YOUR FRIDGE
AND
BE SURE TO JOIN
US FOR AN EVENT
OR THREE THIS
YEAR!

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

Even though they may not:

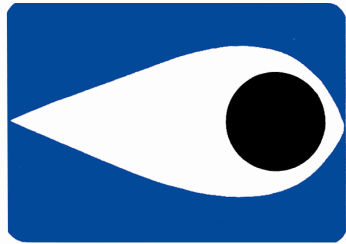
Look like you.
Think like you.
Love like you.
Speak like you.
Pray like you.
Vote like you.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

No exceptions.

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BOB MIZER, PUBLIC SERVICE CHAIR

The Neighborhood Watch needs individuals/couples who are willing to patrol the neighborhood as “Watch Standers” in the evening for two-hour shifts four or five times a year. We know everyone has commitments but we are asking you to find up to eight hours a year to help keep your community safe. We can also use volunteers who can go out during the day. The program needs people who can call Watch Standers the week before they are scheduled to remind them of their watch. If you have a cell phone you can be a Watch Stander. Training is provided. The Watch has been active since 1984 and we want to keep it going for another 40 years. If you are unable to participate remember everyone in the community is still part of the Watch. Be alert as you go about your daily business, know your neighbors, make notes of suspicious activity or vehicles and call the police if you feel there is something wrong. The Watch serves an important role in the community. Statistics show that neighborhoods with an active Watch have a lower crime rate. The Watch serves as the eyes and ears of the police and your CCVCA board. It is also an opportunity to get out in the community and meet your neighbors and see what is happening in CCV.

As a reminder, don't leave valuables in your vehicle and lock the vehicle doors if you leave it on the street. Have a safe 2024 and consider giving a few hours a year to the community. It is worth it.

IF YOU KNOW YOU KNOW



**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER:
CONTACT BOB MIZER AT 703-425-9607 OR DAVE HAUCK AT 703-424-8677.**

get ready for *Spring!*

AIR & HEATING	ROOFING & GUTTERS	WINDOWS & DOORS	FIRE SAFETY	LANDSCAPING
<p><i>Tackling these items will help your home's overall energy efficiency and can reduce monthly bills up to 15%.</i></p>	<p><i>These tasks reduce your risk of expensive water damage or roof replacement which can run from \$10,000-15,000.</i></p>	<p><i>Keep these items in working order to avoid costly replacements. Garage door - \$1,000 Windows - \$6,000</i></p>	<p><i>Maintaining a clear dryer vent pipe reduces your risk of being one of nearly 3,000 U.S. vent fires reported each year.</i></p>	<p><i>Investing in landscaping boosts curb appeal and adds value to any home—especially when getting ready to sell.</i></p>

Reverse ceiling fans to counterclockwise direction to blow air down.

Clean debris off roof. Repair loose or damaged shingles. Clean all rain gutters and downspouts; and repair as needed.

Clean and repair window screens. Lubricate exterior hinges, gates, locks, and garage door and window tracks.

Clean lint from the clothes dryer's exhaust pipe.

Sharpen garden tools and inspect condition of wheelbarrow. Prepare flowerbeds and plants.

Have AC and heating systems serviced by a professional. Clear away leaves and debris from AC condenser unit.

About the CCVCA Newsletter

The Newsletter is published a few times per year. To recommend articles, contact the Newsletter Chair or any other representative listed below. CCVCA reserves the right to not publish any material. Contact Board and Committee members at: ccvcafx@gmail.com

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DO GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS?

What about a shed that is too close to the property line, gutters that are falling off a house, or junk in the yard? There are remedies addressing issues while still maintaining good relationships with your neighbors.

Unsure about what to do?

♥ The solution is often as simple as asking someone if they need help. ♥

You can also check with Fairfax County's Dept. of Code Compliance where, if necessary, you may file a complaint and county employees will work with the owner to find a solution: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/code/>

But before you do...consider a new service available for CCVCA neighbors !!!



CONFLICT MEDIATION FOR COUNTRY CLUB VIEW NEIGHBORS

MEG L. FLANAGAN, PH.D.

RESOLVE CONFLICTS IN YOUR FAVOR AND IMPROVE YOUR RELATIONSHIPS

Conflict is inevitable in life. In childhood, it was with peers, parents, and teachers. In adulthood, the field expands to include neighbors, coworkers, employers, businesses, even strangers. What happens when you come into conflict?

If you're like most people, you avoid conflict. To end it, you may simply give up, sacrificing your own interests. You may grow angry enough to say and do things you later regret. You may decide to go to court. But in using litigation to resolve your conflict, you cede control over the outcome and must comply with what the judge decides, like it or not. Is there a way to resolve conflicts without elevating your blood pressure and spending a fortune? There is – it's called mediation.

Mediation is a form of conflict resolution, sometimes called alternative dispute resolution (as in, alternative to litigation). In mediation, parties in conflict work with a neutral third person who essentially negotiates favorable outcomes for *both* sides. Mediation has many benefits: it requires no specialized skills on your part, is faster and less costly than litigation, and limits harm to the relationship between conflicting parties. This is especially important when the other person is a family member, neighbor, coworker, or employer. Done well, mediation can even improve such relationships by enabling empathy and mutual understanding; at a minimum, it promotes mutual respect.

There are many local mediation resources. I have offered to help CCV neighbors in conflict, *pro bono*, who want to try mediation or learn more about it. You can find me in the CCVCA directory or send an email to:

meg@flanaganinternationalconsulting.com





Join the fun at Sideburn Run

10603 Zion Drive, Fairfax, VA

Featuring open swimming, swim lessons, swim and dive teams, and special events!



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The 13 Seasons of

- Winter
- Fool's Spring
- Second Winter
- Spring of Deception
- Third Winter
- The Pollening
- Mud Season
- Actual Spring
- Summer
- Hell's Front Porch
- False Fall
- Second Summer
- Actual Fall



Stay Current on GMU Stadium Development

CCVCA is closely monitoring the Washington Freedom Cricket Stadium as it develops.

Please see the new CCVCA website page at:

<https://countryclubview.org/gmu-cricket-stadium/> for current resource links.

Stay tuned for updates as well as potential opportunities for members to share their thoughts on this project.

Feedback from the community will help determine what positions on the stadium will best serve the needs of Country Club View and surrounding neighborhoods.



- Project Site
- George Mason University Campus



HOW TO MAKE A POLLINATOR GARDEN

PETE CORBINO

Spring is a great time to turn a piece of lifeless yard into an attractive wildlife supportive mini habitat. Pick a spot in the yard that receives at least six hours of sun a day. Skim off the top layer of grass with a shovel in the desired area being sure to get the roots but not going too deep as to remove excess soil. Choose native wildflower and grass species from a local native plant nursery such as Earthworks Sangha, Watermark Woods or Nature by Design. Plant NOVA Natives has a vendor list so you can be sure to find the right place. Choose species like milkweed, little blue stem grass, coreopsis, mountain mint, sunflower, black eyed susan, goldenrod, bee balm, asters and purple coneflower. Plant them on every foot and lightly mulch the space. Be sure to water daily throughout the summer as plants establish and weed as necessary. These perennial wildflowers will return every year and fill in over time.

EATING FRESH & LOCAL THROUGH THE SEASONS



HANAN IDILBI, SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Interested in receiving fresh locally grown vegetables? There is a CSA drop-off site in Country Club View on Dillard Ct.!

Community-supported agriculture (CSA) is a farming model that builds a mutually beneficial relationship between the farm and the customer where 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. Potomac Vegetable Farms offers a wide selection, customizable for your needs and preferences – you can elect to receive mini, regular, or robust shares 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. You can also add on an egg delivery if you choose.

Signup for the 2024 has already begun, with Wednesday deliveries to the Dillard Ct. drop-off site occurring from June thru November.



For more information about Potomac Vegetable Farms' CSA, visit:

<https://potomacvegetablefarms.com/ourcsa/>



MARCH

- 3/18 **CCVCA Board Meeting** 7:00 PM @ TBD
- 3/30 **Free Share Saturday** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- 3/31 **Spring Egg Hunt** 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM @ Country Club View Park

APRIL

- TBD **Volunteer Appreciation Event** To Be Announced
- 4/3 **Deadline for CCVCA Scholarship Applications**
- 4/25 **CCVCA General Membership Meeting** 7:30 PM @ St. Mary of Sorrows Church
- 4/27 **Stream Cleanup Day** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- 4/27 **Free Share Saturday** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

MAY

- 5/25 **Free Share Saturday** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- 5/27 **Memorial Day Ceremony** 10:45 AM to 12:00 PM @ Country Club View Park

Check for updates and other details on:

The CCVCA Website:

<https://countryclubview.org/calendar/>

Neighborhood Facebook Pages--search for:

[Country Club View Neighbors](#)

[Country Club View Fairfax Residents](#)

If you'd like to address the Board with an idea or concern, email ccvcafx@gmail.com for our rotating monthly meeting locations.



The Last Saturday of Every Month!

Place your giveaway goodies on the curb. Snap a photo and post it with your address in the Facebook event. Then stroll around CCV and pick up freebies that you want!

Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

**HELP
WANTED**

Beautification: Keep the two signs and planters at CCV neighborhood entrances looking beautiful and welcoming!

Neighborhood Watch: Distribute community and safety info to your neighbors and volunteer for the occasional evening patrol.

For more info (and no obligation) please email ccvcafx@gmail.com or text/call 703-303-2412.



“SURE, I CAN DO THAT”

SHERRIE BRADY, EVENTS CHAIR

It was only a few days ago that a CCV neighbor responded, “Sure, I can do that.” Such are the words of the hundreds of CCVCA volunteers who offer some of their time to make Country Club View such a vibrant and lively neighborhood. There are over 400 homes in our fair community--homes that have withstood the dings of happy children and the trauma of extreme weather, the angst of renovation and the joy of completed projects. Throughout all the decades of change since our homes were constructed in the 1960’s our volunteers have encouraged us to stay engaged. CCV is a great place to live because so many residents are involved and make it so. I invite you to thank your Section Leaders and Block Captains for their timely deliveries. Thank the CCVCA Officers and Committee Chairs for caring about the welfare of you and the community. And thank all the many people who loan equipment, bake cakes, show their home, donate raffle prizes, set out curb signs, and gladly participate in so very many ways.

Thank you for keeping us engaged.
Thank you for saying, “Sure, I can do that.”