COUNTRY CLUB VIEW CIVIC ASSOCIATION



DEC 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Nappy Nolidays!



CCVCA continues to monitor development of GMU's West Campus. Following our last update in the spring newsletter, GMU cancelled plans to build a temporary baseball and cricket stadium on a West Campus site. GMU will host a town hall meeting on December 11 to present its latest development concepts and hear from the community. This is an opportunity to field any questions or concerns you have about West Campus development. The CCVCA Board will continue to keep members apprised. For more information, visit GMU's West Campus Planning page.

West Campus Town Hall Meeting







You're invited to a community conversation regarding George Mason University's West Campus development. Share your thoughts and ideas regarding:

- Concepts for the development,
- Campus and community needs,
- And opportunities for collaboration.

All are welcome!



Wednesday, Dec. 11



7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



City Hall, Council Chambers 10455 Armstrong Street Fairfax, VA 22030





CURRENT SENIORS, KEEP & SHARP EYE

In spring 2025, CCVCA will award one-year, non-renewable scholarship(s) to graduating high school senior(s) whose parent or guardian is a current member of the civic association by the application deadline.

The <u>Paul A. Maltagliati Memorial College Scholarship</u> is awarded based on academic achievement, participation in school and community activities, a short essay, and a personal interview. The 2025 Scholarship Application will provide more details about the process and required documentation and will be available in the Members section of the <u>CCVCA website</u>. Please contact Scholarship Chairperson Greg Rheault at <u>CCVCAscholarshipchair@gmail.com</u> (with "CCVCA Scholarship" in the subject line) regarding the application, selection process, and the overall scholarship program.

All CCVCA 2025 graduating seniors enrolling in a 4-year college/university, 2-year college, or trade or technical training are eligible to apply—regardless of high school attended or if homeschooled. Scholarship recipient(s) will be selected and then announced at the CCVCA General Membership Meeting on April 28, 2025.

The dollar amount and the number of scholarships awarded varies depending on the funds available that year. Contributions are made by CCVCA members on the annual <u>Membership Application</u> and those attending events such as the <u>Ice Cream Social</u>. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund, please click here.

MEMBERSHIPDRIVE

We'll be ringing in the new year on January 1st and starting our annual CCVCA membership drive!

Whether you are a returning member or joining for the first time, your membership helps support CCVCA's efforts in creating a supporting and welcoming community. From neighborhood social events to college scholarship awards to quarterly newsletters, your membership ensures that CCVCA and its many dedicated volunteers can continue building community and advocating for our neighborhood. This year, we will be distributing an updated neighborhood directory for members of CCVCA.

The membership drive will run January 1 through February 28th. The dues for 2025 will be \$20 per household. During the first week of January, the paper membership applications will be distributed by our section leaders and block captains, and the online application will be available on the CCVCA website. Stay tuned for more information and thanks in advance!

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 <u>ecoganic</u> 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 2025 CSA will occur during the first week in February with weekly deliveries from June through November. For more information about Potomac Vegetable Farms' CSA, visit: https://potomacvegetablefarms.com. To be notified when it's time to sign up for the CSA in 2025 (with a pick up at Dillard Court in CCV) please email me at hanan.idilbi@gmail.com or to get on the Potomac Vegetable Farms' mailing list, please email Becky at becky@potomacvegetablefarms.com.





he late fall and early winter months are a great time to tackle particular tasks in and around your yard. For example, with leaves off deciduous trees and shrubs, it becomes easier to prune dead or unruly branches.

As your plants die off, evergreen invasives like English ivy and periwinkle become easier to spot and pull. Fairfax County Park Authority has a useful <u>guide</u> to identifying and controlling invasive plants.

When you're ready to pack it in, take some time to clean, sharpen, and oil your gardening tools. Try listening to a gardening podcast to offset the tedium and be rewarded with tools that last longer and perform better.

Now, from the comfort of indoors, you can plan for next year. Perhaps you have plants that grew too big last season; consider splitting them and sharing with neighbors. Newer plants that aren't thriving might take off if replanted in a different spot in your yard. Have a patch that's been overtaken by weeds? You might want to solarize and start anew.

Check out the Master Gardners of Northern Virginia YouTube page for an extensive library of resources.

The Neighborhood Watch always needs individuals/ couples who are willing to patrol the neighborhood for **two hours three times a year**. We know everyone has commitments but we are asking you to find six hours a year to help keep your community safe. We also need people who can call watch standers the week before they are scheduled to remind them of the watch. We provide the necessary training. We now have only 44 volunteers participating in the watch. We could use 60 to be truly effective. Think about joining your neighbors to help keep CCV safe.

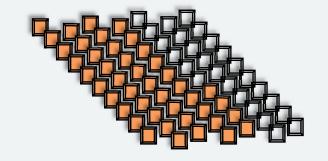
As the Holidays approach, remember there are people out there who are waiting to steal packages delivered to your home by UPS, FEDEX, and the Postal Service. If you are expecting an especially valuable delivery you may want to consider having it held for pick up. At minimum let a neighbor know you are expecting packages and have them take them in.

As a reminder, don't leave packages visible in your car when you are out shopping. Park in a lighted area and be sure to lock your vehicle.

Have a great Holiday Season and consider giving six hours a year to the community. It is worth it. Contact Bob Mizer at 703-425-9607 for more information or to volunteer.



2025 GOAL: ADD 16 VOLUNTEERS TO THE WATCH



And finally, some pics from this year's

Halloween Festival



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