

Villamay Community Newsletter – Fall/Winter 2021 www.villamay.org

From the President

Dear Neighbors -

I hope everyone is enjoying the Fall weather. Our neighborhood events since the summer have been very well attended. Special thanks to everyone who helped organize and manage the Labor Day Picnic. The kids loved seeing Daisey the Clown again and we had great music and food. The annual Halloween event was also a great time and opportunity to catch up with friends. Meaghan Jones and the Social Committee have a few more events planned before Spring.

We are fortunate to have many new neighbors join the neighborhood in 2021, and a few are already getting involved and enjoying the value of our community. Anyone looking to contribute via the Board, or any of our committees, please reach out to me or any of our board members. Your involvement contributes to the overall value and experience that our kids and families have while living here. Our Board meetings are typically held the first Tuesday of the month and we offer a virtual option as often as possible.

With the addition of new neighbors, we also want to remind everyone that the homes in the community are subject to the covenants that convey to all our homes. Before any construction of additions, outbuildings, fences and other fixed items begins, please submit the plans to the Covenants Committee for Board approval. Check out the website at <u>villamay.org/restrictive-covenants</u> for more information.

As a reminder, we also have a Villamay Store where you can purchase great merchandise – these make great holiday gifts! All proceeds are added to the VCA Treasury. <u>https://shop.spreadshirt.com/villamay-collective/</u>

I wish everyone a great holiday season and look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Best regards, Brendon brendonweiss@hotmail.com

Upcoming Events

- Holiday decorating competition (email will come out with details)
- Caroling & Fall/Winter Happy Hour (email will come out with details)

Park Update from Steve Markle

 Thanks to the many Villamay residents who have pitched in on the long-term bamboo removal project in the park. Parts of it look like a war zone to some, however after quite a bit of churn at the start, the removal of the bamboo is proceeding as planned. After physical removal, two herbicide applications have occurred to the active regrowth. Additional treatments will follow next year - one in late spring and one in the early fall. Planting of native species will be possible next fall and I look forward to putting together a sound native plant-based plan to provide privacy to our neighbors and attract native birds, bees and butterflies... If interested in becoming involved in this next stage in the maturation of our Community Park, please contact park Committee Chair, Steve Markle at <u>spmarkle@mac.com</u>

Directories

 Anne Charboneau, our Treasurer, will be compiling new Directories in the next month. If you're new to the neighborhood and paid your dues online, we should have your new information. For any legacy neighbors, please provide any updates to Anne by Dec. 30th, otherwise current information will be used. Anne can be reached at: <u>anne.charboneau@gmail.com</u>

Park Terrace

• Several neighbors are working with local police, Fairfax County and VDOT regarding speed on Park Terrace. The initial focus is on proper enforcement and signage to ensure thru traffic is aware of the speed limit and held accountable. Any permanent solutions will be decided as a community, but it will be a while before we get to that point.



• For all our pet lovers, please note that the street signs in Villamay are special and maintained by the VCA. Last year we committed a little over \$9000 to replacing and repairing street signs that had rusted out. While there are several things that result in street sign damage, dogs are a contributor. So PLEASE, avoid letting dogs use the street signs as their preferred marking spots.

• Request for Help

There are several street signs that need flag holders added to them. We have the holders now so if there are a few neighbors that could take the lead on attaching them to the poles, please reach out to Brendon Weiss.

Paying Dues

• We need your support. If you have not paid or are not sure if you (or your neighbors) paid their dues, check out your status and pay online at <u>villamay.org/check-vca-dues</u>. To pay by check, please drop off your check for \$55 for one year or \$110 for two years to Anne Charboneau, 7212 Burtonwood Drive. Thank you!

One Year Membership (\$55 + \$3 processing)



Two-Year Membership (\$110 + \$4 processing)

