



Villamay Community Newsletter - Winter 2020

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From the President – Ken Siegfried

Happy 2020 to all Villamay residents! We have a very busy year ahead and are excited to start the new year with our traditional social events (Winter Wine Soiree' on Feb 29) as well as a new plan to re-store our unique and beautiful Villamay street signs.

Starting this spring, we will be repairing/replacing the signs with the most damage and from there we will be painting the rest so they all have a fresh new look. If you look closely, many of these signs are rusted all the way through and are not only becoming an eyesore but they could become a safety hazard. This is a very expensive and labor-intensive project but it needs to be done in order to keep the neighborhood looking sharp and well maintained. Fortunately, our own Matt Bieschke is a contractor who was the most qualified of all those considered and has offered his services.

The sign-post project is one more reason why it's imperative that we have as many neighbors join the Villamay Community Association as possible and pay the very modest \$55/year dues. That's only \$4.58/month! If you have not yet paid your dues for the year or are a new neighbor, you can do so right on our secure website at www.Villamay.org While membership may not be mandatory, it is vital to the neighborhood and helps keep our home values up. I know we are the envy of other nearby neighborhoods when it comes to our social events as our participation is second to none! If you prefer to pay your dues by check, please contact Brendon Weiss at brendonweiss@hotmail.com.

We are also looking into having a new traffic study done on Park Terrace Dr. With the increasing cut through traffic from Ft. Belvoir and other areas, this will be done to consider potential speed humps similar to those on Morningside Lane. The last time this was done was 14 years ago and it was decided then not to do the speed humps. Much has changed since then, so we want to re-visit this as a way to ensure the safety of our residents and keep the cut through traffic to a minimum.

Finally, we will be looking for volunteers to replace outgoing board members in May so please contact me or any other board members if you are interested in serving on the board. The time commitment is very small and the Villamay community really benefits when we all pitch in together.

Social – Kristen Gayden

The second annual holiday caroling and party at the home of Rutha Piper was a smashing success! Thanks to all the carolers, and to the Pipers for hosting such a festive party with beautiful decorations and homemade eggnog! Here's to a long-lasting Villamay tradition!

We've got a full schedule of social events coming up!

VILLAMAY SOIREE - Don't miss the annual Villamay Soiree to be held on February 29, 7:00 pm at the home of Matt Bieschke and Deborah Lerner at 7501 Park Terrace Drive. Bring a bottle of wine to share; appetizers and dessert will be served. Stay tune for an email invite or RSVP at villamay.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, April 11 11:00am, McCutcheon Park. Bring the kids for a fun Easter tradition of finding all the hidden Easter eggs. Treats for kids and adults.

ANNUAL DINNER – Thursday, May 7, 6:00-9:00 at the beautiful Cedar Knoll restaurant on the GW Parkway. Dinner, wine and raffle prizes.

Please visit villamay.org for more information and to RSVP for these events. Also, emails will be sent prior to each event. Be sure and update your contact information on our web site to get updates.

Villamay Green Team Tips – Sara Keese

Have you considered doing a home energy audit?

A home energy audit can help you understand the whole picture of your home's energy uses - how much energy your home uses, where your home is losing energy, and which problem areas and fixes you should prioritize to make your home more efficient and comfortable. It should tell you:

- How well your insulation is performing to keep heat out in the summer and cold out in the winter
- Where gaps and cracks allow air leaks causing drafts
- Structural problems that hinder home performance
- If your home is properly ventilated for proper indoor air quality
- How well your heating and cooling systems are functioning

A home energy audit is a smart first step before making energy-saving home improvements.

We will post on the Villamay website a few companies that Villamay neighbors have used for their home audits. This is a not a recommendation rather just a resource for you to consider. Saving energy saves you money in your heating and electrical bills, reduces the use of fossil fuels and therefore helps our environment.

Welcome new neighbors – Sydney Young

The Villamay Community Association welcomed 12 new residents to our neighborhood in 2019.

Each new neighbor received a gift bag with a note of welcome from our association, a calendar of Betsy Grady-Carey's gorgeous paintings of homes in Old Town Alexandria, and honey from our very own gentleman farmer and bee-keeper Christian Adams.

Welcome to Villamay to the following new neighbors!

Liz and Kip Payne at 7413 Admiral Drive

Kristopher and Meaghan Jones at 7406 Admiral Drive

Nancy Krafft at 1103 Belle Vista

Christopher and Aline Newman at 1213 Belle Vista

Jason and Libby Newman at 7400 Gatewood Court

Robert Vernon and Ann Gretter at 1310 Gatewood Drive

John Esselink and Gwendolyn Siebert at 1101 Gatewood Drive

Aaron and Kelly Burger at 1216 La Ronde Court

James Gilbert Harless at 7401 Park Terrace

Roger Rufe at 7419 Park Terrace

Colin Ross Boswell at 7508 Park Terrace

Roy Weidanz and Anja Langer at 1111 Villamay

Make sure you give each of these new residents a warm Villamay welcome.

We will look forward to seeing them and you at our annual wine soiree on Saturday February 29.

Remember that you can always update your directory listing and sign up for the Villamay email list at villamay.org.