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Cobbdale Civic Association Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Neighbors,

Thank you to everyone who attended our spring community meeting in person or online. It was wonderful to come together as a community to share ideas, discuss concerns, and engage with local leaders.

The CCA has so much to share with you as we approach the fall season. Following a successful National Night Out ice cream social, we are looking forward to some more great events before the end of 2023.

-Ashley Rosenlund

CCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Mike Tembrina resigned from his Member At Large position this summer; we thank him for his years of service.

Next spring, we will be holding elections for Vice President, Treasurer, and 2 Member At Large positions. If you are interested in joining the board please reach out via email: cobbdalecivicassociation@gmail.com

FALL COMMUNITY MEETING



The CCA holds two community meetings each year. Our fall meeting will be on **Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 7:30pm**. Agenda items include an update on the Chain Bridge Road project and next steps in the process for a sidewalk along Norman Avenue. We will be inviting city and state leaders to attend. Please mark your calendar and join us.

RESIDENT DATABASE



Please scan this QR code and share your email address with us. You can also find the link to the database entry form on our Facebook page or click [HERE](#).



GOING GREEN TO SAVE GREEN



This is the final CCA Newsletter that will be delivered via USPS. We will send out two newsletters per year via email. We will also post a link to the newsletters on our website and Facebook page. Printed newsletters will be available in a letter box attached to the Little Free Library at the Cobbdale Park.

UPDATED WEBSITE



We are excited to announce that our website, cobbdale.org, has received a facelift. We hope you will enjoy the updates and find the website a useful hub for neighborhood information and resources.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$15/year due in January pay online by following this QR code or mail to:

CCA Treasurer
10719 Oak Place
Fairfax, VA 22030



IMPORTANT DATES



COMMUNITY MEETING

OCT. 5, 2023



FALL YARD SALE

OCT. 21, 2023



HALLOWEEN PARADE

OCT. 29, 2023



INVASIVE SPECIES EVENT & PARK CLEANUP

NOV. 4, 2023



STORY TIME IN THE PARK

Once a month
Follow us on Facebook for details.

STORY TIME IN THE PARK



Our Little Free Library Ribbon Cutting and Story Time was a huge success. Thank you Mayor Read for joining us, reading to the children, and donating the book to our library. Thank you to our Cobbdale neighbor Lynh Berenbaum for the beautiful and delicious cupcakes for everyone to enjoy.

Story Time in the Park returned September 9th with the addition of music from our neighbor Juliana Gustafson. **We plan to continue monthly story times through the year.** Follow us on Facebook to see the scheduled date and time each month.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



This year's National Night Out was a successful evening with about 150 neighbors in attendance. Fairfax City Police & Fire Departments along with the GMU Police Department attended with their friend Sparky, a face painter, & some give aways for the kids.

The Gustafson Family Strings Ensemble shared some wonderful music while everyone enjoyed 9 gallons of ice cream served by Michelle McDonnell, Chase Wiley & guest scooper Delegate David Bulova. Mark your calendar for next year's National Night Out August 6, 2024.



ADOPTING COBBDALE PARK



The Cobbdale Civic Association has officially adopted Cobbdale Park. The City will be changing the Adopt-A-Spot sign in the coming weeks.

Ray Girouard has meticulously cared for our beautiful park for many years. As an association we would like to actively engage the entire neighborhood to care for the park. We will be planning a park cleanup four times a year. The first official cleanup following our park adoption was on July 29th. A HUGE thank you to the neighbors who came out and helped rake, clean up around the playground equipment, and replenish the rocks around the stream. Our next cleanup is **Saturday November 4th @ 9:00am**. Stormwater Utility credits will be available for participants at each park cleanup.



INVASIVE SPECIES EVENT & PARK CLEANUP



In conjunction with our next park cleanup on **November 4th**, we will be hosting Anna Safford, Urban Forester for the City of Fairfax, along with Katy Johnson, Certified Master Naturalist, and Cobbdale resident Christina Wren, who are volunteers with “Plant NOVA Natives.” This is an opportunity for our community to learn more about invasive species and discuss the responsibility of homeowners to manage and mitigate these plants. Additionally we will learn about native species and their importance when planning plantings in our yards. A few lucky neighbors will receive native seedlings.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE



Please join us for our semi-annual CCA yard sale on **Saturday, October 21** (rain date Sunday, Oct. 22). The Henry Lodge at 10503 Oak Place is allowing us to gather there to sell in the parking lot. Setting up there is optional, but it certainly helps to bring as many sellers together as possible, which makes more buyers want to come! You may start setting up as early as 7am. The yard sale officially runs from 8am – 12pm. Please let us know if you’ll be joining us at the Lodge, or setting up on your own so we can advertise properly.



HALLOWEEN PARADE



The annual Cobbdale Halloween parade returns for its fourth year on **Sunday, October 29th**. The parade will start and end at Cobbdale Park. Costumes – for kiddos and their grownups – are strongly encouraged. Help us make this event BOOtiful! City of Fairfax Firefighters and Police Officers will hopefully be on site (barring any emergencies), assisting with traffic and ensuring a safe and fun parade.

HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTESTS



Would you like to see the holiday decoration contests continue this year for Halloween and the winter holidays? If so, we are **seeking a volunteer** to lead the effort along with one of our board members. What is involved? Help to build excitement about outdoor decorations in the neighborhood; record the addresses that display decorations to create voting form; help choose and obtain prizes for winners; celebrate winners once votes are in. This is such a fun way to spread holiday cheer and excitement throughout the neighborhood. Help us continue this Cobbdale tradition!

Email: cobbdalsecretary@gmail.com if you can help.

DO BUSINESS WITH A NEIGHBOR

For \$25/year we will feature Cobbdale neighbor owned business advertisements on our website, facebook page, and semi-annual newsletter. Email cobbdalecivicasociation@gmail.com if you are interested in this advertising opportunity. Please provide the following information in your email:

- Your name and address to confirm CCA membership
- Business name & category if not evident by business name
- Website or other contact information



Please Note: You must be a dues-paying member of the CCA to advertise with us as a neighborhood business.

This is an example of what your ad might look like in our newsletter and on our website. We do not foresee ads being smaller than this but they may be larger. On our Facebook page your ad will be included in the "Featured" section along with other neighborhood businesses.



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

A few reminders about pedestrian safety:



When you're out walking, please remember to walk against traffic, on the left side of the road. This provides pedestrians the ability to see oncoming traffic and not be surprised by a vehicle at their back (especially quiet hybrid and electric vehicles).



When you're on your bike, please ride with traffic, on the right side of the road. Unless you're one of Cobbdale's junior cyclists biking with an adult pedestrian!



For evening walks, please consider wearing reflective clothing and carrying a strong flashlight.



Back to school brings school buses and some of our youngest pedestrians. Please be mindful of bus stops, respect school bus lights, and watch for walkers.



Please, drive like your kids live here! For many of us, they do.

KNOW BEFORE YOU THROW-CITYWIDE RECYCLING CAMPAIGN

Which of these items can **NOT** be recycled in your curbside bins?



To check your answers and find more information, please visit the Fairfax City recycling page [HERE](#)



NEW SIGNAGE



We hope everyone is finding our new signs easy to read. Signs are posted at Cobbdale Park, the corner of Norman Ave. and Chain Bridge Road access road, corner of Carol St. and Ann St., and corner of Burrows Ave. and Oak Place.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS



The Chain Bridge Road/Eaton Place Intersection project was approved by City Council. The new light at Chain Bridge Road and Willow Crescent Drive has been installed, but is not yet operating. Once that light is in use we will be following up with the city on updated traffic data for the CBR/Eaton intersection.

I think we are all relieved that the Jermantown Bridge construction has been completed. You can stay up to date and share your thoughts on the Jermantown Road corridor project [HERE](#) at the Engage section of the Fairfax City website.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES



CCA dues are \$15.00/calendar year with payments due in January. Pay online using the QR code on the first page of this newsletter or via check mailed to 10719 Oak Place. You **MUST** be a dues paying member to participate in any vote held by the CCA. If you do not know if you have paid your dues, please email cobbdaletreasurer@gmail.com and Stacy will happily give you an update.

CITY NEWS



The [Fairfax City Scene Newsletter](#) is mailed monthly to all city residents and can be read online at fairfaxva.gov SEARCH: City Scene. Please stay informed by reading this newsletter. Follow the QR code to sign up to receive City Alerts.



COBBDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Members At Large: Sally Baghdassarian, Stephen Rosenlund, Courtney Sims, Chase Wiley

Past President (ex-officio): Ray Girouard

Cobbdale Fall Meeting



October 5, 2023
Henry Masonic Lodge
7:30 pm



www.cobbdale.org



CCA on Facebook



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Hi Neighbor!

Or Current Resident