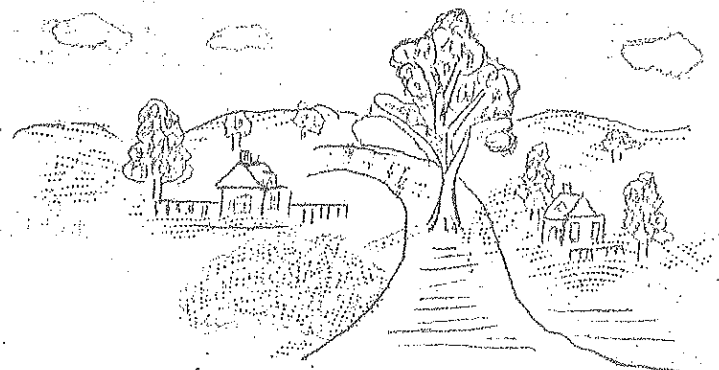


THE DOWNS



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APRIL MEETING

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Date: Tuesday, April 16
Time: 8:00 PM
Place: Devonshire School

Mr. Joe Brown is also Director of the Northern District of the Virginia Park Authority. He has been with the Fairfax County Park Authority since its formation January 1, 1962.

PROGRAM

Speaker: MR. JOE BROWN
Director, Fairfax
County Park Authority
Subject: OUR PARK PROGRAM

He is a graduate of the University of Georgia and has a degree in Forestry. Before coming to Virginia, he was with the Dade County Park and Recreation Authority in Florida.

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

Mr. Brown will talk to us about their plans for developing park facilities in this area and also what can be done possibly to develop our own little park area along the creek on Custis Parkway. He has seen our park so he knows what we have and will be able to answer any questions you may wish to ask him relative to developing it.

REFRESHMENTS

This is the time we chat with our neighbors over homemade cookies and coffee. It is proving most popular.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MEETING

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Mrs. Joseph F. Fisher JE 4-1445

Call your news items in by the 2d TUESDAY of each month to one of the editors. We would like to receive more items of interest about the residents of Greenway Downs. We are especially interested in new arrivals in our community, those who have received honors of any kind, significant accomplishments, including graduation from college, etc., marriages, deaths and also travels of interest.

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COVER DESIGN CONTEST

We are happy to announce the winner of our cover design contest. He is TOM GEDDES, son of JEAN and GLENN GEDDES of 304 Greenway Blvd. Tom has designed the first two cover designs we have been using but the award is for a third design he submitted in the contest. We hope to have his new design on our next issue of THE DOWNS for May. He will receive the \$5 prize we offered for the winning design.

We wish to thank all those who submitted designs in our contest.

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The residents contacted by our Membership Committee gave some pertinent suggestions regarding the improvement of Greenway Downs.

Monday evening, April 8, your Executive Board met with Bob Cotten, the County Supervisor representing our area. Mr. Cotten had a very informative presentation of the problems confronting us in Greenway Downs and Fairfax County. Some of the problems are not within the jurisdiction of the Supervisors, but on those that are, he has promised to give us his best cooperation and will endeavor to do all he can to get the needed action we desire. (Remember, there are seven Supervisors in Fairfax County and we cannot expect him to perform miracles for us.)

We are preparing a detailed written report with specific references on the map of our area, showing the projects on which we desire action by the Supervisors, and we expect to get some concrete results. The most expensive items needed are those of drainage and improvements to our streets. We must be willing to do our part to cooperate in working out solutions to these problems.

If the Membership Committee has not been able to contact you, please call me as we wish to have the names of everyone in "The Downs" listed in our Directory which is in preparation.

Study all the facts regarding the proposed School Bond Referendum and VOTE.

Thomas Thomsen
JE 2-1653

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SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

In May we will vote on a \$29.9 million bond issue to build more classrooms to keep up with the rapid increase in school age children in Fairfax County schools. If this bond referendum is not approved, we will have "pure chaos" according to Bob Cotten of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Cotten told us the County has been building a classroom a day since the 1960 bond issue. We must continue this rate of building to provide facilities to take care of an increase of 7,000 students each year. We built for 20,000 students in the last 4 year period and we must provide for 21,000 more in the next 3 years. We cannot afford even a year's delay in this program.

The best news for taxpayers is the fact that this \$29.9 million bond issue will not necessitate raising the existing tax rate for school indebtedness because we are paying off our old school bonds and our taxable wealth is increasing.

We can be proud of the fact that thus far the forward looking people of Fairfax County have responded to the school needs of one of the fastest growing communities in the Nation with vision and effort. Our community is flourishing, our economy is healthy, and we must continue to provide the vital education system it deserves.

VOTE "FOR" THE SCHOOL BOND ISSUE.

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FEDERATION REPORT

Fairfax School Board members were guest speakers at the March meeting of the Federation of Citizens Association.

The Board, as a whole committee, investigating school construction in the County, told the delegates that they favored construction of schools staying within the jurisdiction of the School Board. They stated that a thorough investigation report is due to be submitted to them by April 1. Their evaluation of this report will then be made public and they will be in a better position to answer the public's questions.

They also stated that in the future the penalty clause in the construction contracts for completion time of schools will be enforced.

Jean Geddes, Delegate
from Greenway Downs

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VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are new to the area or are not a registered voter, call the registrar for our area to see if you can't be qualified to vote in time on the School Bond Issue. This is a privilege which we should all take advantage of.

Registrar: MRS. TERA VINSON
120 E. Rosemary Lane
JE 2-0342

Voting takes place in Devonshire School, date to be announced.

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SAFETY SIGNS

Quite a few residents expressed a desire that signs reading "SLOW" or "CHILDREN PLAYING" be erected on our streets to warn motorists to slow down. Mr. Cotten told us that the State Highway Dept. has outlawed their use as they give parents a false sense of security when they are up. The streets are public highways for vehicles to use and are not playground space for children. Children should be trained **NOT TO PLAY IN THE STREET.**

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LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

Mr. J. Morton Franklin, our speaker last month, gave us many simple and inexpensive suggestions and remedies for use in our gardening. He also told us how to prune roses, how to pinch back chrysanthemums for maximum bloom, how to pinch back annuals to produce the biggest and best blooms, and even gave us hints on how to grow the best vegetables. He mentioned the fact that the past winter had been very hard on shrubs and lawns and told us to leave the shrubs alone until they have had a chance to come out as much as possible before pruning out the dead wood. He suggested a light seeding of lawns and also an application of fertilizer to give them a lift before hot weather arrives. He highly recommended the use of pre-emergence crabgrass killers where this is a problem, as they are most effective. We spent a most profitable and enjoyable evening asking Mr. Franklin many questions about our gardens. In fact, we didn't stop until 9:45 PM.

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW NEIGHBORS

Our membership drive is practically completed and we feel it has been most successful. The following have been given complimentary memberships this year as newcomers to the community.

BOLLING ROAD

- 114 - Mr. & Mrs. Joe L. Wagoner
- 119 - Mr. & Mrs. Roy O. Littlefield and their 4 children
- 206 - Mr. & Mrs. Giles A. Clatterbuck and their daughter
- 209 - Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Wood

WINCHESTER WAY

- 139 - Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer Barnette and their 6 children
- 201 - Mrs. Elizabeth Galyean
- 203 - Mr. & Mrs. Charles Evanto and their 4 children
- 209 - Mr. & Mrs. Yale H. Wolfe and their 3 children

GEORGE MASON ROAD

- 217 - Mr. & Mrs. James W. Thomas and their 2 children

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BLUEBIRDS

Bluebirds are junior Camp Fire Girls and their main objective is to get together to have fun and also to learn to play and work as a group. We have a group in our community under the leadership of MRS. ROBERTA FULMER of 303 E. Marshall St. Her group are girls all in the 2d grade of school. If you have a girl who would like to be a Bluebird, call Mrs. Fulmer at JE 4-8759. Their annual peanut sale to raise funds runs from April 11 to May 3. **BUY SOME AND HELP THE CAMP FIRE GIRLS.**

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