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FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 24  
TIME: 8:00 P.M.  
PLACE: Devonshire Cafetorium  
Graham Road & Lee Highway

PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. M. F. Osborne  
Real Estate Division  
Subject: NEW EQUALIZED TAX ASSESS-  
MENT IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Special Speaker: (5 minutes)  
Scout Craig Dempier

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

Enjoy hot coffee with homemade  
baked goodies while you get to  
know your neighbors. All FREE.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

We are fortunate in having as our  
guest speaker this month Mr. M. F.  
Osborne, Deputy Chief, Real Estate  
Division, Dept. of Tax Assessments,  
Fairfax County. Mr. Osborne has  
worked with tax assessments for the  
past 12 years and will talk on real  
estate taxes in our area. A ques-  
tion and answer period will follow  
his talk, so come prepared to ask  
questions you may have on the way  
your property is assessed for tax  
purposes.

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OUR NEW COVER DESIGN

Isn't this a lovely new picture  
we have for our news bulletin? We  
are much indebted to Mr. Wayne  
Shipp of 805 Custis Parkway who  
designed and drew the picture. He  
is a commercial artist and did this  
work as a service to our citizens  
association. We sincerely thank  
him for a job well done.

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If you are interested in helping on  
any of these committees, please con-  
tact the committee chairman or the  
President. All of you can help  
your editor by calling in any items  
of news you think are appropriate  
for publication in THE DOWNS. We  
thank you everyone.

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We had a slight increase in atten-  
dance at our January general meet-  
ing. Thirty members were on hand  
to hear an informative presentation  
of the new street numbering system  
for Fairfax County. It was refresh-  
ing to see some new faces at the  
meeting and I hope this trend will  
continue throughout the year.

Our guest speaker this month has a  
heavy schedule at this time of year  
and I hope we can have a big atten-  
dance to demonstrate our interest  
in the tax rates and new "equalized"  
assessments in our area.

Our drainage problem on Custis  
Parkway is being handled by the  
Streets and Utilities Committee,  
headed by Roy Littlefield. A pro-  
gress report is forthcoming and will  
be given at our next general meeting

Remember the annual membership drive  
will soon be upon us and we'll need  
a lot of members to give us an ef-  
fective voice in Fairfax County.  
Support your citizens association  
and help to improve your community.  
The many projects sponsored by  
Greenway Downs Citizens Association  
warrant your help. I'll have more  
information on this year's drive in  
the next issue of THE DOWNS.

Make Greenway Downs an area to be  
proud of. Keep your front and back  
yard clean and clear snow from the  
walkway for safety's sake.

See you at the meeting, Wednesday  
February 24.

John J. Sharkey  
President

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## YOUR NEW HOUSE NUMBER

Mr. Paul A. Lemarie last month explained the reasoning and the method for putting Fairfax County on a systematized numbering system tied in with the one in effect already in Arlington County. This is called the Uniform Property Identification System and is an orderly method of numbering houses and buildings and naming streets in Fairfax County. (Cities and towns located within the County are free to either reject or follow this plan.)

This system goes into effect County-wide on APRIL 1, 1965.

A geographical grid system has been projected across Fairfax County from its northern and eastern boundaries along the Potomac River. Building numbers are assigned according to grid location. These numbers increase continuously from north to south and from east to west. The direction of curved streets is determined by the County Planning Engineer.

If you OWN property you will be notified by mail of the OFFICIAL ADDRESS of your property about March 1, 1965. Property consisting of undeveloped acreage has not been assigned an official address. If you do not receive a notice by March 5, contact the Fairfax County Planning Division (SPO), The Court House, Fairfax, Virginia, or phone 273-2030, giving the name of your subdivision and the lot number or the legal description of your property.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

Wayne and Marie Shipp of 805 Custis Parkway on the birth of a little son, Michael Casey, who arrived February 11.

Bob and Virginia Beane of 119 Westmoreland Road are proud to announce they now have a grandchild born February 6 out in Chandler, Ariz. He is the son of Lt. and Mrs. Howard M. Tomme (Carol Beane) who call him Howard Michael after his daddy.

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## DO YOU NEED A RIDE?

If you would like to come to our Association meetings but need a way to get there, please call one of the committee chairmen, officers or your editor. We will try to arrange for you to go with someone.

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If you RENT, the owner of the property which you occupy will be notified of its official address and if he does not notify you by March 10, contact the owner or, if that is not possible, call the office given above.

The City of Falls Church has not yet decided to go under this uniform system so some of our streets will take the designation "West" to continue the same name from one side of Lee Highway to the other. If the city should decide to go under this system, the "West" on our street names could and should be dropped.

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## LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Registration for Western American Little League will be on Saturdays, February 20 and 27 at Graham Road Methodist Church, 333 Graham Road, in the Social Hall. Hours are 10 AM to 4 PM. For further information, call 532-9414.

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## GIRL SCOUTS, WE THANK YOU

The girls of Troop #601 (not 301 as reported last month) did a wonderful job of delivering THE DOWNS last month. We sincerely thank each one of them. They plan to continue delivering our newsletter as a community service project.

The girls have their Father-Daughter Box Supper February 23. They are making all the table decorations as well as the box supper. They will put on the Mexican Hat Dance as their part of the entertainment. Our hat is off to their leader, Mrs. Monica Sullivan for her fine job with the girls.

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## BROWNIE TROOP NEWS

Brownie Troop 575 made special Valentine coloring books for the children at Fairfax Hospital. Their leader, Mrs. Carol Oliver, and Brownie, Debbie Oliver, delivered them to the hospital and received a great deal of appreciation from the staff for the Troop's thoughtfulness.

On February 25, Troop 575 will be having a Father-Daughter Box Supper along with four other area troops. They are looking forward to a big turn-out from the Greenway Downs fathers and their Brownie daughters.

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## CUB SCOUT NEWS

Two of our Cub Scouts, DAVID JACOBS and RANDY SIMOUNET, were selected to present Scout Emblem pins to VIPs Saturday, February 6, to "kick-off" Scout Week. They did their Pack proud as they pinned pins on Congressmen and made a little speech along with the ceremony which took place at the Capitol. Scouting observes its 55th anniversary this year.

The Cubs also wish to thank all who cooperated by putting their newspapers out at the front of their house in bags for their last paper drive. They collected a full truckload of papers again in spite of the snow.

The Cubs who have attained the rank of WEBLOS are now a separate group under the leadership of Area Scout Chairman, Mr. Schafstall. It currently consists of 7 eager boys and meets every Tuesday evening at 705 Custis Parkway, the home of their leader. If you are interested in joining this group, you should call Mr. Schafstall at 533-0432 for information.

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## A NEW BOY SCOUT TROOP IS FORMED

Our Cub Scouts now have a Boy Scout Troop to go into. Troop 677 of Greenway Downs was presented with their charter Monday night, February 15 at an open house meeting at 7:30 in Devonshire School. There were 8 Scouts and 6 visitors present to view the films of some of their former activities. Future meetings will be held at Devonshire School on Monday nights at 7:30. Mr. Phil Simounet is the new leader for #677.

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