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ABOUT OUR MEETING

If we can control the dialogue, and discuss potential topics without getting carried away by the topics themselves, we propose to open up the floor at our September meeting to a free-form exchange of ideas and suggestions among the membership which, we hope, will help us chart the Association's course throughout the coming year.

We intend to suggest a number of themes for future meetings on such subjects as:

Greenway Downs Beautification—do we need it, or are we beautiful enough just the way we are?

Marijuana in the Schools—mountain or molehill?

Public Housing—a worthy cause, so long as it's built somewhere else?

Gun Registration—or did we beat this one to death last Spring?

Sex Education in the Schools—do we support it, or what can anyone teach the kids they don't know already?

Custis Parkway Drainage—is it functioning adequately, or is more needed?

With luck, and some healthy participation from the membership, we should be able to develop a constructive, interesting, and sometimes controversial line-up for the coming months. Come prepared to argue for or against any or all of the topics listed above. If you have any subjects in mind which you believe are important to you and your fellow residents, don't

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE Tuesday, September 23

TIME 8:00 p.m.

PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
Graham Road and Lee Highway

PROGRAM Problems in our Community

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

hesitate to suggest them. Arrangements will be made for competent authorities to appear and discuss those subjects selected as meeting topics.

In light of the upcoming gubernatorial election, details now are being worked out to have high-ranking officials of the political parties in Northern Virginia appear for a panel discussion at our October meeting. Virginians this year are witnessing the strongest challenge for the governorship mounted by the Republicans since ours became a two-party state. So, a Republican will appear to tell us why we need fresh leadership in the State House, and a Democrat will expound on how we've never had it so good. It should prove interesting.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Joseph J. Goodwin, President

Here it is September again. Summer is over and the kids are back in school. I hope everyone has had a pleasant summer—now back to work!

I have taken over as President of GDCA as Mr. Helein, our President since January, has moved to another community. We should take one minute here to doff our hats to "Chuck" for the wonderful job he did while in our community—and send our best wishes to him in his new home.

At our first Executive Meeting, Mr. Alan Whitney, Community Action Committee Chairman, was asked to fill the position of Vice-President. His acceptance was unanimously approved by the Executive Board. Thus, he will be wearing two hats—Vice-President while still maintaining his original duties. In fact, Mr. Whitney is lining up our initial meeting of the new season, outlined on page 1. Let's show him some real "Community Action."

Upon taking over the presidency, I found myself with two vacant committees—Youth Activities and Community Beautification. I am glad to announce that Maj. Larry Brumbaugh has "volunteered" to fill the duties of Youth Activities Chairman. He, his wife, Diane, and their 3 children live at 2801 Woodlawn Ave. Any youths—6 to 60—interested in working with Larry, give him a call. Let's especially hear from you young people about your ideas and suggestions for improving your neighborhood.

The Community Beautification Committee will be headed by Mrs. R. E. (Kay) Powell who lives with her husband, Edward, and 3 children at 2755 Woodlawn Ave. She is a former school

marm and past Vice-President of Devonshire School. She is interested in developing an active committee but would like to have some assistance from all of Greenway Downs. All those residents with green thumbs and novel ideas, get in touch with Kay at 533-9177.

The world, country, state, county, and even our local community are rapidly changing. More and more minority groups are deciding the future of the majority. Stand up and be counted. Attend your Association meetings (there are only 8 or 9 each year). Express yourself so that we can represent you. What is your interest? Inflation, Rising Taxes, Public Housing, Drug Traffic, School Dress Codes, Crime, Noise Abatement, Highways, Subways, Pollution? Discuss this with other members so that a representational stand can be made from Greenway Downs.

Listed below are the Community-minded neighbors who have taken an active part in our community. If any of their activities are of particular interest to you, be sure to contact the appropriate chairmen.

Hope to see you on September 23!

OFFICERS FOR 1969-1970

President Joseph Goodwin
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 Streets and Utilities Frank Peterson
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 Youth Activities Larry Brumbaugh
 Community Action Alan Whitney

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE IN THE FALL

Because of the recent change in the bylaws, it was decided that the annual membership drive will be held during the month of October. Dues will remain at the rate of \$2.50 per family which is used to finance *The Downs*, the monthly meetings, Christmas Party, and picnic. It also allows us to participate in the Federation of Citizens Associations and to sponsor the scout troops. This year it is also hoped to have a civic awards dinner to honor one of our residents. New members will also receive a copy of the 1969-1970 Directory.

Following is a list of street chairmen. If you would like to assist on the drive, please call your street chairman or the membership chairman, Robert Miskelly at 534-5981.

Woodlawn Avenue	Mr. Davis - 534-1593
	Mr. Goodwin - 532-2605
Monroe Street	Mr. Crum - 532-7893
Marshall Street	
W. Geo. Mason Rd.	Mrs. Fallenbaum - 532-4593
Greenway Blvd.	Mr. Walton - 533-1087
Cameron Road and Cavalier Trail	
	Mrs. Wells - 534-5510
Summerfield Rd.	Mr. Liberati - 533-3232
Winchester Way	Mrs. Patterson - 534-8468
	Mrs. Yarbrough - 534-6502
Bolling Road	
Custis Pky.	Mrs. Roadcap - 532-2880



AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

All open burning is prohibited in all areas of Fairfax County like Greenway Downs where leaf collections and regular trash collections are provided. Leaf collections will begin in the middle of October. The regular trash collectors will take any trash that is boxed or bagged at the curb on trash days, except for building materials, large limbs, and appliances. Telephone 631-1177 for a special truck. Small limbs must be boxed or tied in bundles to be taken. Leaves must be piled at the curb—free of twigs and limbs—to be vacuumed. This may seem like a lot of work to you, but please think of those who have lung and blood diseases, and do not set fire to that pile. The smoke and other pollutants put into the air by burning make the simple necessity of breathing very difficult. Please uphold the law.

REGISTER TO VOTE

The following requirements are necessary to vote in Fairfax County on November 4. At the time of the election, the registrant must be a U.S. citizen, 21 years old, and have lived in Virginia one year, Fairfax County six months, and Greenway Precinct thirty days. It is only necessary to register once in Virginia, and no poll tax is charged.

Registration may be done at the Office of the County Registrar, 4101 Chain Bridge Road (Rt. 123), Fairfax, on Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 273-2062 for more information.

In order to accommodate as many people as possible, a local Registrar is available by appointment. Mrs. Tere Vinson, 2845 Rosemary Lane, 532-0342, will make arrangements to register people in her home.

Please note that one must register by October 4, in order to vote in November. Elections are held in Devonshire School.

LATEST AT TIMBERLANE

On May 19 the Planning Commission recommended approval of the 70 apartment units on the 3.5 acre site immediately west of the Timberlane Apartments which was to have been purchased by the Fairfax Housing Authority upon completion for public housing. At this time all is being held in abeyance waiting to see if the Housing Authority can purchase the property before October 1, the date set by the Supervisors. If they are successful, a full and public hearing will be held before the purchase can be completed. Mr. Wright, who supplied the previous information, has promised that he will keep us informed so that we can present our views at any public hearing. (Ref. letter from Thomas B. Wright to Joseph J. Goodwin, September 3, 1969.)

CHILDREN AND CARS

Several of our residents have had bad experiences with children playing "chicken" with cars. With our blind hills and with dusk coming earlier, parents should watch that their children not play in the streets—and especially that they not dare cars to hit them.

SCOUT NEWS

Camping has been high on the agenda for the boys of Troop 677. During the summer they spent a two-day weekend at Capon Bridge, W. Va., and another two-day weekend along the Rappahannock River. During the week of August 2-9, the Troop went to Camp Bowman, at Goshen Scout Camp, Goshen, Va. The boys attending Goshen and the badges they acquired as a result were:

Mike Altman
Mark Bealby . . . Canoeing & Wild Life Management
John Goodwin - William Hall
Pat Layland . . . Canoeing & Wild Life Management
John Redden . . . Conservation of Natural Resources
John Schaffstall . . . Canoeing & Wild Life Management
David Willhide
Ned Wright . . . Wild Life Management & Mile Swim
David Yarbrough . . . Swimming & Mile Swim
Jimmy Gunnels - John Waugh

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work along with the fun.

The boys are now looking forward to the Fall Camporee which will be held at Bull Run on October 25 and 26.

Girl Scout Troop 601 has already had its first camping trip of this season, not to be outdone by the boys. They went to Potomac Woods the weekend of September 5. It was a lovely weekend and the girls enjoyed leaving the problems of one week in school behind! The troop is meeting this year at the Holy Trinity Church and they welcome new members. Call Mrs. Stokes for information concerning the Troop - 533-1392.

The Cub Scouts of Pack 677 will have their next paper drive on Saturday morning, September 27, starting at 8:30 a.m. They will pick up newspapers, magazines, old telephone books, etc. It is requested that the papers be put into cartons or large paper bags at the curb to make it easier for the boys to handle them.

The Cub Scouts will have an Open House at Devonshire School on September 25 at 7:30 p.m. All boys eight years of age or in the third grade who are interested in joining the Cubs are invited to attend this meeting with their parents. For further information, call Mrs. Yarbrough, 534-6502.

PICNIC SUCCESS

The 1969 Greenway Downs Annual Picnic was probably the most disorganized and most fun of any ever held along Custis Parkway. The parade was a great success with the police and fire departments participating and Boy Scout Troop 677 and Girl Scout Troop 601 marching smartly in their colorful uniforms and carrying their flags. Many of our neighbors and their youngsters also added cars and bikes to the festivities. It is hoped that next year we can give prizes for such things as the best decorated bike and the best marching unit. Many thanks for those who helped bring this first parade off so well.

The rest of the picnic went a little less well but we amateurs thank the residents for their patience—especially at dinner time. One hundred more residents appeared than had been expected and several hundred soft drinks could have been sold had we had them.

The Boy Scouts' first aid station was a welcome addition. Fortunately it did not do much business. The group which supplied the horses lost our order which resulted in their being two hours late.

Thanks to the good organization of Mrs. Beth Stuckert, the Beautiful Baby contest went very well. After much giggling, parading, and catcalls, the king and queen of Greenway Downs were duly crowned.

The races were run in two groups with the final runoffs completed after 7 p.m. Unfortunately by that time many of the original participants had left. Next year will be better—more ribbons and all!

The following won the final races as listed:

Sack Race (8-10 years)

Tim Simounet*, Ellen Schaffstall
(5-7 years)

Jeanenne Blankenship*, Stephen Lomont
(11-13 years)

John Schaffstall*, Deanna Heath

Three-Legged Race - first heat

Susan Leavitt and Sandy Brumbaugh*

Bobby Heath and Michael Rodriguez

- second heat

Ann Heath and Teal Allshouse*

Doug Allshouse and John Waugh

Piggy Back

John Schaffstall & Ellen Schaffstall*

Robert Owen and Thomas Rodriguez

Wheelbarrow

John Schaffstall and Bill Hall*

Bob Heath and Tim Simounet

Tug of War winners

Lynn Simmons, Robbing Brumbaugh, Ellen Schaffstall, Betsy Scell, Carol Hartsook, Sandy Brumbaugh, Carolyn Amole, Debby Lomont, Bill Heid, Randy Fulmer, Pat Layland, Mark Bealby, Robert Owens, Doug Allshouse, Bobby Heath, & John Clements.

Thanks to all the kids and adults who made this success possible. See you next year with more food, ribbons, and fun.

*First Place Winners