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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Our April program may be a week late to be considered part of Earth Week but our topic is not. In our determination to save Greenway Downs from its pollution, we have invited Mr. John B. Rasnic, Supervisory Sanitarian, Air Pollution Control, Fairfax County Health Dept., to speak to us on what causes our pollution, what is being done by governments and especially what we as individuals can do to help clean up our own air.

Mr. Rasnic, who has been in charge of Fairfax County's Air Pollution Control section since its formation in January 1969, is also serving as Vice-Chairman of the Regional Air Pollution Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, the group that is trying to clean up our air, areawide. In addition to these two positions, Mr. Rasnic has attended courses at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Rutgers University and a special institute on air pollution in Durham, N. Carolina, and presents educational talks to interested groups such as ours in Fairfax County and Falls Church City which is also included in his jurisdiction, a very busy man who is doing what he can to clean up our air. Come out and find out what you can do to help.

— IT'S A DIRTY WORLD —
LET'S DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

APRIL MEETING

DATE Tuesday, April 28
TIME 7:30 p.m.
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway
PROGRAM Problem of Air Pollution
SPEAKER Mr. John B. Rasnic

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

**YOUTH NIGHT RESCHEDULED
FOR MAY 27**

If you are a youth and have something to say, you still have a chance to speak out at youth night. We are interested in you and in what you think or do on any subject, parents, discipline, drugs, hobbies, clubs, athletics, schools. To get on the program, contact Mr. Bealby, 532-1102, so that he can schedule you for 2 to 3 minutes. Now's your chance!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Joseph J. Goodwin

For those of you who missed our "fantastic" Scout Night, **Shame on you**. It was Great! I would like to express my personal thanks to all of the Scouts, their leaders, and especially to Mr. John Schaffstall, who put the whole package together.

We have an annual picnic coming up in June and like all good things, it requires a lot of help. Mrs. Layland (who is usually not too busy) has agreed to be our Food Chairman. Anyone who would like to work with Mrs. Layland preparing or transporting food, or in any other capacity such as the games, contests, and parade, call me at 532-2605.

Our "Drug Abuse" resolution was passed at the March meeting as published in **The Downs** and has been sent to many of our leaders—local, state, and national—and we have received several favorable comments. The best being "this is the 'first' time that any citizens' group has taken an official position on this grave problem in our area." The speakers of these opinions being (1) a politician, (2) a local lawyer personally concerned with this problem, and (3) a city editor of one of our daily newspapers.

Aside to the residents of Summerfield Road who are looking for their disappearing street-light. Mr. Peterson is working on this which seems to be a victim of red tape (isn't everything?) and hopefully will have the case solved by the time **The Downs** reaches you.

In a final year-end project, it has been suggested that the Association recommend to the county that the land on the corner of Lee Highway and Graham Road be used as a park to accompany Devonshire School. The feeling is that the land is very narrow for a five-story office building, its present zoning, and would be a very desirable addition to the land around the school. Your Association is making inquiries to the PTA

and the Fenwick Park Association to see how they feel about this proposal. If you have an opinion, please come and express it at the April 28 meeting.

With all we still have to do this year, we hope to see you all at the meeting. Come out and join us in some good, **clean** fun.

TO "GO-GO" or NOT TO "GO-GO"

J. J. Goodwin

On Wednesday, April 1, I received a call from a member of the Devonshire PTA requesting my attendance, as a representative of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association, at a special emergency meeting on April 2. The topic concerned the application for a liquor license for an establishment directly across Graham Road from Devonshire School. This establishment, I was told, was to be called "1320 Club Jr.", and featuring "topless Go-Go dancers." It just so happened that the Association's Executive Committee was meeting on the 1st. We discussed this topic and unanimously agreed to support the Devonshire PTA in their efforts. This information was passed on to Mr. Hopkins, President of the PTA, at their special meeting, which was attended by well over 200 people from various associations, churches, schools, and athletic groups. Those in attendance voted unanimously to oppose an alcoholic license being issued to this establishment, and further to encourage the Supervisors, or whatever powers regulate such applications, to set more restrictive guidelines in the future for liquor license application, especially concerning schools, playgrounds, and residential communities that could be adversely affected.

As your President, I was asked to serve on a committee in opposing this license. Mr. Fred Babson, former Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors was retained as legal counsel. There is at present (4/13/70) a petition being circulated in our community (as in other communities) asking for your support—signature and dollars. All money collected with the petitions will be turned over to the coordinating committee heading opposition to this ABC license to help defray the cost of legal counsel.

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SCOUTS SHOW METTLE

Scouting is a great youth movement dedicated to the character development, citizenship, training, and personal fitness of American boys and girls. As an organization sponsoring Scout activities, the Greenway Downs Citizen's Assn. has assumed a key role in this program and join a group of over eighty thousand American leaders who serve their communities and their nation's future in this same capacity. The Scouting units belong to our Association and are part of "our family." It is most important that this relationship be understood. Few people are in a better position to have their efforts count in affecting the lives of boys and girls in their community. To a very large extent you will determine how many children from Greenway Downs get a chance at the Scouting program and what kind of program they will get. There will be great satisfaction to reward you for your investment. After all, what can an individual do that is more important than work that results in the character development and citizenship training of youths?

On March 25th, at our monthly Association meeting, the Scouting units located in Greenway Downs, some of which are sponsored by the Association, all of which have our support in their aims, provided an insight as to the ceremonies and programs utilized in Scouting. Music was provided by Boy Scout Troop 677's own band, "The Merit Badges," while members of Brownie Troop 575, led by Brownie leader Mrs. Norma Barnes, entertained the gathering with a selection of Brownie songs. Girl Scout Troop 601, under the able direction of Mrs. Robert Heath, enacted a typical Girl Scout meeting opening ceremony and Cub Pack 677, under the leadership of Mr. Walter Coverston, showed us how a closing ceremony is held. Boy Scout Troop 677, whose Scoutmaster is Mr. Sydney Layland, conducted a Court of Honor, led by Eagle Scout John Redden, to present Scouts with their advancement awards, and enlightened the audience as to how new boys are accepted into the Troop by a Scout Investiture Ceremony. Assistant Scoutmaster John C. Yarbrough officiated at the ceremony. Highlights of the evening's program came when Mr. Alfred H. Thompson, Committee Chairman for Troop 677, and Mr. Alfred Hill, Chairman of Cub Pack 677's Committee, were presented their unit charters. Both the Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Tuesday	April 28
Wednesday	May 27
Saturday Picnic	June 13

Troop are 15 year veterans in the scouting family. Mr. Archie Sanders, formerly our Institutional Representative for Scouting, and presently a Scout Neighborhood Commissioner, was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Scout Troop 677 in recognition of his outstanding service to the Boy Scout movement.

At the close of the program, all Scouts present expressed their appreciation for the support provided them by the members of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association.

As a matter of information, any youth of Greenway Downs who wishes to participate in the Scouting Program may contact one of the following: **Brownie Troop 575**—Mrs. Norma Barnes, telephone 534-7428; **Girl Scout Troop 601**—Mrs. R. Heath, telephone 534-2087; **Cub Scout Pack 677**—Mr. Alfred Hill, telephone 532-5970; and **Boy Scout Troop 677**—Mr. Alfred Thompson, telephone 534-7412.

—John Schaffstall, Sr.

SUCCESS AGAIN

April 8 will go down as one of the cleanest days in Greenway Downs history for it was one day after a very successful clean-up campaign that took two days to complete. Although only about one-third of the residents took advantage of our special pick-up, the quantity was most worthwhile. Everything from old couches and broken toilets to water heaters and worn-out toys took the long trip to the landfill. One resident even expressed surprise at the increased size of her basement after removing all the accumulation. Many thanks to Mrs. Powell for scheduling the pick-up and to the neighbors who cleaned up their homes and yards so well. Sure makes everything look better.

HELP!

The following is a list of the Past Presidents your officers conjured from their memories for the February meeting. Please call Mr. Goodwin, 532-2605, if you can fill in the empty year or if you know the addresses of any of those marked by an asterisk (*):

1947 *William R. Curtis	1955 *James McCallister	1962 Eugene Burke
1948 *Marshall E. Pusey	1956 *Ed Frederick	1963 Thomas Thomsen
1949 Vail Pischke	1957 Eugene Burke	1964 Clyde Jackson
1950 L. Ray Smart	1958 John H. Sullivan	1965 *John Sharkey
1951 *Joe Grantham	1959 John R. Owen	1966 Benjamin Blankenship
1952	1960 Walter Mace	1967 *Stan Robinson
1953 John Lucas	1961 L. Ray Smart	1968 Irene Smith
1954 William Youngs		1969 Charles Helein

A NEIGHBOR NEEDS HELP

Volunteers are needed to assist in "Patterning" two brain-damaged children who live on Jefferson Avenue in our neighboring subdivision. Three times a day two extra people are needed in patterning each child. The assistant's job is simple but rewarding, and if you can spare a half-hour or an hour a week, it would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to find out how you can help (in patterning, transporting, or telephoning), or for further information, please call Beth Stucker, 534-2219.

At the March 25 meeting, the membership voted to accept Shannon and Luchs' offer to publish a directory of our area, at their expense. Thanks to Mrs. Drennen for the offer.

WELCOME!

In this season when so many people move into our neighborhood, we wish to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flint, 2805 Bolling Road, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, 2841 Greenway Blvd., and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weissman, 2801 Woodlawn Ave., as well as Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Gurensey, who have returned to 2842 Winchester Way. We are very glad to have you as new neighbors and hope you will take an active part in improving our area.

DOG PATROL REQUESTED

Several past issues of the **Downs** have carried notices to the effect that the Fairfax County Code prohibits dogs from running at large with-

BOY SCOUT NEWS

At a special Court of Honor, held on March 25, 1970, officiated by Eagle Scout John Redden, awards for advancement to Star Scout were presented to Scout John J. Schaffstall and Scout Mark S. Bealby. In addition, Scouts David Yarbrough and Bill Hall were advanced to the rank of 1st Class Scout. There were five new scouts accepted as members of Troop 677 at an Investiture Ceremony. Welcome to our new Tenderfoot Scouts Buddy and Bobby Blankenship, James Baumgardner, Ed Yarbrough, and Bob White. During the month our Scouts were active in a special conservation project for advancement credits and to assist Scout Thomas W. Stoddard in his final requirement for the Eagle rank. The troop also participated in an overnight campout on the weekend of April 11.

in the County. Nevertheless, a number of families have failed to heed this advice and the Association continues to receive complaints from members of the community. Many have complained about dogs getting into their garbage cans and scattering garbage about the lawns. Others have complained of dogs digging up lawns, destroying shrubbery, and making a general nuisance of themselves. There is also some fear that since some of these dogs are running around in packs, they pose a definite danger to the children of the community. As a result of these complaints, the Association has written to the County dog warden asking that Greenway Downs be patrolled regularly. The fine for letting your dog run at large is no less than \$5.00 and no more than \$25.00. We hope that by your cooperation it will not be necessary for the County to assess a fine against anyone.