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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

After 15 years of requests to the County, Greenway Downs has accomplished its major task of getting adequate (we hope) drainage for the creek along Custis Parkway. Now it is time to turn our sights to another serious drainage problem—gutters along our humpback roads.

Our guest speaker for December is **Mr. John E. Behrend**, Director of the Administration Division, Department of Public Works. Mr. Behrend is to speak to us about the problems and costs associated with building curbs and gutters in our area. His experience with a similar though larger project in Pimmit Hills will help us decide whether we wish to pursue such a project here.

Mr. Behrend, who was born in Washington, D. C., has been a resident of Virginia for 22 years. He attended the University of Virginia and worked for Holland Engineering of Alexandria for 15 years. He has been with Fairfax County for 2½ years. He is a member of the American Public Works Association; Institute of Municipal Engineering—Institute of Solid Waste; Regional Sanitary Advisory Board, C.O.G.; Illuminating Engineering Society; Board of Zoning Appeals, City of Fairfax; and the Lamplighters (Roadway Lighting Forum). In his "spare time" he is Scoutmaster to Boy Scout Troop 973, Fairfax, Virginia.

DECEMBER MEETING

DATE	Tuesday, December 3
TIME	8:00 p.m.
PLACE	Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKER	John E. Behrend
PROGRAM	<i>Curbs and Gutters: Costs and Problems</i>

BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS



The community has enjoyed the Christmas displays put up by our residents. We hope parents will especially impress upon their children during this Christmas season their responsibility toward other people's property.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Irene T. Smith, *President*

As the year draws to a close, so does my term of office as your president. Looking back over what has been accomplished during this time, I find that several things are worthy of note here.

Since I had to assume this post over a year ago when the previous president was called to a new position in Florida, one of these changes occurred over a year ago. That is the change from trying to turn out our newsletter, *The Downs*, by our own efforts, to having it printed commercially. We have received many favorable comments all during this time on the fine quality of this little method of communicating with you. Our Supervisor, Tom Wright, looks forward to receiving his copy and he keeps abreast of our activities and needs this way.

Shortly members of the Association will be receiving a copy of our first commercially printed Directory. I believe you will find it much improved, too, and it has been much easier for us as we have not had to handle the complete typing of the copy for reproduction. Even though it is costing us a little more than before, the ads appearing in it have increased in number and this has made up for the additional printing costs.

Right here I want to acknowledge special thanks to our Treasurer, Mr. Charles Reeves, not only for his many years of service as treasurer, but also for the fine job he has done in securing all the ads for our Directory. This is a job that no one feels overjoyed at having to do, but he has very graciously and successfully done a splendid piece of work for your Association.

I also want to thank each and every one of those who have worked so faithfully with me during my term as president. Without their help what has been accomplished would not have been possible.

Another point I wish to acknowledge here is the attendance at our general meetings which has been consistently good all year long; we have had eight meetings plus the picnic and Children's Christmas Party. You had better believe that that represents a lot of work by quite a few people planning, publicizing, and presenting that many activities, not to mention the membership drive and the publishing of a new community directory.

Our last meeting this year will feature a speaker who will explain how the Pimmit Hills community has worked out a system whereby they are getting improvements to their streets to bring them up to the standard now approved by the County's specifications. All of those who are interested or concerned about such a plan being implemented in our own community are urged to please come to this meeting. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and raise objections to such a plan. But your Association needs to know what you would like to see done concerning the "rural" character of our streets.

MAY EACH OF YOU HAVE A MOST JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON.

THANK YOU ALL

Many thanks to our residents for taking advantage of the leaf pick-up this fall. The last regular pick-up is December 2, 3, 4. Limbs and twigs that blew down in our recent rains will be picked up with the trash if they are boxed or tied and placed at the curb. Call 273-3455 or 273-2000 (ext. 216 or 217), to have large trees and other items picked up.

Also, many thanks to the Boy Scouts who have delivered *The Downs* twice this fall and the Girl Scouts who delivered this issue. This was done in spite of all handicaps including weather and vacations. Your community appreciates this service.

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PTA MOVIE PROGRAMS

The Devonshire School PTA is sponsoring two movie programs in December. On Saturday, December 7, the program will feature a movie entitled, "The Snow Queen," plus cartoons, all in color. On December 14, the feature movie will be, "McHale's Navy," plus Christmas cartoons, also in color. These programs start at 1:30 p.m. The cost is 50¢ for children of all ages. Refreshments will be on sale.



Looking for Christmas gift ideas? You might be interested in a cookbook that the PTA is selling. It features meat, seafood, and poultry recipes contributed by 2,000 PTA members from all over the country. The price is \$2.95. Call Mrs. Ruth Grogan, 532-2248, if you are interested.



OFFICERS FOR 1969

The following nominations for 1968 have been presented for election on December 3:

President	Mr. Charles Helein
Vice-President	Mr. Joe Goodwin
Recording Secretary	Mrs. Elouisa Stokes
Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Betty Jacobs
Treasurer	Mr. Elling Reich
Directors	Mrs. Jewell Cunningham and Mr. Ben Blankenship
Delegate to the Federation	Mr. Henry Rodriguez

SCOUTS IN ACTION

Perhaps the highlight of our year was the November 1 meeting. The boys of Troop and Pack 677 performed the beautiful and symbolic opening and closing ceremonies. The ten boys who participated were:

Boy Scouts—Tommy Stoddard, Pat Layland, John Schaffstall, David Yarbrough, Mark Bealby, Billy Hall, and John Redden.

Cub Scouts—Ed Yarbrough, Jeff Coverston, and Larry Patterson.

As part of the ceremony which included presenting the colors, **Tommy Stoddard** received his Life Scout award in a most impressive ceremony which Tommy will long remember.

After the boys gave their presentation, Mr. Alfred Thompson, Troop Committeeman, introduced those adults who keep the Pack and Troop going. Mr. Coverston, Cubmaster, gave a short summary of the makeup and goals of the Cubs. There are 42 boys, 5 dens and a Webelo group. Mr. Yarbrough is Committee Chairman, Assistant Cubmaster, and Webelo Leader. Mrs. Coverston is the trained Den Leader Coach. The Pack is solely supported by the paper drives held every three months. Both the Boy Scouts and the Cubs requested adults to volunteer to lead the boys.

Mr. Layland, Scout Leader, also spoke. He introduced Mr. Archie Sanders, the Institutional Representative and a Troop Committeeman. Mr. Yarbrough is also the Assistant Scout Leader. The Troop is primarily funded by the annual Christmas Tree Sale. The Pack invited all the Association members to attend its next Pack meeting to be held the fourth Friday of January at Devonshire School at 7:30 p.m. We hope many members will attend.

Thanks to the boys who gave us such a memorable meeting.

SCOUT NEWS

Christmas Tree Sale—Again this year, Boy Scout Troop 677 will be selling Christmas trees at Herb Jones Auto Repair Shop on Lee Highway beginning about December 7. This is the Scout's major money-making project. The boys wish to thank Mr. Jones for the use of his lot again this year.

Paper Drive—The Cub Scouts of Pack 677 will have their next paper drive on Saturday morning, December 14, from 9 to 12. They will pick up newspapers, magazines, old telephone books, etc., and 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 Cubs will also make their annual trip to sing Christmas carols at Iliff's Nursing Home in December.

Busy, Busy Girls—The girls of Troop 601 have several activities scheduled for the month. On December 8 there will be a Mother's Meeting during which the Scouts will be presented the badges that they have earned. On Tuesday, December 18, from 4 to 5 p.m., the girls will visit the Fairfax Nursing Home. They will sing Christmas carols, distribute cookies to the residents, and present a tree to the Home. On December 20 the annual Troop Christmas Party will be held.

Sunday, December 22, is the date for community Christmas carols. The girls will meet at 7:30 p.m. and walk around Greenway Downs singing carols. Troop 601 cordially invites anyone who is interested to join the girls in their visit to the Nursing Home and/or in their neighborhood caroling. Mrs. Heath, 534-2087, will furnish details.

DIRECTORY NEWS

For all of you who have been holding your community directories together with glue, tape, and baling wire, relax. Through the considerable efforts of a few members, the directory will be in your homes in December. Many thanks.

Several of the merchants along Lee Highway who were contacted about advertisements expressed an interest in having the Association request a stop light for Summerfield Road and Lee Highway. The claim is that several accidents and many near-accidents occur there. What is your feeling on this? Please make your wishes known at the meeting or call your Editor.

Speaking of the directory, it is with much regret that we say goodbye to **Aline and Bill Shepherd**. Aline was chairman of the very successful membership drive this year as well as being our Recording Secretary. Bill has been one of our six directors and has served as Institutional Representative to the Cub Scout Pack. Many thanks to you both for your hard work and we wish you much success on your new lives in Richmond.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Greenway Downs Citizens Association Christmas Party for children between the ages of 2 and 9 years will be held Thursday, December 19 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., at Devonshire School Cafetorium.

Admission will be by ticket only. These tickets are free to the children of residents of Greenway Downs and may be obtained from: Mrs. Josephine Layland, 2802 Greenway Blvd. Mrs. Georgia Taylor, 2808 George Mason Rd. Mrs. Peggy Yarbrough, 2838 Winchester Way. The tickets will be issued between December 1 and 17.

For the party, each ticket should be pinned to the child with his name, age, and the phone number on it. Children should not wear their best clothes since they will sit on the floor.

Parents are reminded that the party will be over at 9:00 p.m., so please pick up your child at that time. If you cannot pick up your child by 9 p.m., please have a relative or neighbor do so. We are asking that the parents not plan to attend the party since we do not have enough room to accommodate all the children as well as the parents.