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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

There have been a lot of rumors lately about the increase of drug and narcotics use at our local schools. Is it all rumor? Could it all be true? A recent study by the Federal Government revealed that alcohol is the leading drug used with heroin a very distant second.

Our program this Wednesday will be "Narcotics and You." Officer Godwin of the Fairfax County Police Department's Community Services will be our speaker. He will not only give us the current information on this subject, but will answer our questions about drugs and narcotics. How bad is drug use in our schools? PLEASE ATTEND!!

At this meeting, we will also have reports on the status of our park development, and curb and gutter project.

OUR THANKS TO THE GIRL SCOUTS OF CADET TROOP #2559 WHO DELIVERED THIS ISSUE OF THE DOWNS. SPECIAL THANKS TO THEIR LEADER, MRS. JUNE KINGMAN.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION IT WORKS

We subscribe to this program. Have you used it? Call Fred Kramer (534-5930) for details and to use the electric engraver available for loan.

APRIL MEETING

DATE Wednesday, April 25
 TIME 8:00 PM
 PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway
 PROGRAM "Narcotics and You"
 Officer Godwin
 Fairfax County Police Dept.

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS served between the program and the meeting

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP DAY MAY 5

The week of April 22 is "Keep America Beautiful Week". In addition, our Governor has declared that week "Keep Virginia Beautiful Week". To commemorate this occasion, our Citizens Association planned a clean-up day on Saturday of that week but due to a conflict of other programs, the date is set for MAY 5. The community's clean-up campaign will start that Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and continue all morning. It is hoped that whole families will turn out for this affair and thus set a good example for their offspring. Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the effort. Let's all do our part for a cleaner community.

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TAXPAYERS' REVOLT

Are you alarmed at the constantly growing tax burden you are asked to shoulder? If you feel that our government, both County and State, are too ready to dream up new ways to tax you, why not let them know your feelings. Elected officials do respond to letters of protest, because they will stand to lose their job if you are too dissatisfied with their performance. The recent talk of asking for authority to increase real estate taxation rates as much as \$1 per \$100 valuation should Federal Impact Aid be withheld is entirely out of line. With the affluence of real estate values in Fairfax County, no such increase should be needed. In the first place, what is wrong with our elected officials learning to live within the amount of money to be realized by present taxes. As an individual, you have to learn to live within your projected earning potential. That potential is not meagerly in our County either. It is so easy to spend money but it takes real wisdom to make the money available serve the most urgent needs. But if this kind of wisdom were exercised by our government officials, there would be no need for a taxpayers' revolt!

If you feel moved to make your voice felt, why not write our own Supervisor, James Scott, 7223 Lee Highway, Falls Church (22042) or to Senator Adelard L. Brault, Box 248, Fairfax (22030). They need to hear from you on this subject and any other of concern to you.

ANNUAL YOUTH NIGHT PROGRAM -- MAY 23!!

Contact Lois Owens (532-2235) if you wish to volunteer or help in any way.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- May 10 News deadline for next issue
- May 23 General Meeting
- April 28 Youth Night Program
- June 2 Cub Scout Paper Drive
- June 9 Cub Scout Paper Drive
- June 9 Annual Picnic in the Park

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SENATOR BRAULT SPEAKS---

At last month's meeting, Senator A. L. Brault gave us a brief account of the legislation passed in the first 30-day session of the State Legislature as specified in our 1970 revised State Constitution.

He felt that no-fault auto insurance, which did not make it through in this session, will pass in the future unless the Federal Government passes it first. He said this has happened in the past, the State Legislature has been slow in passing a certain law and the Federal Government beats the State to it.

They voted \$25 million to bring the poorer schools up to the level of the better ones and thus all schools will be made to meet the standards set forth in the new constitution. This was tied, however, to a minimum tax assessment that these jurisdictions should be charging. Some have not been charging enough to support their school systems properly. Now they must!

The best news for Northern Virginia he reported is that the construction of I-66 is to proceed. It was also voted to use State gasoline tax funds for Metro costs.

The Equal Rights Amendment was killed in committee because it was felt it would deprive women of many protections they now have. He expects it to come up again in the next session, however.

Justices of the peace will soon be a thing of the past. They will be replaced by full-time magistrates.

People over 65 will be eligible for an additional \$400 exemption on their State income tax. This really keeps the former \$1,000 exemption intact. They can also exempt the first \$2,000 of retirement benefits received from ANY source. In the past it only applied to military and government retirements. Surviving spouses will be allowed a \$1,000 exemption of retirement income.

BINGO is in again! It is now legal if the proceeds go to a non-profit organization which must secure a permit each year from their local government.

Auto inspection fees go up to \$3 on June 1. The uninsured fee for motorists went up to \$100 this year. Learners' permits to operate motor vehicles may now be obtained at age 15 years, 8 months rather than 16. Use of motorcycle handle bars which extend more than 15 inches above the seat is prohibited.

The age for jurors has been lowered from 21 to 18 years now.

Observance of Veterans Day has been returned to November 11 -- the date of the end of World War I. Oldtimers may be relieved at this!

All in all, it was a very busy session. They handled 1400 pieces of legislation, of which 200 were left over from the 1972 session. Senator Brault said this session proved that one is needed each year for Virginia now.

Clean-Up (Con't)

While on the subject of clean-up days, the Association would like to thank our Cub Scout Den 2 for their recent neighborhood clean-up in which we understand they hauled in quite a few bags of litter. Keep it up!

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY JUVENILE COURT NEEDS HELP ...

Last year over 4,000 cases involving youth came to the Court. Many of these juveniles are victims of situations beyond their control. They are *NOT CRIMINALS!*

Temporary foster homes are needed for these youngsters who cannot or will not return home, mostly because of severe family problems.

Their only alternative now is to be locked up in a Detention Home or Jail. The kids we have in mind don't need that!

The Court needs families willing to provide an *EMERGENCY* home for young people for a short time: anything from one night to one month maximum. *YOU* decide the length of stay in advance of placement and also if it is convenient to accept such placement when called on.

They also need *MEN* and *WOMEN* to sponsor boys and girls as adult friends to some of these troubled adolescents. The teenagers live in their own homes but need friendly members of the community who want to invite them to family dinner, take them on family outings, or just sit around and talk.

IF YOU CAN HELP OR WANT MORE INFORMATION, CALL VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, Fairfax County Juvenile Court, phone: 691-2342.

COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR PROPERTY TO USE FOR HALFWAY HOUSES -- BOYS & GIRLS

The Board of Supervisors has appropriated money to set up and operate a halfway house for boys and one for girls for up to 12 juveniles. They need assistance in locating suitable property for this purpose. If you know of any such piece of property within Fairfax County, please call Miss Penny Rood, Court Volunteer Coordinator at 691-2342. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTES

Ray and Mabel Smart proudly announce the arrival of their first grandchild, a little girl born March 13. Her parents, *James and Jan*, named her *Tara Leigh O'Kelly*. She saw the light of day at Arlington Hospital, the same place her mother saw it some 25 years earlier. You may recall that her beaming granddaddy received our Outstanding Citizen's Award in 1971. We rejoice with them in the arrival of their granddaughter.

The *Wayne Shipp's* have moved but remained in our community. You may want to correct your Directory. They moved from *6905 Custis Parkway* to *2830 Greenway Boulevard*. We are happy to see them move into a larger home but stay here.

Best of luck to *Jim and Jane Marshall* who vacated *2830 Greenway Blvd.* We hear they're headed for the West!

We would like to report more such news items, but we need to hear of them! Won't you let your editor know about such news of interest to others?

PACK 677 NEWS

Several important dates are coming up and some involve date changes, so please mark your calendar:

April 28 - Paper Drive. The boys will begin canvassing the neighborhood at 9:00 AM. Please have your papers on the curb prior to 9 o'clock or call 533-9177 on Friday for a pick-up. Calls coming in on Saturday cannot be handled.

June 2 - next Paper Drive.

July 28 - only summer Paper Drive. Paper drives will resume in the fall.

Webelo Day - April 28. Webelo Scouts will go on their annual Father-Son Camp-out at Bull Run on April 28. Details can be picked up through Mr. Lee or Mr. Powell.

NEW!
ADVERTISING RATES IN NEWSLETTER

Your Executive Board has decided that we should accept paid advertising in *THE DOWNS* newsletter. This policy will help defray the cost of publishing our newsletter in the future as costs continue to go up. At present, it costs us \$45 a month to print it and this is the lowest price we can possibly pay. However, if our present arrangement is no longer possible (should our printer move away which may be in the offing), it will cost us at least half again or maybe double the current cost. Since we have had, on occasion, an inquiry as to if we took advertising, it was decided to try out such a policy.

Therefore, it has been decided that we can accept paid advertising at a cost of \$1 (one dollar) per column inch of space. Each page is composed of two columns.

Any ad appearing in *THE DOWNS* does not in any way carry the endorsement of The Greenway Downs Citizens Association.

The Executive Board

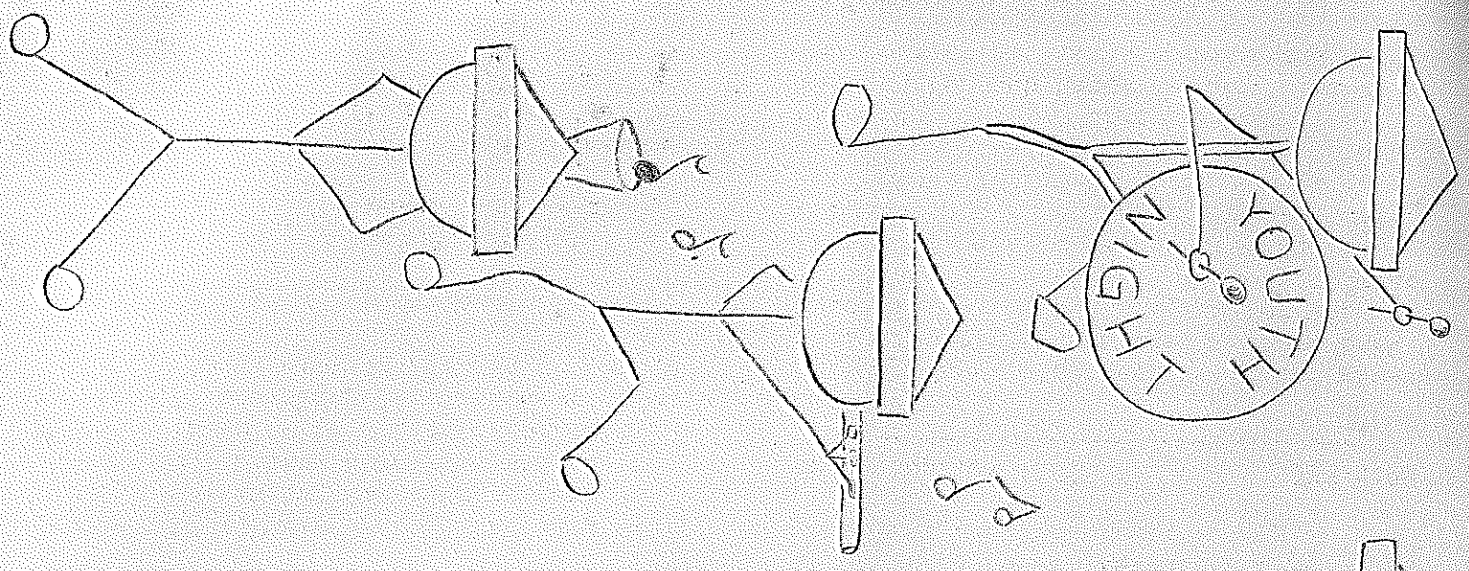
NOTE: We will continue to publish a list of babysitters as a community service without charge as space permits. Call your name into the Editor if you wish to be listed. Add to your list the following:

Karen Hopkins (15)

533-8140

Pack News (Con't)

Uniform Bank. The Pack is in the process of organizing a used uniform bank. This will be a loan program for uniforms and accessories. We hope to make them available to new scouts and to current scouts who have outgrown their uniforms. We would appreciate it if those who have usable uniforms would make donations to this cause by contacting any Cub Scout Leader. Thanks for your help. It is appreciated.



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YOUTH NIGHT IS COMING

Wednesdays MAY 23, 7:30 PM.

DEVONSHIRE SCHOOL

CALL : BRENDA OWENS
 532 - 2235

Let us know what you can do.