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ABOUT OUR MEETING

Due to a combination of circumstances, the Awards Night Program scheduled for this month has been changed to March 20th. Please note this change and plan to attend our Fifth Annual Night to honor an outstanding citizen in our community.

We also urge everyone to attend our get-together this month to meet a new neighbor. A very short meeting will be held followed by refreshments for everyone attending. We extend a special invitation to all new residents of our community to come visit with your friends. Any and all suggestions for your association will be welcome. Please attend. THIS IS YOUR NIGHT !!

COMING EVENTS --- MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next EXECUTIVE MEETING March 7th, at Greg Mordin's, 2761 Marshall.

Next GENERAL MEETING is Awards Night, March 20th.

The DEADLINE for the next issue of THE DOWNS is March 7th.

Our thanks to the girls of Brownie Troop 575 who delivered this issue of THE DOWNS.

FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE Wednesday, February 20

TIME 8:00 P.M.

PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway

PROGRAM NEIGHBORHOOD GET-TOGETHER

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

VOLUNTEERS IN THE SCHOOLS

The volunteer program at Devonshire Elementary School is still in need of people who are willing to give even as little as one hour a week to help in a number of ways. There is particularly a need for people to work with children on an individual basis or with just a few children at a time. We now have two retired fathers helping in the school and feel that there may be other retired people who have the time and would enjoy helping our children in this way. For more information, call Kay Powell at 533-9177, or call the school at 573-4590.

Our intermediate school is also in need of volunteers to perform a variety of tasks. People are needed at Whittier (Con't)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Willard Scott, President

Many activities now underway in our community seem to be creeping forward to an eventual conclusion. We hope everyone will give support to the efforts in developing our park. A phone call to the Park Authority wouldn't hurt.

Having recently attended meetings dealing with the County PLUS program and County organization (the recently completed Governmental Study Report), there exists great potential for each of us to have a greater impact on what happens in our County and community. I would urge each of you to become familiar with these programs to understand what is being attempted and then partipate as you desire. However, as the above programs are going on, many items of concern have been voiced about activities right here in our own community. Some may consider them minor items. However, please consider others and let's all try to improve our own neighborhood.

Litter and trash -- if it is your daughter, son, or friends who park along areas of Custis Parkway and use our park for a dump, we don't mind -- as long as they clean up the mess instead of leaving the eyesore for others to see. Please make an effort to clean up trashy areas in our neighborhood. Even though we will have a community-wide clean-up, you don't have to wait until then. We also hope our friends along Lee Highway and Cavalier Trail will be concerned with the dumping grounds behind the Apollo and next to the Falls Church Motel. If you are one who is contributing to this condition, please help improve the situation.

Guns (of any kind) — all guns, including BB and pellet guns, are potentially dangerous in a crowded community like ours. There have been incidents where BB and pellets have gone into neighbor's yards and could have had serious results. Please see that such incidents do not occur. Besides, it may be illegal.

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Many people have mentioned the dogs that seem to bark all night. If yours is one of them, please take steps to quiet your pet for the concern of others. However, it amazes me that your pet is left outside all night in this winter weather. Please help.

Since there are many new residents who have joined us (although this item is meant for one of the "old timers"), it is illegal to burn anything outdoors in this county except your steak. No open fires are allowed.

Have any other gripes? Let's all try harder to improve the conditions in our community and make everyone proud to live here.

Please note the subject of this month's meeting. Let's all try to attend and demonstrate that it doesn't take a disaster to get people interested in talking with their neighbors. We heartily invite all new residents to attend and meet with us. See you Wednesday night . . .

Volunteers (Con't)

to run the clinic, make telephone calls to absentees, help in the math department and help the teacher who works with foreign speaking students. If you are interested, call Whittier at 534-8700.