



YOUR VOICE IN YOUR FUTURE

The program for the May meeting this Thursday evening will center on the County Five-Year Plan. At the March meeting the executive committee was chartered to draw up proposals for the Plan to be presented to the membership for discussion and approval. Accordingly, the committee adopted the following resolutions for consideration at the meeting:

(1) *That the County pay at least 75% of the cost of improvements (e.g. curbs and gutters) in the older communities.*

(2) *That the County more fully utilize school facilities for library facilities, community auditoriums, etc. to save on new construction expenditures.*

(3) *That the County hold the line on the rate of taxation for the next five years.*

(4) *That the County replace the property tax with a more equitable tax.*

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MAY MEETING

DATE Thursday, May 18
 TIME 7:30 p.m.
 PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway
 PROGRAM Your Voice in Your Future

BUSINESS MEETING
 REFRESHMENTS

IMPORTANT ELECTION!!

At our meeting Thursday night, we will hold our election of officers for next term. The Nominations Committee has proposed the following slate for election. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor:

President	Fred Kramer
Vice President	Willard Scott
Treasurer	Ed Morrison
Recording Sec'y	Mary Beyer
Corres. Sec'y	Lois Owens

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Henry Rodriguez, President

Since we have more news than we can fit into the usual 4-page format of THE DOWNS, I'll just bring two items to your attention:

(1) Despite the inflationary period we find ourselves in, your executive committee has recommended that dues for the coming year be maintained at the same level as this year. We should end the fiscal year with a healthy balance. This is due in large measure to the splendid job which Willard Scott and his membership committee did.

(2) The May 1 issue of FORBES, a national business magazine, carries an article on James Scott, Providence District Supervisor. Mr. Scott made it on the basis of his proposal to buy power wholesale from VEPCO and then retail it to the residents of the county. Presumably this would provide cheaper rates for electrical users in the county.

Election continued ...

Executive Board

- 3-year term Ben Blankenship
- 3-year term Elling Reich
- 2-year term Emmett Westerfeld
(to replace W. Scott)
- 1-year term Earl Hall
(to replace F. Kramer)
- Federation Delegate
- 3-year term Ken Walton

Our thanks to the Nominations Committee.

Your Voice continued ...

(5) That the County discontinue all strip zoning and that all future commercial development be clustered, with all high-rise apartment buildings being located in and around these clusters and in conjunction with this a moratorium be declared on rezoning in the Lee Highway area of Greenway Downs.

(6) That all old communities which do not have curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drainage, etc. be provided these improvements by the County.

(7) That every County development plan include complementary features such as underground wiring for all new development and redevelopment projects, suitable landscaping and road access as pertains to businesses and public use areas, and the inclusion of buffer zones along with projects entailing a departure from the neighborhood environment.

(8) That the County take a lead in public transportation, such as
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SCHOOL NEWS

Devonshire

May 29 Memorial Day Holiday
June 16 Last day of school

J.G. Whittier

May 29 Memorial Day Holiday
June 8 School Concert, 7:30 pm
School Auditorium
June 16 Last day of school

Falls Church High

May 19-20 Drama Dept. Spring Show
"The Lady's Not for
Burning" - 8:00 pm in
Auditorium
May 26 Symphonic Band Special
Concert - Guest Conduct-
or, Mr. George Cavender,
Director of Bands, Univ.
of Michigan - 7:30 pm
May 27 Junior and Senior Prom
at Tyson Corner
May 29 Memorial Day Holiday
June 1 Spring Sports Banquet
6:00 pm in Cafeteria
June 2-3 Spring Musical - "Gypsy"
(Brenda Owens and Don
Lucas starring) - 8:00 pm
in Auditorium
June 4 Baccalaureate Service
2:00 pm in Auditorium
June 9 Graduation Exercises
8:00 pm in Stadium
June 16 Last day of school

Other

May 20 Fairfax County High
School Bands on Parade
Springfield - 10:00 am
May 29 Falls Church Volunteer
Fire Department Annual
Memorial Day Parade
4:00 pm
June 2 Bishop O'Connell H.S.
Graduation Exercises
School Auditorium

YOUTH NIGHT

The recitation of the Pledge of Alle-
giance opened a delightful evening of
entertainment at the annual Greenway
Downs "Youth Night" on April 20.

The younger set got things off to a
lively start with their presentation of
the song "Trash", done in the Sesame
Street style. The words were set to a
plea to keep Greenway Downs clean. This
was followed by a tumbling act and sever-
al solos were given by our young virtu-
osos on trumpet, piano and guitar.

President Henry Rodriguez presented
certificates for Outstanding Achieve-
ment to deserving students from Devon-
shire, Falls Church High and Whittier
Schools.

After a refreshment break, there
were awards for the "Crazy Cookie"
contest as well as for the tastiest and
fanciest cookies. This was followed up
by more entertainment from the older
students, during which time the audi-
ence was treated to a fashion show. All
outfits were modeled by their makers and
displayed considerable creativity and
talent.

The evening was brought to a close
with a fine performance of rock music.
Our special thanks goes to Mrs. Jo
McCarthy, who was Coordinator/Chairman
for this very successful event. We also
extend our appreciation to Mrs. Jo Ann
Goodman, Mrs. Glenda Glammeyer and
Mrs. Ida Roadcap, who did a great job
of serving the refreshments, and to
Mrs. Lois Owens for her fine piano
accompaniment during the musical acts.

JUNE 17 - PICNIC

AUTUMN OLIVES

On April 15 a crew of twelve adults and teenage boys planted the autumn olive seedlings given us by the Soil Conservation Service. They were planted along our creek near the ballfield. The plants are very small and throughout the following week reports came in that the autumn olives were being pulled up by children. Despite this, many are doing well and we are hopeful that a substantial number will survive. Many thanks to our planting crew and to those people who rescued pulled-up plants and replanted them. Also, thanks to Ben Blankenship, Willard Scott, and Fred Kramer who spent one Saturday morning mowing the tall grass that had grown around them.

Beautification Continues

The beautification committee wishes to thank Mr. North of Custis Parkway who presented Greenway Downs with 50 Norway spruce seedlings, courtesy of Jordan-Kitt Music, Inc. Since the seedlings are a bit small for planting in our park at this time, they've been placed in a temporary nursery in the Rodriguez garden and hopefully will be transferred to our park next year.

The next step in beautifying our park is to plant a garden around our Greenway Downs Park sign at Marshall Street and Custis Parkway. The executive committee has authorized \$25 for the purchase of azaleas to be placed around this sign. We hope to complete that project this month.

In behalf of the Association, the beautification committee would like to thank the Girl Scouts for their recent clean-up of our creek.

THE BAND WAGON

The Falls Church High School Marching and Symphonic Bands won first place last month in the 1972 National Cherry Blossom Band Contest--received highest ratings of any group in the competition which included high school bands from Tennessee, New York, Rhode Island, Michigan and California. The 1967 FCHS Bands also won first place in this event.

In the Annual Music Solo Festival in April, *Robin Erler* and *Don Lucas* received Superior ratings for their solo performances.

On Friday, May 26, in the school auditorium, the FCHS Symphonic Band will present a Special Concert, with a Guest Conductor--Mr. George Cavender, Director of Bands at the University of Michigan.

On Saturday, May 27, at Herndon High School, the Marching and Symphonic Bands will compete in eastern and midwestern competition at the 1972 Mid-Atlantic Band Festival--an event which the Bands won in 1969--returned as Honor Band in 1970--and won the 1970 Marching Trophy.

The Falls Church Fire Department Memorial Day Parade would not be complete without the FCHS Band--they'll be there again this year--on Monday, May 29.

WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carmier and daughter, Karen, have just moved in at 2841 Summerfield Road.

SCOUTING NEWS

Brownie Troop 575: The evening of April 30 found our Brownie Troop 575 playing hostess to their moms at a Mother-Daughter Tea, held at Falls Church High. In the form of entertainment, the girls provided their mothers with an elegant fashion show. The clothes as well as the make-up were furnished from the mothers' wardrobes and modeled prettily by their very chic little Brownies. The girls are preparing for a picnic on May 22 and a Fly-Up ceremony is scheduled for sometime in June.

Cub Pack 677: Friday, April 28, was Circus Night at the Devonshire School. This hilarious event was produced and directed by Troop 677. The boys provided 3 rings of side-splitting comedy, complete with Ring Master, Announcer, beasts, clowns and a side show! Through the use of imaginative cross-breeding, some exotic never-before-seen critters were paraded before an astonished audience.

While the ubiquitous clowns chased about dashing everyone with water buckets filled with confetti, the lion tamer was also having his problems with a skittish lion, made so by the two tigers inside of him who were struggling to keep pace with each other.

For an admission of 10¢, Webelos Den #2 offered a peep show of The Ugliest Man in the World. To the relief of the stout-hearted few who dared to pay and peep, this phenomenon turned out to be the Scout Master. For obvious reasons, he shall be nameless.

Refreshments were served after the show, ending an evening of fun and laughter for all.

Cub Scout Medal Awards - Pack 677

Den #2 - Mrs. Heath:

David May 1 Gold Arrow under Wolf
3 Silver Arrows under Wolf

Den #3 - Mrs. Zeigler:

Darrel Ekstrom Bear Book

Webelos Den #1 - Mr. Lee:

Chris Martin Outdoorsman, Arrow of Light

Kevin Turney Scholar, Showman, Artist, Traveler, Outdoorsman, Denner Bars

Kermit Woolridge Outdoorsman, Assistant Denner Bars

Calvin Yarbrough Outdoorsman

Webelos Den #2 - Mrs. Sherrill:

Timmy Goodwin Outdoorsman, Sportsman

Paul Heath Outdoorsman, Athlete
Rodger Holman Outdoorsman, Naturalist, Athlete, Sportsman

Bernie Mander-ville Naturalist, Aquanaut, Denner Bars

Eddie Noone Outdoorsman

Paul Palanch Outdoorsman, Artist, Athlete

Jeff Schlumpf Outdoorsman, Artist

Joe Sherrill Outdoorsman, Scientist

Kenny Winslow Sportsman, Outdoorsman, Craftsman

Boy Scout Troop 677: Last month Chris Martin entered the Troop from the Webelos Den in Pack 677. This month there will be two more boys, Cal Yarbrough and David America.

C & O Canal Trip - April 6. With a fast start, fair wind, and a beautiful day, Troop 677 started their 60-mile biking adventure. Bikes loaded with only the essentials in equipment and food, the heavier gear sent ahead some 30 miles down river to Dickerson's Lock.

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Scouting News continued ...

The path was in good condition and the 15-mile rendezvous for lunch at Water Plant Park was made on time. A quick lunch and off again for the 15-mile run to Dickerson's. Four o'clock and into overnite camp. A little worn but quickly revived by supper and for some, a 6-mile constitutional to White's Ferry and back before sleep.

Early breakfast and off again - rendezvous Seneca. Good trail but many items of interest along the trail slowed progress somewhat. A rather grubby but spirited troop rolled into the park area at noon.

Last leg...15 miles to go and lunch still 8 miles down trail. An ice cream sandwich and soft drink from the stand to ward off starvation and off again. Rendezvous Great Falls. Violets Lock, 1/2 mile below Seneca, a bent wheel on a bike and a Scout separates. A hard fall and seriously injured hand. First Aided and taken in by brother Troop 674 from Frederick, Md. The hike halts. Two Senior Scouts make a record run to the next lock and recall of leaders. After transportation arrangements for the injured Scout were completed, the day was still beautiful, the Scouts somewhat willing, but the leaders could not be refurbished. So back to Falls Church and 45 miles worth of biking to remember.

"Good program," said some, "pace a little fast," said others, but all agree we will return and conquer that last 15 miles some day.

LOCAL GIRL IS FIRST SOPRANO IN A.Y.P.

Greenway Downs was proud to learn that one of our own young women, *Brenda Owens*, has been selected for the first soprano section of "American Youth Performers." Nationwide auditions for this group were held in April. Out of the

thousands of applicants who auditioned, there were 120 chosen from the entire country, and *Miss Owens* became one of the privileged few. Our community congratulates you, *Brenda*, and extends its best wishes for your continued success!

Your Voice continued ...

shelters at bus stops, especially in older communities.

(9) *That the County* get out of the business of impounding and disposing of pets by transferring this responsibility to independent animal humane organizations.

We hope every resident will take time out from his busy schedule to attend this important, last meeting of the year. In addition to the resolutions adopted by the executive committee, motions will be entertained from the floor for inclusion in our recommendations for the Five-Year Plan. It is a golden opportunity for you to have a voice in the County environment you will live in during the years ahead.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Downs Association has approved a plan that should mean extra vacation money for many of us. A Rummage Sale has been scheduled for the day of the annual picnic, June 17. Anyone wishing to sell or donate their "attic treasures" should call Carol North (534-8188) or Joan Rodriguez (533-7795).

FAREWELL PARTY HONORS MRS. HENDERSON

Following the monthly PTA meeting on the evening of May 9th, a surprise Farewell Party was given in honor of *Louise Henderson*. *Mrs. Henderson* has been Principal at Devonshire School for the past 12 years and is being transferred to Westlawn School this fall. A host of friends, both old and new, gathered together to wish her well in her new assignment and presented her with a beautiful silver coffee and tea service.