



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT OUR MEETING

November 15, 8:00 PM -- Circle this date on your calendar now! Our program for this meeting, VIRGINIA AND YOU, will be informative and also allow our opinions to be heard. Our special guest speaker will be our own State Senator, Adelard L. Brault. Senator Brault, a practicing lawyer serving in the senate since 1966, is Chairman of the General Laws Committee and a member of the Education and Health, Finance, and Privileges and Elections Committees. He also served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors from June 1962 to January 1964. Senator Brault, instrumental in our defeat of the ROMAN FORUM ABC license applications, will cover such topics as: State support of mass transit, possibility of real estate/income tax changes, reform of ABC regulations, our role in the legislative process, etc. If you are interested in seeing laws passed that will help communities such as ours, come to the meeting! Your ideas will be heard.

NOVEMBER MEETING

DATE Wednesday, November 15
 TIME 8:00 P.M.
 PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway
 PROGRAM VIRGINIA AND YOU
 Hon. Adelard L. Brault

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS served between the program and the meeting

STREET SURVEY

When all the leaves have fallen, a photographic survey of our area is to be taken. This fly-over map will be to a scale of 1 inch equals 100 feet. The survey will be finished this fall and the estimate of the cost of constructing curbs, gutters and streets to current standards will be available in the spring for our consideration at that time.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

NEWS DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE IS----
 DECEMBER 8
 DECEMBER 21 - Christmas Bonfire

OUR THANKS TO THE CUB SCOUTS OF PACK 677 WHO DELIVERED THIS ISSUE OF THE DOWNS.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Fred Kramer, President

This month our program will feature the Honorable Adelard L. Brault, our distinguished State Senator. One of his reasons for accepting our invitation is to hear your views on what he should concern himself with as our State Senator. I hope you will all take advantage of this opportunity by attending the meeting and directing your questions to him.

Other items of interest which will be discussed following our program include:

1. What action should the community take to develop our Greenway Downs Park. A decision by the Planning Commission on the Park Authority's request to acquire the Rucker Tract, consisting of 1.56 acres adjoining our present park land, will be announced.

2. Mr. Mahoney, principal of Devonshire School, has asked me to serve on a committee to look into the problem of providing a safe means for our children to walk to and from school when the temporary bus transportation, presently provided, is halted probably early in December.

Your thought on these and any other mutual concerns are always welcomed and appreciated.

For those of you who wondered about the street signs that were removed on Lee Highway during the widening, they will be replaced just as they were before the construction started.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Willard Scott for his efforts in spearheading the opposition to the application made to the ABC Board for a liquor license at the Roman Forum Restaurant across from Devonshire School. It was his efforts which principally led to the ABC's denial of this application.

SEE YOU WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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SERVICES FOR HIRE?

Do you wonder who to call when you need a babysitter? Or do you need someone to do work around your yard? Would you like to employ someone to shovel snow later, etc.? We realize that many of you are new residents in our community and those who are long-time residents may have had their young helpers move away and so are at a loss to know whom to call upon when they need chores done. That is the reason for offering this new service of THE DOWNS -- we will list the names of those people who are willing to be employed for babysitting, gardening chores, snow shoveling, or whatever.

IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH EMPLOYMENT, YOU ARE ASKED TO CALL THE EDITOR (532-1559) AND GIVE YOUR NAME AND PHONE NUMBER FOR PUBLICATION IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE OF THE DOWNS.

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD NOMINATIONS

It is time to be giving consideration to nominations for our annual Outstanding Citizen Award which is presented each February at a covered dish banquet. The criteria governing selection will be published in the December issue, but please be thinking of someone you think is worthy of this award.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 601

The girls in Girl Scout Troop 601 have been busy. They sold Girl Scout calendars and have a few left. If you would like one, call Mrs. Rodgers - 533-2835 - before December 15th to get yours.

The girls went on a camping trip the weekend of October 10-13, where they learned to cook over a campfire, went on hikes, and learned how to live outdoors. A good time was had by all!

They had an Investiture Ceremony at Devonshire School on Wednesday, October 25 and several girls received their pins. After the ceremony, they served cookies and punch to their parents.

Troop 601 is now working on handicraft to sell at their Christmas Bazaar table at Devonshire School on the night of December 5th. Plans for the troop's December activities include caroling throughout Greenway Downs and making decorations for the community Christmas tree.

Beverly Scott

SCHOOL DAZE!

We're sorry there was some confusion about the time for our November 1 Book Fair Meeting. Two of our notes gave 8:00 PM as the time of the meeting and two said 7:30 PM. Our regular meeting time is 8:00 PM, but when the children are involved in the program it is changed to 7:30 PM. We had a nice crowd anyway and hope each child was able to take home at least one book. We're glad you came!

Our PTA Christmas Bazaar will be held on December 5 at 7:30 PM. Everyone is welcome, PTA member or not. Hope to see you there.

Jo Ann Goodwin
President, Devonshire PTA

PAPER DRIVE - NOVEMBER 18
Sponsored by Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 677 welcomed 20 new scouts into the Pack at their October meeting. Cub Scouts Bard Estabrook and Kevin Hyatt were promoted to Webelos. Promoted to Boy Scouts were Kevin Turney, Kenny Winslow and Bernie Manderville.

During November, the Pack will stage their fall paper drive. The scheduled date for this event is November 18. The boys will collect papers on that day only, if they are on the curb by 9:00 AM. Residents are encouraged to deposit their own papers in our Dempster-Dumpster which will be in Mr. Archie Sanders driveway November 18 & 19 at 2850 Greenway Boulevard (the driveway exits onto Custis Parkway).

Weather should not hamper this drive but it would help tremendously if everyone would take their own papers to the Sanders' driveway. It is our hope to have the Dumpster at this location every 4 to 6 weeks.

Kay Powell

SCOUT NIGHT PROGRAM

An impressive scouting program was presented at our last general meeting with members of our Brownie Troop 575, Girl Scout Troop 601, Cub Pack 677, and Boy Scout Troop 677 participating. The program was started with the colors posted by the Girl Scouts, escorted by two Brownies. The Boy Scouts held a Court of Honor by candlelight and awarded the badges that had been earned during their week at Camp Goshen this past summer. Among the awards presented was the Star Scout Badge to Larry Patterson and Dave Yarbrough.

VANDALISM IN GREENWAY DOWNS

EDITORIAL COMMENT

Vandalism has become a problem in Greenway Downs. Numerous incidents like the following have occurred:

1. Glass smashed in streets and along curbs.
2. Youngster caught with brick-flinging slingshot aimed at a house.
3. Concrete birdbath smashed.
4. Brick planter demolished almost daily.
5. Stop signs pulled up regularly.
6. Several home break-ins and thefts reported.
7. Garbage bags left for pick-up torn and scattered.
8. Cars parked in streets have had windows broken, glass intentionally placed under tires and the paint scratched with can openers.

Local youth are involved in these incidents. One was caught twice. The Fairfax County Police have dealt effectively with similar problems as these but only if each resident reports all incidents no matter how minor. The attitude that your report will do no good is a fallacy. The more reports received enables the police to focus on trouble areas in force until the problem is solved. The Greenway Downs Civic Association asks 100% support of residents by being observant, reporting all incidents, and apprehending or identifying those involved. Unfortunately, many residents have balked at reporting vandalism. This invites further trouble and undermines attempts to correct the situation. Vandalism is the result of emotional or home environmental problems in most cases, therefore, the solution isn't always criminal prosecution. But, one way or another, this infringement on our respectable neighborhood must not be tolerated.

Scheduled for our January meeting will be a county police officer who will outline ways the police can and will help us protect our neighborhood from vandalism, apprehend those res-

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The adjacent article on vandalism prompts this comment. It is unbelievable that any parent doesn't care or even condones the destructive acts of his child. For those who have completed the raising of children, they know that a child does not always do as it has been instructed. That is the point to be made here. It is a rare child indeed who does not do things that in the eyes of some neighbors would be called vandalism. But to report all such incidents to the police is only asking for more trouble! Minor infractions of property rights, it is felt, would be better handled by our applying The Golden Rule. In other words, if this were your child doing this act and someone else as the neighbor, what would you hope their response would be. It does no good to say "my child would never do such" because you just don't know.

When you call the police you are invoking the criminal prosecution of your judicial system. The fact it is a juvenile does make the system extremely lenient. Would it not be better to try harder to be a good neighbor and try to be a reasonable, friendly person to those who seem to think destruction of someone's property is warranted? Those who have gone through the raising of children will give you a word of caution about calling the police because the ones you are reporting have ways of knowing who called and retaliating later. So one reporting will probably lead to a rash of other incidents.

Any knowledgeable community official will sadly say that all the reporting to the police that is done has not yet halted vandalism. Every community, affluent or slum, has its share of this problem. Could it not be our consuming passion for material possessions that is behind this drive to destroy other people's property? In days gone by, when most people had so much less, we

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Our '72-'73 Membership Campaign is now underway. Please help us top our record of 77% achieved last year. As most of you know, it is only with your support that the Greenway Downs Citizens Association remains one of the most active groups in the County. Our dues enable the Association to continue the activities that we enjoy: *THE DOWNS*, interesting programs and meetings, summer picnic, Christmas bonfire, awards banquet, community beautification, sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 677, and other projects of interest.

The dues are still the same low rates even though everything else continues to go up. Only with community support will they remain as such.

Family membership - \$2.50
Single individual - \$1.00

This year the Association, due to circumstances involved, did not find a sponsor for the Directory. In order to provide our residents with an updated community directory, the Association paid the printing costs. Therefore, in order to cover the costs involved, your membership worker will sell our new Directories for:

\$.50 to members
\$1.00 to non-members

These are the same low rates charged several years ago. Please help your Association continue this community service.

When your Membership Worker knocks, say "YES!"

Willard Scott

Vandalism (Con't)

possible, and tell us what legal action can be taken to eliminate the problem. For the record-vandalism is a community concern.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN I-66?

The Virginia Department of Highways is holding a Community Participation Workshop to introduce the consultants involved in a study to be undertaken and will present the proposed work program. A free newsletter describing the study is available by calling 548-2059. Among the many alternatives that will be considered are:

- * Null condition - neither I-66 nor Metro.
- * Metro only - no I-66, no road improvements.
- * Improvements to existing highways (Va. Route 7, US 29-211, US 50, Va. Route 236) -- with or without Metro.
- * Present proposed I-66 and Metro design.

A copy of the "Proposed Work Program: I-66 Corridor Transportation Alternatives Study" is available for reference at Thomas Jefferson Library, Fairfax Central Library and Arlington Central Library. The workshop is scheduled for November 14 at 7:00 PM in the Kenmore Junior High School Auditorium, Carlynn Spring Road and Arlington Boulevard.

To receive "The I-66 Question" free each month, to reserve speaking time, or to ask questions, call 548-2059. Letters and comments in writing are invited, address: I-66 Question, Box 1500, Alexandria, Virginia 22313. We encourage those interested to attend this workshop on November 14.

Willard Scott

Editorial (Con't)

did not have this utter disrespect for the property of others.

This is a respectable community and we all want to keep it that way. By being a good neighbor is certainly an important starting point.

ROMAN FORUM RESTAURANT

Formerly The King James

Elsewhere in this newsletter you learned that this restaurant's application to serve alcoholic beverages has been vigorously fought by this civic association and denied. Whether this was truly warranted or not, since most of the hours this restaurant is open, the school is not in session, is a question worth contemplating. All of the people who have sought to operate an eating establishment at this location in the past have seemed to have a feature about them that caused customers to stay away from even trying them. However, the current owners have a very lovely and quite respectable eating establishment in our midst, but **HARDLY ANY BUSINESS.**

Attached to this newsletter you will find a flyer, distributed at the time of their GRAND OPENING last June 14 which is worth \$1 on your check when you eat there. Because the owners feel that our Association has tried to put them out of business by refusing to allow the State to grant them a license to serve alcoholic beverages, you are asked to use this flyer and eat at the ROMAN FORUM and note on the flyer whether you have any objection or not to their serving liquor. They have no bar at all. This will enable them to learn just exactly how you feel about this question and whether you stay away because of the lack of liquor.

Their prices are quite reasonable and the food very good. Dinners start at \$2.95 and there are quite a few selections at that price. Children's dinners are available from \$1.00. They have a good variety of luncheon choices from \$1.50, including sandwiches from 60¢ up. They offer Italian, American or seafood menus. Hours open are Monday-Friday 11:30-2:00 for lunch, and 5:00 to 10:00; Saturday from 5:00-10:00; and on Sunday they are open 11:30 to 10:00. You have the pleasure of eating on real tablecloths and use cloth napkins. You will adore meeting Mr. and Mrs. Hamdan's two daughters - 8 year old Aletha and 15 month old Mariam. **WON'T YOU TRY THIS FINE FAMILY-TYPE RESTAURANT. IT IS WORTHY OF YOUR PATRONAGE.**

SCHOOL DAZE

Whittier Intermediate School will have it's "Back-to-School Night" on Monday, November 13, at 7:30 PM.

The Falls Church High School Marching Band will participate in the first Robinson Marching Spectacular (a field marching competition) to be held in the Field House of Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax-- Saturday, November 18 at 8:00 PM. For information about tickets, contact Mrs. Burton (532-3375). Eight area bands will perform.

The Band-Aides (parents of Band students) are sponsoring a Christmas Bazaar, Bake Sale, and Rummage Sale on Saturday, November 25 from 9-5, at the Merrifield Community Center on the north side of Lee Highway opposite the new Merrified Plaza Shopping Center (Lee Highway & Gallows Rd.). The Bazaar will feature hundreds of new

Christmas items which were donated to the Band-Aides, and which will be sold below original cost. Donations of good used clothes and other usable items will be appreciated. Call Jo Layland (532-9414) or Bernie Lucas (534-6884) if you have items to donate.

Upcoming Concerts

Bishop O'Connell HS -- Band Concert, Wed., Dec. 6 at 8 PM; Choral Concert, Thur., Dec. 21, 8 PM.

Falls Church HS -- Band and Choral Concert, Thur., Dec. 14 at 8 PM.

Whittier Intermediate -- Choral/Band Concert and Christmas Pageant, Wed., Dec. 20 at 7:30 PM.

Falls Church HS Drama Dept. will present "See How They Run" on Friday and Saturday nights at 8 PM, Dec. 1 and 2.

For ticket information about the above concerts or play, call Bernie Lucas (534-6884).

See this article in the flyer