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FREE TESTS AT HEALTH FAIR

The Falls Church City Council and the Falls Church Junior Woman's Club are co-sponsoring the second "Health Fair" on Sunday, October 15, from 12 noon to 5 PM at the Falls Church Community Recreation Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church.

The Fair will provide an opportunity for free testing for glaucoma, oral cancer, diabetes, hearing, and sickle cell anemia. There will be spirometer and tuberculosis x-rays, also. Air pollution tests for car owners of their auto's emission will also be provided.

The "Health Fair" is open to young and old who are residents of Falls Church and surrounding communities.

Representatives from many health organizations will be present for consultation and will provide literature on their services.

OUR THANKS TO GIRL SCOUT CADET TROOP 2559 WHO DELIVERED THIS ISSUE OF THE DOWNS.

OCTOBER MEETING

DATE Wednesday, October 18

TIME 8:00 P.M.

PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway

PROGRAM SCOUT NIGHT

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS served between the program and the meeting

ABOUT OUR MEETING

The program for this meeting will be presented by the scout groups in our community. Participating in the program will be Boy Scout Troop 677, Cub Scout Pack 677, Girl Scout Troop 601, and Brownie Troop 575. We believe the program will prove interesting and informative to everyone.

We encourage everyone to attend in support of these fine groups that serve our community. All scouting members are invited to attend, in uniform if possible, so we can recognize the efforts of everyone, including members of our community who belong to other scouting groups.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
by Fred Kramer, President

Fall is fast approaching, soon the leaves will flutter down and most of us will be spending the remaining few warm weekends buttoning up our houses and preparing for colder weather. All of us should take pride in our community's appearance. A few weekends in the fall devoted to each of our homes and yards will make a considerable difference in maintaining their appearances 'til spring.

If you are looking for some suggestions on improving the appearance of your home or yard, helpful hints are published periodically in the area newspapers and our local public library contains a variety of books which might interest you. Should you have any specific questions, you might call our County Agent—691—2000. You can also obtain free leaflets on a number of subjects dealing with gardening or related subjects such as home maintenance. Your taxes pay for these, so why not make use of this service.

Abandoned automobiles and other debris in one's yard encourages vermin and detracts from the beauty our area possesses. Let's all take another look at what needs to be done this fall to improve our yards or homes exteriors and then LET'S DO IT!

For several years many of our members expressed concern over the speeding and parking conditions in Greenway Downs. Although we as individuals may not be able to prevent motorists in general from exceeding the 25 MPH speed limit in effect on our streets, we can insure that as individuals we do not exceed the limit. In addition, we can all encourage our friends or relatives who visit us to do so, too.

Where off-street parking is available, take advantage of it and let's not park halfway on the streets where

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REZONING HEARING

On October 3, an application for rezoning from R-10 to C-D on the lot immediately south of the Lee Graham Shopping Center was heard by the Planning Commission. The purpose of rezoning is to expand the shopping center. The Commission has recommended approval with modification. The application (C-217) is scheduled for PUBLIC HEARING before the Board of Supervisors on October 28, at 9:00 am.

it is prohibited or on the sidewalks, as some do now. The advantages are obvious and the disadvantages become vividly clear when serious accidents occur as one on Summerfield did several weeks ago. Human life and limb are irreplaceable. "The life you save may be your own" -- or one close to you.

If you are concerned about our community, have a problem that we may be able to help you with, or just enjoy meeting with your neighbors, come to our meetings. Express your thoughts and you'll hear ours. Help us to help you.

This month's General Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18, will feature as its main program the scout groups in our community. We hope you can attend and we thank you for your continued support.

WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION ----

On behalf of The Downs and many other organizations opposing a liquor license on Graham Road, Willard Scott presented proposed legislation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on October 2. The Board will consider it for inclusion in the legislative package for the General Assembly by the end of this month. The proposal reads:

"The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is specifically authorized to refuse the issuance, other than renewal or ownership transfer, of ON sale and OFF sale retail licenses for premises located within the immediate vicinity of churches and hospitals.

"The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board is further specifically authorized to refuse the issuance, other than renewal or ownership transfer, of ON sale and OFF sale retail licenses for premises located within at least 600 feet of schools, recreational facilities and public playgrounds. This distance shall be measured from the nearest point of the school, recreational facility or public playground used for recreational activity, classes, study, entrance or exit to include on premise parking areas to the nearest point of entrance or exit to include commonly used parking areas of the applicant's premises."

If you believe in the purpose of the above, please show your support and concern. This can eliminate the need for yet another round with the ABC Board if enacted. We must tell our supervisors how we feel. Some of our Delegates and State Senators have already indicated their interest. Ask Fairfax County to take the initiative to help communities like ours. Write now to our Supervisor Jim Scott or call his office to voice your support. YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL IF THE ABOVE IS TO BECOME LAW.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 7

We urge <u>ALL</u> registered voters to exercise their right as a citizen to cast their vote in the forthcoming election on November 7. The elective positions appearing on the ballot are:

President - Vice President
U.S. Senate
U.S. House of Representatives
Northern Virginia Soil and Water
Conservation Directorate (3)
Chairman, Fairfax County Board
of Supervisors

There are 3 questions on the ballot. One is to indicate whether the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors should exercise a vote on all matters or continue to vote only in case of ties.

The other two questions pertain to changes to the State Constitution:

(1) Allow 18-year olds to vote, and

(2) Redefinition of "city" for clarity and future control.

These are basically procedural changes so our State Constitution conforms to Federal standards.

The polls at Devonshire School Library will be open from 6 am to 7 pm.

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS -- VOTE!!

ABC HEARING RE ROMAN FORUM RESTAURANT

Following a unanimous vote at our September meeting, several people from our area made the trip to Richmond on October 11 to present our opposition to any liquor licenses across from Devonshire School. We thank all those who gave their time and effort in our behalf. We hope our efforts will be properly rewarded with a denial of the application. We may be able to learn the decision before our General Meeting on October 18.

TALENT BANK OF WOMEN

The Fairfax County Commission on Women is looking for women to suggest to the Board of Supervisors when they are considering members to appoint to specific tasks for the County. The following list is published to let you know what these groups are and if you are interested in being considered for serving on one, please fill out the form on the last page of THE DOWNS.

Air Pollution Control Board Animal Control Commission Anti-Poverty Commission Architectural Review Board Bicentennial Committee Board of Zoning Appeals Building Code & Appeals Board Civil Service Commission Commission on Women Comprehensive Health Planning Council of Northern Virginia Consumer Protection & Public Utilities Commission Continuing Review Committee Economic Development Authority Economic Development Study Committee for Fairfax Cty. Govt. Electrical Examiners Environmental Quality Advisory Council Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments Fair Housing Board Fairfax County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Fairfax-Falls Church Community Mental Health & Mental Retardation Services Board Fairfax County Governmental Study Committee Fairfax House Advisory Board Fire Commission Highway Safety Commission History Commission Hospital & Health Center Commission Housing Hygiene Board Library Board License Review Board Northern Virginia Community College Board

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES FOR THE YEAR

General Membership
October 18
November 15
December 21
(Christmas Prog.)
January 24
February 21
(Awards Dinner)
March 21
April 18
May 16
June 16 (Picnic)

The publishing of these dates will help you to plan to attend the General Membership meetings. Any news item you have to go in *THE DOWNS* should be in to the Editor or Assistant Editor by the day of the Executive Board Meeting. This will greatly help us in being on time.

Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Advisory Council Northern Virginia Planning District Commission Northern Virginia Planning District Commission (Natural & Environmental Advisory Council) Northern Virginia Regional Juvenile Detention Home Commission Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Fairfax County Park Authority Planning Commission Plumbers Examining Board Police Community Relations Committee Policeman's Pension & Retirement Bd.

Police Community Relations
Committee
Policeman's Pension & Retirement Bord Redevelopment & Housing Authority
Road Viewers Board
School Board
Social Services Board
Supplemental Retirement System
Board of Trustees
Task Force on Housing
Temporary Housing Settlement Review Council

Tenant-Landlord Commission Upper Occoquan Sewage Authority Water Authority - Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance Study Committee