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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Are you concerned about spiraling real estate taxes? Or the possibility of having to pay \$156. a year for the next ten years for the proposed curbs and gutters project? Or the matter of making our Greenway Downs streets safer for your children? Or the Lee Highway widening project? Or the lack of sufficient park and playground facilities in our immediate area?

These and a host of related issues will set the stage for the central theme of our October meeting: **County Services for Our Community**. We are privileged to have Mr. Thomas B. Wright, County Supervisor, as our guest speaker for this special program. As our elected representative on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Mr. Wright is in a strong position to influence loud governing actions which directly affect our daily lives. Although busy campaigning for reelection on November 2nd, he has accepted the Association's invitation to speak at our meeting about matters of vital interest to all Greenway Downs residents.

The feature program will begin promptly at 8 p.m. this coming Tuesday, October 19, in the Devonshire School Cafetorium. Mr. Wright will

OCTOBER MEETING

DATE	Tuesday, October 19
TIME	8:00 p.m.
PLACE	Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKER	Mr. Thomas B. Wright, County Supervisor
PROGRAM	County Services for Our Community

BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS

stay and answer any questions you may want to ask after his presentation. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity learn to more about the controversial topics he will discuss.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Henry Rodriguez, President

At the last Outstanding Citizen's Award dinner I stated that the Greenway Downs Citizens Association is among the top associations in the County. I based this observation on numerous discussions with many members of other civic associations during the five or six years I served as delegate to the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. I also based this on the nature of our meetings. In addition to our general meetings, we have the Outstanding Citizen's Award, Youth Activities Night, a summer picnic, and a Christmas party.

We also have been successful in getting new street signs, lights for the crosswalks, improved street lights, funds for the drainage project and many other improvements in the community.

In the days ahead we hope to continue our efforts in getting curbing and gutters for our community but at a lower cost than originally estimated. We feel that the County should be responsible for a greater share of the cost of curbing and gutters and hope to work toward this end. I don't think it is unreasonable to expect the County to use part of the funds derived from the recent reassessment and from the utility tax increase to improve Greenway Downs.

Needless to say, projects of this nature require much time and effort and the support of the community. I urge you, therefore, to join us at our general meetings as often as you can. I look forward to meeting with you and discussing the needs and problems of our community together.

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MEMBERSHIP

Embarking upon another year I take this opportunity as Membership Chairman to extend a hearty welcome to the many new residents of our community. The time has arrived again to help support your community by joining the Association as a dues-paying member. Only through your support can your Association provide the many activities that are so well liked: the Scout program, Christmas party, Awards Banquet, Youth Night, Picnic, etc. We achieved a high of 78% last year. I would like to see it go higher this year so we can increase our activities as well as put more support behind our Delegates to the Federation of Citizens Associations, your voice in County affairs. Your dues are needed to keep the Association active but don't let your participation stop at that point. Attend our general meetings and many activities. There is room for everyone of us to take an active part in the growth and achievements of our community.

One of your neighbors will be calling on you for your help during Oct.-Nov. Please join!
Individual Membership \$1.00
Family Membership \$2.50

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MEMBERSHIP . . . continued

A new community directory printed by Shannon & Luchs will be distributed to all residents of our community during the campaign. For additional information, comments, etc., call Mr. Willard Scott, 2841 Greenway Blvd., 532-1560.

To The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, A RESOLUTION

Whereas,

The County Board is holding a public hearing Sept. 27, 1971, on the submission of 3 bond issues to referendum on the Nov. ballot—one mainly having to do with construction of a comprehensive justice center, close to the new Massey Tower, one involving mainly the acquisition of new park land, and one having to do in some unspecified way with the County's schools.

Whereas,

These proposals plus other costly projects undertaken by the County in the past few years have caused a rash of new and higher taxes and assessments this year and have in recent weeks sent the supervisors off on searches for new types of taxes, or manipulations of existing ones,

Whereas,

The proposed bond issues for construction of the justice center and for park land acquisition are postponable at minimum inconvenience to County residents, and the details of the proposed school bond issue have yet to be divulged at this late date,

Whereas,

The proposed expenditures are mainly for the benefit of newer areas of the county or are for the convenience of County officials and are in lieu of projects that could be undertaken in behalf of the older, settled communities of the County, like Greenway Downs, and

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Greenway Downs Citizens Association in assemblage at its regular meeting on Sept. 21, 1971, do hereby ask the County Board to reverse its decision to place the bond issues before the public this fall. This resolution is made in the interest of ameliorating the voters' increasing tax burdens, and in the interest of restudying and resubmitting at a later election those proposals most worthy of consideration, at a time when they can be more adequately explained to the voters and at a time when they might stand a better chance of considered approval by the voters.

SCOUT NEWS

Brownie Troop #575 is now being led by Mrs. Judy Harlow and the meetings will be held at her home at 2842 Summerfield Rd. Mrs. Harlow informs us that she has room for several more girls. Anyone interested may call her—534-5165.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

October 19, Tuesday	December 2, Thursday
December 21 — Tuesday — Christmas Party	
January 18, Tuesday	
February 17 — Thursday — Awards Dinner	
March 21, Tuesday	April 20, Thursday
May 18, Thursday	June 17, Saturday — Picnic

A LETTER FROM YOUR EDITOR

The ringing of the bell broke the summer silence as Devonshire School opened its doors for the new school year on September 7.

Of special interest was the arrival of the Kindergarten Set. Thirty-one shy, beribboned little ladies, resembling puffs of cotton candy, made their entrance along with 25 young gentlemen in shiny new shoes and with cowlicks coaxed into reluctant submission. The in-tears and near-tears were soon forgotten due to smoothly professional handling by the teachers, Mrs. Hole and Mrs. Van.

It is certain that the most anxious moment of all for both mothers and students came with the arrival of the school bus when class was dismissed. What a comforting sight it was to see our principal, Mrs. Henderson, riding the bus to insure that each child was delivered to his or her proper stop and into the hands of mommy! A very special thanks to Mrs. Henderson for taking time from her busy schedule to make those first days of school, in the words of one young student, "JUST GREAT!"

SCHOOL NEWS

All schools got off to a good start on Tues., Sept. 7th. DEVONSHIRE has changed the hours of school this year. School starts at 8:35 a.m. with an early closing on Mondays at 1:30. Tuesday through Friday classes will close at 3:05 p.m. Kindergarten schedule for Monday will be: 8:35-11:50 a.m. for morning classes, and 11:05-1:30 for afternoon classes. Tuesday through Friday the schedule will be 8:30-11:50 for morning classes, and 11:50 a.m.-3:05 p.m. for afternoon classes.

First PTA meeting was Tues., Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. J. G. WHITTIER's first PTA meeting was held on Sept. 13. Number of students enrolled is approximately 1100.

FCHS's football season got off to a good start on Fri. Sept 10 with a 22-6 victory over Madison. Games as scheduled: 10/15 — Hayfield (A); 10/22 — Jefferson (A); 10/29 — McLean (H); 11/5 — Woodson (A); 11/12 — Stuart (H).

NOTE: Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 2nd. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. VOTE!

YOUTH NIGHT A SUCCESS

Our 2nd Annual Youth Night at the May meeting was indeed a memorable evening. The young people of our community came through with flying colors. There were displays of hobbies, talents, arts and crafts, paintings, photography, sculpture, sketches, sewing (a fashion show), jewelry making, and trophies for swimming, football and baseball. Everyone enjoyed the musical entertainment as well as a tumbling act and a performance by our cheer leaders.

The Scouts in our area were recognized and commended for their good work and support in the community.

The refreshments were delicious, thanks to many willing and helpful hands! Again, thanks to all youth and adults who worked so diligently to make our 2nd Annual Youth Night a success.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual Greenway Downs picnic was held on Sat., June 12. Despite threatening skies, the festivities began about 12:30 p.m. with a parade through the area. As in past years, the parade was led by a Jefferson Fire Dept. truck. A surprise participant was Santa Claus! We were very pleased to welcome to the parade the prize winning FCHS band. Many of its members are residents of Greenway. Boy Scouts from Troop 677 marched and many gaily decorated bikes added to the parade. A Prince and Princess were chosen from our younger set: Jeffrey, son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Reynolds of 2836 Monroe St., and Anne Michelle, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Kelley of 6923 Custis Pkwy. Showers began shortly after the arrival of the ponies. The rain continued, off and on, during the games led by Mr. Yarborough and members of Troop 677. Unmindful of heavy showers, there were many proud winners of blue ribbons.

Mrs. Glammeyer and her helpers started to serve dinner about a half-hour earlier than scheduled because the rain had settled down to a steady basis. Over 200 dinners were served. Names were drawn for ten door prizes which were donated by local merchants. Many thanks are due to Chairman Joe Goodwin and Fred Kramer as well as all the volunteers who made this picnic a success despite the rain. We are all looking forward to next year's picnic and hoping that the weather will be kinder to us.

THE BABIES HAVE BEEN NAMED

Mark, born to Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Stokes on June 15. Mrs. Stokes is the former Editor of *The Downs*. Jonathan, born to Mr. & Mrs. John Kennedy on Sept. 28. Eric Bernerd, born to Dr. & Mrs. Frank Peterson on Sept. 21. Alan, born to Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Stull.

NOTE: Anyone having information on births or new arrivals to the community, may contact Mrs. Reich, 533-1844.

LEGION OF MERIT AWARDED

Retired MSgt. Douglas D. Guernsey, of 2841 Winchester Way, was awarded the Legion of Merit "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services" at a ceremony at Ft. McNair on Thursday, June 24. Sgt. Guernsey, who retired in March, 1970, is presently recuperating from three stab wounds penetrating the left lung suffered on March 1 of this year. He was in Fairfax and Walter Reed Hospitals for the month of March, and would like to thank everyone who donated blood, contributing to saving his life.

THE BAND WAGON

The FCHS band has a new director, James M. Stegner, who succeeds Mr. Lunsford. After 10 years at FCHS, Mr. Lunsford is now Music Supervisor at the new Robinson Secondary School.

The Marching Band made its first public appearance at the home game with Annandale on Sept. 24. Plans for this year include a visit to U.Va., a trip to Philly, and a contest at Virginia Beach! Good luck to the new Marching Jaguars!

Tom Bevans and Don Lucas made the '71 All-Regional Band. Don also made the '71 All-Va. Band, Tom made the '71 All-County Band, and 7 FCHS band members (including Don) spent 3 weeks in Switzerland this summer with the Northern Virginia Symphony.

There are 19 residents of Greenway Downs in the new band: Tom Bevans, Ben Blankenship, Candi Davis, Robin Erler, Pam Goodwin, Paul Grogan, Ronnie Jones, Darryl Keys, Mike and Pat Layland, Don Lucas, Karen Mills, Delores Morrison, Brenda and Robert Owens, Nancy Reich, Ray and Ron Ricks, and Steven Steidel.

On November 6, Greenway Downs is having Community Clean-Up Day!

Everyone—adults and children—is invited to help clean up our streets, paths, park, creek and shopping areas. Please come to the park at 9:00, or later if you can't come then, to pick up your clean-up bags. Some brooms and dustpans would be appreciated to sweep up glass. This is NOT a Special-Pickup day so do not put large trash items in front of your houses. That type of clean-up will be held in the spring. If it is raining heavily on Nov. 6, we will have the clean-up on Saturday, the 13th.