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JANUARY MEETING

DATE: Thursday, January 28
TIME: 8:00 P. M.
PLACE: Devonshire Cafetorium
Graham Road & Lee Highway

PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. Paul A. Lemarie
Civilian Consultant
Subject: NEW NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR
FAIRFAX COUNTY STREETS

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

Movies and slides of the Children's
Christmas Party

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for the meeting is Mr. Paul A. Lemarie, who is with the Special Projects Office, Planning Division, Fairfax County. Mr. Lemarie is a civilian consultant for the County on the new numbering of streets and houses planned to go into effect this year. Mr. Lemarie has worked on this project for the past seven months and is qualified to answer any of your questions on this program. There will be a question and answer period after Mr. Lemarie's talk and he will be glad to enlighten everyone on the new numbering system.

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NEW COVER WILL BE OUT NEXT MONTH

Due to the demands of the holiday season, our new cover design is not quite completed yet. However, we certainly expect to have it for our issue next month.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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- President John J. Sharkey
- Vice President George Kalbach
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- Exec. Secy. Elaine Jackson
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- Executive Committee Members:
- Clyde Jackson
- Val Scalise (1)
- Thomas Thomsen (1)
- Charles Oliver (2)
- Irene Smith (2)
- Frances Fisher (3)
- Frank Sharpless (3)
- Federation Delegates:
- Roy Littlefield (3)
- Henry Rodriguez (2)
- Archie Sanders (1)
- Scout Institutional Representative:
- Bob Beane

A few officers had to resign since our elections in December and these vacancies have been filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. The numbers following the names above denote the number of years they have to serve in this capacity. We feel we have an excellent group of officers this year and all are very interested and active in the affairs of your Association.

I would like to thank Mr. Clyde Jackson for the fine job he did last year in his capacity as president of the Greenway Downs Citizens Assoc.

With the new year comes the orderly transition of officers of your Association. This is a natural thing, but I wonder how many members really know who their officers are. Since we haven't "filled the rafters" at our meetings in a long time, I doubt that many of our members actually know anything of the people who fulfill the duties of the Association. But these officers vote on important matters that concern the entire membership.

Many issues related to zoning, sewage, drainage, streets, and other matters that affect our pocketbooks are voted on at the County Federation of Citizens Associations by our three delegates from Greenway Downs. Have you been to any of our general meetings to hear how they voted on current issues? Or do you care?

Our citizens association, like the 150 others in Fairfax County, gives you a sounding board for your problems and takes them to the County and State Governments so that your voice will be heard. But your officers cannot keep your best interests at heart if they do not know what they are. If you have any matter to discuss for the betterment of the community, please come to our general meetings so we know what your problems are and how to serve you best.

I've heard many comments on citizens associations. Our own association was even compared to a volunteer fire department... "you know its there when you need it." But

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even a volunteer fire department cannot operate without a force of dependable firemen. What are the capabilities of your present "fire department"? You don't really know unless you have attended our general meetings or have taken an active part on one of the committees.

Your new "fire department" has changed its policy of monthly meetings for the association in a hopeful attempt to have more attendance for our guest speakers.

At one general meeting last year, we invited a County official to speak and 8 members showed up in addition to the President and Recording Secretary. This type of attendance doesn't help too much when you enlist a good guest speaker. They never return for a second appearance.

Perhaps we have the wrong type of program. If you would like to inform us as to who or what you would like at our general meetings, please call any of the officers and tell them. Better yet, come to the next meeting JANUARY 28 and air your views.

Please make a note of the following schedule for general meetings for this year:

February 24	Wednesday
April 27	Tuesday
June 12	Saturday (Picnic)
September 23	Thursday
October 26	Tuesday
December 1	Wednesday

Here's to a successful and prosperous 1965!

John J. Sharkey
President

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CHRISTMAS PARTY A SUCCESS

The 1964 Annual Children's Christmas Party was held on December 19 at Devonshire School. Judging from the comments of the children and adults, it was a big success. Many thanks to our committee for their teamwork. Members of this year's committee were:

Chairman	John J. Sharkey
Tickets	Charles Reeves
Costumes & Refreshments:	

Elaine Jackson
Thelma Sharkey
Val Scalise

Coordinator	George Kalbach
Entertainment	Gladys Keys

Tree Gathering & Arrangements:	
Clyde Jackson	

Thanks to all the members of each subcommittee who helped put over this year's party. Also, our thanks to the Girl Scouts under the supervision of Mrs. Vincent Sullivan, for their help in caring for the children. About 145 children attended this year's party.

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CUB SCOUTS CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Cub Scouts decorated containers which they filled with Christmas goodies and took to the residents of the Iliff Nursing Home, Dunn Loring. The Cubs wish to thank SAUNDERS BAKERY, RED & WHITE MARKET, and KROGER'S for their donations of cupcakes and tangerines which made up the better part of the "goodies." The boys sang Christmas carols for the folks and broke out in a spontaneous rendition of "The 12 Days of Christmas," which turned out to be the highlight of their program.

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PAPER DRIVE SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

Cub Scout Pack 677 is planning their next paper drive for Saturday, January 30 from 9 AM to noon.

Please put your papers out front so the boys can pick them up as quickly as possible. They should be tied in bundles not over 8" thick or you may put them in your large grocery bags. Single bags are quite satisfactory and very easy to handle.

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NEWSLETTER DELIVERED BY GIRL SCOUTS

This issue of THE DOWNS has been delivered by the Girl Scouts of Troop 301, led by Mrs. Sullivan. They are doing this as a Community Service Project, which is one of the objectives of the Girl Scouting program. They are giving this service to their community.

WE WISH TO SAY "THANK YOU" TO EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR UNSELFISH SERVICE.

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THANK YOU FROM FCHS BAND

Larry Lucas of 317 E. Westmoreland Road, a freshman member of the Falls Church High School Band, would like to say THANK YOU to all the residents of Greenway Downs for their courtesy and willingness to support the band's fund raising project by buying chocolate candy bars. He tied for first place in the school for selling the most candy bars (over 300). He said he could not have done it if the people he contacted had not been so cooperative.

We are pleased Larry found such a fine community spirit and support for our high school band which is the finest.

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IN SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Harper on the passing of her husband, Carl B. Harper, on December 7 at home. He lived at 214 E. Cameron Street in the big stone house which is a landmark in our community. He was a retired Navy Captain and was an active supporter of all the activities of our Association. The children of the neighborhood remember him best for allowing them to go through the house on Halloween. This was always a special treat with its secret stairway and drawbridge-style set of stairs.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO--

Jim and Jane Phelps of 303 E. Cameron on the birth of a sweet little daughter November 25. They have named her Carol Diane.

Val and Kathleen Scalise of 1001 Custis Parkway on the birth of a fine son November 20. They call him Jonathan Patrick.

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DID YOU KNOW?

That our past president spent a week in Florida right after Christmas. Welcome back to Elaine and Clyde Jackson of 103 E. George Mason Road.

Tommy and Frances Thomsen of 111 E. Cameron spent 3 weeks in Florida before Christmas. On their way home they stopped to eat in Ocala, Fla. and met some neighbors-- Archie and Ethel Sanders of 400 E. Greenway Blvd. were on their way to visit her sister in Clearwater, Fla.

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