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PROGRESS THROUGH PERSISTENCE

The Custis Parkway drainage problem has come closer to solution within the past month, after many years of frustrated effort by the Greenway Downs Citizens Association.

Here is what has happened: The proposed budget of the Fairfax County Supervisors for the coming year includes \$110,000 to begin correcting the drainage problem along Custis Parkway between Summerfield Road and Tripps Run. This marks the first time that budget money has actually been earmarked for correction of this problem.

In urging that the Board approve the amount, the largest item in the

public works construction request, GDCA President Ben Blankenship testified at a public hearing on May 25. Also representing the Association were Mrs. Blankenship, Mr. and Mrs. Lucas of Summerfield Road, and Mr. and Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Boucher, and Mr. Robinson, all of Bolling Road.

The group left the hearing with the distinct impression that at least some of the funds requested amount covers only one year's work, and another \$150,000 will be needed for the following year. If the money is approved as anticipated, actual work will not begin for a while.

Meetings Pay Off

This budget request is a direct result of our April general meeting at which Supervisor Fred A. Babson spoke to a large and lively audience, and was so impressed by our problem that he included the Custis Parkway item into the proposed budget.

Our May speaker, state highway engineer Lew Brett, seems to also have been impressed by the crowd and the questions put to him. Results of that meeting and a tour of Greenway Downs, conducted by Mr. Blankenship, Mrs. Lucas, and Mr. Goodwin, are showing already.

Shoulder paving and bluestoning work have been taking place on George Mason, Marshall, and elsewhere; a resident's culvert has been fixed; the State Highway Department has accepted the new roads along Custis Parkway into its road system; stop signs have been installed; and Mr. Brett has promised that these roads will be paved before next winter.

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REGISTER TO VOTE!

June 10 is the registration deadline to vote in Virginia's primaries on July 11. Although you do not have to pay the poll tax to vote, a voter must have been a resident of Virginia for 1 year, a resident of his county for 6 months and of his district for 30 days. For answers to special questions, call the Fairfax Electoral Board, CR 3-2062.

STREET CONTEST

In order to close out our most successful May Clean-Up Campaign, the best looking streets were identified by the judges, Ben Blankenship, Jack Sharkey, and Bill Ticknor. After much looking, comparing of notes, and tearing of hair, they decided that three streets were tied. These streets are: Cameron, Marshall, and Summerfield. Congratulations to you all for your efforts.

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The Association's fruitful activity in your behalf this Spring has resulted from cooperation and work by several members, attendance at meetings by many, and financial support through the payment of dues by most residents of Greenway Downs.

The annual membership campaign is underway. Insure your Association's continued fruitful activity in your behalf by cooperating when your neighbor calls.

SCHOOL CLOSING

by J. J. Goodwin

For the 1966-67 school year, the Fairfax County School Board has decided to close James Lee School on Annandale Road. The majority of the children served by this school will be bussed to Devonshire School. Since the construction, now taking place at Devonshire to handle the additional pupils, will not be completed for the opening of school in the Fall, several classrooms are to be made available at James Lee. After pupils from both schools have been divided into classes, several of these classes (probably from the 5th and 6th grades) will then be bussed to James Lee.

In a letter to the Association, the Superintendent of Schools stated that James Lee would be used as the future "Industrial Material Center." Your Association and the Devonshire PTA have taken the stand opposing the closing of James Lee or any school building in sound condition, and using it for purposes other than originally intended.

If anyone would care to make a personal comment on this matter, please write to our local representatives:

Mr. Fred A. Babson, Chairman
County Board of Supervisors
10560 Main Street
Fairfax, Virginia
and/or

Mr. C. Turner Hudgins
Fairfax County School Board
6418 Overhill Road
Falls Church, Virginia

JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION

After a slow start, the Membership Drive for 1966 is well on its way. It is hoped that everyone will have been contacted by June 10th. If you are not contacted, please call these block chairmen:

Bolling Road	
Stan Robinson	532-9127
Cameron Road	
Mrs. Fran Fisher	534-1445
Custis Parkway	
Wayne Shipp	534-9586
Al Stokes	533-1392
George Mason Drive	
Henry Rodriguez	533-7795
Greenway Boulevard	
Ben Blankenship	533-9633
Lee Highway	
Mrs. Elaine Jackson	534-3862
Marshall Street	
Clyde Jackson	534-3862
Monroe Street	
J. E. Crum	532-7893
Summerfield Avenue	
Mrs. Bernie Lucas	534-6884
Winchester Way	
Jack Sharkey	534-9259
Woodlawn Street	
Paul Davis	534-1593
Joe Goodwin	532-2605

The \$2 family dues entitles each family to a 10% discount on most items at Ligon Paint Store and Fairfax Building Supply.

The Fairfax County Sun-Echo, a local weekly newspaper, is also available to members at half-price. And remember that your membership number may win you a prize at the picnic, June 11.
JOIN AND WIN.

BOY SCOUT NEWS

Fire extinguishers for sale! Boy Scout Troop 677 is selling Amway Fire Extinguishers for \$1.95. The extinguishers are approved for all grease or electric fires, contain 16 oz., are not harmful to skin, and are under pressure. Anyone wishing one of these should contact Mr. Thompson at 534-7412. The proceeds will be used to further scouting activities.

Greenway Downs Citizens Association takes this opportunity to congratulate Ned Wright, 2840 Greenway Boulevard, and Brian Bogan, 2840 Cameron Road, for receiving their certificates of graduation from the Basic Small Seamanship Course given by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxillary. The course was given 2 Saturdays in April and included a 2-hour examination. Keep up the good work, boys.

Two major activities are slated for this summer. About the last of June, the Boy Scouts are going to hold a Court of Honor at the Isaac Walton Camp in Manassas. This will be a weekend campout for the boys' families, including swimming and fishing.

On July 17 the boys are going to Camp Thunderbird for one week's participation. Thunderbird is a lovely camp in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Waynesboro.

The Scouts will be selling Christmas trees again this year. Since the demand was so great last year, the boys have decided

to sell 750 trees. The profits are spent for tents, scouting equipment, weekend trips, and summer camp.

And June 15 will see the boys taking a slow boat to Marshall Hall for a day of fun.
HAPPY CAMPING, BOYS!

THANK YOU, PHILADELPHIA

Cadette Troops 603 and 552 were invited to join Troop 1705 on a trip to Philadelphia on May 14 and 15. They toured the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Franklin Science Institute, Independence Hall, the Betsey Ross House, Benjamin Franklin's grave, and Elfreth's Alley. In two groups on Sunday, the girls attended church at St. Joseph's Catholic Church and the Christ Episcopal Church. Pennsylvania Cadette Troops had a cook-out for our girls on Saturday night and another set of Troops had a picnic lunch for us on Sunday. On the return trip, the Troops stopped at Valley Forge for a brief time.

Junior Troop 521, led by Mrs. Anne Sprague, and Cadette Troop 937, led by Mrs. Ann Chaplin, spent the weekend of May 14 at Camp Winona, Md. The Cadettes pitched their own tents; the Juniors were in platform tents. The highlight of the trip was the skinning of a snake found in the wood pile. A good time was had by all -- except of course the snake.

ANNUAL PICNIC
GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY, JUNE 11 at 4 P.M.
IN THE PARK AT CUSTIS PARKWAY
AND CAMERON ROAD

Bring your own chairs

Take Mom away from the stove!

Meet your neighbors

Come, Eat, and Be Merry

DELICIOUS FOOD FOR SALE

See what 35¢ can Buy!

hamburger on bun
baked beans
potato chips
ICE CREAM

and for 10¢ more —

Soft Drinks

PRIZES —

Numbers will be drawn corresponding to membership card numbers. Member and card must be present to win. Prizes include:

Two \$5 gift certificates from Hechingers'

Five lines of bowling from Bowl America, Falls Church

One large pizza from the Confederate Food and Carry Out Shop

Volunteers to man
(or woman) the grills
should call Wayne Shipp
at 534-9586.

----- In case of rain (it wouldn't dare), picnic will be held June 18th. -----

9,200 POUNDS OF PAPER — \$34.90

The Cub Pack wishes to thank all the people who donated newspapers to the paper drive held on May 14. The Cubs collected 9,200 pounds of paper for a profit of \$36.90, which will go toward the purchase of handbooks, awards, and special supplies. The entire Committee wishes to extend their thanks to Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. Beane, Mrs. Schaffstall, Mr. Gilroy, Mr. Zeigler, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Bevans, as well as Leitha Schaffstall, Arthur Crouse, and Mike Bevans, three teen-agers who really pitched in and helped.

May 27 was the last formal Pack meeting until September and the theme was "Knights of the Roundtable." The bold Knights of Pack 677 were assembled in full armor for Knighting Ceremonies and Jousting.

Although full-time activities stop until September, there will be several summertime activities which include a family picnic June 12 at Big Meadows, Skyline Drive, a trip and picnic July 17 to either Skyline or Luray Caverns, and on August 14, a Cub Scout family day at Mayo Beach. The Cubs plan to start the winter schedule with another paper drive.

At the close of our first round of Cub Scouting, all the Cub Scouts wish to salute Mr. Beane, Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, Mr. Bevans, and Mr. Coverston, for their leader-

ship and assistance. The Cubs also send out a special salute to Mr. Benfit, Mr. Clementson, and Mr. Hippert. These men donated much of their time, and their efforts made each of the special activities they headed a huge success. The Cub Scouts especially wish to express their appreciation to Den Mothers Doris Coverston, Alice Jones, Betty Hippert, and Joanne Schafstall. Without the support and initiative of these women, there would be no Cub Scouting program for the boys of Greenway Downs.

The Pack extends an invitation to all boys, ages 8 to 10 years, who wish to join the activities of the Cubs, to contact any of the Den Mothers listed above for membership applications. This invitation is also extended to any adult who wishes to participate in volunteer Scouting.

Contact Mr. John Schaffstall, Committee Chairman, 533-0432, for information in this rewarding field.

THE DOWNS WISHES TO THANK THE GIRLS OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 601 FOR DELIVERING OUR PAPER.

THIS MONTH THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 677 HAVE DELIVERED THE DOWNS. THANK YOU ALL AND HAPPY SUMMER VACATION.