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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

In the face of a rising crime rate in Greenway Downs, this special meeting has been called so that we will have the opportunity to discuss workable solutions with those most involved in solving our crime problem—the Police Department and the Commonwealth's Attorney. In his speech in March, **Mr. Frank** of the **Juvenile Court** said one of the best methods of controlling crime is **community** action. With more and more people in the Downs reporting burglaries, vandalism, housebreaking and physical violence, our community must take action to halt this spiral and protect ourselves.

Lt. James L. Wilt, representing the Chief of Police, is the **Officer in Charge** of the **Annandale Substation**, the largest and busiest station in the county. Lt. Wilt has been with the Fairfax Police Department since September 1957.

Mr. Robert F. Horan, Jr., **Commonwealth's Attorney**, is responsible for prosecuting cases for the state. In this position, Mr. Horan brings much experience. Mr. Horan has been a lawyer for seven years during which time he served as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney. Among his other commitments, Mr. Horan is a director of the Northern Virginia Mental Health Association, a member of the School Vandalism Study Committee appointed by the Board of Education, and a member of the Zoning Procedures Study Committee.

Support your community's effort to control crime in Greenway Downs.

MAY MEETING

- DATE:** Wednesday, May 29
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: Devonshire School Cafetorium
Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKERS: **Lt. James L. Wilt**
Fairfax County Police Department
and **Mr. Robert F. Horan, Jr.**
Commonwealth's Attorney
PROGRAM: How can we help prevent crime
in Greenway Downs?

BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS

TOWN MEETING — MAY 27th

Mr. Tom Wright, **Fairfax County Supervisor** of **Providence District**, is planning a town meeting at Devonshire School, Monday, May 27, at 8:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss problems in our community, especially the proposed permanent closing of Jefferson Avenue bridge over Tripps Run, and improvements to Tripps Run. Residents are urged to attend and to bring any other problems relevant to our district before the meeting. Many local and state officials will be on hand to answer questions on many topics.

THE GRASS IS GREENER

Mr. Charles Hall, Fairfax County Extension Agent, Agriculture, spoke to a small group at our April meeting. Mr. Hall, who has been with the Fairfax office for 10 years, explained the purpose of the VPI Cooperative Extension Service and then specifically discussed lawns in our area.

The Cooperative Extension Service is a cooperative effort between local, state, and federal officials in the field of agriculture and homemaking. "Agriculture" in Fairfax County ranges from proper farming methods to feeding lawns correctly. Our extension tries to present informal educational information to the public through talks, bulletins, and questions to the field office, which is located in the Fairfax Circle Shopping Center.

Mr. Hall expressed the hope that residents would take advantage of the service where a horticulturist is on duty from 8 to 4:30 daily (phone 273-7813) and a plant diagnostic laboratory is available. This laboratory may be used to identify plants, diseases, insects, will make nematode assays and fertility analyses. Some of the work is done locally and some is done at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg.

Another extension service is **Tip-a-Phone**. Each week a message geared to the gardening and homemaking problems of our area is presented by a member of the staff. The 24-hour number is 273-8645.

Specific points on lawn problems for our area were: Use only ground limestone when bringing the pH to 6.0. Hydrated and burnt limestone may have some toxic effects. In our area only four elements are generally needed—calcium, nitrogen, phosphate, and potash. When comparing prices between fertilizer brands, one must compare organic and manmade against themselves, not against each other. The Extension recommends a mixture of Merion Kentucky bluegrass and Redtop in sunny areas, and Kentucky bluegrass, creeping red fescue, and Redtop for shady areas. It is not recommending Bermuda grass because winters here are not conducive to its growth, or Zoysia grass because most people do not like its brown winter color, or Windsor because it has not been on the market long enough to adequately compare it to the other grasses.

Apply fertilizers, etc., length-wise of the lawn and then across the width to avoid missing areas. Treat poisons carefully; keep under lock and key out of reach of children and pets.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

PICNIC – SATURDAY – JUNE 8

Diluted poisons on plants are generally harmless as soon as they have dried if they are applied as directed. Always read the label carefully and follow directions exactly.

Don't let clippings lie on a lawn and, in fact, it is advisable to rake off the accumulated thatch every few years. Power rakes are available for rental from lawn equipment dealers. Kentucky has begun to certify its bluegrass; to be sure of your product, look for the words **Certified Kentucky Bluegrass**.

Many thanks to Mr. Hall for his enlightening talk.

GRADUATION CONGRATULATIONS!

Gerald L. Rains of 2829 Marshall Street will graduate from Michigan State University with a BS in Mathematics. Mr. Rains will also be married on June 23 to **Miss Andrea S. Camp** of Larchmont, New York.

Miss Reba A. Harnage of 2806 W. George Mason Road will graduate from Mary Washington College with a degree in Psychology and Elementary Education. Miss Harnage will be married August 3 and plans to teach in Fairfax County in the fall.

William McCormac of 2757 Greenway Boulevard will graduate from Virginia Polytechnic Institute with a BS in Accounting.

Congratulations and best wishes for the futures of these fine hard workers in our community. (The editor regrets that she lost the note from one mother of two graduating sons. Please call me again and we will include them in the next issue of *The Downs*.)

THANKS—Your association wishes to thank Girl Scout Troop 601 and Boy Scout Troop 677 for the fine job of delivering *The Downs* this spring. April's issue was delivered by the boys and this issue by the girls. Many thanks; we appreciate your time.

ANNUAL GREENWAY DOWNS PICNIC

Saturday, June 8 at 4 p.m.

-in the Park west of Custis Parkway between Woodlawn Avenue and Monroe Street

Bring a chair

Declare a night out

Meet your neighbors

Bring a friend

Volunteers needed! Call
Wayne Shipp, 534-9586

Delicious Food for sale

40¢ includes:

Hamburger on Bun
Baked Beans
Potato Chips
Cole Slaw
Ice Cream

and for 10¢ each—Soft Drinks

In case of rain, the picnic will be held June 15th

SCOUT NEWS

Got papers and magazines piled up to here? Holding your old Yellow Pages? Well, **Cub Scout Troop 677** will be out in full force for their May paper drive, **Saturday, May 25**, from 9 to 11 a.m. Please put papers in cartons or large paper bags at the curb to make it easier for the boys to handle them.

A busy program of activities is planned by the Cubs this summer. In June a picnic at Cabin John Park is scheduled for the boys and their families. A picnic and swimming party at Cool Font, W. Va., is scheduled for some time in July. The third event for the Cubs and their families will be a sight-seeing trip to Roosevelt Island in August.

Brownie Troop 575 toured Fairfax Hospital on May 1. The tour included central supply, kitchen, laundry, pharmacy, laboratory, and chapel. The girls' outdoor "good turn" for the year was clearing the sidewalk along Harper's Woods on Cameron Road.

Troop 575 has seven Brownies who will "fly-up" to **Junior Scout Troop 601** in a ceremony to take place May 29. They will cross the traditional bridge, receive wings from their Brownie leader, Girl Scout pins from their new Junior leader, and make the Girl Scout promise in a rededication ceremony.

The Brownie and Girl Scout year will come to a close as all troops in the C.F.A. Service Unit 1 combine forces for an "outdoor day" Saturday, June 1, at Bull Run Park from 10 'til 2. The Senior Girl Scouts will demonstrate their skills to the Junior Scouts and Brownies. Both Troop 575 and Troop 601 will participate.

The girls in **Troop 601** are still working on their Outdoor Cook badge and most of them will qualify for it soon, before they gain too much weight.

The girls wish lots of fun in Scouting to those who will be enjoying camping experiences their summer through the various day and resident Scout camps in the area.

Boy Scout Troop 677 will be headed for Goshen Scout Camp July 27 for one week of full-time activities. Our camping site is in Camp Ross which will again be headed by Mr. Colangelo, Director, and Mr. Schaffer, Program Director. In the past this summer camping trip has proven to be the highlight of the year for Troop 677. A weekend campout has also been scheduled for Elizabeth Furnace, Va., May 25-26. Also during the summer, Mr. Earl Hall will conduct a 10-hour course of training in first aid for the Troop, one of the Eagle requirements.

Honor Class Induction was held at the 1968 Scout Exposition for our newest Boy Scouts, **Billy Hall** and **David Yarbrough**. **John Schaffstall** and **Pat Layland** were promoted to First-Class Scouts by the Troop Board of Review on May 22. The following scouts have completed the requirements for the stated merit badges: **John Redden**, *Reading, Public Speaking*; **Tommy Stoddard**, *Public Speaking*; **David Jacobs**, *Reading*; **John Schaffstall**, *Reading*.

Mr. Sidney Layland is our new Scoutmaster (532-9414). **Mr. Van Rouse, Jr.**, is our new neighborhood commissioner (214-8889). The Troop Committeemen extend their heartfelt appreciation for their kind and gracious spirit.

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There will be a public hearing on June 6, 1968, at 8:00 p.m., Devonshire Elementary School cafeteria, at which time the master plan of Devonshire Neighborhood Park will be presented. This plan has been adopted in principle by the Fairfax County Park Authority. The Park Authority wishes to invite all interested citizens to attend and present their comments on the plan.

There will be a lapsed time of one month following the hearing for citizens, as individuals or collectively through their organizations, to submit in writing more specific comments. After all requests have been considered, the plan will then be presented to the Park Authority for final adoption and ultimately to construction.



**A MESSAGE
FROM YOUR
CHIEF
of
POLICE**

Crime is on the increase across the nation, in the suburban areas up as much as 12% in 1967, and Fairfax County is no exception. Foremost among the crimes on the increase are housebreakings. During 1967, we had an average of nine houses broken into per day and this year so far the average is still higher. In combating this rise in housebreakings, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of you who have helped the Police Department in the past.

As residents of this County, you should want to be involved in the prevention of crime, and in particular, burglaries which effect you most. Your involvement would consist of being alert to suspicious activities in your neighborhood, by reporting any suspected crime and assisting the investigating officer by being a good witness.

To the many new homeowners of Fairfax County, I would like to welcome you and let you know that the Fairfax County Police Department will be glad to assist you with your problems whenever necessary as we are not only a "Police Force" but a "Police Service".

A housebreaking, large or small, costs you money in loss of property, increased taxes and higher insurance rates. Please help continue the precedent established by fulfilling your responsibility as a citizen.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Durrer, Colonel
Chief of Police

**Are You
INVITING a Burglar
Into Your Home?**

Although it is not possible to completely burglar-proof your home, you can take steps to protect your family and property by reducing the opportunities for a burglar to break in.

POLICE 273-1300

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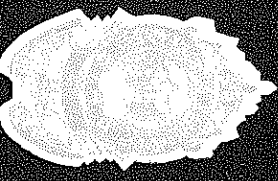
HELP

to PROTECT

YOUR

HOME

273-1300



Read these simple rules that can save you anxiety and loss

DO tell the police that your house will be unoccupied because of vacation or other reasons, advising the dates of departure and return, so that periodic checks will be made by the officers assigned in your area. Tell a neighbor that you will be away; give him a key to your home in case of an emergency.

DO keep doors and screen doors locked at all times.

DO use pin tumbler locks on outside doors. If door has glass panel, use double cylinder lock requiring key inside. Install door guards such as chain locks. Door frames should be tight and hinges hidden. Put locks on windows to limit opening to four inches.

DO keep lights on when you leave. Provide outside illumination. Install automatic timer to turn on lights, perhaps radio, at appropriate time.

DO lock garage when car is out—an open garage door may invite entry by a burglar.

DO demand credentials before admitting salesmen or repairmen. If you have any suspicions, call 273-1300.

DON'T leave keys under the mat or in other obvious places. If keys are lost, change locks.

DON'T leave ladders outside, lock them up securely.

DON'T keep large amounts of money or other valuables at home. Rent a safe deposit box. List serial numbers of watches, radios, television sets, firearms, machines, accessories, appliances, other valuable personal property and clothing.

DON'T panic if a burglar breaks in when you are home. Observe and remember his appearance. If a car is used, get the license number. Call as soon as you can.



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO COMBAT THESE BURGLARY STATISTICS

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