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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Our May speaker, Mr. Orlando A. Riutort, is bringing us his considerable knowledge on the housing situation in Fairfax County. As the Chief of the Land Use Planning Branch, Fairfax County Division on Planning, Department of Planning and Financial Management, Mr. Riutort was in charge of the study, Fairfax County's Low and Moderate Income Housing, which was recently released.

Since graduation from Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., with his AB in mathematics, Mr. Riutort has earned his Master's Degree in Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina where he also served as a Research Associate for the Center for Urban Regional Studies. Among his other positions, he served as a planner with Fairfax County and also gained valuable experience with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development in Philadelphia as an urban planner before returning to Fairfax and his present position.

Mr. Riutort is married and has one son. With all the controversy and misunderstanding surrounding housing, it is wise to talk with someone who knows the field as well as Mr. Riutort does and we are looking forward to hearing him speak on May 28.

MAY MEETING

DATE Wednesday, May 28
TIME 8:00 p.m.
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKER Al Riutort
PROGRAM Housing in Fairfax County

BUSINESS MEETING

Dues Increase
 Resolution on Housing

REFRESHMENTS

PRIMARY JULY 15

In order to vote in the Democratic or Republican Primary on July 15, you must have registered to vote by Saturday, June 14. For information on registering or voting, call Mrs. Stokes, 533-1392.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Charles Helein, President

Since this May meeting is the last of the year, it might be well to sum up the brief record established over the past few months.

Two important pieces of legislation were recently before the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County. One proposal was designed to control "Vicious Dogs" and the other concerned gun control legislation. On both of these matters, the Association expressed its position to the Board of Supervisors. Strong, effective regulation of "Vicious Dogs" was supported; while the Association took a firm stand against any ordinance which would have required registration of firearms. An ordinance on Dogs has recently been passed by the Board which contains some of the provisions the Association recommended be adopted. The ordinance on gun control is still under consideration.

In addition to these projects, we have witnessed the completion of the sewer project on Custis Parkway, have won approval for the lighting of the cross-walks, and have several other projects underway looking toward improving the physical facilities serving our area.

The Association has heard from several fine speakers, most notably Charles Lankford of Fairfax House who spoke on problems of crime and youth. Mr. Peter Ward was to speak on desegregation but unfortunately could not make his scheduled appearance. Perhaps he can be scheduled again next Fall. The other speakers were Mr. Frank Cowles and Mr. Edward Nicholas who debated the gun control issue. This May meeting is, of course, devoted to housing problems and we are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Riutort to discuss this important topic with us.

Space does not permit the listing of other significant events and achievements over the past few months, but the foregoing presents a capsule idea of the activities of the Association.

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This May meeting is also the time to consider the amount of the annual dues of the Association. The Executive Board has voted to present to the general assembly an increase in dues from the present level of \$2.50 per annum to \$3.50 per annum. This increase is recommended in order to cover costs associated with increasing activities of the Association. As we become more active and engage in new endeavors in an effort to better serve our members and their families, the demands on our treasury grow. In order to permit each member to know exactly what his money is used for, we have set forth the costs of various obligations of the Association:

The Downs	\$350.00
Boy Scout Troop 677	80.00
Stationery & Stamps	30.00
Fairfax Federation of Civic Associations - Dues and Miscellaneous	50.00
Children's Christmas Party	100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
	<u>\$660.00</u>

The Association currently has about 250 members in good standing. A membership drive is due this summer. If the dues remain at the present level and assuming the number of members remains constant, the income to the Association will not equal proposed expenditures. Consequently, on this score alone a raise in the dues is warranted.

Over and above the need to meet the foregoing listed expenses, if the Association is to become a more effective voice in the community, and is to better serve its members and their families, there are additional obligations which should be assumed. For example, while the Association sponsors the Boy Scouts, it does not currently assume any financial responsibility for the Girl Scouts, or Cubs. It is the intention of the Association to hold an Annual Awards Dinner this October and hopefully the major portion of these costs could be handled from funds of the Association. In addition, the Committees such as Schools, Community Action, Streets & Utilities, and Hospitality should have a modest allocation of funds in order to carry out their duties.

We believe the increase is justified and assure everyone that the funds will be used to serve all Association members.

One final note, it has indeed been a privilege to work with all of you. The cooperation

and interest of all of you has been most gratifying. Here's hoping you have a very pleasant Summer and that we're all ready for another year in the Fall.

A NEIGHBOR NEEDS HELP

Volunteers are needed to assist in "patterning" two brain-damaged children who live on Jefferson Avenue in our neighboring subdivision. Three times a day two extra people are needed in patterning each child. The assistant's job is simple but rewarding, and if you can spare a half-hour or an hour a week, it would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to find out how you can help (in patterning, transportation, or telephoning), or for further information, please call Beth Stucker, 534-2219, or Betty Jacobs, 534-3496.

ON THE AGENDA

The Community Action Committee proposes the following resolution for the consideration of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors:

In view of the demonstrated need for additional adequate housing in Fairfax County for families living on low and moderate incomes, the Greenway Downs Citizens Association hereby endorses the recommendations of the joint report of the Housing Study Work Committee and the County Department of Planning and Financial Management called Housing: Fairfax County's Low and Moderate Income.

The Association urges that special emphasis, particularly with regard to low-income housing, be given to the dispersion of units throughout the County so as to inhibit the growth of "pockets" of such housing.

The Association further recommends that additional funding be approved to finance the staffing and operations of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority in achieving the objectives enunciated in the report of the Housing Study Work Committee and the Department of Planning and Financial Management. (Anyone who would like to read this report may call Mr. Helein, 532-7609, or Mr. Whitney, 534-9539.)

IT'S PICNIC TIME AGAIN

Saturday - June 14

Read all about it on Page 4, this issue

CONGRATULATIONS

Special congratulations are due to **N. Keith Brescia** who is a third year student at the University of Virginia. He was recently elected to full membership in Sigma Pi Sigma, the national Physics honor fraternity, for superior achievement in his chosen field of study. Keith was also the recipient, on April 14, of Intermediate Honors awarded for his overall academic excellence during his first 2 years at UVa. Keith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Brescia, 2847 Greenway Boulevard.

Congratulations are also due to **Ann Simpson** who will graduate in June from Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Simpson, 6935 Custis Parkway.

The Downs would like to print other college graduations. Please call the editor so they can be published in September.

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Congratulations, too, to **Mr. and Mrs. Clark Erickson**, 6928 Custis Pkwy., on the birth of their son in March.

SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scout Troop 601 is going on a camping trip to Tripps Run, Stafford County, Virginia, June 6-8. What a fabulous way to end an eventful year. Have fun girls!

PUBLIC GOLF COURSE OPENS

The **Jefferson Golf Course** (formerly the International Town and Country Golf Course) 7900 Lee Highway has been opened to the public by the Park Authority. Greens fees are \$1.25 for nine holes and \$2.00 for 18 holes during the week; \$1.75 for nine holes and \$3.00 for 18 holes on weekends and holidays.

GREENWAY DOWNS ANNUAL PICNIC
JUNE 14, 1969 — from 1:00 p.m. until . . .

Plans for the Picnic on Saturday, June 14, have just about been finalized.
The picnic will be held at Custis Parkway and Monroe Street.

The following activities and events should provide fun and enjoyment for everyone:

Parade — 12-1 p.m.

Hopefully, our Parade will be led by a band and a J.V.F.D. fire truck; also participating will be the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts and all others who wish to join us.

Beauty Contest

All boys and girls 30 months of age or younger are entitled to enter. A Prince and Princess of Greenway Downs will be chosen. All entries (name and age) should be submitted to Beth Stucker, 534-2219, no later than June 13, 1969.

Pinewood Derby

The track will be set up by Mr. Hill and will be available to all boys with their own cars.

Pony Rides — 3 ponies

Available from 1 to 4 p.m., at 25¢ a ride.

Children's Games — There will be contests for children of all ages—egg race, three-legged races, etc.

Adult Games — Tug-of-war between the stalwarts of each block to determine the musclemen of Greenway Downs, and other games.

Food — from 4:30 p.m.

Hamburgers, potato chips, cole slaw, baked beans, ice cream — all for 50¢; or bring your own

Beverages — from 1:00 p.m.

Soft drinks available at 10¢ each

Awards — Tokens of the day to the winners of all contests.

Special Guests — Congressman Joel T. Broyhill, and Supervisors Babson and Wright have been invited to join us.