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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Mr. Fred A. Babson, Jr., was elected Supervisor of Fairfax County in November 1963 and has recently completed a year as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. In his role as Supervisor, he has been very concerned with the problems here in Greenway Downs, and has given us a great deal of moral support in our fight for Custis Parkway drainage.

Mr. Babson is a major supporter of Urban County Executive Government and should prove to be a very informative speaker to those who will have to vote on this issue.

OCTOBER MEETING

DATE: Tuesday October 25

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Devonshire School
Cafetorium
Graham Road and
Lee Highway

PROGRAM

Speaker: Mr. Fred A. Babson, Jr.
Fairfax County Supervisor
from Falls Church
District

Subject: Advantages of the Urban
County Executive Form
of Government

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
by Ben Blankenship

Fairfax County voters will decide next month whether they want to change the form of the county government.

What are the benefits, and perhaps the disadvantages, of the proposed form of government?

After reading some of the material on this issue, I am not convinced that either system is better than the other.

But our speaker at the October 25 meeting of our Citizens Association thinks it is much better to have an urban county executive form. Fred Babson, our county Supervisor, has been a leader in trying to have this form of government adopted by Fairfax County residents.

This meeting gives you an excellent opportunity to hear an authoritative word on the matter, the kind of explanation you can not get merely from reading the newspaper.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joe Goodwin, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, has announced the following members of his committee: Paul Davis, Archie Sanders, Wayne Shipp, and Elouisa Stokes. It is the purpose of this committee to propose a list of candidates for 1967 officers of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association. The proposed slate will be announced at the October 25 meeting. As always, nominations from the floor will be gladly accepted.

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Of course, if you don't care how your real estate taxes are to be spent, you might as well stay home and watch TV. Obviously, most folks in our community were in this category during our last meeting, since only a handful showed up to learn more about the parks bond issue, also to be on the November ballot--and also something which, if passed, will cost all of us money.

I think meetings of a civic group should discuss such matters, bringing qualified speakers to inform the voters. I'd like to know if you agree. You are paying your dues to the Association each year to finance these meetings, and if attendance at our last meeting is any indication, you surely are not getting your money's worth.

THE NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT

On November 8 Virginia's voters will appear at their polling places to cast their ballots for two U.S. Senators and one U.S. Representative from their district.

For Fairfax County voters this is only the beginning of their vote casting. In all five ballots will be given to voters. The second ballot, the first is explained above, will be the referendum for the urban county executive form of government. This is to be discussed in depth at our October 25 meeting.

The third ballot will include four bond issues totaling \$30-million. This includes the County's share of the costs toward the Northern Virginia Community College as well as additional funds for park lands and public libraries. Funds for George Mason College are also included here. The fourth ballot will be the election of three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Commission.

The last ballot is an amendment to Virginia's Constitution that would change the name of the State Department of Agriculture and Immigration to the Department of

It has been announced by Mr. Blankenship that Mr. Ralph Hughes will be the liaison between the Association and the Cub Pack 677.

Agriculture and Commerce. This would also allow five of the members to be non-farmers. At present all ten members must be "practical farmers."

For further information the League of Women Voters of Northern Virginia gives out nonpartisan facts and figures. They may be reached at 273-5551.

Anyone needing a ride to the polls should contact Mrs. Stokes at 533-1392. Mrs. Stokes will also be glad to watch children while parents vote.

Registered residents of Greenway Downs cast their ballots at Devonshire School on Graham Road at Lee Highway from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

One of the major activities of your Association is almost lost this year. Because of the lack of volunteers, the Association may not be able to sponsor its annual Christmas Party, which has entertained as many as 100 young people in our neighborhood.

If you can help in any way, please contact Ben Blankenship at 533-9633. WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We Need YOU!

Are you tired of the new math? Do you hate housework? Would you like a good excuse to get out of the house? The Girl Scouts Council of the Nation's Capital, District 9, Service Unit 1, in this area, has approximately 500 girls from ages 7 through 14 with only 41 adult leaders at present.

We have 140 Brownies in grades 2 and 3, with 65 waiting for leaders. We have 210 Junior Girl Scouts, grades 4, 5, and 6, with another 65 waiting for leaders. We also have 96 Cadette Scouts, grades 8 and 9, and two Senior Troops, grades 10, 11, and 12.

We need adult help! A wide range of free, fun training courses that tell you "how-to" and "what-to" are available, day and night, in a variety of locations.

Contact either Ruth Swank at 532-1565 or Mildred Senter at 560-5840 and "Widen Your Horizons in Girl Scouting."

THANKS

Thanks to those residents who swept the dirt and debris from the streets along Custis Parkway after the heavy rains in September. These men and boys cleaned up our streets on their own time and dug culverts to drain the water back into the creek bed. Thanks to you all.

THE TROOP TROOPS

A live snake and a hopping toad are two prize possessions from a nature hike by Troop 677 on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal on October 8. Rickey Marcey and Ned Wright were the proud captors. Other significant items are in the possession of John Redden, Doug Guernsey, and Bobby Marcey, who is our newest member.

Congratulations go to Kevin Gogan who has recently advanced to Second Class and has completed many requirements already for his First Class status.

THE TROOP STILL HAS AWAY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS AVAILABLE FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$1.95. CALL 534-4972 FOR INFORMATION. The money from this project will allow our troop to continue giving our boys many hours of enjoyment.

The Den Chief's Conference was held on Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Mark Twain School, 4700 Franconia Road. All those Scouts completing the conference will receive the JLT certificate.

October 28, 29, and 30 is the weekend of the Fall Camporee at Bull Run Park. Excitement is already mounting for this annual event.

Recharter Night for Boy Scout Troop 677 will be December 3.