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ABOUT OUR MEETING

At least once a year the Greenway Downs Citizens Association has the pleasure of meeting an important county official. Dr. William S. Hoofnagle, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, has graciously agreed to come to our October meeting.

Since the County Board is the policy-making part of our local government, Dr. Hoofnagle holds a very important position. Therefore it was felt that we could call on Dr. Hoofnagle to state the Board's position toward improving older communities. Bring any questions you may have concerning county services to the meeting October 27 and don't come alone—bring a neighbor.

A brief reminder, Dr. Hoofnagle has a previous engagement that evening so we will conduct our business meeting first, followed by his introduction about 9 p.m. And bring lots of questions. You may not have an opportunity like this in some time.

See you on the 27th.

OCTOBER MEETING

DATE Tuesday, October 27
TIME 8:00 p.m.
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway

BUSINESS MEETING

SPEAKER: *Dr. William S. Hoofnagle*
PROGRAM: County Services to
 Older Communities

REFRESHMENTS

Remember to Vote! On November 3, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Every registered voter in the Downs should make an effort to vote. We vote in the library at Devonshire Elementary School, Lee Highway and Graham Road.

The next **Executive Board meeting** will be held at 8 p.m., November 5 at 2834 Geo. Mason Rd.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elling C. Reich

On October 7 I attended the President's Dinner of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. This dinner was well attended by the presidents or representatives of the many citizens associations in Fairfax County. Each president or representative was asked to express what actions of interest the Federation should pursue. I took the liberty of requesting some action on a state law to prevent issuance of licenses to dispense alcoholic beverages within established distances of schools, churches, and recreation associations. I also brought up the subject of getting action on the study relative to establishing a different basis for tax purposes. Presently any improvement in property by the homeowner results in an increase in the taxes. This seems to penalize a person for improving his standard of living. Hopefully some action may take place.

Many of the problems being encountered by other associations are similar to our problems: crime, zoning, bond issues public housing developments, recreation areas, and similar matters.

It was interesting to hear the different results as to the number of homes, number of members, and percent of participation. One community has 60 homes and a 100% membership and another has 1100 homes and an 83% membership. Generally, most commented on the poor attendance at meetings which was attributed to apathy (no interest in the problems unless directly affected). This is not the way members should feel. The association belongs to all members and interest of all members should be "The Association." The President

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of the Federation expressed his difficulty in getting 25 attendees, out of 115 associations that belong to the Federation, to attend meetings. We have been represented at most meetings and I hope that this season will show attendance at all of the Federation meetings.

Thanks for reading and come to the meeting on October 27.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 1970 Membership Drive got started on October 10 and will be completed by Oct. 25. If you have not been contacted by then, please call the chairman, Mr. Scott at 532-1560. The dues are only \$2.50 a year which allows us to have meetings and get many worthwhile projects done. If you have something about the neighborhood that's been bugging you, mention it to your canvasser. Maybe your association can do something.

Mr. Scott is going to make a note of as many Directory changes as he receives. If you have noticed any, please call him so he can bring it up-to-date. Your comments on the directory would also be appreciated.

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JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION

GO-GO'S NOT GONE

The request for a beer and liquor license has been renewed for the restaurant in the Lee-Graham Shopping Center. Your association voted at the last meeting to continue opposition to a license there with a letter to the ABC Board, and to ask the Federation to back our request for a change in the county code to keep liquor licenses from being issued to establishments near schools, parks, and residences. The Devonshire School PTA is also opposing the issuance of this liquor license and backing a change in the code.

NEED A JOB?

Due to a personnel shortage, the Fairfax County Sanitation Department has announced that they are unable to return our trash cans to their regular resting place. Thus the cans are left on the streets!! This will be in effect for several more weeks until the problem can be remedied. Until that time we are unable to arrange a special clean-up day and pick-up such as the one held last spring.

In the meantime, you still have your leaves to contend with. A reminder of the regulations concerning these are in order. It is against the law to burn leaves, or brush in Fairfax County. Paper, flowers, weeds, and garden trimmings placed in regular containers will be picked up with the weekly refuse collections. Leaf collections will begin as soon as possible and run until the middle of December.

TREE TRIMMINGS are not regular household trash, however, trimmings other than those generated by commercial tree services will be collected if: limited to 10 ft. in length, 3 ft. in branch spread, and 4 in. in base diameter; placed at curb with pieces parallel to one another for handling one piece at a time to allow loading into a brush chipper; the availability of the chipper depends upon the seasonal loads, therefore, the Refuse Office must be contacted in advance; no foreign material, i.e., wire, is mixed with trimmings; and thorny trimmings are cut and tied in bundles of 4 ft. in length and 3 ft. in diameter or put in boxes.

Unfortunately residents in Greenway Downs have placed trimmings and trash at curbside in a manner that is unattractive and such that the Sanitation Dept. is not obliged to pick it up. Some of this trash has been in the same location for the duration of the summer and longer. Your neighbors would appreciate it if arrangements could be made for the removal of these eyesores. Available at Falls Church City Hall, Park Ave. and Little Falls St., are plastic bags of the heavy-duty type at \$2.50 per roll of 50 bags. These are excellent for leaves and trimmings and far cheaper than those at local stores.

LET'S SHOW A CLEAN FACE TO VISITORS IN OUR COMMUNITY!

—Kay Powell

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

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| Dec. 3 — Thursday | March 23 — Tuesday |
| Jan. 20 — Wednesday | April 29 — Thursday |
| Feb. 24 — Wednesday | May 25 — Tuesday |
| June 12 — Picnic | — Saturday |

LIGHTS, CREEK, and ROADWAY

It has been a very busy summer for Frank Peterson, the Chairman of the Streets and Utilities Committee. He has seen to it that Custis Parkway is finally paved and the Cameron Run engineering survey is complete and as a result, the creek banks from Cameron Road to Greenway Boulevard will be stabilized before winter with rock filled wire baskets.

As his most time-consuming problem, Frank has been trying to get additional lights for dark streets. After controversial rights-of-way were established between VEPCO and the Virginia Dept. of Highways, the following new poles and lights will be installed within two months: 9 on Custis Pkwy., 5 on Summerfield Rd., 1 on Geo. Mason Rd., 3 on Monroe St., 3 on Winchester Way, and 1 on Cavalier Trail. Mr. Peterson has also found that the details of the curbs and gutter engineering survey will be available within 4 weeks. As a new but continuing project, Mr. Peterson has agreed to ask the Highway Dept. to repair "approved" sidewalks which are hazardous and in order to do all of them at once, he would like all homeowners who have this problem to report it to Mrs. Stokes, 533-1392, by Nov. 1.

Mr. Peterson and Mr. Kramer are working jointly on problems of parking and traffic in our community. If you have any suggestions or problems, please call Mr. Kramer, 534-4930.

SCHOOL DAYS

The school year has brought us two new principals. At J.G. Whittier Intermediate, Mr. William D. McKinney, from James F. Cooper Intermediate in McLean, Va., is the new principal with the largest enrollment at the school, almost 1200 students. At Falls Church High, Mr. Rodney Taylor, from Groveton High in Groveton, Va., is the new principal, who welcomes the largest Freshman class to the school this year.

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SCOUTING CORNER

Do you become disturbed from reading about today's "alienated" youth? I do, and I find it even more disturbing to confront this alienation face-to-face realizing that the situation seems to have fallen on us while our community and society slept. The term "alienated" infers that youth so classified feel like aliens-foreigners—in the basic institutions of their native society—family, school, church, government and community. They are "turned off" and "tuned out," not always without reason, by much of what they see in our world today. It is somewhat soothing to read evidence that tells us that alienated youth represent only a small segment of the new generation. But if in our community there are seeds for alienation, there is cause for concerned action. Communities can do something about the seeds of alienation in our land. For one thing, we can work to eliminate the injustices that cause some young people to "drop out." For another, we can use opportunities for strengthening our outreach to youth, get "up tight" and keep the lines of communication open. One such opportunity is offered by the partnership arrangement made available to communities by the Boy Scouts of America. It has been said that one of the major causes of alienation of youth is the absence of opportunity to carry into action the principles by which they are encouraged to live. The Boy Scout units sponsored by our community can help fill that void. Scouting does not attempt to press every boy into a single mold. But it does provide challenges for a boy to develop all his talents toward the goal of responsible citizenship. It stresses the qualities of character, health, and service to others by offering an active life and the chance to learn a variety of skills. More than all this, a Boy Scout unit, be it the Cub Scout Pack or the Boy Scout Troop, provides an exciting setting in which the community can talk to its youth in a meaningful way about our country, fellow men and community. Scouting and the community. It's a partnership that works in preventing the growth of seeds of alienation and cultivating the seeds of dedication and of informed citizenship.

School Days continued . . .

The Falls Church High Band had the honor of being asked to play at the Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City, N.J., this year. They were also asked to play during half-time activities at the October 17 University of Virginia football game. Congratulations to all the members.

Devonshire Elementary School has about 500 students enrolled this year. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for November 10 at 8 p.m. According to reports their "Back to School" night was a rousing success. In case you're not too busy on November 9, J.G. Whittier Intermediate will have its "Back to School" night beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations go to the Falls Church High football team which has won 3 of its 4 games so far. Keep up the good work, boys.

To: Nominating Committee - Outstanding Citizen Award -
6933 Custis Parkway, Falls Church, Virginia 22042

I would like to nominate _____
for consideration as Greenway Downs' outstanding
citizen of 1971.
Your Name and Address _____

WE NEED YOUR HELP

There is a person living in Greenway Downs who will be honored early next year as the community's outstanding citizen. Perhaps it will be your next-door neighbor, or a man or woman you have long admired for unselfish service to the community. There's only one person it certainly will not be. That's Tommy Thomsen, the fine gentleman the award was bestowed upon last winter. We've got other things in mind next time around for Tommy. There's also another person who probably won't be honored next winter for his service to Greenway Downs. That's the individual you think most deserves it—provided you do nothing to let this year's officers of your citizens association know about your preference. To guard against that happening, here is what you should do—right now, because nominations will be closed shortly.

1. Fill in the blanks below.
2. Mail the form to Mrs. Stokes, 6933 Custis Parkway.
3. Tell your friends to do the same. You may submit two names if you wish.

Greenway Downs Citizens Association

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citizen of 1971.
Your Name and Address _____