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ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

The People Endorse Parks Committee of Fairfax County has arranged to send a speaker to our September meeting. It is the aim of this committee to have included on the ballot in November a referendum for additional funds to buy park land while it is still available.

This program will give the citizens of Greenway Downs an opportunity to learn more about the County park system and what we might do to have the Custis Parkway Park included in the County's system.

BE AN INFORMED CITIZEN

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 15

TIME: 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Devonshire School
Cafetorium
Graham Road and
Lee Highway

PROGRAM:

Speaker from People Endorse
Parks Committee of Fairfax
County

SHORT BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

All residents are invited to
attend and help your association.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER
by Ben Blankenship

The grammar school mess this fall in our area seems to result from a dogged determination by the Fairfax County School Board to stick to its prior plans regardless of changed circumstances, inconveniences to parents and students, or needless extra costs.

The Board, to achieve school integration and add storage space, decided many months ago to close out classes in James Lee School, and others like it, when the school term began this fall. Some former James Lee students were to go to an expanded Devonshire School.

Last spring the Board got in a hassle over construction bids. Delays ensued. Earlier plans for the addition to Devonshire to be completed by this fall fell by the wayside.

Then the Board made a last-minute effort to explain its plans to concerned parents. A Board member fielded questions at the final meeting of the Devonshire PTA last spring:

Why close James Lee and
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expand Devonshire, which already was on a substandard tract? This is the least painful way to comply with the court "orders."

Why not delay shifting of James Lee students until Devonshire construction is completed? The Board was committed to the switch to be made this fall.

Because Devonshire can't hold all the extra students this fall, however, the Board will temporarily keep James Lee open to house some grades of Devonshire students. In other words, buses carry some children in the James Lee area to Devonshire, and carry some students in the Devonshire area back to James Lee.

Sounds silly, doesn't it? It also seems useless to complain to the Board. Complaints and requests for explanation have been made in the past few months, but the Board has been resoundingly unresponsive; on one occasion its representative, Mr. Funderburk, was downright rude.

Please don't sound off to Mrs. Henderson, principal of Devonshire. She's blameless. The Board is her boss; she has to take its orders.

However it might be well to remember that Board members serve at the pleasure of the Fairfax County Supervisors. Mr. Babson, our Supervisor, undoubtedly would appreciate your views of the situation.

GENERAL ELECTION

On Tuesday, November 8, 1966, from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Devonshire School, residents of Greenway Downs will cast their ballots for two U.S. Senators and one U.S. 10th District Representative from Virginia. While the poll tax is no longer required, residents must register to vote in Virginia. Registration is done once and need not be done again unless you have moved. "Federal Election Only" registrants need not re-register.

Registration Requirements: At the time of the election, the registrant must be a U.S. citizen, 21 years old, and have lived in Va. one year, Fairfax County six months, and Greenway precinct thirty days.

In order to vote in November, persons must register by October 8, 30 days prior to the election. Registration may be done at the Office of the County Registrar, 4101 Chain Bridge Rd. (Rte 123), Fairfax, on Monday through Friday, 8-4:30. The Registrar's Office will also be open on Saturday, October 8 from 9-1.

To accommodate as many people as possible, a local Registrar is available by appointment. Mrs. Tera Vinson, 2845 Rosemary Lane, 532-0342 will be happy to make arrangements to register people in her home. On Saturday, October 8 Mrs. Vinson will be home to register people without an appointment from 9-5.

General Voting Information

To transfer from another pre-
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A TRIUMPH

The \$110,000 was included in the Fairfax County budget for 1967. After many years of dis-appointment the Board has approved the work needed from Summerfield Rd. to Tripps Run. The County Engineers are completing final designs now, and then the bid will be let. Many thanks go to our citizens who participated in the budget hearings and to Mr. Babson who listened attentively to our problem.

At least 250 people from Greenway Downs enjoyed a warm Saturday afternoon at the annual June picnic. Many thanks go to Wayne Shipp and his associates.

Mr. Goodwin of 2756 Woodlawn Ave. has been appointed to head the Nominating Committee for officers for 1967. Anyone wishing to serve should call 532-2605.

Volunteers to help with the Children's Christmas Party should call Mr. Blankenship at 533-9633.

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inct, notify the local Registrar; to transfer from another county or city in Virginia, write your former Registrar for a Certificate of Transfer, and give or mail it to the local Registrar before October 8; to transfer from another state, register as a new voter.

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the County Registrar and must be returned to Fairfax by November 3.

HELP STAMP OUT FIRES

Fire Administrator, Willis H. Burton, Jr., announced that fire losses during the year ending June 30 increased 37% in Fairfax County. In order to put at least one extinguisher in every home in our neighborhood, Boy Scout Troop 677 is offering Amway 16 oz. Fire Extinguishers for \$1.95. These extinguishers are approved for all grease, electrical, and wood fires and are not harmful to the skin. Anyone wishing to buy one of these should call John Redden at 534-4972. Remember to put one in your car and boat, too. The proceeds of this sale will be used to further scouting activities.

One of those activities this summer was a week at Camp Thunderbird near Waynesboro, Va. Eleven boys from Troop 677 traveled the 165 miles by chartered bus to Greenfield, Va., where they spent a most gratifying and challenging week. Each scout made many advancements in his scouting program, and, most of all, learned the satisfaction that comes from setting aims for oneself and achieving them.

For this fall, the big show for Fairfax district "Scouting in Action," will be held at Bull Run Park, Manassas, on October 28 to 30. Troop 677 will participate.

Any boy who would like to join the Scouts should call John Redden at 534-4972.

PAPERS, PAPERS, PAPERS

Cub Pack 677 requests that everyone in Greenway Downs save paper for another big paper drive on Saturday the 24th of September. This quarterly project is one of the largest moneymakers of the year for the boys. From 9 a.m. the boys will scavenge the neighborhood and pick up papers from the curb. Put out expired catalogues, old telephone books and magazines, as well as newspapers.

Cub Scout meetings will resume in September with the monthly theme of "The Forty-Miners and Gold Rush Days." New members are invited to attend. Please call Mr. Walter Coverston, Cubmaster, or Mr. John Schaffstall at 533-0432. Adults to serve on necessary committees are also welcomed.

Due to construction at Devonshire School, the September Pack meeting will be announced at a later date.

A Committee meeting will be held on September 20 at 8 p.m. at the home of the Cubmaster, 2855 Oak Knoll Drive. Anyone interested in attending, please call 533-0432.

Thanks go to Boy Scout Troop 677 for taking their time to deliver "The Downs" this month.