



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Mr. Andrew Best is much involved in seeing that consumers are protected from unfair practices. His prime approach to this subject will be "extra" charges added to purchases we make when credit is needed. He will tell us how various organizations compute their interest charges. This takes into account those purchases which most people find it necessary to buy on time, cars, houses, large household appliances, furniture, etc. He will explain charges included which you may be quite unaware of, such as life insurance. He will point out what to watch for when you find you must resort to credit buying and when you should beware. This will be especially useful for young couples just starting out, so we invite any of you or any you know who are about to make a purchase to attend. You don't have to reside here to be welcome.

Mr. Best received his degree in accounting from Indiana University. He is a CPA in Illinois and Colorado. Currently he is employed as an auditor with the Post Office Department in Washington, D. C. Some of the offices he holds are Vice-President, Virginia Citizens Consumers Council, lecturer on leadership for the Cooperative Institute of America, advisor on the board of the Mutual Ownership Development Foundation, and he is one of the organizing directors of the Consumers of America, which deals with consumers on a national basis.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, September 24
TIME: 8:00 p.m.
PLACE: Devonshire School Cafetorium
Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKERS: Mr. Andrew Best and
Mrs. Doris Behra
Virginia Citizens Consumers Council
PROGRAM: High Cost of Credit Buying

BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS

Mrs. Doris Behra, President, Virginia Citizens Consumers Council, will share the platform with Mr. Best. Mrs. Behra is the mother of five, so she knows something of consumers' problems and how to deal with them.

Recently word came to our president of what seem to be exorbitant charges for students seeking college loans in the form of life insurance "premiums." If you have any definite knowledge of this, will you please share it with us.

STORM SEWER PROJECT

I know many of you are interested, some quite concerned, about the progress of this construction work along Custis Parkway. As with most such work, it is much behind schedule due to the shortage of construction workers!

For those of you who are concerned about the dirt piled on our little park along the creek, relax! This space is just being used as a storage area for the dirt to be used as backfill along the sewer line as the construction is completed. What is left will be hauled away and the ground once again leveled as it was. I know that doesn't put anything green back. But since it was mostly weeds anyway, it doesn't seem worth getting upset about at this time. Although I have no "contract" that says it will be sodded, etc., my conversations with those in the county connected with this work encourages me to believing that it will be seeded when all construction work is finished. Currently it is thought by those working on the job that it will be completed by the end of **this** year.

As to the size of the box culverts being constructed, the workers on the job, as well as myself, and possibly many others living along its route, feel they are not big enough to carry the large flow which we have at least once a year. I have lived here 19 years and have seen many such rains cause the creek to severely overflow. This is what I feel we all thought this construction work was to correct. I urge all of you who feel the size of the culverts is insufficient to really alleviate the problem to attend our next meeting, September 24, and make yourselves heard. I have alerted the County office to this problem and I hope to have more information to report to you at this meeting. It is vital to the value of your property, not to mention safety and convenience, to let us hear from those of you so affected by this. —Mrs. Smith, President



SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

SCOUT PROGRAM	Friday	November 1
ELECTIONS	Tuesday	December 3

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 1968

We are happy to report that this year's membership drive is almost completed. We are aware that a few of you still have not been contacted but most have been, and the results of our efforts, for the most part, have been quite rewarding.

There are approximately 450 homes in our community now and we have signed up a little over 270 of them as members. We think this is a good representation for a community that has considerable turnover each year and quite a few homes occupied by renters who seldom join. This amounts to 60 percent of our residents who have joined their civic association. When a community signs up half of their residents, they consider their drive successful. After we sign up a few more who have not been contacted, our percentage will be even higher! So you can appreciate how pleased we are with your response to this drive.

So far we have collected \$600.50. This will assure our continuing the programs we have supported in past years and especially the cost of having this newsletter done professionally. This service alone is provided for every resident in our community whether a member or not.

The directory which we told you would be issued at the close of our membership drive is being worked on now. It has been delayed due to some who were unable to collect on the streets assigned earlier. The directory is given free to each member of the association. If you would like one, but have not paid your dues, you may call the Editor or the President to correct this situation.

Mrs. Stokes 533-1392
Mrs. Smith 532-1559

REPORT OF TOWN MEETING—MAY 27

At least 15 members of the Greenway Downs Citizen's Association attended the Town Meeting set up by our Supervisor, Mr. Wright, which was the first of its kind for this county. There were quite a number of departments of the County government represented, including Police, Commonwealth's Attorney, Parks, State Highways, and Schools. They were each prepared to answer all kinds of questions, and each had certain proposals he wished to discuss with our community.

The main event, however, was Mr. Brett, Resident Engineer for the State Highway Department, and Capt. Porter, head of the Sanitary Engineering Div. Their remarks centered on the planned storm drainage improvements to be done on Tripps Run which flows behind the homes on the east side of Bolling Road. The Custis Parkway creek is a tributary. Although this creek bed has been widened in the past, it does not carry off the water during the hard rains. Therefore, plans have been drawn to further widen and deepen the Run as well as finish the bottom and 6 feet of the sloping sides with concrete. It is anticipated that this will provide ample space for containing even the heavy runoff after rains like the one on September 10.

This deepening process necessitates building new bridges on Arlington Blvd., the service roads on each side, and either a new bridge at Jefferson Avenue, or building a new one at Chestnut in place of that one.

After much heated discussion, pro and con, it was felt that the needs of the community were best served by retaining the Jefferson Ave. bridge.

When this work, coupled with widening Annandale Rd., will be done is not certain. Although the funds are available, so far no contract for its construction has been let. It is something to watch for though!

Many thanks to Mr. Wright for this opportunity for our community to discuss these problems. It is hoped that future meetings will take place for such expressions of our opinion.

SCOUT NEWS

Magazine Drive—The Cubs of Pack 677 are already making their plans for their first fall drive. From 9-11 a.m., Saturday, September 28, the boys will be canvassing our neighborhood for newspapers, magazines, etc. The Scouts request that the papers be placed at the curb in cartons or large paper bags to make handling easier. This is the Cubs' major money-making activity.

Fall Camporee—The boys of Boy Scout Troop 677 are now preparing for the Fall Camporee at Yorktown, Va., on October 26-27. However, the Scouts' first activity this fall is a first-aid course conducted by Mr. Earl Hall.

Troop 677 welcomes its newest member, Craig Simounet, and invites all boys 11 years and older to join. Thursday, September 26, has been designated School Night for Scouting at Devonshire School. On that night from 7-9 p.m., interested boys and their parents are invited to come and learn more about scouting. Boys 8 years old or in the second grade can contact Mr. Yarborough, 534-6502, boys 11 years and older should call Mr. Layland, 532-9414, for more information. There is also a need for Den Mothers to help with the Cub Scouts. Please call Mr. Yarborough, if you can volunteer.

Girl Scouting is also reactivating in the Downs. **Junior Troop 601**, lead by Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Stipe, co-leader, and **Brownie Troop 575**, lead by Mrs. Miller, will soon be offering an abundance of fun, friendship, and community service to girls 7-8 (Brownies) and 9-11 (Juniors). Girls 12-14 can join a Cadette program and girls 15-17 are invited to join a Senior Troop, which offer a program at that level of development.

Mrs. Seymour, 532-5886, is serving as organizer for our area and is the person to call to join a troop and/or volunteer your mother to help. Women are needed for help as leaders, etc.

