

REVELLATIONS

The Newsletter of the Revell Downs Association, Inc.

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PLEASE READ THIS BEFORE THROWING AWAY !!

Those who criticize the community, the Association, and block representatives should become more involved in their community, not less. With the significant highway changes (the new Route 50 interchanges, and Bay Bridge and Washington traffic patterns), this community could be instrumental in the *commercial* development of Route 50 near our, at present, beautiful and tranquil homes. If this Association does not remain strong and in control of the opinions and concerns *of the people*, the developers, contractors, and Governor will dictate the commercialization of Route 50 and its access roads. Please attend meetings if you can. We of the Board understand that many work several jobs, have kids to tend, and are tired after a long day; but if only one person from every ten households would participate in the community association, we would all live better. Most residents only call members of the Board for complaints and others do not like being told what they can and can not do by Board members. (I was one of those people. Since I felt I did not have a say in community affairs, I joined the Board!) We of the Board are people, too, only able to do what the covenants, restrictions, and bylaws require us to do. We can only represent the people of this community if the people of the community participate and work with the Board instead of fighting the Association.

REMEMBER - The Association was created by the *developers* and state of Maryland for the protection of the rights and privileges *of the people*, *for the people*, and *by the people* of Revell Downs. If the community fails to support the Board and the Board is dissolved, the developers and the state will look after their own interests first. With no one looking after the interests of

the community, property values may no longer appreciate, the neighborhood would become run down, and commercialization could begin after the highway construction is finished. Don't sit back and watch this happen *and then complain*, get involved *now* by assisting the Board look after your interests. It doesn't take much of your time. Two hours a month by only 1% of the residents in Revell Downs would provide the time and effort needed to run the Association and could help the entire community immensely. Is that too much to ask from a community of professional, intelligent people ?

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - The next meeting will be November 1, 1989 (the first Wednesday of every month) at 7:30 PM at the Broadneck High School Cafeteria. ALL members of the community are welcome. If you have concerns about our neighborhood, please attend.

RESULTS OF GENERAL MEETING - After a brief discussion of community and board problems, including the lack of volunteers for the Board and community service, six new Board members were voted into office for two years. These members assumed the following offices:

President - Joe O'Dea 757-3096

Vice President - Sheri Smith 757-6976

Treasurer - Michele Paris 757-1981

Secretary - John Coale 757-7740

Members at Large - Mark Stover 757-5453

Maria Machelski 647-2554

Larry Boozer 757-7898

Larry Boozer will remain on the board as a member at large until his second year expires. Cathy Cerniglia and Dawn Dugan have volunteered to assist in the transition of these new members at the November monthly meeting. Many thanks to the departing officers: Cathy Cerniglia, Dawn Dugan, and Bob Levasseur.

PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEES

NEEDED - In order to accomplish its goals, the Board needs the input, cooperation, and support of Revell Downs residences in order to keep all community members up to date on local developments and maintaining a high standard of living in accordance with the covenants, bylaws, and restrictions. Therefore, volunteers are needed to organize and run the following committees:

Architectural Control and External Affairs -

The committee is to approve community construction projects in order to abide by the covenants and county code, and to advise the Board and community of external developments, such as new highway construction and local developments. Volunteers are requested to contact Mark Stover at 757-5453.

Recreation and Internal Affairs -

The committee plans and organizes the Halloween party, Christmas carolling, and other special events internal to the community. Community gatherings and local concerns (such as the use of community property and the scheduling of local events of interest to the residents of Revell Downs) will be collected and reported in the newsletter. Volunteers are requested to contact Sheri Smith at 757-6976

Finances -

The committee assists the Treasurer in maintaining Association financial and tax records and making recommendations to the Board on all financial expenditures. Volunteers are requested to contact Michele Paris at 757-1981.

Newsletter -

The committee collects, publishes, and distributes information from residents, committee members, and external sources that may be of interest to the community. Volunteers are requested to contact John Coale at 757-7740.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT -

In order to support these committees, please send all information that you would like to share with the community to the Association address, the editor, or any member of the Board. Write or call in your information so that it can be included in the next newsletter. All information is welcome - classified ads, yard sale announcements, school

honor roll, good service by local merchants, special events in the neighborhood, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, marriages, new residents to welcome, advertising, jokes and puzzles for the kids' page, lists of local merchants and special events, and your editorial comments.

LOWER BROADNECK FEDERATION

MEETING - The Federation, in which Revell Downs is a part, will hold a meeting on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:30 PM in the Broadneck Library meeting room. A vote will be taken on the recommendations of a traffic study of the *Washington Bypass Route* (i.e., Route 50). The federation has written a point letter to the state of Maryland on this issue, stating that insufficient data has been collected on the additional traffic and environmental impact as a result of the Washington Bypass Route. Additional information will be given on the Cape St. Claire/Route 50 interchange construction plans. All residents are encouraged to attend. Please relay any information that you know or gain at the meeting to the Board members and the newsletter editor. Interested persons should contact and coordinate our community response with Mark Stover at 757-5453.

KID'S COLUMN -

Can you identify the following aircraft ? Look carefully. Do you recognize the Space Shuttle, a Learjet, and a 747 ? Congratulations on being so knowledgeable !



BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES - During the general meeting volunteers for block representatives were taken for the next year. The block representative is a just that - a person who represents his or her block area for newsletter distribution, classified ads, complaints, general residential concerns, and acts as the eyes and ears of the Board. Without their valuable assistance, residences of this community will not receive their newsletter, get their concerns to the Board, or have community problems resolved. The block representatives can represent any block in the community, not just the block or street that they live on. If residents can not or will not attend monthly Association meetings, their only representation will be the block representatives. Therefore, it is a position of responsibility and authority. Please help the Board by volunteering some of your time to fill the vacant block representative positions.

RECREATION COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP FOR HALLOWEEN PARTY - This year's Halloween Party will be held on October 31 from 6 to 7 PM at the Revell Downs Tot Lot. Donations of baked goods and volunteers to run games and assist in the costume contest are needed. Contact Kim Dahlheimer at 757-6358 or Sheri Smith at 757-6976.

HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS - Please assist our children by turning your outside door lights on from approximately 6 to 8:30 PM on the night of October 31. See attached flyer for having a safe Halloween.

PET CONTROL - It has been brought to the attention of the Board that both cat and dog owners are not cleaning up after their pets. The Anne Arundel County Animal Control Department has contacted the Board to remind all pet owners that it is county law that pets outside of the owners property must be kept on a leash AND cleaned up after. If you wish to keep your pet out of jail, please restrain your cats and dogs AND clean up after them when taking them for a walk. After all, you would not wish to clean up after your neighbor, so why make one of your neighbors clean up after you ?

COMMUNITY DUES - The Association budget is in the black for the first time in years. Since 93% of dues have been collected, the Association has the funds, in advance, to sponsor community recreation and newsletter functions. Thank you for your support! And for those of you who belong to the 7% minority, please contact any Board member to bring your commitments up to date. Thanks again.

CRIME ALERT - Although crime statistics for Revell Downs are not known to the editor, here are some helpful hints for the security and protection of your home and loved ones.

BASIC HOME SECURITY PROCEDURES:

1. Keep your doors and ground level windows locked. Many crimes are committed in the victim's own home. Some 90% of rapes occur this way. Would you leave your car open and the keys in the ignition? Please lock up!

2. Secure your doors with double cylinder dead bolt locks for the best protection. Secure windows and sliding glass doors with screws or nails over night or when vacationing. Don't make it easy for a thief!

3. Use timers to light your home, both inside and out, near doors and windows. Crimes occur in the dark!

4. When vacationing, stop mail and newspaper delivery or have a neighbor collect it daily. Contact neighbors or block representatives and notify them that you'll be away. After all, we are a community - let's help each other.

NO FLUORIDE IN WATER - A reminder to parents: Revell Downs water does not contain sufficient fluoride for young children as recommended by the American Dental Association.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Send all comments and ads to any Board member, block representative, or the editor - John Coale, 1610 Agitate Court, or call between 9 am to 9 pm, 757-7740.

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