

REVELLATIONS

The Newsletter of the Revell Downs Association, Inc.

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Water Update - The conclusions of the March 21 subcommittee meeting: a special meeting should be called to get 51% of the homeowners from both communities (Revell Downs and Woods Landing) to sign a petition in order for the county to take over our water supply as soon as possible. However, since then, further investigation has clarified our options as described below.

In a phone conversation on March 29, Jody Vollmar from the county department of utilities was very helpful in supplying the following information. The county capital connection fee, which we must pay in full upon connection, is \$2,175 per home until July 1. As part of the county's five year plan, this charge increases to \$2,450 on July 1, 1990; \$2,725 on July 1, 1991; and \$3,000 on July 1, 1992. Fortunately we do not have to pay the front foot assessment, user connection, and permit fees because the water lines are already installed. Ms. Vollmar stated that she, Trudy Yox from the assessment office, and Bruce Wile, head of the engineering division, would attend our special meeting to help answer our concerns.

Ms. Vollmar explained that the original contract between the Revell Square Water Company, Inc., the county, and the developer required the company to provide water for up to 20 years, not 10 as Mr. Rothamel reported. In addition, Ms. Vollmar and Mr. Rothamel have described several conditions that must be met before the county can take over our water supply. The water pipes must be inspected, the system must be updated to county standards, and the water treatment plant site must be restored to its original condition before the county could take over. Also, 51% of the 557 households (284 homeowners) must sign a petition in order to get the county to take over. Currently, the county

anticipates starting the design and construction in August, taking a year to complete. No matter who supplies our water, the water quality must be maintained to EPA standards, which are becoming more and more strict.

That leaves us with the following options:

- (1) County takeover - The county requires 51% of the homeowners to sign the petition, and it must be received and validated before any work starts. Mr Rothamel would have to meet the conditions for takeover. Since there is little chance of all this occurring before July 1, 1990 and since it would happen over the next year, the cost to each homeowner would probably be \$2,450 (7/90-6/91) to \$2,725 (after 7/91). Assuming the state does not press Mr. Rothamel to install the new well, we will not have to pay the additional \$781 per household. The county connection is slated to begin in August unless the health department interceded because of unhealthy water.
- (2) Keep the water company - Without our petition, the county can not take over and Mr. Rothamel (or another company, maybe) would have to build the new plant and install the new well at a cost of \$781 per household. This assumes that the water company can keep

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING -

The next meetings are scheduled for **May 2** and **June 6** (the first Wednesday of every month) at 7:30 PM at the Broadneck High School Cafeteria. If you have any concerns about our neighborhood, please attend or feel free to call any Board member about your concerns, so that they may be put on the meeting agenda.

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operating within county guidelines and federal (EPA) health regulations. Further updating to the water supply system may increase the per household cost. If the Revell Square Water Company, Inc. is dissolved without another company taking over, the Maryland Public Utilities Commission would step in and dictate who supplies our water.

A special meeting will be called within the next month or so. All homeowners should attend this special meeting and monthly Board meetings to voice their opinion and/or to sign the petition. Watch for a flyer or sign announcing this meeting.

Community Cleanup Program - Homeowner Ben Gittes has arranged for the county to make available two-40 cubic yard containers for our community cleanup program. They will be available on April 17 through April 19, 1990. They will be located near the tennis courts, accessible by the road between 1664 and 1666 Secretariat Drive. The cleanup effort is for homeowner waste items and not commercial or business establishments. The containers will be removed when filled and replaced with an empty container. Please load all materials properly into the containers or the materials will not be taken away. The county will not removed items left on the ground or after the cleanup ends (afternoon of April 17th).

Since the containers will not be covered during transport, please compact and package materials so that they will be secure. Do not overload containers with heavy materials (such as brick, masonry, metal junk, etc.). Due to limited space, please disassemble any swing sets, jungle gyms, or other recreational equipment.

NOT permitted: normally collected household garbage, very large items (such as junk automobiles, boats, trailers, etc.), tree trimmings larger than 4 feet, tree trunks, assembled swing sets, and unbagged brush, leaves, and plywood.

PARENTS: Please keep children away from the dumpsters. No one will oversee the dumpsters, but they to be used as a playground.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 4 - Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, HS Cafe
- April 7 - Tree pickup from county 8:30 to 10:30 AM then planting them
- April 7 - Easter Egg Hunt, 1-2 PM, Ball Field
- April 8 - Rain Date for Easter Party
- April 17-19 - Dumpsters available for community cleanup and Spring cleaning (see article for further details)
- April 21 - Recycling at Cape Fire Station, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
- April 29 - March of Dimes Buggy Brigade
- May 2 - Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, HS Cafe
- May 19 - Recycling at Cape Fire Station, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM
- June 6 - Board Meeting, 7:30 PM, HS Cafe
- June 16 - Recycling at Cape Fire Station, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Kid's Corner

Don't forget about the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7th. Hope you have a happy Easter season!

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How to Save Money - And Save the Planet

Did you know that:

- you could take a long shower every day with the water you may be wasting by letting the water run while you shave and brush your teeth?
- using a broom instead of a hose to clean your driveway and sidewalks saves hundreds of gallons of water?
- changing air filters every month will save you more money in energy costs than the price of the filters?
- using cloth diapers can cost you as little as 25% of the cost of disposable diapers?
- a shower uses one-third the amount of water that a bath does?
- planting just three trees near your house can reduce your air-conditioning bill by as much as half by blocking incoming sunlight?
- composting is one of the cheapest ways to dispose of kitchen garbage and saves you the cost of fertilizer and other lawn and garden chemicals?
- a poorly tuned car can use up almost 10% more gas than a properly tuned one? Regular tune-ups also extend the life of your car's engine, improve its performance, and reduce air pollution?
- buying in bulk saves you money because you are not paying as much for packaging? 10% of the money Americans spend for food and beverages goes to pay for the packaging.
- recycling paper can save a city or county as much as \$50 a ton in landfill costs? This means lower taxes for you.

The list goes on and on. Each individual effort, no matter how small, does make a difference. There are literally hundreds of small changes that can be made in your household, office, and community that will not only save money, but will also save energy, water, natural resources, and the atmosphere. Most of them are painless and require only a little initial investment of time and effort, and perhaps a couple of dollars of your part. Future articles will address various aspects of environmental issues in detail (i.e.,

what you can do and how it will save you money). If you are interested in addressing environmental problems, sharing your energy conservation ideas, or submitting an article for this newsletter, contact the editor or Eileen Coale at 757-7740.

Two highly recommended books, which were used in researching this article:

50 Simple Things You Can Do To Save the Earth, 1989, the Earthworks Group

Save Our Planet: 750 Everyday Ways You Can Help Clean Up the Earth by Diane MacEachern, published by Dell Publishing, 1990.

Neighborhood Concerns:

ATTENTION: Dog Owners - With the warmer weather, we all enjoy keeping our windows open more at night to bring in the fresh air. However, constantly barking dogs have become an annoyance to several neighbors. These pets are left outside all night and their continual barking disturbs those whose must retire early due to a sunrise wake up call. This is a violation of disturbing the peace statutes and pet owners are responsible for their pets under such circumstances.

Therefore, if you own a dog, please use common sense in keeping our neighborhood a peaceful and quiet one. Please help to keep spring nights a peaceful time for all your neighbors by letting your pet in when it barks over a period of time. Thank You!

Waste Not Want Not - Does your bread get stale before you can use it all? Don't throw it away and waste it. Give it to the birds! Revell Downs birds enjoy bread, pancakes and waffles (without syrup), and other bread products when torn into bite-sized pieces. It's also a fun task for young children. What? You don't have time! Then throw the bread into the freezer until you do. But remember to defrost the bread before throwing it to the birds. Added benefit - Attracting birds to your yard keeps bugs and garden insects under control!

Community Items

Board Members - Due to other obligations, Board member Michele Paris has resigned her position as Treasurer. We would like to thank Michele for her hard work and service to the Board and the community. We wish her success in her future endeavors. The Board welcomes former member-at-large Maria Machelski as Treasurer. If you are interested in joining the Board, here's your chance. Since Maria has moved up to the Treasurer position, there is a vacancy for a member-at-large. Please contact any Board member and attend the next monthly meeting if you are interested.

Welcome New Neighbors - The Board would like to welcome **Kenneth Earl** to 1613 Cananaro Court and **Christine Coffin** to 457 Man O'War Court. We extend a warm welcome to all new neighbors.

If you are new to Revell Downs and would like a Welcome Pack, containing neighborhood and merchant information, contact any Board member.

The community would like to welcome two new baby boys to "our" family, both born on January 29th:

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Haske of 1660 Foolish Pleasure Court.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Warfield of 1634 Cananaro Drive.

Common Area Trees - The county has reserved several red maple trees for Revell Downs to be planted in the common areas. They must be picked up on April 7th (8:30-10:30 AM) and planted shortly thereafter. If you can help pick up or plant these trees, please contact John Coale at 757-7740.

Crime Watch - The crime reported in our community for the time period of February 1 through March 31, 1990 was the theft of a bicycle from a home on Secretariat Drive.

March of Dimes Buggy Brigade - Please help the March of Dimes in preventing birth defects in their Buggy Brigade event held on April 29th. To sign up or for further details, call 752-7990 or, in Annapolis, 544-0921.

Garden Club - Anyone interested in starting a Garden Club in the community, call Marge Hartbauer at 757-0328.

Yard Sale - Anyone interested in participating in a community yard sale, call Eileen Coale at 757-7740. So far there has not been enough interest to go to the trouble of advertising and coordinating this effort. Only two people have called.

Adult Dance - If you would be interested in donating your time to help organize an adult dance for our community sometime this Spring or Summer, call Alice Levasseur at 757-4094.

CLASSIFIED ADS:

House Painting - interior and exteriors, free estimates, call Steve 757-3727.

For Sale: Exercise bike, excellent condition, hardly used; Girl's Spyder bike with banana seat; Toddler's bike; Organ; 12" Black and White TV; and more, call Sally 757-3727.

For Sale: 1983 Ford LTD station wagon, PS, PB, PL, Auto, \$2800/neg., call 757-6358.

For Sale - Hammond Console (88 key) ORGAN with reverberator, extra speaker, lights, instructions, mint condition, \$800/BO, call G.O. Miller 757-1770.

For Sale - Kodak XL55 Super 8 movie camera, zoom lens, var spd, extra movie lights, instructions, case, good cond, \$50, call G.O. Miller 757-1770.

For Sale - Kenwood R-2000 receiver (100 kHz-30 MHz coverage), \$400, call Jim Coale 974-4543.

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NEWSLETTER INPUT - All homeowners and residents are encouraged to submit articles of interest or Letters to the Editor. Classified ads for residents will be published free of charge. If you would like to place an ad in this newsletter, contact the Editor or Board members. The Revellations reserves the right to refuse any advertiser.

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