

REVELLATIONS

The Newsletter of the Revell Downs Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 324, Annapolis, MD 21404

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WATER PETITION DRIVE

If you are a homeowner and have not already signed the petition to get the county to takeover our water supply, please contact a member of the Board in order to do so immediately. The goal of the petition drive is to get at least 51% of the homeowners to sign the petition from the Revell Downs and Woods Landing Communities (who are currently serviced by the Revell Square Water Company). These signatures will be presented to the county in order to begin the process of county takeover of our water supply from the water company.

As previous newsletters and several meetings have already illustrated, it is inevitable that the county will takeover our water system. They will wait until it is convenient for them - not us. The longer we wait, the more expensive it will be for our connection fee. According to Mr. Rothamel of the Revell Square Water Company, up to 85 townhouses are going to be built between Cape St. Clair Road and the end of Secretariat Drive (behind the 7-11 and Roy Rogers). When this happens the County will connect Revell Downs and Woods Landing to public water, probably in a about a year. Therefore, signing the petition now will cost us \$2,450 per household instead of \$2,725 (after July 1991) or \$3,000 (after July 1992).

For further information, consult previous issues of the Revelations or contact a Board member. Please help us in getting more than 51% of the homeowners'

signatures. Without that percentage or more, we will pay more for county water at a later date AND there is a possibility that we will have to pay the water company to upgrade and/or maintain the current water system.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 6 - RDA Meeting 7:30 PM
June 16 - Recycling at CSC
Fire Station 8:30-3:30
July 4 - Independence Day
July 11 - RDA Meeting 7:30 PM
July 21 - Recycling at CSC
Fire Station 8:30-3:30
August 1 - RDA Meeting 7:30 PM

Board of Directors Meeting - The next meetings are scheduled for July 5 and August 1 (the first Wednesday of every month) at 7:30 PM at Jerry's Sub Shop (Upper Level). If you have any concerns about our neighborhood, please attend or feel free to call any member of the Board about your concerns, so that they may be put on the meeting agenda.

President Joe O'Dea 757-3096
Vice President Pete Mullenhard
974-4513
Treasurer Maria Macheliski
647-2554
Secretary John Coale 757-7740
Members at Large:
Mark Stover 974-1430
Kim Mares 626-8776
Alice Levasseur 757-4094

COMMUNITY NOTES

- o CONGRATULATIONS to the graduates of the Broadneck High School Class of '90.
- o Volunteers to assist and/or coordinate a Block Parent Program are needed. Please contact Kim Mares at 626-8776 if you are interested.
- o Several complaints concerning pets have come to the attention of the Board AGAIN! Cats are the latest problem. Please restrain your pets. They are best loved when cared for at home, not when they are on someone else's property. Also, several dogs have been on the loose, too. A german shepherd and a gray gray schnauzer have also been spotted roaming unleashed in the evenings and at night. Please keep your pets safe at home. The SPCA has already made a least one dog owner's life miserable.
- o Mr. Rothamel of the Revell Square Water Company has promised a free quarter of water for information leading to the arrest and conviction of water thieves in the Revell Downs and Woods Landing communities. The acts of water thieves cause sediment in our water resulting in discoloration. Please take down the vehicle type, registration, license number, driver description, etc., and notify Mr. Rothamel or local police. It's a crime to steal our water and it's an inconvenience we can live without.
- o Special Thanks to Larry Boozer, Jim Fons, and Bob Levasseur for contributing their time and efforts to plant ten red maple trees in the Tot Lot area on April 7th. The parents and children of Revell Downs and the environment will appreciate these trees in the years to come.
- o Board Member News - Due to the lack of greater community contribution and assistance in her projects, and her other obligations, Sheri Smith has resigned as vice president of the Revell Downs Association. Although we understand her frustration and reasons for resigning (see APATHY article), the Board and the community will miss her enthusiasm and efforts in coordinating several on the past years events. Along with Kim Dahlheimer and others, Sheri was responsible for bringing you and your children last year's Halloween and Christmas Parties, and this year's Easter Party. These events may seem trivial, but the time and effort soliciting merchants for prizes, organizing the time, place, and games, and coordinating community helpers is no small task. Special thanks to Sheri for her valuable service and good work. We hope she will still assist in future community projects.

The Board would like to welcome two new members - Pete Mullenhard and Alice Levasseur. Pete is chairman of the Architectural Control Committee and was elected to fill the vice presidency. Alice Levasseur became a member-at-large. We are glad to have you with us!

Welcome to our new block representative for Native Dancer - Dori Storin at 757-6497.
- o Community Directory - You may have recently received a Revell Downs telephone directory. Although the directory was not sponsored by or affiliated with the Board in any way, we will bring you corrections and updates in this newsletter for your convenience. Below are a

few corrections to the directory. If you have corrections or comments, please contact John Coale at 757-7740 or the sponsoring/publishing organization of the directory. Your help will be appreciated in keeping this document as up to date as possible.

WRONG NUMBER - James R. Coale,
Sr., 1610 Agitate Ct, 974-4543
MISSING - John and Eileen Coale,
1610 Agitate Ct, 757-7740
MOVED OUT - David Anderson,
1601 Agitate Ct
NEW RESIDENT - Michael Hoffman,
1601 Agitate Ct, 626-8351

o Do you have a gripe about your neighborhood?

You can complain to the Board, but your views will reach all your neighbors if you write a letter to the newsletter - uncontrolled pets, overly loud neighbors, trashy yards, etc. What applies to one resident may apply to several and a letter for all to see could help to mend the ways of inconsiderate neighbors. What's your biggest gripe? Write us a letter!

o Please take the time to review the enclosed revised Architectural Control Form. If you are planning any construction or changes to your property, the Covenants require you to fill out this form for RDA concurrence with your plans. The Board can also help you determine county building restrictions and give you suggestions to conform to community, county, and state building codes. For more information, contact our new vice president and architectural control committee chairman, Pete Mullenhard, or any Board member.

DRUG FREE COMMUNITY

All Revell Downs residents should know that awareness of drugs and drug problems in our community is only the beginning in deterring and

defeating the spread of this disease to our neighborhood. Please be alert for the symptoms of drug related problems. If someone you love and care for shows one of these symptoms, take action. Confront the person, confide in someone you trust, consult a doctor or call the police. Having someone you love in jail because of your actions is easier to live with than going to their funeral!

Another form of DRUG that is in disturbingly wide use is alcohol. After reviewing the Arundel Report in past Thursday editions of The Capital, I have noticed several drunk driving arrests and court convictions of residents of Revell Downs. I hope that both parents and children will contribute in the fight to prevent drug related accidents and deaths.

Recent statistics state that 39% of all driving fatalities are alcohol related. On holiday weekends that percentage climbs to 49%. Please help others to help themselves in order to make this community and this area are safer and happier place to live.

ANNE ARUNDEL TAXPAYERS FOR RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT (AATRG)

I have received information from this all-volunteer organization. The literature is reproduced here. They have two petitions worth signing. They are amendments to the County Charter for the November ballot. The first would place a limit on the property tax revenues which can be raised each year. The second would permit County citizens, through the petition process, to enact any County statute which currently only the Council may enact, by voting for such measures at any County-wide election. In order to enact

these petitions 10,000 registered voters must sign before August 13, 1990. Please read the enclosed literature for further details. To learn more about AATRG, call 544-1750, 266-9313, 974-1404, or contact Charlie Wells at 757-0484, Mac Greeley at 224-2975, or John Coale at 757-7740 for more information and copies of the petition; or write to AATRG, P.O. Box 356, Arnold, MD 21012.

CLASSIFIED ADS - WANTED: Day care service for 5 year old and 10 year old during the day Monday through Thursday, starting August 1. Contact Eileen Howe at 757-6431.

DOG "ETIQUETTE"

Recently in the Annapolis Capital, a reader wrote into the "Dog's World" column to complain about dogs who are left to roam the neighborhood at will without being leashed (which, incidentally, is against the law) and dog owners who allow their dogs to defecate on others' property and don't even have the courtesy to clean up after them. The frustrated writer could well have been a resident of Revell Downs, as this type of inconsiderate behavior has been observed in the neighborhood on a number of occasions.

The Capital letter writer complained, "dog owners walk their pets and allow them to defecate on other people's lawns ... then walk on without bothering to clean it up." If you are a dog owner and have been guilty of this, your neighbors would greatly appreciate your consideration. If you are unable to encourage your dog to take care of his business in your own yard before his walk begins, please bring along newspaper or a plastic bag for cleanups.

As to dogs running without a leash, some defensive dog owners will say that dogs "need room to run free". Peggy Johnson, author of "Dog's World", writes, "This usually

means the owner doesn't have time or is too lazy to exercise the dog and shouldn't have gotten one in the first place." Not only are unleashed dogs a nuisance to others - by frightening children and harassing pets who are kept in fenced yards - but they can also suffer harm from cars and from harsh lawn treatment chemicals.

If you have asked your neighbors to keep their dog leashed and they still don't, simply call Animal Control (768-0100) and ask them to pick up the dog. The owner may think twice before allowing his dog to roam free again.

Please be considerate of your neighbors, and help to keep our neighborhood safe and clean for everyone to enjoy.

THE DIAPER DEBATE

Consider the following facts:

- Each year, approximately 18 billion disposable diapers are discarded in U.S. landfills. That's enough to reach the moon and back seven times.
- The cost of disposal to the taxpayer is \$300 million each year.
- Although manufacturers of disposable diapers instruct consumers to flush away solid wastes before discarding the diapers, only a very small percentage of consumers do so. As a result, 3 million TONS of untreated feces and urine end up in landfills each year instead of the sewage system. The potential for disease is frightening. For example, live polio virus from a vaccinated infant can survive for weeks in a landfill and possibly contaminate water supplies.
- A cloth diaper can be used up to 200 times, and takes only one to six months to decompose in a