

COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

JANUARY 16, 1959

PROTEST INCREASED SEWER RATES

by attending the JANUARY 22, 1959 meeting of the Country Club Hills Civic Association. Time is 8:00 PM. Place is the Layton Hall School. Mr. Glenn W. Saunders, Jr., Town Manager of the Town of Fairfax, will be present to hear our protest. Our only chance of impressing Mr. Saunders with our objections is to fill up the auditorium. Don't depend on your neighbor to do your part. You and your neighbor should both come or you will surely both be paying more for sewer service on your April bills.

(BACKGROUND: The Town of Fairfax has announced an increase in sewer rates which will average about \$5.00 increase per quarter for homes in Country Club Hills. The Town has justified the requirement for additional funds which would amount to an average increase of \$1.69 per quarter for all residences served by the system. Our argument is that there is no justification for imposing an increase on us which is three times the average. On the reverse side of this copy of the News is a copy of the Town's explanation of the requirement for more funds.)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A vote of thanks to our SANTA CREW - Ty Setliff, for a grand performance of the old man himself and to Bill Purple, for the organization.

A special thanks to, Jack and Mary Robinson, for taking charge and making all arrangements associated with the NEW YEARS EVE DANCE. Thanks too, Gordon Crawford and our helpful young men, Jimmy Crawford and Jimmy Durbin. Everyone attending the dance had a most enjoyable evening. The tradition of the New Years Eve Dance will continue so don't miss the next one. We are already planning. How about you? The Chairman of the 1960 New Years Eve Dance is, John Hallam. He would welcome any helpful suggestions.

HOUSE DECORATING REPORT

The Country Hills Garden Clubs' Annual House Decorating Contest was December 26. The judges were: Mrs. Trees, Mrs. Lehman, both from the Falls Church Garden Club, and Mr. Charley Hall, Asst. County Agent of Fairfax.

FIRST PRIZE: Mr. and Mrs. Walt Troyer, 220 Andover Drive. They received a twelve-foot white birch tree (courtesy of Foy's Nursery, located on Rt. 123 between Rt. 50 and Oakton, Va.), a cash donation to a favorite local charity (courtesy of The Northern Virginia Sun), also a five-dollar certificate (courtesy of the Fairfax Shopping Center).

SECOND PRIZE: Mr. and Mrs. Lou Carducci, 205 Brookwood Drive. They received a wrought-iron lamp post (courtesy of the Country Club Hills Civic Association and the Country Hills Garden Club), and a three-dollar certificate (courtesy of Blackie's Atlantic Service Station).

THIRD PRIZE: Mr. and Mrs. John Veger, 305 Springlake Terrace. They received a wrought-iron house sign (courtesy of the Country Hills Garden Club), and a six-dollar certificate (courtesy of Circle Esso).

FOURTH PRIZE: Mr. and Mrs. Cy Statum, 203 Brookwood Drive. They received a wrought-iron house sign (courtesy of Fairfax Hardware) and a three-dollar certificate (courtesy of Peoples Drug Store).

FIFTH PRIZE: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feuer, 305 Brookwood Drive. They received an Early American sewing basket (courtesy of Fairfax Furniture), and a three-dollar certificate (courtesy of Food Fair).

A Window Prize was won by Comdr. and Mrs. Jerry Scott, 201 Farmington Drive. They received one evergreen shrub (courtesy of Campbell and Ferrera Nursery), pruning shears (courtesy of Fairfax Hardware) and a two-dollars and fifty-cent certificate (courtesy of Food Town).

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Tierney - 107 Morningside Court, Windsor - 205 Newbury Road, Parrott - 702 Pinehurst Avenue, Levins - 409 Boxford Court, Lawless - 603 Farr Drive, Williams - 308 Brookwood Drive, Line - 200 Cornwall Road, Baker - 112 Morningside Court and Garwell - 130 Country Hill Drive.

NOTICE OR ADVERTISEMENT IN THE COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Residents of Country Club Hills may insert a short (three lines or less) notice or advertisement in the Country Club News without charge, provided printing an extra page of the News is not required. First come - first served, except that Civic Association members and persons who have not used this service recently will be given preference. Call, Mrs. Betty Daley, Cr.3-5224.

EXPLANATION OF NEW SEWER SERVICE CHARGE - TOWN OF FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA

"The new 2 MGD Sewage Treatment Plant for the Town of Fairfax has now been completed. With this completion the annual operation and maintenance cost of the plant will increase by about \$20,000. Also for the first time, the principle and interest payments on the \$1,000,000 bond issue are due this year. These payments will amount to approximately \$66,000. The total cost of operating the Sewer Division is estimated to be \$167,747. The estimated total revenue that would be received based on the old sewer service charges would be \$96,000. Obviously, some additional revenue must be secured from some source.

"We sincerely believe that the only fair method of paying for a service is to make the recipients of that service pay for it. We do not believe that it should be paid for by transferring funds from other non related sources. It is now generally recognized throughout the country that the most equitable method of charging for sewer service is to base the charge upon the percentage of water used. Therefore, the Town of Fairfax decided to set the sewer service charge at 80% of the water bill.

"With this change, it is estimated that the Town will realize approximately \$23,000 additional during the present fiscal year. This added to the \$96,000 estimated from the old rates will total \$119,000 revenue from the sewer service charge. It can easily be seen that this still leaves a deficit of \$48,000. We hope that this may be met by connection charges.

"This change will not affect the average residential customer to any great degree. The average quarterly residential water bill for the past year was \$11.01. The average quarterly sewer bill was \$7.11. Under the new system the average quarterly residential sewer bill will be \$8.80 or an increase of \$1.69 per quarter or \$.56 per month. The average increase for commercial customers will be \$3.69 per month.

"The Town has no desire to increase rates but it is simply a matter of meeting our obligations. We believe that the new sewer charge is the fairest, and the most equitable means of charging for services rendered."

(Note: The above explanation is quoted from a letter received from the Town of Fairfax in December 1958.)

REMEMBER : JANUARY 22 MEETING