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# COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

COUNTRY CLUB HILLS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 13, 1959

## FAIRFAX TOWN COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER NEW SEWER RATES

The principal item of business taken up at the January 22 meeting of the Civic Association was increased sewer rates. Mr. Saunders, Town Manager of Fairfax, was present to answer questions, which he did for almost two hours straight. At the end of this time it was determined by a show of hands that essentially all of the members present considered that some increase in sewer rates was justified, but that no reasonable explanation had been offered to justify setting sewer charges at a fixed percentage of water charges.

As a result of a motion passed at that meeting the President of the Civic Association, Mr. Bob Benneche, attended the February 4 meeting of the Town Council of Fairfax to explain our position. He pointed out that we agree that more total funds are required to operate the new sewage plant and that these funds should come from increased sewer rates. However, on the principal point of whether the portion of these increased funds to be obtained from residential sewer bills should be divided equally among the residences served or apportioned as a percentage of water rates, Mr. Benneche pointed out that we believe that equal division is the only justified approach, for the following reasons:

1. The new sewage plant is operating at about 40% of capacity. According to the Town officials, if it were to start operating at 100% of capacity, the total cost of operating and paying for the plant would increase almost not at all. In other words, if everyone let their water run continuously down the drain so as to make the sewage flow 2-1/2 times what it is normally, the town would collect 2-1/2 times as much in sewer bills but the cost of operating the Sewer Division would increase almost not at all.
2. The major long range effect of having the new sewage plant will be to stimulate the growth of the area. This will affect all residential property values in ways which are not at all related to amounts of water consumed.
3. Equal division had been used for years as the basis for charging for sewer service without serious complaints being received from the people served.
4. The only argument the Town has presented to counter these facts is the unexplained statement that, "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".

Following considerable discussion between the Town officials, the Town Council voted to have a committee reconsider the new sewer rates. What will come of this reconsideration we cannot be sure, but we hope that rates will be set so that we are required to pay no more and no less than our fair share of the cost of operating the Sewer Division. As soon as any word is received from the town it will be passed on to the residents.

## FAIRFAX FEDERATION OF CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS

At the January 22 meeting it was requested that the names of the persons attending the Federation meetings be made known to members so that they might phone in their recommendations on items of business to be acted on at the following monthly meeting. Either the President or the Vice President will attend those meetings. Their names and phone numbers are listed below:

Bob Benneche - Cr.3-4088

John Hallam - Cr.3-2788

## DO YOU WANT TO JOIN A CLUB?

Country Club Hills has a population of about 600 adults and it might be expected that they have a great variety of interests. Whether for amusement, education, financial betterment, physical development or any other reason some of those interests might best find expression in groups of adults of similar interest. Therefore there may be a potential for some additional clubs (or associations) if these people of common interest could be brought together.

The Board of Directors is anxious to assist in the formation of new clubs when interest is sufficiently high.

If you have such interests and will indicate them on the questionnaire that follows we will attempt to assist in the formation of clubs that seem to be called for.

### QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Instructions:

Listed below are a number of types of possible clubs. If you would like to express an interest in any one or more, please do so by marking according to the following code:

- A. If you are mildly interested or just curious, but are not sure you want to join such a club, mark "A" on the line following the name of the club.
- B. If you are very interested and relatively sure you would like to join such a club mark "B".
- C. If you are interested enough to take on the job of acting as chairman of the club for the first meetings (until a permanent chairman is elected) mark "C".
- D. Feel free to add to the list of clubs or to give any additional information that will help us understand your interests.

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| 1. Bridge Club _____                   | 10. Chess Club _____                |
| 2. Couples Duplicate Bridge Club _____ | 11. Gardener's Tool Exchange _____  |
| 3. Skiing Club _____                   | 12. Ceramics Club _____             |
| 4. Great Books Club _____              | 13. Singing Club _____              |
| 5. Little Theater _____                | 14. Band or other Music Group _____ |
| 6. Dance Lesson Club _____             | 15. Hiking or Nature Club _____     |
| 7. Investment Club _____               | 16. Bar Bell Club _____             |
| 8. Flying Club _____                   | 17. _____                           |
| 9. Garden Club _____                   | 18. _____                           |

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Once a year the Civic Association asks each family residing in Country Club Hills to contribute its share to the expense of running the Association. That time is here now. The cost of a family membership is only \$2.00 per year.

You may ask, "What do we get for the \$2.00"? Well, the most important thing you get is an organization that can speak for our common community aims and serve as a sounding board for our few differences. In addition some infrequent and often non-recurring services are provided. Some of the items the Civic Association has been involved in in the past are:

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| 1. Street signs                          | 8. Annexation                          |
| 2. Crab apple trees                      | 9. Phone book and help on map          |
| 3. Civic Association Dances              | 10. Swimming pool (early organization) |
| 4. Santa Claus                           | 11. Call on new residents              |
| 5. Clean up farm and Spring Lake Terrace | 12. Milky spore treatment              |
| 6. Teen age club                         | 13. Sewer rate increase protest        |
| 7. Bowling league                        |  |

If you will write your name and address below and mail this sheet with \$2.00 in the attached envelop your family will be a member in good standing for the year of 1959. THANK YOU.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a copy of the Civic Assoc. Phone Book which was issued in late 1958 \_\_\_\_\_

#### SCHOOL INTEGRATION

At the January 22 meeting a motion was passed calling for a vote to be taken on the following resolution and the results to be forwarded to Governor Almond.

"Resolved that Country Club Hills be empowered to write a letter to Governor Almond of Va. (copy to Mr. John Webb, Delegate) reporting approximately 300 families residing in the Country Club Hills Development of Fairfax, Va. unequivocally opposed to any action initiated by the Governor of the State of Va. which would result in the closing of the public school system."

If in favor of this resolution check here \_\_\_\_\_.

If not in favor check here \_\_\_\_\_.

Individuals may write - GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON SCHOOLS, RICHMOND, VIRGINIA.



SHEET 2.

Shown below is content of letter received by Mr. Benneche from the Fairfax County Police Department:

February 11, 1959

"The Police Department would like you to remind the public, through your Citizen's Association Newsletter and general meetings that the 1959 dog tags were due on January 1, 1959. The dog owners were given a 30 day grace period and on February 2, 1959, we began enforcing the ordinance.

Dog tags may be obtained at the office of the Director of Finance at the Court House. This office is open Monday thru Friday. The price of the dog tags this year is \$2.00 regardless of sex. If the tag is purchased at the Finance office a rabies certificate must be presented at the time of purchase. For those who wish to secure tags by mail a check or money order may be mailed to Director of Finance, Fairfax, Virginia, including the rabies certificate. The tag and the rabies certificate will be returned to you by mail.

In the future, as a public service to the community we would like to use your newsletter as a media for informing the members of your association of matters which would be beneficial to the citizens of Fairfax County. "

Sincerely,

William L. Durrer  
Chief of Police

Received by Association 2/13/59  
Mr. Benneche, Pres.

#### SPRING DANCE

Spring is the time to renew old acquaintances you haven't seen while hibernating during the long winter months. What better way than to attend a lovely spring affair, "OUR SPRING DANCE". We will work on the details if you are interested. Won't you please let us know? Call - JUNE COARI - CR.3-3360 (during the day) PAT MCMANN - CR.3-3584 (in the evening). Thank You.

#### ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE - Three pairs draperies (living room, fully lined). Mrs. Jan Parrott - Cr.3-5580

PIANO LESSONS - Beginners and advanced pupils. Mary R. Evans, B. Mus., ~~and~~ Oberlin Conservatory. 111 Old Post Road., Cr.3-4165

FOUND - One pair long white evening gloves. If you lost these, Pat McMann has them - Cr.3-3584.