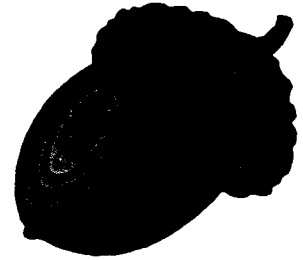
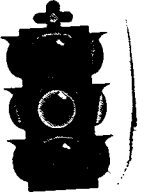




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Summer is over its time for school to start. Just some reminders: DO NOT forget to **STOP** when school buses are picking up and dropping off children. The speed limit in our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods is 25 mph. Everyone is in a rush, in the mornings and in the evenings, please beware of children in residential areas are outside playing, walking dogs, bike riding, part time jobs, etc. REMINDER, please turn on outside light when dusk sets in. It is getting earlier and earlier that it is getting to be dusk. I have spot checked the streets and this is a complaint that I receive all the time. If your neighbors do not have their front light on you may want to remind them. Anyone that is interested in participating in some of the future decisions may consider being a board member. Please contact me, Melissa Stevenski, President at 703-866-3509, for more information.



Board Changes: Dean Caldwell has resigned from the Board after serving since the first organization of the Association. His knowledge of County regulations and police matters has been invaluable. He also sought out and stored in his home a supply of window parts and helped residents install them, all without compensation for his time and efforts. Melissa Stevenski know has the window parts for purchase stored at her house. We wish him well in all his new endeavors.

Welcome Jill Barney to the board. Jill is always a willing volunteer. She proofreads and helped with the reformatting of a more readable copy of our By-Laws and Covenants which are now enclosed in all disclosure packets. The Disclosure packets are \$25.00 each upon request to the Secretary, Sally Schneider. We still need people to head the Architecture and Social Committees. Have you done your share for your community yet?



Tennis Courts: The tennis courts will be resurfaced this fall, but, the underlying foundation of the court is subsiding and slipping toward the ravine. The new surface will continue to deteriorate unless the entire court is rebuilt.

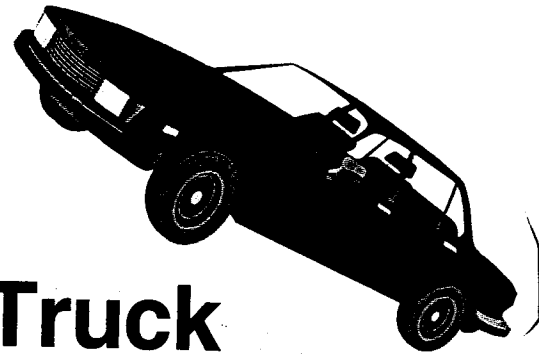
Playgrounds: Playground are looking good! Dan and Sharon Cook have donated two covered sandboxes to the playgrounds. Many thanks to them and to all who worked so hard to improve the big playground. The tot lot on Tiffany Park Court needs some care. If you can help with cleaning and sealing the equipment call Sally Schneider. We need a close-by resident to keep an eye on litter and put the garbage can out regularly. Please supervise your children when they are on the playground for their safety.

Garbage: Crows and squirrels continue to make a mess on garbage mornings. Please use heavy weight plastic bags, or better yet, place your bags in a covered trash can.

Curb Painting: Mike picked one of the hottest days of the year to paint the curbs, but there were volunteers that helped with this job. Thanks goes to Denis Trainor, Dan Olmoen, Jim Rittanhouse, Janet and Steve Blackburn, Sally Schneider and others that I may have forgotten for a nice job painting.

There are two articles published regarding "Parking Restrictions for Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas Approved". One was published in the Journal, Wednesday, September 10, 1997 and the other in Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Weekly Agenda, September 18, 1997.

THE JOURNAL WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1997



Work vehicle residential parking cut

By **ROBERT WHITE**
Journal staff writer

Taking another shot at cracking down on commercial vehicles parking in residential communities, Fairfax County supervisors passed an ordinance this week that bans most commercial vehicles from neighborhood streets.

The law, passed unanimously Monday night, prohibits tractor-trailers, dump trucks, tow trucks, trailers, construction equipment and other heavy vehicles from parking in residential areas. But one resident of each single-family housing unit may park a taxicab or limousine on his street.

A similar Fairfax County ordinance was deemed unconstitutional in 1994 because, a Circuit Court judge ruled, it went beyond the powers granted by the state to regulate commercial vehicles.

The new law is the product of enabling legislation sponsored by state Del. James M. Scott, D-Merrifield,

and passed this year in Richmond by the General Assembly. Scott, who appeared before the Board of Supervisors this week, acknowledged that the law has its limitations.

The major drawback, as Scott and others pointed out, is that it offers no restrictions on parking commercial vehicles in driveways. As a result, a resident could park one taxicab in his driveway and another on the street.

"There are going to be some real disappointments," said Supervisor Gerald E. Connolly, D-Providence District, also noting light trucks and some large vehicles are exempted from the law. "This is not a panacea for the problem."

But Connolly said the ordinance is a good first step. And residents such as Kurt Mutchler of Centreville, who testified in favor of the law, said it will help "maintain quiet and safe streets."

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Truck parking nipped

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But Tina Nevitt, who lives in the Penderbrook subdivision in central Fairfax, and whose husband drives a commercial vehicle, said the law unfairly punishes blue-collar workers such as plumbers and electricians.

"Are we not talking about a form of discrimination here?" she asked.

Supervisors said ever since the county's previous commercial vehicle restrictions were overturned, complaints about such vehicles — residents say they can be noisy and often detract from the value of their homes — have only grown.

An attempt by Scott in 1996 to give Fairfax permission to restrict at least some commercial vehicles was weakened during the legislative process and offered virtually no relief to the county, officials said.

Scott himself said he would like to see the current law made stronger but that it is unlikely. Rural legislators, he said, are more friendly to commercial interests.

"We don't really have much hope, I'm afraid, of expanding it in the near future," he said.

Parking Restrictions for Commercial Vehicles in Residential Areas Approved

At its Sept. 8 meeting, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance amending the County Code to prohibit parking of certain commercial vehicles in residentially zoned areas. The regulation was made possible by legislation passed by the 1997 Virginia General Assembly

For the purposes of this ordinance "commercial vehicle" includes:

- any solid waste collection vehicle, tractor truck or tractor truck/semitrailer or tractor truck/trailer combination, dump truck, concrete mixer truck, towing and recovery vehicle with a registered gross weight of 12,000 pounds or more and any heavy construction equipment whether located on the highway or on a truck, trailer or semitrailer;

- any trailer, semitrailer or other

vehicle in which food or beverages are stored or sold;

- any trailer or semitrailer used for transporting landscaping or lawn care equipment whether or not such trailer or semitrailer is attached to another vehicle; and

- any vehicle licensed by the Commonwealth for use as a common or contract carrier or as a limousine.

However, under the ordinance, one resident of each single-family dwelling unit zoned for residential use can park one licensed taxi or limousine on a residential neighborhood street provided other vehicles are permitted to park on that street.

The ordinance was effective upon adoption. For further information, call the County Attorney's office at 324-2421. ■

Another article that was issued in Civic Association Information, Fall of 1997 that may be of interest and a reminder to all of us:

Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Over the years, smoke detectors have become a standard feature in nearly every home. Like other household appliances, sometimes we take the protection they offer for granted. Occasionally, we hear the alarm

when food is burning in the kitchen, or we see the small light faintly glow as we head for bed at night. Little attention is paid to smoke detectors until tragedy strikes.

Last year in Fairfax County, 582 families were alerted to a fire in their home and escaped safely, thanks to a working smoke detector. When the clocks are

changed back from daylight savings time on Oct. 26, the Fairfax County Fire and

Rescue Department reminds you to also change the battery in your smoke detector.

Fairfax County Fire and

Rescue Department urges everyone to start a life-saving habit this fall: When you Change Your Clock . . . Change Your Battery.

For further information on smoke detectors, please contact your local fire and rescue station or the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's Life Safety Education Section at 246-3801, TTY 385-4419. ▲

