

The Downs

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The Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association

Falls Church, Virginia

1987 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE MAKES HISTORY

We have just completed our biggest membership drive in history, with a total of 378 members and \$1,349 added to the treasury. Though we made history together, 29 tenacious volunteers are actually responsible for this outstanding success.

Bolling Road: Imogene Slaughter

Cameron Road: Elling Reich, Jeanette Miller, Carol Herrity, Paul Machovec, Cathy Gilbert Silva

Cavalier Trail: Carl Kannapel

Custis Parkway: Norman Mixon, Tom McDonnell, Richard DiMassimo

Greenway Boulevard: Genie Flahie, Richard Livingston, Linda Kannapel, Gary Moore, Pat Mastroleo, Charlotte Rausch, Stuart Hopkins.

Lee Highway: C. Norman Soles

Marshall Street: Monica Mordin

Monroe Street: C. F. Stuart Sharpe

Summerfield Road: Debra Soles

West George Mason Road: Karen Fioramonti, Ahmed Selim, Barry Breen, Anita Moore, Judy Lyon

Winchester Way: David Cavanaugh, A. C. Vernor, Michael Wipf,

Woodlawn Avenue: Tom Lomont

Since they deserve more credit than I can possibly give them here, and since you probably know them all, go ahead and add a personal thank you of your own the next time you see one! They've just given you your new directory, and raised enough money for another year's worth of services for your neighborhood.

Carl Kannapel
1987 Membership Chairman

CRAFTSPERSON NEEDS AN ASSISTANT

Work in your own home at your convenience. Must be familiar with placing fabrics on patterns, cutting out and simple sewing. For more information call Ruth Grogan, 534-2861.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Coordinator
Assistant Coordinator
Block Captains

Keith Brescia
Tom McDonnell
Janet Ice
Jean Skillman
Roscoe Ruddle
Dick Sewall

2847 Greenway
6825 Custis
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2754 Marshall
2846 Marshall
2829 Winchester

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241-0932
532-3085
237-4746

Two burglaries have been reported in our neighborhood during the past winter. The first one arose from a domestic problem, but the other appears to have been the work of an expert burglar and should be of serious concern to all of us. We need everyone's assistance in deterring such crimes and in giving the police quick and accurate information about suspicious people and vehicles whenever crime sneaks up on us. As I have pointed out in past newsletters, you can help by joining our patrols, keeping a sharp window watch, or both.

Please refer to my past newsletters for more detail on Neighborhood Watch. If you are new to the neighborhood or for any reason did not get them, please let me know. I have a few extra copies.

Keith Brescia

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

Please check your calendar and mark the following dates for upcoming neighborhood events.

May 16,17 Neighborhood Yard Sale

May 29 Annual Pot Luck Dinner/General Membership Meeting/Elections

If you wish to volunteer a small amount of your time for either of these events, call Norm Soles at 533-3568. Your assistance is always needed and appreciated.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

It is not too soon to begin thinking about getting involved with your community by serving on the Board of Directors. Elections for next year (July 1, 1987 to June 30, 1988) are just around the corner in May. Greenway Downs needs your support and ideas. If you are interested in volunteering, call Norm Soles at 533-3568.

Please consider getting involved NOW!

DOES YOUR ROOF NEED REPAIRS?

Jim Skovran, at 2757 West George Mason Road, needs a roofing job. He suggested that others in the community who might need roofing work should consider banding together with him and getting bids from roofers as a group. The prospect of several jobs close together in a short time should be attractive to roofing contractors and might possibly result in lower costs for the customers. If you are interested please call him at 237-0247.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The March 7th walk-through on Woodlawn, Custis Parkway, and West George Mason Road by Providence District Supervisor Kate Hanley was a smashing success. Approximately 40 homeowners shared their concerns with Supervisor Hanley and the County staff regarding the street improvements, and as a result several construction revisions are being made.

THANKS FOR THE SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR HANLEY!

Street improvement progress is as follows:

Phase II

Even though we have had several large snowfalls, work has progressed on Phase II in Greenway Downs this winter. During the first few weeks of January, road undercutting and grading was completed on Woodlawn Avenue. This allowed some curb and gutter and driveway aprons to be poured before the snow and cold stopped work. On W. George Mason Road, the last of the water services were switched over to the new water line which allowed the storm sewer lines to be installed.

Work is now being resumed. A June completion date is still expected.

Cameron Road:

Restoration work (grading, seeding, sodding, placement of fences, etc.) remains to be completed, and the road must still be paved with the final layer of asphalt.

Custis Parkway:

The contractor, R. L. Rider, has signed an agreement with the County which requires Rider to restore the construction staging area in the park. They will have the trees surrounding the staging area pruned and fertilized early this spring. When construction is complete new topsoil will be brought in and the area will be graded and seeded. Rider is to plant two new trees in the area, and the County will add a number of others during Phase II or Phase III. The County Arborist will supervise the work to ensure compliance with the agreement.

W. George Mason Road:

Before undercutting and grading of the road can be initiated, a number of water and gas services to individual homes must be lowered. Washington Gas & Light and the Fairfax County Water Authority are conducting this work. They expect to finish by early April.

Woodlawn Avenue:

The Virginia Department of Transportation has agreed to allow curbing around the median. Thanks to Supervisor Handley, this will be done in Phase II. Additionally, the County is working with the Virginia Department of Transportation to see if the opening in the median at Cavalier Trail can be narrowed from the planned width of 95'. With the arrival of warmer weather, concrete is once again being poured for the curb and gutter and driveway aprons.

Phase III

Land acquisition continues. **If you have not yet signed and returned your temporary construction easement, please do so!** If you have any questions that you would like answered before you sign your easement, please call Jim Ashton (Fairfax County land acquisition agent) at 691-3424 or Lander Allin (Community Improvement Program project coordinator) at 246-8302.

Phase IV

An engineering firm is now being hired to design improvements for Bolling Road and Greenway Boulevard (between Custis Parkway and Chestnut Avenue). County staff will meet with the homeowners from these streets at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, to discuss possible improvements for these streets. A flyer with details about this meeting should have been distributed by the time you receive this. If you wish to have more information or will not be able to attend, please feel free to contact Lander Allin on 246-8302.