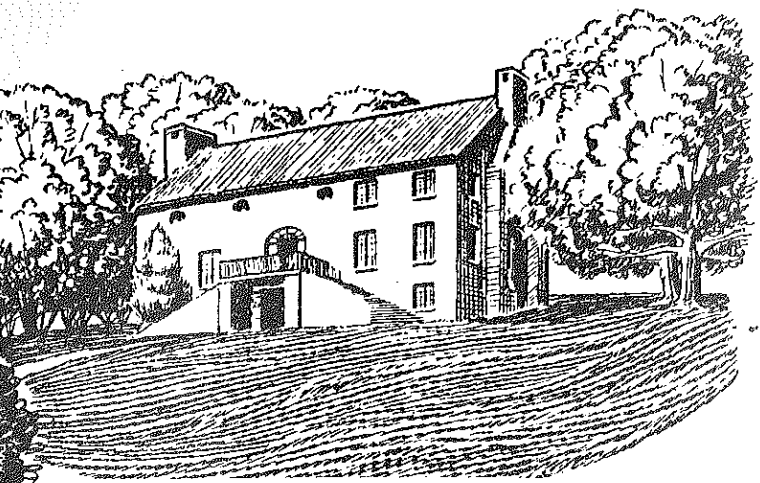


THE DOWNS



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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Christmas
Play

Christmas
Carols

LIVE NATIVITY SCENE

Magic

Santa

GREENWAY DOWNS FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Fun

Cheer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7:30 P.M.

Devonshire School Cafetorium

Musical Ensemble -- Refreshments

Admission: One or more nonperishable food items per family to be boxed for giving to a needy family.

R.S.V.P.: Call 536-1991 or 532-5824 or drop Christmas form by printed on page 4 of this issue at one of the following December addresses by this coming Wednesday!

17th

George Scharr, 2761 Cameron Road

Elouisa Stokes, 6933 Custis Parkway

Bernie Stull, 2804 Winchester Way

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Randy Myers, President

About 115 of our local residents participated in our community Health Fair on November 22 without a single casualty. Our Association wishes to thank the National Health Screening Council from NIH and their volunteers for providing us with this valuable health service. I want to thank *Elouisa Stokes, Janice Smith, Willard Scott, Bev Scott, Mary Millsback, Karen Mariner, Bernie Stull, Jorene Stull, Judy Tracy, Wendy Peace, Thelma Scharr, Jean Skillman, Monica Mordin, Sally Pinzino, and Diane Rodgers* who all served as volunteers for the Health Fair. I also want to thank Mr. *Mahoney* and Mr. *King* for their help in setting up the Health Fair and Devonshire Junior Girl Scout Troop #857 who helped with the baby sitting.

As you may or may not know, the Fairfax County School Board reached a final decision on November 20 that Devonshire Elementary School not be closed at this time. I think our community can be proud of its unyielding opposition to the school closing issue.

I wish to channel some of this same community energy into the petition now being circulated concerning the establishment of school crosswalks on our neighborhood streets for children walking to Devonshire. I first began circulating the petitions at the top of each street about four weeks ago and have only received the results from two or three streets so far. Someone on the remaining streets is holding up our effort by failing to pass the petition on to their neighbor. Please keep the petition moving along your street and when they reach the bottom of the street, call me at 536-2739 for pick up.

If you would like to help with the Christmas Party, please contact one of our Co-Chairpersons, *Sherry Brandt* at 534-7560, or *Mary Millsback* at 532-5824.

I still would like to hear from some of our senior members in the Association who are interested in helping with our Annual Awards Banquet in March.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Continued)

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone in our community A JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

CALENDAR DATES

- December 19 Christmas Party--7:30 PM
Devonshire School
- January 5 Executive Meeting
2825 W. George Mason Road
- January 7 Deadline for THE DOWNS
- March ? Annual Awards Banquet

The Principal of Falls Church High School, *Dr. James Wilson*, has announced the induction into the National Honor Society of Greenway Downs area students. They are: *Jeanette Cooper, Fran Cuchiara, Brenda Schindler, and Bruce Webb.*

AT DEVONSHIRE SCHOOL

- December 16 PTA meeting, Christmas Program
- December 22 CHRISTMAS
to
January 2 HOLIDAYS

Our thanks to Randy & Chad Myers, Karen Cormier, Sharon Smith and Dwain Mariner, who assisted the Girl Scouts with the delivery of the last issue of THE DOWNS.

SEX EDUCATION

On November 6, the Fairfax County School Board received an information briefing on a proposed Sex Education Program of Studies, Levels 5-6, 7-8, 9-12. The Board will act on this proposal December 18, 1975. There will be a Program of Studies and the instructional materials display for review and evaluation by interested citizens through December 18 at the Fairfax County Public School Area II Office. (Key Intermediate School) 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. Individuals desiring to review the Program and Instructional materials should present themselves to the Area II Office receptionist and ask to see the Sex Education Display. It will be available for viewing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday until the close of business on December 18. Films may be viewed on an appointment basis by calling Mrs. Harris at 971-8200. Each reviewer of the display will be asked to comment on forms provided in order to assist the School Board in making a decision.

Sex Education is contemplated as part of a comprehensive health education program with general social, emotional, physical, and personal growth and development study. It would be offered to students at the 5th-6th, 7th-8th, 9th-12th grade levels. Prior to student instruction on this program, parents will have been given an opportunity to review sex related program materials and will have signed a permission slip for such instruction. Those students whose parents do not elect to have them receive this instruction, shall be given a health education program that does not include human sex education. Instructional groupings will be separated by sex. Each teacher selected to teach sex education units shall receive inservice training for this program. Inservice training will begin immediately after community review, and local and state approval. The new program will start in September.

FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The Band

Greenway Downs wishes to congratulate the members of the Falls Church High School Band in winning a silver placque at the Philadelphia Parade of Champions at Convention Hall in Philadelphia on November 1. Falls Church was one of two bands which was rated outstanding in the four categories for which they were judged: music, marching and maneuvering, general effects and inspection.

Newcomers to this area, or even parents of non-band members, may not be aware that Fairfax County Schools sport some of the most outstanding high school bands in the country. It is gratifying to know that our local Falls Church Jaguar Band has for the past decade consistently received top placements in band competitions across the eastern half of the United States and standing ovations at a number of college and professional football games. Almost more impressive are the high school records which indicate that no student enrolled in the band program at Falls Church High has dropped out of school since 1962.

The Falls Church High Band will represent the State of Virginia at the St. Petersburg, Florida "Bicentennial Festival of the States" April 6 through 10, 1976, and will perform at Disney World on April 8.

Bands striving for competitive excellence must maintain a well balanced program: parade marching, field marching, concert, symphonic and sightreading presentation. Falls Church has 165 marching band members performing in what midwesterners call "Big Ten" style with band members playing while being in almost constant motion. Songs are marches, show tunes and popular music, family entertainment that can't be beaten. *THE DOWNS* will continue to post FCHS Band activities.

FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL BAND MEMBERS FROM GREENWAY DOWNS

Anita Bevans, Bobby Blankenship, Jeanenne Blankenship, Randy Collins, Mike Grogan, Bobby Harlow, Sheila Kingman, Steve Mann, Chris Martin, Danny Martin, Tim Martin, Jimmy Owens, Conni Palmer, Carolyn Patterson, and Greg Phelps.

FCHS NEWS (Continued)

SERVICE FOR HIRE

Christmas Concert

On December 18 at 8:00 p.m. the Falls Church High Music Department will present a Christmas concert including the band, choral groups and string orchestra. Admission is free. Please come.

Sports

The FCHS Cross Country Team finished in the top Four Teams in the District Meet thus qualifying for the Regional Meet. The Girls' Hockey Team had a successful season with 5 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie. The Girls' Tennis Team finished third in the Potomac District with a 6-4 record, the best record ever in girls' tennis.

Horticulture Class

The Horticulture Class has been working on the school grounds, clipping, pruning, trimming, etc. However, they are operating on a shoestring. They need flower pots, hoes, rakes, trowels, shovels, potting soil, vermiculite, sand (not from beaches), fertilizer, etc. If you have any of the above mentioned items that you could donate, please call Mrs. Abell at the school, 573-4900, or leave your name and number with the Hot Line, 573-8211.

THANK YOU RANDY

I would like to thank Randy Myers, the President of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association, for bringing the Health Fair to our community. I am sure other community members have appreciated his efforts as much as I have.

A Greenway Downs Resident

CHRISTMAS FORM
GDCA CHRISTMAS PARTY, DECEMBER 19
PERSONS WILL ATTEND

FAMILY

We will list babysitting and odd jobs and services. Call in your name, age, and phone number to the Editor at 536-1991.

BABY SITTERS

- Darlene Hedgpeth, age 12 532-1594
- Leslie Klinger, age 15 533-8051
- Mary Noles, age 16 534-5660
- Teresa Noles, age 16 534-5660
- Debbie Rodgers, age 12 533-2835
- Ellen Schaffstall, age 15 533-0432
- Kim Streets, age 16 533-0479
- Tammy Streets, age 14 533-0479
- Karen Wendel, age 13 533-3065

ODD JOBS

- Steve Mann, age 14 536-3272

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