



THE GREENWAY DOWNS

VOL. II, No. 6

SEPTEMBER 1964

SEPTEMBER MEETING

DATE: Thursday, September 24 PLACE: Devonshire Cafetorium
TIME: 8 PM Graham Rd. and Lee Highway

ABOUT OUR MEETING

The Executive Committee of Greenway Downs Citizens Association has a question to put before the people of our community, it is--what do you want to spend the money from our membership dues for? In past years the Association has spent the biggest sum on a Children's Christmas Party. The question of whether this money might be better used to put play equipment and other improvements on our park has been raised. The decision is yours. What do you want?

Members of the Executive Committee are meeting one day soon with a member of the Fairfax County Park Authority to learn what is recommended for our park. The Park Authority is willing to do whatever it can to help us. This could include some labor, as it is available, of course counseling, and financial help. While we will have to buy the playground equipment decided upon, they will help us with such purchases by using the contracts they already have and the cost will be less than we could buy such equipment for ourselves.

Published by the Greenway Downs
Citizens Association as a service
to the community.

EDITOR

Mrs. Irene T. Smith JE 2-1559

ASSISTANTS

Mrs. Frances W. Fisher JE 4-1445

Mrs. Jean Geddes JE 2-4798

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Have you ever wondered what your
Association spends the membership
dues for? Below is an accounting
of the money collected in 1963 and
how it was used:

INCOME:

Membership dues	\$ 516
Advertising (for Directory)	160
Total income	<u>676</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Federation dues	\$ 27
Picnic	39
Christmas Party (children's)	126
Printing Directory	218
Meeting expenses*	116
Miscellaneous	141
	<u>\$ 667</u>

*This includes cost of renting a
room at Devonshire School, refresh-
ments, and cost of publishing THE
DOWNS. All labor involved is do-
nated free.

We have over 400 homes in our com-
munity and thus a potential of
something like 750 members at \$1
a piece. If you feel that we may
not be spending the membership dues
right let the Association know.

Hi, you all!

Hope you had a grand summer, and
are all hepped up and raring to go!
I will be looking forward to seeing
you out for our meeting on Thursday
September 24. We have several
points of interest to discuss.

Do you prefer a Christmas Party,
as in previous years, or would you
be interested in improvements on
our park for the recreation of our
children. What is your desire?
Come out and let's have some
suggestions.

Also, it's getting that time again
...who would you like for your
officers next year? Come one,
come all! Let's have a good turn-
out at our meeting. Refreshments
will be served to the faithful.

CLYDE (JAKE) JACKSON

REGISTER AND VOTE

Don't forget to exercise your
Constitutional right to vote for
our Country's President in Nov.
To vote you must register at
least 30 days before the election,
which means registration must be
made by October 3 this year.

On September 29 County residents
will vote on a bond issue to en-
large the facilities at Fairfax
Hospital.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THE BOND
ISSUE FOR OUR HOSPITAL.

Have you noticed or heard that the symbol of our community has been lost? The tree in the middle of Greenway Boulevard was struck by an auto early in the summer and because the tree was mostly gone due to summer droughts of recent years, it was pronounced a danger to the street and beyond help from tree surgery. The loss of this landmark so inspired a resident on this street that she penned the following poem which your Editor thought you would enjoy. While the tree cut down was actually a locust it doesn't change the sentiment of the poem.

MY TRIBUTE TO AN OLD TREE

The tree that grew up on Greenway Hill must be ever so old
 At least a hundred years or more,
 According to tales that are told
 George Washington visited his friend Silas Tripp
 When up from Mount Vernon he rode
 And he hitched his horse to that old oak tree
 That grew in the middle of the road.

Now I don't know if these tales are true,
 Or if anyone really knows,
 But the dirt road was paved with a hard surfaced top
 And the cars whizzed by, hardly able to stop,
 And still the tree grew in the middle of the road.
 One night a car came with tremendous speed
 And hit the tree quite a blow,
 The tree surgeon said it was ever so old
 And now it would have to go.

I heard the whine of the electric saw's cry
 When this morning from my bed I arose,
 And I hastily ran up Greenway Hill to the spot where the oak tree grows.
 The saw had gone through the core of the tree and the hill seemed as
 vacant as it could be

From the loss of the tree that grew in the middle of the road.
 No more will we see our beautiful tree
 Or enjoy the legends that are told
 Of the tree that grew on Greenway Hill
 Known as the tree in the middle of the road.

--Jane Marshall
 300 E. Greenway Blvd.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

Your Cub Scout Pack 677 has been busy! We now have five dens, totaling 39 boys! And we're expecting more. In the meantime, we've lost our Cubmaster, Jim Funk, due to pressure of other duties. So... HELP...MAYDAY...SOS...is there a man in the area who can take over this position? If so, call Mr. Simounet, JE 4-4857, or Mr. Jacobs at JE 4-3496.

In July, Cubs and fathers of our pack had an overnight camping and fishing trip at Silver Lake. They didn't bring us home any fish but obviously they all had a marvelous time. Many thanks to Chuck Dalbow who arranged for us to use the facilities.

In August the Cubs brought their whole families along for a day at Mayo Beach on the Bay. The weather and the water were just right, and sea nettles and jelly fish at a minimum (just ask Mr. Guernsey).

We're now looking forward to the fall season with gusto. This pack is going and growing, as we've added the two new dens. Mrs. Fairlena Bowes is back with us as one den mother, and our new neighbor, Mrs. Bevans, is assisting her with plans to become a den mother herself in January. Our other new den mother is Mrs. Doris Coverston. Incidentally, the pack meets the third Friday of each month at Devonshire School. Guests and inquiries are most welcome.

BETTY JACOBS

PAPER DRIVE

The Cub Scouts say THANK YOU, all you Greenway Downs residents, for your cooperation. Our paper drive in June was the most successful one yet. Are you ready for another one? Then mark Oct. 3 on your calendar and have your newspapers and magazines ready. Please TIE THEM IN SMALL BUNDLES and PLACE THEM AT THE STREET EDGE, and we'll pick them up between 9 AM and noon. (In case of rain, we'll postpone it 'till the following Saturday morning.) At the same time, the Cubs will be distributing a Goodwill Bag to each house. Full information will be attached to the bag. Watch this publication for the date of pick-up.

PICNIC A SUCCESS

Say, how about that Greenway Downs picnic? The Cubs and their families enjoyed it immensely, and we hope you all saw our table display of crafts, and the Space Derby, in spite of the rain. By the way, when do we get out ice cream Phil?

CALLING ALL BROWNIES

Do we have any prospective members for our Brownie Troop? If your daughter is in the second or third grade in school she is eligible to be a Brownie. Please call Mrs. Marshall Kelm, Je 2-5657 for information. Mrs. Kelm is also interested in knowing if you are willing to work with this age group in the Scouting program. Won't you give her a call.
