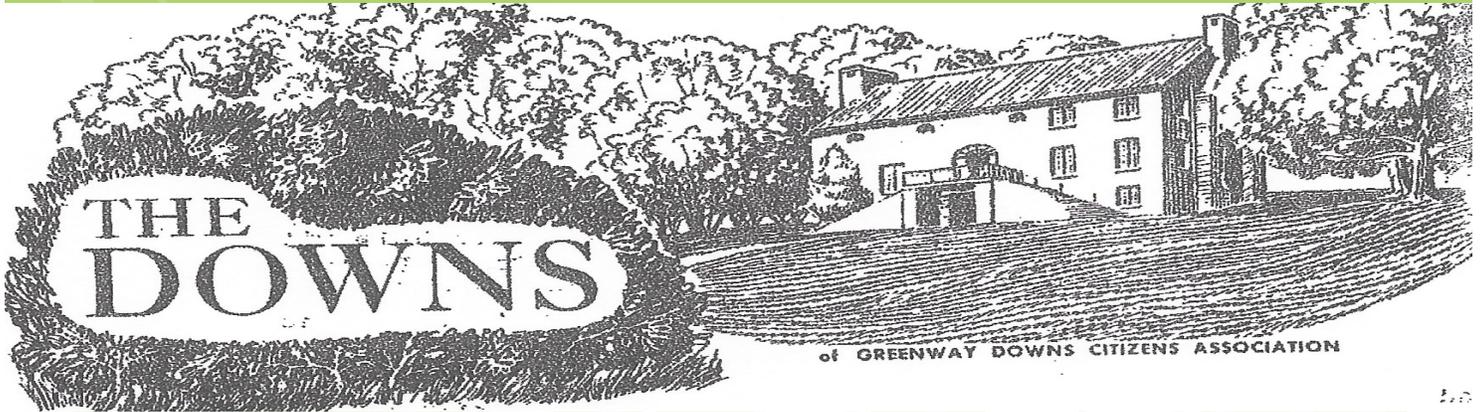


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Greenway Downs Citizens Association
www.greenwaydowns.org

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) is one of the oldest civic associations in Northern Virginia. Our non-partisan policy and the dedication of nearly 100 hardworking volunteers has brought our community life and vibrancy.

This year residents have come together and cleaned up the Custis Park stream bed, celebrated Halloween with kid and pup parades, enjoyed holiday cheer with hot cider in the park and a Holiday Light Contest, and fellowship at senior lunches.

Greenway Downs Annual Meeting
Wednesday, May 18
7-9 pm

Graham Road Elementary School Cafeteria

For the past year we've seen scores of volunteers putting their "U" into our community. This year, at the annual meeting on May 18th, we'll be celebrating all of you--your work, your service and your help in making Greenway Downs the best that it can be. Light refreshments will be served.

If you'd like to help with this event, please contact Scot Walker at scotwalker2004@yahoo.com

Save the Dates!

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| April 23 | Creek and Street Clean-Up 9-12 pm
Custis basketball court. (raindate: April 30) |
| April 23 | Eagle Scout Bamboo Removal Project,
Mastenbrook Park 9-12 pm. (raindate: April 30) |
| May 12 | Senior Lunch |
| May 18 | GDCA Annual Meeting |
| June 11 | Greenway Downs/Jefferson Village Yard Sale
(raindate: June 12) |
| Sept 10 | Downs Block Party |
| Oct. 22 | Halloween Pup Parade |
| Oct. 29 | Halloween Fall Festival |
| Dec. 21 | Holiday Decoration Contest |

Senior Luncheon Round Table

Greenway Downs hosts a senior luncheon every other month. Over a dozen seniors enjoy meeting and eating together.

Join us May 12, 11:45 at Applebee's
127 E. Broad Street

Let's Create a Garden Exchange!

Do You Garden? Would you like to share those extra bulbs and corms?

If so, contact Scot Walker at scotwalker004@yahoo.com

Go Green! We are Green! Save a Tree!

Email Sara at Edward.f.kelly@verizon.net to receive future newsletters electronically!

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Creek Clean-Up
Saturday, April 23
 9-12 pm

Come join your fellow Greenway Downs and Jefferson Village neighbors to clean up Custis Stream and along our neighborhood streets.

Come to the Custis Parkway basketball court, enjoy donuts and coffee, chat with neighbors, and then go to work.

Water, trash bags and non-latex gloves will be provided. First come first serve for a limited supply of litter grabbers and hip waders.

Please remember that any child must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Rain date: April 30

Bamboo Removal Project
Saturday, April 23
 9-12 pm

Greenway Downs is very fortunate to have Eagle Scout candidate Shawn Kingman choose John Mastenbrook Park as the project beneficiary for his invasive species removal project!

Shawn's troop will remove as much bamboo from our park as possible. Shawn invites adults and kids (10 or older) from both Greenway Downs and Jefferson Village to participate in this endeavor.

If you would like to help, bring toppers and work gloves and report to Shawn at John Mastenbrook Park.

Raindate: Saturday, April 30

Join the Greenway Downs Social Committee

We need your help to plan and organize Community events such as the annual May meeting, September Block Party, the Holiday Decoration Contest, caroling....and more!

What else would you like to help organize?

Contact Ashley Wood at Ashley.littrell.wood@gmail.com

**Are You Interested in Helping Seniors
 "Aging-in-Place" Resources?**

Check out these resources:

Fairfax County www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/ltccc/villages.htm

Village to Village Network www.vtvnetwork.org

Time Banking www.timebanks.org

**Greenway Downs Neighborhood Block Party
 (Around the Downs)**

Saturday, September 10, 2016

The Greenway Downs Social Committee will sponsor a Neighborhood Party at the Mastenbrook Park cul-de-sac. Each Greenway Downs street will have a table/area to feed and entertain the neighborhood.

Seeking volunteers to help each street get organized!

Please contact Dave Froman at dmfroman@yahoo.com

Thank You Creative Cauldron for sole sponsorship of the Greenway Downs Spring Newsletter



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The Hungry Hippo by Scot Walker



The Hungry Hippos and I have dined all around the area since our last column and have chosen the extremes to share with you, first, with ZERO hippos is the MOBY DICK, House of Kabob, 444 West Broad, Falls Church City. Sadly, the entire herd of hippos hurried out of Moby Dick suffering from mass indigestion and heartburn—and I, too, hastened away in their heavy hoof prints. The service was slow and confusing—with little help from the cashier/ order takers to explain anything on the menu, but the food, spicy and well-herbed, was problematic at best. My friend and I shared Moby’s spicy chicken ground kabobs, Must-o-mooseer, the kabob-e-Barreh and hummus. I have the proverbial cast iron stomach and my hungry hippos will eat anything tossed in front of them, but en masse we burped and belched with indigestion and heartburn for the next 24 hours. Now my hungry hippos are hiding in the hinterland, refusing to grant even a half a hippo hoof to Moby and I must follow their lead. A critic knows better than mess with huge hungry unhappy hippos.



And then there is our favorite, THE MATCHBOX, 2911 District Avenue, in the Mosaic District, Merrifield. To it, we give FIVE happy hippos!
How happy my hippos and my friends are the moment I say, “We’re going to the Matchbox!” We’re always met by warm, happy greeters, whose friendly staff usher us to our seats with matching pairs of matchboxes inset in each table. We drool over the menu, trying to decide where to start: Together we order an appetizer of tomato mozzarella Arancini—crispy fried risotto, then we share an apple and pear salad and split a crab cake sandwich and crispy Asian short ribs! Scrumptious! For dessert we split one of Mo’s Magic Brownies and still have enough left overs to give us each dinner for the night. Yes, for lunch, the Matchbox is pricy, but on those special occasions—or when you just want a damned fine lunch—hurry down like me and my hungry hippo pals, get yourself a seat at one of Merrifield’s finest watering holes and enjoy! Oh, look behind the bar: you may see Hilde, my hungriest hippo, hanging around—you’ll recognize her by her happy toothy hippo smile!

Recycle Medical Equipment & Baby Items

Recycle medical equipment and baby items. Walkers, bedside commodes, shower chairs, crutches, CPAP, breast pumps, strollers, etc etc.

Items are delivered to underdeveloped countries.
Collected year round.

Thank you!!!!
Contact Cathy cmthatcher@aol.com

Dog Waste Bags

Enjoy walking on the pathways that weave through our neighborhood? Interested in keeping them clear of doggie doo? Are you willing to host a plastic bag receptacle on your property line?

Contact board member Asha Beh at ashabeh@gmail.com
for more information.

Residential Parking Phase Two by Scot Walker

Phase One of Residential Parking is now in place. The corner of Winchester/ Cavalier is clear of obstructive views and for the first time in years, Cavalier is passable on both sides from Lee Highway to Summerfield Road. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this happen!

If you think we need to extend these zones check out the requirements at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/rtap.htm#cpd>

If you would like to become part of the Residential Parking Phase Two team effort please contact Scot Walker at scotwalker2004@yahoo.com

Neighborhood Watch Update by Jeff Taylor

Greenway Downs has a neighborhood watch program that consists of 10 volunteers who help monitor the neighborhood for suspicious activity, make sure that streetlights work correctly, and even occasionally drive around the neighborhood with our "Greenway Downs Neighborhood Watch" signs on a car. Things have been very safe in our neighborhood lately and we try to keep it that way.

All members of the community should phone 911 if there is a crime in the act, and phone the Fairfax County Police Non-Emergency number (703-691-2131) for other suspicious activity.

If a nearby streetlight doesn't work properly, then please phone Virginia Dominion Power (866-366-4357) to report the streetlight's location or pole number.

It's a wonderful thing to see neighbors watching out for neighbors.

If you have any neighborhood watch concerns or questions, then please phone me at (571)277-2121 and I'll be happy to chat with you.

Are You Registered to Vote? by Krystal Wilson

New to the Neighborhood? Turning eighteen before November 8, 2016? Never voted before? Greenway Downs is located in precinct 705 Graham Greenway in the 8th Congressional district. You can register at

- Any voter registration office
- DMV
- Online
 - o Persons with a DMV ID may submit applications online
 - o Persons without DMV ID can fill-out application and print to mail to voter registration office

In 2014, a new voter ID law went into effect in Virginia. All voters must now present a photo ID when casting a ballot in person. Acceptable photo IDs include:

- A valid Virginia Driver's License
- DMV issued photo identification card
- Valid U.S. passport
- Valid employee photo identification
- Other government issued photo identification
- Valid college or university student photo identification (issuer must be an institution of higher education located in Virginia)

You can receive a free voter registration card that contains your photo and signature if you do not possess an eligible photo ID.

For more information or to access the online application: <https://vote.elections.virginia.gov/VoterInformation>