

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION
OF FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA
FALLS CHURCH

Sept. 24, 1945

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Sharpe,

Three years ago, a small group of neighbors met in one of the homes in the community--they were boiling mad because sewage was bubbling up in their back yards and draining off into the little stream that runs along Cavalier Trail. Their children waded in that stream and made mud-pies there. As a result of that indignation meeting, the Greenway Downs Citizens Association was organized, and set out to correct this condition. And it has been corrected, and your children are free of the menace of sewage waste rising above ground.

In addition, your Citizens Association has been mainly responsible for the mail service direct to your home, It has brought you improved, and constantly improving bus service. The streets have been accepted in the State Road System and hard-surfaced, ditches dug and drainage pipes installed under driveways and walks--all because the members of the Association worked together to bring these things about. The Citizens Association has added to the social life of the community by sponsoring picnics, square dances, moonlight rides and similar functions. And next spring, we hope you will see the result of the effort to beautify the community when over a hundred flowering crab trees bloom. These trees were ordered through, bought and delivered by the members of the Association.

All of these things have been accomplished by a small group of hard-working people, but they need help in the big and vital issues which are facing your community today. The Greenway Downs Citizens Association has 125 paid memberships, but only a small percentage actively participate.

YOU ARE NEEDED, and needed badly to help solve the problems which exist in your community. A pressing issue is the need of a sidewalk along Lee Highway for the youngsters who walk to school and the women who shop. If one life can be saved, isn't it worth a little time and effort on your part?

To make a long story short, we will merely list some of the other things which your Citizens Association hopes to accomplish, and can accomplish WITH YOUR ACTIVE HELP:

1. Improvement in the school system.
2. Installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Hillwood Avenue and Lee Highway.
3. Reduction of water, gas and electric rates (we pay considerably more for all of these services than do the people in the Town of Falls Church.)
4. Completion of city gas lines throughout the community.
5. Building of a community house and playground for the benefit of all the residents of the community.