

Fall 2023

AROUND THE DOWNS

Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association



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Do you have news of the neighborhood? Want to contribute ideas for our next newsletter? We look forward to your feedback! Send ideas for the next issue (spring 2024) to GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com.

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JEREMY BLACK, GDCA BOARD PRESIDENT

Do you love living in this neighborhood? We hope you'll consider supporting your neighborhood through a donation or by becoming a member!

My name is Jeremy Black and I'm the current president of our neighborhood board. Together with the other volunteer board members, we work to provide fun events, build community, and help neighbors connect with neighbors. We organize annual events like spring and fall festivals, Front Porch Fridays, welcome new neighbors with welcome packets, publish our newsletters and directory, facilitate neighborhood groups and more. We also represent Greenway Downs to local government officials and work to advocate for neighborhood improvements like street paving, sidewalk repair and other safety issues. All of this even helped get us recognized in 2022 as a great neighborhood by Arlington Magazine.

However, we can't do any of this without your support. Unlike an HOA, we are a community organization and rely on voluntary donations from households in Greenway Downs. You can support us today by visiting tinyurl.com/GDCA2023 to make a donation, or visit our website for the online membership form on the front page. The membership form also provides the address if you prefer to drop off a check with the Treasurer. **Just \$20 a year (\$10 for seniors)** can help us keep providing these events and services. Thank you for your support!

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Are you interested in joining our Board?

We are looking for new board members. Is there anyone in Greenway Downs who would like to consider joining our fun and friendly group? You will need to dedicate a few hours a month. Interested neighbors should send an email to GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com.



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9/30: Greenway Downs Fall Festival
 12 PM - 4 PM | Cul-de-sac along Custis
 See you for an afternoon of Fall fun!



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SATURDAY SEPT 30, 2023 12-4PM

**CRAFT TABLE | SPARKLE & BLING BAR | MAGICIAN
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**Saturday, September 30, 2023
12pm - 4pm
The Cul de Sac along Custis Pkwy**

We can't wait to see you Saturday, September 30 for Fall Fest! Mark your calendars! We will have lots of fun activities including a Sparkle & Bling Bar (for kids and kids at heart), two magician shows, new 2023 neighborhood tees, the return of our beer and cider garden (courtesy of Tori McKinney, ROCK STAR Realty Group KW Metro Center), food trucks - Pepe by Jose Andres, and From Tuscany With Love and more. We've also extended the time by one hour! Thanks to our sponsors:



CREEK CLEAN UP

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



OCTOBER 14, 9AM - NOON BASKETBALL COURT ON CUSTIS

Our creek along Custis Parkway needs our help! Join your fellow neighbors on Saturday, October 14, 9am-12 noon for creek clean up. We'll provide donuts and coffee if you can volunteer a couple hours of your time to help. Bags, grabbers, some gloves are also provided. Contact Kristen (kristen_b_jones@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or want to sign up.

SUPER RECYCLING/ SHRED EVENT

Saturday, November 4
10am - 12noon
John Mastenbrook Park cul de sac

Super Recycling and Shred Event sponsored by **Alison Miller of Alison Miller Real Estate**. This event will offer:

- Paper Shredding - no limit on boxes
- Electronics Recycling
- Paint Recycling - \$5 per can

More details will posted soon at
GreenwayDowns.org/upcoming-events



GREENWAY DOWNS T-SHIRTS & HATS

Greenway Downs Hat

You can email GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com to place an order. See the beautiful design! You can also purchase at Fall Fest on September 30.

2023 Greenway Downs T-shirt

New, limited edition shirts in heather navy are in production now and will be available to purchase at Fall Fest on September 30. See the beautiful design to the left! Adult & Youth sizes \$15 each



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HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

(TRICK OR TREATING & COSTUME PARADE)

OCTOBER 28, 2023
10:00 AM

John Mastenbrook Park (Shady Park)



The market is constantly changing!
Do you know the current **value** of your home?
Should you renovate, expand, keep it as a rental and/or
start looking for a new home?

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your best course of action and guide you through the process!

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PET PARADE

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12:00PM

JOHN MASTENBROOK PARK (SHADY PARK)



The adorable Halloween Pet Parade is back again this year! Our date is Saturday October 28, at noon, with a rain date of October 29. We meet at the John Mastenbrook cul-de-sac (Shady Park) and follow our esteemed neighborhood bagpiper around to the sunny park (Jefferson Village park). All the pups and other well-behaved pets get a chance to show off their best costumes! It's a spectacle you don't want to miss.

Disclaimers: By participating you are doing so at your own risk. Children are welcome, BUT, this is a dog event so parents are responsible for their child's safety. All dogs must be under the control of a person 18 years or older.

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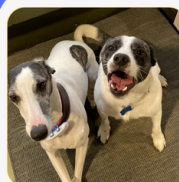


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Interview with Charlie Small

Interviewed and written by Kristen Jones, edited by Marjorie Wallach



Charlie Small

Charlie Small has lived in our neighborhood for more than 60 years! He bought his house in 1962 and paid \$14,500 for it- which he thought was a lot of money. He says, “I thought that was too much. And I didn’t sleep for a week!”

He and his wife raised their kids here. “Back then there were a pretty good number of kids. The houses were built mainly for service people. There were a couple of farmhouses back then too. Falls Church used to have a real country look to it and it wasn’t real busy. Nice people lived here, friendly and down to earth”.

Charlie continued, “the creek back then used to flood right up to my doorstep. There was a wooden bridge down at the corner, and a 20” pipe would carry water from Lee Highway across Summerfield and the whole area would flood. Back then the creek didn’t have all these weeds. There was pretty grass all along it and not that many trees. You could see all the way from Custis to Marshall. What happened was, it was Earth Day and a lady from the neighborhood had these little wild trees somebody had given her. And she had everybody plant them.



Harley

There was a drug store right up there, and you could get ice cream and Coca-Cola. There’d be old-timers sitting at one table, playing cards and talking. And kids would come in after school to get a Coke. It’s be nice to have something like that again”

Charlie’s dog, Harley has a lot of fans in the neighborhood. Charlie says he’s had dogs all his life. “My mother didn’t want them in the house. Back in those days, people didn’t keep dogs in the house. They wanted guard dogs. And dogs were running free. I had this one dog, Ed. When they put in a tennis court in the 80s, Ed would sit on the side in the grass and hide. When someone missed a ball, he’d grab it. People would be looking for these balls all along the creek. One day I went in the backyard and found 30 tennis balls back there!

My grandmother had a party line. She’d say to us, if that phone rings, don’t pick it up. We’d promise not to mess with it, but as soon as it rang we’d pick it up and listen. I think she wanted us to do it because as soon as we’d hang up, she’d ask “What did they say?”



GREENWAY DOWNS COMMUNITY SAFETY CORNER + SAFETY SURVEY

Connor Rhodes

My name is Connor, and I'm excited to be your new Greenway Downs Safety Lead. I've been a police officer in Washington DC for almost 6 years, with United States Capitol Police. I am currently a member of First Responders Unit, a crisis intervention officer, and a trained professional on critical incident stress management. I am also a certified and trained International police mountain bike association member, and an active member of our Civil Disobedience Unit, Bike Response Unit (BRU). I work closely with the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), Metro Transit Police Department, FBI, DEA and other Department of Justice agencies. I mostly patrol on a mountain bike, and I love every minute of it. My wife, Elise and I moved to Greenway Downs in early February, and have loved our neighborhood since!

As your neighborhood Safety Lead, my plan is to create a healthy stream of information to our neighborhood on crime prevention, and a wide variety of safeguards to ensure the overall safety of our community. I also plan to establish regular communication to Fairfax County, to ensure that we have our neighborhood safety concerns addressed. In order to know what our community's safety interests are, I've created a survey here to gather feedback. I hope you'll consider filling out the survey! Here is the link: tinyurl.com/GDCASafety

If you have any other questions or concerns around community safety (anything from crime prevention to getting car seats safely installed in cars), please let me know by emailing me at connor.edward.rhodes@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting you around the neighborhood!

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NEIGHBORHOOD INTEREST GROUPS

Interested in leading or joining a neighborhood group?
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Current Active Groups:

WINE CLUB	PLAYGROUND PLAYDATES
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NEIGHBORHOOD DINNERS	F1 RACING FANS GROUP
GAMES GROUP	GOLF LEAGUE
CORNHOLE LEAGUE	BRIDGE TO KINDERGARTEN



Our neighborhood is full of people with lots of interests, but we know it can be hard to find others with similar interests who live nearby. To help make connections among neighbors with similar interests, we've created this page to list groups that are open to other neighbors joining. Some groups already exist and some are just ideas that neighbors have mentioned.

If you are interested in joining or starting up any of the groups below, please send an email to GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com. The board won't manage these groups, but we are happy to connect group leaders and interested members. This list isn't exhaustive either! If you have another group you'd like to lead in the neighborhood, please email us and we will add it here.

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Current Programs and Activities:

- After School Programs (Grades 1 - 12)
- Adult Programs (18 and over): workout, basketball, personal and professional development classes and workshops
- Technology Programs: Clubhouse Network (afterschool program for children and teens), James Lee Robotics, Tech Literacy and Education Programs
- Community Theatre, etc.

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