

### **Greenway Downs Citizens Association**

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan association of residents that represents approximately 480 households in one of oldest neighborhoods in Falls Church, Fairfax County. The GDCA is represented by a board of directors.

The Greenway Downs neighborhood was carved out of a 100 acre farm in 1927 but the neighborhood as we know it today was not created until 1942, when a group of neighbors decided to join together to get Fairfax County to hear their collective concerns.

Today, Greenway Downs is featured in Arlington Magazine as one of 10 great neighborhoods in Northern Virginia. The GDCA is proud to be both one of the oldest and most active civic associations in Northern Virginia. With support from its members, the GDCA board provides activities for the community throughout the year and represents the interests of Greenway Downs to local officials.

### **Community Event Schedule**

Fall Fest 2022, Saturday, October 1, 12:00pm - 3:00pm at John Mastenbrook Cul-de-sac on Custis, "Shady Park"

Halloween Pup Parade, Saturday, October 29, Noon, starting at the Mastenbrook "shady park" cul de sac, and ending at Sunny Park (Jefferson Village)

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### Greenway Downs Fall Fest Saturday, October 1 12:00-3:00 pm

Save the date, neighbors! Fall Fest 2022 will be on October 1 from 12-3pm. We'll have fun activities, tasty food, and something for everyone. We even have a couple new things planned that we really think you'll like!

Jose Andres "Pepe" food truck and District Small Bites (sliders) truck will be there!

Thanks to our three sponsors: Coventry Services, Alison Miller of Alison Miller Real Estate, and Crystal Street of Novins and Street Real Estate to support this Fest!

You won't want to miss Fall Fest this year! It will once again be at the cul de sac along Custis (aka "Shady Park). See you there!



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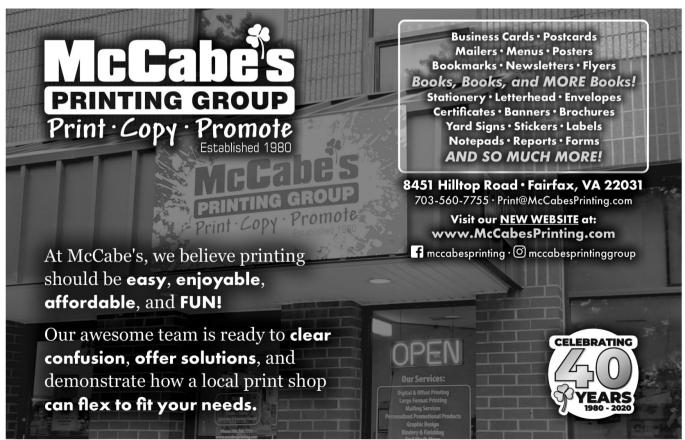
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### Halloween Pup Parade Saturday, October 29 Noon 12:00 pm

The adorable Halloween Pet Parade is back again this year! Our tentative date is Saturday October 29, at noon, with a rain date of October 30. We meet at the cul-de-sac (Shady Park) and follow our esteemed neighborhood bagpiper around to 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 do not 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.





# Update Your Directory Listing! Win \$25 for the Design Cover Contest!

Every few years, the Greenway Downs board provides each household an updated directory, but to update your listing, we need your help! Please go to <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/DirectoryGDCA">tinyurl.com/DirectoryGDCA</a> to update your information in the Directory. By updating your info this month, we won't have to knock on your door next month.

In addition, you can win a \$25 gift card if your artwork is selected for the cover of our directory! If you'd like to enter, please submit your artwork by October 15. All art should be approximately 8.5" h x 5.5" w. If it's digital, you can submit to GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com, or if hardcopy, to: GDCA, 7235 Lee Hwy, Falls Church, VA. Email us with questions!



## SUPPORT GREENWAY DOWNS

Membership is voluntary! **100% of your donation supports Greenway Downs** and is used to support activities like the Spring Fling, Pup Parade, sign restoration, newsletters, email updates, food trucks, and much more. Membership gives you the right to vote on board matters at the annual meeting. You can also just make a donation!

#### HOW TO SUPPORT GREENWAY DOWNS

We recommend an annual donation of \$22 per household (\$10 for seniors), but we will accept any amount!



# Check or cash Drop off payment at the Treasurer's house (check made out to GDCA): Kristen Jones 2802 W. George Mason Rd

### **GDCA Board Members**

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Are you interested in joining our Board?

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



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### **GREENWAY DOWNS TRIVIA**

- What year was the first Greenway Downs newsletter that we have available on our website?
- How many streets make up Greenway Downs?
- What year did Greenway Downs get its name?
- What was the name of the tavern that served fried chicken dinners for \$2.00?

**Answers** 

4) Greenway Downs Tavern (now a residence along Greenway Blvd.)

3) In 1927, through a subdivision naming contest sponsored by Ruby Lee Minar (umop apisan)

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1) 1963 (March)



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### **Restaurant Review Update**

We must bid a fond farewell to our HUNGRY HIPPO who is retiring his column after many years (20!). In his words, it has been "fun as I steered my waddling, belching, hiccoughing, burping hippo persona from mud puddle to river to restaurant." Scot can be reached at <a href="mailto:scotwalker2004@yahoo.com">scotwalker2004@yahoo.com</a>. We'll miss his crazy reviews and are looking for anyone who would like to submit their own review of a local restaurant for our next newsletter. Please email <a href="mailto:GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com">GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com</a> to discuss your ideas.

#### **Newsletter Feedback**

Our newsletter editors are looking for your feedback! If you have any suggestions for our neighborhood newsletters or have any new ideas for the Greenway Downs newsletters, please reach out to GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com.



The market is constantly changing!

Do you know the current **value** of your home?

Should you <u>renovate</u>, <u>expand</u>, keep it as a <u>rental</u> and/or start looking for a <u>new home</u>?

As your neighborhood expert, I can help you analyze the data, determine your best course of action and guide you through the process!

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# GREENWAY DOWNS GROCERY PRICE COMPARISON DAIRY & EGGS

Colin Schloss (Cavalier Trail)

Between August 2021 and August 2022, grocery prices increased by 13.5%. Dairy has been one of the fastest increasing categories – the price of milk increased by 17%, butter by 29.3%, and eggs by a whopping 39.8%. I went to the 8 grocery stores within a 5-minute drive of Greenway Downs and built a shopping basket of five dairy items to compare prices across stores:

- 16oz of unsalted butter
- 8oz of shredded sharp cheddar
- 1 gallon of 2% milk
- 12 large eggs
- 32oz of plain nonfat yogurt

Some of the results were surprising – did you know the cheapest butter can be found at New Grand Mart? Did you know that if you exclude yogurt from the basket of items, Target is cheaper than Giant, Harris Teeter, and Safeway?

Some of the results weren't as surprising – Aldi had the cheapest milk, eggs, and yogurt. Overall, Aldi was 25% cheaper than the average grocery store and more than 40% cheaper than Super A Market.

#### **Important Notes**

- This is only a price comparison. There may be quality differences between the grocery stores that are not reflected in this analysis. To see the specific items that I selected, you can visit www.tinyurl.com/GDCAGroceryPrices
- Only stores within a 5 minute drive of Greenway Downs were included. This excludes several popular grocery stores

like Whole Foods, Lidl, and H-Mart.

- All data was collected on 9/17. Only original prices were used – no sale prices allowed.
- Three items had to be substituted. Target does not sell a 32oz container of plain yogurt, so Greek yogurt was used instead. New Grand Mart does not sell shredded cheddar, so shredded mozzarella was used instead. Aldi does not sell an 8oz pack of shredded cheddar, so a 12oz pack was used instead (and Aldi still came out the cheapest).
- The specific basket of items that I chose potentially disadvantages Hispanic and Asian grocery stores. Email me at <u>colinschloss@yahoo.com</u> if you'd like to see a more detailed price comparison in the next newsletter!

|              | Aldi  | Giant | Harris Teeter | Target | Safeway | New Grand | Bestway | Super A |
|--------------|-------|-------|---------------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Butter       | 3.86  | 4.19  | 4.39          | 4.29   | 4.49    | 3.49      | 6.99    | 6.99    |
| Cheese       | 2.99  | 2.59  | 3.39          | 2.29   | 2.99    | 3.29      | 3.49    | 3.59    |
| Milk         | 3.04  | 3.99  | 3.99          | 3.29   | 3.49    | 5.79      | 5.29    | 4.99    |
| Eggs         | 1.93  | 2.39  | 2.29          | 1.99   | 3.29    | 3.29      | 4.49    | 3.49    |
| Yogurt       | 1.99  | 2.29  | 1.99          | 4.49   | 3.29    | 3.79      | 2.99    | 4.99    |
| Total Basket | 13.81 | 15.45 | 16.05         | 16.35  | 17.55   | 19.65     | 23.25   | 24.05   |

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