



# THE DOWNS

of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
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## AWARDS DINNER

On Thursday, February 15, at Devonshire School, our Association will honor two Greenway Downs residents, in recognition and appreciation of their many years of continued service to the people in our area.

MRS. ELOUISA STOKES

will receive

THE OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD

MRS. LOIS OWENS

will receive

THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

These Awards will be presented at a Covered Dish Dinner in the Devonshire School Cafeteria ----- Dinner at 7 ----- Please come and help us honor Elouisa and Lois ----- and please bring along a main dish/and a salad or dessert ----- enough for your own family "plus two" ----- Rolls/butter and coffee/tea/soft drinks will be furnished by the Association.

The Awards Presentation and Dinner originated in 1970. Previous Outstanding Citizen recipients are:- Tommy Thomsen, Ray Smart, Bernie Lucas, Archie Sanders, Irene Smith, Joe Goodwin, Henry Rodriguez, and Willard Scott. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to:- Elouisa Stokes, Ben Blankenship, and Supervisor Jim Scott.

We have always had an enjoyable time at these Dinners. We think you will, too. It's a great place to talk with your friends and neighbors you might not have seen for a while ----- and, for our newer residents, a splendid opportunity to meet and talk with "the rest of us".

AND, AT THE SAME TIME, SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION FOR ALL THE WORK ELOUISA AND LOIS HAVE DONE ON OUR BEHALF.....See YOU on the 15th

This is the first "real" issue of THE DOWNS we have had for some time. We hope to be able to publish regularly from now on. But, in order to be able to do that, we NEED HELP in having it delivered to all of our homes. So, if you are asked to distribute a handful, will you please PLEASE help? I personally can assure you anything you are willing to do will be GREATLY APPRECIATED. (And thanks, in advance!!!)

Our last two meetings at Devonshire School were extremely well-attended --- more than 90 at the first one, almost 80 at the one in January. Of course, the topic under consideration is of great importance to a great many of our residents --- the County's COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, established by the Board of Supervisors to improve the quality of older neighborhoods, through a partnership between the County and residents, on a cost-share basis.

Brochures furnished by the County were delivered to every home in Greenway Downs before the January meeting. I hope that you received one, and that you have familiarized yourself with it.

Our guest speaker in January was Patti Rounsevell, the County's Improvement Program Chief. She was extremely informative and helpful regarding the areas with which she is charged. Understandably, she was not able to answer all

widening and repaving of streets, which comes under the jurisdiction of the Virginia State Highway Department.

She did tell us that, if we so requested, her office could arrange for an engineer to meet with us, at County expense to conduct a survey of the needs and desires of residents on individual streets. A motion to request such a survey was passed at the January meeting, and a letter was sent to Patti Rounsevell advising her of our request. (Copy of the letter appears on the opposite page.)

The Christmas Caroling in the Park did not bring out many people -- again! About the same number as the year before, although the weather was not that bad. It was disappointing, to be sure ---- but I can assure you that those who did come down for the singing and the cider and the donuts HAD A GOOD TIME!!!! You should've been there --- we had fun!

Hope to see you at the AWARDS DINNER on the 15th. We have always had a good time there, too. Please join us, to show YOUR appreciation to two dedicated and hard-working Greenway Downs "good neighbors."

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: NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING :  
: Tuesday, February 27 :  
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PAPER DRIVES to benefit Falls Church H.S. Band -- 3rd Saturday of every month -- School parking lot ---- from 9 to 1.

January 10, 1979

Ms. Patti A. Rounsevell, Chief  
Community Improvement Program  
County of Fairfax  
9401 Lee Highway  
Fairfax, VA 22031

Dear Ms. Rounsevell,

At a meeting of the general membership of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association at Devonshire School on Thursday, January 4, 1979, members present approved a motion to request the services of an engineer to meet with residents of this community for the purpose of making a preliminary survey of our streets whose residents are interested in undertaking improvements.

It is our understanding that this request will not in any way commit our organization or our residents to participation in your program, but rather is an expression of continuing interest in the various projects which you outlined at the meeting.

We shall appreciate hearing from you, by mail or phone, as to approximately when an engineer will be able to meet with our residents, and information as to how such meetings should be handled. In fact, we shall appreciate any and all information you can supply about such a survey. You did furnish us with a great deal of info at the meeting, and we appreciate that.

Thank you so much for taking the time and making the effort to work with us. We hope to hear from you soon. If you cannot reach me at home by phone, please contact Randy Myers on 536-2739 evenings. Many residents have volunteered their services, and I am optimistic about being able to handle whatever work is necessary.

Sincerely,

/s/

(Mrs.) Bernie Lucas, President

cc: Supervisor Scott

Congratulations to Mike and Valerie Arm (Cameron Rd.) on the birth of their baby (their "first") -- a daughter -- born on January 12. Mike and Valerie are comparatively "new" residents. They have expressed more than a casual interest in our community and our organization. Mike is a member of our Board. They BOTH attend the general meetings. We are fortunate to have people like them as neighbors!

Mrs. Lois Owens (who incidentally is not a new resident -- lived here almost 20 years, I think) has been very sick, has undergone extensive surgery, spent many weeks in Fairfax Hospital, is now home (#2836 Greenway Blvd.) She feels better than she did -- she's "holding her own" -- but she loves to hear from friends and neighbors. It makes her feel even better!

This year, there are 8 Greenway Downs students in the Falls Church H.S. Band:- Mike Grogan, Bob Harlow, Jackie Layland, Chris Martin, Greg Owens, Cheryl Rinker, Jeff Stucker, and Miki Turner. They have already won two contests during this school year -- in Statesville, N.C. and at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Va. -- both Marching competitions. The Concert and Symphonic Bands will perform at the Annual Music Festival on Saturday, March 10, at Annandale H.S. (For exact performance times, phone me, Bernie Lucas, on 534-6884, evenings, AFTER March 1st.)

Mike Grogan auditioned last month for the 1979 All-Regional Band. He made FIRST CHAIR--on Baritone ----- which position qualifies him to audition in Charlottesville in February for a chair in the 1979 All-State Band. Congratulations, Mike --- Good job!

The FCHS Band-Aides are sponsoring a Chicken Dinner at the school on March 1st, from 5 until 7, to be followed by a Concert (Concert FREE to those who attend Dinner) Price has not been determined yet, but it won't be out of reach, I can assure you.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DURING APRIL --- We need members to function effectively as an organization. **WE NEED YOU!!!!**