

# The Downs

The Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association

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## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP

This season draws people outdoors to begin the yearly work of cleaning yards, painting houses and tending gardens. It is in everyone's interest to have a neatly kept neighborhood. The upkeep of the neighborhood and your yard contribute greatly to the value of your home in the resale market.

Use the large item trash pick-up as an opportunity to clean out those things which have been cluttering up your yards. The Association is sponsoring a pick-up of large items.

If you cannot have your items out to the curb by May 1st, you can call the County to arrange your own pick-up at 631-1484.

## PARK CLEAN UP

Saturday, April 25th has been designated as the date to clean the park along Custis Parkway. The litter that has collected there reflects poorly on our neighborhood.

Arrange to spend an hour at the park on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. The workers will meet on the basketball court and trash bags will be provided. Wear old clothes, work gloves and waterproof boots for the creek.

Rain date is May 2nd at the same time. Call Marty Sowers at 534-4463 if you need further information.

## POT LUCK DINNER, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND SERVICE AWARD

The annual pot luck dinner of the residents is scheduled for May 20th, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street. A general meeting and election of officers will be held at the same time. Meet in rooms E-1 and 2.

Henry Rodriguez is chairing a nominating committee for next year's officers. Any nomination can be given to Henry by phone. His number is 533-7795.

Bernie Lucas is chairing the awards committee. That committee will select one resident to receive an award for service to the community. Bernie can be reached at 534-6884.

## ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the officers of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association will be held on April 22nd in the home of Dan Phillips. Dan resides at 2807 Cameron Road. Meeting time is 8:00 p.m.

## NEW MEMBER OF BOARD

Dave Johnson of Winchester Way was elected by the officers of the Association at the last meeting to fill the vacancy on the Board of Directors.

## HOME SALES

During the month of March four homes in Greenway were sold. They were:

2758 W. George Mason	\$92,500	2807 Cameron	\$85,000
2805 W. George Mason	84,100	2821 Geo. Mason	88,000

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Thanks are in order to Mike Arm and Mac McGovern for their contributions. This is our Spring cleaning issue and we hope it served as a reminder to us all to help keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Marianne Gick, Editor  
532-0734

## BABYSITTING COOPERATIVE

A group of women in the area have organized a babysitting cooperative whereby service is exchanged in place of money. The co-op is open to families in Greenway Downs and in the area immediately south to Route 50.

The advantages of the co-op are many. Since parents babysit your children in exchange for you babysitting their children you save the cost of a sitter. All sitters are parents who are experienced in handling children. The number of families in the co-op is restricted to allow familiarity among the members yet the number is sufficient enough to provide sitters who may be available at any time.

Pat Brannigan of Summerfield Road is the first chairman and could be contacted if you have interest in joining. She can be reached evenings at 536-6954.

## HOME BIRTH

Birth is a people experience, a celebration. Kathy Moffitt, a certified nurse-midwife, will discuss home birth for anyone interested. You need not be pregnant to attend the meeting.

Those interested can meet at Kathy's home Tuesday evening, April 28th at 7:00 p.m. Please call her in advance at 642-9049. This is her work number and an answering service can take your message.

## CPR

Last month we ran an article about Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation. Some of you responded with interest in taking the course. Mary Millsback at 532-5824 is still taking names of interested parties.

Also, one of our residents volunteered his services as an instructor. Unfortunately, when he called, Mary was not home to take his call. Will he please call again.

## TRASH PICK UP

The Board of Directors have arranged for a County trash truck to collect any large item of trash on Friday, May 1st. The truck will pick up any item placed at the curb, such as tree limbs, tires, broken patio furniture, old fence sections and appliances. This is a perfect time to clean out your back yard and basement.

## NOISY NEIGHBORS

With Spring, nice weather and open windows upon us, this is a good time to remind people about the County's noise ordinances.

The ordinances forbid excessive noise from TVs, radios, musical instruments and partygoers. Also covered by this ordinance are barking dogs. To violate the ordinance the noise must clearly be audible across property lines. To report your complaint call the Police Department at 691-2131. The police will not disclose the name or address of the caller.

All complaints involving stationary noise sources such as air conditioners, heavy machinery, and motors should be reported to the Zoning Enforcement Office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 691-2215 week-days. This type of noise usually requires monitoring by officials to determine if a violation exists.

## MISCELLANEOUS ORDINANCES

Dog owners are reminded that there is a leash law in the County. Failure to comply can result in a fine and impounding of the animal. If you are plagued by stray dogs, call the Animal Control Unit at 830-3680.

Cars which are parked on residential property and are not operable are in violation of another County ordinance. Expired tags or inspection sticker are not violations. If you see a car without tires or with flat tires, without an engine or major parts call the Zoning Office at 691-2215. Help keep our neighborhood beautiful.