



SEPTEMBER 1982

GREENWAY DOWNS CRIME STATISTICS SURVEY SUMMARY

	<u>1981</u>	<u>6 months of 1982</u>
Assault	9	4
Burglary	6	5
Larceny/Theft	16	3
Vandalism	14	5
Noise Disturbance	12	4
Suspicious Event or Person	9	6
Totals	66	27

EYES ON THE NEIGHBORHOOD

In the first six months of this year five of your neighbors' homes were burglarized. That compares with six for all of 1981. Additionally this year, three families suffered the theft of a car or property. 1981 figures show sixteen reported cases of grand or petty larceny. These figures for a community as small as ours are of concern to the police and they should be of grave concern to us as residents. According to the police, crime in our neighborhood "ideally" should be about 30% or 40% of what it is now. Our neighborhood seems to maintain a high level of crime while the whole of Fairfax County has witnessed a 21% drop in major crime this year. One might ask why we as a neighborhood seem victimized by criminals. Reasons are many, but there is no doubt that our lack of organization and co-operation with the police through such a program as Neighborhood Watch has encouraged criminal activity.

Many of you already know some things about Neighborhood Watch. It is not a vigilante program - no member is allowed to carry a weapon and under no condition does a Watch member approach a suspicious person or event. It is not a program requiring C.B. radios, base stations, and patrol cars. In its simplest form, Neighborhood Watch asks that residents watch for potential criminal activity and report their suspicions to the police. Residents volunteer a portion of their time to survey some part of the community. This time can be during the day, evenings, or weekends. Time now used for walking the dog, exercising, strolling a baby, jogging, etc., can be put to dual use as an opportunity for observing suspicious activities. You can volunteer to watch your block, street, or a number of streets. The organization of a Neighborhood Watch program is necessary to train residents to recognize suspicious activities to effectively report such to the police.

You might ask why we should do the work of the police. We are not policing but deterring crime just by our presence in the community. The police cannot be everywhere at all times. Often residents will see minor offenses such as juveniles drinking in public and fail to report this to police thinking that the police will not respond to minor infractions. Major problems begin as minor problems. With a Neighborhood Watch, we force our police to be responsive to an organized community group that can bring political pressure to scrutinize their service. In addition, the frequency and intensity of police surveillance is determined by the number of complaints registered with the police. Therefore, the Neighborhood Watch provides an organization to record these incidents.

Recently I attended a meeting of Neighborhood Watch coordinators and was surprised to learn that approximately 70% of the geographic area of our police district is covered by Neighborhood Watch programs. We, however, are among the 30% that are not covered and from the aforementioned statistics, have suffered accordingly.

The Neighborhood Watch has proven to be effective. Everyone can participate. At a meeting on Wednesday, October 6th, at 8:00pm in the Devonshire School library, Midge Utz of South Woodley will speak on the success of the program in her neighborhood. Representatives of the Fairfax County police force also will be in attendance. Please attend!

Marianne Gick

CAVALIER TRAIL

The Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the issue of closing Cavalier Trail or keeping it open. The final result of that hearing was a compromise agreement that essentially states:

- 1) Cavalier Trail be kept open for a period of approximately 10 months;
- 2) During that period, efforts will be made by the community and the county to reduce the causes of the requests for closure, including an effort to initiate a Neighborhood Watch Program. If the program is not viable, the memorandum states that the trail should be closed.

GREENWAY DOWNS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Greenway Downs citizens celebrated the beginning of the road construction at the ground breaking ceremony on July 15th at Pat Mastroleo's house on Greenway Blvd. Many thanks to Pat and Yvette Mastroleo and all of the participating residents.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF CAMERON RD., GEORGE MASON & WOODLAWN!

Final plans for your streets are ready for review. Representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Department of Public Works, and Patton, Harris, Rust and Assoc. will be available to discuss the improvements to your street and how it will affect your property. Also, the petition listing your individual assessments will be available for you to sign. Residents of Cameron Rd. and George Mason will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 28th; Woodlawn residents will meet on Thursday, Sept. 30th. Both meetings will be an Open House at Devonshire School,

2831 Graham Rd. from 7:30-9:00pm. Children are welcome .
Be advised that 60% of the homeowners on each street must
be in favor of the Community Improvement Program for the
plans to go through! If you have any questions, please
call Patti Rounsvell at 691-4297.

ELECTION RESULTS

The following officers were elected to the Greenway Downs Citi-
zens Association on May 21, 1982.

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Past</u>
President	Marianne Gick	Mike Arm
Vice President	Henry Rodriguez	Jan Nelson
Recording Secretary	Garry Moore	Marty Sowers
Corresponding Sec'y.	Marty Sowers	vacant
Treasurer	Elling Reich	Elling Reich
Federation Delegate	Ahmed Selim	Henry Rodriguez
Directors on Board	Susan Howlett Janet Ice	Dave Johnson Stewart Sharpe
Editor	Beth Bleaken	Marianne Gick

Jan Nelson and Jacob Goodwin were elected Directors on the Board
at the September 13, 1982 meeting.

THANK YOU VOTERS

I would like to personally thank you, the residents of Greenway Downs,
for your hospitality and support shown to me when I recently walked
through your neighborhood.

It was important for me to hear and discuss with you your concerns for
Greenway, i.e. snow removal, stop signs on Summerfield, Marshall and
Graham Roads, the problems occurring in the park, etc. Your vote of
confidence, on primary day, was the largest percentage (79%) of votes
I received in the 35th district.

In the coming weeks, I will again be in Greenway, meeting with you
and listening to more of your concerns. Rest assured, as your dele-
gate from the 35th District in Richmond, your needs will be HEARD and
FOUGHT FOR!

Thank you,

James N. Burroughs
Republican Candidate
35th House of Delegates District

GREENWAY DOWNS TOT PARK

The status on the second construction phase of the Greenway Downs Park
is that it is now in the final review process by the County Planning
Office. Since it is such a small parcel of land, and there appear to
be no roadblocks at this time, approval should be within 3-4 weeks.
At this point, the county will put the project out for bid. The Parks

Dept. expects that construction could begin in November, assuming that bids on the project are received.

The final plans call for a trail, a tot playground area with wooden play equipment and park benches for parents, and a sledding hill. For further information or suggestions, call Randy Myers at 536-2739.

PAST GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION RECORDS

Anyone in possession of or knowing the whereabouts of, any past Greenway Downs Citizens Association records, please call Marianne Gick at 532-0734.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association is conducting its annual Membership Drive. Volunteers are needed for a successful drive this year. Please call Ahmed Selim at 536-7351.

REAL ESTATE MARKET

<u>SOLD since May 1982</u>	<u>financing</u>	<u>Homes on the market</u>
2826 W. George M	\$99,950 fha	2759 Cameron \$ 94,500
2825 Woodlawn	96,000 assm.	2801 Winchester 85,000
2823 Cameron	95,950 assm.	2829 Woodlawn 117,000
2809 Greenway	89,750 wrap	2813 Bolling 99,500
6933 Custis	88,000 assm.	2845 Summerfield 96,500
6913 Custis	85,950 assm.	2760 Greenway 93,500
2803 Greenway	75,000 assm.	2831 W. George M 91,500
		2837 Marshall 115,000
		2838 Greenway 89,950
		2841 Cameron 79,950
		2842 Monroe 94,950

MISCELLANEOUS

German student would like to do housework. Please call Angela Glaber at 536-8699 (9-12pm only).

Anyone willing to volunteer for typing "The Downs" as a community service, or loaning the Association an electric typewriter periodically, please call Beth Bleaken at 532-5307. Thank you.

Beth Bleaken
Editor