

JANUARY 1983 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH?

In the September issue of "The Downs," Marianne Gick introduced the idea of a Neighborhood Watch for our area and announced that there would be an Oct. 6th meeting at Devonshire School to discuss the program. Based upon the response to that meeting and subsequent meetings held during the month of November, community interest was judged to be high and the idea worthy of pursuit. It was decided that the most effective organizational structure for our community was to have a coordinator, Tom McDonnell, and a co-coordinator, Keith Brescia. They will oversee the program and Block captains from each street will assist in the enlistment of volunteers and the dissemination of information.

Drawing from questionaires filled out by attendees at the Oct/Nov meetings, coordinator Tom McDonnell of Custis Parkway visited representatives from each street and enlisted their support as block captains. Alternates for co-block captains were also selected from each street so as to allow for the social and professional commitments of the volunteers and yet insure block representation at organizational meetings.

Community wide response in terms of volunteers for the block captain positions was excellent. On Dec. 6th, the first Greenway Downs Neighborhood Watch Block Captain meeting was held. Lending support to our young organization at that meeting were Officer Larry Clark of the Fairfax County Police and Mr. Ken Erickson from the Broyhill Park Neighborhood Watch Association.

Points of discussion at the Block Captain meeting were funding for Neighborhood Watch signs, the scheduling of patrols and the possible use of CB radios in vehicles on patrol.

Officer Clark expressed optimism about the prospects for Fairfax County Crime Prevention funds being made available for the purchase of Neighborhood Watch signs. A firm decision on the availability of county funds for these signs is expected shortly. Should the signs not be available through county funding, or should additional signs be needed in the future, they will have to be purchased with community funds at a cost of \$23.00 per sign.

Based upon the experience of Mr. Erickson's Broyhill Park Neighborhood Watch organization, and upon the comments of Officer Clark, it was decided that the Greenway Downs vehicular patrols would be supported by CB radios. These radios have since been purchased with some of the \$300.00 worth of tax deductible donations that have been received.

As for patrols, it was agreed that they should begin as soon as possible and that block captains and coordinators should be the first to volunteer. Formal patrolling began Friday, Dec. 10. Normally, evening patrols will consist of two two hour shifts with three persons per shift. Two volunteers will actually patrol, while the third will man the CB base station and act as the link between the patrol and the police.

Individuals who attended one of the early organizational meetings and who volunteered their services for patrol can expect to be called upon to assist with the Jan/Feb schedule. Assuming most who have volunteered will be available for some patrolling, participants will not be asked to patrol more than once every 1 1/2 to 2 months. People who would like to help but would prefer not to patrol may volunteer their services as a CB base station operator.

Although the patrol phase of the Neighborhood Watch Program is the one that generally gets most of the publicity, another aspect of Neighborhood Watch that will significantly influence the success of the program is the residence watch. In this phase of the program, citizens need not formally volunteer or even leave the confines of their home. They are requested, however, to be alert for suspicious people or activities in their neighborhood and to report them immediately to the police. Only through the combined efforts of all the citizens of Greenway Downs may we insure that our community has the kind of 24 hour a day security that we all desire. For more information on "Residence Watch" call Tom McDonnell at 536-7734, or Keith Brescia at 532-6431.

Although there is a good base of volunteers to draw from, additional volunteers and contributions are needed. Obviously the greater the patricipation in this program, the lighter will be the individual load. Persons wiching to volunteer for the February schedule may do so by calling Tom McDonnell at 536-7734, or Keith Brescia at 532-6431.

The Neighborhood Watch Block Captains are:

Bolling Road - Mary Clatterbuck & Ralph Schuler
Winchester Way - Jim Meadows & Carl Kannapel
Summerfield Road - Emory May & Kathy Nelson
Cameron Road - Buck Detwiller
Greenway Blvd. - Jim Gaul & Keith Brescia
West George Mason Road - Ezra Glaser & Mac McGovern
Marshall Street - Roscoe Ruddle & David Brown
Monroe Street - Charlie Reynolds & Charles Kobs
Woodlawn Ave. - John-Connie Sullivan & Larry-Linda Martin
Custis Parkway - Clark Erickson & Gary Rinkerman

Special thanks to the following people for contributing to the development of our Neighborhood Watch Program by distributing meeting flyers: Gary Kozick, Chris Gilbo, Chuck Kobs, Susan Howlett, Garry Moore, Joyce Savich, Tom Sowers, Lannie Detwiler, Val Arm, Jim Goul, Elsibeth Braun, Mary Jean Kraft, Mary Ann Pocock, Gary Rinkerman, Ed & Ruth Grogan, Connie Sullivan, Jim & Carol Meadows, Donna Clatterbuck and Dean Richardson.

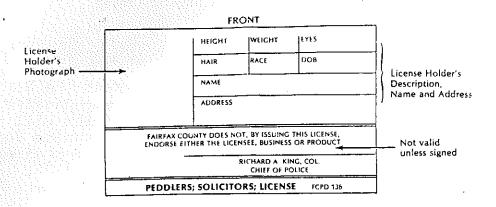
NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

Work on all streets considered under the county's Neighborhood Improvement Program is progressing largely on schedule. The construction on Greenway Blvd. is experiencing no delay, but the restoration of the Cavalier Trail walkways can not be completed until the spring. The Contractor then plans to extend snow fences the length of the walkway and lay gravel on the path. Grading, the laying of asphalt and seeding will be done in the spring.

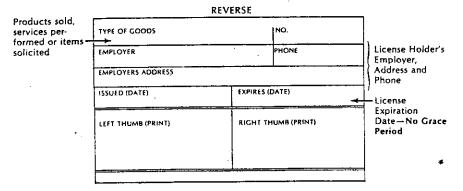
Due to an unforeseen occurrence, the Board of Supervisors hearing for Cameron Road, West George Mason and Woodlawn Ave., will not be held until late January or early February. The supervisors will decide upon appropriation of funds. Construction is planned this summer.

Survey work nears completion on Summerfield, Winchester Way and Marshall. The County hopes to meet with homeowners this spring to discuss results.

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*Licenses issued to non-profit and charitable organizations will not have photographs or thumbprints. They will be stamped "Charitable Solicitor" or "Non-Profit." The name block on the front of the license will show the name of the organization as opposed to an individual.

^{*}Please watch for continuing information on Solicitors in upcoming issues of the "Downs"

GREENWAY DOWNS ANNIVERSARY PARTY

The Association is planning an outdoor engagement scheduled for early summer, to celebrate its 40th Anniversary. We are anxious for contributions of pictures, stories and knowledge of changes in the community to add to the nostalgia of the occasion. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help with the organization of the party and musicians to help provide entertainment. If you have anything to offer, please call Marianne Gick at 532-0734.

TASK FORCE REPRESENTATIVE NEEDED

Greenway Downs is looking for a resident to represent the Citizen's association at an annual review of the county's comprehensive plan for land use and development. Providence District will have its own task force to make recommendations to the Planning Commission and to the Board of Supervisors. Anyone interested can call Marianne Gick at 532-0734 prior to Monday, January 24, 1983.

WANTED: RESIDENT ACCOUNTANT

The Greenway Downs Citizen Association is in need of an accountant to assist them in filing for a non-profit tax status. This is required as part of our possible intent to incorporate. Anyone able to help, please call Marianne Gick at 532-0734.

HOMES LISTED AND SOLD

Homes Listed 2820 W. George Mason 2831 Bolling 2814 Greenway 2760 Greenway 2812 W. George Mason 2826 Winchester Way	Selling Price \$95,950 97,500 96,950 93,500 96,750 87,900	
Homes Sold Since 10/1/82 2837 Marshall 2759 Cameron 2845 Summerfield 2842 Monroe 2838 Greenway 2801 Winchester Way	Selling Price \$105,000 92,500 91,000 89,000 87,000 77,000	Financing F.H.A. Private F.H.A. F.H.A. F.H.A.

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As of December 3, 1982, the Association treasury balance is \$1,038.24.

The next Greenway Downs Association Board Meeting is scheduled on January 13, at Pat Mastroleos house, 2807 Greenway Blvd.

BETH BLEAKEN: EDITOR