



MARCH 1983

#### GENERAL MEETING - MARCH 25

A General meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association is scheduled for Friday, March 25, at 7:30 PM at Devonshire School cafeteria. Topics to be discussed are, our 40th Anniversary party and possible changes to our By-laws. Members only are eligible to vote on issues. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

#### TOT PARK CONSTRUCTION

The Greenway Downs Tot Park construction will include the replacement of the walking bridge parallel to Woodlawn Avenue at Custis Parkway, across the creek. Additionally, as specified in the initial construction plans, a railroad tie barrier fence, similar to the one seen at the Cameron and Custis Parkway end of the park, will be constructed along portions of the creek side of Custis Parkway. Follow "The Downs" for construction updates.

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The final total of the 1982 Membership Drive was wrongly reported. The final total is \$757.00. The sum is a result of monies collected from 80 single families, 268 families, 2 pre-paid memberships for 1983 and a \$1.50 donation.

#### ACCESSORY HOUSING

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has approved in concept, amendments to the County Zoning Ordinance which allow creation of accessory apartments in existing single family detached homes to provide housing for elderly or disabled persons. For more information, call 560-6946.

## NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT - AN UPDATE

Residents on Greenway Boulevard should be pleased to know that construction on their street remains on schedule if not a bit ahead of schedule. Because of the mild winter, the contractor has been able to begin pouring the curb and sidewalk at an earlier date than expected.

Homeowners on Cameron, W. George Mason and Woodlawn can now expect improvements on their street. Monday, March 14th, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the funding for Phase II of the Neighborhood Improvement Program. A commendable turnout at the hearing impressed the supervisors and the vote was unanimous. Easements are being prepared and should be mailed as soon as they are ready. Three to six months are normally needed for collection of all signed easements. If the signing goes smoothly, the County hopes to see construction by late summer.

Surveying is near completion on the Phase III streets - Summerfield, Marshall and Winchester Way. Optional designs are being drawn up and likely will be shown to owners in April.

### HEARING FOR 1984 PROPOSED BUDGET

The proposed budget for 1984 plans to keep the real estate tax rate at \$1.47/\$100 assessed valuation, plus leaf removal costs. Personal Property tax rate is proposed to remain at \$4.80/\$100 of assessed valuation. Hearings on proposed budgets are scheduled for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11, 12, 13 at 7:30 PM in the Board Room of the Massey Bldg. 4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Anyone wishing to speak at the hearing, contact the Clerk to the Board - 691-3151.

### COUNTY RECORDS LOWEST CRIME RATE IN TEN YEARS

Reported by the Weekly Agenda Newsletter; "The number of cases of burglary, regarded as the County's most pervasive crime problem, was the lowest since 1973." "The number of Neighborhood Watch programs in Fairfax County doubled during 1982 to more than 300." "Aroused citizen concern and awareness of crime, resulting in increased cooperation with the Police Department, more widespread application of practical home security and personal safety measures." Looks like we're moving in the right direction, Keep up the good work everyone.

#### 40th ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Party preparations are beginning to gel. Our present schedule of events of June 12 include; **Sweet Adelines** (a singing group), a jazz band, folk-singers, a visit by Jim Scott, a Moon Bounce, door prize, snow cones, popcorn, food and fun!!! We are still looking for a few people to volunteer the use of their grills and coolers - please call Marianne Gick at 532-5307.

#### 1983 NOMINATIONS AND POT LUCK DINNER

Several positions in the Greenway Downs Citizens Association are open for re-election; the positions open include, President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Editor of the Downs; Federation Delegate, and one member of the Board. Term of office for all but delegate and board member is one year. The federation delegate represents the association to the County and serves a term of three years. Board members also serve for three years.

Mike Arm chairs the nominating committee, he can be reached at 534-0225.

The annual pot luck dinner for the residents is scheduled for Friday, May 21st at 7:00 PM. We had an attendance of over 60 people last year - it's a good chance to meet your neighbors and have lots of fun. Children are welcome and expected. Anyone wishing to help, call Marianne Gick at 532-0734.

#### TAX PREPARATION SERVICE

Two free tax preparation programs are being offered at the Thomas Jefferson Library located at 7415 Arlington Blvd. The first, available through the American Association of Retired Persons, targets its services to the retired in the area. Assistance in preparing basic tax returns is available Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 1:00 until 4:00PM.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is offered again this year and Dave Johnson of Winchester Way will be one of the IRS trained volunteers. VITA focuses its help toward the handicapped, non-English speaking and otherwise disadvantaged persons in the community. Assistance is available at the Thomas Jefferson Library on Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 PM and Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Questions? Call Dave Johnson at 536-8350.

GREENWAY DOWNS REALESTATE UPDATE  
1/1/83 - 3/14/83

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Homes currently on the market

2831 Bolling Road	\$97,500
2843 Marshall St.	91,900
2760 Greerway Blvd.	89,900
2845 Cameron Road	82,950

<u>Homes sold 1/1/83 - 3/14/83</u>	<u>List Price</u>	<u>Sale Price</u>	<u>Financing</u>
6940 Cavalier Trail	\$ 79,950	\$ 76,000	FHA
2826 Winchester Way	87,900	80,500	Assm.
2820 George Mason	95,950	94,000	VA
2812 George Mason	96,950	94,000	Assm.
2837 Marshall St.	115,000	105,000	FHA

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BABY SITTING CO-OP

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association baby sitting Co-op has been active now for two years with tremendous success. The system is based on an exchange of credits in return for babysitting. We welcome new members - for more information, call Susan Howlett at 533-0291.

EDITORIAL

"I Love dogs, but...those that bark in access are not man's best friend! I am tired of trying to relax, read or sleep to the steady beat of incessant barking. I own a dog - but he has his limits, Please, if you won't respect the law, respect your neighbors."

COMMENTS FROM THE EDITOR

As your community newsletter this paper is looking for your comments. If you have an opinion on an issue affecting our neighborhood, please submit it in writing to Beth Bleaken, 2804 Summerfield Road.

BETH BLEAKEN  
EDITOR