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STREET IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

In case some citizens are unaware, the Greenway Boulevard road improvements have been completed. Take a drive down the street some time to see the difference. The next phase in the Community Improvement Program for Greenway Downs will include Cameron Road, West George Mason Road and Woodlawn Avenue.

At this time, revised final plans for these streets are in the final review process by the county agencies concerned. It is estimated that this process will take from 4-10 weeks to complete. At the end of this period, county staff members will be visiting residents on these streets with construction easements to sign.

It was learned that the original plans for the construction easements have been changed somewhat and that, in general, the amount of contouring and the amount of space needed to move equipment around on individual lots has been reduced.

Meetings with citizens on Winchester Way, Marshall Street and Summerfield Road will be organized in the near future.

At a general meeting of the Citizens Association last May, some people had expressed concern about the road width of Custis Parkway near the new Tot Lot. The initial plans call for a road width of 22 to 24 feet with any park barricades offset by at least four feet from the roadway. More information should be upcoming because the Parks Department and the Virginia Highway Department will be meeting with the Public Works Department of Fairfax County in the near future to review the plans concerning Custis Parkway.

TOT LOT DEDICATION

Parents of small children will be pleased to know that Greenway Downs now has a lovely playground. The "Tot Lot" is located at the western end of Custis Parkway. It features swings, a jungle gym, a slide, and a nicely paved path. A bridge spans the stream for the convenience of residents on the north side of Custis.

The Citizens Association is planning a triple header celebration on Sunday, October 30, at 2pm. We will be celebrating not only the opening of the park, but also the completion of road improvements on Greenway Boulevard, and of course, Halloween. VIP's including Supervisor Jim Scott have been invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Plans for some form of Halloween observance for the little ones are being worked-out, so plan to attend!

WATCH THOSE KIDS

There have been a number of near accidents recently at the points where the neighborhood walking trails intersect with several streets. Cavalier Trail and Whitepost Walk run from Marshall Street east. Cavalier Trail extends to Cameron Road where it changes from a walkway to a street. Whitepost Walk extends to Winchester Way. Please be aware that youngsters ride their bikes down these trails and may inadvertently dart into the street. Some of the pedestrian portions of Cavalier Trail were repaved during the recent street improvement project, thus providing a particularly attractive speedway for young bikers, so be especially watchful at these intersections. It would be small consolation to know that you were not at fault if you ran over one of your neighbor's children, so let's drive slowly.

SPRING PARK CLEAN-UP

The Association would like to extend its thanks to the kind volunteers who helped out with the Spring park clean-up. They are Susan, Dick and Teddy Howlett; Jerilyn, John and Kevin Woelful; Marty, Tom and Jonathan Sowers; Cliff Chapman, Carl Kannapel, Jacob Goodwin, Kathy and Rick Nelson, Marianne Gick and Jim Landau. We especially want to thank Cliff Chapman for bringing his pick-up truck and hauling the debris off to the dump.

It has been reported that there are volunteers, who take a paper bag along when visiting the park or the new Tot Lot and pick up whatever litter they find. The Association commends them for their efforts and invites others to join in.

CHILD CARE WANTED

Mature loving mother to care for infant in my home 7AM-4PM, Monday-Friday. Non-smoker please. Call Jeanette Miller at 532-3194.

40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY MEMORIES

For many of us our summer got off to a neighborly start with the celebration of the 40th birthday of the Citizens Association. After having only three dry weekends prior to June 12, the weather proved to be the hottest of the year to that date. Still, that did not daunt a great number of you from attending.

Entertainment ran the entire afternoon with music by the "Jazz Masters", "Sweet Adelines", and the "Carpenter Sisters." Numerous past presidents of the Association attended the picnic and were welcomed back to our neighborhood. County Board Chairman Jack Herrity and Supervisor Jim Scott joined in the celebration and Jim presented the Association with a commendation for its accomplishments over the past 40 years. We gave away tens of door prizes, courtesy of the merchants in our community. Anyone who listened to the winners must have thought Winchester Way and Cameron Road had some sort of influence on the winning tickets! The Girl Scouts under Margie Dugan and the Boy Scouts led by John Edmonstan performed well in the call of duty along with volunteers from Greenway Downs too numerous to mention.

We hope you had a chance to enjoy the party and met some new neighbors at the same time.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PROGRESS

Summer was a successful season for the Greenway Downs Neighborhood Watch program. We have experienced a sizeable increase in volunteers since Spring. We now have 118 families participating. This accounts for slightly more than a quarter of all homes in the Downs. Thanks for this success is owed to Tom McDonnell the watch co-ordinator, and to all of the hard working block captains, and of course to all of you who have participated in patrolling and base station duty. Keep up the good work!

Residents have probably noticed the signs at most entrances to our community, marking it as an area under the scrutiny of Neighborhood Watch. Let's keep it this way. Additional volunteers are always welcomed. If you have expressed an interest in patrolling in the past, but haven't been contacted, call us. We may have lost your name in the administrative shuffle. Even if you are not interested in actively patrolling, you can participate in other ways without leaving your home. If you have questions or suggestions, contact us. We are interested in your input.

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COMMUTER TRAFFIC

Our Citizens Association was represented at the most recent Fairfax County Federation of Civic Associations meeting at which a resolution was unanimously passed requesting that Fairfax County identify streets within the county which are severely impacted by commuter traffic and to recommend solutions to the problem. The Board of Supervisors adopted the same resolution and Jim Scott has been notified that we wish to have Marshall Street and Summerfield included in the study.

HOME SALES AND HOUSES FOR SALE

For Sale:	2824 Marshall Street	\$116,500	
	2803 Marshall Street	109,500	
	2819 Winchester Way	102,500	
	2849 Woodlawn	99,500	
	2831 Bolling Road	94,500	
	2831 George Mason	92,500	
	2803 George Mason	89,950	
	2825 Monroe Street	85,000	
	6937 Custis Parkway	79,500	
	2833 Summerfield Road	89,950	
	2840 Winchester Way	89,900	
	2838 George Mason	87,900	
	2825 Greenway	85,950	
Homes Sold	2829 Woodlawn	\$102,000	Assumption
Summer '83:	2827 Winchester Way	92,000	FHA
	2836 Marshall Street	91,000	FHA
	2807 George Mason	84,500	Assumption
	2754 George Mason	80,000	VA
	2829 Winchester Way	75,000	Assumption

Information provided by Mac McGovern, Century 21, United.

EDITORIAL

It has come to my attention that several residents of Greenway Downs seem to either be unaware of or do not care about the local ordinances prohibiting the parking of derelict vehicles on or about one's property. A derelict vehicle is any conveyance parked in inoperable condition or without current tags for more than thirty days and not housed in a garage. If one of your neighbors is breaking this law, it is your right to call the authorities and complain. Such inconsiderateness detracts from the appearance of the neighborhood and from local property values. If these offenders will not respect their neighbors, perhaps they can be forced to respect the law.

Jim Gaul - Editor