

# THE DOWNS

Hello Neighbors:

I am happy to return to another term as President of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association. I am pleased to be a part of this organization, and I am especially happy to be a part of a dedicated and hard-working group, the street representatives – the association’s Board of Directors – an excellent team.

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PRESIDENT'S  
CORNER  
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In existence since 1942, the GWDCA is one of the oldest continuously running citizens associations in northern Virginia. The association’s neighborhood is bounded by Lee Highway, Tripps Run, the north side of Chestnut Avenue, and the east side of Rosemary Lane. GWDCA has an annual meeting in May, and sponsors different neighborhood activities throughout the year. We solicit association membership due as well as advertising for the neighborhood telephone directory in order to obtain income to cover activity expenses and publication of the telephone directory and periodic newsletters. GWDCA is to be run as a not-for-profit organization and is prohibited from endorsing any political candidate or commercial enterprise.

The GWDCA is an excellent example of a way to help keep the neighborhood vibrant and an all around nice place to live. If you would like to talk about the neighborhood, please call me at 237-2263.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Kathryn L. Ward  
Winchester Way

**Holiday Caroling**  
Wednesday,  
December 15  
Singers and Host  
Homes Needed!  
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*Happy Holidays!*



## Neighborhood Gathers for Picnic

What do popcorn relays, water balloons, temporary tattoos, and a fire engine all have in common? They were some of the highlights of the Saturday, September 18 afternoon spent at the Greenway Downs Neighborhood Picnic.

Our neighborhood kids enjoyed the fun and games before some quiet time with Greenway Downs' very own storyteller, Merrilee Pallansch. Maybe next year Merrilee will let us know "Why the Old Lady Swallowed the Fly."



Competitors race in the challenging "Popcorn Relay."

And just when you thought it was time to wrap up the fun, Fire and Rescue Unit 418 of the Fairfax County Fire Department stopped by to show us their fire truck and ambulance. All the guests were thrilled to see the equipment up close and to meet real firefighters!



Fairfax County firefighter shows onlookers the fire truck.



A Greenway Downs youngster gets her first tattoo.

A warm-hearted Thank You to all who contributed to the success of the Picnic, especially the following merchants:

Economy Party,  
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Company  
Unit 418,  
Galleria Florist,  
German Gourmet,  
Milan Bakery,  
New Custom Cleaners,  
Sislers, Inc., and  
Westlawn Supermarket.

Cara Dobbins  
Winchester Way



Providence District Supervisor, Gerry Connelly, paid a special visit to share a hot dog and a nice chat.

## WANTED

**Greenway Downs Missing Sandwich Board**  
used to advertise upcoming community events.

Last seen at the corner of Cameron and Custis

Please contact Cara Dobbins at 534-6882 with information on the missing board.



## Holiday Caroling

Wednesday, December 15  
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Greenway Downs Park

'Tis the season for a night of Holiday Caroling! The festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. near the basketball court.

You need no musical or choral experience to join the group, and we encourage all ages and singing abilities to take part in the last Greenway Downs event of 1999!

We also need several volunteer "host" homes to open your doors and greet our singers throughout the evening.

Interested in singing?  
Please contact Kathryn Ward at 237-2263.

Interested in being a "host" home?  
Contact Cara Dobbins at 534-6882.



# Hungry Hippo

P.O. Box 402; Falls Church, VA 22040

The opinions expressed here are solely those of the author.

**Fortune Restaurant** (Seven Corners Shopping Center next to Home Depot)



I usually compare Chinese restaurants by tasting their egg drop soup, and Fortune's was delicious! The shrimp toast, however, left something to be desired. For entrees, we shared the tofu casserole and sautéed spinach with tofu sauce – both of which were exceptional. The service and decor were excellent as well. If you haven't tried it, try it!

## Mark's Duck House

(6184-A Arlington Boulevard)



We've eaten here often and have never been disappointed by this restaurant that offers authentic Hong Kong dim sum. The only drawback is that the Duck House is always crowded and noisy – take the family for a great meal, but don't take a date for a romantic interlude! Go, but get there early to avoid standing in line waiting for a table!

## Majestic Crab House

(2922 Annandale Road)



We started with spring rolls, which were the only thing I didn't like. We followed with peanut chicken, lotus root and pork salad, and crabs, the house specialty. We dined on huge portions as the owner/waiter shared his experiences about his escape from Viet Nam. He talked about the

pirates who twice boarded his boat. The food and his warmth made the Majestic a marvelous dining experience. If you like crabs, a homey atmosphere, and good food, try the Crab House.

## Old Hickory Grill

(7263-6 Arlington Boulevard in Loehman's Plaza)



We shared mammoth portions of ribs, charred too much for my taste, and shrimp. I also had the most fantastic red-skin mashed potatoes I've ever eaten. The food is Cajun and hot, which may send your taste buds into a frenzy, so be prepared! The service, however, was among the best I've seen on five continents. The Grill's charming wait staff anticipated our every need without us having to ask for anything. If you like good service, give the Grill a try.

## Pho Huyen

(133 East Annandale Road)



This small, newly opened restaurant serves a dozen varieties of freshly made Vietnamese soups and entrees. I had the Bun Cha Gio, a minced noodle dish, served with an egg roll. Bun Cha Gio is served at room temperature, which made for a different taste sensation – not to my liking. The service was fast and the prices were low, but the over-all food quality doesn't begin to approach that of the nearby Galaxy Restaurant!

## Greenway Downs Citizens Association

Board of Directors 1999 - 2000

### Officers

President.....	Kathryn Ward.....	237-2263
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### Board Members

Bolling Road.....	Kimberly Aubry.....	532-6448
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### Committees

<i>The Downs</i> Newsletter.....	Bethany Chirico.....	534-8868
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Social Events.....		
Tot Lot and Playground.....	Kimberly Aubry.....	532-6448
Federation Liaison.....	Pete Chirico.....	534-8868

## Keeping Our Creek Clean

The semiannual Park and Creek Cleanup, was held on Saturday, October 9. Sunshine and warm temperatures motivated eleven volunteers, armed with rakes, shovels, and recycling bins to pick up trash and pull down vines that clambered over the trees. One of our volunteers was from the City Park community on the south side of the creek beyond Chestnut Street. She walks her dog in the park and felt she should do her part in its upkeep. Her help, as well as that of the other volunteers, was much appreciated.

The park is frequented by walkers, residents with dogs, joggers, and parents making their way to the tot lot, all who say their activities are more pleasurable in the attractive park surroundings. Thanks to all who joined in the cleanup and to those of you who pick up trash on your own throughout the year. Keeping our community beautiful and clean doesn't just have to be in April and October.

Joan Rodriguez  
West George Mason Road

(Downs Note: Look for dates for the 2000 Cleanups in the February 2000 issue.)

## Trick or Treat?

Thanks to all who attended and participated in the Halloween Parade on Halloween eve. It was truly a "treat" to see one hundred and thirty Greenway Downs Paraders wow a large audience with their neighborhood spirit and creative Halloween costumes. Our Parade Judges, Kathryn Ward and Janice Richardson, had a challenge judging and awarding certificates to the many marchers.



Thanks to the merry troupe of Scott Forrey, Bob Cheal, Bob Pallansch, Keith Brescia, Susan McMarlin, and Merrill Erler for keeping all those little feet marching along.

Special thanks to Marie Giroux, the Parade organizer, for her hard work! Another Parade well done!