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GDCA Board Sets Goals for New Year

Keil Green, 2002-2003 GDCA President

Several weeks ago the Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) Board of Directors held its first meeting for the 2002-2003 where we appointed officers and set the Board's agenda for the upcoming year. This year's Board is extremely active, and, due in no small part to Sara Breaux's hard work as President last year, we have a great base on which to build. The Board has already set a number of goals for the year, which I want to briefly touch on.

Our objectives for the year fall under three general categories: 1) Strengthening the GDCA by bringing the neighborhood closer together; 2) Improving key aspects of our neighborhood infrastructure; and, of course, 3) Having a good time.

BRINGING THE NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER

One of the most important goals for this year is the completion of the membership drive and the creation of a new Neighborhood Directory. GDCA membership is \$5.00 per year, and this funding is vital for continuing the newsletter, numerous social events, as well as our representation with Fairfax County.

This year, members will receive a complimentary copy of the Neighborhood Directory (*information is currently being collected—see enclosed fliers*). We strongly encourage you to fill out the attached form so that we can keep the Directory up to date. We have also added a number of questions to the form to give the Board a clearer look at the neighborhood we represent and the residents we serve. While this information will **not** be included in the directory, I encourage you to fill this out.

Finally, to help better identify and build pride in Greenway Downs, we will be

looking into the cost and feasibility of constructing neighborhood boundary signs. These decorative signs would be placed at the entrances to neighborhood.

IMPROVING GREENWAY DOWNS

We continue to work Fairfax County to make improvements to our neighborhood. At the request of the GDCA, the Virginia Department of Transportation and Fairfax County have investigated the traffic and speeding problems on Summerfield Avenue, which is a popular cut-through between Route 50 and Route 29. I am happy to report that based on their investigations, we have been selected to receive traffic calming measures. Before these efforts can begin, 75% of affected neighbors must sign a petition. That process is detailed in this newsletter (see *Petition for Summerfield Traffic Calming* on p. 2).

The Board will also be meeting with the County to discuss reducing the number of red light runners at the Marshall Street and Route 29 intersection.

Furthermore, as we recognize how much the Greenway Downs Park and the creeks add to the neighborhood, we will be holding two annual creek cleanups (see *Help Needed for Creek Cleanup* on p. 2). In addition, the Board will be working with Fairfax County to address specific creek problems, such as the fallen tree near Cameron Street and the need to remove soil from the Marshall Street tunnel.

HAVING FUN

One of the most rewarding jobs of the GDCA Board will be the coordination of various social events for our members. The Social Committee is already hard at work on our Fall Festival (see *See You at*

the Fall Fest! on p. 3). As the holiday season approaches, we will also provide you with additional information about the 2nd Annual GDCA Caroling for Cans drive and other festivities. A full listing of planned social events for the year is provided on p. 3 of this newsletter.

As you can see, the GDCA has taken on a great deal this year, and we will only be successful with your participation. I encourage you to fill out the Membership/Neighborhood Directory form included with this newsletter (completed forms are due November 30!). In addition, if you are interested in getting involved and participating in the GDCA's activities, please contact any Board member. Finally, if you have a comment or concern about the GDCA or neighborhood, please contact me directly at 703-868-8231 or via e-mail at ksgreen@lafayettegroup.com.

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Petition for Summerfield Traffic Calming We Need Your Signature!

For years residents have complained that vehicles travel too fast on Summerfield Road. After a lot of hard work by members of the GDCA and the City Park Citizens Association, Fairfax County agrees. This past spring the Fairfax County Department of Transportation conducted an engineering review of the traffic and determined that Summerfield Road meets the preliminary qualifications for inclusion in the Residential Traffic Administration Program for traffic-calming, based on vehicular speeds and volumes.

In the next few weeks GDCA representatives will ask the residents of Bolling Road, Winchester Way, Summerfield Road, Cameron Road, and the eastern portions of Cavalier Trail and Custis Parkway to sign a petition regarding Summerfield traffic-calming. This petition merely "requests consideration of remedial measure to reduce the speed of traffic on Summerfield Road. Such remedial measures could include physical devices, traffic signs, and/or striping." This petition does not approve any one particular plan; it simply allows a community task force to recommend a solution to reduce the speed of traffic. Any plan adopted by the task force would be put forth to residents for approval at a later date.

Please take a moment to sign the petition when you are approached. One moment now can have a large impact on the safety of pedestrians and property on Summerfield and the surrounding streets.

Help Needed for Creek Cleanup November 2, 2002

Please join us for the Greenway Downs Creek Cleanup on Saturday, November 2, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. There are many things to do to get our creek, park, and walking paths in shape for winter, and we need your help! Plus, this is a great way to give back to Mother Nature and to your community!

When: Saturday, November 2; 10:00 a.m.

Where: Meet us by the basketball court

Please bring your favorite garden tools (pruners, rakes, spades, saws, hedge clippers) and work gloves. We also recommend wearing long pants, long sleeved shirts, and boots or old sneakers.

Children and residents of all abilities are welcome!



If you can't come to the November cleanup, please help keep our neighborhood clean, green, and beautiful by: picking up trash when you walk in the park or along the streets, scheduling special trash or bulk pickups prior to (or quickly after) placing items by your curb, and making sure to clean up after your dog (you are required by law to pick up and dispose of your dog's fecal matter)!

The Hungry Hippo - Best of 2001

The hungry hippo loves to eat and in 2001, he ate at nearly every ethnic restaurant within 10 miles of Greenway Downs. Here are a few of the restaurants he gave 5 hippos and chose as "The Best of 2001!"

Burmese: *Myramar Restaurant* (Route 29 hidden in a little shopping center on the north side of the highway just past the glass company). If I could give more than five hippos, I would. Try their spring rolls, and eat your way down the menu.

Cajun: *Old Hickory Grill* (Loehman's Plaza). Excellent, efficient, energetic service. I always order the ribs, and their redskin mashed potatoes are to die for! Be warned, however-Cajun food is insidiously hot. Your tongue and entire body will feel it for the next several days.

Chinese: *Miukee Restaurant* (Route 50 and Annandale Road next to IHOP). I

ordered the eggplant and pork casserole; it's a step and a half beyond excellence. I also recommend their sautéed beef with Chinese watercress. The place is always crowded, but the half-hour+ wait is worth it. Try Miukee...I bet you lick your chopsticks clean.

Irish: *Ireland's Four Provinces* (Route 7 at Route 29). Great food! Great service! Fine Irish music and warm friendly servers from distant County Fairfax!

Peruvian: *Super Chicken* (Route 29 next to the Laundromat). It's broiled. It's big. It's cheap. Be sure to warn your taste buds to get ready for a treat! Also, try the Inca Cola, it's what Peruvians drink.

Vietnamese: *Internet Restaurant* (Eden Center in the Sears building to the left of main entrance). I had the best fried tofu I've had in years. They also have a real Vietnamese rickshaw—take the kids!

The Hungry Hippo is a resident of Greenway Downs. His opinions are entirely his own.

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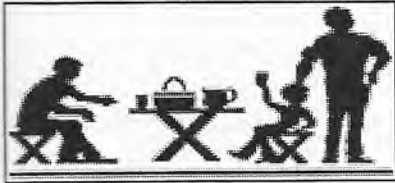
You can get news and information about Greenway Downs online! Visit our site at:
<http://www.greenwaydowns.org>

Requests for special pickups of brush or bulk items can be made on the weekends, in the middle of the night, or even on holidays! Call the automated scheduling line at 703-324-5040.

Approximately half of the deaths caused by bicycle crashes are children under 15! In 1993 Fairfax County enacted a law requiring riders under 15 to wear a helmet each and every time they ride. Don't have one? Check local bikes stores today!

**See You at the Fall Fest!
October 26, 2002**

Get your Halloween costumes ready for the GDCA Fall Fest! Join your neighbors on Saturday, October 26 for an afternoon of food and fun at the west end of Custis Parkway in the cul-de-sac. We will be grilling hot dogs, and



beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to

share with others and chairs or blankets to sit on.

We will kick off the festivities at 3:00 p.m. with a pumpkin decorating contest. Bring a carved pumpkin to be judged or a plain pumpkin to be painted at the crafts table. At 4:00 p.m. we will gather the children for our annual Halloween Parade around the perimeter of the park.

The grand finale will be a visit from our local fire and police departments. We will have festive props set up for photos, so bring your cameras to this favorite neighborhood event!



This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the community and meet new neighbors. Costumes are not required – just your presence, so please come and join in on the fun!

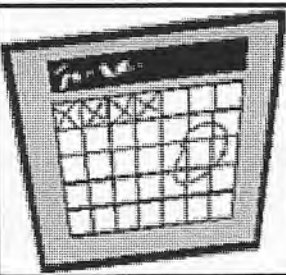
GDCA representatives will be collecting membership dues (\$5.00) from residents who have not yet paid. There will also be representatives from the Garden Club, Welcome Committee, Social Committee, and Neighborhood Watch available for inquiries.

ADMIT ONE FAMILY

What: GDCA Fall Fest
Where: Tot Lot on Custis
When: Saturday, October 26
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Raindate: Sunday, October 27

Please bring: Side dish or dessert
Pumpkins to paint
Chairs or blankets
Costumes for the kids

Ticket not needed for admission



**GDCA 2002-2003
EVENTS CALENDAR**

Be sure to mark your calendars - planning is underway for the following events!
We hope to see you there!

OCTOBER 2002

Fall Fest Saturday, Oct. 26*
Tot Lot on Custis 3:00-6:00 p.m.
*Raindate: Sunday, Oct. 27

NOVEMBER 2002

Creek and Path Cleanup Saturday, Nov. 2*
Meet at basketball court 10:00 a.m.*
*Raindate: Sunday, Nov. 3; 12:00 p.m.

DECEMBER 2002

2nd Annual GDCA Caroling for Cans Drive Sat., Dec. 14*
Holiday House Decoration Contest
Location and time to be announced *Raindate: Sunday, Dec. 15

FEBRUARY 2003

GDCA Happy Hour Friday, February 7
GDCA Senior Residents' Night
Locations and time to be announced

Neighborhood Schools Discussion Meeting Late Feb.
Location and time to be announced
Invited guests: Ernestine Heastie (Fairfax Co. School Board); Anita Blain (Timberlane Elem. School); Nancy Sprag (Asst. Superintendent for Instruction); and Gerry Connolly (Providence Dist. Supervisor)

MARCH 2003

Creek and Path Cleanup Saturday, March 22*
Meet at basketball court 10:00 a.m.*
*Raindate: Sunday, March 23; 12:00 p.m.

APRIL 2003

Spring Fest Saturday, April 19*
Location and time to be announced *Raindate: Saturday, April 26

MAY 2003

GDCA Annual Meeting Wednesday, May 7
Devonshire Center

JUNE 2003

Yard Sale Saturday, June 7

AUGUST 2003

National Night Out Wednesday, August 6
Honoring Neighborhood Watch



October 7, 2002

Dear Neighbor:

As you will find in the newsletter, the Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) has set a number of goals for enhancing our neighborhood in the coming year. In order to make these goals a reality, we need to complete our on-going GDCA Membership drive. The annual membership fee is \$5 which is tax deductible, and of course we would welcome any additional donations that you would like to give.

In addition to the membership fee, we are asking that you fill out the attached Neighbor information form. This information will be used to compile the neighborhood directory which will be provided to GDCA members once all the information has been received. To ensure that your information is correct in the new directory, please try to return this information by Nov. 30, 2002. We hope to have the Directories distributed in the early spring.

In order to make membership as easy as possible, I have enclosed a self addressed envelope for you return with you membership information. (**Note: A stamp is required to send U.S. Mail**). If you would prefer to get some exercise and/or save the price of the stamp, you can also drop off your membership information with any of the following GDCA Street Reps:

- **Scot Walker** – 2805 Bolling
- **Bethany & Pete Chirico** – 2837 Winchester Way
- **Terri Lamb** - 2818 Summerfield
- **Todd & Jennifer Marks** – 2845 Cameron Road
- **Maureen Kahr** – 2754 Greenway Blvd.
- **Sara Forsyth** – 2838 W. George Mason
- **Maureen Berry** – 2818 Marshall Street
- **Erik McNair** – 2845 Monroe St.
- **Beth Stucker** – 6915 Custis Parkway

You will note that this year, the GDCA has added a few questions to provide us with a better idea of the number of people, age ranges, and number of years that you have been residents in Greenway Downs. While not required for the directory, I believe that this information is vital in helping the Board better understand our neighborhood -- and thereby better serve your needs.

Thanks once again for supporting your neighborhood. Please feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at (703) 538-7353 or by email at ksgreen@lafayettegroup.com

Sincerely,

Keil Green
GDCA President

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Welcoming: Sara Forsyth

La junta de GDCA fija las metas por Año Nuevo: La junta directiva de la asociación de Greenway Downs (GDCA) celebró su primera reunión y fijó recientemente la agenda de Board por el año próximo. La junta quiere traer la vecindad junta. Una de las metas más importantes por este año es la impulsión de la calidad de miembro y un nuevo directorio telefonico del barrio. Dependemos de nuestras deudas de la calidad de miembro (\$5.00 por año) para crear el boletín de noticias, organizamos acontecimientos sociales, y proporcionamos la representación al condado de Fairfax. Los miembros de GDCA recibirán una copia elogiosa del directorio telefonico (véase los aviadores incluidos para la información). Por favor llene el formulario incluido para que podemos poner al día el directorio. Usted también verá varias preguntas, que no serán incluidas en el directorio, pero dará a la junta una mirada más clara en la vecindad que representamos y los residentes servimos. También estamos mirando en el coste de construir muestras del límite de la vecindad. Mejorar Greenway Downs: Nos han seleccionado recibir medidas que calmaban del tráfico en el camino de Summerfield. Necesitaremos el 75% de los vecinos afectados firmar una petición (véase p. 2). También resolveremos con el condado con respecto a la reducción del número de los corredores de la luz roja en la intersección de la calle y de la ruta 29 del formar. Llevaremos a cabo dos limpiezas generales anuales del cala (véase p. 2). Tener Diversión: vea el calendario en p. 3 para las fechas de todos los acontecimientos que llevaremos a cabo este año, incluyendo El Festival del Otoño (véase p. 3), el 2do GDCA anual Cantando de Navidad y la colección de comida para los pobres. Seremos solamente acertados este año con su participación. Para conseguir implicado con las actividades de GDCA, entre en contacto con por favor a cualquier miembro de la junta.

Petición para calmar del tráfico de Summerfield: Por años los residentes se han quejado de que viajan los vehículos demasiado rápido en el camino de Summerfield. Después de conducir de vehículos revisión de ingeniería una las velocidades y volumen de tráfico, el departamento del condado de Fairfax del transporte esta de acuerdo. El camino de Summerfield ha resuelto las calificaciones preliminares para la inclusión en el programa residencial de la administración del tráfico para tráfico-calmar. Los representantes de GDCA pedirán que los residentes de Bolling, de Winchester, de Summerfield, de Cameron, y de las porciones del este Cavalier y Custis de firmen una petición solicitando medidas de reducir la velocidad del tráfico en Summerfield. Esta petición no aprueba ningún un plan particular; simplemente permite que a comunidad el destacamento de fuerzas recomiende una solución para reducir la velocidad del tráfico. El plan final requeriría la aprobación de los residentes en una fecha más última. Firme por favor la petición en de cuando le acercan y tenga un impacto grande en la seguridad peatones en Summerfield y las calles circundantes.

¡Véale en la Festival del Otoño! Ensámblenos sábado, el 26 de octubre en el parque para la Festival del Otoño. Las salchichas y las bebidas serán proporcionados; por favor traiga un plato de comida o un postre para compartir. A las 3:00 p.m. empieza competencia que adorna de la calabaza. Traiga una calabaza tallada para ser juzgado o una calabaza llana que se pintará en la tabla de los artes. A las 4:00 p.m. desfile anual de Halloween para los niños y una visita de nuestros departamentos locales de los bomberos y del policía. ¡Los trajes no se requieren! Además, los representantes del club del jardín, del comité social, y el patrol de la seguridad de la vecindad estará disponible para las preguntas, y de las deudas de la calidad de miembro (\$5.00) serán recogidos si usted no ha pagado ya.

La ayuda necesitó para la limpieza general del rio: el 2 de noviembre a las 10:00 en la mañana (reuniónse por la canca de basket).

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GDCA Membership & Phone Directory Form

On behalf of the 2002-2003 GDCA Board, thank you for supporting your neighborhood. Please complete the following form and return it with payment in the attached envelope or to your designated street rep. Completed forms must be received by Nov. 30, 2002. Members of the GDCA will receive one complimentary copy of the Neighborhood Directory per household. Additional copies are available to GD residents for a suggested donation of \$5.00.

Directory Information

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - This information will be included in the Greenway Downs Neighborhood Directory. If your form is not received, your street address will appear in the Directory as "Unlisted". If you would prefer to appear as unlisted, write UNLISTED for the name.

Name(s)*: _____

Address: _____ Falls Church, VA 22042

Phone: _____ Skill/Service to be included _____

Person providing skill _____ Phone to contact for skill _____

E-Mail Address (1 per house) _____ Would you like to receive GDCA information by e-mail? Yes No

Greenway Downs Demographic Information

*This information is intended to provide overall demographic information on Greenway Downs. This information will **NOT** be included in the Directory or disclosed on an individual basis.*

Years of residency in Greenway Downs: _____ Do you own or rent? _____

Number of residents in the household in each age range:

0-12 years old _____	13-21 years old _____
22-59 years old _____	Over 59 years old _____

Greenway Downs Membership Form

If you have already paid the 2002 membership fee, we encourage you to prepay for 2003. Additional donations are welcome and will be used for future Greenway Downs social events and neighborhood improvements. All membership fees and donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

2002 Membership Fee (\$5) _____

2003 Membership Fee (\$5) _____

Additional Donation _____

Total Cash or Check Received _____



(Checks should be made out to Greenway Downs Citizens Assoc.)

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Phone Directory Advertising Information

Are you interested in advertising
in the Greenway Downs
Neighborhood Directory?



Ad space is available as follows:

1/4 Page (1 ^{1/2} " high x 4 ^{1/2} " wide)	\$25
1/3 Page (2 ^{1/2} " high x 4 ^{1/2} " wide)	\$50
1/2 Page (3 ^{1/2} " high x 4 ^{1/2} " wide)	\$75
Full Page (Interior: 7 ^{1/8} " high x 4 ^{1/2} " wide)	\$125
Full Page (Front/back inside cover)	\$200
Full Page (Back cover)	\$250

Ad are available on a first come, first purchased basis.
Complete artwork must accompany placement request
along with payment.

**Call Bethany Chirico at (703) 534-8868 or beth_chirico@yahoo.com
to reserve advertising space or for more information**