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Annual Meeting

Thursday

May 23rd 7:30pm

Devonshire Center

2831 Graham Rd.

Corner of Lee Highway and Graham Road



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GDCA Sets Annual Meeting for May 23; Speakers to Address Traffic, Zoning Issues

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) will hold its annual meeting Thursday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will take place at Fairfax County Public Schools' Devonshire Administrative Center, located at 2831 Graham Road (on the east side of the street, just past the intersection of Lee Highway and Graham Road, across the street from Magruder's).

GDCA President Sara Breaux will open the meeting with a review of the Citizen Association's activities and events during the past year.

Also on hand will be Officer P.G. Cuzzolino of the Fairfax County Police Department, McLean District Station. In addition to presenting the neighborhood Traffic and Crime Reports, Officer Cuzzolino will discuss a number of issues related to keeping safe in Greenway Downs, including Neighborhood Watch, police-to-public relations, and how to protect yourself and your property from crime.

After Officer Cuzzolino's presentation, Roger Simms,

Supervising Field Inspector with the Fairfax County Department of Zoning and Paul McAdams, Senior Zoning Inspector for the department will discuss issues that have been raised recently in the neighborhood. These include oversized commercial vehicles in residential areas and other zoning violations and concerns.

Officer Cuzzolino, Mr. Simms and Mr. McAdams will all be available for a Question and Answer session after their presentations.

Providence District Supervisor Gerry Connolly from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will also be on hand for the General Q&A session.

The evening will conclude with a call for residents to volunteer to serve on the Greenway Downs Citizens Association in the upcoming year.

The Association is in need of Street Representatives for Bolling Road, Winchester Way, Summerfield Rd., Marshall St., Monroe St., Woodlawn Ave. and Lee Highway.

Being a street representative is easy. It takes less than 3 hours a month, to attend one board meeting and distribute the quarterly newsletter. Street reps also serve as contacts for neighbors to voice concerns, and distribute welcome packets to new residents.

This year, we've been extremely fortunate to have a group of volunteers with incredible energy and commitment, who have contributed their ideas, thoughts and time to accomplish an impressive array of highly successful activities and objectives. But new volunteers are always needed and appreciated.

Please step up to the plate. Your help is needed ensure that the neighborhood is fairly and widely represented and that ideas remain fresh and vital.

To Get to The Meeting

Make a left onto Lee Highway from nearly any street in Greenway Downs. Make a left at the traffic signal at the intersection of Lee Highway and Graham Road. Make a left into the driveway just before Devonshire Center. Parking is in the rear.

NEED A RIDE?

Scot Walker, GDCA Vice President, is coordinating rides to the annual meeting. If you need a ride or can give a ride, please contact him at 703-534-3230 or send an email to scot_walker2002@hotmail.com

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May Membership Drive Will Send Street Representatives Door-to-Door

Birds chirping, flowers blooming, dandelions springing up with unfettered zest all over your yard. Just add to that a friendly face at your door asking for your annual membership support to the Greenway Downs Citizens Association, and you know Spring is finally here!

May is Membership Month for the GDCA, which means sometime during the next few weeks, you can expect to see your GDCA Street Rep (and his or her friendly smile) at your door asking for a few moments of your time and your annual, tax deductible \$5 dues contribution. As many of you know, the past year has been full of activities that have brought fun and meaningful neighborhood interaction. But these efforts take not only time and the dedication of volunteers, but also financial support.

The work of the GDCA and its efforts to foster community spirit and the well being of the neighborhood have not gone unnoticed. At the recent SpringFest, an anonymous donor announced a dues challenge: if at least \$100 was raised in dues and donations at the SpringFest that day, he would match it with his own contribution of \$100. We are proud to announce that attendees at the SpringFest stopped by the Membership Table, filled out their information forms, and contributed more than \$235 that morning! As a result, the organization was able to "kick-start" its annual drive and garner an additional \$100 donation.

Another Fairfax County resident and businessman impressed with the GDCA's efforts is area REMAX Real Estate Agent, Jim Feagins. Mr. Feagins generously donated a check for \$100 to the association's general fund, and an additional \$100 Home Depot Gift Certificate for the neighborhood beautification fund. Mr. Feagins also plans to begin including copies of *The Downs* newsletter in the marketing materials for his new real estate listings. The GDCA sincerely thanks both of these donors for their thoughtful and greatly appreciated contributions.

Your contribution of \$5 will greatly help the GDCA in to continue sponsoring events that bring our residents together, and working with local officials to increase safety and make our neighborhood a better place to live for all residents. So, please-welcome your GDCA Street Representative with a smile, a moment of your time, and—if you can—a \$5 contribution. Thanks for your continued support!



Yard Sale Set for Saturday, June 8

Are you tired of living with Aunt Patty's "heirloom" sofa? Ready to admit that your 6 year old will never fit in those cute 4T PJ's again? Then sign up to sell your treasures in the GDCA Neighborhood Yard Sale on Saturday, June 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

If you plan to have a yard sale, please return the form on the back of this newsletter with \$3 to Maureen Kahr at 2754 Greenway Blvd. by Thursday, May 30th. The \$3 charge covers advertising and reproducing the map. The GDCA (not Maureen) will be responsible for promotion and sign placement in the neighborhood and on main cross streets. If you can help hang signs the night before the sale, please contact Sara Forsyth at 703-237-1330 or jsforsyth@yahoo.com.



Spring Festival Proves Fun for Kids Young and Old

The first annual Greenway Downs Citizens Association's SpringFest was a huge success! We had a beautiful morning, many volunteers and a great turn out of children, parents and area residents. Providence District Supervisor Gerry Connolly even stopped by to join in the fun. At a special Membership table, a variety of useful information was available for neighbors to help themselves to. The table also helped kick start the association's annual Membership Drive, with \$235 dollars in dues collected at the event. An additional \$100 was donated as part of a challenge by an anonymous donor. (See Membership story, page 2.)

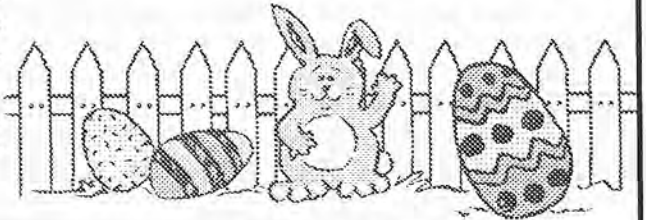
Also at the SpringFest, the Greenway Downs Citizens Association Garden Club held its second meeting. Fifteen residents expressed interest in swapping shrubs, plants and bulbs. Residents interested in participating by trading items from their own garden can contact Scot Walker at (703) 534-3230 or by email to Scotwalker2002@hotmail.com. Scot will be continuously compiling a list of what people have to contribute and what they are looking for and will try to match people up.

Many activities kept eager children busy while waiting for a visit from the Easter Bunny. They enjoyed making water bottle kaleidoscopes, and their very own set of bunny ears. the "How Many Jelly Beans are in the Jar?" contest elicited many educated guesses ranging from 3 to one million.

More than 60 bunny-eared children raced through the Tot-Lot in search of candy filled eggs. Many lucky participants found special Golden Eggs that they exchanged for prizes. And to bring a perfect morning to a perfect end, the tallest and most energetic Easter Bunny in all of Northern Virginia visited the egg hunters! The 6'3" bunny greeted the excited children and danced about 10 rounds of The Hokey Pokey after someone mistakenly programmed the CD to replay!

The SpringFest offered something for everyone in the neighborhood. But wouldn't have been such a great event without all the volunteers from every street and donations from local merchants. A big Thank You! to **Giant Food and Safeway** for their contributions of candy, to **Michael's** for the plastic eggs and supplies and to **Economy Party Supply** on Broad Street for the balloons. Thanks also to **Galleria Flowers**, who donated a lovely Easter Lily for raffle at the Garden Table.

GDCA's Social, Garden, and Membership Committees would also like to thank all the people in the neighborhood who contributed supplies and their time—we couldn't have done it without you!



Path and Creek Cleanup Is Scheduled for May 18

Whether you like to stroll our paths with your family and friends, or find yourself going on "adventures" and walks along the creek, our special green spaces help make Greenway Downs a unique and great place to live.

But while the county does practice certain maintenance routines, **it's up to us to be keep the area clear of paper pollution and other debris.** And by showing we care, we help insure more prompt and full responses from the county when assistance is truly needed.

On Saturday, May 18, at 10:00am neighbors will meet at the basketball courts on Custis Parkway to pick-up and clean our neighborhood walking paths, and the area around the creek. Come whenever you can; we'll probably work until 12:30 or so. Be sure to bring work gloves, pruners, rakes and saws (labeled with your name) and wear old sneakers or boots for work along the creek bed. Trash bags will be provided.

For more information about the clean-up or other activities, contact Erik McNair, GDCA Parks and Creek chair at 703-534-1856 or erikmcnair@yahoo.com. There's no need to sign-up ahead of time for the clean-up, so if you find yourself free at the last minute, come on down and join in a great neighborhood activity!

GDCA Sponsors "Adult's Only" Happy Hour at Ireland's Four Provinces

Would you rather meet your neighbors over a cold beer than over a stroller full of cranky kids? Are you yearning to talk to other adults without a six-foot-tall bunny lurking in the background?

Then come to the GDCA's first "Adults Only" event, Happy Hour at Ireland's Four Provinces in Falls Church!

WHO: Adult residents of Greenway Downs and friends.

WHEN: Thursday, May 16 6:30 p.m. to ????

WHERE: Ireland's Four Provinces, Corner of Rts. 7 and 29

WHY: Meet your neighbors and swap gardening stories, house stories, commuting stories, or life stories.

RSVP: Please contact Annie Turner at (703)241-7467 or turneram23@hotmail.com so she can reserve enough tables.



Resumen de Noticias

La Asociacion de Ciudadanos de Greenway Downs (GDCA) llevara a cabo su reunion anual, el jueves 23 de mayo a las 7:30 pm. en el Centro Administrativo Devonshire, de Colegios Publicos del Condado de Fairfax, situado en el 2831 de Graham Road (en el lado Este de la calle, casi cerca de la interseccion de Lee Highway y Graham Road, frente al supermercado Magruder's).

El Oficial P.G. Cuzzolino, del Depto. de Policia del Condado de Fairfax, Estacion Distrital de McLean, informara sobre varios temas relacionados con la seguridad en Greenway Downs. Roger Simms, Supervisor de Inspectores de Campo, del Depto. de Zonificacion del Condado de Fairfax y Paul McAdams, Inspector Principal de Zonificacion, informaran sobre vehiculos comerciales de mayor tamano en areas residenciales y otras violaciones de zonificacion.

La reunion concluire con un llamado a los residentes para servir de voluntarios en la GDCA para el ano que viene. La Asociacion necesita especialmente voluntarios para servir como Representantes de Calles, para Bolling Rd., Winchester Way, Summerfield Rd., Marshall St., Monroe St., Woodlawn Ave. y Lee Highway.

Para llegar a la reunion, desde cualquiera de las calles de Greenway Downs, doble a la izquierda en la Lee Hwy. y siga hasta la luz de trafico de la Lee Hwy. con Graham Rd., doble a la izquierda e inmediatamente a la izquierda en la entrada del Centro Devonshire. El estacionamiento esta detras.

Mayo es el Mes de Membresia del GDCA. Durante las proximas semanas recibira la visita del Representante de su Calle, pidiendole unos minutos de su tiempo y su contribucion de \$5., deducible para sus impuestos. El ano pasado se han llevado a cabo muchas actividades, que se tradujeron en diversiones y otros actos comunitarios muy significativos. Estos esfuerzos se hacen realidad gracias a la dedicacion de los voluntarios, conjuntamente con el apoyo financiero.

Por favor, reciba al Representante de su Calle, por unos minutos, y si puede, con su contribucion de \$5.

El sabado, 18 de mayo, a partir de las 10:00 am., los vecinos del barrio se concentraran en la cancha de basketball, en Custis Parkway, para recoger y limpiar las areas de caminos y alrededor del riachuelo. Venga cuando pueda, trabajaremos hasta las 12:30 pm. mas o menos. Traiga tambien guantes, podadoras, rastrillos y serruchos (con su nombre) y pongase zapatillas viejas o botas para trabajar en la orilla del riachuelo. Se les dara bolsas para la basura.

Si Ud. prefiere conocer a sus vecinos con una bebida fria, en lugar de con los carritos de bebes, venga al primer evento del GDCA "Adultos Solamente", en el Restaurante "Las 4 Provincias de Irlanda" - (Ireland's Four Provinces).

QUIENES: Adultos residentes de Greenway Downs y amigos.

CUANDO: Jueves, Mayo 16, 6:30 pm. a ???

DONDE: Ireland's Four Provinces, esquina de la Ruta 7 (West Broad Street) y Ruta 29 (Lee Hwy).

PARA QUE: Para conocer a sus vecinos, intercambiar experiencias de jardineria, de arreglos de casa, de transporte, o de su vida. Por favor responder a Annie Turner (703) 241-7467 o por e-mail al turneram23@hotmail.com, para que pueda reservar suficientes mesas.

El sabado 8 de junio, de 8:30 am. a 12:30 pm. se llevara a cabo el "Yard Sale" del vecindario. Si Ud. esta interesado en vender ese dia cualquier cosa que ya no le sirva, ropa, muebles, etc. pongase en contacto con Maureen Kahr, al tel. (703) 534-3009 o al e-mail rkahr@netzero.net antes del 30 de mayo. Para informacion sobre registro y para listar su casa en el mapa de "Yard Sales" del vecindario, hay un cargo de \$3. , para cubrir tambien los gastos de propaganda y materiales. La GDCA (no Maureen) sera la responsable de la promocion y puesta de todos los anuncios en el vecindario y calles principales.

Greenway Downs Neighborhood Yard Sale Registration

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

LARGE OR SPECIAL ITEMS FOR SALE, (cribs, bike, lawn mower, tools, etc.)

RETURN THIS FORM WITH YOUR \$3 REGISTRATION FEE BY THURSDAY MAY 30 to:

Maureen Kahr 2754 Greenway Blvd.

Questions? Contact Maureen at 703-534-3009 or email rkahr@netzero.net