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The President's Corner: The GDCA Needs YOU!

Keil Green, 2003-2004 GDCA President

As the Greenway Downs Citizens Association Board of Directors begins another year of activities for the neighborhood, I wanted to bring to everyone's attention both the progress that we have made over the last year, as well as the challenges that we face. This year's GDCA Board has the same faces that we have had in recent years. This year's board members are:

Keil Green - President

Terri Lamb - Vice President

Maureen Berry - Treasurer

Scot Walker - Recording Secretary

Sara Forsyth - Corresponding Secretary

Bethany Chirico - Member at Large

In some ways this is very positive as our Board is made up of very dedicated residents who are well acquainted with the issues that Greenway Downs faces each year. However, we currently have one vacation board member position and at the end of October, we will have two, including one officer. Like the neighborhood as a whole, the GDCA Board is in a time of transition—we have had two Board members move out of the neighborhood, another two (including myself) have new babies, and yet another Board member with a baby on the way. With everyone's hectic schedules, we are finding it more and more difficult to hold our meetings and do the planning that must be done for all of the events that Greenway Downs sponsors each year. This is where you come in!

We are looking for nominations for new Board members to join us in improving Greenway Downs. We meet on a monthly

basis to plan social events like the upcoming Fall Fest and Creek Cleanup, as well as to determine how to best to represent the neighborhood on larger issues like traffic calming, zoning concerns, and other County related issues. If you or someone you know would be willing to serve on the Board, please contact any board member (see pg. 4 for contact information).

With the help of a few new Board members we can continue to improve our neighborhood. As you will read in this edition of *The Downs*, efforts that are currently underway include:

- Forwarding a signed petition to remove "permit only parking" from George Mason Road and Greenway Boulevard.
- Implementing traffic calming measures for Summerfield Road.
- Continuing the Neighborhood Watch program.
- Working with the City of Falls Church who has responded to our concerns about the Marshall Street and Lee Highway traffic light by pursuing the necessary State approvals for a red light camera at that intersection.
- Working with the County to fix the paths, replace trees, and examine the use of curbs for the Greenway Downs Park.
- Updating our Neighborhood Directory to reflect our numerous new residents.
- Finalizing the necessary approvals to install "Welcome to Greenway

Downs" neighborhood signs.

- Planning for fall social events including the October Fall Fest, Senior luncheon, and a Creek Cleanup.

As you can see, the GDCA has taken on a great deal this year, and we will only be successful with your participation. Please, if you are interested in participating in any aspect of the GDCA's activities, please contact any Board member who will provide you with additional information on how you can get involved. Finally, if you have a comment or concern about anything that the GDCA is doing, please contact me directly at 703-868-8231 or ksgreen@lafayettegroup.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Something's New in *The Downs*

Your eyes are not deceiving you! There is something new in *The Downs*—Advertising! Throughout this year's issues, you will find, for the first time, advertisements from local merchants. Each of the merchants featured have made a special effort throughout the years to donate money, supplies, food, and gifts for our various events and functions, in addition to providing their continued support of the citizens of Greenway Downs.

However, these advertisements are particularly important to Greenway Downs this year because, by purchasing advertising space in *The Downs*, these merchants have paid for the entire printing cost of at least three copies of the newsletter. The newsletter is normally paid for out of GDCA membership dues.

The generosity of our sponsors has now allowed us to direct the dues money that would have been spent on the newsletters into the neighborhood identification signs (see p. 1 for more information) and other neighborhood beautification projects.

Please, thank these vendors when you see them. Please, use their services and recommend them to your friends. When you use their services, let them know that you saw their ad in the newsletter.

We are one community with one common goal—to make Greenway Downs the best that we can be, and we appreciate the support of our local merchants!

If you or someone you know is interested in advertising in *The Downs*, please contact Scot Walker at 703-534-3230 or by e-mail at scot_walker@hotmail.com. Advertising space is available on a per issue or full year basis.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

The GDCA extends its heartfelt congratulations to Scot Walker, a 6-term Greenway Downs Board member, who has been included in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in America*. In addition to his community activities, Mr. Walker, an internationally recognized poet, a local playwright and author of two books, has devoted the past forty years to the struggle for human rights and equality for all peoples.

Congratulations, Scot, on this wonderful accomplishment!

Want to congratulate a neighbor (kids included!) or do you have big news to share with the community? Send your request along with a few details of the accomplishment to Bethany Chirico at beth_chirico@yahoo.com.



Second Annual Senior Lunch

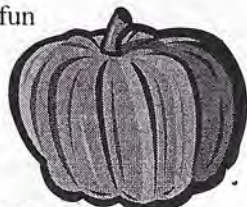
Saturday, October 11

All GDCA Seniors are invited to attend the Second Annual GDCA Senior Luncheon on **Saturday, October 11 at 12:00 p.m. at Ireland's Four Provinces** in downtown Falls Church. Building on the success of last year's event, these luncheons provide our senior residents with an opportunity to discover what common interests, needs, and hobbies we share with each other.

For more information or to RSVP (by Wednesday, October 8 please), contact Scot Walker at 703-534-3230 or by e-mail at scot_walker@hotmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!

2nd Annual Fall Fest Saturday, October 25, 2003

Please join us for food and fun at the Second Annual GDCA Fall Fest. Join your neighbors for the afternoon at the west end of Custis Parkway in the cul-de-sac.

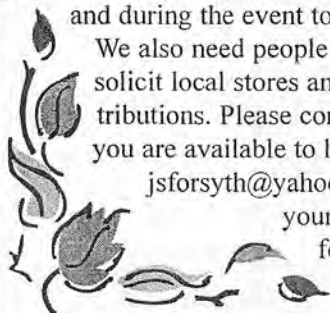


We will provide pizza and beverages for you to enjoy. Please bring a side dish to share.

We will kick off the festivities at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 25. At 5:30 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. Bring your cameras to capture this favorite neighborhood event! This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the community and meet new neighbors. Costumes are not required!

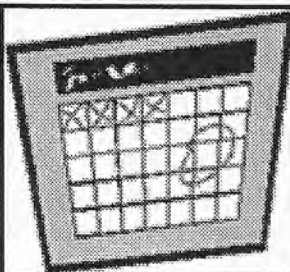
In order to make this event a success, we need your support. Volunteers are requested for set-up and during the event to help with the parade.

We also need people prior to the Fest to solicit local stores and businesses for contributions. Please contact Sara Forsyth if you are available to help (703-237-1330 or jsforyth@yahoo.com). Thanks for your help, and we look forward to seeing you there!



ADMIT ONE FAMILY

What: GDCA Fall Fest
Where: Greenway Downs Park
 Custis Parkway cul-de-sac
When: Saturday, October 25
Time: 5:00-6:00 p.m.
Admission: Side dish to share
Rain Date: Sunday, October 26
 5:00-6:00 p.m.



GDCA 2003-2004 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

OCTOBER 2003

Seniors Luncheon
Ireland's Four Provinces

Saturday, October 11
12:00 p.m.

Fall Fest

Greenway Downs Park/Custis Parkway cul-de-sac

Saturday, October 25*

5:00-6:00 p.m.

*Raindate: Sunday, October 26; 5:00-6:00 p.m.

NOVEMBER 2003

Creek and Park Cleanup

Greenway Downs Park/Basketball court

Saturday, November 1*

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*Raindate: Sunday, November 2; 12:00-2:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 2003

Holiday Events

TBD

We need your help to coordinate these events - Please contact a board member if you are interested in participating!
Every contribution (even little ones) helps!

Help Needed for Creek Cleanup

Please join us for the Greenway Downs Creek Cleanup on Saturday, November 1 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 1; 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)!

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