

# THE DOWNS

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## The President's Corner

*Keil Green, 2002-2003 GDCA President*

**A**s I mentioned in the Fall issue of *The Downs*, the members of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) Board of Directors set a number of goals and objectives for their work in the neighborhood this year. I am pleased to report that, with dedication and hard work, we are well on our way to accomplishing them.

### RED LIGHT RUNNING AT MARSHALL STREET AND LEE HIGHWAY (ROUTE 29)

The GDCA Board has received numerous complaints from residents regarding the frequent red light running at the Marshall Street and Lee Highway (Route 29) traffic light. In response to this concern, the GDCA will be hosting a discussion on this issue on Wednesday, January 22, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Devonshire Community Center located on Graham Road.

Updated crash data will be presented at the meeting, and we hope to get feedback from residents regarding the possible installation of a photo red light camera. Scheduled to attend the meeting are:

- **Captain J. F. Bowman;** Commander, Traffic Division of the Fairfax County Police
- **Bill Knost;** Representative, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
- **Bruce Taylor;** Fairfax County Department of Transportation (Photo Red Light Cameras)
- **Gerry Connolly;** Supervisor, Providence District

We strongly encourage Greenway Downs residents to attend this important meeting.

### NEW TREE ALONG THE CREEK

One of the Board's goals was to address the fallen tree in the creek. The large tree, which was located in the Greenway Downs Park by the basketball court on the north side of the creek, was destroyed over the summer when it was accidentally struck by a Craven's Nursery truck. Following the accident, a segment of the tree was left in the creek.

This fall, the GDCA Board appealed to Fairfax County to have the dead tree removed from the creek. Once the tree was removed, the Board contacted Craven's Nursery to request that they donate a new tree. We are pleased to report that Craven's has agreed to provide a new tree, which should be planted in the coming weeks.

Craven's Nursery graciously gave the GDCA the opportunity to choose the type of tree to be planted. Based on the recommendation of Greenway Downs resident, Joan Rodriguez, who is actively involved in caring for the park, we have requested Craven's to plant an American Sycamore tree. The new sycamore will be a wonderful addition to our park for generations to come, and we thank all of the residents who played a role in bringing it to Greenway Downs.

### GDCA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

Approximately 54% of the neighborhood residents have joined our membership so far, and while that number is slightly higher than half of the households, we are striving for 100%! As such, we have extended the membership drive until **March 1, 2003.**

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 up-to-date on their dues will receive a complimentary copy of the Neighborhood Directory. We expect the directories to be distributed beginning in May. We strongly encourage you to become a member to receive your copy of the Directory. Please contact your street representative (*contact information is listed on the back page of the newsletter*) to complete your membership/directory form.

We will continue to work hard to fulfill the goals and objectives of this year's Board, and we encourage you to get involved! We look forward to your participation at the many scheduled events (*see p. 3*) over the next few months! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-538-7353 or by e-mail at [ksgreen@lafayettegroup.com](mailto:ksgreen@lafayettegroup.com).

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## 2nd Annual GDCA Holiday Event Wrap-Up

Sara Forsyth, 2002-2003 GDCA Social Committee Chairman

**T**hank you to everyone who participated in the 2nd Annual Greenway Downs Holiday Events! Once again, our residents proved that Greenway Downs is a neighborhood of generous, caring individuals with a great deal of creativity and holiday cheer!

### CAROLING FOR CANS

About one dozen carolers and three strollers gathered for the Greenway Downs 2nd Annual "Caroling for Cans" drive. Our hearty group sang to the residents of about twelve homes, which were recommended by other residents. Our holiday songs welcomed many newborns to the neighborhood. The carolers were delighted to see the festive atmosphere created by the many luminaries placed outside of residents' homes.

Along the way, we were encouraged by the many bags of food donations left for Santa's helper. We quickly filled the back of his truck with your bags of generosity. A huge thank you to everyone in Greenway Downs for your giving spirit!

Carolers and neighbors gathered for a post caroling celebration at Keil and Katherine Green's home. They provided warm spir-its and hot food for all, and I don't think anyone missed the beautiful table of desserts!

These neighborhood traditions show the true Spirit of giving throughout the Holiday Season. Thanks again to the carolers who gave their time and voices; I have received many notes of appreciation from those we visited.

### HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

I would like to offer a big thank you to the local merchants for helping sponsor our 2nd Annual House Decorating Contest. Without the generous contributions from Merchants Tire & Auto Center, German Gourmet, and The Italian Café, our contest certainly would not be as successful.

And the winners are...

**Most Festive** - Ed Lovak (2850 Greenway) was most apprecia-tive of the free oil change and coupon book he received from Merchants Tire & Auto. He was going to share his prize with his girlfriend, Rebecca, who encourages him to put out all the strands of bright lights on his home and throughout the yard every year.

**Most Creative** - Paul & Joyce Garcia (2816 Marshall) had an unusual display of reindeer, snowmen, and cactus adorned with Christmas lights. And the judges made their decisions just in time: the following day the Garcia's blew a fuse! Mrs. Garcia was very surprised to receive a gingerbread house kit donated by German Gourmet.

**Most Traditional** - Wesley Seaman & Barbara Crawford (2760 Marshall) had a beautiful display of white lights and candles in

all the windows. Along their fence was a light display of snowmen and a message of "Seasons Greetings." They are looking forward to their free lunch at Italian Café.

The judges had a difficult time deciding on the winners, so we would like to mention a few other homes that were in the running for prizes:

- 2808 Summerfield for the beautiful hand-made reindeer and sleigh;
- 6829 Custis with the bright lawn ornaments and colorful lights; and
- 2837 Bolling for a festive light display.

Thanks to all the neighbors who participated by decorating your homes. We hope everyone enjoyed the decorations as much as we did, and we look forward to seeing YOUR deco-rations next year!

## Get to Know Your Neighbors at These Upcoming Events

### GDCA 1st Annual Seniors Day Event

The GDCA is organizing the first annual Seniors Day Event at the Kitchen Café (formerly Pines of Florence) at 7151 Lee Highway on Saturday, February 8 at 2:00 p.m. for a "dutch treat" lunch (everyone pays for their own meal).

The purpose of the lunch will be to meet and greet other seniors and to plan future events for Greenway Downs Seniors.

Contact Scot Walker at 703-534-3230 or by e-mail at [scot\\_walker@hotmail.com](mailto:scot_walker@hotmail.com) to make reservations.

### GDCA 2nd Annual Adults Only Happy Hour

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association will host the second annual Adults Only Happy Hour on Friday, February 7 at 8:00 p.m. at Ireland's Four Provinces in downtown Falls Church.

Come out and meet your neighbors, learn about community activities, and have a barrel (or pint!) of fun! Tell the host you're with Greenway Downs, and he will direct you to the group.

**Greenway Downs School Forum  
Wed., Feb. 26 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association is joining forces with our neighbors in City Park to organize an informational forum with local school representatives.

Scheduled at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 26, 2003 at the Devonshire Center on Graham Road, the school forum will provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and voice concerns about our elementary school options.

Supervisor Gerry Connelly will moderate the discussion, and Ernestine Heastie, our School Board Representative; Anita Blain, Principal of Timber Lane Elementary School; Deborah Tyler, Principal of Pine Spring Elementary School; and Cora Harper, Principal of Graham Road Elementary School will attend to answer our questions and concerns.

In order to be sure we cover topics of interest to residents, we need your help in planning the agenda. Please contact Sara Forsyth at 703-237-1330 or by e-mail at jsforyth@yahoo.com to contribute to the agenda or to learn more about the forum.

*Did you know?*

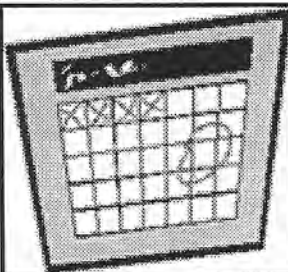
A community arts organization in downtown Falls Church is in the works. This organization will be addressing issues of concern to the arts community including the development of a local venue for art exhibits, shows, and display opportunities.

Interested in learning more or getting involved? Contact Linda Silk at 703-533-7689 or by e-mail at lmsilk@aol.com.

**Get Listed**

There is still time to get your information listed in the new GDCA Neighborhood Directory. Sign up to become a GDCA member today! \$5.00 dues and completed membership forms must be received by March 1, 2003 for your information to be included in the Directory.

Interested in advertising? Space is still available for as little as \$25.00. Contact Bethany Chirico at 703-534-8868 or by e-mail at beth\_chirico@yahoo.com and get listed!



**GDCA 2002-2003  
EVENTS CALENDAR**

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

**JANUARY 2003**

**GDCA Traffic Meeting** Wednesday, January 22  
Devonshire Community Center; Graham Road 7:00 p.m.  
(See article p. 1)

**FEBRUARY 2003**

**GDCA Happy Hour** Friday, February 7  
Ireland's Four Provinces 8:00 p.m.  
(See article p. 2)

**GDCA Residents Over 50 Day** Sat., February 8  
Kitchen Café (formerly Pines of Florence) 2:00 p.m.  
(See article p. 2)

**GDCA Schools Discussion Meeting** Wed., February 26  
Devonshire Community Center; Graham Road 7:00 p.m.  
(See article p. 3)

**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 Community Center

**JUNE 2003**

**Yard Sale** Saturday, June 7

**AUGUST 2003**

**National Night Out** Tuesday, August 5  
Honoring Neighborhood Watch



## 2002-2003 GDCA Board of Directors

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## Ver circular en español

**Esquina del Presidente:** La junta de GDCA fijo un número de metas y de objetivos para la vecindad este año. Estoy satisfecho en decir que, con la dedicación y el duro trabajo, estamos bien en nuestra manera a lograr las metas.

La junta ha recibido muchas quejas de residentes con respecto a carros que se pasan en luz roja en la intersección de la calle Marshall y la ruta 29. El miércoles 22 de enero a las 7:00 P.M. nos reuniremos a discutir este tema en el centro de comunidad de "Devonshire" situado en el camino de Graham. Los datos actualizados de accidentes serán presentados en la reunión. También esperamos conseguir respuesta de residentes con respecto a la posibilidad de una instalación de una cámara fotográfica de la luz roja de foto. Es importante que residentes asistan a esta reunión.

Un árbol fue tumbado accidentalmente por el camión de Craven's Nursery en el parque por la cancha de basket en el lado del norte del lago. Al tumbar este árbol parte fue dejado en el lago. Entramos en contacto con Craven's Nursery para solicitar que donen un árbol nuevo. Estamos satisfechos en comunicarles que Craven ha acordado donarnos un árbol nuevo, que se debe plantar en las semanas que vienen. Se nos permitió seleccionar el tipo de árbol para ser plantado, y basado en la recomendación de Joan Rodriguez, quien está activamente con el cuidado del parque, hemos solicitado un árbol sicómoro. Este árbol nuevo será una adición maravillosa a nuestro parque para todas las generaciones que hayan de venir, y agradecemos a todos los residentes quienes desempeñaron un papel en traerlo a Greenway Downs.

Aproximadamente 54% de los residentes se han unido a nuestra membresía hasta ahora, pero nos estamos esforzando para 100%! Hemos extendido la membresía hasta el 1 de marzo. El costo de miembro es \$5.00 por año. Este año, miembros recibirán una copia gratis del nuevo directorio de la vecindad. Le animamos fuertemente a que se haga un miembro para recibir su copia del directorio. Si esta interesado por favor contacte a su representante de la calle para llenar el formulario adecuado.

**Acontecimientos de los días de fiesta:** Un grupo pequeño de cantores de pascuas recolectó para el "Caroling for Cans" a mediados de Diciembre. Los muchachos se emocionaron al ver las donaciones de alimento. ¡Muchas gracias a cada uno en Greenway! Los ganadores de la competencia que adornaron la casa son: Ed Lovak (2850 Greenway) por todo el festivo, Paul y Joyce Garcia (2816 Marshall) por el más creativo, y Wesley Seaman y Barbara Crawford (2760 forman) por el más tradicional. Gracias también a nuestros patrocinadores que donan: Merchants Tire and Auto, German Gourmet, y Italian Cafe.

### Próximos Acontecimientos:

**Hora Feliz de adultos mayores solamente** - Viernes, el 7 de febrero a las 8:00 P.M. en "Ireland's Four Provinces".

**Acontecimiento de la noche para adultos mayores** - Sábado, el 8 de febrero a las 2:00 P.M. en "The Kitchen Cafe" (antes Pines of Florence).

**Foro De la Escuela** - Miércoles, 26 de febrero a las 7:00 P.M. en "Devonshire Center" en el camino de Graham.