



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Do you realize that the redistricting proposals project the possibility of splitting Greenway into two areas? Is that what we want?

Have you kept track of the PLUS program? It is reaching the final stages very rapidly.

These two topics will be among the many key items to be discussed at our meeting on December 5. Our supervisor, James Scott, will be present to kick off our evening--the first of the year. Also present will be Bill Rucker, Office of Research & Statistics, to discuss the five redistricting proposals, some of which propose to split up Greenway precinct between two districts. John Shacochis, Community Planner for Area I, Office of Comprehensive Planning, will also be available to bring us up-to-date on the status of the PLUS program. Both of these topics are very important to our future growth and viability as a community. The possibility of our curbs and gutters are also related to this effort.

DECEMBER MEETING

DATE	Thursday, December 5
TIME	<u>7:30 PM</u>
PLACE	Devonshire School Cafetorium
PROGRAM	<i>Redistricting in Fairfax County and PLUS</i>

PLUS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The Planning Commission has adopted the following schedule on the Area I plan (our area):

December 12	Work session
December 17	Work session
January 14	Public hearings
January 16	Public hearings
January 18	Public hearings
January 30	Final determination

Our thanks and appreciation to *Willard Scott* as he begins his second year as Association President.

NOTICE

The annual bonfire has been discontinued due to pollution regulations. Watch for further news concerning a children's Christmas party to be held at Devonshire School on the afternoon of December 14.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Willard Scott, President

Welcome to another year, finally. I want to apologize to each of you for the delay in getting started this year. I hope the delay will not hold us back from having another good year as a community, one of the strongest in the county.

Many things have transpired during the summer that are and will affect us directly. I'm sure you have seen the park development in the past few months. It takes time, but the payoff is finally arriving.

The redistricting proposals being considered at this time are another matter of concern to us. Some of the five alternatives propose to place us in a new district, or split our precinct between two districts. This is the most important time to determine our position as the public hearing is set for 7 December. We urgently need your input regarding what, if any, action we want to take.

The PLUS program is moving swiftly to completion. As you will remember, we had a program on PLUS last year. Since that time, you have been represented at most meetings and our positions have been very instrumental in many respects. We owe our thanks to Henry Rodriguez for his work on the Land-Use committee in helping to formulate a plan that we can live with. I urge each of you to follow the wrap-up of this phase of PLUS carefully. There are several elements that can be very beneficial to us. Among the items that need careful attention are the plans for development/re-development in the Chiles Tract (495 & 50) and Seven Corners. I am proud to say that our voice has been heard in planning for future growth in our area.

In order to make our meetings as useful to everyone as possible, your Executive Committee has decided to hold fewer

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meetings this year and make them ones that count. At the present time, we plan only one additional meeting that has yet to be definitely scheduled. We have decided to continue Awards Night and Youth Night again this year, as well as our picnic. However, as you can see from our list of committee people, we need additional help in community standards, streets & utilities, and picnic. Please call me if you can help.

After searching for a year, we have located our electric engraver. Within the month, those on the list will be called and we will once again circulate the engraver to enable everyone to be a participant in OPERATION IDENTIFICATION. Beginning in January, we will have a second engraver to use. Please keep track of these so everyone can join the program.

This past summer we have lost several members of our community. The ones who come to mind immediately are *Joe and Jo Goodwin, Jerry and Hester Nettles, J.E. and Frances Crum, and Ethel Sanders*. We will miss these, and many others not mentioned. However, growth still continues and fresher blood takes their place. We give our sincere welcome to everyone who has joined our community this past summer. We hope you will make the effort to join with us to keep our neighborhood one of the strongest in the county. Please attend our meeting on Thursday and help with our activities.

ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

Executive Board . . . February 4
 General Meeting-Awards Banquet . . .
 Tuesday, February 25

GREENWAY DOWNS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President, *Willard Scott*
 Vice President, *George Schaar*
 Recording Secretary, *Beverly Scott*
 Treasurer, *Elouisa Stokes*
 Corresponding Secretary, *Lois Owens*

Board of Directors

3 Years -- *Bernie Lucas*
 Bernard Stull

2 Years -- *Earl E. Hall*
 Henry Rodriguez

1 Year -- *Ben Blankenship*
 Elling Reich

Federation Delegates

3 Years -- *Frances Fisher*
 2 Years -- *Joe Goodwin*
 1 Year -- *Elwood Keyes*

Committee Chairmen

Editor of Downs, *Karen Mariner*
 Hospitality, *Mary Millsback & Monica*
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 Youth Activities, *Lois Owens*
 Schools, *Karen Mariner*
 Community Action, *George Schaar*
 Christmas Program, *Mary Millsback*
 Awards Night, *Ben Blankenship*
 Scout Representative, *John Schaffstall*
 Membership, *Evaline Marquardt*

Committees Unfilled

Streets & Utilities
 Community Standards
 Picnic

YOU COULD FILL A NEEDED POSITION ON
 OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE!

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Greenway Downs is one of the older established communities in our area, and from what I understand it is one of the few communities with an active citizens association. To continue to be active and productive, our community needs the support of everyone whether you intend to reside here for a short time or take up permanent residence. Your community is what you make it! Be proud of it and give your support. Help to continue to make Greenway Downs a community you and your children can be proud of. Children learn by observing their elders. Join the Greenway Downs Citizens Association now. Meet your neighbors, make new friends, and put your talents to use. Working together builds a stronger community and a stronger America. Who knows? What we do today could change the world!

STUDENTS!! See your jokes, poems, and cartoons in print. Share your talents with your friends and neighbors. Turn in your contributions to the Editor, NOW!

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HAVE ANY EXTRA FREE TIME? Contact your Downs Editor at 536-1991.

Service for Hire

We will list baby sitting and odd jobs and services. Call in your name and phone number to the Editor.

Baby Sitters:

Leslie Klinger, 533-8051
Ellen Schaffstall, 533-0432

Our thanks to Boy Scout Troop #677 for delivering this issue of THE DOWNS.

SCHOOL NEWS

Devonshire Elementary - Devonshire Christmas Shoppes

Five Shoppes which will include a Sweet Shoppe, Second Hand Shoppe, Book Shoppe, Creative Crafts Shoppe, and a Secret Santa Shoppe will be located on the lower level of the school. Just follow the signs on Monday, December 9 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and Tuesday, December 10 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Anyone having donations for the Second Hand Shoppe can drop them off at the school the week before the Bazaar. For further information, call *Joan Bealby* at 532-1102. A student Christmas program on Tuesday night, December 10, will be the culminating activity for the Bazaar.

Whittier Intermediate-English as a Second Language

This year for the first time, Federal Title I money is being used to finance classes in English as a Second Language to a large number of foreign born students in the Fairfax County Schools. The majority of these students live in Area II, our area of the county school system. 35 countries, including Korea and a number of Latin American countries are represented in the County. At Whittier Intermediate School, 14 countries are represented in the ESL classes which are held each day during the first three periods. The classes are taught by *Mrs. Murphy*, a former member of the Peace Corps, and cover English, reading and social studies. Although most of these children have a working knowledge of English, many need help in improving their English grammar. Some of them are having difficulty in other classes because they read below grade level. Occasionally a child comes in knowing no English. *Mrs. Murphy* has the help of only one volunteer one morning each week. It's a unique and broadening experience to work with these children. If you would like to devote a little time to them, call *Mrs. Murphy* at Whittier School, 534-8700.

Boy Scouts -- Troop #677

The Boy Scouts under the leadership of Scoutmaster *John Yarborough* will be selling Christmas Trees this year at the Old Hechinger Lot on Lee Highway. Information on prices and selling dates will be forthcoming.

Cub Scouts -- Troop #677

Pack Meetings are scheduled for December 13 and January 24. Parents are urged to attend the December meeting. Boys at least 8 years of age and any adults who are interested in joining or working with this scouting organization are also invited. The cubs will have Paper Drives on December 14 and January 25. For further information, call *Mel Huff* at 534-9533.

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As honor guest of the Evening Study Club of Falls Church on September 16, *Miss Rebecca Dial*, RAVENWOOD, 2852 Woodlawn Avenue, gave a pre-publication review of her father's biography, True to His Colors, a story of South Carolina's *Senator Nathaniel Barksdale Dial*. The book, rich in historical data and told in popular fashion, should be released soon by Vantage Press. It will then be available at several local book shops.

PARK NEWS

After many years of trying to get the county to develop the small park along Tripp's Run in Greenway Downs, we have finally succeeded. Unfortunately, no sooner had the basketball court and tennis backboard been constructed than vandalism struck. We understand an old white car with fins was seen deliberately ramming the tennis backboard. Needless to say, the Fairfax County Park Authority was quite disappointed and has asked our citizens association to do whatever possible to cut down on vandalism. The Park Authority was also unhappy to see that some of the sod had been pulled up and strewn about. The Park Authority does plan to construct a parking barrier around the park and is considering installing lights so the park can be used in the early evening.

The park was developed for our children. It is THEIR park. Let your children know it is their responsibility to help keep it in good condition.

Congratulations to

- Dave & Sandy Mann, son Scott born May 7.
- Paul & Mary Millsback, son Danny born May 23.
- James & Trudy Dinsmoor, son John born May 24.
- John & Mary Rinker, son John born August 12.

Sympathy to

Mr. John Redden on the recent loss of his mother.

ADVERTISE IN THE DOWNS!

Rates are \$1 per column inch. Don't forget--the deadline for the next issue is February 7.

✓ Babysitter needed in child's home. Sitter will need own transportation. Approximately 2 full days a week. Usually on a monthly schedule. Experience and references required. Hours: 5 AM to 2:45 PM for 1 year old boy. If interested, call 534-6833.

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Who will we honor as our Outstanding Citizen this year? Nominations should be mailed or delivered to: Elouisa Stokes, 6933 Custis Parkway, Falls Church, Virginia, by January 22. Use the ballot below to send in your nomination.

BALLOT

Outstanding Citizen of the Year

I nominate _____

Reasons: _____
