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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

In June, 1972, the Fairfax County Consumer Protection and Public Utilities Commission was created by the County Board of Supervisors in response to serious and growing complaints of citizens concerning goods and services supplied by some businessmen in the County. Today, the Commission represents citizen interests in three areas: consumer protection, public utilities, and weights and measures.

In order to better acquaint you with the Commission and its activities, your Association has invited a representative from the Commission to address our meeting on Tuesday, April 16. Either Mr. John Coyle or Mr. Robert Steinberg will be the speaker.

See you April 16 at 8:00 P.M. in the the Devonshire School!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Next Executive Meeting is *May 2*.

Deadline for *THE DOWNS* - *May 2*.

Next month is YOUTH NIGHT - *May 23rd*.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP -- *April 20th*.

The next paper drive is *May 4th*.

APRIL MEETING

DATE	Tuesday, April 16
TIME	8:00 P.M.
PLACE	Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway
PROGRAM	FAIRFAX COUNTY CONSUMER PROTECTION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

CONGRATULATIONS TO FRED KRAMER

On March 11th the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors created the Department of Consumer Affairs and named Fred Kramer, past president of our association, as its Director. The new department incorporates the staffs of the Fair Housing Board, Tenant-Landlord Commission and the Consumer Protection and Public Utilities Commission. Fred has been the Executive Secretary of the Public Utilities Commission; and, since June, 1972, the Executive Director of the CP&PUC. Our congratulations to you, Fred, on your well deserved appointment.

Our thanks to the boys of Boy Scout Troop 677 who delivered this issue of THE DOWNS.

LETTER FROM SUPERVISOR JIM SCOTT

Dear Providence District Resident:

I invite you to a meeting to discuss the status of the PLUS program and to initiate citizen task force organizations for the purpose of reviewing district master plans.

On April 18, 1974 at 7:45 P.M. in the Falls Church High School there will be a short progress report on PLUS by the county staff, followed by small group meetings to discuss the formulation of task forces to make recommendations on the new land use plans to be prepared during the PLUS program. After the initial discussion we shall divide the group into committees according to the planning district in which each person resides. (Greenway Downs is in Jefferson).

Many people have already indicated a specific interest in certain of the functional areas: transportation, housing, environment, economics, public facilities, zoning and land use. Each of the planning district task forces may want to organize sub-committees along these functional lines so I encourage you to give some thought to which area interests you most.

During the small group meetings, each group will have a chance to discuss problems and issues in their planning district. Each group will be encouraged to set its own meeting times and establish its own rules for reviewing the district plans. I shall ask several people to serve as chairmen of the task forces.

Thank you very much for your continued interest and assistance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

James M. Scott

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AWARDS DINNER

The 5th Annual Greenway Downs Outstanding Citizen Award Dinner was held on March 20 in the Devonshire Elementary School cafeteria.

The guest speaker for the evening was James Scott, Fairfax County Supervisor from our Providence District. Honored guests were nine Past Presidents of the Association: *Ben Blankenship, Joe Goodwin, Jack Lucas, Jim McCallister, Eling Reich, Henry Rodriguez, Ray Smart, Irene Smith, John Sullivan, and Bill Youngs.*

There was a good supply of door prizes -- and LOTS of GOOD things to eat!

The recipient of this year's award was *Irene Smith*, who was given a sterling silver tray, mounted on an attractive wood stand engraved with her name and a brief Outstanding Citizen citation.

OFFICIAL NOTICE PRESENTED

The Great Shanghai Restaurant at 2816 Graham Road across from Devonshire School has applied for Mixed Beverage, Wine and Beer licenses. A hearing on the matter will be held April 18 at 10:00 A.M. in the Virginia ABC Bldg., 501 Montgomery Street, Alexandria. The approval or denial of these licenses depends on YOU! So be there!

IRENE T. SMITH -- OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Irene Smith was born in Washington, D.C., attended public schools there, and married a childhood sweetheart one month after graduating from high school. A few years later, in June of 1949, the couple, with three young children, moved to Greenway Downs, into a home which they literally built themselves, with a minimum of professional help! They did engage a bulldozer, with operator, to excavate a basement, and licensed craftsmen for the electrical wiring, heating, and plumbing--but the foundation, exterior framing, scaffolding, and interior construction and finishing was done by the two of them, with the help of two neighboring families who were also building their own homes. This is how they spent all of their free time, with three youngsters running around, yet!

There is a reason for detailing so much of this homebuilding project. It indicates clearly the type of person being honored. The same kind of stick-to-itiveness has carried over into other situations -- school, church, and community endeavors.

After assisting her husband in the formation of an area recreation program, and in efforts to establish a volunteer fire department nearby, *Irene Smith* undertook to publish a trial issue of the community bulletin which became known as *THE DOWNS*, led drives for the original cover design, and for the one now used, and became the principal editor during 1963, 64, 65, 66, part of 1967, and again for another year which ended last June. Similar efforts resulted in the publication of the first *Greenway Downs Directory* in 1965.

It was *Irene* who first suggested that a back-stop be built in our Park so that the kids could still play ball, and the grown-ups still have some glass left in their windows -- both cars and homes! And it was *Irene* who made the new suit which the Greenway Downs Santa Claus wore for Christmas in 1966!

Irene served as a member of the Association's Executive Board for two years -- the Nominating Committee for two years -- and the By-Laws Revision Committee in 1968. She has held office as Recording Secretary, Vice President, and the only woman President of the Association to date.

During her term as President, members were provided with information and guest speakers on a wide variety of matters important to them: Drainage Improvement, Vandalism in the Community, Open-Housing Legislation, Interest Charges on Credit Buying, State Aid to Hearing-Impaired Children, Curbs and Gutters, and Development of Our Park.

Irene and her husband, Talma, have three children (Nancy, Curtis and Roy) and five grandchildren. *Irene* was a Girl Scout Leader during the time their daughter was involved. She has always been interested and active in church work, and has been Secretary of her church and also Librarian in its reading room. She loves to sew --does a lot of sewing for her granddaughters--and, according to her husband, "She's a good cook!"

After living on Greenway Boulevard for twenty-five years, the *Smith's* now reside in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia.

It is with great pleasure -- and with sincere thanks for a decade and a half of time and effort on behalf of the residents of this community, that we honor with the Greenway Downs OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD, IRENE SMITH.

GREENWAY DOWNS NOMINATIONS

The deadline for nominations for Officers of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association prior to the May general meeting is *May 1, 1974*. Please call Mr. Reich, 533-1844, if you have any nominees. They must agree to having their name submitted. Support your community!

LETTER FROM IRENE SMITH

I was certainly surprised to learn I was the one to be honored with the Outstanding Citizen Award. It was a thrill to be reminded of all the things you have done over the years that you just do and then forget because you didn't do them with any thought of being rewarded someday. I have never cared to boast about anything I have accomplished but I guess there comes a day when it is alright to recall them with pleasure.

I will always treasure the silver serving plate and its stand with the lovely inscription on it. I will now bring my gavel out of the closet and display the two items together with pride.

Thank everyone who had a part in this and especially Bernie, Tommy and JoAnn, for I'm sure they are in great measure the ones responsible for my receiving this award. That was a lot of tedious work researching all the records to come up with the information Bernie read that night. Having worked on two of these in the past, I know!

My best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

Irene Smith

 THANK YOU, BILL COFER

Cub Scout Pack 677 extends their thanks to *Bill Cofer* (Sunoco on Lee Highway) for the loan of a truck for last month's paper drive. With his cooperation and those who helped to collect the papers and everyone who saved them, the Scouts had their best paper drive so far. With everyone's cooperation, the one on *May 4th*, can be even better! A thank you is also extended to those who either bag or tie their papers to make handling.

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them much easier. This becomes important since the boys now not only load the truck, but also do the unloading. However, the return to the Pack was five times the previous drive.

ASSISTANCE REQUESTED

Anyone knowing the current address for *Walter Mace* please notify Lois Owens (532-2235) or Willard Scott (532-1560). Thank you.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Little League Season opens April 27 and 28 with a parade and big doings all day at Lee-Graham and Jefferson Village Fields. Come early, buy refreshments and baked goods, watch the parade and cheer your favorite Little League team on.

This year again, we in Little League are saving Scott Seals from the Scott Paper Products Company. All we have to do is collect Seals of Quality from the following products -- Scottowels, Scot Tissue, Scottties Facial Tissue, Waldorf/Family Scott Bathroom Tissue or Scott Family Napkins. Our awards last year amounted to over seven dozen balls and seven aluminum bats for the boys.

Special thanks to the people who have been saving the seals all year for us. Please clip and send them to:

Mrs. Barbara Crawford
2760 Marshall Street
Falls Church, Virginia 22042

or call 532-7870 for pickup.

THE SPIRIT OF SPRING CLEANING
GETTING TO YOU? -- See Page 6!

WANTED———A WITCH

A blonde witch, five or six years old, in a black costume and carrying an orange pumpkin knocked on the door of the *Nivert* residence at 2827 Marshall Street this past Halloween.

Mr. Nivert could not resist taking a photograph of this trick-or-treater. The resulting picture is so cute that he would like to give it to the little witch and her parents. Call him at 533-9466 if you have any information!

CARD COLLECTORS

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THE DOWNS' ANNUAL
COMMUNITY PICK-ME-UP!

PLEASE JOIN US IN CLEANING

UP OUR COMMUNITY! OR WORK ON THAT

POSTPONED PROJECT IN YOUR OWN YARD!

BAGS PROVIDED....

CIDER AND DOUGHNUTS

AFTERWARDS!

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 20TH

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: WOODLAWN AT CUSTIS

P.S. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL TRASH PICK UP
THROUGHOUT THE DOWNS ON APRIL 23RD...

SO GO THROUGH THOSE ATTICS AND

BASEMENTS TOO!

