



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

This will be our Fourth Annual Greenway Downs Outstanding Citizen Award Dinner. As in the past, it will be a Covered Dish Meal. Your admission will be: ONE Main Dish ---- OR any TWO of the following: Vegetable, Salad, Dessert. (Enough for your family plus 4 more).

Entertainment will be offered before and during the meal.

All of our Past Presidents who still live in the area have been invited.

Following the Award Ceremony, there will be a very short business meeting.

Remember the date - February 21.
See you there!

FEBRUARY MEETING

DATE Wednesday, February 21
 TIME 7:30 P.M.
 PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway
 PROGRAM FOURTH ANNUAL AWARD Dinner
 Outstanding Citizen Award
 SPECIAL GUESTS James M. Scott, Fairfax County
 Supervisor, Providence Dist.
 C. S. Mahoney, Principal,
 Devonshire Elementary School.
 Past Presidents of the G.D.C.A.

OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK!

Your Association feels that we need to take more concerted action to get the wheels of government rolling on our neighborhood park. Therefore, a petition will be circulated at the February 21 meeting to urge prompt action by the Fairfax County Park Authority to move forward without delay to develop our park. We need your support, so please come to this meeting. We strongly feel that such parks, close to the homes of our children, are more essential than large regional and district parks. If you agree, come to Wednesday's meeting. WE NEED YOUR SIGNATURE ON OUR PETITION!

THIS ISSUE OF THE DOWNS IS DELIVERED TO YOU THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE CUB PACK 677. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

March 9 News deadline for next issue
 March 21 Proposed Meeting

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Fred Kramer, President

The many citizens (about 60) who attended our last meeting to hear Officer Lilje of the Fairfax County Police Department will agree that he made a most interesting, informative, and entertaining presentation. From the statistics and other information provided, it appears that we as a community should be very proud of the overall very low number of actual crimes that have occurred in Greenway Downs, such as burglaries, theft, and vandalism. Although such offenses may be more prevalent and a serious problem on certain streets, as a whole our community has been very fortunate.

It is important, however, that we maintain this record. Elsewhere in this issue Willard Scott has provided some important suggestions by the police department on how to enable us to protect ourselves. I hope you will heed this advice so that we may all continue to reside in a safe and secure community. Perhaps those streets with vandalism problems will now know better how to cope with them. Your individual action is necessary.

Don't forget the Awards Dinner. It's an opportunity for all of us to extend our appreciation and to recognize one of the many outstanding members of Greenway Downs. Bring your family and enjoy an evening with your friends and neighbors.

DEVONSHIRE SCHOOL NEWS

The Devonshire PTA is having their Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, March 16 from 5:30-8:30 PM. Advance sales will be made throughout the neighborhood in the near future. Please join us in celebrating St. Patrick's Day. There will be live entertainment, door prizes and lots of fun. We hope to see you there.

Volunteer Program

The days are gone when parents rarely step inside their children's schools. Active volunteer programs are growing all over the country and the children are benefitting by them.

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Our elementary school, Devonshire, is no exception. A number of volunteers are working in our school on a regular basis. This fall, Devonshire, under the direction of reading specialists from Area II office, instituted reading skill centers which are in operation on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-10 AM. These centers require many aides to work with the 4th, 5th and 6th grade children on either one or both days. Aides are also needed at other hours in classrooms and in the library. You need not be a parent of a child in the school to get involved. If your children are grown or you have no children but enjoy working with them, please consider giving an hour or more a week. Men are welcome, too--we have two retired men helping regularly.

If you are interested in helping, call Mrs. Hubbard at the school (573-4590). In addition, the school has become involved in the Countywide artist-aide program which trains volunteers to teach art in our elementary schools. The training program consists of 5 weekly 3-hour art seminars and additional classes are offered for those interested. You do not have to be extremely artistic to be an artist aide, but you must have an interest in children's art and you must be trained. Devonshire, at present, has two artist aides who are working hard at instituting an art program in the school but who need more help. If you are interested, call John Rodriguez at 533-7795 or Mrs. Swain, Fairfax County Council of the Arts at 532-0304.

by Joan Rodriguez

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT LAST MONTH'S MEETING

The opening remarks by Officer Art Lilje of the Fairfax County Police Department at our meeting last month were "In the last 3 months of '72, in this area alone, you had 26 cases of reported vandalism. As I say, 'reported vandalism'. Your police department is only as good as you want to make it. If you don't report an incident to us, you can't come back later and ask us why we haven't done something to rectify it." He also cautioned us to call the police if we hear someone or see something suspicious taking place. It's the only way they can help us; that is for us to let them know what is happening that we feel shouldn't be going on. He stressed our not taking action but to call the police. We don't want to do anything that might get us involved in a lawsuit. The police get paid for this work and are trained to know what to do.

He informed us about a "House Checklist." If you plan to be away for more than 3 days, notify the police two weeks in advance, if possible. A patrolman will then check your house for any unusual activity including a complete check of doors and windows. The following points were also made:

- Most burglars enter through a door.
- Most burglaries occur in the daytime.
- The value of good locks, preferably dead-bolts.
- The value of "Operation Identification".

Use Operation Identification of bicycles. If you lose a bike, go to Headquarters in Fairfax City. Your bike may be there! 372 bikes went unclaimed last year!

When you call the police to report something you do not need to give your name and address unless you want to see an officer. As Officer Lilje said, "Let us know what's happening in the neighborhood so we can put patrolmen in here." Your Association will do anything possible to help improve our community. We

DIRECTORY CHANGES

The following changes have been received and we suggest that you keep your Directory current by making these corrections in your copy.

Deletions:

ABC Typewriter; AMP Auto Parts; Cooper; Galsky; Huffman, James & John; Kincaid; Mana's Spaghetti House; Mattingly; North; Parkinson; Shifflett; Simpson; and Smiles.

Changes:

Page 3 -- Dog tags are \$5.00.

Doval should be *Dovel*.

Gwinn -- (Delete phone number.

MacDonald - 532-2049.

7219 Lee, *Rugs Unlimited* (name change)

Fallfax Sunoco should read *Cofer's Service Center*.

House & Home Real Estate is replaced by *International Realty Consultants*.

Additions:

Ball, John & Pat, 2843 Summerfield, 533-3523.

Carver, Jay & Jill, 2756 Summerfield, 533-3767.

Jefferson, Daniel & Betty, 2807 Summerfield, 533-8318.

Protopappas, Fred & John, 2830 Monroe, 534-4280.

Sallaberry, George, 2828 George Mason.

Walls, James, 6911 Custis, 533-0955.

Wheeler, David & Mary Lou, 2760 George Mason, 534-1628.

We extend our welcome to our new residents. We invite everyone to participate in making our community a better place in which to live.

Meeting (con't)

must all make strong efforts, both individually and as a group to make it work.

by Willard Scott

CUB SCOUTS

The Pinewood Derby was held in January and was a very successful event. There were about 50 entries, of which 8 were "Old Timers." Each entry was a work of art--uniquely different. It is fantastic what can develop from a piece of pine 2"x2"x6". This year's race produced the fastest cars to date and watching them race down the 30-foot track was a beautiful sight.

Mike Crawford, a transfer from St. James Pack and 1972 champion from that pack, led everyone through to finish as 1973 champion. What a future he has in the race car field!

Three awards were given based on design alone. The winners of the "Cool Car" trophy were Tony Douglas, Den 3, 8-year old division; Jerry Artman, Den 1, 9-year old division; and Terry Draper, Webelos, 10-year old division.

Other trophies went to the fastest car in each den. These winners were:

<i>Jerry Artman</i>	<i>Den 1</i>
<i>Billy Pollock</i>	<i>Den 2</i>
<i>Mike Crawford</i>	<i>Den 3</i>
<i>Ollie Kofaid</i>	<i>Den 4</i>
<i>Kermit Wooldridge</i>	<i>Webelos</i>

Blue and Gold Banquet

February is the anniversary of Scouting. Cubs celebrate this with a Blue and Gold Banquet. Pack 677 will have a pot-luck dinner at 6:30 PM on Friday, February 23 in the Devonshire School Cafetorium. All Cub Scouts are encouraged to bring their moms and dads. This is the only event we hold that we *do not* invite sisters and brothers. The price of admission is a main dish *and* a vegetable *or* salad dish. Everything else will be furnished. PLEASE COME!

Paper Drive

Saturday, February 24 is our next pick-up. If you need assistance in placing papers at the curb, or if it is raining (like last time), please

ADDITIONAL BABYSITTER & DAY CARE

Babysitters:

Nancy Gorman (14)	532-3965
Ellen Schaffstall (12)	533-0432

Day Care:

Mrs. Lee Jongkindt	532-0265
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OPERATION IDENTIFICATION -- IT WORKS

Officer Lilje mentioned at last month's meeting that the recovery return rate of Operation Identification items is about 80%. In November, our Association purchased an electric engraver for use by members. This engraver is available for a 2-3 day loan, on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Fred Kramer (534-5930) to get on the list. Remember, please try to finish in the 2-3 day period. Additional engravers are available at Fairfax County libraries. We also have a supply of stickers to use on your doors to warn burglars that your valuables are marked. Please use them! A folder providing more detailed information about this program will be available at our meetings. Your Association strongly urges all residents to participate in this protective effort.

DISCOURAGE BURGLARY

PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY

PROTECT YOURSELF

Scouts (con't)

call the Powell's to arrange for special pick-up (533-9177). Some people object to having the Cubs knock on their door, so the boys have been instructed not to do this. Therefore, let us know if you want assistance. The response to the paper drives has been great and we encourage you to use the dumpster if you can. Don't forget the date -- February 24!