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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Are you prepared to spend \$156 a year for the next 10 years? Does the water from your street drain through your yard on its trip to the creek? How many times have you or a friend become stuck in a ditch in front of your house? A \$1,540,000 curb and gutter project has been proposed for Greenway Downs. This figure amounts to a property owner's share of \$658,150, or \$1,566 per lot. These figures and other details will be explained by a speaker from the Fairfax County Program Administration Division at our January 20 meeting. This proposed project is the result of a Greenway Downs petition to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors requesting an engineering study to determine the cost of providing curbs, gutters, and storm drainage.

The main features of the improvements that would extend throughout the community are the following:

1. Storm drainage system as required to install curbs and gutters;
2. Curbs and gutters on both sides of streets that have private property frontage;
3. Streets to be reworked and surfaced to a minimum width of thirty-six feet;
4. Where possible, one side of all streets will be graded behind the curb to provide space for future sidewalks;

JANUARY MEETING

DATE Wednesday, January 20
TIME 8:00 p.m.
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
Graham Road and Lee Highway
PROGRAM Streets and Gutters Proposal
BUSINESS MEETING
REFRESHMENTS

5. Driveway curb aprons will be provided for each property; and,

6. Necessary landscaping (including sloping) of adjoining properties which are disturbed will be performed.

The property owner's share of the financing for the improvement could be accomplished by the establishment of a small tax district. Bonds would be sold to finance construction and they would be retired by yearly assessment over a period of typically ten years.

These estimates from the engineering survey are based on construction starting in July 1972. The project is of vital interest to all of us. The decision on a further course of action can only be made when we know all the facts and details of the proposed project. Let's have everyone attend and be prepared to ask questions.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elling C. Reich

I hope all of you have had a happy holiday season and enough snow to satisfy the winter season enthusiasts. By now you have made your New Year resolutions and are trying your best to keep them. One you should keep, and it is an easy one, is to attend your Association meetings.

The Family Christmas Party was a great success. Many thanks to the "One Above" who kept the rain in check for that evening. The chairman of the party, Mr. Fred Kramer, did a fine job as did his helpers. Statistics are shown elsewhere in **The Downs**.

A couple of changes have taken place in your organization. Joan Rodriguez will assume the duties of Recording Secretary as Mary Augustine is unable to continue the duties. The chairmanship of the Youth Activities Committee is now in the hands of Lois Owens who was co-chairman with Ron Bealby. Press of business and other activities necessitated the resignation of Ron. When Lois calls for help, be sure to volunteer.

The program for January 20 will be of great interest to all tax payers and civic minded persons so be sure to attend. The speaker will be first on the program so if you don't want to miss any of the talk be sure to be on time or even a little bit early.

Betty and Al Jacobs have asked **The Downs** to publish their new address for all their friends here. It is 8522 East Appomattox, Tucson, Arizona 85710. They have issued "an invitation to look us up in the 'Old Pueblo,' as Tucson is nicknamed."

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DECORATED DOMICILES

For the second consecutive year, judges rode through Greenway Downs during the week between Christmas and New Year's in an effort to choose the outstanding decorations on each street. They found it a difficult task, trying to choose an outstanding house on each street since, in many cases, several houses on a street were so nearly equal, and in other cases, the residents had not participated in the exterior decorating.

In that vein we can understand why. It has been reported by more than a few residents that they were having trouble with ornaments being stolen. One resident of Monroe Street reported 25 light bulbs stolen in less than 24 hours and that was days before Christmas. Possibly the judges didn't even see what they had tried to do. Others from Winchester, Woodlawn, and Custis, to name only a few, were sending out the same cry. It is the feeling of these people that the teenage boys involved (they were seen) have never learned the true spirit of Christmas. It would make one wonder.

The judges finally decided to give their awards to those houses which had decorations of a unique nature, whether they be pretty, colorful, or comical. Every street was not mentioned. The outstanding house decoration for the area was 2761 Cameron Street, home of the Shaars who received a \$5 prize. Honorable Mentions go to: Pollansch, 2808 Woodlawn Ave., Daniels, 6936 Custis Pky., and Joseph, 2847 Marshall Street.

Congratulations! Maybe next year others will pitch in and try to make our "best dressed" list. A big thank you to the Beautification Committee and to the two judges from our neighboring communities.

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The Association wishes to express sympathy to Mrs. Frances Crum of Monroe Street, whose mother died in December, and also to Mr. Allen Stokes, 6933 Custis Pky., whose father died in November.

CRIME IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

On December 3, raising as many questions as were answered, Mr. Robert F. Horan, Commonwealth's Attorney, spoke to a small but very interested group on crime in the County. In his position of prosecutor of crimes in Fairfax County, Mr. Horan sees not only the individual occurrences but also the trends. In most recent years he has been aware of crimes following road patterns such as the so-called Beltway Burglars who could be 30 miles from the crime before the victims realized there had been a crime. This mobile community has other hazards. Go five miles from home and you're likely to know no one nor to be known. Police officers who used to be known and recognized in a neighborhood are now only seen driving past in a car.

Crimes that are rising very quickly are burglary—especially during the day, drug-related crimes, and shoplifting. At 50 cases a month, shoplifting is a popular crime which has involved housewives, teens, and even government officials. One of the reasons, Mr. Horan feels, for this rise is a rising lack of respect on the part of the community for the rights and property of others.

Juvenile crime, especially vandalism and shoplifting, are also related to this lack of respect. Unfortunately with only 2 judges housed in a pre-Civil War house, available for all juvenile crime advances do not appear ahead soon. For instance of the 800 drug cases handled by the Attorney's office, half were 17 years or younger. That really puts a load on the juvenile court system.

What can we as residents of the county do? Develop in yourself and your children a sense of responsibility toward crime and law officers. Remember to vote for money for crime fighting. Did you know that Fairfax County has only 430 police officers for its 405 square miles and therefore, has only about 100 officers on the streets at any one time? They need your help!

And when you're not going to be home, lock your house, separately lock up credit cards and bank checks, stop newspaper and milk deliveries, and ask the police to watch the house. Be responsible toward crime.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

February 24— Wednesday — Awards Night
March 23 — Tuesday April 29 — Thursday
May 25 — Tuesday June 12 — Picnic—Sat.

THE DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF *THE
DOWNS* IS FEBRUARY 10!

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ABC BOARD SAYS, "NO"

The request by Lompres, Inc., for a beer and wine license and/or a liquor license in the restaurant space in the Lee-Graham Shopping Center was argued in Alexandria in November. The decision from that hearing was that in view of neighborhood opposition, the license should be denied.

At the insistence of the original lessor of the property, Lompres, Inc., appealed to the State ABC Board in Richmond for a hearing which was held on December 21. Mr. Jim Thompson, the majority leader in the Virginia House of Delegates, represented Lompres in their appeal. The hearing took one hour and 15 minutes and a decision was reached around Christmas denying both licenses to Lompres, Inc.

In view of this, it is felt that no alcoholic license will be granted in the future to any lessor of that property. However, the Association's major objective of seeking a change in the County code to keep liquor licenses from being issued to establishments near schools, parks, and residences has not been fulfilled and will continue to be pursued.

SCOUT NEWS

The girls in Brownie Troop 575 had a busy holiday season. They attended a performance of the Nutcracker Suite at Woodson High School. They also went Christmas caroling on Cameron Road one evening. And, in early January, they visited the Day Care Center at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Arlington.

**SECOND ANNUAL GREENWAY DOWNS
OUTSTANDING CITIZEN APPRECIATION NIGHT
AND COVERED DISH SUPPER**

February 24, 1971

7:30 – 10:00 p.m.

Devonshire Cafetorium

Informal

Alert! Greenway Downs' second outstanding citizen will be named at a covered dish supper and special appreciation program on February 24. The honoree has just recently been decided upon, following careful consideration by a committee appointed by Charles Reeves, chairman of the gala.

GDCA President Elling Reich announced that special invitations will be going out soon to all known past presidents of the Association to join in this special community get-together. He is lining up a featured speaker for the occasion, too.

Jo Layland, head of food arrangements for the affair, says beverages, rolls, silverware, and paper plates will be provided. Each couple is requested to bring a main dish and a salad or dessert (enough to feed yourselves plus 2). Mrs. Layland would welcome volunteers to help with table setting and slicing desserts. Please call her at 532-9414.

You'll get another announcement concerning this midwinter gala shortly before the special night. Meanwhile, reserve the date on your calendar—**Wednesday, February 24**. Don't miss it. We hope many of you will attend to give us all a chance to honor another of our neighborhood's many deserving citizens.

SONGS, SIRENS, AND SANTA

With a blazing bonfire, Christmas carols, and Santa arriving on a fire truck, the 1970 Christmas Bonfire was even more memorable than the first in 1969.

Waiting all day on December 22 to see if the rain predicted would prevail, Fred Kramer sighed with relief as the last doughnuts, cider, and hot chocolate were consumed and the fire put out. But despite the handicap of a half a sea of mud, the fire never blazed warmer, voices sounded clearer or a fire siren louder.

Special appreciation is expressed to all those who attended, participated, and assisted in this affair: To Joe Goodwin especially for all the time and effort he personally devoted; to Lois

Owens for the special songbooks; to Glinda Glammeyer for the refreshments; to Marie Paliansch for leading the singing; to the Jefferson Fire Department and Saunders Bakery for their help; to Boy Scout Troop 677 for the Christmas tree; to Cub Scout Pack 681, Den 6 under the leadership of Mrs. Florence Lomont, for the beautiful homemade tree decorations; and to Saint Nick; to Kenneth Walton, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Scott, Elling Reich, Bernard Stull, JoAnn Goodwin, Ida Roadcap, and to all those who helped in their own special way.

We all hope you enjoyed it as much as we did doing it and all look forward to the 3rd Annual Christmas Bonfire in 1971.