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### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

From time to time we all have questions about how local zoning ordinances affect our daily lives. Regardless of whether your concern has to do with speculation over the Master Plan calling for a high-rise development for the Greenway Downs area, or the probable impact of the Lee Highway Widening Project, or unsightly congestion in your neighborhood caused by the regular, indiscriminate parking of trucks and other commercial vehicles on the streets, or just the general standards of our community's over-all appearance, the upcoming General Meeting on January 18th should be of interest to all residents. The topic of the feature program will be **Zoning**.

We're privileged to have as our guest speaker Mr. Wally Covington, the Assistant Zoning Administrator for Fairfax County. He will discuss the various categories of zoning classifications as well as typical everyday problems involving zoning ordinances. Accompanying him will be the County Inspector responsible for our area. The forum will allow plenty of opportunity for you to get answers to your specific questions.

### JANUARY MEETING

**DATE** Tuesday, January 18  
**TIME** 8:00 p.m.  
**PLACE** Devonshire School Cafetorium  
Graham Road and Lee Highway  
**SPEAKER** Mr. Wally Covington  
Assistant Zoning Administrator for  
Fairfax County  
**PROGRAM** Zoning and Its Effect on Us

### BUSINESS MEETING REFRESHMENTS

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We hope you will plan to join us this coming Tuesday evening in the Devonshire Cafetorium. The feature program will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m., and will be followed by refreshments and a short business meeting. Bring a neighbor along with you.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

by Henry Rodriguez, President

As a result of a resolution approved at our December 2nd meeting, I have written to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the then incumbent supervisor and the supervisor-elect for the Providence District, and to all members of the Fairfax County Park Authority requesting that some of the funds to be raised through the recently approved bond referendum be used to develop a neighborhood park in the open land along Custis Parkway.

Specifically, we asked that the land between Cameron Road and Greenway Boulevard be developed with an all-purpose court for use by our teenagers, the portion between Greenway Boulevard and Marshall Street be suitably landscaped, and the section between Marshall Street and Woodlawn Avenue be turned into a play area with suitable rustic wooden play equipment for use by our younger children.

Thus far I have heard from Dr. Hoofnagle, Chmn., Board of Supervisors, and Mr. Masterbrook, Chmn., Park Authority. I was pleased to find that Mr. Masterbrook indicated an interest in visiting the area in question.

I am convinced that we need a neighborhood park in Greenway Downs and I certainly hope we can convince our supervisors and the Park Authority of this. The need for such a park has been discussed in our executive committee meetings, in several of our general meetings, and was covered in our last issue of *The Downs*. I

gather from this and from personal conversations with members of the community that there is strong support for this project.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at our next general meeting. A good turnout can only suggest to our speaker our interest in the subject at hand. Our speaker at the January 18 meeting will be able to answer many of the questions which I know have been bothering members of our community.

**OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD  
NOMINATIONS NEEDED**

Your nomination for our annual Outstanding Citizen Award is solicited at this time. In submitting such nomination, please furnish the reasons for your selection. The following criteria are used by the committee reviewing these nominations. It will be helpful if you will use these points to guide you in your substantiating reasons for your nominations.

1. Person who is reasonably certain to be present to receive the award. (Do not nominate anyone living some distance away unless able to come to the Award Dinner.)
2. Nominee should have been active in service to the community through work in and for Greenway Downs Citizens Association. (Holding elective office is not as important as service performed.)
3. Services to be considered will be for the benefit of Greenway Downs and not based on service in any other organization.
4. Nominee must have continuing interest in our community.

Submit your nomination to one of the following:

Mrs. Irene Smith	2852 Greenway Blvd.	532-1559
Joseph J. Goodwin	2756 Woodlawn Ave.	532-2605
Thomas Thomsen	2763 Cameron Road	532-1653

**Next Devonshire PTA Meeting — February 8th!**

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## AN OPEN LETTER

The Greenway Downs Christmas Party in 1970 was a delightful event and we looked forward to the one for 1971. Two sets of our new neighbors were encouraged to come along with us and the six children spent the day making paper ornaments for the tree.

We were disgusted by the behavior when we got there, of the 12-and-over set, who were there without parental supervision. During the caroling they were taking delight in throwing mud balls, pushing their peers down in the mud, and throwing tree decorations into the fire. We hoped for a change when Santa arrived, but he was so mobbed by the older youngsters that the small ones went without candy canes. We saw several eating candy canes from Santa that were really too old for that sort of thing, especially when the younger set had to go without. Children under eight or ten do not understand why Santa (or indeed his helper) would run out of candy, or why they had to witness their ornaments being burned. Somehow the 25-and-older crowd did not either. It seemed so rude and not at all in the Christmas spirit.

The same type of situation repeated itself when refreshments were being served. However, by then, two of the men had had enough of this misbehavior and attempted to keep orderly lines going. They were at least successful in stopping the line-breaking and pushing. However, by then the evening was ruined and we were ready to go home.

It was our feeling that the party should be held as a family affair and only those accompanied by parents should be allowed to stay. It was also felt that a little better planning was needed on the part of the committee. For instance, arrangements could be made in advance on lines for refreshments and a place set up for Santa where things could be handled much more efficiently.

—Kathryn Powell

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

February 17 — Thursday — Award Dinner  
March 21, Tuesday                      April 20, Thursday  
May 18, Thursday                      June 17, Sat. — Picnic

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## A WORD OF THANKS

For those who were not there (and there seemed to be few of these), the annual Christmas Caroling was held in Custis Park. There was obviously good attendance both from our own and other neighboring communities.

Special thanks are due the weatherman for the calm and mild evening which added to the enjoyment of the bonfire; to the Owens family, who led the caroling; to the Jefferson Fire Dept., which drove Santa through the area; and, to Santa himself, who made a special trip to distribute candy. Hot spiced cider, cocoa, and doughnuts were served, the latter provided by Saunders Bakery as a Christmas present to the community.

The Christmas caroling and bonfire are on their way to becoming a community tradition, and one of those things which makes The Greenway Downs Community a unique and pleasurable place in which to live.

## SPAGHETTI DINNER HUGE SUCCESS

Happiness is sharing a good spaghetti dinner with 550 friends and neighbors! This was the estimated turnout for the spaghetti dinner sponsored by the Devonshire PTA in November. In spite of an unusually large crowd which formed long waiting lines, the hungry customers were cheerful and good natured as they waited their turn to be served. The committee workers did a masterful job of serving these people and the general feeling of all was that it was worthwhile waiting for. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all the people who worked so hard and so well together to making the dinner one of the PTA's most successful endeavors. A profit of \$335.00 has been reported!

## SCOUTING NEWS

The Boy Scouts of Troop 677 got off to a slow start with their Christmas trees this year. They were without a "place of business" until Mr. Harold Parks of Little League kindly offered the use of JV field. Then an approval came from Mr. White at the new Safeway location. The boys chose Safeway and were off to make their money for summer camp expenses. Things looked gloomy at first, when someone stole 30 or 40 trees the first two nights the stand was there, but the residents of Greenway Downs and other interested people came through, and all the trees were sold and even some donations left. Along with being able to pay for the trees the boys made almost \$300.00 for camp. An outstanding job was done by the Patrol Leaders, Ricky Lunsford and John Sherrill, in scheduling hours for the boys to work. Al Thompson gave his usual helping hand, and thanks are given to the dads who were there every night to supervise: Joe Sherrill, Bill Collins, Joe Goodwin, Bob Heath, Buck Weddle, Ron Bealby, John Schaffstall, John Lunsford, John Zeigler, Jim Patterson, Don White, Bill Smith, Mr. Gunnells, and John Yarbrough. With the work behind them, the boys are preparing for a little "play" in the form of a Winter Campout coming up January 22nd and 23rd.

Ten members of Brownie Troop 575 participated in an evening of caroling at Loehmann's Plaza along with other Troops from this area on December 17. Following the caroling, the Brownies enjoyed a Christmas party at the home of their leader, Mrs. Judy Harlow. After an exchange of gifts, which may have been placed under Mrs. Harlow's tree by Santa's elf, the girls were treated to an assortment of delicious refreshments which consisted of Gingerbread Men, fancy cupcakes and hot chocolate.

## MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The annual membership campaign has been very successful and almost everyone has been contacted. If no one has called on you yet, please contact Mr. Willard Scott at 532-1560.

## THE BAND WAGON

The Falls Church HS Marching Band, directed by James M. Stegner, has been invited to perform in Europe next July.

The special tour includes field-marching presentations in England and Holland—and participation in a highly competitive marching event in Switzerland.

The invitation came as a direct result of the Band's award-winning performance last fall in the Parade of Champions in Philadelphia's Convention Hall.

There will be an All-Regional Band Concert at Falls Church HS on Sunday, February 6, at 3 p.m. The performing students (Grades 7-12) will audition for the event in January, and will represent 23 schools in Fairfax and Arlington Counties, including Whittier, Bishop O'Connell and Falls Church High Schools.

"DARK—The Herald Angels Sing" . . . The Christmas Concert presented by Falls Church High's Band and Choral Department could have been a complete disaster had it not been for the determination of the performing students and the cooperation of a dedicated audience.

The event was a victim of the December 16 power failure for almost an hour. After a late and faltering start, the Choral Department presented its part of the program, with dim light from candles and flashlights. During their final number, *Hallelujah Chorus*, the power was restored. The Band was able to play its concert without difficulty, and with great fun—Styrofoam snowflakes and snowballs blanketed the students as Mr. Stegner tried to lead them through a *White Christmas*.

The resourcefulness of young people today is astounding—and worthy of our praise. Let's hear it for this group!