



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Are you satisfied with the current level of safety in our area? Are you concerned about the increase in vandalism and wonder what can be done? If you have any questions or desire answers and information about the police department, please attend our meeting. A member of the Fairfax County Police Department will be present to inform us about current activities and programs of the police in our area. He will also provide answers to our many questions.

Should petty vandalism be reported to the police? How frequent are patrols through our area? What are the true statistics on police reports in our community? What is the police department currently doing to help solve our problems? What must we do to improve conditions? What can we do to help police efforts both local and county-wide? What influences patrol coverage?

Our concern in the area of vandalism is not only based on personal problems. We have noticed the continual uprooting and sometimes destruction of our street signs and stop signs. We attempted to place plantings near the creek but most were destroyed. It may not be your child, but it certainly is someone

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JANUARY MEETING

DATE Wednesday, January 24  
TIME 8:00 P.M.  
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium  
Graham Road and Lee Highway  
PROGRAM Speaker from the Fairfax County Police Department

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS served between the program and the meeting

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 7 ... News deadline for next issue

February 21 ... Awards Dinner

THIS ISSUE OF THE DOWNS IS DELIVERED TO YOU THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 677. WE THANK THEM.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Fred Kramer, President

HAPPY NEW YEAR

We are sorry that our Christmas Bonfire was completely rained out. Hope you all had a wonderful holiday season, though.

1973 promises to be an exciting and busy year for the residents of Greenway Downs. Several important community functions are just around the corner.

... This month Willard Scott has arranged to have an officer from the Police Department's Community Relations Division speak to us. Plan to attend as there will be an opportunity to ask the officer questions about crime, crime prevention and any other police matter you are interested in.

... In February our Citizen of the Year Awards Dinner will be held.

... In March we should have a County Department of Public Works official present the detailed engineering study for the proposed curbs, gutters, and storm drainage project.

Our park projects seem to have gotten bogged down temporarily. I hope we can devote some time at our January meeting to discuss this problem. Your thoughts on how we can proceed to expedite making use of our park ground are solicited. We've waited long enough, it's time we do something! Let's unite as a community behind this program in order to pursue the completion of this long-standing, common goal.

SEE YOU AT THE GENERAL MEETING --  
JANUARY 24.

CUB SCOUT PAPER DRIVE -- JANUARY 27!!!  
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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NEARS COMPLETION

The membership drive has completed the first sweep of the area. However, there are still many residents who have not been contacted and we are still short of our goal for the year. If you have not yet joined and wish to do so, please call BOB BEYER (534-0612). We ask for your help in reaching our goal. With your help, it can be done!

CHANGES IN OUR DIRECTORY

We plan to print changes to the directory in the next issue as space permits. If you know of a change to be made, please call SCOTTY (532-1560).

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within our community causing these problems. We should all take care and see if we are not blind to our own children's actions. We hope to have a fully developed park in the near future, play equipment for all ages, tots to teens, including adults, landscaping, etc. However, we will have to take care of such facilities or our effort spent will be in vain.

Are you asking, "But what can I do?" to help solve these problems. We can get the answers!! See you at the meeting on January 24.

## COMMENTS ON THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

During the current membership drive those who have worked on it have heard many reasons why people either "can't" join or "don't want to join".

... First, anyone who is a *resident*, be it a renter, boarder, or homeowner, is eligible to join by the simple method of paying one dollar for a single membership or if you are a family, the dues are \$2.50.

The money from these dues is what pays for the cost of this monthly newsletter which is the best method we know of for informing our community of what's going on. This costs our Association \$45 each month a newsletter is published. So you can see where the biggest slice of the dues goes. But your officers over the years have felt it was money well spent. Don't you?

... Second, the workers have heard a number of reasons why individuals felt they didn't want to belong, such as "cliques run the Association" (not at all true and hasn't been for many years), "don't like the Association's politics" (whatever they may be, your officers don't know!), "they never did anything before and I don't see anything different now." This last one is the main reason we need YOU to join and become active!

Any Association is dependent upon many people working together to accomplish any worthwhile objective. We know there are many members who join every year knowing they will not be able to attend meetings or be very active. They do, however, maintain an interest in the Association and the community. This is vitally needed. They also let their opinion be known through members who are able to devote more time to this work. These people are welcome and we sincerely thank each one.

## JUNIOR GIRL SCOUT TROOP 601

The girls in Troop 601 are now working on their various badges. They will have sewing lessons at the homes of Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Scott, and they will have cooking lessons at the homes of Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Harlow. They plan to entertain the Brownie Troops in February so they are learning games from many other lands, and they will receive badges earned at that meeting. The troop is also planning a day of bowling for one meeting this month.

## WELCOME LITTLE NEWCOMER

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marquardt (Eveline) joyfully announce the arrival of a son, Christopher Michael, born on November 10, who came to live with them upon his adoption December 18. He is a little Peruvian Indian boy so he has lots of black hair already. He was located through the Fairfax County Public Welfare Agency. You are welcome to visit him at his home -- 6939 Custis Parkway.

## Membership Drive (Con't)

Those who do not join, do not attend meetings, and still complain cannot really know what they are talking about. The problems that have been mentioned for not joining, are either non-existent, solved a long time ago, are being worked on at present, or are unknown to your present officers. So, if you know of something that needs to be done, won't you join us and help us solve them? You could be an asset if you really wanted to be. At least, give us your opinions and suggestions!

REGISTER OF BABYSITTERS

Cathy Augustine (14) . . . . . 534-0722  
 Don Bealby (12) . . . . . 532-1102  
 Cathy Garcia (14) . . . . . 534-3877  
 Carol Hume (14) . . . . . 532-2996  
 Laurie Martin (16) . . . . . 533-3663  
 Linda May (14) . . . . . 532-8914  
 Michael Rodriguez (14) . . . . 533-7795  
 Miss Tommy Wooldridge (15) . 533-9070

CHILD DAY CARE

Mrs. Mary Clatterbuck . . . . 533-1398  
 Mrs. Jo Ann Railey . . . . . 534-0521  
 Mrs. Debi Taylor . . . . . 534-5884  
*(These mothers will care for young children in their homes)*

YARD WORK

Don Bealby (12) . . . . . 532-1102  
 John Brown (20) . . . . . 534-5336  
 Michael Rodriguez (14) . . . . 533-7795

We will publish the names of those willing to perform the above listed services free as a community service. Please call the editor to add your name to the list. Thank you.

SCOUT NEWS

Cub Scout Pack 677 will have another paper drive on Saturday, January 27. The Dumpster will be in the driveway at 2850 Greenway Blvd. again. We hope to use this location as long as Mr. Sanders agrees to it. Whenever possible, please take your own papers, magazines, catalogues, etc. to the Dumpster. Otherwise, the Cubs will pick up papers which are on the curbs by 9 AM.

OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD NOMINATIONS NEEDED

The Annual Awards Dinner will be held on February 21. 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 Mrs. Bernie Lucas, Chairman, 2844 Summerfield Road (534-6884).

Future paper drive dates are:  
 January 27                      April 28  
 February 24                    May 26  
 March 24                        July 28