



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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**ABOUT OUR PROGRAM**

This month's meeting will feature two important subjects. The program will begin promptly at 8 p.m. on Tuesday evening, March 21st, in the Devonshire School Cafetorium.

Leading off the agenda will be what has been widely acclaimed as the answer to all our transportation problems: METRO. Although most of us know generally what the world's largest undertaking of its kind entails, few of us really have a clear idea of how it will affect us. To find out more about this, we have invited Mr. Cody Pfansteihl, Director of METRO's Office of Community Services, to speak to us on the subject. His presentation will include a film and slides designed to acquaint us with METRO's anticipated effect on our daily lives. It promises to be a very interesting and informative presentation, and, of course, there will be a question-and-answer period.

Next on the agenda for the evening will be a "first" for citizens of our community: an opportunity to have a say in the future of Fairfax County. The County executive staff has been asked by the Board of Supervisors to develop a Five-Year Plan to control county growth. The Plan will set forth specifically how much growth is desirable between now and 1977, where the

**MARCH MEETING**

**DATE** Tuesday, March 21

**TIME** 8:00 p.m.

**PLACE** Devonshire School Cafetorium  
Graham Road and Lee Highway

**SPEAKER** Mr. Cody Pfansteihl, Director  
Metro's Office of Community Services

**PROGRAM** The Metro System and Us  
and Fairfax County's 5-Year Plan

**BUSINESS MEETING**  
**REFRESHMENTS**

growth should occur, and how much it is expected to cost. Active citizen participation in this effort has been requested by the county staff. Although this project just recently began, it is quickly picking up a full head of steam due to the requirement to finalize recommendations in July to be ready for public hearings scheduled for September.

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Henry Rodriguez, President

Are you interested in what your county will look like in five years? Do you believe that planning is the answer to adequate public facilities such as schools, roads, sewers, drainage, good land use, environmental protection, balanced transportation, adequate limited income housing, etc.? Would you like to participate in Fairfax County's five-year plan? If so, plan to attend the March 21 meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association.

As some of you may know, the Board of Supervisors has instructed the County staff to prepare a master plan for the development of the County over the next five years. The plan is not merely concerned with land use but will attend to develop attainable social and economic goals. In addition to the consideration of economic and social questions, the plan includes a strong citizen participation element. It will encourage citizen participation at the earliest stages to define goals and make suggestions about how the County and Providence District should look in five years. Major citizen assistance will be needed after the staff has inventoried resources and as alternative approaches to future development are prepared.

I am very enthusiastic about the opportunity to participate in the County's planning process. I hope you share my enthusiasm.

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## YOUTH NIGHT

Our Annual Youth Night will be held at the Devonshire School on Thursday night, April 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Let's get behind our kids and encourage them to display their talents and join in the fun. Of course, the best vote of confidence we can give is to be present to applaud them on THEIR night.

If you would like your child to participate in the program, please contact Jo McCarthy, 532-0626, or Lois Owens, 532-2235.

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Congratulations to Mary and John Rinker on the birth of a daughter, *Virginia Ruth*, born on February 15, 1972.

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Could you spare a couple of hours each month to help two brain damaged children along the road to recovery? We need substitutes to fill in when our regular volunteers are sick or out of town. For more information, please call Beth Stucker at 534-2219.

We also wish to thank the ladies and teenagers of Greenway Downs who have helped so faithfully in the past.

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Our Association will be working closely with Providence District Supervisor Scott in making inputs to the Plan. Discussion at this week's meeting will focus on establishing recommendations for the Five-Year Plan. It will be a golden opportunity to air your views and make them part of the Plan. Mark your calendar for 8 p.m. this coming Tuesday evening—March 21—and plan to bring a neighbor.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### J. G. WHITTIER

March 31 - April 3 . . . Spring Holiday

### DEVONSHIRE

March 31 - April 3 . . . Spring Holiday  
April 11, 7:30 p.m. . . . PTA Meeting  
in the School Cafetorium

### FALLS CHURCH HIGH

March 22, 7:30 p.m. . . . National Honor  
Society Installation  
in the School Library

March 25 . . . Miss Falls Church Beauty  
Pageant, 7:30 p.m.

March 28 . . . . . 1st Baseball Game

March 31 - April 3 . . . Spring Holiday

April 15 . . . . . College Board Exams  
in School Cafeteria  
(check with office for schedule)

## THE BAND WAGON

The Falls Church High School Band was represented by 34 students in this year's All-Regional Band Concert in February—5 of them live in Greenway Downs:

Tom Bevans   Robin Erler   Mike Layland  
Don Lucas (1st Chair)   Robert Owens

Don also made the All-Virginia Band which will perform in Newport News in April.

The Jaguar Marching and Symphonic Bands have been invited to participate in the Cherry Blossom Festival Contest, in Concert and Field-Marching performances, and in the Parade.

Director James Stegner and the members of the FCHS Symphonic Band are to be congratulated for their performance at last week's Annual Music Festival. Judged by 3 outstanding clinicians from Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey, the group received 3 Superior Ratings—one with a "plus" after it! Right on, Band!

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

March 21, Tuesday  
May 18, Thursday

April 20, Thursday  
June 17, Saturday  
(Picnic)

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A very special "Thanks" from all the citizens of the Greenway Downs community is extended to the *Falls Church High Madrigal Singers* for their magnificent performance at the Outstanding Citizen's Award Night.

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## GARDENING TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

For the benefit of beginner gardeners in the area, the following advice is offered courtesy of Kenny Roberts Garden Center, 9870 Lee Highway, in Fairfax.

When to prune roses:

Any time between now and the next 3 weeks.

When to plant those new roses:

NOW for the *waxed* variety.

Three weeks from now for the *non-waxed* variety. The wax is to prevent damage in case of a sudden cold snap.

Bulbs

Our expert advises us that on the subject of bulbs, we can plant *Dahlias* after the 1st of April. *Glads* can be planted after April 12.

## SCOUTING NEWS

### Brownie Troop 575

A fine turnout is reported on the Troop's "Father-Daughter Banquet," held at FCHS on the evening of March 24. The dinners were boxed affairs prepared by the young ladies which both surprised and delighted their dads.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of the dance, "The Noble Duke of York." What prouder moment for any father—the discovery that his beautiful daughter could dance every bit as well as she could cook!!

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Cub Scout Pack 677

Approximately 130 boys and their parents crowded the large Devonshire Cafetorium on the evening of 25 February, making the annual Pack 677 "Blue & Gold Banquet" an overwhelming success. Special thanks go to Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Yarbrough and Mrs. Grogan for their very capable assistance.

Following a "Pot Luck" dinner, consisting of a main dish, salad and dessert, a blue ribbon was awarded for the best centerpiece. This went to Mrs. Collins' table for Den #1. The winning centerpiece was an expertly done head of Abraham Lincoln, complete with stovepipe hat. Arranged about this were a series of cards, each displaying one of the famous quotations of Lincoln.

The numerous awards presented to the various dens are as follows:

Den #1

Rodger Holman	Denner Bars
Chris Ball	Asst. Denner Bars
John Reaves	Gold Arrow under Wolf
Reggie Arnold	Went into Webelos (Book & Colors)
Zach Schlumpf	Bobcat pin-Wolf book

Den #2

Chuck Collier	Denner Bars
Bard Esterbrook	Asst. Denner Bars
David May	Wolf Badge
Paul Heath	2-yr. Service Pin, 2-yr. perfect attendance, Went into Webelos (Book & Colors)

Den #3

Keith Settle	Bobcat pin - Wolf book
Mike Miller	Bear badge - Gold Arrow under Bear
Paul Pallansch	Bear badge - Gold Arrow under Bear (Went into Webelos, Book & Colors)

Webelos

Den #1

Calvin Yarbrough	Traveler, Naturalist, Sportsman
Kevin Turney	Athlete, Gold & Silver Arrows under Bear
Bobby Harlow	Traveler, Artist
Andy Zeigler	Arrow of Light
Mike Grogan	Geologist, Craftsman, Arrow of Light

Den #2

Bernie Manderville	Athlete
Kenny Winslow	Naturalist
Joe Sherrill	Naturalist
Eddie Noone	Sportsman
Timmy Goodwin	Athlete
Ronnie Sutphin	Arrow of Light