



# THE DOWNS

of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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## ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

As most of us know, the State Legislature recently concluded their first odd-year, 30-day "short session" in 45 days after being faced with some 1,100 legislative proposals. Bills were passed that will affect each of us.

The more publicized measures include Metro use of the I-66 median, use of highway funds for mass transit, use of school buses for non-school trips, approval for "conditional zoning", establishment of statewide soil erosion controls, revision of the State "blue laws", and financial aid to public schools.

Our special guest this Wednesday, a member of the House of Delegates since 1968, will be The Honorable Vincent F. Callahan, Jr. One of the leaders in the House, he will give his assessment of the accomplishments and failures of the just completed session. A strong supporter of Greenway Downs in past activities, he will also field questions relating to other State legislative problems.

Please realize that our ideas, suggestions, opinions and support are vitally important to our elected representatives if we expect them to represent our interest in Richmond.

Come to the meeting and let your views be known. SEE YOU THERE!

## MARCH MEETING

DATE Wednesday, March 21

TIME 8:00 P.M.

PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium  
Graham Road and Lee Highway

PROGRAM Report from the Virginia  
General Assembly  
Hon. Vincent F. Callahan, Jr.

## BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS served between the program and the meeting

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 7 News deadline for next issue  
April 18 Proposed Meeting

OUR THANKS TO JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS OF TROOP 601 WHO DELIVERED THIS ISSUE OF *THE DOWNS*. SPECIAL THANKS TO THEIR LEADER, MRS. DIANE RODGERS.

## OPERATION IDENTIFICATION .... IT WORKS

We subscribe to this program. Have you used it? Call Fred Kramer (534-5930) for details and to use the electric engraver available for loan.

### ARCHIE SANDERS RECEIVES OUTSTANDING CITIZEN AWARD

Archie Sanders, a Greenway Downs resident for almost two decades, was this year's recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award, presented at a dinner in Devonshire School last month.

He was cited for his 15 years of service to the people of this community, starting with his forming a committee in 1955 to coordinate the cleanup of Custis Parkway and the preparation of the land for use as a park. Since then, he has served on the Roads Committee, Membership Committee, Auditing Committee, and Streets and Utilities Committee--as Vice President and Program Chairman, and as Acting President for a portion of a year. Originally named in 1963 to be a delegate to the County Federation of Citizens Associations, he served 9 Greenway Downs presidents in that capacity for 8 consecutive years!

With a lifelong interest in scouting, his contributions in this area have been countless as Troop Committeeman, Neighborhood Commissioner, and Institutional Representative. Our Scout Troop 677 has honored him with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his outstanding service to the Scout movement.

Archie and his wife, Ethel, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1970; and Archie celebrated his 80th birthday on February 26. Congratulations, Archie!

Master of Ceremonies for the event was Ben Blankenship. Special guests included Supervisor Jim Scott, Devonshire School Principal, C. S. Mahoney, who was also guest speaker, and 6 past presidents--Ray Smart, Jack Lucas, Ben Blankenship, John Sullivan, Joe Goodwin, and Henry Rodriguez.

Entertainment was provided by vocalists Brenda Owens and her father, Bob.

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Assistant . . . Mrs. Bernie Lucas  
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They were accompanied on the piano by her mother (Lois) and on the violin by a friend of the family, Mr. Arne Roslund.

Door Prize Winners were: Cecil Bennett, Carole Blankenship, C. S. Mahoney, Randy Myers, Joan Rodriguez, and John Sullivan.

Bernie Lucas, Chairman  
1973 Awards Committee

### OUR THANKS TO THE AWARDS COMMITTEE FOR MAKING THIS ANNUAL EVENT A SUCCESS--

*Chairman:* Bernie Lucas.

*Dinner Arrangements:* Jo Layland and Glenda Glammeyer.

*Door Prizes:* Joe Goodwin and Willard Scott.

*Guest Book:* Elouisa Stokes.

*Hospitality:* Jo Ann Goodwin.

*Publicity Flyers:* Carole Blankenship and Lois Owens, and to their children for delivering same.

*Past Pres. Liaison:* Ray and Mabel Smart.

*Photography:* Paul Davis.

*Research & Biography:* Marge Brescia, John Crum, and Bernie Lucas.

*Program & Citation Setup:* Courtesy of Jeannette Megaw and Ken Frye, Falls Church High School Band-Aides.

*Citizen Selection Committee:* Thomas Thomsen, John Crum, Jewell Cunningham, Jack Layland, and Jack Lucas.

## MUSICAL NOTES

Congratulations are in order to the following Greenway Downs students for their recent outstanding accomplishments:

*Jimmy Owens* as a member of the 1973 All-Regional Band from Whittier Intermediate School.

*Tom Bevans, Ronnie Jones, Mike Layland,* and *Brenda Owens* as members of the All-Regional Band from Falls Church High School.

*Brenda Owens* really outdid herself in the All-Regional Band and also the All-Virginia Chorus in Norfolk in May!

CONGRATULATIONS ONE AND ALL -- WE'RE PROUD OF YOU ALL!!

The most recent accomplishment of the Falls Church HS Symphonic Band was their outstanding performance last week in the Annual Music Festival at Robinson Secondary School. They received a rating of SUPERIOR by a panel of three nationally recognized adjudicators. The following Greenway Downs students participated: *Tom Bevans, Robin Erler, Ronnie Jones, Mike Layland, Brenda Owens, Robert Owens, Nancy Reich,* and *Steve Steidel.*

Under the direction of *Jim Stegner,* also of Greenway Downs, they performed brilliantly--and deserve our congratulations and appreciation!! Falls Church HS Bands now hold the Virginia State record for "the longest run" of SUPERIOR ratings in Annual Music Festivals -- 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF SUPERIOR PERFORMANCES!!! *How about that?*

## COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Your Association is planning to solicit advertising at very reasonable rates to cover the cost of publishing our next directory. If you would be willing to help with this effort, please call *Bob Beyer* (534-0612). Thank you.

## AUTO TAGS MUST BE BOUGHT BY MARCH 31

State license tags must be bought and placed on your vehicles by March 31. This is a change from previous years when they were good until April 15. If you already have the new type of State tags, you know what your renewal month is already. Those who do not have the new white and blue tags have to choose a month for renewal after this month.

County tags -- a decal for your windshield -- are \$15.00 now and must be displayed no later than April 16.

## NEW REFUSE RULES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1

Beginning March 1, refuse will be picked up from the rear or side of the house only if it is in approved plastic bags. Such bags may be purchased from Dart or Drug Fair at a cost of less than \$2.00 for 50 bags. If you do not want to use plastic bags, you must place your cans at the curb for pickup every Wednesday.

## MORE AUTUMN OLIVES

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District again has available free autumn olive seedlings as well as lespediza tree seedlings. The lespediza, like the autumn olive, is a small tree which produces berries that are attractive to birds. We have ordered some of each.

As most of you know, last spring a row of these autumn olives were planted along our creek between Greenway Blvd. and Cameron Road to form a barrier between our ball field and the creek. The new autumn olives will replace those of last year's planting which subsequently were pulled out or died. The lespediza trees will be planted in small groupings wherever we feel they will look the most attractive.

*Joan Rodriguez*

## REGISTER OF BABYSITTERS

Cathy Augustine (14) .....	534-0722
Don Bealby (12) .....	532-1102
Cathy Garcia (14) .....	534-3877
Nancy Gorman (14) .....	532-3965
Carol Hume (14) .....	532-2996
Laurie Martin (16) .....	533-3663
Linda May (14) .....	532-8914
Irene Pearson (15) .....	534-6685
Michael Rodriguez (14) .....	533-7795
Laura Schlader (14) .....	533-3545
Ellen Schaffstall (12) .....	533-0432
Miss Tommy Wooldridge (15) ...	533-9070

## CHILD DAY CARE

Mrs. Mary Clatterbuck .....	533-1398
Mrs. Lee Jongkindt .....	532-0265
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 as a community service the names of those willing to perform the above listed services. Call the editor to add your name to the list. There is no charge for this.

## PAPER DRIVE MARCH 24

Don't forget the Cub Scouts' next paper drive on Saturday, March 24. Place your papers at the curb line either tied in bundles or in large grocery bags. If you need help, just call the *Powells* (533-9177). It will be appreciated if you will bring them to the dumpster in Mr. Sanders' driveway, Custis Parkway and Greenway Blvd. The drive starts at 9 A.M. and is completed by noon. The Cubs thank you for your support. This is how they earn money to pay their scouting expenses.

## FREE SOIL TESTING AVAILABLE

For those new to our community and to those who have not used this service before, our Fairfax County Agent will be glad to have samples of your soil tested free. All you have to do is pick up a kit with instructions from a County library or at their office in the City of Fairfax - 3945 Chain Bridge Road - which is under the post office. Parking is to be found by going around the block to University where you enter the parking lot. While out there, why don't you look over all the free publications available and pick up what will be useful to you. (Telephone Number - 691-2817).

Did you know about the Tip-A-Phone (273-8645) service they provide? This is different each day giving some helpful suggestions for lawn care or gardening. For instance, the day your editor called, it was telling about the use of ground covers around trees and on steep banks. Since many of us have trees which we have had difficulty in getting grass to grow under, we might consider this suggestion. They have a bulletin giving information on the use and types of ground covers to be used in specific situations. This is a free service which your taxes pay for whether you avail yourself of it or not. So why not!

## MARCH IS COOKIE MONTH FOR GIRL SCOUTS

This is the time of year when we all enjoy eating Girl Scout cookies and help them earn money to pay some of their expenses of scouting. If you didn't get to order any cookies and want to buy some, call either *Mrs. Rodgers* (533-2835) or *Mrs. Kingman* (534-5087) and they will send a Girl Scout around to see you. The girls will not be knocking on your door unless you have previously ordered cookies in February to be delivered now.

*Thanks to VILLELLA CLEANERS for their free cleaning of our Santa suit!*