



THE DOWNS

of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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AWARDS DINNER

On Thursday evening, March 25, our Association will present its Distinguished Citizen Award at our Seventh Annual Covered Dish Dinner. The award is presented to a community member in recognition and appreciation of many years of continuing service in the Greenway Downs community. This year several other awards will also be made and it is hoped that you will attend to help honor the award recipients. Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert (enough to feed yourself plus 2); put your name on your dishes and utensils and come prepared for an enjoyable evening with your friends and neighbors.

ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Chairman *George Schaar* and his committee members are at work on next year's slate of Association Officers. If you would like to volunteer to serve in a particular office or know of someone who would, please contact George at 533-9783.

Our thanks to those members of the community who helped to deliver the last issue of THE DOWNS.

MARCH MEETING

DATE	Thursday, March 25
TIME	7:15 P.M.
PLACE	Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway
PROGRAM	DISTINGUISHED CITIZEN AWARD NIGHT & COVERED DISH DINNER

EVENTS CALENDAR

<i>March 25</i>	Seventh Annual Awards Banquet 7:15 P.M. Devonshire Cafetorium
<i>April 5</i>	Executive Meeting 8:00 P.M. 2825 West George Mason Road
<i>April 7</i>	Deadline for <i>THE DOWNS</i>
<i>April 19</i>	Greenway Downs Easter Egg Hunt
<i>April 22*</i>	General Meeting
<i>May 3</i>	Executive Meeting 8:00 P.M. 2825 West George Mason Road
<i>May 5</i>	Deadline for <i>THE DOWNS</i>
<i>May 27*</i>	Annual Youth Night Election of Officers
<i>June 1</i>	Executive Meeting 8:00 P.M. 2825 West George Mason Road
<i>June 3</i>	Deadline for <i>THE DOWNS</i>
<i>June 19*</i>	Annual Picnic

* Tentative

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Randy Myers, President

I hope everyone in our community has set aside Thursday, March 25, for the Greenway Downs Citizens Association Seventh Annual Awards Dinner. Please help us honor this year's distinguished citizen. Come and meet former neighbors, old neighbors, new neighbors, Past Presidents and past award recipients, and enjoy exquisite cuisine. As always, we will have outstanding entertainment provided by *Lois Owens*. If you don't know anyone in your neighborhood or the Citizens Association, I invite you to attend the Awards Dinner and meet the wonderful people of our community.

Upcoming in the next month will be our membership drive, so be expecting a neighbor to call on you soon. This year we will be distributing a new telephone directory courtesy of *Willard Scott*.

Supervisor Jim Scott has replied to a recent letter concerning drainage improvement in Greenway Downs by indicating that we do not qualify for Federal funds as was the case in the Wolftrap area. However, he has indicated that he has proposed an alternate method of financing such improvements to the county staff and will be back in touch with us.

EMERGENCY FOSTER HOMES

The Fairfax County Juvenile Court needs volunteer families to provide emergency foster homes for students in the Falls Church High School attendance area. Students with family problems may need temporary housing for periods of a day to a few weeks. If you are interested in helping teenagers between 13 and 16 by providing a foster home, please contact Sharon Norr at 893-5472.

FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

At our February 3 meeting a motion was made and passed by unanimous vote of the members present that the Greenway Downs Citizens Association sponsor a full page ad in the band program at a cost of \$80.

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INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX

Acting County Executive J. Hamilton Lambert has forwarded to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1976 which includes a real estate tax rate increase of \$1.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Fairfax County assesses real estate at 40% of market value. At last year's level of \$3.85 per hundred dollars assessed valuation, a property with an estimated market value of \$60,000 (the approximately median value of all owner occupied dwelling units in Fairfax County) would be assessed at \$24,000 and the annual tax would be \$924. At a tax rate of \$4.88 per hundred, which is the rate proposed for this year, the tax on the same property would be \$1,171.20, an increase of \$247.20 or 26.75%.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registrars will be stationed at all County Libraries Thursday nights, 7:00 to 8:55 P.M., and for added day and evening hours after April 7. Voters already on the rolls must be registered at their current addresses. Yellow change-of-address forms are available at registration sites. Books close April 3 for town council elections May 4, and books close May 8 for the primary election June 8. For more information, citizens may call a 24-hour number, 691-2886, or the general registrar's office, 691-2659.

MEETING ON FIRE HYDRANT PROBLEM

On February 3, Chief Gray and fellow officers of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Services, Falls Church City Councilman Harold Silverstein, and Falls Church Public Utilities Director Howard Smith were on hand to discuss the water hydrant problem in Greenway Downs. Specific questions directed to the circumstances surrounding the Harper House fire went unanswered by the Falls Church City representatives due to a pending lawsuit against the city. It appears that the Harper House fire was complicated by a changeover in communications on that very day and by unfamiliarity on the part of the firefighters with the interior of the dwelling, in addition to the initial lack of water.

Since the fire, the Falls Church Public Utilities Department has replaced a section of water pipe at the bottom of Cameron to increase the water pressure there. They have also been at work in several locations repairing and testing fire hydrants.

Your Association is requesting the results of the fire hydrant testing for each street to see how we stand as far as the minimum hydrant pressure suggested by the Fairfax County Fire Department. Watch THE DOWNS for the results.

In addition, Supervisor Scott will be working for better cooperation and coordination between Fairfax County and the surrounding jurisdictions of Falls Church and Arlington as far as fire-fighting is concerned.

DEVONSHIRE SCHOOL NEWS

Spring (Easter) Vacation will begin at 3:10 P.M. on Thursday, April 8 and school will resume at its regular time on Monday, April 19.

Two entries in the 1975 Fairfax County Public Schools Publications Contest have won awards for Devonshire: (1) Kids' Kreations (creative writing collection)--Certificate of Excellence; (2) Handbook for Parents--Outstanding.

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FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The FCHS track team won first place in the Potomac District at the meet held at Fairfax High School. Richard May of Greenway Downs was a first place winner in the 600 yard run.

"SPRING IS HERE"-----"NEW LIFE"

RECIPIENTS OF AWARDS

Mr. Henry Rodriguez will be honored as the Distinguished Citizen at the dinner this year. He has not only been a mainstay of the community, but has also worked continually for the benefit of the county. A resume of his aims and achievements will be read at the Awards Dinner and will be printed in full in the next DOWNS.

This year for the first time two other residents will be presented Distinguished Service Awards: *Mr. Ben Blankenship* and *Mrs. Elouisa Stokes*.

HELP US KEEP THESE AWARDS SECRET! SAVE YOUR CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE NIGHT OF THE DINNER! WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR THE AWARDS RECIPIENTS TO RECEIVE A COPY OF THE DOWNS WITH A BLANK BACK PAGE!

AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

Bernie Lucas, Chairman

Tommy Thomsen

Ray Smart

Joe Goodwin

Like apples of gold in a silver setting is a word that is aptly spoken. Prov. 25:11