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#### ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Again this May, your Association takes an opportunity to see what its youth can do. Through the encouragement of Mrs. Lois Owens, our youth, in all sizes and in all fields, is providing us with a very memorable evening.

In addition to the entertainment so thoroughly enjoyed by the audience last year, there will be an Honor Student recognition, demonstrations by Girl and Boy Scouts and Little League representatives, a home economics fashion show, a tumbling demonstration, and time on industrial arts, and arts and crafts.

Room is being provided for displays of hobbies, science fair exhibits, paintings, sewing, sculpture, sketches, industrial arts projects, and anything else our youth have to display.

Mrs. Owens and our kids are working very hard to make this an excellent evening. If you know someone in the neighborhood with a special award, talent, or interest, please call, or have him call Mrs. Owens at 532-2235.

We hope, too, that the young ladies of Greenway Downs will each contribute a dozen cookies for our refreshment break.

Remember, don't come without your kids!

**Note: The Youth Night Program Will Begin Promptly at 7:30 p.m.**

#### MAY MEETING

**DATE** Tuesday, May 25  
**TIME** 7:30 p.m.  
**PLACE** Devonshire School Cafetorium  
Graham Road and Lee Highway  
**PROGRAM** Youth Night

#### SHORT BUSINESS MEETING DELICIOUS REFRESHMENTS

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The June Executive Board Meeting will be held June 1, 1971 at 2841 Greenway Blvd. at 8 p.m.

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Moving time has hit Greenway Downs again and we would like to welcome the following families to our community:

John and Glenna McWilliams  
6937 Custis Parkway  
Steve and Nancy Greenwood  
2759 Greenway Boulevard  
George and Victoria Dubaie  
2830 Summerfield Road

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Elling C. Reich

This will be the last issue of *The Downs* for which your incumbent president will prepare a "good word or two." It has been a very pleasant term in office because of the support of my fellow (girls, too) officers, the committee chairmen (both standing and special), *The Downs* editor and assistant, and most important are those who attended the meetings.

We have had a number of meetings which were of great interest to the community (remember Curbs and Gutters?). The next meeting I consider to be one of the highlights of the season—Youth Night—and maybe some not so youthful. Also, May is the month in which you elect your officers for the coming term of office. Be at the meeting, cast your vote, and enjoy the show.

From time to time I get questions as to what can be done about this situation or about that situation. The manner of response is to publish an article in *The Downs*. The next question arises as to "Who wrote about that situation?" It really doesn't matter who wrote the article.

Everything published has been reviewed on the basis of its applicability community-wide and not to serve the unilateral needs of any one person. Don't hesitate to voice your problem. It will be given attention, looked at from the viewpoint of its community improvement, and written up for *The Downs*. Send in some items you want published. If there is space, it will be printed.

Refer to the President's Corner in the April *Downs* after you read the following excerpt from the *Falls Church Globe*, Thurs., May 6th.

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"Fairfax County faces a 64 cents property tax hike, plus a higher income tax through D.C.'s reciprocal tax proposal. The car bumpers of many enlightened suburbanites carry a "D.C. Last Colony" sticker, but it is the relatively stiff-upper bracket reciprocal tax that would be one of the first fruits of a home-rule victory. However, the District's increased tax revenue could help relieve its housing problem, and indirectly, the housing fears of its neighbors. The worry of Northern Virginians, of course, is that they will have no control over just how that money will be spent."

See you on May 25th at 7:30 p.m.  
(Note the early time)

## NOMINATIONS FOR 1971-72

The following people have agreed to serve, if elected, as officers of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association for the year 1971-72.

Henry Rodriguez . . . . . President  
Bruce Meiser . . . . . Vice-President  
Kenneth Crovo . . . . . Treasurer  
Mrs. Ruth Grogan . . . . . Recording Secretary  
Mrs. Lois Owens . . . . . Corresponding Secretary

### Executive Board - 3 years

Mr. Willard Scott, Mrs. Irene Smith

### Executive Board - 2 years

Mrs. Bernie Lucas, Mr. Fred Kramer

### Executive Board - 1 year

Mrs. Jewell Cunningham

Mr. Ben Blankenship

### Federation Delegates -

Mr. Frank Peterson - 3 years

Mr. Joseph Goodwin - 2 years

Mr. Kenneth Walton - 1 year

## AN EDITORIAL

As this is my last issue of *The Downs*, I wish to thank all those who have helped so much over the years. Unless you have had the responsibility of something like this, you may not realize how good every little bit of help is. And also, many thanks to all the families who have seen to it that delivery was made on their streets. I sincerely appreciate your help and know you'll continue aiding the new editor in September.

—Elouisa Stokes

**Congratulations to Toni and Wayne Shipp of 6905 Custis Parkway, on the birth of their son in May.**

## NO INFLATION HERE

by Willard Scott

As membership chairman, I have the pleasure of announcing that the dues for membership for the coming year will remain the same: \$2.50 per family; \$1.00 for single individuals. I wish to thank all those who joined this past year. You helped us bypass all previous records—over \$800 finishing with 72% as members. This allows us to continue support of the Scout program and our many other activities.

However, being a resident and a member for only 1 year, one fact disturbs me. Regardless of the program presented each month, the attendance at our meetings has been poor. The same people I met when I first joined are still the active members now. What happens to our other members? Do we not show them any interest? Is there no effort on the part of the "old timers" to assist others in becoming participants rather than merely joiners? Are the programs and meetings not worthwhile? I, personally, think the program chairman has done a very good job.

It seems rather odd that, out of approximately 500 members (700 residents), we can only show an attendance of 25-50 at our meetings.

Any letters of why you do or do not attend meetings or participate in our activities will be appreciated. Send to me, 2841 Greenway Blvd. Perhaps we can improve on our activities with your suggestions. Don't be only a resident, be an active member!

## OSCAR'S FIELD DAY

Sesame Street's Oscar would have had a field day on May 3 but by May 4 the trash he'd have loved was gone. Many thanks to the efforts of Kay Powell and Fred Kramer for setting up our special trash day, and to all of you who got rid of your old furniture, appliances, and trash. Thanks, too, to the Scouts and other special groups that cleaned the park and roadway areas. Greenway Downs sparkles anew!

Charlie Reeves, Bruce Meiser, and Kenneth Crovo have agreed to audit the Treasurer's books for 1970-71.

## CURBS AND GUTTERS

The following letter was received by Frank Peterson regarding the Association's request for a detailed engineering study of streets and drainage within Greenway Downs:

April 23, 1971

Dear Mr. Peterson,

*This office has received your letter of Feb. 20, 1971, requesting the Department of Public Works to proceed with the engineering study. When your letter was received, we were compiling information for the Fiscal 1972 Budget. The Fiscal 1972 Advertised Budget has been completed now, but due to budget limitations, money has not been proposed for your project.*

*This project will be reviewed again for inclusion in the Fiscal 1973 Budget.*

*If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.*

Very truly yours,

Conrad J. Brewer

Planning and Programs

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## THE DIGNITY OF WORK

With more and more people getting degrees that lead nowhere and fewer and fewer trained to vocations, educators and students are beginning to take a hard look at vocational training. According to Mr. Deal, Assistant Director of the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), who spoke at our April meeting, too many students are still forced by attitudinal pressures into schooling and jobs they don't like and aren't particularly interested in.

VICA, and other vocational clubs, are trying to change the attitude that vocational training is for inferior youths and is, instead, an alternative to a liberal arts education. Their theme is that you can make it without a degree and make it quite well in this country of too few vocational people. It's not the plumbers, mechanics, and electricians who are out of work! VICA tries to aid the person in the vocation by building a craftsman, leader, citizen, and patriot. They help students get along with themselves, get along with their fellow workers, and realize the dignity of their work. Inquiries into vocational training in general, or VICA in particular, may be made to VICA, 105 N. Virginia Ave., Falls Church, Virginia 22046.

**GREENWAY DOWNS ANNUAL PICNIC – JUNE 12, 1971 – from 1:00 p.m. until . . . .**

**Custis Parkway and Monroe Street**

Plans for the Picnic in the Park on Saturday, June 12, are just about final. The following activities and events should provide fun and enjoyment for everyone.

**Parade – 12:00-1:00 p.m.**

Hopefully, our Parade will be led by a band and a Jefferson Fire Department truck; also participating will be the Boy Scouts and all the beautiful cars and bikes in our neighborhood. Anyone who wants to may participate—walking or riding, in a uniform or costume, if you wish.

**Children's Games** – There will be contests for children of all ages.

**Beauty Contest** – All boys and girls 24 months of age or younger are entitled to enter. A Prince and Princess of Greenway Downs will be chosen. All entries (name and age) should be submitted to Mr. Goodwin, 532-2605.

**Pony Rides** – Available from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at 25¢ a ride.

**Adult Games** – Tug-of-war and other games are being planned to determine the musclemen of Greenway Downs.

**Food** – from 4:30 p.m.

Mrs. Glammeyer and her staff are in charge of preparing our gourmet feast – Bar-B-Que, potato chips, cole slaw, baked beans, cupcakes – all for 50¢; or bring your own. We're planning to have plenty on hand. Volunteers to cook or serve should call 532-4152.

**Beverages** – from 1:00 p.m. – Soft drinks available at 10¢ each.

**Bring chairs to sit on or enjoy the grass.**

**Awards** – Tokens of the day to the winners of all contests.

A special flyer will be issued closer to the 12th. Rain date to be June 19.

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**SCHOOL DAYS**

Always trying to report the best news first—School's out June 17!

The last program planned at J.G. Whittier Intermediate School is June 4 when a Field Day, Assembly, and Dance will celebrate 8th Grade Day.

Graduation at Falls Church High will take place on June 11 at 8 p.m. in the school's stadium. Congratulations for all the hard work to those who will be receiving their diplomas that night. The FCHS Band will be participating in the Virginia Beach Music Festival June 14-19. Good!luck!

Many thanks to Mrs. Ida Roadcap who has kept the information for this column flowing this year.

**SCOUTING CORNER**

Cub Scout Pack 677 will hold its last Pack meeting on May 21 at Devonshire School at 7:30 p.m. The theme will be "Nature's Back Yard" and displays related to nature will be set up. It should be a very interesting evening and everyone is invited.

This summer plans are being made for family days once a month. On Sun., June 4, the Pack plans an olympics and watermelon feed. On Sat., July 24, the Pack plans to tour Dulles International Airport, and on Sun., Aug. 22, a picnic-in-the-park and games day is being planned.

And speaking of planning, the Pack is in desperate need of a Cubmaster and several Den Mothers—immediately! Those who have served so ably this year are moving and others will have to assume their duties in order to keep the Pack going next fall. Volunteers may call Mrs. Sherrill, 532-6032.

GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION  
*County of Fairfax*

B U L L E T I N !

The first meeting of the 1971-1972 year will be held in the  
Devonshire School Cafetorium at 8:00 p.m.  
on Tuesday, September 21

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Since the main objective of the Greenway Downs Citizens' Association is to promote the interests of all residents, this first meeting will be devoted primarily to a discussion of things that are of concern to the community. From this discussion we intend to pick topics around which to develop feature programs for our meetings during the rest of the year.

We are fortunate to have one of the most active civic associations in Fairfax County. Last year was a highly successful one from the standpoint of achieving many of our common objectives. However, much remains to be done this year.

In order for the Association to be truly in tune with its members' interests, it is vitally important that everyone actively participate in the meetings. Your concerns can be pursued by the Association only if they are made known at the meetings. Plan to attend the meeting on Tuesday to help plan the programs YOU want during the year. We are looking forward to having the many newcomers to our area join the long-time residents in the pursuit of our common goals.