



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Youth Night is being held this year in the Devonshire Elementary Cafetorium on May 23, 1974 at 7:30 P.M.

Youth Night is a time when the community of Greenway Downs recognizes its youth by seeing them demonstrate their talents through music, art, hobbies; and by awarding certificates to those students who have attained a high level of achievement. We try to involve as many of the youth as possible. There is the Tots Theater which involves our young from the ages 4-9. (*Please, if you have a youngster and would like to see them in this mini-play, contact me at 532-2235*). The talent, musically as well as artistically, will be displayed throughout the program with the youth singing, playing an instrument, dancing, modeling an outfit they have made, or displaying their hobbies and art work. We even plan to have a cookie contest, so kids get out your recipe books and make up something good for all to enjoy.

This year we hope will prove a rewarding and fun time for all who come as well as for the youth who make this community what it is today.

Thank you,
Brenda L. Owens
Chairman

Thanks to Girl Scout Junior Troop 601 for delivering this DOWNS.

MAY MEETING

DATE	Thursday, May 23
TIME	7:30 P.M.
PLACE	Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway
PROGRAM	YOUTH NIGHT

NOMINEES FOR
OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Proposed slate to be voted upon at our May 23rd meeting (nominees will be accepted from the floor):

President -- Willard Scott
Vice President -- George Schaar
Treasurer -- Elouisa Stokes
Recording Sec'y -- Beverly Scott
Corres. Sec'y -- Lois Owens
Director (3 years) -- Bernie Lucas
Director (3 years) -- Bernard Stull
Federation Delegate -- Francis Fisher

All nominees should try to attend the May meeting!!

COMING EVENTS

PICNIC IN THE PARK ---- JUNE 8th

Help is needed with cooking and purchasing the food for the picnic. Please call 532-8710 to volunteer your spirit and services!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Willard Scott

The end of another year is close at hand. We began with a bang last September with a very big turnout! But then ?? Where did you go ? Does it take a possible threat to your wallet before you become interested ? We asked in September and in the October *DOWNS* for your suggestions for meeting topics. We received very few, if any. Of all the people attending that first meeting, we asked for someone to help survey opinion. How few said yes.

We asked for articles for *THE DOWNS*; items you can share with your neighbors. I'm sure you've all been busy reading them.

Our programs this past year have been ones of vital concern, we thought. County Taxes, Planning and Land Use (PLUS), and Consumer Protection are programs designed expressly for you. Without our help, such activities may as well close their doors.

For years we have honored an outstanding person in our community for their efforts. Each year we have placed a heavy burden on the selection committee to pick the recipient. We ask for nominations. We receive 2, maybe 3. From over 400 homes? Over 300 member homes?

I have had several people ask me when a new community directory will be available. I give them all the same answer, "When someone wants to help!" We need about 30-40 manhours (30 people for one hour) to publish a new directory. After the requests in *THE DOWNS*, I have yet to receive the first call. Three people have personally agreed to help, even though they are already involved in every activity available in our community.

You will note elsewhere in this issue that I have been nominated for your President again. Know Why ??

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FAMILY NIGHT AT FILENE CENTER

The Third Annual Fairfax County Family Night at Filene Center will be held at the Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts on May 31 at 8:30 P.M. Featured will be the Thomas Jefferson Symphonic Band, the Wesleyan Singers, Hayfield Jazz Band, "The Hayburners", Trapper Tom (Woehrle) and the Fairfax Jubil-Aires.

Mr. Tom Gauger, WMAL Radio personality, will be the Master of Ceremonies.

The free admission program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Recreation in cooperation with the Wolf Trap Foundation and the National Park Service.

For further information, please call 691-2674.

DUES INCREASE

Based on proposed budget levels for the coming year, the Executive Board recommends no increase in dues for the coming year. With your vote at our meeting Thursday night, they will remain at the present level.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER (Con't)

Nobody else agreed to!! The job is still open for nomination at our May meeting. . .

I'm not quite as bitter as it may first appear. I'm very happy to be able to help in efforts to improve our community rather than have outsiders do it for us. What do they know?

I have hopes of publishing a new updated directory *at no cost to us*.

I have hopes that the Greenway Downs Citizens Association will reawaken and again participate in our Providence District Council of Citizens Associations where issues directly related to our well-being can be handled. The new chairman has asked for our assistance.

I have hopes that we can get curbs and gutters installed at low ? cost. How many of you know what the cost is in other communities?, counties?

I have hopes that the many people who claim to be charter members of our long-standing association at their once-a-year visit will again become "regulars." Should that ever happen, we may have to find a bigger place to have our meetings!!

I have hopes that everyone will take interest in community and county affairs. It is disturbing to see very few people at meetings such as PLUS meetings, Task Force Workshops, and realize how few people are providing the flow of information to county officials who in turn plan our lives. You definitely are not a voice in the wilderness. When you get involved, you are a vital link in the chain; you speak and you are heard. How many have asked for information from Jim Scott's office? It's available, and just around the corner.

Please participate. Let us know what you want done--but don't expect

one or two people to do it all. It won't happen that way.

Since this is the last regular meeting of the year, please attend and see our youth in action and follow it up by joining our Picnic in the Park on June 8th.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank all the faithful members of the Executive Board and those who served as committee chairpersons for their support during the year. A thank you also to those of you who attended our meetings and those of you who were unable to attend, but did make efforts to participate in some way. Through your efforts, you have made possible what success we have attained this past year.

ELECTRIC ENGRAVER

Due to the press of many other things, we have lost track of our electric engraver. Whoever has possession of it at the present time, please call 532-1560.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

Have you joined? It works !!!

FOR SALE: One window a/c unit. Philco 14,200 BTU, 220 volt. Used a few summers. \$100 or best offer. Call 532-1560 after 2:30 P.M.

GRAHAM ROAD NURSERY SCHOOL

There is room in the 4-year old class for eight more children for the Fall school year. If interested in placing your child, please call Jeanette Embrey at 533-7658. The school hours are 9:30-11:30 A.M. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The tuition is \$18.00 per month.

COMPLAIN

"We're here to help YOU," it says in bright red letters. Thus begins one of the handiest brochures a Fairfax County resident could ask for. Was your machine not fixed but you paid the bill? Does your bus not come? Does that box not hold the 12 oz. it says? Does your utility bill seem too high? Is your house half-roofed? You now have an agency in Fairfax County fighting for your rights.

This agency, the Fairfax County Consumer Protection and Public Utilities Commission, spoke to us at our April 15 general meeting--and what an eye-opener it was! Fairfax County has recently consolidated several agencies and commissions under this group to be more effective as a consumer advocate. It is involved in:

1. Public Utilities--rate changes, effectiveness.
2. Consumer protection--educating the citizenry, writing pamphlets, arbitrating problems.
3. Weights and Measures--gasoline, grocery scales, packages.
4. Housing--Tenant and Landlord Commission (inspections, arbitration); Fair Housing Board.

In the past year these 18 people have recovered at least \$90,000 for

Fairfax County citizens. In addition, they have published "Home Shoppers Check List" to help house buyers, "How to Sue Someone in a Virginia Court Not of Record," and "Consumer Arbitration." In the future are brochures or booklets on housing, automobile insurance, crime insurance, banking, home improvements, and a home buyers guide.

What, it was asked, can we do? COMPLAIN! It is only in this way that problem areas are identified. Keep the enclosed brochure in easy access and don't be afraid to call. They really mean it when they say, "We're here to help YOU."

CHILDREN'S FILMS

AT THOMAS JEFFERSON LIBRARY

Saturday, 10:30 A.M. -- May 18: Custard the Dragon, The Magic Fiddle, The Golden Fish, The Astronauts; May 25: Circus in Europe, Punch and Jonathan, Forest Fisherman, and Lady of Light. See you there!

Youth Night
is
here again

May 23, 1974

Devonshire Elementary Cafitorium

Fashion Show

Salvists

Awards

Dancing

Arts & Crafts

Refreshments

Singing

Cookie Contest

Tot Theater

There's still time to be in YOUTH NIGHT. If you can sign, dance, play an instrument, make a dress, have a hobby, paint, or make great cookies, then please call me, *Brenda Owens*, at 532-2235. Mothers: Have any children ages 4-9 that might like to participate in our Tots Theater ? Let me know. Hope to be hearing from all of you soon.