



of GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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YOUTH NIGHT

Here we are again and we haven't had much response to Youth Night Activities. *Please!* If you have an Honor Roll student in the 6th grade or above, let us know. It is difficult to do a good job if you as parents do not assist. Call: *Mrs. Lois Owens* at 532-2235 if you have any information or are willing to help. We are having Arts & Crafts Displays, Sports, Poetry, Homemaking, Fashions, Woodwork, Entertainment. Please bring all items, trophies, awards, etc. to be displayed, to Devonshire School by 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, May 22nd, Youth Night. You have to help to make this a success. See *YOU* there!

Thanks,

Lois Owens  
532-2235

*Cookie Contest for Youth Night*

Bake a WAY-OUT cookie, small, large, or in-between, but get in there and show us what you can do.

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\* PRIMARY ELECTIONS AND \*  
\* SCHOOL BOND ISSUE \*  
\* VOTE JUNE 10th \*  
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MAY MEETING

DATE	Thursday, May 22
TIME	7:30 P.M.
PLACE	Devonshire School Cafetorium Graham Road and Lee Highway
PROGRAM	YOUTH NIGHT Election of Officers

NOMINEES

The following slate of officers has been nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve for the 1975-1976 year term. These or any other nominations will be voted on at the next meeting. Please be there to help us choose our leaders carefully for the good of our community.

- President - *Randy Myers*
- Vice President - *George Schaar*
- Recording Secretary - *Ruth Grogan*
- Treasurer - *Elowisa Stokes*
- Corresponding Secretary - *Lois Owens*
- Executive Board - *Ben Blankenship* and *Monica Mordin*
- Federation Delegate - *Karen Mariner* with (1-year) *Willard Scott* as alternate
- Federation Delegate - *Ellie Keys* (3-year)

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Willard J. Scott, President

End of the year already and still so much to be done. I'm sorry the announced clean-up day did not occur. After 23 phone calls, I didn't see much hope of finding a coordinator. I want to give a special thanks to those who got together and made an attempt at improving the appearance of our community.

Since this is my last *DOWNS*' issue, I want to say thank you to everyone who has helped make this a year to remember. I thank you all for the honor of serving you the past two years. I ask that you not only give the same joy to the incoming President, but that we try even harder to give our time and effort to help do the work that can be done with enough hands involved. A special thanks to my committee people, executive board members and others who performed and or coordinated an activity that made all the pieces fall together.

I would like to call attention to a few items that deserve watching between now and Fall. Elections-June 10th; our part of the PLUS program (Area I) to be finalized; the school study regarding closing Devonshire, and the varied events at our Picnic, June 14th.

With our last meeting of the year this Thursday, let's all attend to see what the Youth of our community have in store for us. This is usually one of the highlights of the year. Our thanks to *Lois Owens* for again undertaking the task of organizing the event. Our thanks also to *Sandy Mann* and *Mary Mills-back* for agreeing to set up the Picnic. With these two events still on the calendar, the best is yet to come.

A short business meeting is planned for the election of officers. Please attend and become involved in our community. With everyone lending a hand, things can really improve.

*Thanks To Our Myster Woman!*

An unidentified woman was seen on numerous occasions cleaning at the creek between Greenway Boulevard and Summerfield

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## NEW PHONE DIRECTORY

The Association will publish a new community phone directory this fall. We need your help! If you plan to move between now and the end of the year, please let us know now. We want to begin the edition as accurately as possible. Final date for changes will be August 31st.

*Reasonable Advertising*

We will begin taking advertising orders for the new directory shortly. The rates will be very reasonable for full, half and quarter page ads. If you would like to reserve space now, no obligation at this time, please call 532-1560. Please mention this offer to anyone you think would like to be included. Space will be offered on a first-ask, first-serve basis.

## PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

May 22nd -- YOUTH NIGHT

June 14th -- Annual PICNIC

## CORNER (Cont'd)

Road. She pulled a wagon containing a trash container and was accompanied by a young child.

*James* and *Jacqui Thomas* have also put in spare time cleaning in and around the creek. Our thanks to them, too.

## ANNUAL PICNIC !

Mark your calendar!! JUNE 14th....treat the Dads to a Father's Day Weekend, bring them to the picnic before their special day. Volunteers will be needed to help prepare and serve the food and (ugh!) clean up afterwards. Hopefully, there will be some fun planned for ALL ages....games and prizes; a scavenger hunt; bike contest; and much more.

Come on out and meet your neighbors!!! If you would like to help (and we need it!), PLEASE call *Sandy Mann* at 536-3272 or *Mary Millsback* at 532-5824 -- Or we will call you!!!!?

## CONTEST - ATTENTION KIDS !

Write 50 words or less as to why you have the best Father in the Greenway Downs Community and we'll award him a special prize at the picnic if your essay wins. Essays must be received by *Mrs. Mann* (2838 W. George Mason Road) no later than June 1.

## CONTEST - ATTENTION BAKERS !

Bake cupcakes, cookies, brownies, snack bars (NO CAKES OR PIES) needed as dessert for the picnic. Judging will be held at 7:00 P.M., Friday, June 13, at *Mary Millsback's* house (2846 W. George Mason Road). Prizes will be awarded for taste, appearance and originality at the picnic on Saturday. All entries will be used as dessert; please include your name, age and name of your recipe with your entry so that we may judge and acknowledge your efforts. BOYS - let's see you show the girls that you can do as well (or better) than the girls!!

## WARNING

It is against County Regulations to fire a B-B gun without a permit. Permits are issued by the Chief of Police after a permanent backstop has been built and inspected by the County Game Warden. Guns being misused may be confiscated by the Warden. Full information on regulations can be obtained by calling the Game Warden at 691-2125.

*Our Sympathy Is Extended To*

*Margaret Dunn* of 2817 Cameron Road on the recent loss of her husband, *Paul*, and to *Faye Drennen* of Ardley Court on the recent loss of her daughter, *Elizabeth*.

## SHARING

From Joe to Willard to You

Dear Scotty,

After the initial shock of surprise, disbelief and speechlessness--I feel very humble. Words are not adequate to express the feelings Jo Ann and I have for the Greenway Downs Community, and our sadness at not being an everyday part of it now.

I just wish that I had been able to say all of the things that should have been said at the presentation. It takes people (active) to make a community--and that is the secret ingredient of Greenway Downs.

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## COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAMS

The following events are sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Recreation and Community Services. For information on the summer recreation program for the mentally and/or physically handicapped or information on the dance program for residents 13 years of age and older, call *Vivian McGuire* at 691-3292. For information about Senior Citizens Clubs and the Senior Shuttle Service (a pilot transportation project for persons 60 and over now operating in Fairfax County), contact *Eileen Banka* at 691-3291.

*Family Night*

A Fairfax County Family Night at the Filene Center/Wolf Trap Farm Park will be sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Recreation and Community Services with *Jim Evans* as EMCEE and featuring Mt. Vernon H.S. Symphonic Band, Reston Ragtime Ensemble, Marshall H.S. Concert Jazz Band, Fairfax Jubilaires, and the Robinson H.S. Swing Choir. Admission is free--Friday, May 30, 1975 at 8:30 P.M.

*Summer Playgrounds*

Summer playgrounds will begin operations on June 25, 1975. Seven weeks of activities for elementary school age children, supervised by competent professional recreation leaders will be held on a daily basis from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. at various public schools. Parents will be held responsible for the coming and going of participants. The County Board of Supervisors has suggested a volunteer registration fee of \$2.00 per participant to supplement appropriated funds. Playgrounds will be closed July 4, 1975. Children will be able to register anytime during program hours with registration forms being made available at the playgrounds. Exact locations of centers will be determined at a later date. For further information, contact the Playgrounds Division, 691-3292.

*Teen Centers*

Teen Centers will operate from June 25 through August 8, 1975 from 5:30 PM to 10:30 PM Monday through Friday. All will be closed Friday, July 4, 1975. There will be a variety of athletic and social activities supervised by Department personnel. Youth may register at centers during program hours with a \$2.00 voluntary registration fee. Centers will be located at Garfield Elementary and at the following High Schools: Annandale, Chantilly, Edison, Falls Church, Fort Hunt, Groveton, Hayfield, Herndon, Jefferson, Lake Braddock, Langley, Lee, Madison, Marshall, McLean, Mount Vernon, Oakton, Robinson, Stuart, West Springfield, and Woodson. For further information, call 691-3293.

*Convalescent Loan Closet*

The Department of Recreation and Community Services is establishing a Convalescent Loan Closet. Anyone interested in donating walkers, wheel chairs, canes, crutches, etc., is invited to call 691-2674 to make arrangements for the pick-up of donated items. When a sufficient inventory is obtained, these items will be made available on a loan basis.

SHARING (*Cont'd*)

I deeply appreciate the honor that was bestowed upon me, but I must reflect that all of the things that were done or accomplished over the years were--and are--not individual accomplishments, but rather a lot of people--dedicated to a community cause--whether it be going to the County for information or turning hamburgers at our picnic. Together they make it happen!

Once again, THANKS to ONE and ALL--and don't forget to give me my picnic assignment. Looking Forward To It.

Sincerely,

Joe Goodwin

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA STUDIES

The School Board authorized the staff to conduct a comprehensive study regarding closing of Devonshire Elementary School. The study will include direct involvement by the communities of Beech Tree, Graham Road, Pine Spring, and Timber Lane Elementary Schools. Prior to its action the Board heard a presentation opposing the study by Dr. Lyle Woodyatt, a member of the Devonshire community. The school closing study will be directed by Mr. Joe King Area II Superintendent. This study will begin immediately and proceed through October.

School Board Superintendent Davis asserts that schools whose enrollments have shown steady declines are no longer able to offer the quality education he strives to achieve. He has also indicated that it is not economically sound to operate schools with low enrollments especially when the projections for growth are discouraging.

Devonshire PTA contends that Fairfax County needs to take a closer look at the school boundaries in this area. There is a School Board Policy which states "wherever possible" children will not be bussed across major arterial highways, yet approximately 150 children from the Hillwood Triangle are bussed to Beech Tree. If these children were fed into Devonshire, all schools cited in the study would be operating at roughly 90% capacity except for Beech Tree, which really doesn't concern us.

I cannot do or say enough to you about the importance of keeping abreast of this situation. It is a matter which affects all property owners. Your property values could suffer without a nearby school in your community. If Devonshire were to close, Greenway Downs children may be sent to Timber Lane according to two of the three options provided by Dr. Davis' office. Timber Lane has also been cited by HEW as a racially unbalanced school, and a court order exists which requires correction of this situation. Is this reason

## F.C.H.S. BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The Booster Club of F.C.H.S. is pleased to announce that once again, this summer, in cooperation with the athletic department, they will be having student medical examinations. These are very thorough physicals given by specialists in their field at a price to students of \$8.00 per person. The date of the physicals is July 31st at F.C.H.S. The time has not been set as of yet.

## FALLS CHURCH BAND NEWS

Don't forget the SHOP-A-THON. Tickets are \$1.00 each for the May 30th drawing at the Sousa Concert. Don't miss this event. On the morning of June 7th some lucky person will be \$250, \$150, or \$100 richer in groceries from the Graham Road Safeway. Come on, get your tickets now. Call *Lois Owens* at 532-2235.

VIRGINIA BEACH, here we come as Honor Band. June 15th through 21st. The band will perform on Tuesday and Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. at Cox High School, Virginia Beach. We'd love to see you there!

Do you like COUNTRY-WESTERN MUSIC?! If so, don't miss our Country-Western Jamboree on Sunday afternoon, July 20th and again on August 24th. Tickets \$3.00 at the gate. Should be a great time for all.

The St. Petersburg trip in "76" is rolling along, but needs to pick up momentum, so if you would like to help our band and community students, please support our money-making projects. It has been confirmed that we will perform in Disney World on April 8th, 1976, at 3:00 P.M. in Parade, and the kids get a free day of fun. We are working to raise

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## CLOSING (Cont'd)

enough to close Devonshire?

Kay Powell  
Devonshire School  
PTA President

## BAND (Cont'd)

approximately \$50,000 for this trip.

There are band records available if anyone is interested.

A banquet is being planned for June first at Quality Inn, Pentagon City, for band members, family and friends. Reservations in advance, \$6.25.

Please lend a helping hand to a hardworking, wonderful group of young people.

## OPERATION IDENTIFICATION

Two electric engravers are now available for circulation to residents of our community. They are used to place a unique mark on all personal property to help in identification should it become necessary. Your Association strongly urges everyone to join in this program called 'Operation Identification.' For more information, or to have your name placed on the list, call 534-3197.

## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

*Don't stop the world! I don't want to get off!!* The world will keep on turning and the Greenway Downs Community will continue to accomplish its goals as long as there are those who are willing to give a little of themselves and take a little time to think of others. It's a genuine pleasure to work with and be a part of the Greenway Downs Community, and if you haven't had an opportunity to really get to know your neighbors here, you are missing out on some of the finest minutes, days, and times of your lives. It would be sad to look back on yesterday and not have those good memories to think about. Thank you to the people of Greenway Downs for being the kind of people my family feels at home with.

*Our thanks to Boy Scout Troop #677 for delivering this issue of THE DOWNS.*

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In spite of what you may have been reading about the real estate market, homes are selling! During the past year, over 30 houses have sold in our Greenway Downs alone ranging from just under \$40,000 to as high as over \$60,000! As a matter of fact, right now is a great time to move and we have a large number of prospective buyers in Greenway Downs price range.

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## REPRINT --- BAND-AIDE BUGLE --- SEPTEMBER 9, 1975

Allow me to say a few words about the so-called high cost of keeping a student in the Band Program at Falls Church (as well as many another) High School. We cannot deny that, even at minimum participation, having an active program is a relatively expensive proposition. But relative to what? True, parents are called upon to finance a week at Orkney Springs Band Camp; Marching and Symphonic Band students travel to at least one overnight competition and the week-long Virginia Beach Music Festival; then there's the uniform rental fee; Majorettes and Green Flags usually elect to make new uniforms each year; Symphonic and Concert Band members need white shirts; everyone needs white shoes; and Marching Band members need several pairs of white gloves. All this means an expenditure of about \$200 a year for those years spent in Marching and Symphonic Bands. In addition, musicians have the rental or purchase and maintenance of their instrument(s), private lessons, and (hopefully) Regional and All-State Band participation. Coupled with the student's expenses is the degree of participation of parents and family. This means buying candy, donating baked goods or rummage and then buying it back, giving of time and money in interminable fund-raising drives, admission fees at concerts, trip expenses to chaperone on out-of-town trips, and trip expenses to go as a spectator. It goes on-and-on-and-on. (I might inject the thought that cash donations are tax deductible and suggest you keep this in mind as the taxable year ends.) It does seem a bit much. There are a few side benefits, though. You can't buy the pride of the Freshmen who make the Marching Band and how can you pay for their acceptance by the upperclassmen. Get to a concert early and meet the students in the lobby before the concert---you can see them glow. Something happens when they put on their uniforms for a performance. You cannot believe they are the same motley crew you watched at practice when they take the field for pre-game and halftime shows. Something Happens! We have often pointed out the value of lessons learned in teamwork, good sportsmanship, respect for authority, the ability to get along with others, etc. The reputation of the FCHS Bands for exemplary behavior, friendliness and hospitality, and their popularity with their competitors from all over the country is well-earned. How do you convert this to dollars and cents?

Compared with the general apathy of so many high school students, the high cost is somewhat lessened just by the specific direction of Band students. Lacking personal experience, I cannot comment on the cost versus value of involvement in athletics or drama or various club activities (I know Boy Scouting doesn't come free). There are many parents with more than our fours years' worth of "footing the bills" who are more qualified to comment on the costs involved, but they do not have this opportunity to do so (being an editor does have some merit). They will agree that Band students are far too busy to drop out of school (the most recent case was well before my time); scholastic records show that Band students finish high in class standings and are involved in many academic and social school activities; the number of smokers can be counted on less than two hands (admittedly, it is a bit difficult to blow a horn, march, and smoke at the same time). This brings me back to relativity. Compare, if you will, the "high cost" of supporting the Band Program with a minimal lawyer's fee for, say, a first offense of a simple case of possession of marijuana--\$1500. That, I submit, is relatively high. (No pun intended.)

Written by Jay Megaw, then Secretary, who's son had just finished four years with this wonderful band. I wish I had had the opportunity to say it first.

--Jean Suddarth

## SPORTS

*Robert Owens*, a Senior at Falls Church High School, has broken the record in the 330 Intermediate Hurdles with a time of 41.5. The record had been held by *Bruce Jones* since 1972. He received a Third Place medal in the 120 High Hurdles with a time of 15.2 at the District meet held at Jeb Stuart on Saturday, May 10th. Robert will represent Falls Church on the 17th of May in the Regional Meet at Fairfax and he has qualified and will represent Falls Church High School in the All-State Meet to be held on Saturday, May 24th at Charlottesville, Virginia.

*Richard May*, a Junior at Falls Church High School has several medals to be proud of. Richard placed Third in the 440 Relay at the County Meet and Third in the 600 at the Naval Academy Meet. He pulled a leg muscle and was not able to compete in the District Meet.

*Eddie Yarborough*, a Sophomore, is on the 880 Relay Team which received Fifth Place in the District Meet. The Freshman-Sophomore Relay Team has won in District Meets for two consecutive years.

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association wishes to acknowledge these three fine youths from our area. *Robert* will graduate on June 7th. He has been accepted as a Cadet in the R.O.T.C. and will be attending V.P.I. at Blacksburg, Virginia in September.

## FAREWELLS

... to our friends, *Ray & Glenda Gammeyer* of 2800 Winchester Way who have contributed much to our community. They are moving to their new home in Lovettsville, Virginia on June 1st.

... and to *Don & Shirley Janssen* and family who are leaving the last of June and will be moving to Germany. Good Luck and Best Wishes on your new assignment.

## SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCH

Senior citizens are invited to have lunch at Devonshire Elementary School between 11:30 and 12:45 P.M. daily. The cost is 75c. Anyone interest may get further information by calling the school at 573-4590.

DON'T FORGET ...

YOUTH NIGHT — MAY 22ND

PICNIC — JUNE 14TH

## BABY SITTERS

Leslie Klinger, age 14 ..... 533-8051  
 Ellen Schaffstall, age 14 .... 533-0432  
 Tammy Streets, age 13 ..... 532-0479  
 Kim Streets, age 16 ..... 532-0479