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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The increasing flow of speeding traffic through the Greenway Downs community has greatly increased the daily risks to our children playing on the streets and sidewalks around their homes. In order to provide a local recreational facility to attract the kids, we have been investigating the possibility of developing a playground-type park in the Custis Parkway area.

Recent passage of the Park Bond issue in the November 2nd balloting has given added impetus to the probability of getting such a development underway in the near future.

We are fortunate to have as our featured speaker for the December 2nd Citizens' Association meeting a man who is in the position to make our proposed park a reality. He is Mr. Donald Lederer, Superintendent of Planning, Fairfax County Park Authority. A graduate of Penn State University, Mr. Lederer is a landscape architect and currently is serving as Vice-President of the Potomac Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Associations. He will speak at our meeting about the Park Authority in general and our proposed Recreational Park specifically, including the availability of County funds for this purpose.

DECEMBER MEETING

DATE Thursday, December 2

TIME 8:00 p.m.

PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
Graham Road and Lee Highway

SPEAKER Mr. Donald Lederer
Superintendent of Planning,
Fairfax County Park Authority

PROGRAM Proposed Recreational
Facilities for Custis Parkway

BUSINESS MEETING
REFRESHMENTS

Mr. Lederer's presentation will commence promptly at 8:00 p.m. this coming Thursday evening and will be followed by a question-and-answer period. After that, we will reconvene from the coffee break for a short business meeting. We hope you will attend and help develop our plans for a park which promises to be a distinct asset to our community.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Henry Rodriguez, President

The recently approved bond referendum for land acquisition and park development includes funds for the development of neighborhood parks. Needless to say, I think we as a civic association should let the Fairfax County Park Authority know that we would like some of these funds spent in Greenway Downs.

Our speaker for the December 2 meeting is an official of the Park Authority. We are asking him to speak on the Park Authority's plans for spending the funds to be derived from the bond issue and more specifically to discuss the possibility of using part of these funds to develop the three parcels of green space we have in Greenway Downs along Custis Parkway.

If you are interested in this particular issue, I urge you to attend our December 2 meeting. A large turnout will indicate our community's interest in developing this land.

As those of you who attended our September or October meeting know, the Executive Committee of the Greenway Downs Citizens Assoc. has some definite ideas as to how our green space should be developed. However, since we have not taken a vote at our general meeting, we do not know whether the Executive Committee's view on this subject is generally shared by the community at large. Thus, we plan to take a vote on this at our next meeting.



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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The Association Membership Drive is now underway. Please remember that it is **your** help that keeps the Association active. Please say "Yes" when your neighbor calls on you. The names below are those people who are actively trying to put your Association over the top.

JOIN! JOIN! JOIN!

- Bolling Road
Mrs. Helen Wentz, Mrs. Helen Thompson
- Cameron Road Mrs. Maxine Gorman
Mr. & Mrs. Elling Reich
- Cavalier Trail
Mrs. Kathryn Powell, Mrs. Glenda Glammeyer
- Custis Pkwy. Mrs. Pat Mixon, Mrs. Ida Roadcap
- George Mason Road
Mrs. Sue Cloud, Mrs. Brenda Miskelly
- Goodwin Court Mr. Willard Scott
- Greenway Blvd. Mr. & Mrs. Merrill Erler
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Scott
- Lee Highway Mr. Willard Scott
- Marshall Street
Mrs. Gertrude Maffett, Mrs. Roberta Fulmer
- Monroe Street Mrs. Marilea Steidel
- Summerfield Road Mr. & Mrs. Fred Kramer
Mr. & Mrs. William America
- Winchester Way
Mrs. Glenda Glammeyer, Mrs. Pat Mixon
- Woodlawn Avenue
Mrs. Kathryn Powell, Mrs. Joan Bealby

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We were happy to see many new faces at our last meeting! Our speaker, Mr. Thomas B. Wright, outlined the objectives of the Board of Supervisors and stayed even later than his busy schedule permitted in order to answer the many questions that were put before him by the members of our community. Mr. Wright is an informed person as well as a delightful speaker and we extend our thanks to him for providing us with a very pleasant evening.

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Copies of the 1971-1972 Fairfax Citizens Handbook will be available at the upcoming meeting.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The weather couldn't have been more perfect on November 6 when approximately 40 people, mostly children, turned out for our Community Clean-up Day.

Although we could have used more big boys and men to help with some work we'd hoped to do in our creek, the actual clean-up of the streets and park was considered a success. While cleaning out the creek one worker pulled out a mattress which had been thrown there so long ago it had become completely embedded in sand, impeding the flow of the creek and subsequently undermining the bank at that point.

The morning of work came to a close at Noon when Jo McCarthy and Nancy Potts served doughnuts, cider and coffee, a special guest being our postman who was passing by at the time.

Brenda Miskelly and Joan Rodriguez, Co-Chairmen of this event wish to thank, in addition to Mrs. McCarthy and Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Nicholas who graciously permitted us to use her kitchen for making coffee; Joe Goodwin for having the flyers printed and all those who helped deliver these flyers; Mr. Yarbrough and his Cub Scouts who helped after working on their paper drive all morning; the Girl Scouts of Troop #471, many of whom do not live in our neighborhood but came to help; and, Mrs. Scofield, Girl Scout Organizer, who came from Pimmit Hills to join the Girl Scouts in doing their part in the drive.

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THE BAND WAGON

A few weeks ago at the Parade of Champions in Philadelphia the FCHS Marching Band won a Silver Plaque, receiving the highest rating possible—Outstanding—in all 4 categories: Inspection, Marching and Maneuvering, Music, and Overall General Effect. This highest "Silver" award is indeed an achievement in this highly competitive field-marching contest.

Congratulations to the Band members, and to their new director, Mr. Stegner!

The Band was invited to perform for the 4th consecutive year at U.Va. in Charlottesville, for the game with North Carolina on November 13.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

December 2, Thursday
December 21 – Tuesday – Christmas Party
January 18, Tuesday
February 17 – Thursday – Awards Dinner
March 21, Tuesday
April 20, Thursday
May 18, Thursday
June 17, Saturday – Picnic

DOG DILEMMA

Despite frequent reminders in our *Downs*, many citizens are not abiding by the Leash Law. The weekend following the community clean-up, five dogs were seen on one street, digging in garbage cans and tearing apart plastic yard bags! If you still feel disinclined to obey the Leash Law on other days, could we at least ask that you keep your dogs in on trash collection day?

SCHOOL NEWS

Devonshire PTA meeting, Dec. 14–7:30 p.m.

The Dec. PTA meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Christmas Bazaar. All mothers of Devonshire students are asked to bring a contribution to the Bazaar, either home-made or home-baked.

FCHS—Congratulations to Peggy Roadcap and Mariza Arujo who made the Civinette Club in October!

ALL SCHOOLS WILL CLOSE
December 17, 1971 through January 3, 1972.

Special Musical Events

Thurs., Dec. 2—FCHS Band-Aides to sponsor Woody Herman Band. Also featured will be the NEW FCHS Stage Band, 7:30. \$3.00—students; \$3.50—adults. For information, call Mrs. Lucas, 534-6884 or Mrs. Suddarth, 534-4037.

Wed., Dec. 8—Bishop O'Connell HS Instrumental Recital, 8:00.

Wed., Dec. 15—Whittier Intermediate School Band & Choral Christmas Concert, 7:30.

Thurs., Dec. 16—FCHS Band & Choral Christmas Concert, 7:30.

Bishop O'Connell HS Band & Choral Christmas Concert, 8:00.

Thurs., Jan. 13—Bishop O'Connell HS Wind Ensemble Concert, 8:00.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 7:30 - ? CUSTIS PARKWAY & GREENWAY BLVD.

This year's Christmas party will be held at the same place as the one last year. There will be a bonfire and Christmas tree, and carols will be sung. Come, bring a neighbor, and sing along with all the outstanding voices of Greenway Downs! Good cheer will be provided in the way of doughnuts, hot cider and hot chocolate. Santa Claus has also promised to attend!

Rain Date - Wednesday, December 22

SCOUTING CORNER

On October 16 and 17 six boys from Greenway Downs joined members of their Troop #697 for a weekend of hiking on the C&O Canal. Ricky Hopkins, Richard May, John Harmon, Michael Rodriguez, Timmy Martin and Danny Martin all hiked from Paw Paw, West Virginia to Hancock, Maryland, camping at 15-Mile Creek. The boys hope eventually to hike or bicycle the entire length of the Canal.

Saturday, October 16, Brownie Troop 575 and other troops from the Washington metropolitan area went by charter bus to Greenbelt, Maryland for an all-day Revel. The Troop played games, learned to tie knots, cooked hot dogs by their own campfire around which they sang songs until it was time to leave. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by both the girls and the mothers who attended.

The Boy Scouts in Troop 677 have had a busy fall. They had 11 boys who attended the Fall Camporee at Antietam Battlefield. They also took a 5-hour trip on the C&O Canal. Other activities included helping Greenway Downs in the community clean-up this month.

Future plans will include a money-raising project to help send the boys to camp next summer. The Troop will be selling Xmas trees again this year. As soon as a location is obtained, the boys will distribute flyers giving this information to the residents of Greenway Downs. In view of the lovely trees they have sold in past years, please lend your support to Troop 677 by purchasing your tree from them.

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LOST: Male Seal Point Siamese cat (altered). Answers to the name of "Charlie." Anyone having information as to Charlie's whereabouts, please contact Mrs. Arthur Coffing at 534-2429. He is greatly missed.

. . . The family of the late Leon Andrusia, of 2815 Cameron Rd., wish to express thanks to their neighbors and friends in the Greenway Downs area for their acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy during their recent bereavement.

CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mr. and Mrs. Fred North, 6913 Custis Parkway on the birth of their son, James, born September 10.

NOTE: Anyone having information on births or new arrivals to the community, please contact Mrs. Reich, 533-1844.

ADDITIONS FOR NEW DIRECTORY

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