

The Downs

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GENERAL MEETING OF THE GREENWAY DOWNS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The next general meeting of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association will take place February 19, 1985 at 8:00 PM in the Devonshire School cafeteria. Devonshire is located on Graham Road near the corner of Graham Road and Lee Highway. The meeting will open with a short presentation by a representative of the Fairfax County Police Department. The police spokesperson will discuss such matters as crime prevention, juvenile delinquency, and ordinance violations. A short question and answer period will follow.

This will be followed by an update and thorough discussion of an issue of long standing interest in our community - the streets and gutters, or community improvement issue. For a look at where we currently stand on this issue, read the following article.

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Of the approximately 170 families who have received requests for approval of easements for general improvements to Cameron Road, West George Mason Road, and Woodlawn Boulevard and for drainage improvements to Custis Parkway, all but eight have signed and returned the easements. Four of the eight families reside on Custis Parkway and stand to lose one or more trees each. They have asked the County to reroute the proposed storm sewer through the park, thus saving their trees. In an attempt to determine the full scope of the problem and to try to resolve it, Supervisor Jim Scott held a meeting in his office on January 16, 1985.

At the meeting a number of alternatives were discussed - all of which would require a delay in construction of at least six months. Two of these alternatives would increase the cost of the project by up to \$50,000. More importantly, one of the discussed alternatives could result in more serious flooding along the creek than is currently experienced during heavy rains. Such flooding would naturally be accompanied by greater erosion of the banks of the creek, something which is already a problem.

Obviously, we need to advise the County at the earliest possible date of our community's consensus opinion on this important issue.

This issue will affect our entire community in one way or another. For this reason, all residents of Greenway Downs are urged to attend our meeting on February 19. Needless to say this meeting should be of particular importance to the residents of the four streets most immediately concerned. Officials of the County Community Improvement Program will be at the meeting to answer questions.

HOW TO CALL FOR POLICE, FIRE, OR RESCUE SERVICES

Please cut out the following tag and stick it on or near your telephone for handy reference.

Information for Police

1. Fairfax County
2. Mason police District
3. Patrol Area 400
4. Address at or nearest scene
5. Name of nearest cross street

This sequence narrows down the location to a very small area and assists the dispatcher in finding obscure or hard-to-find streets. It will eliminate any confusion with similar street names in other areas. This is especially necessary with 911 calls, which may be answered at regional switchboards in Arlington or Alexandria.

Please call 911 only for emergencies such as fire, serious illness or injury, or a crime in progress. For such things as a burglary discovered long after the burglar has left the scene unobserved, there is nothing to be gained by calling 911. The non-emergency number is 691-2131.

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING WITH OFFICER CLARK

Officer Larry Clark, our Crime Prevention Officer from the Mason station, will meet with our community at the Devonshire auditorium on Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 PM. I urge everyone who can attend to do so. If you are not already active in our Neighborhood Watch program, this will be a good opportunity to get acquainted with the program. Officer Clark can answer any questions you might have about crime problems and what you can do about them.

VISIBLE HOUSE NUMBERS CAN SAVE LIVES

Our police officers, firefighters, and rescue squads sometimes have trouble locating addresses because the numbers are difficult or impossible to see, especially at night. Please make sure your number can be read easily from the street.