



VOL. III, No. 5

JUNE 1965

ANNUAL PICNIC

SATURDAY JUNE 12 4 PM

AT THE PARK - Custis Parkway,
Greenway Blvd. & Cameron Road

PICNIC PLATE SPECIAL 35¢
Hamburger or hot dog on roll
Baked beans
Potato chips Pickles
Cold drink
Ice cream

Extra hamburger or hot dog 15¢

GAMES START AT 4 FOR THOSE WHO
WISH TO PLAY.

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND TAKE A
NIGHT OFF FROM COOKING.

In case of rain, picnic will be
Saturday, June 19.

NEXT ISSUE OF THE DOWNS WILL BE IN
SEPTEMBER, ANNOUNCING THE GENERAL
MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23.

CHANGE OF ZONING

On May 27, the Planning Commission of Fairfax County had a hearing on the contemplated change of zoning for the property on the corner of Woodlawn Avenue and Lee Highway. The property was slated to be changed from R-10 (residential) to C-N (commercial neighborhood), which could include any kind of store or general business facility. The Association supported the citizens on Woodlawn Ave. by backing them at the hearing in opposition to the change. The application for C-N was denied and a COL (commercial office, limited) zoning was recommended by the Planning Commission.

A hearing on this recommendation is scheduled for June 9 before the Board of Supervisors. Most important is the fact that by backing our residents on this issue, the original C-N zoning was recommended for denial.

Published by the Greenway Downs
Citizens Association as a service
to the community.

EDITOR
Mrs. Irene T. Smith 532-1559

ASSISTANTS
Mrs. Alice Clark 534-1382
Mrs. Frances Fisher 534-1445

* * * * *

RESULTS OF CLEANUP CAMPAIGN

Your Committee on this project
found a very colorful subdivision.
Many had newly clipped lawns, trees
and hedges. Very few wheeled ve-
hicles belonging to children were
observed and there were practically
no trash cans in view which was an
improvement.

On the minus side were some yards
with overgrown trees and shrubs.
What to do about this--altho many
of these situations are caused by
former owners and present a costly
operation to remove or adequately
prune to suitable size, yet for
future planting, remember to in-
quire the ultimate size of a shrub
or tree when buying and avoid
blocking your view from the front
windows. A few vacant houses in
the area showed neglect by owners,
and some which are habitually
rented were quite unattractive.

The Committee made two tours up
and down the streets of the "Downs"
using a scale of points for pluses
and minuses. Each of the three
had his own tally and these were
averaged out with the following
results (each member of the com-
mittee eliminated himself when

Jay MacInnis and Chris Baker
would like to earn some money this
summer by doing yard work. Their
rates are reasonable and they
specialize in lawn mowing. If you
can use their services, call JE 3-
8210 for Jay or JE 3-7739 for
Chris. They thank you.

* * * * *

TEEN DANCE

The Teen dance sponsored by GDCA
was a success from all reports. A
good time was had by all and the
door is open for more of the same.
Thanks, teens, for your coopera-
tion and help and to Gladys Keys
for heading up this committee.

* * * * *

scoring his own street):

- First Cameron Road
- Second Greenway Boulevard
- Third George Mason Road
- Fourth Marshall Street
- Fifth Custis Parkway

The first three were very close
decisions. Bolling Road was voted
the street which showed the most
improvement, and Woodlawn was at-
tractive because of the planted
center strip of flowering trees--
sections of which showed care
probably by nearby residents.

We did not plan to mention any
specific home, but the Keys on
Greenway have tackled a huge pro-
ject on their place and are making
great headway. We appreciate the
many hours spent by all to improve
the looks of and to beautify their
property. Now to maintain this
neat and beautiful appearance is
the work ahead.

Fran Thomsen
Chairman

* * * * *

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

FEDERATION REPORT

Our Membership Campaign seems to be coming along rather well and is in its closing stages. If you have not been contacted by June 5, please call the Membership Chairman, Mrs. Bernie Lucas (JE 4-6884), because chances are your street chairman missed you on the first and second go around. Residents on Bolling Road will be contacted this weekend. I wish to thank all who have signed up as members this year.

The \$2 that entitles you to membership is well spent. With it we are able to publish this newsletter have a Christmas Party for your children, have an annual picnic for a family get-together, pay our dues in the County Federation of Citizens Association, where our voice is heard as evidenced in this month's Federation Report, found elsewhere in the newsletter. You receive a free copy of the Downs Directory, which has an alphabetical and numerical listing of residents of GDCA. Your membership entitles you to a special 10% discount on purchases made at Fairfax Lumberteria and at Liggon's Paint Store. This enables you to save more than the \$2 you paid to join the Association.

In addition, we sponsor the Boy Scouts, Cubs, a teen club, help to improve our community and make it a worthwhile place in which to live. Remember, ALL YOUR OFFICERS SERVE VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY MONETARY CONSIDERATION. All this for \$2! Show me a better return for your money.

SEE YOU AT THE PICNIC, JUNE 12.

* * * * * J. J. SHARKEY

At a special meeting on May 13, The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association rejected a proposal sponsored by the Federation's Finance Committee to levy a local 2% sales tax to help finance the County's proposed \$106.4 million budget for 1965-66. Instead the Federation urged the County Board of Supervisors to actively seek enactment of a Statewide sales tax by the General Assembly should be accompanied by elimination of the personal property tax. The Federation supported a tax increase of 45¢. This is 30¢ less than the increase proposed by the County Executive.

Our delegates, Messrs. Rodriguez, Littlefield, and Sanders were instrumental in rejecting this proposal by their questions and votes.

Henry Rodriguez

* * * * *

MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE FOR SALE \$50

The Association has decided to sell its mimeograph machine as it has not proved useful to use it for printing our newsletter. It has just been completely cleaned and overhauled and is in fine condition. We are using a Gestetner machine now which enables us to get more on a page than can be printed on the A. B. Dick machine we are selling. If you know of any organization interested in buying this, please contact Mr. Sharkey, 533-9257.

* * * * *

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
FALLS CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Our Falls Church High School Band has been invited to participate in a big band contest at Virginia Beach the week of June 14-17. Some 84 band members with their director, James G. Lunsford, will be competing with top high school bands from Maine to Florida. Only one other band from Virginia will be participating and it is a high honor even to be invited.

Such musical achievement requires hard work and cooperation from the director, the school, student musicians and their parents. This development starts in the elementary schools and proceeds through the intermediate band program. There needs to be an elementary school student starting for each high school musician graduating.

FCHS is fortunate in having a director of the high caliber and dedication of Mr. Lunsford. He has a Bachelor of Music degree from Shenandoah Conservatory and Master of Education from George Washington University. Over a period of more than 12 years of experience he has developed an imaginative and inspiring approach to teaching and directing music.

The BAND is GIVING A SPECIAL FREE OUTDOOR PROGRAM FRIDAY, JUNE 4, at 7:30 PM. The program will start with a concert of show tunes and marches on the Cherry Street lawn of the school and move over to the football stadium for a spectacular preview of the band's entry in the field-show part of the Virginia Beach band contest. EVERYONE IS INVITED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO--

Mrs. Bernie Lucas, an officer in your Association, was recently awarded a life membership in the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers by the Devonshire PTA. This was for her contributions toward the welfare and safety of children. The fee of \$25 which the Devonshire PTA paid to bestow this honor on Bernie goes into a scholarship fund for the education of future teachers.

Our best wishes and congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Geoffroy of 2833 Winchester Way who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.

* * * * *

WELCOME LITTLE ONES

Matthew Eric Littlefield arrived May 7. He lives with his parents Roy and Edith at 119 Bolling Road.

Roy and Glenda Glammeyer of 2800 Winchester Way welcomed a sweet little girl, Brinda, who was born March 19.

* * * * *

cont.

If you like what you see and hear, and your children show interest in music, you may get full information on the school band program from Mr. Lunsford at FCHS or Mr. Berryman at Whittier Intermediate School. There will be summer band programs from elementary through high school groups. Already 150 have signed up for band at FCHS next year.

GET ON THE BANDWAGON!

Marjorie Brescia

* * * * *