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ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

Until recently, voting in Virginia was not a matter for much heavy thought. Oh, sometimes a Republican would run, but he could expect only a small number of votes. All that has changed. Virginia has voted Republican in the last 4 of 5 Presidential elections. And this year, with so many state positions to be elected, the opportunities are many. Whether it's the executive branch or the legislative branch, the Republicans of Virginia are giving the Democrats a hard run.

So that you who must vote can do so as wisely as possible, the Association's Community Action committee has requested a speaker from both the Republican and Democratic County Committees. Both groups have accepted our request and will meet with us on the 28th. We understand as *The Downs* goes to press that the democratic speaker will be Carrington Williams who is running for his third term in the Virginia legislature. Both speakers will comment on their entire party's slate from the Governor's race down to all our local delegates.

We hope many of our residents will be able to come to hear what these men and their parties have to give us, and be able, as a result, to vote intelligently on November 4.

OCTOBER MEETING

DATE Tuesday, October 28
TIME 8:00 p.m.
PLACE Devonshire School Cafetorium
 Graham Road and Lee Highway
SPEAKERS A Republican - A Democrat
PROGRAM Know Your Candidates
 and The Issues

BUSINESS MEETING

REFRESHMENTS

VOTE NOVEMBER 4

Make your wishes known; vote on November 4 for your candidates. The registered residents of Greenway Downs vote from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the library at Devonshire School, Graham Road and Lee Highway. If you need a ride, please call Mrs. Stokes at 533-1392.

NOTICE: The annual Membership Drive is a little late getting started. If you have not been contacted by November 10, please call Mr. Robert Miskelly, 534-5981.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Joseph J. Goodwin, President

With our first meeting of the new year behind us, it is now down to the serious aspects of what we—the Association—can do for Greenway Downs. We were very pleased to see a couple of new faces at our meeting and take pleasure in welcoming them to our community: Mrs. Helen Wence who has recently moved to Bolling Road, and Mr. Bruce Meiser, who lives on Marshall Street.

With the interest shown on several topics, Mr. Whitney has his work as Community Action Chairman cut out for the next few months. He only has to line up the right people for the right dates—No Easy Task. In fact, the last time I talked to him, he was trying to line up a Republican and a Democrat for our October meeting, and, of course, he couldn't get them to agree on the date. Let's hope the 28th stays locked in. Keep your fingers crossed, Al.

One of the items mentioned at our last meeting was the possibility of our annexation into the Falls Church community. It seems that some of the residents are envious of our Falls Church neighbors and the improvements that are taking place, namely—New Streets, Curbs, Gutters, Sidewalks, Convenient Community Center, etc. Now the kids can ride their bikes, play hopscotch, and all the other things kids do, without playing "Dodge the Cars," or, looking at it from another point of view, the adults can drive their cars without playing, "Dodge the Kids."

What's Your Pleasure? Should we work at retaining our rural atmosphere, or should we try to keep up with our neighbors? There should be some interesting discussion on this at our next meeting and I am sure our "friends" in Fairfax would be most interested in hearing our views.

Sidewalks in Greenway Downs? WOW!!

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Several weeks ago I received a most interesting telephone call. A woman called from one of the local realty offices with a proposal for acquiring the Harper House on Cameron Rd. It was suggested that the price being asked was prohibitive to the Association, but that with our backing, this property might be purchased by the county as a historic landmark. The property is quite large so it could be used in several capacities as suggested by the caller: 1. a local playground; 2. the building for a local community center for meetings, exhibits, etc. The idea has some merit and I would be interested on hearing the views of those interested at our October meeting. Of course, our biggest concern will be the reactions of those most closely situated to this property. It was suggested by the caller that a tour of the house could be arranged after we hear the views of the membership. What is your pleasure?

I am pleased to announce that Mr. John Schaffstall, an avid scouting enthusiast, has accepted appointment as Greenway Downs Institutional Representative to the Boy Scouts.

And finally, What Can "Community Action" Accomplish? I won't go into the details, but anyone reading *The Washington Post* article of Thursday, October 16, in the *Panorama Section*, can see what can be done. Our neighbors in the Walnut Hills-Donna Lee Gardens area found a problem vitally concerning their community. The Association was defunct, but "in rapid fire, no-nonsense order, they reactivated" their Association. The issue, Right or Wrong, is a question for each individual to decide, but the main point is, "What can be accomplished by Community Action?"

See you on the 28th! Is that right, Al?



We are glad to welcome Gil and Ginny Aldridge to our community. They have just recently moved to 2840 Monroe Street and we all hope they will become active members of our area.

"POLL TAX" NOTE

The State capitation tax assessed all residents over 21 years of age is still a valid tax although it need not be paid in order to vote in Virginia. The State devotes 2/3 of the capitation tax receipts to State educational needs and returns the other 1/3 to the county it was collected in. Thus, Fairfax County stands to gain some \$30,000 from this tax.

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WELCOME TO THE DOWNS

That time of the year has come again when many new residents have settled down in Green-Downs. *The Downs* wishes to officially greet you. Although we may not know your names, we're very glad you've chosen our community to live in and we hope you will join us in improving Greenway Downs. New people bring new ideas and new methods of handling problems. The elected officers need those ideas to get things done. Won't you please call Mr. Goodwin, 532-2605, or Mrs. Stokes, 533-1392, or attend the October meeting and let your Association work for you with your help.

MORE HELP NEEDED

Due to the loss of several volunteers because of the beginning of school, volunteers are again needed to assist in "patterning" two brain-damaged children who live on Jefferson Avenue in our neighboring subdivision. Three times a day two extra people are needed in patterning each child. The assistant's job is simple but rewarding, and if you can spare a half-hour or an hour a week, it would be greatly appreciated. If you wish to find out how you can help (in patterning, transportation, or telephoning), or for more information, please call Beth Stucker, 534-2219, or Betty Jacobs, 534-3496.

MEETING

Our Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2. Please mark your calendar!

THANKS ARE DUE TO:

. . . the boys of Scout Troop 677 who have given up two weekends to deliver *The Downs*. They have done an excellent job and those of us who rely on *The Downs* for community news thank them.

. . . those residents who have refrained from burning leaves and tree limbs. Those of us with heart and lung diseases as well as the fire department, are very appreciative. Your Editor has even found that she dreads visiting other areas of our county that do not uphold the ordinance. The annual Leaf Collection Program began October 20 and will continue through December 19. Please keep refuse and trimmings out of the leaves and place the leaves at the curb.

-BRUCE RUDDLE- CONGRATULATIONS

To the long list of accomplishments of Greenway Downs residents is added the name, **Bruce Ruddle**, who was named *Virginia Player of the Week*, October 6, by *The Washington Post*. On October 3 the 5-foot-10 fullback scored 2 of the 4 touchdowns to trounce Annandale High 21 to 12. Since then he has added several more to his growing list and seems to be well on his way to keeping Falls Church on the winning line. Congratulations to you, Bruce, as well as to Coach **Bob Hardage** and the entire Falls Church High Varsity team. See you all at the "regionals."

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DILEMMA

While visions of sugar plums are beginning to dance in the heads of our children, nightmares of Christmas Parties past, present, and future are keeping your Executive Board awake. Several times in the past year, people associated with past Christmas parties have suggested that we drop it in favor of giving the money to a worthwhile charity, of having a Christmas bonfire at Custis Park, or of having Santa tour the neighborhood in an open car as was done with some success two years ago. How do you members feel? Is anyone willing to take the responsibility for any of these projects? Are there any other ideas of how we should celebrate? The decision must be made this month. Please call Mr. Goodwin with your ideas or come to the October 28th meeting.

HELP - TEENAGERS - IDEAS NEEDED

Anyone have any good ideas? . . . Want to do something? . . . Start something? . . . Stop something? Greenway Downs teenagers are needed to help organize and run our young people's activities. There must be some really fine ideas around just begging to be acted on. No restrictions, no limits, everything considered, all ideas, big or small, will be helpful. Get involved—nothing will happen unless people make it happen. Call, write, or send by messenger your ideas and comments to Larry Brumbaugh, 2801 Woodlawn Avenue, 534-5290.

P.S. Parents—your "old fashioned" ideas are welcome, too—provided your kids don't find out who sent them!

SCOUT NEWS

Girl Scout Troop 601 is planning a party for patients at the Powhatan Nursing Home, Falls Church, on Sunday, October 26.

Leaders and Assistant Leaders are needed for **Brownies, Junior Girl Scouts and Cadet Scouts**. It is not necessary to have a girl in the Scouts to become a leader or an assistant leader. While the pay is nil, the rewards are many and the learning you will receive with the girls will add up to greatly benefit your life. For further information, call Mrs. Amy Seymour, 573-5446.

Preparations for the rechartering of Greenway Downs **Cub Pack 677** are underway. An essential requirement of rechartering is the establishment of a Pack Committee, the group of parents that make Cub Scouting possible for the boys in our community. The following offices are being vacated as of January 1 and must be filled to continue Cub Scouting activities of Pack 677 in 1970. Committee recruitment must be completed by November 7, 1969. These are: Cub Master, Assistant Cub Master, Webelos Leader, Paper Drive Chairman, Membership Chairman, and Special Activities Chairman. For information on what you can do to keep Cub Scouting going, call John Yarbrough, 534-6502.

The **Cub Scouts** were pleased to welcome 10 boys to the Pack as a result of their very successful Open House in September. Unfortunately, only one mother volunteered to help lead the boys.

Another success was the September paper drive which netted a total of \$63 and will make rechartering financially possible. Many thanks to all of you who saved papers so faithfully. The next drive will be early in December and will be announced in the next *Downs*.

SEE YOU OCTOBER 28th - 8:00 p.m. MEETING