

The Downs

The Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association

October 1984

Falls Church, Virginia

CANDIDATE'S NIGHT AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

On October 16 our board of directors is planning to hold a "Meet the Candidates" night to enable citizens of Greenway Downs to meet and hear first-hand, the candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives for the 10th Congressional District of Virginia. The participants will be a member of incumbent Republican Frank Wolf's staff, and John Flannery the Democratic challenger. A general membership meeting will be held in Room B1 of the Falls Church Community Center located at 223 Little Falls Street. It will start at 7:30pm and will precede the candidates debate, which will start at 8:00pm. The brief membership meeting will address issues concerning the tot lot on Custis Parkway. Feel free to invite your 10th District friends who are not residents of Greenway Downs to attend the debate portion of the meeting.

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Vice President: Richard Livingston, 2810 Greenway 534-1261
Corresponding Secretary: Susan Howlett, 2852 Greenway 533-0291
Recording Secretary: Marianne Gick 2814 Cameron 532-0734
Treasurer: Michael Arm 2817 Cameron 534-0225
Downs Editor: Ted Dinkel 2815 Cameron 533-3962
Directors:
Jacob Goodwin, 2821 Monroe 533-2291
Beth Bleaken, 2804 Summerfield 532-5307
Ezra Glaser, 2839 W. George Mason 532-3855
Doug Rausch, 2838 Greenway 532-6214
Sheila Burgess, 2823 Bolling 241-7170
Mary Millsback, 2846 W. George Mason 532-5824
Jim Gaul, 2824 Greenway 536-2166
Randy Myers, 2825 W. George Mason 536-2739
Tom Brophy, 2840 Cameron 536-8228
Carl Kannapel, 2810 Winchester 534-8745
Keith Brescia 2847 Greenway 536-7734

At that same meeting, Mr. Morris A. Nunes was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Services to the Community. Mr. Nunes, an attorney with law offices within the Greenway Downs area, assisted in the incorporation of our neighborhood association and wrote the by-laws that govern the manner in which the association will conduct its business. Thank you and congratulations are certainly due Mr. Nunes!

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Membership Chair: Michael Arm
Program Chair: Richard Livingston
Hospitality Chair: Mary Millsback

These chairpersons will represent the Association in all matters pertaining to their area of responsibility, both within the Association and neighborhood as well as in dealing with our elected and other officials of Fairfax County

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Greenway Downs Citizen Association will be held at Marianne Gick's on November 12, 1984 at 8:00pm.

NOTES FROM ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ

"In my view the general meeting held on Friday, May 18 at the Falls Church Community Center, was a great success. I say this for a number of reasons. We had a good time, the food was excellent, the camaraderie most enjoyable and we selected a very deserving individual as Outstanding Citizen for 1984. While we had a very good turnout, I wish more of you could have been there to enjoy the fun.

"For those of you who were not there, I took great pleasure in announcing that Marianne H. Gick was selected as the Outstanding Citizen of the Year. Marianne has lived in Greenway Downs since 1978. In 1979 she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association. Since then she has served as editor of the Downs, participated extensively in various membership drives and organized with friends, a "baby-sittin coop". In 1982 she was elected as president of our Association. In that capacity she helped organize the "Neighborhood Watch", helped save Cavalier Trail, organized the 1983 Picnic and coordinated continuing progress on neighborhood improvement. When not otherwise occupied with her many responsibilities as wife and mother of three growing children, she relaxes playing the piano, preparing gourmet meals and gardening.

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Keith Brescia, coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch reminds us all that the use of the emergency telephone number, 911, should only be used for real emergencies. Also, as was reported in the Washington Post in July, ensure that you provide the necessary information to the operator who answers. Keith adds "Many residents of the Washington area suburbs do not know which jurisdiction they live in and are thus unable to give the emergency services accurate locations by telephone. This is especially true when a 911 emergency call is answered at a regional switchboard which may not be in Fairfax County. I have known of cases in which George Mason Road here in Greenway Downs was confused with George Mason Drive about four miles away in Arlington, and the operator had no way of telling which one the caller meant. Anyone who needs the police, fire or rescue service should give the dispatcher the following information for Greenway Downs:

house number and Street name
Name of nearest cross street
Fairfax County
Mason Police District
Police Patrol 400

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Keith also reminds us to be alert to the dangers to our children from child molesters. Educate your children on what to do when approached by strangers, know who your children are with and where they are.

COUNTY BOND ISSUES

On November 6, you will be voting on much more than President, Vice President and other federal, and state officials. There will be several bond issues with which you should become familiar so your vote can be cast in accordance with what you believe is in the best interests of the county. There will be issues concerning flood and drainage improvements costing \$15 million, community improvement costing \$22 million and a \$15 million school bond which will fund construction of new schools and improvements to many existing schools.