

The Downs

The Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association

September 18, 1985

Falls Church, Virginia

Welcome New Neighbors!

On behalf of the officers, directors and members of our citizens association, I extend a warm and special welcome to new residents.

Why? As I see it, your support can make the difference in helping us reach these goals:

- o Enlist 100% of our residences as association members and provide each a 1986 Greenway Downs Directory of their neighborhood.
- o Both fill association vacancies and attract unrepresented streets back to association affairs by preferentially recruiting residents of Woodlawn, Monroe, Marshall, Custis and Cavalier as officers, Downs editors, directors, committee chairpersons and block captains.
- o Provide the membership an annual program of civic and social events geared to neighborhood needs and interests.

If we can reach these goals as an association, then I believe we can realize our full potential to serve our membership and fulfill our charter to ...act as a civic association, promote neighborhood improvement and foster friendly and cooperative relationships among the residents and freeholders of the neighborhood. Without the support of our new neighbors, however, these lofty aims are already in jeopardy.

How can you provide this vital support? Here are a few suggestions:

- o When your block captain calls on you this month during the 1986 membership drive, JOIN!
- o If you think you'd make a good officer, editor, director, chairperson or block captain, VOLUNTEER, especially if you reside on one of the previously mentioned streets.
- o If you have a suggestion of any kind that would benefit the neighborhood, SUBMIT IT to the association through your block captain, director or come to a board meeting and TALK ABOUT IT.

I'm personally looking forward to meeting each and every one of you, and working with you in the upcoming year.

Carl Kannapel, President

1986 Annual Membership Drive.

A membership drive is held each year to update the neighborhood's residence records and collect Greenway Downs Citizens Association membership dues. Street captains will be coming around to each house during the month of September to record names, addresses and phone numbers of all residents, and to ask each resident to join the Association. Fiscal Year 1986 dues (July 1, 1985-June 30, 1986) are still only \$3.00 per household.

The major portion of the dues will be used to publish a new neighborhood telephone directory. The new directory will be distributed free to each paid member after publication this fall. The neighborhood directory provides excellent reference for general neighbor-to-neighbor communication as well as locating neighbors, babysitters and neighborhood handyman services. Probably, one of the most important uses of the directory has been by the Neighborhood Watch in notifying residents of perceived problems or unusual conditions.

In addition, Association dues are used for publication of the Greenway Downs newsletter, dues to Fairfax Federation of Civic Associations, contributions to the Timberlane School playground improvement, support of the Neighborhood Watch Program, advertisement of neighborhood yard sales, Greenway Park and Tot Lot clean ups and other neighborhood programs. Finally, according to Association bylaws, paying dues entitles community members to vote at Association meetings. Therefore, please join the Greenway Downs Citizens Association when your street captian calls.

David Johnson, Chairman

Why Should I Join Greenway Downs Citizens Association?

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association is organized to enhance the Greenway Downs community and is structured to have board representation from all streets. To support the neighborhood, the Greenway Downs Citizens Association has...

- o Established an active Neighborhood Watch program to enhance neighborhood security.
- o Worked with the county to procure park improvements and construct a Tot Lot.
- o Enlisted Greenway Downs in the county Community Improvement Program to acquire new curbs, gutters, driveway aprons and sidewalks.
- o Arranged improvements to Cavalier Trail and postal walk.
- o Resolved neighborhood problems of junk vehicles and abandoned cars, use of residential property for commercial purposes and animal violations to name a few.
- o Organized annual clean up of the park, creek, Tot Lot and general community.

Your support as a volunteer and your membership dues are the only way we can continue to provide these services to the neighborhood.

Board Meetings.

Last meeting was September 5. Board will adopt minutes of old and new business at beginning of next meeting.

Next meeting is October 1 at the president's house, 7:30 p.m. Recording secretary will distribute agenda to officers and directors in advance. Note that guest speaker will precede business meeting. She is Patti Rounsevell, Fairfax County's coordinator of the Community Improvement Program. She plans to report progress of Phase II (Woodlawn, Cameron and W. George Mason) and Phase III (Winchester, Summerfield and Marshall) street improvements.

Election of Officers and Board of Directors for 1986.

President	Carl Kannapel -	2810 Winchester Way	534-8745
Vice President	Richard Livingston	2810 Greenway Blvd.	534-1261
Recording Secretary	Marilyn Williams -	2816 Winchester Way	534-3803
Corresponding Secretary	(vacant)		
Treasurer	Michael Arm* -	2817 Cameron Rd.	534-0225
Director	(vacant)	Woodlawn Ave.	
Director	(vacant)	Monroe St.	
Director	(vacant)	Marshall St.	
Director	(vacant)	Custis Parkway	
Director	(vacant)	Cavalier Trail	
Director	Joe Burgess	2823 Bolling Rd.	241-7170
Director	C. Norman Soles	2835 Summerfield Rd.	533-3568
Director	Thomas Brophy	2840 Cameron Rd.	536-8228
Director	Keith Brescia	2847 Greenway Blvd.	536-7734
Director	Douglas Rausch	2838 Greenway Blvd.	532-6214
Director	Ezra Glaser	2839 W. George Mason Rd.	532-8255
Director	Mary Millsback	2846 W. George Mason Rd.	532-5824
Director	Randy Myers*	2825 W. George Mason Rd.	536-2739
Director	Henry Rodriguez*	2834 W. George Mason Rd.	533-7795

*Past President

Board Vacancies.

Several members of the Board of Directors have had to resign since the elections last May as they have moved out of Greenway Downs.

Each year we ask for interested residents to get involved with their community by serving on the Board of Directors and each year it seems we are just able to find enough interested people. However, the problem always seems to be that these people are concentrated on just a few streets in Greenway Downs.

For instance, the Greenway Downs Citizens Association has had no one on Custis Parkway interested in serving on the Board of Directors for several years now. Yet, during this time one state road project and the community improvement program reached their final stages before anyone voiced their opinions. Wouldn't it be better to express one's desires and opinions during the planning of projects rather than after plans have been finalized?

At this time we have no representative from Custis Parkway, Woodlawn Avenue, Marshall or Monroe Streets serving on the Board of Directors. We could hope that someone on these streets, maybe the block captains, might want to serve as directors during street improvements. It could involve attending a meeting every month or so. If interested in volunteering as a director, contact Randy Myers at 536-2739.

Corresponding Secretary Needed.

Duties include attending board meetings, carrying on correspondence as requested and other duties as delegated. Additional duties are notifying board members of board meetings, all members of general meetings, and keeping the official register of names and addresses of association members.

Residents of Woodlawn, Monroe, Marshall, Custis and Cavalier have recruiting preference for this position. If interested contact Carl Kannapel, 534-8745.

Downs Editor Needed.

Duties involve collecting, editing and typing articles like these, as well as arranging for printing and distribution to block captains on every street.

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Update on Street Improvements.

The construction bids for Phase II of the Greenway Downs portion of the Community Improvement Program were to be opened on September 3. Phase II involves W. George Mason Rd., Woodlawn Ave. and Cameron Rd. We should be getting information shortly concerning the construction schedule for these streets and the contractor performing the work.

Hopefully, things will be moving along a little more rapidly on Phase III of our project now that contracts on Phase II are about to be finalized.

Those residents on Custis Parkway who originally opted not to participate in the program and then changed their minds will be happy to know the Community Improvement Program Committee approved funds to put them back in the project. However, this was no easy task. Many of the representatives from other areas of the county were very reluctant to expend funds on an area which opted originally not to participate...especially with so many other areas in the county dying to get these improvements and not enough funds to go around. In the future, no exceptions may be accepted.

Thus, residents who have been reluctant to have their street participate in the program should now carefully consider their position because no money will be available later if they decide their street would look better, or the houses on the next street are selling better or for a higher price because of their improvements—improvements the reluctant ones opted not to plan for.

Winchester Way Sets Date to Review Street Improvement Plans.

Winchester Way residents are invited to join Patti Rounsevell and county engineering staff to review individual property and whole street drawings of new gutters, curbs, sidewalks and driveway aprons at Devonshire Elementary School at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 25. The school is located on Grahm Rd. opposite Cook's Supermarket near Washington St. (Lee Highway).

Greenway Downs Babysitting Co-operative.

Are you looking for babysitters? Are you looking for other mothers to talk to and a way to meet playmates for your children? If so, consider joining the Greenway Downs Babysitting Co-op. It's been in existence since 1981. This babysitting club exchanges sitting among the members on a credit system, not for money. Members take turns being secretary and being in charge of the record book. Even mothers who work outside their home, part-time or full-time, have found this Co-op useful. Members sit at their own convenience and can specify that they only will consider sitting at certain times, such as evenings only. For further information call Valerie Arm at 534-0225.

Chairpersons Needed for Neighborhood Events.

We're actively recruiting chairpersons to plan and organize our annual program of neighborhood events. Some ideas and chairpersons nominated thus far include:

Oct 26	Fall Festival and Neighborhood Yard Sale	Carl Kannapel
Oct 31	Halloween Party 7-9p	(vacant)
Nov 5	Election Day	
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Day	
Dec 24	Christmas Carolling program	(vacant)
Jan 1	New Year's program	(vacant)
Mar	Park and Neighborhood Clean up	(vacant)
Mar	Spring Festival and Neighborhood Yard Sale	(vacant)
Mar/Apr	Easter Egg Hunt	(vacant)
Apr	Community Improvement Program Show and Tell Block Parties	Randy Myers
May	Annual Pot Luck Dinner/General Membership Meeting/Elections	Mary Millsback
May 30	Memorial Day program	(vacant)
June	Park and Neighborhood Clean up	(vacant)
June	Greenway Downs Neighborhood Picnic	(vacant)
June 14	Flag Day	
July 4	Independence Day program	(vacant)

As I'm sure you can tell, this is a very rough, first draft of an annual program which needs much work to bring it in tune with neighborhood needs and interests. Why not lend it your special creativity, experience and effort by volunteering for one or more of the vacant chairs?

Once again we're offering recruiting preference for these positions to residents of Woodlawn, Monroe, Marshall, Custis and Cavalier. If interested, call Carl Kannapel at 534-8745.

2810 Cameron

485 addresses
150-200 families
50 families

Greenway Downs Neighborhood Watch Program.

Neighborhood Watch has evolved into our own kind of social/security program. Since 1982 it has cultivated the social interaction of neighbors on the same street and provided what the county police and fire departments cannot—additional, neighborly security patrols and watchful services to benefit people and property on all of our streets.

If you'd like to get acquainted and get involved, contact the block captain on your street. If there is no block captain on your street, call your coordinator for Greenway Downs, Keith Brescia at 536-7734.

<u>Block Captain</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Ralph Schuler	2825 Bolling Road	534-7723
Mary Clatterbuck	2827 Bolling Road	533-1398
Dean Wolf (vacant)	2826 Winchester Way Summerfield Road	533-0778 (after October 1)
Wolfgang Merz	2812 Cameron Road	532-7596
Keith Brescia	2847 Greenway Boulevard	536-7734
Ezra Glaser	2839 W. George Mason Rd.	532-3855
Jean Skillman	2754 Marshall Street	241-0932 (below 2824)
Roscoe Ruddle (vacant)	2846 Marshall Street Monroe Street	532-3085 (2824 and up)
Janet Ice (vacant) (vacant)	2805 Woodlawn Avenue Custis Parkway Cavalier Trail	unlisted

An electric inscriber acquired during "Operation Identification" is again available for your use. You can use it to identify your personal valuables with your social security number. It makes indellible marks in metal, plastic, wood, etc. If you'd like to borrow it, contact Keith Brescia at 536-7734.

The Fairfax County Police have provided the following information about a local burglary as a public service.

BURGLARY INFORMATION

Brotman Residence - 3108 Holmes Run Road, Falls Church, Virginia

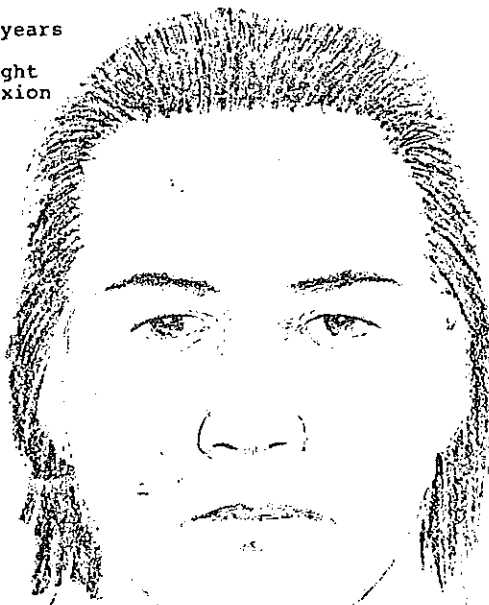
Suspect seen leaving 3108 Holmes Run Road. The burglary occurred between 1345 and 1645 hours on Saturday 08/03/85. Suspect in the company of a Spanish female. Stolen were sterling silver flatware; all pieces of the service set were stolen except the knives.

SUSPECT #1

Spanish Male, 30 years
5'10", heavy set
Hair combed straight
back; Dark complexion

SUSPECT #2

Spanish Female
30 years
5'7"; heavy set;
Dark black hair,
frizzy; Dark
complexion



FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE
COMPOSITE SKETCH

Composit Number 0283

Date of Sketch 8-29-85

Sketch Artist G. J. Miller

ANY INFORMATION CONTACT
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