



GREENWAY DOWNS RIBBON CUTTING

Saturday 11 a.m. March 31, 1990

COME JOIN IN CELEBRATION OF THE COMPLETION OF

THE GREENWAY DOWNS

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

**The ceremony will be held at the west end of
Custis Parkway in the cul de sac.**

GUESTS:

**SENATOR EMILIE MILLER
SUPERVISOR KATHERINE HANLEY**

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Falls Church, Virginia

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Greg Mordin

Yes, Greenway Downs, there still is a Civic Association and I'm it's president! Unfortunately, the blame must go to me for not getting the association to be more visible this past year. I hope to make up for it in the coming months. As you may or may not know, last summer the association was threatened with extinction but a large turnout of the neighborhood produced a group of individuals who volunteered to serve on the Board. This saved the Association and our voice in County affairs. I hope that the citizens of Greenway Downs who attended that meeting will come forward when needed, along with the rest of you, so we can make this a better community for all to enjoy.

For those of you who don't know me, here's a quick bio. I've lived on Marshall St. since May 1973 with my wife, Monica, and our two cats. I was active in the Civic Association back when we first moved into the area and my wife was also active in the late 1980's. In fact, she was "Greenway Downs Outstanding Citizen" in 1988. I work for an International organization, in the personnel systems management area.

The street improvement project and I go back to 1973, when we first moved into the area. I continued to work on the controversial project through 1989 with our previous president, Norm Soles. Mr. Soles moved out of the area this past summer. I'm sure all of you who had dealings with him would like to

say thank you. We will try to arrange this at one of our upcoming meetings.

RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY by Greg Mordin

I would like to invite you all a ribbon cutting ceremony that the County is sponsoring on Saturday, March 31st, 1990, at 11:00am. Please, come join us celebrating the completion of Greenway Downs Community Improvement Program. It was the first of it's kind in the County. It will also be an opportunity to meet your State and County Representatives: Sen. Emilie Miller and Sup. Katherine Hanl. It will be held at the west end of the south side of Custis Parkway.

1990 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE by Greg Mordin

The GDCA has not had a membership drive or collected dues since 1987. In the coming months a volunteer will be coming by to collect a \$3.00 due (no increase over the past years) and to fill out a form in order that we can publish a new DOWNS DIRECTORY, this summer. If you would like to volunteer for this project, please contact a member of the GDCA Board of Directors.

GENERAL MEETING by Henry Rodriguez

The next general meeting of the GDCA will be on the 25th of April at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Devonshire School, Graham Rd., just off Lee Highway. In accordance with the wishes expressed at our last general

meeting, the main topic of discussion will be on zoning, as it applies to the homeowner.

A member of the County's Zoning Office will give a brief presentation, and will be prepared to answer questions from the floor. Our speaker will touch on such topics as barking dogs, noise ordinances, trash in yards, commercial trucks on residential streets, restrictions on buildings close to property lines, etc.

Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend. Encourage a neighbor to do likewise.

YOUR NEWSLETTER
by Therese Photiadis

This is your newsletter! Do you have thoughts, concerns, announcements, helpful hints, recipes that you would like to share with your neighbors? If so, pass them on to any member of the GDCA Board of Directors.

Here's mine for French Bread compliments of Pierre Franey...

In a food processor, dissolve 2 packages fast acting yeast in 1/4 c. warm water. Add 6 c flour and blend 5 sec. Add 1 TB salt and blend 5 sec. Add 2 c warm water and blend for 25 sec.

Remove dough, roll into a ball and let rest, in a floured bowl, till doubled. About 2 hrs. When doubled, punch the dough down and shape into 2 loafs. Place on baking sheet and cut diagonal slices into loafs. Bake at 425 for 10 min. then reduce heat to 375 for 30 min. Add 2-3 ice cubes in bottom of oven for a crispy crust. Enjoy!

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH
by Keith Brescia

Living in a safe neighborhood is a concern of all Greenway Downs residents. If you are interested in becoming a member of the neighborhood watch call: Keith Brescia at 536-7734.

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.....ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.....

Mark your calendars for June 5th, 7:30 p.m., at Devonshire School

We regret to announce that this meeting could well be our last. The topic of this meeting will be to determine whether or not Greenway Downs Citizens Association should continue to exist. There will be no pot luck dinner or awards ceremony as in past years.

Our Association has been in existence for over 45 years and has consistently been one of Northern Virginia's most active and successful civic associations. This success can be attributed to the fact that much of our community was built during a period before the County required certain minimum standards of the building contractors. Thirty years ago our community was without those improvements that newer communities take for granted: standard street signs, adequate street lights, storm drainage, county maintained parks, curbs and gutters. Thanks to our Association we now enjoy these improvements. In fact, our street lights exceed community norms, we have two well-used county-maintained parks and we are well on our way toward the completion of a multi-million dollar streets, curbs, gutters and storm drainage project.

In connection with this latter project, we can take pride in the fact that our Association, working in conjunction with former supervisor Jim Scott, was the prime mover in pushing the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to approve a County-wide community improvement project. This project is currently transforming many by-passed communities, such as ours, into significantly improved and more desirable places to live and raise a family.

We want to assure the newer members of our community that none of this would have happened without the efforts of a well-organized, active civic association. Unfortunately, the number of individuals who are willing to devote time and energy to our community projects has dwindled. Our problems, however, are not over. We continue to need an active neighborhood watch, gypsy moth eradication program and probable expansion of the parking permit program (see next article). Unforeseen problems will require being dealt with. County personnel will need to be contacted if community improvements fail to get the proper maintenance. Community sponsored cleaning and beautification projects, yard sales, fund raisers, childrens programs, holiday parties and The Downs all need to be organized and run.

None of these things will be possible in the future without adequate input and participation from our members. Please don't let our Association become a thing of the past. Come to the annual meeting and give us your views, run for office, volunteer for a project! It's your community.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Based on the comments of numerous residents of Greenway Downs, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved, on March 20, the creation of a residential parking district for Greenway Blvd. and West George Mason Rd. Because both streets are State roads and under the control of the State, the County cannot act unilaterally but must seek State cooperation on the matter. State approval is expected but the actual parking restrictions may take as much as 90 days from the date of the hearing.

The residents of these two streets sought this action because of the number of employees who work in the office building at 900 S. Washington Street (Lee Highway) who park on these two streets. They not only take available street parking but make a nuisance of themselves by discarding litter on the streets and adjoining properties, walking on flower beds, etc.

Much of the credit for the favorable action by the Board of Supervisors goes to Ahmed Selim. He helped organize the effort and gave well prepared testimony, backed by photographs, which vividly illustrated the parking problems on the two streets.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

If your life is being made miserable by any sort of disorderly conduct (rowdy kids, loud music or parties at night, drivers racing engines and burning rubber, etc) please call Officer Brown or Officer Clark at 354-5889. Discuss your problem with them and get your good neighbors in on the discussion. These police officers will advise and assist you in standing up for your rights.

Remember to contact Keith Brescia (536-7734) if you are interested in becoming active in our neighborhood watch program.