

The Downs

The Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association

Falls Church, Virginia

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO...GREENWAY DOWNS

You've earned it! Take an hour off your busy schedules to enjoy the season with us. Bring your children, friends and neighbors and join Santa at the basketball court (Custis Parkway and Greenway Boulevard) at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday December 21st.

Santa wants to begin the program by greeting all the good boys and girls of Greenway Downs and receiving their final requests for Christmas presents. He should feel right at home with our cold weather, a warm bonfire, hot chocolate and a chorus of Christmas carols. Sheet music will be provided.

You should bring your Christmas lists for Santa, musical instruments to help the chorus, flashlights to illuminate the sheet music, and your warmest winter clothing.

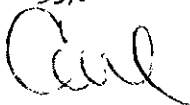
If you want to volunteer as one of Santa's temporary helpers or if you have any questions, call Carl Kannapel, 534-8745. And remember... YOU BETTER WATCH OUT, YOU BETTER NOT CRY, YOU BETTER NOT POUT, I'M TELLING YOU WHY, SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO GREENWAY DOWNS.

1987 Membership Drive

Thank you, membership coordinators, for your ambitious efforts so far. If you haven't already done so, please remember to return dues, receipts, business cards and resident lists by December 6, or as soon thereafter as possible.

Residents, if you want to join and haven't been contacted, call me for the name, address and phone number of the membership coordinator on your street. Here is the current status of the membership drive.

<u>Street</u>	<u>% Completed</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Bolling Road	100%	First in '87 membership drive
Cameron Road	100%	Outstanding in '87 membership drive
Cavalier Trail	66%	One more to go
Custis Parkway	33%	Thanks, Tom, for Summerfield to Marshall
Greenway Boulevard	33%	C'mon Genie
Lee Highway	66%	Thanks for the help, Norm
Marshall Street	33%	C'mon Monica
Monroe Street	66%	I know you're closer, Dr. Sharp
Summerfield Road	95%	Looking great
West George Mason Road	33%	I think you're closer, Karen
Winchester Way	33%	C'mon Dave and Mike
Woodlawn Avenue	33%	How are you doin', Tom?



Carl Kannapel
1987 Membership Drive Chairman
2810 Winchester Way 534-8745

Street Improvements

The status of the Community Improvement Program is as follows:

Phase I: Billing for assessments is almost complete. Homeowners who paid their assessments in full should soon be receiving a letter notifying them of the removal of the lein against their properties. Those homeowners who are paying their assessments in installments should have received notice that the first payment is due by December 5, 1986.

Phase II: Construction continues on Cameron Road, W. George Mason Road and Woodlawn Avenue. Due to the wet weather in November, work is progressing more slowly on Woodlawn Avenue than originally hoped. It now appears unlikely that Woodlawn can be paved before the asphalt plants shut down for the winter. If Woodlawn Avenue can not be paved in time, it will be graded, and gravel will be put down. The contractor will be required to maintain this surface on a regular basis. Grading is to be done on W. George Mason Road as well, to improve the shoulders and the drainage along the street until work can be resumed next spring.

There have been numerous complaints about the construction. As such, a meeting of the block captains is going to be held with Supervisor Hanley and County staff to address problems and concerns that homeowners have. A letter has been distributed throughout Phase II about this. If you did not receive one, please contact your block captain so that you may have any concerns and complaints addressed.

The block captains for Phase II are as follows:

Janet Ice	534-9434	2805 Woodlawn
Henry Rodriguez	533-7795	2834 W. George Mason
Rick DiMassimo	533-8915	6936 Custis
Bill and Charlotte Quigley	536-2574	2831 Cameron

Phase III: The Board of Supervisors passed a resolution on November 24, 1986 ordering the construction of improvements and the assessment of homeowners in this phase. Construction will not begin until all the necessary easements have been obtained. If you have not signed your easement, please do so and return it to the Fairfax County Department of Public Works. It is hoped that construction can begin in the fall of 1987. However, if delays are encountered in obtaining easements, construction could be delayed until the spring of 1988.

Phase IV: With the passage of the Community Improvement Program Bond Referendum on election day, the way has been cleared to begin planning and design work for the improvements to Bolling Road. A meeting with County staff will probably be held in January or early February to begin this process. Notices of the meeting will be distributed 7-10 days before the meeting.

Due to several complaints of increased rodent activity because of the unfinished construction, the enclosed handouts have been provided by the Fairfax County Health Department to assist in recognizing and controlling this problem.

THAT TERRIFIC HALLOWEEN PARTY

Our neighborhood Halloween party at Devonshire School was a terrific success. Over 50 witches, ghosts, goblins, etc. participated. We had door prizes, apple-rolling races, a very haunted house of horrors, and the traditional costume judging contest. And yes, there was LOTS of candy for everyone.

Congratulations to the many contest winners and those who survived the horrors of the haunted house.

Our special thanks go to Karen Kelley and her committee of creative, hard-working volunteers for making this such a memorable occasion. Thanks, too, to all of you who came out to enjoy the fun we all had together.

NEED A SITTER ?!!!

Have you ever had trouble finding a sitter for your children?

Someone you feel would be responsible and trustworthy?

Someone available to sit weeknights, during the day, on short notice, and on weekends ?!!

The Greenway Downs Baby Sitting Co-op may be just what you are looking for. We are a group of parents who have joined together to exchange sitting services using a time credit-debit system. Because this is a Co-op there is no sitter's fee. If you are interested in the Greenway Downs Co-op and live within the area of Lee Highway, Rt. 50, Bolling Road and Woodlawn (including Wallace Drive), please call for more information:

241-0138	Lynn Glendinning	Marshall St.
536-2574	Charlotte Quigley	Cameron Rd.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The following list gives us a convenient guideline for scheduling patrol and base station activity. Our goal is to have each street provide at least two 2-hour patrols during the evenings listed on each line of this rotation. This can consist of two consecutive patrols on a weekend date or, as an alternative, one patrol on each of any two nights listed. Our strongest lineup, on Marshall Street, consistently comes through with four patrols on each turn, with two on the weekend and one on each mid-week date. I wish to thank block captains Roscoe Ruddle and Jean Skillman for this super performance, as well as Janet Ice, Dick Sewall, Tom McDonnell, and numerous past block captains for their assistance in scheduling patrols.

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Please check your calendar and mark the appropriate dates. The hours are flexible, and are generally between 7 PM and midnight on weekends and any convenient two-hour period on weekdays. If you are already an active participant, you should hear from me or a block captain a week or so ahead. If you have not been active, please consider volunteering. If you have some free time in the evenings, it is an easy activity and a pleasant means of getting acquainted with your neighbors.

Weekend dates

Alternate or extra dates

December 5	Woodlawn	December 8,9
December 6	Greenway	December 10,11
December 12	Cameron	December 15,16
December 13	Bolling	December 17,18
December 19	Monroe	December 22,23
December 20	Winchester	December 24,25 or Dec. 31, Jan 1
December 26	Summerfield	December 29,30 or January 5,6
or January 2		
December 27	Marshall	January 7,8
or January 3		
January 9	George Mason	January 12,13
January 10	Custis	January 14,15
January 16	Greenway	January 19,20
January 17	Woodlawn	January 21,22
January 23	Bolling	January 26,27
January 24	Cameron	January 28,29
January 30	Winchester	February 2,3
January 31	Monroe	February 4,5
February 6	Marshall	February 9,10
February 7	Summerfield	February 11,12
February 13	Custis	February 16,17
February 14	George Mason	February 18,19

This schedule has plenty of flexibility during the Christmas-New Year's period. I will cheerfully take volunteers from all over the neighborhood to fill in during the holidays.

Please refer to the summer and fall issues of The Downs for detailed information on Neighborhood Watch. If you have any questions or comments, please call me.

Keith Brescia, coordinator
536-7734