



SPRING 2023

AROUND THE DOWNS

Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association



Background photo: 2021 Pup Parade

Greenway Downs Citizens Association

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan association of residents that represents approximately 480 households in one of oldest neighborhoods in Falls Church, Fairfax County. The GDCA is represented by a board of directors.

The Greenway Downs neighborhood was carved out of a 160 acre farm in 1927 but the neighborhood as we know it today was not created until 1942, when a group of neighbors decided to join together to get Fairfax County to hear their collective concerns.

Today, Greenway Downs is featured in Arlington Magazine as one of 10 great neighborhoods in Northern Virginia. The GDCA is proud to be both one of the oldest and most active civic associations in Northern Virginia. With support from its members, the GDCA board provides activities for the community throughout the year and represents the interests of Greenway Downs to local officials.

Community Event Schedule

Spring Fling, Saturday, April 22, 12:00-3:00pm
John Mastenbrook Cul-de-sac on Custis, "Shady Park"

Creek Cleanup, April 29, 9:00am - Noon
Basketball court on Custis

Greenway Downs Annual Meeting, May 10, 7:00pm
Italian Cafe

Front Porch Fridays, Multiple dates through the fall

Shred Event, Courtesy of Alison Miller Real Estate
June 10, 10am - Noon, Mastenbrook cul-de-sac

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Community Events



2023
SPRING Fling
SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2023 12-3PM
FEATURING
FACE PAINTER & CRAFTS TRUCKS, PEPE BY JOSE ANDRES | FROM TUSCANY WITH LOVE
PLANTS & BEER GARDEN
FOOD & BEER GARDEN
BALLOON ARTIST
MOON BOUNCE
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Spring Fling

Saturday, April 22, 12-3pm
John Mastenbrook Park

This year, our annual Spring Fling will be Saturday, April 22! We plan to have a lot of fun activities like face painting and balloon artists, a moon bounce, plus food trucks and the return of our popular Beer Garden. We will also have a plant exchange and some free native plant seedlings to provide neighbors. A little something for everyone! Mark your calendars- we hope to see you there!

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Community Events

CREEK CLEANUP/ INVASIVE SPECIES



CREEK CLEANUP APRIL 29, 9AM - NOON, BASKETBALL COURT ON CUSTIS

Our creek along Custis Parkway needs our help! Join your fellow neighbors on Saturday, April 29, 9am-12 noon for creek clean up. We'll provide donuts and coffee if you can volunteer a couple hours of your time to help. Bags, grabbers, some gloves are also provided. Contact Kristen (kristen_b_jones@yahoo.com) if you have any questions or want to sign up.

GREENWAY DOWNS ANNUAL MEETING MAY 10, 7PM ITALIAN CAFE

Every year, the Greenway Downs board holds an annual meeting for all neighbors to attend and ask all your burning neighborhood questions. Those who have paid their 2023 dues vote on board members for the upcoming year. In addition, we bring local officials to speak about current topics. So far, we have Paul Stoddard from Falls Church City and Supervisor Palchik from Fairfax County coming to speak. Have a question? Write us at GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com.

We hope to see you there! The meeting will take place on Wed., May 10 at the Italian Cafe. We hope someone from each household can attend!



ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

For all residents of Greenway Downs

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 | 7PM
ITALIAN CAFE**

Learn the latest & ask questions
Hear from local officials
Appetizers provided

Community Events

FRONT PORCH FRIDAYS

In case you haven't heard, this year we're launching **Front Porch Fridays**. About twice monthly from spring through fall, we will have casual get togethers at various neighbor's front porches (or yards or driveways). The board will provide the host with some light snack funds and neighbors can bring their own beverages. Swing by a Front Porch Friday near you! *If you'd like to host one in the future or have any questions, let us know!*

Check our website for future FPF locations and hosting details.

greenwaydowns.org/FPF

Friday, April 7, 5:30-7:30pm (2852 Monroe Street)
Friday, May 5, 5:30-7:30pm (2808 Summerfield Rd)
Friday, May 19, 5:30-7:30pm (Location TBD)
Friday, June 2, 5:30-7:30pm (Location TBD)
Friday, June 16, 5:30-7:30pm (Location TBD)
Friday, June 30, 5:30-7:30pm (2807 Bolling Road)



GREENWAY DOWNS

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Greenway Downs Website

Check it out at www.greenwaydowns.org for more community event updates.



Greenway Downs Email Update

Did you get our email update? If not, make sure to join the list! We send neighborhood updates about once a month. You can sign up for our private email list at greenwaydowns.org.

GDCA Board Members

PRESIDENT: Jeremy Black (W George Mason)
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HOW TO SUPPORT GREENWAY DOWNS

We recommend an annual donation of **\$20 per household (\$10 for seniors)**, but we will accept any amount!

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Local Events

Toddler Storytime

Tuesday mornings
10:30-11:00am
Thomas Jefferson Library

Maker Monday (ages 6-12)

Monday afternoons
4:30-5:30pm
Thomas Jefferson Library

Providence Presents

Nottoway Nights (July & August)
Thursday Evenings 7:30-8:30pm
Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road,
Vienna

Preschool Storytime

Thursday mornings
10:30-11:00am
Thomas Jefferson Library

Read to Lucy (the dog)

Saturday afternoons
2:00-3:00pm
Thomas Jefferson Library

Providence Presents

Global Music & Dance (July & August)
Wednesday Evenings 7:30-8:30pm
Graham Road Community Building
3036 Graham Road, Falls Church

Tinner Hill Music Festival

June 10, 11am - 8pm
Cherry Hill park, Falls Church City

Tinner Hill is located just east of Greenway Downs, and we wanted to make sure our neighbors are aware of the annual Tinner Hill Music Festival. The Tinner Hill Music Festival is a joyous celebration of the rich and varied African American legacy through music, food, and culture. This year, the Festival will take place on **June 10, 2023**. The Festival is the premier charity event supporting the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation's ongoing programming to educate and promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as part of our collective ethos and our Northern Virginia communities. Reaching across social, economic and political barriers, the Festival creates an exciting experience that reflects the theme: Let's Hope, Let's Love, Let's Dance.

Tickets & More Info: TinnerHill.Org

Falls Church City, VA
SATURDAY
JUNE 10
11am - 8pm
Cherry Hill Park
Falls Church City

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Joe Louis Walker

LET'S HOPE. LET'S LOVE. LET'S DANCE.

Tickets and info: TinnerHill.org

Supervisor Dalia Palchik Updates

Dalia serves as the Providence District Supervisor and now lives in our neighborhood.



Greetings, Greenway Downs neighbors! I am so delighted to represent you on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the Providence District. I have served on the Board since 2020, and previously served as your representative on the School Board. In addition to representing you, I am thrilled that as of December 2022, I am also your neighbor. My family and I, including my husband Jeffrey, baby daughter Sivan, mother-in-law Rochelle, and pug Maggie are thrilled to live in Greenway Downs. We love this community and are so grateful for the warm welcome we've received.

I believe that communication is critical when representing you, and that is why when I took office, I created the first electronic newsletter for the Providence District. I share information about community events, board actions, county updates, and more. If you have not yet had a chance to sign up, I encourage you to do so and to read previous issues on my page: FairfaxCounty.gov/Providence. I love feedback, so please let me know if you'd like to see additional information or have items to share or include in my newsletter.

As we come out of the pandemic, our service on the Board of Supervisors has turned to recovery and investment. That includes supporting our small businesses, schools and early childhood education, county workforce hiring and retention, environmental initiatives, and more. Many of you may have questions related to the latest real estate assessments you received from the Department of Tax Administration.

Due to demand outpacing housing stock in the region, we have seen assessments rise (they are based on house sales in the area). We know this is a challenge for residents, especially those on fixed incomes. In addition to our expanded **tax relief** program for seniors and individuals with disabilities, the county's main source of revenue in Virginia is through our real estate taxes, and the Board has not yet set the final tax rate. To review the budget, timeline, and opportunities to be involved, please check out the county's Budget Page: FairfaxCounty.gov/Budget. Also, please feel free to reach out to me directly at Providence@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Supervisor Dalia Palchik Updates

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Are you interested in looking at the potential for solar energy for your home? As a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), I wanted to share a first of its kind Northern Virginia online analysis of the solar energy potential for your home on NovaSolarmap.com. (While this is no substitute for an on-site assessment performed by a certified professional the NVRC Solar Map is a remote evaluation tool, based on topographical surveys, information models, and simulation methodologies.) Thank you again for the opportunity to serve, and I look forward to seeing you at future events here in Greenway Downs and beyond!

Warm regards,



Providence District Supervisor



The market is constantly changing!
Do you know the current **value** of your home?

Should you renovate, expand, keep it as a rental and/or
start looking for a new home?

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your best course of action and guide you through the process!

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NEW! Neighborhood Groups

Our neighborhood is full of people with lots of interests, but we know it can be hard to find others with similar interests who live nearby. To help make connections among neighbors with similar interests, we've created a new page on our website to list groups that are open to other neighbors joining. Some groups already exist and some are just ideas that neighbors have mentioned.

If you are interested in joining or starting up any of the groups below (or a different one), or you already host a similar group and want to open it up to more neighbors in Greenway Downs, please send an email to GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com.

The board won't manage any of these groups, but we are happy to connect group leaders and interested members to start or add to a group. This list isn't exhaustive either! If you have another group you'd like to lead in the neighborhood, please email us and we will add it on our website (greenwaydowns.org/groups).

- Wine Club
- Book Club
- Neighborhood Dinners
- Retro Video Games group
- Card games group
- Gardening group
- New moms group
- Walking group
- Gardening group
- F1 racing fans group

Other suggested groups? Email us! If you want to lead a group, we'll pass along emails of interested participants and we'll update our site with basic info on how others can join and meeting frequency. See more info at greenwaydowns.org/groups

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