

Around the Downs

Spring 2021

Newsletter of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association

Greenway Downs Citizens Association

The Greenway Downs Citizens Association (GDCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan association of residents that represents around 464 households in Greenway Downs.

The GDCA was formed in 1942 by a group of Greenway Downers who were indignant about sewage bubbling up in backyards and endangering children playing in Tripp's Run.

Today, we organize events for the community throughout the year, disseminate important information to our residents, and raise issues to the county on behalf of the neighborhood.

Food Trucks

Food Trucks will be coming to our neighborhood weekly starting Friday, May 7th through October, alternating between Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons. Look for the schedule on greenwaydowns.org, Facebook, and Nextdoor!

Newsletter Editors

Colin Schloss & Yao Chong (Cavalier)

Spring Fling, April 17th 12 – 3pm

John Mastenbrook Park

Come join us for a Spring Fling! Starting at 12pm we'll have food trucks, a plant swap and native plant giveaway, an "Ask a Tree Expert" area, and starting at 1pm there will be a petting zoo for the kids! We will also be selling newly designed Greenway Downs t-shirts!

Community Event Schedule

Sat, April 17th, 12-3pm: Spring Fling

May - Oct, Weekly: Food Trucks

Sat, May 1st, 9am-12pm: Invasive Species/Creek Cleanup

Tue, May 11th, 7pm: Annual Meeting

A special thank you to our super sponsors for supporting both the GDCA Newsletter and t-shirts!

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Creek Cleanup, May 1st 9am – 12pm

Meet at the basketball court on Custis

Come join your Greenway Downs/Jefferson Village neighbors to help keep our natural areas clean and healthy by cleaning the creek area of trash and invasive species! Trash bags will be provided. We will have several litter grabbers and gloves available but bring tools, gloves, and waders if you have them. Fun for the whole family! Makes a great service project too. All are welcome to help us keep this beautiful creek clean and free of invasive species.

For any questions or to offer help, please contact Kristen Jones:
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Let's keep our creek clean and beautiful!

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Annual Meeting, May 11th 7pm

Everyone is welcome to join our Greenway Downs annual meeting on Tuesday night, May 11th. It will be held virtually, with the link to be provided on www.greenwaydowns.org before the event. There will be community leaders speaking as well as time for questions and answers.

For any questions or concerns, email:
GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com

GDCA Membership

Not a member of the Greenway Downs Citizens Association? See the membership form included in this newsletter to join now!

Membership is voluntary and no commitment is necessary. 100% of your donation supports Greenway Downs and is used to support activities like the Spring Fling, Fall Block Party, Pup Parade, food trucks, and this very newsletter! Membership also gives you the right to vote on board matters at the annual meeting.

We recommend an annual donation of \$10 per household, but we will accept any amount!

Scan me to join!



Are you or someone you know new to Greenway Downs?

Email GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com to get a welcome packet! You'll receive a neighborhood directory, a newsletter, and a welcome card and brochure, along with other helpful pieces of information.

2021 Greenway Downs T-shirts

Newly designed t-shirts will be for sale at the Spring Fling, or you can email GreenwayDownsInfo@gmail.com to place an order. See the beautiful design on the right!

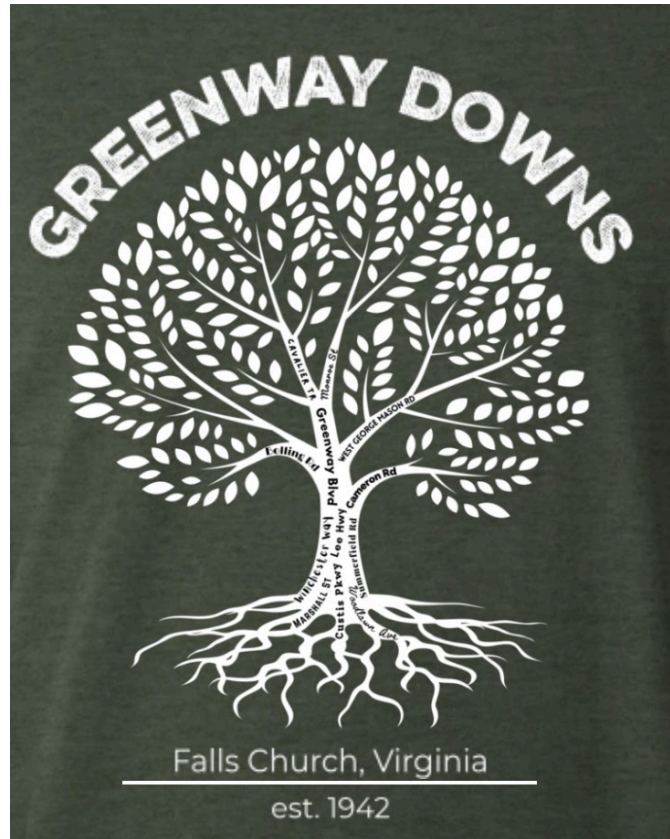
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The Hungry, Hungry Hippo Restaurant Review

By Scot Walker

Dogfish Head Alehouse
6220 Leesburg Pike
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Sometimes five hippos is not enough!

My husband Tri and I ordered carry out from one of our favorite local restaurants: the Dogfish Head Alehouse. As usual it took a few minutes for us to pull up their on-line menu, call in our order and speak to Sharon, our server for the day. She asked the color and make of our car (and for a couple with two cars that are each a decade old and since each of is beyond “mature,” we had to pause a bit to decide which of the two we’d drive. Once decided, we had to remember what the make and color was. “MINI-COOPER,” we finally said. “White,” I said, as Tri said “More like gray” and Sharon said it didn’t matter after all—she was just testing our brain cells to see if any of the gray matter would ooze out and dribble down our chins. Sharon told us our order would be ready in 10 to 15 and we figured it would take us about that to get there, so we hopped to it (okay, we’re old, we don’t hop anywhere). We made it out the front door and down those two damned rail-less steps, crawled into our white or gray Mini and arrived at the Alehouse in eleven flat. In a quick call to Sharon from the empty parking lot, I let her know we were there and she came out with a huge bag crammed packed with our BBQ ribs (okay, I know, they weren’t really OUR ribs—they came from some long since deceased dead critter who probably never had a name like Porky or Wilbur and never won a damned blue ribbon at his state fair). I ordered the full rack, figuring we’d have lunch and dinner, and perhaps breakfast, too. (Old geezers just don’t eat as much as young geezers do). We also had Cole slaw, two orders of fries and two crab cakes. We paid and tipped Sharon and dashed home (the car dashed, not us, pay attention, remember there is a distracted Old geezer telling this story, ok? . . . And yes, it’s true, us old geezers haven’t dashed since that P.E. requirement back in the 1950’s when we dashed bare-chested in our tight white or gray gym shorts around our junior high school track in 30 degrees with snow falling and pigs oinking in the background). Our meals were delicious. . . as always and clean-up was only a trash can away. The only thing we missed was the ambience of dining inside the Dogfish Head where we’ve always left our cares on the doorstep (yeah, yeah, I know! Silly place to leave them because we always trip over them on the way out, but at least they get to rest a spell in the sunshine and they seem moderately happy when we pick them up again). FYI, I’ve been Covid shot—twice—Tri is a younger geezer and can’t have his quite yet, but hopefully, all my Hippo friends like you will be shot soon and we’ll all be able to herd on down to the Alehouse bar, suck those unnamed ribs, eat our crab cakes and be healthy enough to join up in a happy hour. Five Hippos is not enough for the Alehouse so put it at the top of your list. Just be sure to step over my cares basking on the doorstep and try not to mingle them with your own.

Scot Walker is celebrating his 67th year as a published author with over 400 published stories, poems, essays, novels, non-fiction works, letters and reviews. Give him a big Hip Hip Hurray!

Have you exhausted your trusty supply of recipes over the past year? Try making this dish to spice up your dinner table!

Moqueca (Brazilian Fish Stew)

Serves 4 adults

- 1 pound extra-large or jumbo shrimp
- 2 cod loins (~ 1 pound) or any thick white fish
- 3 garlic cloves
- Salt & Pepper
- 1 onion
- 1 14.5 oz can whole peeled tomatoes
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro leaves
- 1 red bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 14-oz can coconut milk
- 2 tbsp lime juice

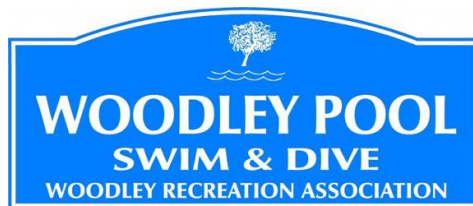


Prep:

1. Peel & devein shrimp. Remove tails. Cut cod into bite-size pieces roughly the same size as shrimp. Mince garlic. Combine shrimp, cod, garlic, 1/2 tsp salt, and 1/4 tsp black pepper in a bowl and set aside.
2. Mince onion, tomatoes, and half of cilantro. Mix together in another bowl and set aside.
3. Stem and seed bell pepper and cut into 1/2-inch strips.

Cook:

1. Heat oil over medium heat in a large pot or Dutch oven, something with a tight-fitting lid. Add bell pepper and 1/2 tsp salt and cook until softened, about 7 minutes.
2. Add onion-tomato-cilantro mixture and cook for another 4 minutes, stirring frequently.
3. Stir in coconut milk and bring to a rolling boil.
4. Gently stir in lime juice and seafood mixture. Cover pot and **remove it from the heat**. Let stand for 15 minutes without removing the lid to allow the seafood to cook through.
5. Garnish with remaining cilantro and add salt & pepper to taste. Serve with rice or bread.



Ready to get out of the house and beat the heat this summer?

Come and join us at **Woodley Pool**, where we are currently welcoming new and returning memberships for summer 2021! We're located close to Greenway Downs at **7421 Camp Alger Avenue, Falls Church, VA**, and are open 7 days a week Memorial Day through Labor Day. Amenities include:

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DIY Spotlight

Who needs a contractor or handyman when you can do it yourself! Some of our Greenway Downs neighborhood members are quite the carpenters. See what they built below!



Ana Letona of Winchester Way

I really wanted a nice garden where I didn't have to be on the ground and add more stress to my back. Then during Covid, unable to go anywhere, we decided it was a perfect timing to try to grow our own food. It's been a little challenging especially when you don't know anything about gardening. But I can say that the little we've been able to grow and eat has been very rewarding. We assembled beds that we got from www.gardeners.com, and we built the frame around them for the netting.



John Evans of Monroe Street

I built this bed for my daughter. The neat thing about this is that a good deal of the frame and drawer boxes were constructed from wood I removed from my basement as part of a total redo that would have otherwise gone in a dumpster. On the backside of the headboard, you can see where the hinge was mounted on what used to be a door frame. I also made a matching nightstand (also from wood demo'd from basement) but apparently didn't take any pictures of it.

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Colin Schloss of Cavalier Trail

At the beginning of quarantine, I decided I should try to learn something new. Armed with only a drill, a jig saw, and a lot of extra time, I took my first step into the world of woodworking. My wife and I had a growing collection of shoes lingering near the front door. With our entryway already crowded by a table and a coat rack, I attempted to build a sliding shoe drawer that would fit under the table. The final product doesn't look like much, but it works! And I would say that makes my first woodworking project a success!

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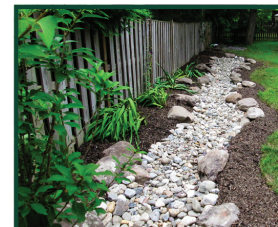
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