

City Park Citizen

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School Forum Rescheduled Due to Snow

New Date is Tuesday, April 22nd

The City Park Civic Association is joining forces with Greenway Downs to organize an information forum with local school representatives. The purpose of the forum is to provide an opportunity for residents to ask questions and voice concerns about our elementary school options.

The elementary school forum has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 22nd, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Timber Lane Elementary School cafeteria (2737 West Street).

Supervisor Gerry Connolly will moderate the discussion to include Ernestine Heastie, our School Board Representative; Deborah Tyler, Principal of Pine Spring Elementary; Cora Harper, Principal of Graham Road Elementary; and Anita Blain, Principal of Timber Lane Elementary. Also attending will be Mary Ann Ryan, the Director of Elementary Curriculum and Instruction for Fairfax County, and the Cluster I and Cluster II Coordinators.

Street Representatives Needed!

The Association is still looking for volunteers to assist in the delivery of the City Park Citizen. It takes less than an hour several times a year.

Contact Denise Dubia at (703) 533-1143.

Plan to attend if you would like to know more about your neighborhood elementary schools. If your children already attend one of these schools, we urge you to attend to share your experiences. This is an excellent opportunity to voice our concerns or compliments to the County representatives and to the Principals.

Agenda:

- Welcome/Introductions
- A Word from Our Supervisor
- Overview of Fairfax County Schools
 - Modified school calendar
 - All day kindergarten/reduced ratio
 - Base school vs. alternatives (magnet, language immersion, gifted centers, etc.)
 - Test scores/SOL
 - Title I program
 - County reading approach
 - Standard curriculum
 - "Classroom immersion"
 - Special initiatives
 - Teachers in Fairfax

- County requirements for art, music, p.e., lunch
- Why should we send our children to Fairfax County public schools?
- Graham Road Elementary School
- Timber Lane Elementary School
- Pine Spring Elementary School
- Questions for Panel at Large
- Break into small groups for discussions with Principals

Note: A small number of our neighborhood children attend Beech Tree Elementary. If you would like information about Beech Tree, contact Principal Naomi Martin at (703) 531-2600.

If you are the parents of elementary-aged children, this is a forum you won't want to miss! Questions? Contact Julia Kurtz at (703) 534-6805 or jkurtz@cox.net.

Spring Fest to be Held April 19

It's time for the Greenway Downs Spring Fest. Yes, spring is finally here (hopefully we have finally seen the last of the snow!). Come join your neighbors to welcome the warm weather and spring blooms. On Saturday April 19th at Jefferson Village Park, 10:30-noon we will have a fun-filled morning of games and activities for the children of Greenway Downs and City Park. The park is at the intersection of Jefferson Avenue and Adams Place. Please have each child bring an Easter basket to collect eggs and prizes in. Keep your eyes open for the Easter Bunny!

We need volunteers to be the bunny and help hide eggs. Please contact Sara Forsyth at (703) 237-1330 or at jsforyth@yahoo.com if you can lend a hand before, during and/or after the event.

Yard Sale Set for June 7 – Event to Be Even Bigger

City Park Homes is teaming up with Greenway Downs for this year's neighborhood yard sale. The event is scheduled for Saturday June 7 from 8:30 to 12:30. In past years this has been a popular item on the civic association's calendar, so begin rooting through your closets and basements for those items that you forgot you owned but may be considered by others to be a treasure.

If you would like to participate please return the enclosed form with \$5 to Jim Mole of 2931 Woodlawn Avenue by May 30th. You may also contact him by phone at (703) 237-0304. The \$5 charge covers advertising and reproducing the map. This event is largely attended, especially when we team up with Greenway Downs. Now get rooting!

City Park Neighborhood Yard Sale Registration Form

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Large or Special Items for Sale (crib, bike, lawn mower, toys, etc...)

Return this form with your \$5 registration fee by May 30th to:

Jim Mole 2931 Woodlawn Ave (703) 237-0304

General Meeting Set for Thursday May 15 Supervisor Connolly to Attend

Providence District Supervisor Gerry Connolly will attend the City Park Civic Association's annual meeting and will discuss issues of concern to our community. Supervisor Connolly will also answer questions from members. Also at the annual meeting will be the election of members to the Association's board of directors and the discussion of any additional matters of interest.

The meeting will take place 7:30 pm Thursday, May 15, in the conference room at the north end of the Devonshire Center, at 2831 Graham Road (near the intersection with Lee Highway, across Graham Road from Magraders Supermarket).

Only paid members are allowed to vote on matters before the Association. Residents may join or renew their membership at the meeting. One-year memberships in the City Park Civic Association expired on March 1. To renew your membership, please take a moment to fill out the attached application form and mail it in with your one- or two-year dues. If you have any questions about your membership status or the amount of your renewal dues, please call the Secretary, Bill Carrington, at (703) 534-3206.

Time to Renew – Online Renewal Available

You can now join the City Park Civic Association and pay your annual dues online. The Association's website now accepts VISA and MasterCard through the PayPal online payment system. Simply go to www.citypark-greenway.com, click on the "Join Now" button and sign up. Annual dues are only \$5 per household. There is a minimal surcharge for PayPal.

Advertise in the City Park Citizen

Now you can advertise your business, trade, or professional practice in the City Park Citizen. The Citizen is hand-delivered to the more than 500 homes in our community. For more information, please call Albert LaFrance at (703) 536-2420

	<u>Non-Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
Full Page	\$90.00	\$67.50
Half Page	45.00	33.75
Quarter Page	22.50	17.00
Business Card	11.25	8.50

City Park Civic Association Membership Application

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Falls Church, VA 22042

Phone _____

(Optional): _____

E-Mail Address (Optional) _____

Do you have access to the internet? _____

Dues: \$5 annually per household, payable at time of membership application.

Check one:

() \$5 March 1, 2003 to March 1, 2004

() \$10 March 1, 2003 to March 1, 2005

Members joining between November 1 and March 1 pay partial-year dues of \$2.50 upon application, then pay regular dues of \$5.00 at renewal time.

Mail to: City Park Civic Association
Post Office Box 2232
Falls Church, VA 22042

The following issues are of concern to me in the neighborhood:

Comments: _____
