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Let Your Voice Be Heard!

School Officials to Address Neighborhood Concerns

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 is scheduled for 7:00 on Wednesday, February 26th, 2003 at the Devonshire Center (2831 Graham Road).

Supervisor Gerry Connolly will moderate the panel discussion, which will 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.*

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.

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, at the Devonshire Center on Graham Road.

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 will expire on March 1. To renew your membership on time, 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.

If you're not an Association member, now would be an ideal time to join with your neighbors to help make City Park Homes a better place to live.

Why is your membership important? It's not just about your dues money, although this plays a vital role in bringing newsletters to you and making possible other Association activities. The most significant element of your membership is YOU. When you choose to join the Association, you're telling your neighbors and elected officials that you care about the place

where you live. When the Association takes a position on matters of importance to the community, it is your membership which gives us credibility in the eyes of the state and county officials whose decisions affect all of us.

The City Park Civic Association Needs Your Help!

Be a Street Representative! We are seeking volunteers to improve the delivery time of the City Park Civic Association Newsletter and other neighborhood flyers. This enhancement will continue providing residents with neighborhood news.

What will this entail? Less than one hour of your time once or twice a quarter. What a terrific way to be a part of your neighborhood and get some exercise. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Denise Dubia at 533-1143 or ddubia@cox.net and provide your name, address and phone number.

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Watch this Space for Upcoming Events

(or check the City Park Homes Website at web site at <http://www.citypark-greenway.com>.)

- ✓ **Neighborhood Yard Sale**
- ✓ **Neighborhood Summer Picnic**

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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: _____
