



Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

NEWSLETTER

Stratford Landing • Mt. Vernon District • Fairfax County

December 27, 1968

I. From the President:

As you receive and read this latest report from your Executive Board, we sincerely hope that you have spent a Merry Christmas with members of your families. To those, whose husbands and fathers are away in the service of their country, we hope that this will have been the last time you have had to be separated. For the New Year, we wish each and every member the very best for a tranquil and satisfying 1969. For ourselves, we will continue to do our best to make our community one of which we can all be proud.

Teen dance, general membership meeting, directory printing, theater party, Santa Claus visit, concert - all of these things take time and effort and this report, we feel sure will contain something of interest to everyone.

1. Teen Dance: Bill O'Connor and his teenage planners will have more to tell you, but let's make sure that this launch of our planned teen association gets off to a bang-up start through the organizational dance to be held at the Stratford Landing Elementary School Saturday night, Jan 11th. Backed by general membership approval, everything will be done by the Board to assist and get things moving in the right direction.

2. Theater Party: The play is: "Play it Again, Sam." It has been written and stars Woody Allen who has been uniquely successful in his previous writing and Broadway show attempts. The play will open on Broadway in early 1969 right after leaving Washington, D.C. The date of our reservations is Saturday, Jan 25th. We have a bloc of 60 seats reserved. The price is \$5.50 per seat. Have a night out, get together or meet your neighbors, pool transportation, have a drink or eat out before or afterwards, but avail yourself of this Association service. In order to receive our tickets we must pay no later than Friday the 10th of January. Please bring your money in cash or check (leave blank the Pay to the Order Of Line) to one of the following members of the Cultural Committee by the 10th. We will not be able to accept your money after that date and your tickets will be in your hands in plenty of time. We do hope that a good turn-out will be achieved so that we might continue this program throughout the year.

H. A. Susskind
8439 Porter Lane

P. M. Carren
2413 Childs Lane

L. M. Denit
8444 Porter Lane

B. Knight
2327 Wittington

3. Concert: Monday night the 3rd of March is the date. Loads of work will go into making this first Fairfax County Symphony Orchestra Concert "this side of Route #1" a huge success. The program is outstanding. The admission fee of \$1.50 to adults and 75 cents for youths is extremely reasonable and we must try to fill the Ft Hunt Auditorium to set the precedent and prove that the interest exists. We will call not only on those who have volunteered for the cultural committee, but all residents of Stratford Landing to support this, our first effort.

4. General Membership Meeting: We will make posters and strategically place them, a newsletter containing the agenda will be in your hands 5 days ahead of the date. We have not had a general membership meeting since September. We again have been authorized to utilize our Elementary School. There will be refreshments. May we sincerely and urgently ask that you plan to attend? The date is Thursday night 8 PM on Jan 23rd. We need your continuing guidance and approval for our work and you should continue to be updated on developments affecting your residence in our community.

5. Good News:

a. Streetlights. The petitions have been accepted and the work orders are in. Come spring, those who requested them will have them. Effective with late January, those residents now paying individually for their street lights will no longer be billed, the county assuming payments.

b. Sidewalks. It was purely on an initiative basis, but the residents of Cavendish, while circulating the paper work for street lights, took along a companion petition for sidewalks. Result: Some conversations and a little pressure at the County Courthouse and Cavendish from Camden to Riverside, and Riverside from Cavendish to the School will have sidewalks sometime in late spring 1969. Should you wish them for your street, lets get the petitions rolling. When filled in by all who so desire, pass them on to me please, and we shall see what we can do. It just takes individual residents' interest and leadership and things can get done when the proper channels are established and used. Should you need petition wording help etc., please call me.

c. Stratford Landing Community Park. Have you looked lately? Despite the time of year, sidewalks are in and loads of other improvements are underway. Again, community interest and a little pressure and this project too, will benefit all of us come the warmer weather. This park will help the school, the after-school recreation program, the adults and the tiny tots alike and, though years late, it looks like the project is now well under way.

d. Burma Road. More conferences, more discussions and small tangible results. John McAleer and I hope that you have noticed that all of the holes which made the stretch a one-way obstacle course, have now been permanently filled at least making two way traffic possible. Minimum maintenance is now on a fortnightly basis. John and I will have a detailed and rather interesting report as to the longer range prospects for you at the General Membership Meeting.

e. Wittington Blvd. No, it isn't paved yet. But, the County has begun to clear the sides which you may have discerned by the small piles of wood along the road. The work will continue, the funds are allocated and although we have created very considerable comotions, numerous valid considerations have impeded more rapid progress. There has been tangible progress though and that's what counts.

f. Addendum to Directory. You will find the addendum to the directory attached to this newsletter. May we express the entire community's sincere appreciation to Gordon Daniels, 2416 Cavendish, through whose commercial firm negatype corporation and his personal efforts, we have been able to furnish you with a professional product at a cost well below the amount authorized for expenditures by the Board without Membership approval. We do hope you will destroy the present loose leaf addendum to your Directory and replace it with the new one. Our sincere thanks to Jane Bush, our Membership Committee Chairman, for her detailed labors in preparing the required data.

6. Bad News:

a. Vandalism: In our last newsletter we mentioned the increase in vandalism, rowdiism and the like. Since that date, 27 complaints have been phoned in to me - burglaries, theft, vandalism, arson, destruction, and the like. This means that 5% of our community has had personal loss and aggravation. Detergents in gas tanks, tire thefts, break-ins, generator thefts, Christmas decoration thefts, setting afire of a car, ripped out car antennae and mirrors, torn down signs - you name it - it is happening daily and nightly. 5% of our community represents only those who have been good enough to inform me. We continue to encourage your calls. In most instances individual notification of the police is required. But we want to know also, so that we may plot our incident map, keep our finger on the pulse and, during the membership meeting come up with possible solutions to a situation none of us desire.

b. Dumping. Have you looked at the trash and filth on Burma Road lately? Now that vacation time is here we think it would be a wonderful community service

if some of the neighborhood kids on their own went out there en masse and just sort of gave that strip a good once over. It wouldn't take more than a half hour. It would relieve us of the need of organizing another clean-up party and would remove our biggest eye sore. We have plenty of large containers from the county and I would be more than happy to receive your calls volunteering so that we could set a date and time, all get together and get it over with. If we get it done now we keep it a small job - if we let it go, it'll turn into a major effort later. It's your community - let's pitch in and help - please!

c. Uncontrolled Pets. Based on members' complaints a new source of aggravation was discussed at the Executive Board meeting this month. The county has some specific ordinances regulating the activities of your pets. It is hard to realize how much damage, how much ill feelings our pets are causing our neighbors. They have destroyed landscaping. They have roamed around loose. They have bitten children and adults. They have turned over and messed up garbage. Recently some of our residents spent their time trying to corral a loose hog. There are all kinds of thrills for suburbanites but, let us control our pets, please. It is basic respect for our neighbors' welfare and their private property. If you own a pet and your yard is not fenced in, don't let your dog annoy your bloc! Respect your neighbors and avoid confrontations with the dog catcher, possible charges and just plain old ill feelings between potential friends. It's your responsibility to curb and control your pet! Do not permit him to roam the neighborhood alone or to join a gang. You know, do unto others as you would want them to do unto you.

7. Planned Activity: How does your basement look? Loads of little things like toys, old furniture, fixtures, clothes, etc., you don't want but have not advertised for sale? The Board has come up with the thought that sometime in spring we set up a bloc party and have sort of a community fire sale. There could be booths, we could have the teen association run the sales, a band playing - the works - get rid of unwanted things, make a little money and have some fun. Your thoughts and comments will be welcomed. We'll need organizational help.

8. Christmas Decoration Winners: With thanks to the Hawkinsons, the Jones' the Bushs and the O'Callaghans we are pleased to announce the winners of the Christmas outdoor community decorations contest. The choices were difficult to make: The prettiest home was thought to be the Hoge's on 2404 Wittington Blvd. The most original and attractive, the Cook's on 2404 Stirrup; while the most elaborate it was agreed was the Hunts' at 2606 Childs. Congratulations to the winners and to all residents who really dressed up the community in true Christmas spirit.

That's it for another month. We hope that you'll make your plans now for the Theater Party, the Concert, and most importantly, the General Membership Meeting.

Peter H. Brintzer
2321 Wittington Blvd
780-9388

II. Recreation: The high school teenagers have and continue to plan it themselves. We as a community have a definite and vested interest that their organizational dance on Saturday, Jan 11th is a success and the means through which the teens organize and activate themselves. We will appreciate all adult support in encouraging their teenagers to help out in planning the dance and most importantly attending it. A special flyer addressed to all youths accompanies this newsletter. May I ask that you assure that your sons and daughters receive it and your encouragement to participate. If this affair is successful, they will be on their way. If not, then we would have to write this down as just another futile attempt of many others to get started. We will require a number of adult chaperones as per County requirements. I will greatly appreciate your calls offering your availability for that night between 8-11:55 PM.

Bill O'Connor, Chairman
2602 Stirrup Lane
780-4611

III. Secretary: This newsletter is your means to place notices, lost and found, buy and sell, club and organizational news, instructions; all items will be published unless the Executive Board specifies otherwise. Suspense date for submission is the 15th of each month. Please submit all inputs in writing to me. Furnish your name and telephone number and please specify if you choose not to have your name appear.

Diane Rauch
2300 Stirrup Lane
780-4389

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Cash Balance as of last Treasurer's Report November 27, 1968 \$2030.63

Receipts:

Dues - 10 members	\$30.00		
Return on cash advance -			
Peter Brinitzer	2.65		
Total Receipts	\$32.65	32.65	
		TOTAL CASH	\$2063.28
			\$2063.28

Disbursements:

Peter Brinitzer - payment to Stan Joseph for typing			
November Newsletter		10.00	
Peter Brinitzer - payment to Bob Niebergall for help			
November Newsletter		10.00	
Stan Joseph - typing addendum to directory		5.00	
Stratford Landing School - prepayment for custodial			
services for Teen Dance to be held on Jan 11th.		30.00	
Jane Bush - candy for Santa Claus		14.00	
Mt Vernon Volunteer Fire Department - donation for			
use of truck for Santa Claus		10.00	
Peter Brinitzer - signs advertising Santa Claus' visit		5.00	
American Business Machines Co. - for stencils and			
correction fluid		15.08	
American Business Machines Co. - mimeo paper		47.84	
American Business Machines Co. - two electronic stencils		8.63	
		TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$155.55
			155.55

CASH ON HAND AS OF DECEMBER 25, 1968	1907.73
	<u>2063.28</u>

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Margaret Fuller
2203 Cavendish Drive
360-7767

V. Membership Committee: To all Bloc Captains and Newsletter deliverers many thanks for your support during the past six months. Your support makes the association operate properly. We only have 21 houses whose occupants are not members. Almost all are either unoccupied or have new residents. Please contact new residents and invite their participation. Please ascertain that all your member families receive the Directory addendum accompanying this newsletter. Should there be errors in the addendum, should you be a new occupant desiring a directory based on your new membership, please do not hesitate to call your Bloc Captain listed in the addendum, or myself.

Jane Bush, Chairman
2614 Culpepper Rd
780-2857

VI. Streets, Roads: Herb Harris, our Mt Vernon District member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors continues to assist us in our endeavors to get desired

results in our area. The recent county action in taking an option to buy 40 additional acres of the Harresson track is good news for us. The possibility that this tract will be the site of county medical facilities grows. The importance of ascertaining that no negative actions relating to this area adjoining Stratford Landing take place are being kept in mind. As you may already know, the Mt Vernon Master Plan is now published. Pete Brinitzer and I have attended meetings to attempt to correct certain relatively minor less than satisfactory paragraphs in conjunction with the Mt Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. The plan as now published does not contain any specifics of direct or great concern to our residents. Considering what was once envisioned, the present plan certainly is the most desirable one we could have expected. My best wishes to all residents and let's hope that we will have Londonderry, Burma Road and Wittington all as new, and paved means of access and egress in 1969.

John McAleer, Chairman
2623 Stirrup Lane
780-8455

VII. Rules Committee: A revised constitution and by laws of our association, incorporating the changes approved in principle by the membership at large at the last meeting is completed. The new documents will be an enclosure to the January Newsletter for your inspection prior to discussion and approval at the January General Association Membership meeting.

Dennis Lehr
2628 Childs Lane
780-8597

VIII. Members' Items:

Young lady needs ride from Stratford area to vicinity of Connecticut & M Sts NW to arrive 8:30-9:00 leave 5:00. Will share expenses. Call 780-3815 after 6:00.

FOR SALE: 1955 International Self contained camper. Needs paint job.
1 1/2 ton van truck. \$1300.00. Call 765-2610 10 until 3 M-F

FOR SALE: 12-foot fiberglass boat with 12 H.P engine, tank and hook up.
\$200.00 or offer. Call Jack Douglas Jr 780-8703.

FOR SALE: New Home Humidifier, Lobb high capacity model WA-1 never used, in original carton with installation instructions: \$35.00
New Coat, Misses Size 10, imported Loden Coat with removable hood, wool lined, green, leather buttons: \$17.50
Dining Table, antique reproduction, mahogany drop-leaf with table pads. Opens to 48" X 72": \$50.00
Call 780-9384

WANTED TO BUY: 1966 or 1967 compact car. Want to take it to Far East.
Call 765-2610 10 until 3 M-F

LOST: Red 10-speed bike from 2612 Stirrup Lane. It's a red huffy make.
If found, call 780-8703