



Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

NEWSLETTER

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I. FROM THE PRESIDENT

We were very gratified that on a truly miserable night, with an agenda which was certainly less than thrilling, over 120 residents took the interest and time to attend our second General Membership Meeting. We had to attend similar meetings of neighboring associations in the past two weeks, and when we saw that less than 40 were present at either, our gratification grew. We could not, at the end of the last meeting, garner a quorum of 15% of the membership with only one vote for each resident. Hence, the absolutely required revision of the constitution could not take place. There exists no doubt in the entire executive board that certain changes as contained in the draft revisions passed out are absolutely required. Just how we intend to bring about desired results will be outlined for you by our Rules Committee Chairman. In the interim, we thought it was a fair, open and constructive meeting, and our thanks for your support.

The two resolutions which were passed by the membership have been dispatched to our District Supervisor who has assured us they will be surfaced in front of the entire Board of Supervisors in meeting.

This month has undoubtedly been, and continues to be, the busiest we have had. In addition to the executive board meeting, the planned concert sponsored by your Association, rezoning actions directly affecting our community, the Burma Road situation have resulted in one meeting or another every second day throughout the weeks. Here is our report to you:

1. CONCERT

The Mt Vernon Council of Citizens Association has taken 300 tickets on consignment. Letters have been dispatched to all presidents of all Civic Associations in the Mt Vernon District. All the churches in the area have been asked to display posters. Commercial enterprises in four shopping centers sport posters and one in each is selling tickets on our behalf. The schools have been tasked with displaying posters and selling tickets. A girls sorority of Ft Hunt High School will usher and hand out programs. Our volunteers will handle the box office. Our fledgling teen association will sell refreshments during intermission and operate a cleft room to make some extra money. Press releases to all local and metropolitan newspapers and radio stations have been dispatched. Talks have been given and tickets sold at other civic association meetings. A group of your neighbors, all volunteer members of the Cultural Affairs Committee, have devoted time and effort to help.

A simple thank you is just not enough. Their satisfaction will come if and when the concert is given to a full house.

Your Bloc Captains have been urgently requested to please contact each resident personally. Now everything depends on you. At our first meeting the efforts were unanimously supported. Now, your support will count. This time it is not a question of just buying a ticket. This is not a money making venture. This whole idea is to attempt to include our district in regularly-scheduled cultural events in our district throughout the year. If this concert, wholly run by us is a success, then we will be on an easy street. This time we request your presence to fill the hall. The program is excellent. The chorus includes our High School. \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for students is extremely reasonable. Ft Hunt is practically in our back yard. The date is Monday night March 3rd. The time is 8:30 and the concert will be over by 10:30.

Will this be the first time since you moved into Stratford Landing that you'll be exposed to classical music? The first time your teenagers will hear live classical music? A chance to get away for a couple of hours from the hum drum of every day life? Please, not only buy your tickets for you and your teen children from your Bloc Captain when she calls on you this week, make sure you also attend. Should your Bloc Captain miss you, please call her and the tickets will be in your hands soonest.

2. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REDISTRICTING

According to now available information, the Ft Hunt Elementary School will open in September. Located on Linton Lane it will be a modern, up-to-date school of the county school system. Those residents with children in the Stratford Elementary School who attended the recent PTA meeting, were informed of a County School Board decision to redistrict our community dividing it in half at Cavendish. Like all changes, this has resulted in some concern. Actually, the community is fortunate that crowded conditions at Stratford Elementary will be eliminated and that another fully acceptable facility will soon be available. It is the role of the Civic Association to represent the interests of the residents. In this case, I feel that the PTA should be the vehicle through which initial concern should be voiced and discussed. The PTA will soon meet. All appropriate residents will be informed of this meeting at which school board officials will present their plans, their statistical and other justifications for their redistricting actions, and interested parents will be given an opportunity to voice their feelings. Only after that meeting do I feel that our Association should receive and consider member-requested action should there still remain strong concern.

3. CLEAN-UP

The Cub and Boy Scout troops are planning to assist in a general community clean-up in March. Burma, Wittington, Stockton, the empty lots, all need it and the community spirit of the scout leaders and their boys are sincerely anticipated and appreciated. In the interim, a group of Scouts, Miles & Glenn Courson, George Atschie, Dave Clark, Jerry Jeffers, Billy Shoaff and Pete Wheeler, on a cold and miserable Saturday took it upon themselves to clean up Burma Road. Their own satisfaction is their best reward. I believe speaking for the entire community we do thank the boys very much and we extend our respect for their concern and awareness of community responsibility.

4. REZONING ACTION

The numerous calls received demonstrated the general concern about the rezoning petition posted for the land at the corner of Wittington and Elkins. John McAleer was invaluable in the preparatory work, liaison, conferences, etc., which preceded our attendance and testimony before the Planning Commission the night of February 13th. The Planning Commission denied the petition for the rezoning. This Planning Commission action will now go to the Board of Supervisors. We will keep you informed of the Board's decision and our actions relevant to this petition.

5. MONETARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE ASSOCIATION

In the most recent past, the requests, justifiable requests for monetary contributions from the Association for numerous community action related activities have taken a very considerable upswing. The Executive Board will continue to screen and review each of these requests concomitant with sound Association financial policies and contribute monies accordingly. Where required, we will solicit general membership guidance.

6. BURMA ROAD

We have been asked to delay our report on this major item for a week. Suffice it to say now, that we anticipate having sufficient justification for a special newsletter within a week's time.

7. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM SCOTT

As you know, Representative William Scott (R) is pur elected 8th Congressional District spokesman in the House. During our past two meetings, we have been preoccupied with innumerable matters of Association business. For the next meeting on the 24th of April, Rep Scott was invited to address our membership and he has accepted. Regardless of political affiliations, a short report by our representative followed by a question and answer period has been deemed fully appropriate by the Executive Board. We will detail our next meeting in subsequent newsletters.

8. THEATER PARTY

"PLAY IT AGAIN SAM", the last play our theater party goes saw, opened on Broadway this past week. The reviews were nothing short of sensational. We thought you'd like to know. After we recuperate from the concert, we will plan for another theater party sometime late April depending on the theater schedule.

9. MT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Indications persist that our fire department on Ft Hunt Road may be re-located. We are determining the facts, obtaining background and will furnish you details and recommend possible association actions during the coming weeks.

10. REMINDER

Perhaps all of the above and that which is to follow shows you that we are busy and trying our best. Your support for the concert - buying tickets, attending, getting your friends to attend is solicited. Contact your bloc captain for tickets now !

PETER H BRINITZER
2321 Wittington Blvd
780-9388

II. RECREATION

The teen dance having been a smash, the fledgling teen association continues to move towards organization. Meetings have been held by the nucleus of interested and dedicated teens. A draft constitution is in being. Elections are planned for May. The membership drive is scheduled for March. It is to culminate with another dance. Central all-day Saturday enrollment points are planned to facilitate the membership drive. Teenagers who signified their interest to join at the last dance are beginning to be contacted now.

While these plans take shape, their treasury is expected to get another major boost. These young people have accepted our offer to plan for and man a refreshment facility and operate the cloak room for our Symphony Concert.

All these plans and tasks take time and effort. We continue to admire the attitude shown and appreciate the community spirit of these our younger citizens. We look forward to a fully operational, self-sustaining independent Stratford Landing Teen Association in the near future.

BILL O'CONNOR
2602 Stirrup
780-4611

III. RULES COMMITTEE

At our last general membership meeting, as we were beginning our discussions relevant to the proposed revisions to our constitution and by-laws which would enable us to function, operate, represent and if you will even exist more

VI. FROM THE SECRETARY

This newsletter is your means to advertize within our community. You are encouraged to avail yourselves of this way to bring notices of your club, scout activity, church functions, other organized groups, etc., to the attention of all Stratford Landing residents. Items of personal interest, sales, wanted, exchanges, service available etc., will also be published. Please submit all inputs to me in writing to my address. Submission deadline is the 15th of each month.

DIANE RAUCH
2300 Stirrup
780-4389

VII. PERSONAL NOTICES

FOR RENT: Available by April 1st - "Gramercy" at 2507 Culpepper Rd. 5 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, carpeting, 700-sq ft panelled rec room, screened porch, carport, swimming pool privileges. Call 780-2711, Mrs R. Suggs.

WANTED: Experienced boy, at least 16 or 17 preferably, to completely rake yard and flower beds, bushes, etc. Also, transplant some bushes and paint fence. Mrs Dalton, 780-1017 after 6:00 PM or on Sundays.
2210 Cavendish Drive, Alexandria, Va.

FOR SALE: Shotland floor scrubber and rug cleaner attachment, used very little.
\$10.00
Antique slipper chair, no arms, on casters - the 1860 - 70 vintage,
Floral print upholstery: \$45.00
Grey persian lamb cape stole - recently made from coat: \$35.00
Breath of spring mink cape, no collar. In excellent condition,
6 yrs old: \$50.00

For above items call Mrs Dalton, 780-1017 after 6:00 PM or on Sundays. 2210 Cavendish Drive, Alexandria, Va.

MISCELLANEOUS: Marionette shows available for young childrens parties.
Call: Marimela Marionettes at 360-7081 or 360-4897

FOR SALE: Boys Ski Pants -white stage stretch -size 8-10;Boys reversible red and black ski jacket - Size 6-8; Boys Size 1 Garmisch Ski boots (hardly worn) and wooden skis with metal edges, (Miller bindings) and poles; Childs five drawer chest and chifferobe, Cub Scout and Boy Scout uniforms; Boys Sunday clothing, Sizes 4-10 - please call 780-1863 for details and information.

FORT HUNT CREW BOOSTER CLUB: A Booster Club has been organized to assist the Fort Hunt Crew Club in getting more equipment (boats, oars etc.) to have more boys in rowing practice and in races. Any persons interested in supporting high school crew activity in our area are invited to call John Calhoun, Pres. 780-1863, or Mrs Marty Michie, 360-4646, the corresponding secretary.

ATTENTION SMOKERS: A C MARPLE MA and JD Mashburn MD (Washington Hospital and Sanitarium) will be conducting a five day plan to stop smoking at Ft Hunt HS sponsored by the Waywood Women's Club. Monday through Friday Feb 24-28 from 7:30 PM to 9:30 PM are the dates. The clinic is free of charge. \$3.00 will cover the cost of materials offered. Contact Mrs Betty McLaughlin, the Coordinator at 360-5028.

FOR SALE: Four Bedroom House - 2319 Wittington Blvd - 780-6805

VIII. STRATFORD RECREATION ASSOCIATION INC

Don't Delay! Resale of a few remaining SWIMMING POOL memberships are going fast. If interested in joining the association call NOW:

Jack Bentley-780-1591
Janc Calhoun- 780-1863
Joanne Daniels-780- 8606