



Burma road (14)

Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

NEWSLETTER

Stratford Landing • Mt. Vernon District • Fairfax County

March 15, 1969

I. FROM THE PRESIDENT

BURMA ROAD - SOLUTION FOUND, SIGNED - SEALED - AND DELIVERED

WITTINGTON BLVD - WE'RE IN BUSINESS

STREETLIGHTS - HERE THEY COME

THEATER PARTY - Jose FERRER in Man from La Mancha

REPRESENTATIVE Wm L. SCOTT - ADDRESSES CONSTITUENTS IN STRATFORD LANDING

TEEN AGERS (STRATFORD TEENS CLUB) HOLDS DANCE

ZONING ACTION - AFFECTS ALL RESIDENTS

CONCERT - A TOTAL SUCCESS

Above are some of the headlines which make the news contained in this communication. May we ask you to now take the time and read the details? It's been a great, the greatest month of our community and all of us who have worked on all of these things sincerely request your taking the time to find out just what's been happening.

1. BURMA ROAD: Despite those who said it couldn't be done, it has been done. BURMA ROAD WILL DISAPPEAR THIS SUMMER AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE CAMDEN CAUSEWAY. After years and years of inactivity and total deterioration, we started out by cleaning it up - all of us, last May. A dialogue commenced with the Developer(s) and with the County. The district supervisor, Herb Harris, was brought into the picture. There were meetings and more meetings. Arguments and considerable set-backs. Proposed solutions which had to fall by the wayside. On Wednesday, March 5th, the breakthrough occurred. - I am now authorized to brief you in detail. Developers Keen and Van Winkle and the County have entered into a covenant and the Board of Supervisors in meeting have approved this covenant. Their money is committed. With construction required to begin before July 1, 1969, BURMA ROAD will be transformed into the Camden Causeway complete with a 36-foot-wide State Highway Department dedicated road with sidewalks and guard rails. The developers are committed to a participation of 50% of the total cost of the project not to exceed \$25,000 and the County is committed to the expenditure of the remainder of the total cost which is now estimated at \$50,000. The engineering is completed. Bids are being let now. The very sharp bend at the end of the road will disappear. This is not wishful thinking, all of the above is fact and fully voted and approved upon by the Board of Supervisors. We are, justly, we think, proud and glad that probably the biggest community problem is now resolved. Despite all of our pressure, all of our time in meetings and discussions, this breakthrough would never have been possible without the full and continuing support of Herb Harris. By this time those who know me understand that I am fiercely non-partisan while in this job. Nevertheless, the work and dedication, the guts and fortitude of our supervisor, regardless of his party affiliation cannot be accentuated highly enough. And then there is John MacAleer. Steady, always available to assist, ready with the historical background and guidance. His help too has been invaluable. Anyhow, come this summer and fall, after some inconvenience, Camden Causeway will be dedicated. We plan a party-----.

2. WITTINGTON BLVD: More good news. Based on official correspondence from County authorities, we are guaranteed a fully paved and completed Wittington by the 1st of July. Drive down and you will notice that the clearing has now begun in

earnest and will rapidly proceed as soon as the weather becomes reasonable. We'd be glad to show you copies of all the letters, tell you about all the calls and visits to the County offices which have finally brought about a resolution to yet another one of our major problems in gaining access to our community, beautifying our area and reducing the wear and tear of our cars.

3. STREET LIGHTS: Have you noticed? Way ahead of schedule, the installation of street lights has commenced. Another example of community action and dialogue with County authorities.

4. SMASHING SUCCESS: The President of the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Symphony called it the biggest money making event in the history of the 12 year existence of the Orchestra. The Orchestra Director called it the best, most inspired performance of his Symphony. The attendance at the concert was the biggest enjoyed by the Symphony in years. This community had the idea. This community planned, sponsored it, organized it, publicized it, and administered it. Without help. The performance was given to an audience in excess of 650 listeners who universally thought it outstanding. A committee of interested residents proved that there is spirit, dedication, interest and enthusiasm right here. They proved that committees, ad hoc committees can and do work. Colonel Len Stevens, Captain Lynn Adams, Mr and Mrs Strode, Mrs Dorothy Poore, Peter Vogt, Ann Normyle, Mike Grazier, Al Bush - - without them, their time in meetings, their phone calls, their contact with churches, shops, schools and other associations - it simply would not have been possible. And the Teens. Our teens. They ran a cloak room and a refreshment facility. They actually made money for their fledgling association. Ft Hunt High School sorority which checked tickets, ushered and handled the programs, thanks to Lyn Adams. The smooth way in which very considerable monies were handled thanks to Len Stevens - Mike Grazier who coolly and calmly handled the teen responsibilities with his crew of guys and gals. Seldom has there been an event which was so universally accepted and approved without a flaw. And, did we ever prove to the county the type and kind of interest there exists for cultural events. Congratulatory calls from all over have proven it. But you know, funny as it may seem, despite all the publicity, all of the supposed help from other associations over 50% of all tickets were sold right here in Stratford Landing. 349 tickets were sold by our block captains. These gals, voluntarily had to contact each resident and solicit interest and ticket sales. This wasn't easy. It was not only time consuming and bothersome, but downright embarrassing to "pester" neighbors. But they did it. Betty Farrel and Betty Mayer took the lead, each having sold in excess of 20 tickets just within our small areas of responsibility. 90% of all of our 36 street captains sold some tickets. Just great - many, many thanks.

5. TEEN ASSOCIATION: Let's see now - Burma Road, Wittington Blvd, Street Lights, A great Concert, and now more good news. I don't know how many years there has been talk about starting a teen association. When I felt compelled to start the courtesy patrols, I promised that everything would be done to prove we were not "down" on our teens. Frankly, I have learned that we have the greatest bunch of sincere, dedicated, and straight-forward youngsters you would ever want to have. Bill O'Connor will furnish the details, but it looks like come this time next month, we will have a fully operational Teen Association.

6. REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM L. SCOTT: Our next General Membership Meeting will be on Thursday night the 24th of April. Our agenda will be chocked full. I feel quite often like the village pest - it seems that all my phone calls and in each newsletter I have to beg, plead, cajole or just simply ask all or some of our residents for one sort of support or another. REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT, our representative in Congress, will address this meeting, it is one of his few public appearances in this area. That night, we must approve changes to our constitution or be hopelessly straddled with impedents to our proper association operations. We must make a highly important decision on a rezoning application. As a matter of pride in our community, your own vested interests, won't you please make your plans now, right now.

7. THEATER PARTY: The date is April 19th, a Saturday night. The Play: Man from La Mancha, a highly-successful Broadway musical - one of the best - the star: Jose Ferrer. At the National Theater. Before the publicity has even started, tickets are selling like hot cakes. Based on our good previous activities, the National

TEEN DANCE: We thank you for attending our last dance at Stratford Landing Elementary School and helping to get the club started. Here we go again:

FRIDAY NIGHT, 8 PM-1130 PM

March 21st - Stratford Landing Elementary School

BAND: The Black Market

DRESS: Casual

ADMISSION: Members 75 cents stag, \$1.25 drag.

All others: \$1.00 stag, \$1.50 drag.

Don't be left out - join the club and, come to the dance.....

JOHN CALHOUN
2603 Childs Lane
780-1863

V. TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance as of last Treasurer's Report February 12, 1969: \$1823.49

Receipts:

Dues \$13.50

13.50

\$1836.99

TOTAL CASH:.....\$1836.99

Disbursements:

Stamps for Secretary

\$6.00

Registration fee and franchise tax to state for corporation

5.00

Year's subscription to Alexandria Gazette

1.57

Typing February and March newsletters

20.00

Year's subscription to Mt Vernon-Lee Globe

6.00

Membership dues in Mt Vernon Council of Citizens Assoc.

10.00

Repair of duplicating machine

27.72

Ink for duplication machine

3.61

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS.....\$79.90

Cash on hand as of March 13, 1969

1757.09

\$1836.99

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MARGARET A. FULLER
2203 Cavendish
360-7767

VI. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Many thanks to all the bloc captains for the outstanding help with the ticket sales for the concert. It's gratifying to know that you are always willing to help when you are called upon.

Please add the following new arrivals to your directory:

ALLAN, William L. Dr. (Joan)
8424 Camden

360-3532

GRIFFITH, Stephen (Anne)
2411 Stirrup Lane

780-7582

BENNINK, W. H. Lt Colonel (Winnie)
2602 Turbridge Lane

360-3524

HARNED, Joseph W. (Antionette)
2504 Culpeper Rd

360-7798

BLACK, Larry (Ester)
2409 Culpeper Rd

360-3826

YOUNG, John (Mary Ann)
8607 Bluedale

360-7493

JANE BUSH, Chairman
2614 Culpeper
780-2837

VII. STRATFORD RECREATION ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to append a notice from the Recreation Association to this Newsletter and urge all of our members to read the rather clever input.

VIII. BASEBALL

We are blessed by having not one but two organized activities through which all of our youngsters can get a chance to play ball this summer. We support both and favor neither. Hence, Do read what follows and choose -

RIVER FARM BOYS BASEBALL CLUB:

The club will hold its annual meeting on Sat April 12th at Waynwood Elementary School from 9 AM - 12 noon. All dads are invited to register their boys. Don't take the chance of having to be put on the waiting list. The club has two divisions. Minors ages 8-10 and juniors ages 11 and 12. 16 teams are presently operational playing at the Waynwood Rec Center, Waynwood and Stratford Landing elementary School diamonds. The season runs from May 1st through Jul 15th usually two nights a week. Naturally we need plenty of help from all of the Dads. Registration fee will be \$3.00 which covers insurance and equipment replacement. New players will need caps and tee shirts which cost about \$1.75 each. Don't forget to come and register on the 12th of April. Call Chuck Engle 360-5005 or Ray Sawyer 360-4796 for details.

FORT HUNT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION INC:

Registration for the '69 season is now under way. Following teams will be formed: Pony, Jr Major, Major and intermediate playing in leagues. A minor league for beginners will also be operational. All boys who will be 7 yrs old by May 1st and will still only be 16 yrs old on the 1st of Aug are cordially invited to get their applications in almost immediately. The registration fee is \$7.00 which covers the uniform and all other incidentals. The only equipment required by the boys are gloves and shoes. Application blanks are available from Frank Jowdy 8415 Blackiston Lane Tel: 780-8567.

IX. PERSONAL ITEMS

Tutoring Service: Mathematics - High School and College level. George E Price
780-1667

Lost: Boy's green Sting Ray Bicycle at Stratford Landing Elementary School vicinity Basketball Courts on March 9th about 5:00 PM. Please call Tom Wilson, 780-8904

Baby Sitting: Steve Otterman, 13 yrs old. Call 780-9126

For Sale: Beautiful Greeting Cards for all occasions. 20 cards and envelopes for \$1.50. Call Arnel Cook, 780-2402

A good beginner's folk guitar with steel strings and abluo, carrying case in good condition, 2 yrs old, \$20.00. Call Jean Evans, 780-2263

Gold Leather upholstered platform rocker, good condition. Box Spring mattress foam rubber, firm in good condition, \$25.00 call 780-1977 after 6PM.

Antiques - Pair Victorian side chairs; 3pc Victorian living room set, Victorian Petticoat Chair; marble top table and mahogany gate'log table. call Mrs Harold Carter, 780-4630

Car bed-\$2.50; Baby Carriage, \$10.00, both like new. Call Mrs Anson, 7801410

Chrysler-Airtemp Air Conditioner, 18500BTU-used 6 mos-\$175.00; GE Portable Dishwasher-\$75.00; GE Toast-R-Oven-\$15.00; GE Console TV -\$50.00. All items in very good condition. Call: 360-3488

1962 Turquoise Short Deck Cadillac Sedan. All Power. Inspect and make offer. Call 780-4389

THE STRATFORD POOL

It all began in the summer of 1965
A house to house canvas started the drive.
The Community Pool now was beginning to jell
So out we went with 400 memberships to sell.

Negotiations had been concluded for a 5.75 acre plot
Plus a contract for pool construction on this lot.
Construction was to start later that fall
So that next summer, members could have a ball.

The 400 family membership drive began
And through diligent effort proceeded according to plan.
And thanks to the early joiners of this drive
The Stratford Community Pool was kept alive.

The construction began and the opening date was set
An abundance of memberships and funds were met.
On August 14, 1966, the kids made a mad dash
And the Stratford Pool opened with a resounding splash.

The initial facilities were now complete,
An olympic size "Z" shaped pool to beat the heat.
A large bath house to change in and shower
And a pool for tots to wade in and cower.

The 1967 swim season we did meet
Tho our membership was still not complete.
Improvements and needs were taken in hand
To enhance the swim area and land.

The 1968 season was one for us to yell
For the 400th membership we did sell.
This plus improvements and a new swim team
Brought to reality the 1965 Stratford Pool dream.

Plans for the 1969 season are in the mill
With further grading and seeding of land and hill.
Work on the parking lot and entrance way
Undertaken to be completed on opening day.

Tennis court construction plans have already begun
Boring for compaction tests have been run.
More swim party dates have been set aside this year
For adults, teens, tots, and their guests, far and near.

The swim team ranks this year will swell
And like last year, will do very well.
Plans for a diving team are in high gear
And we hope for a good turnout this year.

Now these things were able to come to pass
Because of the workers and members we did mass.
Thus thanks to them all - each and everyone
Whose participation, a community pool has won..

As in the past years, there are a few
Members of the pool who must say adieu.
For they are moving on to new and brighter things
Which this present day life of ours often brings.

Besides many friends, they also leave in their wake
A pool membership of which they did partake.
So now other residents are able to sign
Thus hurry before we reach a full membership line.

Now in closing it is with this we do repeat
The community has a pool to help beat the heat.
A place each summer for fun and relaxation
So don't hold back - get in that application.

Jack Bentley
Membership
780-1591