



Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

NEWSLETTER

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I.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

This is Membership Month. From now until the 10th of October, your bloc captains will be calling on you to pay your \$3.00 annual, tax deductible membership dues to your civic association. On the 23rd of October, a general membership meeting will be held to elect new officers. The membership drive must be closed by the 15th of October. May we count on your good will in welcoming your bloc captain and paying your dues as early as possible. Your bloc captain will be gathering sufficient personal data to enable us to publish a new community directory. I am sure all of you have come to depend on this directory, and our present one is out of date and needs a complete new edition.

This is probably a good time to highlight what has been done, by relatively few of your neighbors, mostly your elected executive board, to make this a better and more enjoyable place to live. To Dennis Lehr as VP and Rules Chairman, great recognition must go for his invaluable advice on the innumerable problems and issues which have come before the board each month. This board has met at least once in each of these past fifteen months, and when you realize that this association represents 600 homes and more than 3000 residents, the issues and problems have been many. His work in giving us a workable constitution and by-laws and ascertaining that each of our four meetings attended by not less than 150 residents ran fairly and smoothly is very much appreciated.

John McAleer in Community Improvements has helped in many meetings, and his advice and expertise have lent continuity and stability to the board. What can you say about Jane Bush? Keeping records on membership, maintaining the directory, managing and soliciting the help of over 30 odd bloc captains, recruiting replacements for those departing, her services, her attitude are an irreplaceable attribute for this association. John O'Connor in Recreation, though busy with Scouts, has been available with mature thinking and guidance. Our secretary, Diane Rauch, has given of her time to help, and even more importantly has boosted our morale and helped us along when the sledding got rough.

You are being asked to join your association. Here's what it did this year: Wittington Blvd. has been paved. Burma Road is about to be paved, giving us our first access road to Mt. Vernon Parkway. Our streets have been repaired. We have had street lights installed. Our empty lots have been cleaned and some fenced. We now have stop signs at each intersection and speed limit signs posted. We have begun with a cleanup of Stockton Parkway. We have had four theater parties, sponsored the first symphony concert in the Mt. Vernon District, formed a Teen Club which has had two beach parties this summer, held seven dances, one block party, sponsored two car rallies, helped run a garage sale, helped in the opening of Stratford Landing Community Park, and offers tennis instruction. We held a Hallowe'en Party for the young ones, had Santa Claus in the area, and sponsored a Christmas Decorating Party. We'll have about \$1200 in the treasury, and a masthead and a more professional look came to our newsletter.

We were instrumental in defeating a rezoning application, ascertained that our park was completed and dedicated, brought about regularly scheduled uniformed police patrols of our community to curb undesirable practices. We published the newsletter each month, made space available to all interested groups and individuals at no charge, and started a Teen Newsletter. We ran well attended, and we hope interesting meetings, and had both our County and Congressional representative as guest speakers.

I think we answered hundreds of calls on scores of items, and attended hundreds of meetings of the Mt. Vernon Council, at County Headquarters, with the Teen Club, with the Public Safety Committee of the District, and generally tried to do our best for the community. It has taken very considerable time, more effort, and constant and continuing pressure to ascertain that what was planned was carried through.

Thanks go to the volunteers who have helped on cultural affairs, on team affairs, the bloc captains, the newsletter deliverers, the great bunch of kids who run their Teen Club and, to the executive board.

All that is asked of you now is that you demonstrate your interest in this, the lowest and probably most important form of our democratic process by assuring 100% membership. Join now!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Constitution specifies that the president appoint three members from the association and two from the executive board to prepare a slate of nominees for each of the elected offices. Rather than appointing, I asked for volunteers to man this important committee. Bob Bell, Lou Denit, and Bill Ehmer having volunteered along with Diane Rauch and Jane Bush now constitute this committee. They have been asked to present their slate to the executive board on October 8th. Should you be interested in running for the office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Community Improvement, Recreation, Membership, or Rules Committee Chairman, please contact Bob Bell at 780-4198 and volunteer your services. This association has shown it can do an unending number of good things for the benefit of all--it takes guts to volunteer and help get the job done. The committee must nominate one candidate for each office -- there is no limit as to how many they may place on their slate.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The four meetings held during this administration were never attended by less than 150 members. The election meeting will be the most important one of the year. Plan now, please, to attend it. A very important rezoning matter and other items of considerable import will also be on the agenda.

REZONING CASE

The owner of the 4.1 acres bordering on Wittington and on Elkins Street has applied for a special use permit before the Board of Zoning Appeals to erect an 80 bed nursing home. He plans it to be a single story colonial type structure with access from Elkins Street. The case comes before the Board on October 28. WE, AS THE CONCERNED CIVIC ASSOCIATION MUST TAKE A STAND ON THIS APPLICATION. We have gathered all the facts and are fully knowledgeable on all the pros and cons of this petition. Please ascertain your attendance at the 23 October meeting when this issue will be on the agenda and a decision by the association will be required.

BURMA ROAD

This is written on the 15th of September. The low bid for construction of the Camden Causeway (Burma Road) was for \$47,000. As of this date, the County Public Works Engineering Department has recommended to the Chief of Public Works that he approve the bid. When this has been accomplished, from that date the contractor will have 90 days to complete the job. It looks like we finally made it this time!

THEATER PARTY

We have reserved 60 seats. You must order and pay for your tickets by contacting one of the members of the cultural committee no later than the 30th of September. Our last party was oversubscribed by more than 200%. The date is Saturday night, the 11th of October, at the National Theater. The play is "Penny Wars" and it will star Kim Hunter and George Voskovic. The producer is David Merrick, and the director Barbara Harris. The best-selling novel was written by Elliot Baker. It is a comedy, and will open at the Royal Box on Broadway in mid-October. The price per seat is \$5.50. Do join this party--with name stars, the top producer, and a name director it looks like this will be a winner. Remember, these theater parties are a community service and your interest and participation keeps them going.

Pete Vogt - 8419 Wendell
Fred Thieberger - 2406 Stirrup

Barbara Knight - 2327 Wittington
Mike Francone - 2421 Childs

NEW TREASURER

Our treasurer having moved from the area, we are pleased to announce the appointment of Barbara Hower as our new treasurer pro-tem until the elections on the 23rd of October. Thank you, Barbara!

STREET LIGHTS

Camden Street between Burma Road and Wittington - your bloc captain will be passing a petition for no cost street light installation around your area soon.

Bluedale - your petition has been serviced and contracted for, and installation of lights should result in the near future.

SIDEWALKS

Unlike street lights, the construction of sidewalks must be individually budgeted by the Board of Supervisors at no cost to residents. Therefore, priorities are assigned by the County as to what streets get them first. Those streets which are direct access roads to either of our two elementary schools receive priority. Cavendish and Riverside are now scheduled, and should be in by early spring. We now have the petitions for distribution for residents of other streets desiring sidewalks. Remember though, no street will get them unless each resident signs the petition and those streets closest to the schools will get priority. Should you have volunteered to pass these petitions on your street or should you now have the interest, please call me to get the petitions.

The county put in nice new street signs recently. Now at least ten of them are gone. On some intersections there is no way of knowing where you are. Would you check whether any of the missing signs are now a keepsake of someone living in your house. The county has thus far refused to put up new ones -- just have the missing signs (which you happen to find) put into my garage -- no questions asked - you'd be performing a public service for the next guests to YOUR house who can't find their way!

HUNTING CREEK SEWERAGE AND DISPOSAL PLANT

We've gotten a number of calls all complaining about some of the undesirable odors emanating from the plant. We've done some checking with the county. Money has been made available and it is planned to enlarge the processing of materials at the plant to reduce the likelihood of odors. Sewerage is a major problem throughout the greater metropolitan area. There are no plans to enlarge the physical size of the plant, only its equipment, to make its work more effective. The county has promised us specific details which will be reported to you at the general membership meeting October 23rd.

DOGS

We've been told that at least three children have been bitten by dogs in the past couple of weeks. Neighbors are getting into scrapes with each other about dogs. The rules are clear! If you own a pet - he's yours - you may not let him roam the neighborhood. He must be led on a leash if not in his own yard. He cannot deface your neighbor's property, or affect your neighbor's children. We wouldn't mention this if it hadn't caused ill feelings all around and weren't a punishable violation of recently reinforced County ordinances.

GUNS

One lady called and said that B B guns were being fired in her back yard. Another resident complained about broken windows. Hand guns may not even be carried by anyone under 18 years of age. No weapon may be fired in the county except within specified ranges. If you own one - please do make sure that it isn't used outside your property or aimed elsewhere. Again, we mention it only because of complaints.

TEEN ACTIVITIES

Another Teen News accompanies this newsletter. Please make sure your kids get a chance to read it. The summer program is over, and I think although it took loads of work, it was a success and helped pass the time for our teens. Many of them got great experience in organizing and helping out on many events. There was actually something going on practically each week, and on some weekends, two or three things.

I think all concerned learned a lot this summer, and will benefit in future planning. Negotiations, best left undiscussed at this stage have begun with the help of John McAleer to eventually select a site for the construction of a community/teen clubhouse right in our area. Right now we are hoping that we will be able to report some details at our next general meeting on October 23. In the interim, a Battle of the Bands, another car rally, and regularly scheduled dances and ski parties are the high points of events being planned by the Teen Club Executive Committee. We adults should thank Gerry Wardell for his help this summer with the Teen Club, wishing him good luck in college and Auf Wiedersehen next summer.

PETER H. BRINITZER
2321 Wittington Blvd.
Tel. 780-9388

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Executive Board wishes to express its sincere thanks to Shirley Faulkner for volunteering to type and prepare our newsletters for professional reproduction. It saves us money, and the comments about the appearance and print of the last publication were many and all good. The deadline for next month's newsletter will be the 10th rather than the 15th of the month because of our election meeting on the 23rd of October and the need to get this publication out early.

DIANE RAUCH
2300 Stirrup Lane
780-4389

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Well, this is it - membership month. Having spoken with so many residents this year, I think that the newsletter and the services and information it offers certainly is an incentive to belong -- to join it. The contributions to all the Scout troops and the Cubs, to the PTA and to the Fire Dept., to the Senior Citizens, and the Stratford After School Recreation Program, to other charities, the fact that we are one of the most active members of the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, and thus have a means of good district and county representation are other good reasons why you should join, and also tells you where some of the monies

go! The bloc captains will be contacting you very soon. Let's get this drive over the top right at the start. We'll start working on the new directory right after the drive is over. Remember this invaluable little book goes to members only. If I can answer any questions relevant to membership, if you haven't been able to meet with your bloc captain, or if you have some specific desires as to how you wish your entry in the directory to look, please do contact me.

JANE BUSH, Chairman
2614 Culpeper
780-2847

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash balance as of last Treasurer's Report August 10, 1969	\$1294.04	\$1294.04
Receipts: Checks Nos. 156 and 158 returned and voided	2.16 <u>1.20</u>	
<u>Total Cash</u>	<u>3.36</u>	3.36 <u>\$1297.40</u>
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Gerard P. Wardell - salary for working with Teen Club	\$ <u>50.00</u>	
<u>Total Disbursements:</u>	\$ 50.00	50.00
Cash on hand as of September 11, 1969		<u>\$1247.40</u>

BARBARA HOWER
8711 Camden Street
780-4758

RULES COMMITTEE

Our constitution specifies that an audit of the books be accomplished before the election. It also specifies that an election committee be appointed to run the actual election. If you are interested in performing the audit or would like to serve on the election committee, let me know. We'll have specifics in the next newsletter. This next meeting of the association on the 23rd of October will be an important one - don't miss it.

DENNIS LEHR
2628 Childs Lane
780-8597

II.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL NEWS

STRATFORD RECREATION ASSOCIATION

The pool officially closed at 7 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, after a highly successful season. The decision to extend the swimming for two weeks past Labor Day was amply justified by the warm weather and the many members who continued to use the pool until the very end. As we look back upon a summer of fun -- the swimming, the parties, the championship swimming team and the championship diving team, we thank all the members whose active support and participation made it all possible, and we look forward to an even greater season next year.

A few items were left at the pool after the Team Party -- dishes, cutlery, etc. For information, call Doris Willard, 780-8646.

Norman A. Hawkinson
Vice-President and Chairman
Operating Committee

III.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Doll Clothes (Barbie type) made for Christmas giving. Your material or mine. Reasonable.
Call Marilyn Shoaff. 780-2156

Sewing - Have a lot of clothes waiting to be hemmed? Act now before they go out of style!
Call Ginny Wells - 780-2499.

Sewing Classes - Morning and Evening - Call Martha Zavadil - 780-8886.

English teacher needed - for Spanish speaking lady and her 9 yr. old daughter. Please call 780-5052 or 780-2536.

WANTED - Guitar teacher for teenage beginner - Saturdays. 780-6534.

Baby sitter - Reliable 15½ year old, very experienced. Lori Fraser - 360-3931.

Baby sitting, responsible 13 yr. old girl, experienced. Kathleen Towle - 780-9399.

Baby Sitting: WANTED - Is there an adult interested in an occasional baby-sitting job for a one year old girl during the day in my home? Please phone 780-8597.

ALEXANDRIA JR. WOMAN'S CLUB: Have you always wanted to go through some of Washington's beautiful embassies? Now is your chance! The Alexandria Jr. Woman's Club will sponsor its eleventh annual EMBASSY TOUR AND TEA on October 11. Patron for the tour is Mrs. Nixon. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Camp Easter Seal and the Alexandria Community Mental Health Center will receive the benefits of the tour. For tickets and further information call Ginny Wells -- 780-2499.

ATTENTION: All Bridge Players - It is time to start duplicate again. All bridge players, experienced, beginners, professionals, amateurs, those who have played duplicate and those who haven't played duplicate but who would like to play call either Bettye O'Callaghan (780-9420) or Loren Benson (780-2788). If there is sufficient interest we will try to get the Fire House again; if there are only a few tables we can rotate at various homes. As soon as we have some indication of the size of the crowd we will announce the first game. Even if you haven't played duplicate, come on out and try!

FOUND: Boy's Schwinn bicycle. Probably "borrowed" and abandoned in the woods. Owner may describe and claim. 780-4758.

Small Johnson Outboard motor: Call 360-3752 for identification and pick up.

Girl's English bicycle AMF Hercules. Yellow and silver. 360-4726.

Prescription sunglasses: Found on Londonderry in July. 780-1417.

LOST: Missing since June 24 or 25 -- one pair of oars, with oarlocks and heavy rubber fittings intended to keep the oars from slipping from the oarlocks. Small reward for their return to the Kroghs at 8709 Waterford Road.

FOR SALE: Student viola used one year - \$90. 780-9420

Purebred New Zealand White Rabbits - \$4.00 Phone 780-7314

Artley Flute - Excellent condition. Fine instrument for beginners. \$100. Tel. 780-1417

Violin, three-quarter size with newly rehaired bow and case \$95. 780-1417.

Schweitzer violin (1814) recently adjusted and put in A-1 playing condition.

Newly rehaired bow. Good for more advanced student. \$150 780-1417

Small (one-quarter size) violin with bow and case. Excellent playing condition. \$45. 780-1417.

Red Chinchilla Wool Coat - girl's size 10. Excellent condition. \$15 Mrs. MacNevin 780-2114

GE Refrigerator Freezer, 19 cu. ft. Frost free, yellow, Freezer in bottom, Model TCF 19 \$260 Call 360-4726.

Sturdy Maple bunk beds, clean innerspring mattresses, fairly new, railing; \$50; homey but homely platform rocker, very comfortable, covered in pale blue, clean. Perfect for child's room: \$10. 780-2098

Twin size box springs, mattress and frame, very good condition \$25. Also wrought iron dining table with four chairs \$25. 780-4758.