



Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

# NEWSLETTER

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## CARNIVAL THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday afternoon from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. we will have the second carnival for the smaller set this summer. The first one was so successful that another was in order. We have learned from the last one. There will be more rides, more free games, and more hot dogs, too. As you know, the teens are running this carnival as a community service, and maximum support is going to be necessary, because having as many as 75 rides available at any given time has measurably increased the cost from the last carnival. This is not a money making event, but we certainly don't want to lose too much. So bring out the smaller children, join in the fun, and help make this another real great event. That's this Sunday afternoon, starting at 3:00 P.M. at the Stratford Landing School Park.

### VANDALISM VS VISIBILITY

In the past four weeks, the theft or disappearance of 31 bicycles, go-carts, mini-bikes, the rifling of 8 cars, the complete looting of a rented truck of a new resident the first night in our community, the shattering of all the windows on the ground floor of a house through rifle fire, 5 other incidents of illegal use of firearms, the theft of tires, other automotive equipment including new and very expensive tires, tape cartridges, the vicious destruction of bushes and other plantings, damage to the flag poles where our flag flies, and other incidents almost too numerous to list have been reported.

At the same time, Project Visibility is in full swing. Few could not have noticed that we have daily patrolling by the Fairfax County Police—that the visibility of the police to the residents has increased manifold. Project Visibility now has the full support of the Chairman of the County Board of Supervisors and the Chief of Police. It has been effected for the entire district of Mount Vernon, has three full time patrolmen assigned to it, and based on its success in cutting down reaction time, reducing the number of complaints and general public reaction, it will be enlarged and adopted permanently on a county-wide basis. If you would like to ride along with the patrolmen regardless of your age, or if you would like a demonstration of police radar control equipment or their riot equipment, just ask the Project Visibility patrolman the next time you see him in our area. The comments have all been good, and we urgently encourage you to call the station—691-2116, and let the officers there know that you are pleased in seeing more officers in the area.

### INTERESTING

At 1:00 A.M. Monday morning, an officer on duty took a 45 minute tour with us throughout our community. Would you believe: We found 13 bicycles just lying on the curbs or on the lawns; 7 tricycles; eight lawnmowers, 22 sets of hoses, 19 sprinkler systems, as well as numerous other items of personal property just strewn

all over lawns—we found at least 19 carports which were not illuminated where bicycles, tricycles, lawn mowers, and other personal items were just left waiting for someone to pick them up. At a time when we have about as much police protection as we may reasonably ask for, at a time when your neighbors rightfully and bitterly bemoan the loss of their personal property, it is pitiful how little attention is paid to protecting that which we own.

## WHAT TO DO ?

Hence, once again, speaking on the basis of a lot, an awful lot of contact with the Police Department and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice structure in Virginia, please, won't you do three things?

1. Adequately safeguard and store your personal property—don't leave it lying all around.
2. If you have a carport — illuminate it all night — the small spotlights you use at Christmas time are cheap and worth the electricity to place in front and back of your open carport -- ILLUMINATE!
3. Please report each and every incident to us at 780-9388, so that we can continue to plot them and use them to enhance our working relationships with police authorities.

## THIS MEANS YOU !

We have one of the most active and probably the most successful Teen Club in the County. We have had theater parties, the USAF Concert drew over 2500 people. Sidewalks, street lights, added police protection, full and competent representation on each and every committee of the Mt. Vernon Council, Health and Welfare, Transportation, Education, Public Safety, Environment; garage sales, children's carnivals, community clean up campaigns, an Association which actively and non-abrasively represents and looks after the interests of its members—a Newsletter which is considered just about as good as any amateur publication anywhere—and comes out regularly each month—a lost and found service—an executive board which has testified and fought for or against every major issue affecting the residents' welfare and interests—a treasury which, after a full year of operation, has well over \$2,000 in it and no source of revenue except dues—a directory with quarterly addendi—we could go on and if you have lived here awhile, action speaks louder than words. NOW THE TIME HAS COME ONCE AGAIN. It's membership month. Commencing the 1st of September, your block captains will be making contact with you—asking you right then and there to pay \$3.00 to become a member. Our record has been great. Out of over more than 630 homes, all but five joined last year. Do you blame us for shooting for 100% this year? When you come right down to it, that is about the only tangible way there is in which you can express that you are satisfied with that which is being done for you, or at least tried. Remember, your executive board and your block captains are volunteers who are spending considerable time and effort to serve you—as a public service. Kay Gray is Membership Committee Chairman. Call her at 780-1917 if you have questions or miss your block captain, but join—Please.

## GARAGE SALE SEP 26th

The last one in June was good and a lot of items changed hands. Since then, new residents have moved in by the scores. As announced previously, we'll have a repeat garage sale on the 26th of September—a Saturday afternoon. It'll be held on the empty lots at the end of Wittington. We hope you'll start sorting out your unwanted things and get them ready for the sale. As previously, we'll accept anything but items for which you ask less than \$1.00. Donated items, for the benefit of the Teen Club if sold, or to charity, if not sold are welcome. The key is, this is another of the many community services, and nothing can succeed except as supported.

# NOMINATIONS

It's that time of year again--according to the Constitution and By-Laws the President appoints five members to the nominating committee with the consent of the Executive Board--three from the membership at large, and two from the board to come up with a slate of officers for the election. As we did last year, it has been decided that rather than appointing the three members at large, we will ask for volunteers. In that way, the first three members who call to volunteer will be on the committee. Its task is simple, and its life span as a committee is not more than two weeks. Won't you please call 780-9388 and specify that you'd be willing to serve? Doing it this way worked out fine last year, is most democratic, and reflects the wishes of the entire board. So please call--it's a short and painless job, and come the next edition of the Newsletter, the names and biographies of the candidates running for Association elective offices will appear for your examination.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING-ARMY CHORUS

Little is asked--much is given--come out and meet your neighbors--join the Association between the 1st of September and the 1st of October during the drive and help elect the Association officers at the regularly scheduled October meeting. SPECIAL ATTRACTION: The U. S. Army Chorus will perform. Bring along a new member, make him feel like he's part of a vibrant, productive, and harmonious community, because he is--bring up your ideas, suggestions, and complaints--but be there--we've never had a meeting in the past two years with less than over 100 members--mark the date on your calendar--Wednesday night, the 21st of October.

## IMPROVEMENTS

### PROGRESS REPORT

1. Elkin corner Londonderry/Riverside--paving has taken place and access to Elkin from our community has been improved measurably.
2. Riverside Road - traffic markers at the two sides where the road narrows have been put into place.
3. Blakiston - Insufficient money is available to completely repave - spot repair work should have started by the time you read this.
4. Cavendish-Riverside - Pavement markings and moving of the stop sign further into Riverside has been planned, approved, budgeted, and will be done this month.
5. Missing stop signs throughout the community have been replaced.
6. Wittington into Elkin - Permission has been received from the owner to remove all trees and bushes blocking sight into Elkin from Wittington - the work to remove will be done by the Stratford Teen Club as a community service.
7. Wittington: The zoning administrator has issued a warrant for a court appearance on 22 Sept. to the owner of property on the corner of Wittington and Yardley for the removal of eight cars and other unsightly detriments on his property.
8. Elkin from Linton Lane to Fort Hunt - The State Highway Department reports that it will pave this strip within the next 15 days.

## WALKWAY TO SCHOOL

In what we consider a major breakthrough, our negotiations with three separate County departments have been successful. Commencing at the dead end of Summerset Lane (bet some of you don't even know where that is--look at your directory map)--a walkway and bicycle path is going to be built all the way to the Elementary School. There will be a 100 ft. bridge span which will enable your children to walk safely to the school the shortest possible distance, or ride their bikes. It'll also be patrolled by the school. This is a welcome and good step--it'll cut down traffic

hazards for the little ones, it'll be the shortest route to school, and, let's face it, as taxpayers, if we can knock out some bus service, their maintenance, the pay involved, etc., --why not?

## BURMA ROAD?!&\$\$!

It's like an old and sorry song--the County did its part and was finished with its part of the road on March 15. The builder has completed underground work. He is permitting transit of his strip now, though it creates hardship on nearby residents because of the dust. The builder is now waiting for one subcontractor to put in the storm sewers as the last step before curb and guttering the short strip. It's a question of patience and faith--and pressure--we're getting there. IN THE INTERIM, PLEASE NOTE THAT LINTON LANE IS NOW FULLY OPEN AND PASSABLE SO THAT HEADING SOUTH ON THE PARKWAY YOU MAY DRIVE STRAIGHT DOWN LINTON LANE AND HAVE ACCESS WITH ONLY A RELATIVELY SHORT DETOUR.

## PARENTS-NOTE !

There'll be a beach party, the last of the season, this Monday the 24th--encourage your kids to join it--it's fun. This coming Friday night the 28th, the teens will be holding their biggest and most ambitious dance ever--three bands--the WEAM team--the works--say, why don't you come down and look in--these dances are real fun and the music is good (loud) -- just sneak in, though, so your young ones don't see you--but do come.

## HOW ABOUT THAT ?

You recall we had over 2500 people at the concert of the Airmen of Note at Ft. Hunt High earlier this summer. Well, nothing breeds greater things than a job well done. Now, mark this date; Saturday night, the 17th of October--the official U. S. Army Color Guard, Silent Drill Team, Army Chorus, and the wonderful official U. S. Army Dance Band called Studio 70 all in concert, all sponsored by us at Ft. Hunt High. It'll take planning again and help, but it's being 100% firmed up now, and it ought to be just great for the entire family.

## FUTURE PLANS

Having a healthy treasury and a new membership drive coming up, our Vice-President, Dave Bryant, is now commencing a look-see into where and what type of entry signs we should place coming into Stratford Landing. The thought of a beautification campaign throughout the community has also been brought up--perhaps something in the order of the Association buying a sufficient number of crepe myrtle, for instance, and then everyone planting them along their driveways or the strips between the sidewalks and the curbs--we will let Dave give his recommendations and report at the membership meeting in October.

## ADDENDUM

With the membership drive about to be launched, its completion will signal the compilation of an addendum to the directory published early this year. We will probably combine this new addendum with the first one, and bring everything up to date. Should you wish corrections, additions, and/or deletions from that printed now, please contact Jane Bush, 780-2857.

## LOST & FOUND

Jane Bush continues to run a community Lost and Found--please call her should you have found or lost any item, and she'll keep track and try to match and merge.

# Transportation

Bus Fare Hearings - The initial session of the hearing on the proposed bus fare increase was held on 27-28 July by the Metropolitan Area Transit Commission. The AB&W Bus Company presented their case; management procedures were the target of cross examination by Mr. Dave Sutherland and Duane Searles, attorneys representing the Mt. Vernon Council and Fairfax County. The hearing will reconvene on 25 August at which time the Commission will hear testimony from Mr. Snyder, the AB&W accountant and auditor. The Mt. Vernon Council will present its case against the fare increase to the Commission at a final evening session in late September. Individuals to testify on AB&W operations from the passenger point of view are still required. Maximum citizen support is required to defeat the proposed fare increase. If you can find the time to testify, contact Jim Bambery, 780-7495 for more information.

Transportation - The recent transportation survey of the Mt. Vernon area was very successful. Over 5,400, or 27 percent of the 20,000 questionnaires distributed, were returned. Within the Little Hunting Creek area, the response rate was 33 percent. This is excellent and those who responded to the questionnaire deserve a sincere thank you. The data from the survey is presently being compiled and the results should be complete by the middle of September.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash balance as of 18 July 1970		\$ 242.69
Receipts:		
Teen Club	\$ 9.00	251.69
Disbursements:		
Printing July Newsletter	41.54	
Cash on hand		<u>210.15</u>
Savings and CD		\$ 2063.37
Total Assets		<u>\$ 2273.52</u>

This Newsletter is published monthly by Little Hunting Creek Citizens Assn., Inc. for the benefit and information of its member residents. All members may submit items for inclusion by submitting them to the Secretary in writing, no later than the 15th of each month.

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# OTHER ORGS' NEWS

STRATFORD RECREATION ASSOCIATION ---Norman A. Hawkinson, President

It's been quite a season, and it isn't over yet.

Our diving and swimming teams completed successful seasons with lots of trophies and plaques, and more entries in the All-Stars than ever before. Tennis lessons are going ahead full swing--beginners, advanced beginners, swimmers all certified by the Red Cross now proudly carry their cards. Junior and Senior Lifesaving classes are over, and a new crop of qualified lifesavers are among us. Special parties for all age groups were as successful as ever, and the three teen parties were great. If you attended the last two adult parties, you just know they were good. All in all, activities galore for every age and every taste. Now, on the 5th of September, on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, for all the smart ones who stay home, we are planning the best party yet. Do your own thing--sort of an amateur night where everybody individually or with his neighbors and friends can do almost anything in the line of skits, songs, and other things before a live and receptive audience. The Combo from the U.S. Army Dance Band was so great last time we'll have them again. Also, of course, there'll be all the cold beer you want--bring your own dips and win a prize (maybe)--we'll have chips and things there, and, as usual BYOB (in plastic containers) and we'll have ice. We know tickets will really go for this one, so please contact any of the board members and get yours now--PS--it's the most reasonable party ever, too--only \$2.00 per person.

## BOWLING

The Ladies' Day Bowling League will be starting in September. We will bowl for averages on Thursday, September 3, at 9:30 in the morning. League play will start on September 10. All lady bowlers welcomed. Please call Claudia Ropka at 780-7747 or Jean Caselton at 780-3687, or just come join us at the Ten Pin Coliseum on Sept. 3.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

FOR SALE: White New Zealand Rabbits--can be housebroken to make ideal pets. 360-3488.

FOR SALE: Midland solid state cassette stereo recorder with matched speaker systems, plus two microphones with stands and six tapes. Janis Joplin, Cream, Stones, \$100 780-1509.

FOR SALE: Hand knit baby sets (bonnet, sweaters, booties, soakers) all just beautiful, Pink, yellow, green, blue. 780-2857.

FOR SALE: Flute--Artley student flute in excellent condition. 780-3687.

FOR SALE: Shrubbery--four Globe Arborvitae, about 3 ft. tall. One blue spruce, about five ft. tall. Call 780-3687.

FOR SALE: Antique chest of drawers, Victorian, 5 dr. \$55. 2' 7" x 5' 2" Hamadan Oriental rug, \$75. 2' 8" x 5' 1" Sarouk Oriental rug, \$95. Rifle (Snider patent) Beautiful fireplace ornament. Circa 1870-1900. \$25. 27" round mirror in gold frame. Old. \$20. Call 780-4395.

WANTED: Ride to and from Rosslyn, Va. Can share driving, expense, etc. Work hours 8:15 to 4:45. Call 360-7556.

WANTED: Baby-sitting jobs - your home, days or evenings, experienced. 780-1588.

WANTED: Bathing suits (especially girls) for Gum Springs children. Any usable items of clothing, shoes, etc. will be greatly appreciated. Call Kay Gray, 780-1917.

WANTED: Mature part-time secretary, shorthand desired. Please call Al Bush, 780-2857.

WANTED: Any shrubs or trees you wish to donate to the Stratford Recreation Assn. Please call 780-1968 and tell us what you have. Baby ones welcome.

LOST: Bicycle, boy's, red English racer, w/basket. 780-3752.

Bicycle, boy's, banana seat, purple, hand brake, 20" 780-3375

Bicycle, boy's, red Schwinn, basket, 26" 780-2788.

LOST: Bonanza Mini-bike--Metallic blue, chrome fenders and gas tank, missing seat, front springs, and rear shocks. Motor #894-02447 Serial #81398 780-2961.

LOST: Go-Kart: Blue frame with black seat, new tires on back. 780-2961.

LOST: Bicycle, boy's Sears Spyder, purple, 780-2242.

FOUND: Black framed child's glasses at Stratford Park. 780-2857.

FOUND: Unpainted (red) boy's bicycle, (banana seat) high handle bars--360-4085.

FOUND: Small puppy, brownish-red, short hair, white feet and nose, about 5-6 mo. old. Call 780-4389 or 765-2610.

FORT HUNT CO-OP PRE-SCHOOL has openings for 4 year olds. Call 765-8739.

SEPTEMBER SEWING CLASSES: Basic Bishop, Intermediate and Tailoring. Morning and Evening classes. Call Martha Zavadil, 780-8886, for further information.