



Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

NEWSLETTER

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GARAGE SALE THIS SAT

You asked for it and we're having another one--this Saturday from 1:00 P.M. through 4:00 P.M. Here are the ground rules:

Please bring all your things between 10:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M.--NOTHING WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 1:00 P.M.

Please bring nothing for which you want less than \$1.00--(unless it is a donation for the Teen Club, or to charity if not sold).

Please bring no clothing unless it is baseball shoes, skates, or something special.

Please understand that all items must be picked up between 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. or they'll be turned over to charity.

Please understand that for items sold, 10% will be deducted for the benefit of the Teen Club, and that all payments will be by check within one week of the sale.

O.K.--those are the ground rules--the place again--the empty lots at the end of Wittington and Stockton--the date is this Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Let's have support for this, another of the community affairs which we more or less take for granted now.

ONCE A YEAR DO IT NOW

May we remind you? This IS membership month -- just once a year we ask you all to do just one thing--to pay \$3.00 so that we may do our job for you. You know that \$3.00 is the sole source of income which we have, and we do plenty with it. You get the directory, the County Handbook, probably the best Newsletter of its type each month, and you get membership in an active forward-looking organization which stays out of partisan politics, unnecessary controversial issues unless they directly concern us. Our association leads all others in the District in Transportation, Public Safety, Education, Health & Welfare and other issues, has representatives on every standing committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association, and really wants to have 100% membership! So, be you renter or owner, a newcomer or an old timer, make out your checks to the Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association, Inc. and welcome your block captain into your home. She's got a tough job coming to see you and ask you so make it easy on her, huh? Please? Salute to Barbara Sawyer - the first of the block captains to turn in her work! Remember, 100% is the goal--unless of course there is something which we have done, or not done, which should cause you to not want to support the first, the most direct, the most effective means of collective means of collective representation available to you--bar none! Call Kay Gray, the Membership Chairman at 780-1917 should you miss your captain--but do it now.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

October 21st is the date for our annual membership election meeting for officers for the year. Assuming that we'll have 100% membership we should have a great turn-

out--as usual--it'll be a good meeting, too. But, first things first. Rather than appointing members as we could have, according to our constitution, we asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. We got some, too--so, from the membership, Dennis Lehr, George O'Brien, and Danny Swenson, and from the Board, two volunteer non-elected members--Jane Bush and Jim Bambery--their task--to find at least one candidate for each elective office--secretary, treasurer, recreation, community improvements, membership, Rules, Vice-President and President. Should you be interested in running for any of these offices, please call Jim Bambery, 780-7495, and give your name and the office for which you wish to be nominated. Then, having paid your dues, come to the big meeting on Wednesday night, the 21st of October--we'll have some pretty special entertainment, too--but we'll have another newsletter before then announcing all the nominees, etc.

THIS IS FOR YOU !

Well, after a lot of planning and coordination we are all set--it's a BIGGY--from us to you and the entire family. How about the official U. S. Army Color Guard, the official U. S. Army Silent Drill Team, the U. S. Field Army Chorus, and the official U. S. Army Dance unit-Studio '70--all for you on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. on October 18th, at the Fort Hunt Athletic Field. It ought to be great, and it'll take a monumental publicity campaign which we must run to get at least another 2500 people as we did for the Airmen of Note. We hope you'll all be there - seriously, because your supporting us makes it worthwhile, and more importantly makes it possible to get events like these right in our own back yard. Get the family together, making it a big event, and get your friends and neighbors to come, too!

PROJECT VISIBILITY

This project, a direct off-shoot of this Association's initiative is now an integral part of the County's police policy. Three full-time officers are assigned to it, and I think most of the community has been made aware of increased police presence, protection, and reaction time. We are now evaluating the specific effectiveness of the program, assisting the police in making changes in it, and applying pressure to have additional personnel assigned to it. We have had scores and scores of favorable comments which we have passed along, and we hope that it meets with everyone's approval.

IMPROVEMENTS

Improvement in the traffic flow at Cavendish and Riverside? A white line further out into Riverside is in place as are yellow lines--these yellow lines will be brought out more so that "corner cutting" will be kept down--small improvement, perhaps, but it took time and it will help.

The trees obstructing vision from Wittington into Elkin have been cut down, thanks to the teens who spent four hours doing the work and putting up a three strand barbed wire fence--nothing much, you say? Again, it took time and planning, and it, too, will help cut down on accidents.

A stop sign, at Linton Lane, Keen's new development, as it enters into Elkin. As it is not dedicated into the State Highway System as yet, cooperation by the County police will put that sign in place--hopefully, by the time you read this.

Paving of Elkin into Ft. Hunt should also be underway by the time you read this, and when done, will finally give us a wider road into the road system.

Engineering has been done--money has been appropriated--scheduling has commenced, and we should have that walkway from Summerset Lane to Ft. Hunt School all completed within a fortnight--it'll be safe--it'll be patrolled--and it won't hurt the natural aspects of that new fledgling park--it'll be progress.

Have you noticed the ditching along Riverside--especially across from St. Aidan's?

Only the beginning of improvements on Riverside—we must thank both the State and the County people for responding remarkably well and relatively rapidly to most of the items we list under this headline.

ENTRY SIGNS

Two steps forward—first, we have dispatched letters to the two absentee owners of property on both sides of Cavendish where it enters Riverside. Based on either of their consents for the erection of a sign, we shall commence design and cost estimates for your approval. Second, the State Highway Department has favorably considered our request for a directional sign into our community to be located in the center strip of Stratford Lane as you turn right in Burma Road from the Parkway. This will be a stereotype sign, but attractive, and better than nothing.

MT VERNON MARKET

Having previously fought successfully to have the corner of Elkin and Wittington not go commercial, we are now pleased to inform you that Keen has bought the corner, that the beat-up old market will be torn down, the fence where construction equipment is now stored will be removed, and the entire lot will be cleaned out. This will occur in late October. At that time, we plan to assist Keen in beautifying that area, as it will not be built on for the present. We shall continue to watch carefully to preclude that property and the triangular lot across the street from being rezoned.

FIRE STATION NEWS

The long announced move of the Mt. Vernon Fire Station to its new location on the Harrelson tract is a bit closer. Ground breaking for the new station will take place during this week. Remember that insurance rates will not go up because of the move, and that our negotiations to have the present site converted to a community/teen center are far from dead—on the contrary, in conjunction with the County Recreation Department, and especially our District Supervisor, Herb Harris, appropriate steps at appropriate times are being taken to ascertain that our plans move forward—slowly but surely.

MT VERNON GEN HOSPITAL

Yep, that'll be its name, and yep, regardless of what you might have heard, things are on track. A special hospital commission report to the Board of Supervisors confirmed that things are moving, that the site and the type of full service facilities expected have not been tampered with, and that, again, with patience and perseverance we'll ascertain that our collective interests are safeguarded.

KENWOOD SCHOOL APPLICATION

That Board of Zoning Appeals sign on Wittington probably was seen by all. After determining what the applicant desired, i.e. a private school for a limited number of first through sixth graders and special tutoring services, and after we determined that there would be no change or expansion of the present physical site, your Board agreed to support the application through communications with the Board.

THESE ARE OUR TEENS !

They can say what they want about the younger generation -- Listen to this:

It has taken an inordinate amount of time this summer, but the teens offered more, did more, had more kids involved, and had more things come off than could possibly ever have been expected. Only 18 months in existence, their treasury now has almost \$2000 in it—how about that—but, read on! They helped in the garage sale, helped to run two eminently successful community carnivals, scores of beach parties, and dances, dances, dances, etc.

There was more, but you probably kept up. You know, parents, all this has taken quite a bit of doing, and we didn't ask for your help -- next year, though, we will, because each and everything that occurs has taken planning and doing--a lot of doing. But now comes the most unique--the teens were asked by another fledgling group who couldn't get started what the secret of their success was. Well, your kids briefed them, and explained how they do things. When they heard that the parent unit of the other youngsters wasn't helping them get started, they voted unanimously to do two things for them--first, to organize, plan and run a dance for the kids at Bucknell Manor, and second--believe it or not, to lend them \$200 interest free for six months to help them plan their first dance--now, how about that? We don't know about you, but we're proud of our youngsters with good reason. Let's name some of the more instrumental--Chris Milia, their president--Cindy Boucher, who did everything--Chuck Woford, who was always involved and always produced--Mike Grazier, John Evans, Steve Weissman, Tom Krohn and his brother, Karen Krogh, Miss Publicity herself, and a great help, Robin Bailey, who has done a bang-up job handling a really big and very active treasury--Pam Ryan, the VP, and all the grand fellows and gals unnamed now who helped out at all the dances, the carnivals, the garage sales, and so many other things.

As the summer comes to a close, thanks too to Lou Denit who attended each meeting, participated at each event with us, was always available to lend maturity and rationality, and helped us keep things on an even keel. Working as closely with so many of the young crowd all this hot summer has been something else!??!

IT GOES ON !

An older lady alone in the house - after midnight - a call - we won't even mention the subject of the call - BUT, it was a terrible experience for her, for her neighbors and family, and the sort of prankster trick which hurts!

Another boat at the creek - practically demolished - and you know what - the second time that the guys who did the job were reported, were observed sufficiently well to have been apprehended. Great!

Unlawful use of weapons in the community - again an observant report - two, as a matter of fact - and again, apprehension. Great!

A car at 2:00 A.M. just tearing through the community - again, an observing neighbor - the license number - police assistance to identify the owner, and, a boy in the neighborhood whose father has his license for a month. Great!

In short, the community really has awakened - all the appeals have finally begun to pay off - you see it; you don't like it; you think it's against the law--observe and report it - we'll take it from there! 780-9388 is the number to call.

THANKS SCOUTS

Two Scouts with Eagle Projects - result? The community benefits - many thanks to the Gleason and Jeffrey fellahs for a grand effort in organizing, planning, and carrying out their projects in a manner reflecting credit on them, their Scouts, and, helping all of their community. We encourage maximum cooperation between our Association and all of the existing Boy, Girl, Cub, Campfire, and related activities. We support them financially each year, and we appreciate their doing things for their environment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash balance as of 17 August 1970

\$210.15

Disbursements:

Chain Saw Rental \$16.02
Printing August Newsletter 37.96

Cash on hand

156.17

Savings and CD

\$2063.37

TOTAL ASSETS

\$2219.54

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

Another summer has come and gone, and we hope that we helped in making it pleasant for you -- classes for all types of swimmers, slimmastics, Jr. and Sr. Lifesaving, an outstanding swim and diving team, parties for every age group, the addition of a shelter, a new and better filter system, tennis courts--these were things that kept the Board members and other volunteers busy all summer. Remember that the tennis courts remain open, and that members may use them during daylight hours. To get the combination for the gate to get into the area, please call the members of the tennis committee--George Watson, Bob Stinner, or Paul Peterson. Their telephone numbers are 780-1996, 780-8965, and 780-2653.

Bob Gray, Vice-President

BASEBALL FANS

A "tip of the baseball cap" is in order for Al Pabst who "somehow" scrounged up 100 tickets (and baseball shirts) to the Senators-Tigers game on September 5th. These were passed out evenly between the River Farm and the Ft. Hunt baseball activities, and thanks are appropriate from the "lucky" boys and dads that attended. Who can ever forget the beautiful weather, the 14 innings, the fact that the Senators won, that Al lis-

tened to the Redskins-Dolphins football game on his ear-plug transistor, and at the same time, watched every play of the game. An incredibly wonderful time to us all from a real thoughtful guy!

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Plans are being made to play on the first and third Fridays of each month, 7:30 P.M. at St. Aidan's Parish Hall. For further information, call Loren Benson, 780-2788.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Baby Sitting Club: Would you like to have a FREE baby-sitter? Stratford Landing has a unique baby-sitting club. We have been organized for over ten years, and are looking for new members, since we lost several of ours in the summer turnover of residents. If you would like to have some time during the day, or would like an evening out with your husband, why not get with it and join us? We are all mothers like you and we sit for each other on a credit and debit "hours" basis. For more information, call: Carol Rose, 360-7520, or Jean Powell, 780-1929, and we will be glad to give you more details.

Clay Sculpture Classes for beginners and intermediate starting Oct. 6th. For information, call 780-2731.

Art Classes - Drawing, oil, and acrylic classes begin Sept. 21 - Nov. 23, 12:30-2:30 PM Monday, Call Betty Curry, 360-5688.

For private or group French lessons, teacher's mother tongue being French, call 360-7798.

Tauxemont Pre-School, 7719 Fort Hunt Road, has openings for four year olds in the afternoon session (12:45 to 3:30) For information call Dottie Feldman 780-8662.

WANTED: Clothing, shoes, books, games, for Gum Springs children and the Moon Community Center. Call Kay Gray, 780-1917.

FOR SALE: Conn trumpet; used one month, with case and music stand. 780-1921 after 5.

FOR SALE: Westinghouse stereo record player, excellent condition, \$35, couch and chair, slip-covered, \$15 together. 780-2314.

FOR SALE: Snare drum with 2 sets of sticks and stand. Good condition. Ideal for student starting out in school band. Price \$20 or best offer. Call Ted Shafer, 780-8914.

FOR SALE: Spalding aluminum tennis racket. \$19. \$11 racket plus \$8 August restringing. Fritz Rauch 780-4389.

FOR SALE: Typewriter - lightweight portable with case. \$20 "German in Record Time" Like new records and textbook. \$3.00 Call 360-3488.

FOR SALE: New hand-knit baby sets, make beautiful gifts, all colors. (Made by a Grandmother). Call 780-2857.

LOST: Male white cat, black dot on top of head. REWARD! (9 mo. old cat) 360-4508

Lost: Large red wagon. Name Cris Wilson painted on back. 780-3813

LOST: Gray and white kitten, male 780-0272

LOST: Red English racer (boy's) front fender missing. 780-2283

LOST: Girl's blue Schwinn bicycle, blue handlebars, chrome fenders, blue and white seat. Call 360-4790.

LOST: Girl's Armstrong blue bicycle, 3 speed gear shift on "V", padlock on back. Call 360-7955.

FOUND: Boy's watch with wide leather strap, found at Ft. Hunt Elementary. 780-8584.

FOUND: Girl's blue Sterling Archer bicycle, 26" 780-2646.

FOUND: Purple and white girl's bicycle 26" 360-3931.

FOUND: Keys in brown case. 780-5337.

FOUND: Gray male cat, few white hairs on throat. Has been "found" for several weeks--- would really love to have permanent home with family who would return his affection. Call 780-2114.

FOR SALE: Britannica Jr. encyclopedias - excellent for grades 1-8. \$25 780-1968.