



NEWSLETTER

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TWO OUT OF 620

Kay Gray, Jane Bush, and the thirty-odd block captains, bless their hearts, have done it...another extremely successful membership drive. Would you believe that each and every resident in our community has joined the Civic Association whether renter or owner except two? We really tried for 100% this time, but there were two residents who felt they would let all the others do it and benefit from the tangible and intangible results without at least paying that \$3.00 per annum. So be it. We sincerely thank each and every resident for their participation. We have a healthy treasury—we have active programs, we try to get things done, we try to keep everyone informed, and you may feel assured that your individual interests are thus represented.

DECORATING CONTEST

Believe it or not, we have to announce this contest now or it'll be too late—That time of year is here. We'll follow tradition and have a committee judge what you do with your homes and property to get into the Christmas spirit, and have awards and plaques for those who win in the following categories:

The over-all best

The prettiest

The best and most appropriate theme

The judging will take place between 6:00 P.M. and 10:00 P.M. on Monday night, the 21st of December, so mark that date.

HERE COMES SANTA!

It happens every year—either the times don't please the parents, or the dates don't....Santa didn't come down the right street or he went by too quickly. He got called out right in the middle for a fire....nobody knew about it, and missed it, and is very disturbed. SO, let's make sure we mention this right here and now. If you don't know about it, it'll not be our fault. Santa, replete with goodies, being driven very slowly, through each and every street of the community, ho-ho-hoing at just the right times, sirens and bells activated every once in a while WILL BE IN STRATFORD STARTING AT 3:00 P.M. on Sunday afternoon, the 20th of December. So there. And anyone who says there isn't any, just doesn't believe in fairy tales, and reindeer, and little children, and.....

SKATING RINKS

Work is starting now—we'll have two rinks—one will be very long for the adults and teens, and the same one we had last year will be for the little ones. They'll be better prepared than last year when we worked things out at the last minute. Dividing the rinks will be a rest area with potbellied stoves and benches and lights. The County Park Authority is doing the work to prepare things and get everything in place. From then on, it's OUR responsibility. One thing is certain. This year it's going to

take adult male volunteers to help maintain it, or there'll be a facility, but it won't be operational--because although we plan to use Teen Club members on a limited paid basis, adult male volunteers each night will make it go. If there aren't any, then we'll have to resort to volunteer cash contributions to pay the teens. But we'll have the one and only facility of its kind in the entire County for you and your children's enjoyment.

ELECTION RESULTS

WE ARE PROUD OF THE EXCELLENT OFF YEAR VOTING PARTICIPATION BY THIS COMMUNITY ON NOVEMBER 3rd. MORE THAN 750 REGISTERED VOTERS AWAILED THEMSELVES OF THEIR FRANCHISE. WE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THE RESULTS:

FOR SENATOR:

Byrd: 303
Rawlings: 281
Garland: 168

FOR CONGRESSMAN:

Scott: 384
Stearns: 366

**FOR CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Hoofnagle: 462
Boone: 270

In addition, all four constitutional questions were voted upon with 5 to 1 majorities for the "yes". The \$30 million sewer bond issue won with a greater than 5 to 1 majority after Stratford Landing was the only precinct in the District, and one of only five in the County to have voted "yes" on the same issue for \$39 million during the special referendum in September.

CREEK DREDGING

An entire Saturday was spent with a representative from the Corps of Engineers, the District Supervisor, Mr. Harris, and other association representatives, and progress has been made. It appears that \$20,000 will be forthcoming out of the Engineer budget to make a very thorough and detailed hydrographic/topographic and related study of the entire creek. Please understand that these things take time, money, and patience. BUT, specific steps of a purely planning nature are underway, and that is the important thing. Of utmost concern to us in representing you are a number of considerations--that the creek, especially in our area, does not become "public"--that the ecological factors which now make the creek a natural and really beautiful preserve are left untouched--that no tangible steps of any kind under any conditions take place without this community (and the others) first having full and complete and timely access to all plans with the attending opportunity to act and react.

A MAJOR PROBLEM

It is hard to believe no matter how many times you hear about it, until it strikes close to home. We have a Teen Club, and we think it is a good partial deterrent--it certainly keeps some of our teens busy constantly, and others some of the time. But our problem with the high school age teens really is not bad at all. The same cannot be said for the junior high school age group. An empty house was broken into, and when the police came, syringes were found, and marijuana cigarette butts, in addition to hard liquor, etc. This was in our community. There are indications that those who broke in were in that age group. At 2:00 A.M. that same age group--girls--were apprehended toilet papering and running around private property disturbing the occupants while their parents thought they were at a slumber party. Residents were so shocked by the language and the beer drinking they called, and we found again that same age group trespassing, drinking, and using totally unacceptable language during hours they should have been at home. Three homes were not only toilet papered, but spray painted, cars were defaced with unacceptable words and the like. When apprehended in one case, the age group---the same. We even found one instance where, with almost totally conclusive proof, dope peddling and smoking involved that age group right in our own com-

munity. To make it short and sweet---we have no business whatsoever telling parents how to bring up their children, but when the general health and welfare of the community is negatively affected, then, as a public service---if you have sons and daughters in that 11-14 age group--before they get into deep trouble--before they get hurt--before they are subject to a police report or detention--know where they are and make sure they are home by a decent hour.

DOGS-AGAIN

The air conditioners are off, and windows are open at night. The calls complaining about dogs have increased something fierce. Residents cannot sleep nights because of incessant continuous night after night barking of dogs--in good faith they put out their garbage neatly packed and stacked on Wednesday mornings or late Tuesday nights only to find all of it strewn all over the street. Really, when one thinks how many residents have spent how much money to fence in their yards--how much effort they expend walking their pets, only to find a handful, no more, who simply show an utter disregard for the right to privacy of others and simply let their dogs do whatever and wherever they please. **SOMETHING MUST BE DONE!** So, based on these many calls, we are asking the County to come back into the community both as a deterrent and to convince where required that ordinances on the care and handling of pets exist here and will be enforced.

SKATE XCHANGE

With two rinks going in, with the last exchange having taken place late last season, we are planning another skate exchange this year, and nice and early before Christmas rolls around and you needlessly spend more money than you might have to. Will you keep the date in mind and mark it down, please? It'll be at the skating rinks, at 2:00 P.M. on December 12. That's just long enough to forget it. If you have skates which you can't use, please bring them to the exchange. Last year we found lots more people wanting them than were available, so please make someone else happy and make a little change for yourself.

YOUR TEENS

Last Saturday night, your Teen Club put on what was probably one of the best, most profitable, and most enjoyable dances which the teens have had. Despite the terrible weather attendance was outstanding. There wasn't a single incident, and was further proof of just how great a bunch of teens we have. We hope you realize that their club is undoubtedly the most successful, the most active, and the most affluent of any in the entire County. This sort of track record doesn't come about without a lot of work. Parents, most of our leaders are seniors. You must encourage your sophomores to become active. When the club loses Cindy Boucher, Pam Ryan, Karen Krogh, Tom Krohn, Robin Bailey, its president, Chris Milia, Mike Grazier and others through graduation this coming year, we must have new blood. We don't mind doing your work for you without asking your help--ascertaining that at least some of the time your community plans and takes care of some of the teen's free time. **BUT**, when it comes to joining and becoming active, that's where we can't do without your help. As starters, take time out and read their attached Teen Newsletter and then take it from there.

PROJECT VISIBILITY

We hope that you continue to notice the presence of police cruisers in the area. The Project has been favorably evaluated, and is now a permanent program. In these winter months, the cruisers are in the area more during daylight hours. It has been interesting to note that the officers have been ticketing a considerable number of adults for speeding in the community. Apparently the worst hours for speeding are

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SKI TRIPS

We're beginning to plan now—we'll have them this winter for sure. They'll cost money, but we've had success in making money, so we'll offset some of the expense from the Treasury. But, if you haven't asked for them for Christmas yet, get 'em! Skiis, boots, clothes, etc. You'll save money in not having to rent them when we take off. If you want to be in on the planning, call Cindy Boucher and ask her to invite you to the Executive Board meeting.

SKATING RINKS

They've covered it in the adult Newsletter—it'll be an opportunity for a few guys who don't mind getting cold and wet to make a little money in maintaining them. We'll have two rinks. One big one will be good enough to really take off on with the little kids having their own rink. If you want to help out in maintaining it, call Mr. Brinitzer and put your name on the list. By making sure that the rink gets a chance to freeze without being vandalized, by making sure nothing happens to the equipment, by having someone on duty during non-school hours to see that things run right, we'll be doing a community service, and that's part of the name of the game, too!

Mike Grazier, 780-8720
Special Events

BECOME ACTIVE

Dances, beach parties, car rallies, garage sales, Hallowe'en parties, newspaper articles, folk concerts, ski trips—that's just part of the story—the other part? Publicity, planning, organizing, making decisions, sweating out results of plans, counting money, bookkeeping, managing membership rolls, keeping scrapbooks—when you come right down to it, being active in this club is not only a way to stay busy whenever there is time, it's also a way to get experience in running things and having a voice in what happens and how it happens. It means being able to say, when it comes time to apply for college, just what you have done in community and leadership activities. Do you realize that you can save an awful lot of money by being a member—practically every event we have has a reduction—a big reduction for members—so do two things—join the club and participate in making it do the things you'd like it to do, the way you want it done.

CHRIS MILIA, 780-4179
President

EDITORIAL

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Let's call this an editorial--last month, this association, comprising over 620 homes, held its quarterly general membership meeting, during which election of new officers and exposure to the top candidates for County office were on the agenda. Compared to practically all other civic associations, the attendance of more than 100 members was good--for our association, it was not. Perhaps those who do not vote in this County chose to miss that meeting. Perhaps others, no doubt, had other plans. The reason for this editorial, however, is to assure those who didn't attend because they felt our election process did not require their presence, that we feel they were wrong. No one on the Executive Board has any ulterior motives for standing for re-election. That but one candidate, the incumbent, offered himself for reelection was regrettable, because those now serving certainly will not continue forever, and there is a need for others to become involved and prepared to lead later. The pay on the Board is terrible, the hours are long, the tangible appreciation practically non-existent. Therefore, just to keep the record straight, support from the membership, which means all of the residents of our community, is something which we not only would like to have, but something which is the very basis for doing anything. We think, and we hope, that a lot has been done for this community--its children, its teens, its security, its appearance, its access, and the protection of all of our investments.

We, as we start a new administration year, solicit your support--attend the events and the meetings which we sponsor on your behalf. Give us suggestions as to what we should do or should not do. Let us continue to feel that we are doing something warranting your interest and good will.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barbara Hower, our treasurer, is out of town. A detailed report will be published in the next issue. Approximately \$3,800 is presently held. An audit of the books has been successfully completed by Mr. Marc Chase, whom we thank for his efforts.

DIRECTORY ADDENDUM

With the completion of the membership drive, an updated addendum to our community directory is now being prepared for publication.

ENTRY SIGNS

Designs are now being made, and at the next membership meeting, the association will be asked to approve the expenditure of funds for the erection of such signs on land which has been made available to us by the owner(s). If you have any design ideas, please submit them NOW!

REPORT INCIDENTS

We continue to urge you to report all incidents of any type to the Police and to us when they occur or are noticed. To be effective, we must know what is happening to enable us to work with the Police. Call 780-9388 to make your reports.

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STREET LIGHTS

This time, without even asking for them, based on a police incident, Wittington Blvd., which we had paved last year, now sports street lights. We think this is good for the amount of traffic and speeding on that road, the number of children and bike riders using it, early darkness and no sidewalks making this a potentially dangerous strip.

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

BASKETBALL -- BASKETBALL

Boys ages 10-15 are invited to basketball tryouts at Stephen Foster Intermediate School on Saturday, Nov. 21, 10:00 A.M. This is a youth basketball league, sponsored by the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association. Registration fee of \$8.00 per boy will help to defray the expenses of the league. League play will start in December. Please call Mr. Charlie Guppor, 780-3907 if you have any questions.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Available for Christmas--Toy garage, three-tiered, barely used. \$8.00 360-3814.

Sturdy, wooden, collapsible playpen. Good condition. Hopefully \$10. 360-3814.

Infantseat used only for three short months. In excellent condition. 360-3814.

For sale - Major appliances, furniture, fireplace equipment, HO train layout, dark-room equipment, ping-pong table, dishes, ornamental plant, etc. Moving to small apartment. Call 780-5729.

For sale - Pedigree female schnauzer pup--Call 360-7798.

For sale - Child's ski boots, size 2, in very good condition, \$7. 780-8686.

Wanted - Ride to the vicinity of the Dept. of Justice, working hours 9-5:30. 780-2021.

Wanted to buy - Stereo amplifier, 100 watts. 780-2021.

STRING PLAYERS - Wanting to resume or continue playing your violin, viola, or 'cello? Call 360-7556. We like to play quartets, etc. and need more players, especially violists.

French lessons: Beginner or advanced - individual or group - student or adult - conversational or exam cram - from French mother tongue teacher - Mrs. Harned 360-7798.

Saunders B. Moon Community Center, Gum Springs, is collecting money to provide Christmas dinners for families in Gum Springs. The Fairfax County Recreation Dept. will use the money collected to buy food for the Community Center at a more reasonable cost.

If you wish to contribute to this worthy cause, please contact Kay Gray, 780-1917.

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

Duplicate Bridge being played at St. Aidan's, Riverside Road, every 1st and 3rd Fri. of each month at 7:30 P.M. Future dates are planned for Fri., Nov. 20, Friday, Dec. 4th, Friday, Dec. 18, at 7:30 P.M. All area residents welcome. For further information, call Mr. L. Benson, 780-2788.

BABY SITTING CLUB: Would you like to have a FREE Baby-sitter? Stratford Landing has a unique baby-sitting club, and sit for each other on a credit and debit hours basis.

For more information, call Jean Powell, 780-1929, or Carol Rose, 360-7520.

FOR SALE: Brown oval braided rug, 9x12, \$15. Call 360-4576.