



*Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association*

# NEWSLETTER

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## OUR WISH TO YOU

The Executive Board wishes to extend to all residents of our community, (even the two who are not members) their most sincere wish for a tranquil and joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year. We still have plenty to be thankful for, and we hope that where this time of the year has to be spent away from loved ones in the service, it'll be the last one before all are reunited. We assure you of our best intentions to serve you, and we solicit your support and encouragement.

## DECORATING CONTEST MONDAY NIGHT

This Monday night will be the night when rain, snow, sleet, or what have you, they will be out checking on your handiwork. We refer to that hardy committee gathered by Lou Denit who'll be seeing what you have done to decorate the outside of your homes--(feel free to invite them in to inspect your insides (!) -- decorations, that is--but awards for the best outside decorations will be the result of their work--the prettiest, the most appropriate themes, and the overall best is what they'll be looking for.

## SANTA YES !

We hope that you saw the signs, and that you will get a chance to read this in time, but Santa will be (or has been) in our area starting at 3:00 P.M. this (or last) Sunday. Again, we thank the Teen Club for their help, and of course, the cooperation of the Volunteer Firemen was instrumental. (We used this opportunity and the fact that we will need their help for the skating rink to make our annual contribution to them).

## SKATING ANYONE ?

We hope that you have been down to see the progress on the skating rinks. We have the benches, the stoves, the wood, the outline of the two rinks; one of which is nice and large; we have an offer to receive coaching for a hockey team--lights will be going in soon, and by the first of the year we ought to be ready to go. Let us say it again--fathers--your children will be using this, the only rink of its kind in the entire county. It'll save you having to drive miles and miles and pay to permit your children this fun. We've already had a skate exchange on a miserable rainy day and swapped over 25 pairs. It's going to take a lot of work to keep this thing going--either we get your help, or we're simply going to have to pay Teen Club members for their work each night. The Club has already VOLUNTEERED to monitor and man it during operating hours--if you have not volunteered, we're simply going to have to ask you to contribute--the last

time we asked for volunteers, we received all of three calls--this is not the way to get things done--they are YOUR children and it's YOUR responsibility.

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It started a week ago--heartbroken people calling to say that their wreaths had been stolen, their lights had been stolen, their lights had been smashed, etc. What can we do? We'll continue to receive your calls, please, so we can log them--we will and already have coordinated to get visibility police cruisers into the area as often as possible. We cannot do more--should you see someone suspicious on your property, don't let them get away--let's identify them. Parents, PLEASE highlight to your children that it's their civic responsibility to discourage such actions, and to report them to you--that this is not being a "rat" but being decent.

## EXPLANATION

Let's say this is an explanation--why do we put all of the incidents in the Newsletter? We have felt that all of the community should know both for information, prevention, and as a deterrent what has happened in the community--we have assumed that this type of information is used by parents to help educate and perform preventive "maintenance" within their families--we have published it in the interest of the general health and welfare.

We have discussed this, and decided that we will continue to do just that which we have been doing--it's the least we can do to attempt to maintain some sort of self-protection of that which we call our own, and to ascertain that, duly representing 600-odd homes and their residents, we are doing our bit to eliminate completely unacceptable trespasses. We continue to urge you to report all incidents to us, and to assure you that we will publish them when appropriate, concomitantly requesting continued police assistance.

## ENTRY SIGNS

We have spent \$50 for design submissions, and the Board is now selecting the one it feels is most acceptable. We have received appropriate clearance to place one entry sign on Cavendish and Riverside. Negotiations for a sign at Burma Road are going well. We are going to request that members living in the 28-home Yeonas community whether they have any objection to putting Stratford Landing in the same lettering, whether in place of Riverside Park or below it--we have contacted Yeonas, and there is no objection on their part. Before any expenditures are made, before anything much further is done except for cost estimates, etc., the subject will be surfaced for approval and final selection at the next general membership meeting.

## WE ARE SORRY # 1

Any time, under our system, when we have an election, a lot of dedicated people knock themselves out to help elect the candidate of their choice. We had an election recently, and, as a public service, we published the results of the voting for our precinct. We received the figures from what we considered a reliable source. Alas, alas, we made an error. Thanking the residents who proved to us that they read our Newsletter because they called and complained bitterly--the Democratic Party candidate for Congress, Mr. Stearn, only lost by eight votes in our precinct and not by eighteen.

**Disbursements:**

Hardware supplies	\$ 22.19
Share of cost of Transport.	
Survey	10.00
Expense of Membership Drive	6.56
"Gazette" subscription	13.50
Refreshments Oct. meeting	11.57
"                  "	9.26
Signs (Meeting & Hallowe'en)	30.00
Expenses of Children's Carnival	150.00
Lunch, District Engineers	20.00
Hallowe'en party exp., prizes, treats	40.00
Expenses of October concert	35.00
Drawings of proposed entry signs	50.00
Printing Nov. newsletter	23.66
	<u>\$421.74</u>

Total Cash on hand:

\$1409.14

Savings and CD

\$2075.24

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197012.502087.74**TOTAL ASSETS:**\$3496.88

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Tauxemont Pre-school, 7719 Ft. Hunt Road, will hold an OPEN HOUSE Dec. 30, from 9:30 to 12:00 A.M. for the parents and the children interested in nursery school in Sept. 1971. Questions?? Please call Carol Rose 360-7520.

BABY SITTING CLUB: Stratford Landing has a unique baby sitting club. Members sit for each other on a credit and debit hours basis. We keep an accurate record of the time spent sitting. We are looking for new members. If you are interested, please call Jean Powell 780-1929 or Carol Rose, 360-7520.

Duplicate Bridge: Our next meetings are planned for Friday, Dec. 18, 1970 Friday, January 8 and Friday, January 22, 1970 at 7:30 P.M. each--at St. Aidan's Church, Riverside Road. New players are welcome. For further information, call Mr. Benson, 780-2788.

Ft. Hunt Elementary School: Your knowledge, enthusiasm, and expertise is what our country is all about. Channeling and utilizing this resource for the benefit of our children is the idea behind a newly formed "Resources Committee" at Fort Hunt Elementary School. There are many people who, professionally, by background, education, origin, hobby, have an insight and familiarity in a particular subject. Whether or not they have children in the school is unimportant. We hope that these people will share their expertise with students by giving a little time once a year to pass along first hand information.

How about you? We are seeking resource people in many areas: The Arts: Art appreciation and special art projects, puppet making, group singing, wood working, journalism, play and play production. The Sciences: Archeology, pollution control, space exploration, map making (examples of various types for comparative study). The Social Sciences: Anthropology, History, (history buffs, and collector) Family life in other countries (currently being studied: Africa, Egypt, Thailand, U.S.S.R.) Law Enforcement, Legal Systems, City Management and Planning, Operation of a community business or service. If you wish to help, please let us know. Should you feel that your particular specialty has been overlooked, please speak up! A love of children, and the knowledge in your own field are all that are required. Brighten the lives of our children. Call Mrs. Phyllis Tritsch, 780-6761.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

For Sale: Portable humidifier, \$25. Argus C-3 Camera, \$25. 360-4764.

For Sale: Stereo, Sylvania Solid State \$425. Almost new. Double bed, mattress and box springs, headboard and footboard, \$125. Bar \$115. 780-2706.

For Sale: Ski boots, size 2, in very good condition. Tel. 780-8686.

For Sale: 80-gallon hot water heater. 780-4611.

For Sale: 1 set World Book encyclopedias, good condition. \$35. Royal Portable typewriter, \$35. 2 gray table lamps, with shades, \$7.50 pr. 780-2314.

Wanted: 3 piece drum set. 780-4611.

Wanted: Having friends reassigned to this area in June 1971 who are desirous of buying or renting a four (4) bedroom (minimum) home in this vicinity. Have been requested to advise them of any such available property for further direct contact. Please call 780-8686.

LOST: Star carrier lost a \$10 bill in vicinity of Bradgate, Ryegate, Turbridge, or Waterford. If found, please call 780-9160.

Classes in Clay Sculpture - starting week of January 10th. \$1.00 per class plus supplies. For information, call Marianne Baron, 780-2731.

PTA Meeting Fort Hunt Elementary, Tuesday, January 12, 7:45 P.M.