



NEWSLETTER

Stratford Landing



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NAVY SHOW-FREE ADMISSION THIS SUNDAY 3 PM

This Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. at the Fort Hunt High stadium, you, your family, the children--everyone is cordially invited to come and participate in the Navy-Marine Corps show--admission will be free, our Teen Club will sell cokes, and the feature of the afternoon will be the Commodores--they are the official U.S. Navy dance band and they are just great--a right up-to-date group. They'll please the young and the old--it's taken a lot of planning, and we hope you'll support this event. There will be a Navy-Marine Corps Color Guard to open up the show, and then, of course, we will also feature the Sea Chanters, who are to the Navy what the Singing Sergeants are to the Air Force. Newspapers, radio and TV, posters, handbills, all have the word--now it's up to you--come and enjoy 90 minutes of community entertainment.

SEWER RATES

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE !?!

Soon now, you'll be receiving your water sewerage bill--you will be in for a shock--Our supervisor, Herb Harris, and all of us felt that the way the County has chosen to bill us is not fair. We asked months ago, and repeatedly, that you look at your bills for water and sewerage for previous years, and that, based on previous consumption, you let us know how much more you will have to pay from now on based on 85 cents per 1000 gallons of water used. The response was poor. Not more than 80 residents called and informed us. Now the Mount Vernon Council has joined the fight to get the Board of Supervisors to change the inequities of our having to pay for water which doesn't go into the system. We need facts and statistics to do the job--won't you please, NOW, as a matter of pure self-interest, figure out how much of an increase you are going to be faced with and let us know so that we can fight the battle with facts and figures rather than emotionalism? Please call 780-9388.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

If you think this community like others doesn't have problems, especially with the free time and activities or the lack of them for our intermediate school age group, you are very wrong! In the last issue of the Newsletter there was a questionnaire which asked not for money, not for volunteers, but for information about the type of after school and evening activities your children would be interested in joining at the Ft. Hunt Elementary or Stratford schools--the potential activities ranged from Karate, wrestling, judo, to musical instruments, baton twirling, art, and what have you--the response was poor--very poor--really, there are responsibilities towards our kids involved here. If you knew, in detail, some of the heartaches and tribulations some of the parents are going through with their sub-teens, you would be shocked. Let's get those questionnaires back to the block captains, and let's have the block captains turn them in, please, so that we can get the program going with the impetus it requires.

TEEN DANCE THIS SAT NIGHT

This Saturday night, our Teen Club will be holding one of its monthly dances. Two bands will be playing, and we urge your teenagers to come to it. At the same time, we must tell you that if your children are not upcoming ninth graders, they will NOT be granted admission. We would like to see some of the parents drop in on the dance. The aim of this club through these dances is to have a nice affair for their age group--something to bring a date to--no roughhouse, no beer, no smoking--good music, and to be where the action is--with the crowd. Support these activities by encouraging your teens to go and stop by for a couple of minutes to see how these dances go over.

GARAGE SALE MAY ^{pl} _{sta} 2nd

That time of year is here again--on Saturday afternoon, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. on May 22nd, we plan to have the first of our two seasonal garage sales--we'll hold it at the end of Wittington where it meets Stockton, and we sincerely hope that you'll use the sale to clean out your garages, storerooms, attics, and the like and give your neighbors a chance to get at that stuff. Nothing valued at less than a dollar by you will be accepted, except, of course, that "stuff" which you simply wish to give away. These sales have been eminently successful in the past, and we anticipate wide participation. The Teen Club will assist Skip Hoge who has graciously volunteered to once again head a committee of gals to run it. Why not give Skip a call and help her plan and run the event.

SUMMERTIME-OH JOY !

It's the time of year when we must call certain things to your attention for the general health and welfare of our community. There is an ordinance in the County banning the use of mini bikes except on private property. Unless the bike is inspected and licensed, unless the driver is licensed, these bikes are completely illegal. Help curb their use by stopping and informing bike users to cease and desist--call 780-9388 if you need help. Leaf burning, all kinds of open fires, are presently banned throughout the County--in the interest of our environment, safety, and obeying the law, don't burn--bag it and let the County pick it up. We will not and cannot tolerate speeding, dragging, disregarding of traffic signs in our area. The risk is too great. If you note moving violations, GET THE PLATE NUMBERS and call us. It's only been recently that the dog wardens favored our community based on our request. Your neighbors should not have to chase after their loose garbage, fear for the safety of their little children because of pets which are not under the owner's control. Again, the general health and welfare comes first. That's why the law exists. If your dog runs loose he will be picked up, and that'll cost you time and money. As we see it, our job is to do the best we can for the great majority to help continue making this the highly desirable area it has come to be.

YOU SHOULD READ THIS !

If you have thought it could not happen here, you were wrong. This past month we have had break-ins, theft, vandalism of vehicles, but worst of all, tangible definitive evidence of drugs being used and being in the community. Used by intermediate age school CHILDREN! The County and private activities have drug counseling services--the police have established a community services division--seek their help--we will get you in touch with the appropriate activities without asking you for any details--but spare yourself the grief of children running away from home, children becoming juvenile problems, children having their futures ruined by your lack of interest and deterring actions. Now that vacation season is upon us--a word of warning--if you leave your house overnight whether for a weekend or a week--call us and let us know that the house will be unattended and, let your neighbors on both sides of you know--give them your keys--the reason? We know that telephone calls are made to see whether a house is unattended--we now know that houses are broken into and used while you are gone--for parties, for sleeping, for ransacking, and the like. If we work as a community, if we work as a team, if we show interest in the welfare of our community, without violating anyone's confi-

dence or right to privacy, we can try to stay on top of problems and solve them. It's good to remember that problems are generally not unique, and that when information is pooled, and people work together, individual suffering is lessened.

THE FIRE STATION SITUATION QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE DISTRIBUTED

What to do about the soon to be vacated Fire Station has become somewhat of a problem--the kind of problem which requires broad exposure and broad discussion. The County is thinking about possibly establishing a special tax district and then having applicable residents vote on whether they are willing to be taxed to buy, renovate, and then run the station as some sort of community center. A Council special committee is in session now--it needs help--other alternate courses of action are also under active consideration. There are some basic considerations preliminary even as to how and by whom that facility should be bought, leased, run, etc. What activities are suited for it? What voids exist which could be filled by that facility realizing its size, etc.? Within the next ten days, your block captains are going to be asked to give you a questionnaire similar to questionnaires which will be distributed throughout the neighboring communities. These questionnaires will fill you in with all the facts, possible actions, and asks for your opinions so that we can represent you and have some basis for our positions. Your block captains are going to be asked to pick up these questionnaires from you again and give them to us. **WE URGENTLY SOLICIT YOUR COOPERATION IN GREETING YOUR BLOCK CAPTAIN**, cooperating quickly to fill out this questionnaire and then returning it. This is democracy in action, and especially as potential taxation might be involved, it behooves you to take five minutes time to participate in matters affecting your own interest.

EDUCATION

Once again showing how important and effective community action can be, the problem of what will happen to the student population of Stephen Foster in the next five years as far as over population is concerned appears to have been resolved. Rather than the entire seventh grade of Walt Whitman being transferred to Stephen Foster, which would have meant split sessions, temporary buildings, etc., (550+ additional students) this load will be distributed within three intermediate schools so that the increase in Stephen Foster will only be about 275. This will **NOT** result in split sessions, it will **NOT** stop or curtail any instructional or extra-curricular activities.

WE THANK THE SCOUTS !

Have you, in your busy lives, noticed the area around 7-11 and the bank? Around the soon to be finished walkway to Ft. Hunt Elementary? Wittington Blvd.? All these areas have benefitted measurably from the efforts of Bill Jeffers in organizing and the Scouts in cleaning these areas. They worked for four days and got the job done! We thank the Flying Eagle Patrol of Troop 888 under Dave Fletcher, the 20 Scouts under Asst. Scoutmaster Bud Courson from Troop 654, and the scores of Scouts under Joe Stengall from Troop 1901 for their efforts. These are the sorts of civic actions which benefit all of us--they are acts of dedication and interest which make this a good and attractive area. A few adults and a lot of kids did something for that great, great, silent majority whose interest and participation we seek. Thanks fellahs!

LOST & FOUND

Jane Bush continues to volunteer to run the community lost and found. Bikes, dogs, playthings--you name it--we receive a lot of calls--Jane stands ready on 780-2857 to find out what you have lost and what you have found, and to bring you together.

The services in this community are all available to you--garage sales, teen dances, counseling services--you name it--all you have to do is to avail yourselves.

ROADS DETERIORATION

In driving around the community we notice all kinds of major and minor deterioration of roads--we see traffic signs down and the like--we must have your complaints and suggestions before we can go and get things done! If your street needs work, if your street has signs down, please call 780-9388 and give us the details--we in turn have proven that we'll get corrective action--don't just fret about things--do something to get them fixed!

CHILDRENS CARNIVAL COMING UP

Last year the children's carnivals were a huge success! We want to have the first one of this summer in very early June! Rides, games, hot dogs, drinks--all for the young set. The Teen Club will run it, we'll organize it! Mark the date now--Saturday afternoon the 5th of June--it'll cost a lot of money to get the rides and ponies and so on, but based on how great they went over last year it's worth the money--if your teens want to help run it, let them join the Teen Club now and get in on the action.

SEWERAGE

You may have read about the new static on sewerage treatment at our plant throughout the County--even the state. They say that there is insufficient treatment of too much sewerage for the plant capacity. We are staying on top of the developments. We are participating in possible actions to be taken--we know the history and we know what the County has done and is trying to do about it--our position as voted upon by the Board is one of moderation--making sure that the County knows that we are very concerned about our plant and our creek. At the same time, we are shying away from radical actions taken too soon without sufficient thought of consequences. The treatment of sewerage and related ecological environmental activities have become political footballs in this County election year, and we do not want to jump on too many band-wagons without deliberation and cognisance of the magnitude of the problem and what the County has done or tried to do and continues to try to do. But let no one doubt the fact that we know the situation and when we do take action, it will be planned, thought through, and carried out to the fullest effectiveness possible.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance as of 15 March 1971 \$ 624.76

Receipts:

Return of symphony ticket sale change \$ 100.00 724.76

Disbursements:

View-graph work	\$ 30.00
Globe newspaper, 1 yr. sub.	7.00
Imprinted checks	5.62
Design of concert poster	20.00
"Gazette" subscription, 6 mo.	13.50
Printing of newsletter	54.82
	<u>\$ 130.94</u>

Total cash on hand \$ 593.82

Savings and CD \$2124.79

Total Assets: 2718.61

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 ASSN. Attention! Just a reminder that the deadline for paying your 1971 dues is May 1, 1971. The billing notices were sent out in January, together with the SRA Newsletter, and another bill will not be issued. So please don't forget the May 1 deadline, since full penalties accrue after May 1, even if you have made partial payments of your dues in accordance with our new procedure this year.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria, will sponsor a Spring Festival and Art Show which will open Friday evening, May 14, with the first performance of the St. Dunstan Players, "A White Sheep in the Family", and continue through Sunday, May 16. The Art Show is open to all artists in the No. Va. area. Three original works executed within the past four years may be submitted in any of the five categories: 1- Paintings, 2- Prints and Drawings, 3- Watercolor, 4- Sculpture, 5- Mixed Media. An entry fee of \$1.00 per work will be charged, and the Church will charge a 20% commission on works sold valued \$25 and over, 10% on works valued under \$25. The Show will be juried and awards given. Work will be received at the Church on Wed. May 12 between 2-5 P.M. and 7-9 P.M. Paintings should be framed and wired for hanging. Watercolors, prints, and drawings should be in double hinged mats or framed. Weather permitting, a sidewalk art show will be held. A \$3 fee will be charged, and the artist is responsible for setting up and selling his own work. Only his own work allowed. For space, call Mrs. Huber, 780-3851. For further info call Mrs. Banks, 780-7761, Mrs. Sinn, 780-9241, or Mrs. Travers, 765-6366.

THE ALEXANDRIA CHORAL SOCIETY, with the Performing Arts Assn. of Alexandria, and the Alexandria Symphony orchestra will present a dynamic production of Mendelssohn's Elijah. This will be an outstanding cultural event of the year--On May 2, at Hammond High School, at 3:30 P.M. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or from the following residents--Whit Lucas, 780-2326, Cmdr. Corbin, 780-2690, or Mildred Ward, 780-2740.

MT. VERNON WOMAN'S CLUB - Anyone interested in forming a new Woman's Club in our area? Our closest Federated Club is Old Town in Alexandria, and an organizational meeting to form a new group will be held Tuesday, April 27, at 8:00 P.M. For information, call Whit Lucas, 780-2326.

TAUXEMONT PRE-SCHOOL, 7719 Ft. Hunt Road---Come to our Fair, Saturday, May 1, from 10 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. (Rain day May 8) Fun and bargains for the whole family.

FT. HUNT YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSN. Baseball registration still open to boys 13-16 yrs. of age. Call Connie Harrell, 360-4515 or Ken Smith, 780-1202 for more information.

PERSONAL ITEMS

THANKS - Mr. William MacNevin of Londonderry Road wishes to thank the neighbors and passing motorists who promptly brought a fire under control on his property recently. Per usual, the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department answered the call immediately, but because of the quick action of the citizens of our community, severe damage was prevented.

FOR SALE - 1/10 second stop watch, brand new, \$10. Rauch - 780-4389.

FOR SALE - Philco Slimline 11000 BTU Window Air Conditioner, 1½ yrs. old, \$100. 780-4758.

FOR SALE - New never used - 49¢ each--six AC-46 Spark plugs, same as Champion J-11, four Champion N-5 spark plugs. 3 qts. Allstate Automatic Transmission Fluid, Type A #AQATF 1549A - 40¢ a qt. 780-1013.

WANTED - To rent - Home in Mt. Vernon area, 3-4 bedrooms, 1½-2 bath, with rec. room, a/c, 1 yr. lease with June occupancy. 780-8935.

WANTED - A nice family with children and a fenced yard for our 10 mo. old housebroken dog. He needs companionship and we are not home all day. 780-1013.

NOTARY PUBLIC - A. R. Powell, 2405 Cavendish Dr. 780-1929. Monday thru Saturday.

BABYSITTING - Early evening, afternoons after 3:00, and on weekends--call Joy Frazier, 780-5055.

PET AND LAWN CARE - Russell Hammond, 780-8935.

WANTED - WANTED

People of all ages to clean up the Potomac - this Saturday, April 24. Group will leave from 2408 Stirrup Lane at 11:00 A.M. Clean up will begin at the riverside park at the end of Stratford Lane. Bring rakes and shovels. For more information, call Erik Hertz, 780-2467.