

May 1971

GARAGE SALE THIS SATURDAY!

Mark the day and make your plans now--the first of two annual garage sales--this coming Saturday afternoon starting at 2:00 P.M. The place will be the end of Wittington Blvd. from Highgate to Stockton--thanks to the cooperation of the residents affected, the road will be closed off, and from 2:00 P.M. through 5:00 P.M. we hope all of you come on down. We'll repeat--the place is Wittington, the time from 2-5 PM on Saturday, the 22nd. Ground rules? First, please don't put anything up for sale for which you wish less than \$1.00, unless you want to donate it for the benefit of charity. Second, please bring all of your items to be sold at the sale to Wittington on Friday, repeat FRIDAY, between 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. (Skip and the teens will be there.) Third, please don't put clothing up for sale. Experience has shown it doesn't sell well, and gets things bogged down. Otherwise, you name it--boats, kitchen sinks, beds, TVs, refrigerators, they've all been put up and sold in previous garage sales. This is your chance to clean up and out and get money for your items, too. The Teen Club will be assisting Skip Hoge and her committee, and we thank Skip and the Club very much. Naturally, for safety's sake, the streets will be blocked off from all traffic, so bring the whole family. If you need Teen Club help to transport your items to the sale, call Chuck Woford on 780-8584 and he'll coordinate. A reminder, ALL ITEMS NOT RECLAIMED BY 6:00 P.M. the night of the sale will become the property of the Civic Association, which will dispose of such items for charity. Any monies due you through sale of items will be mailed to you by check within one week's time. This is a community service, and we sincerely hope for maximum participation.

BIG CHILDRENS' CARNIVAL SUNDAY JUN 6th

Continuing, living proof of a vibrant and active Civic Association! Mark down the date! SUNDAY afternoon the 6th of June from 1:00 P.M. through 5:00 P.M. at the Stratford Landing Park closest to the elementary school, the first of what we hope will be a number of children's carnivals for the enjoyment and fun of the youngest set and their brothers and sisters this summer. The Teen Club will once again run it, and there'll be soft drinks at 10¢ and hot dogs at 20¢. There'll be ponies, merry-go-rounds, whips, and six different rides all together--there'll be games free for the younger set with prizes for the winners. It's meant to be for the whole community, and the rides will be very reasonable--15¢ a ride, or 8 for \$1.00. This is a very costly event, and though we consider rendering pleasure and entertainment for our kids most important, we sincerely depend on your support so that we will not lose too much out of the treasury. Except for some posters, this Newsletter will be the last notice, so don't forget the date and time,

ues to mount. The fact which hurts most --
come in on our youths except those in the intermediate school.
Some callers have been anonymous--they didn't want their names known
the fact that they had now discovered their child, too, had been using
stuff--others not only mentioned their names but gave horrible details about
specific kids, about the fact that it is easy to buy whatever is wanted--
beer drinking by that age group even in the morning on the way to school and
what have you--we ARE sorry to have to mention this--but--the health and well-
fare of our children is involved. Please, know where your junior high school
age kids are--know who their friends are--watch out for lack of appetite--
sleepiness--changes in habits and attitudes--no one wants to "bug" the kids--
least of all those of us who work with them so often and so closely--your
own happiness and that of your family is involved. If you need professional
help, if you think there is a problem--call us (780-9388). It will be in
confidence, and all we'll do is to steer you to the right people to get some
help--again, we are sorry to bring this up, but bring it up we feel we must.

THE RECORD HOLDS

The day was cold, and the wind blew--nevertheless, over a thousand
neighbors came out for the all Navy-Marine Show a couple of Sundays ago, and
we sincerely hope that they enjoyed themselves. In the course of the past
year we have offered, through our sponsorship, symphony, all Army and Air
Force concerts, garage sales, carnivals, outstanding national figures as
guest speakers at our membership meetings. We have taken the lead in just
about all of the local issues from sewerage rates to adequate police protec-
tion. Our members fill important posts in the Mt. Vernon Council, and the
entire Executive Board solicits your ideas and support to continue the work.
Presently, we are working very closely with County police authorities to as-
sure adequate police protection during the summer months through reactiva-
tion and improvement of last year's Project Visibility. Your continued calls
to report incidents and to let us know what your thoughts and desires are
continue to constitute the basis for getting the job done.

GOOD RESPONSE ! THANKS

In the last Newsletter, we said we thought it hard to believe that so
few of our residents had called in their sewer rates to enable us to gather
facts required to assist alleviating any identified inequities in future
County billings. The response after that little article was most gratifying.
We now have received inputs from about 35% of the community. All of the
facts and statistics have been compiled. Work, both through the Council and
unilaterally with our District Supervisor Harris is underway to bring forth
a change in the ordinance, hopefully to base all future sewer charges on
water consumption in that calendar quarter in which January falls. For your
own interest and information, our statistics indicate that the average home
owner in our community will see his water/sewer charges increase by \$87.50
this year, compared to less if no changes are won in the present ordinance.

PUBLIC SAFETY - OUR WELFARE

Our request that you inform us when your house will be unoccupied overnight has fallen upon receptive ears. We are glad. When we receive these calls, we coordinate with the police to ascertain specific patrolling of the area in question. This, of course, is not a panacea, but it will be of help in curbing possible incidents. May we once again, for the benefit of new residents, urge that you place a spotlight in front of, and in back of, your house? Or that you place such a light in your carport, or, that you leave your front door lights on? It will definitely curb unwanted intrusions at minimal cost. We have had reports of some ridiculous happenings this month, which when compounded by their number, become mean and unwanted. Toilet papering--it is fun, they say, but try taking the paper down one time and then see how much fun it is. Throwing eggs at houses--ever tried cleaning that up? It's difficult--there is simply no justification for it, and one thing is certain--the first time apprehensions are made, we'll press charges, and we'll follow through. Please understand that the heartaches and inconvenience of residents is everyone's concern, because it might be you the next time. We have a wonderful community, and our efforts continue to keep it just that way.

ROAD NEWS

We are pleased to note that the paving of Wittington and Londonderry and Yardley has been accomplished on schedule, and that, thanks to the Scouts, the area is relatively clean--we know that you are impatient to have Burma Road reopened. So are we--to recount the entire history of that road would be redundant--to tell you how much time and effort we have put into this matter would be repetitive--know, though, that the County has invoked a sewer hookup and building permit issue moratorium if effluency goes into our Creek disposal plant, and that therefore, the builder of Harbour Point cannot at present, complete his project, and that a direct tie-in exists between this fact and that Burma Road continues to be closed. Let us hope that the judicial decision as to whether the moratorium will be reinstated by court order comes soon, so that the County will know where it stands, and so that we can make arrangements relevant to opening that road based on the conditions and circumstances existing after the Judge Thornton decision.

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OUR CREEK

The dredging of Little Hunting Creek continues to be a matter of concern and interest. You will recall that based on our initiative, the regional Corps of Engineers office representative and we toured the area, made requests which were then taken back to Baltimore for further study. We can now tell you that according to the time plan we anticipated, the Corps of Engineers will make a detailed survey costing considerable monies, and that come a year from now, we should have plans ready for your inspection, comment, and approval. For newcomers, it should be recalled that the sewerage disposal plant will shut down within the next two years, that we envision a cleaned up, dredged, accessible, ecologically safeguarded creek, a pleasure for all. Of course, retaining its non-public nature as far as docking, harboring, and launching in our area are concerned, are basic and axiomatic considerations.

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In the past week you should have received a detailed questionnaire relating to the future of the Mt. Vernon Fire Station. If you knew the time and trouble, discussions and arguments, considerations and alternatives which have made this a relatively major issue these past months, we know you

would take the time to fill out the questionnaire and get it back to your block captain. We try to keep these Newsletter items short and to the point. Hence, won't you please believe that in order for us to come up with good, cogent and appropriate recommendations we really need to know what you think, so that we can adequately represent you? Please take the time now and get the questionnaires back--we do not need your name--just the filled out questionnaire. Naturally, should you have any questions, should you wish more details, don't hesitate to call us (780-9388). **BLOCK CAPTAINS PLEASE RETURN THE QUESTIONNAIRES TO 2321 Wittington Blvd. as soon as possible; as members of the Stratford team please make the effort to pick up the questionnaires from the residents of your block. We thank you for making it possible for us to do our job!**

READ ABOUT YOUR TEENS

We continue to be proud and happy about the work of our Teen Club. The first dance which attempted to somewhat restrict attendance and ascertain the type atmosphere which will make it and all dances something the Club and we can be proud to sponsor, was a great success. Look at the Teen's Newsletter and the financial statement to see how well the Club is doing. The change of officers of the Club has been excellent--remember that a complete new team takes charge each year, and led by Chuck Woford and Tim Hower things are in good hands. You should be interested that the Teens continue to follow the policy of donating 10% of their income to charity, and a committee headed by Fritz Rauch and Nancy Sasser is now working with the United Community Ministries to work out details as to how funds which become available will be applied. If you have a son and daughter in our community who has not joined and they are in high school, we urge you to get them to the Club--it's a good and vibrant activity. Contact the Club Secretary Cindy Lang, 780-8741, and get the dates of the executive committee meetings which are open to all club members. The next meeting will be in Nancy Sasser's house on Sunday night, the 23rd of May, at 8:00 P.M.

SCHOOL RECREATION PROGRAM

Despite the reminders in the last Newsletter, we were less than happy with the indications of interest in the after school programs which could be a real reality and could be ever better and more effective based on the interest of the parents and children. Before you know it, the summer vacation will be with us. Especially for the younger ones who will not be working yet, there'll be plenty of free time, and who knows, some boredom--remember that Ft. Hunt Elementary is in our back yard. Remember that it is air-conditioned--remember that you as the taxpayer own that school. Why not an active, fully programmed summer program--do call Dave Venezky (he's in our little book) and see what kind of support and information he needs to bring about the best, most effectively exploited recreation program. Don't YOU owe it to your kids?

TRANSPORTATION NEWS

1971-1972 Objectives:

The MVCCA Transportation Committee has approved the following objectives for the coming year. 1. Long Range: a. Establishment of a single agency within the Metropolitan area of Washington which is charged with the development of a comprehensive transportation system for Washington, D. C. and its Virginia and Maryland suburban. b. Development of a comprehensive plan for the integration of all transportation means, public and private, in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

2. Short Range: a. The early establishment of Huntington Station as a transportation terminal servicing the Mt. Vernon Area. b. Establishment of responsive public transportation services in the Mt. Vernon area. c. Improvement of public roads within the Mt. Vernon area which meet the requirements of local residents. d. Establishment of a program to inform the citizens of the Mt. Vernon area of the various alternatives and their implications which are available to solve the transportation problem.

These objectives are compatible with and within the spirit of the transportation resolution passed by this association at the last general membership meeting. These objectives will be presented in resolution form for adoption at the June General Meeting of MVCCA.

The transportation committee of the MVCCA is undertaking a review of the transportation aspects of the Master Plan. This review is suggested by a growing awareness of the transportation dilemma in the Mt. Vernon area. Re-evaluation of the plan will help insure that the plan conforms to our current and future needs. Citizen interest and input is solicited. If you have some ideas, let Jim Bambery (780-7495) know. We will give you a complete rundown on this program at the next General Membership Meeting.

The establishment of the JFK Theater for the Performing Arts raises the possibility that a large number of people in the Little Hunting Creek area will wish to take advantage of the program offered by the center. Charter Bus Service offers an opportunity to avoid traffic and beat the parking problem. Contact with the AB&W Bus Company indicates that they will be happy to provide non-rush hour charter service from Little Hunting Creek area to the Center. AB&W rates will be established on the following basis:

\$24 for the 1st hour
 \$12 for every full hour thereafter
 \$ 6 for each 30 minute increment

Considering a 3½ hour period, which will be an average time from pick-up until return home, and a full bus load (approximately 51 persons) the rate for round trip could be as low as \$1.10 per person. The company indicates that pickup policy would be liberal, which means that passengers could be taken on at several points. Individuals interested in arranging for this service should contact AB&W Charter Service at 836-4500.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance as of 12 April 1971	\$ 593.82
Receipts:	
Late and new dues	\$ 7.50
Disbursements:	
Printing April Newsletter	31.54
Supplies for putting up signs	8.10
	39.64
Cash on hand:	561.68
Savings and CD	\$2124.79
Int. on CD	12.50
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$2709.07</u>

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.

Peter H. Brinitzer, 780-9388 President	David Bryant, 780-6512 Vice-President	Nancy Shafer, 780-8914 Secretary
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PERSONAL ITEMS

Time for Spring Soccer Practice: The Ft. Hunt Patriots have started Spring soccer practice. All boys who will be in the 7th, 8th, or 9th grade the next school year are welcome to come out and work with the team. Practice is held on Stratford Landing School playing field twice weekly on Thursday afternoons at 5:30 PM and Sunday afternoons at 4:00 PM. Practice sessions last about 75-90 min. and about six weeks of practice remain before taking a summer break. A number of last year's team members will be ineligible because of age or moving out of the area, therefore, new blood is required. Spring practice is designed to brush up on skills after the winter layoff and it is also a time to interest new boys in the program. Everyone who comes out will have an opportunity to play soccer. No experience required. The regular season will start in the late fall with fall practice starting in early September shortly after school starts.

For Rent: New, 3 brm. cottage, Bethany Beach, Avail. June, July, Aug. 780-2435.

For Sale: 1 Royal portable typewriter \$15, 1 wicker dog bed w/pad like new, \$5, 1 Oster electric dog clipper \$7, 1 Pan-Am metal dog crate, medium size, \$6. Tel. 780-2314.

For Sale: 2 brass fire screens (like new) \$20 each, Sears washer and dryer, \$130, Wards lg. refrig. 175 lb. freezer \$75, TV antenna \$10, Zenith portable TV w/brass stand \$15, Western saddle \$20, burnt orange acrilan rugs, 8x12 and 12x15 w/pad, \$115 for both, 9x12 oval braided rug, \$10, 2 chests of drawers \$15 each, 1 sofa, reg. size, \$5, 1 contemporary green sofa \$50, 1 gold loveseat \$25. 2514 Culpeper Rd., tel. 780-4935.

For Sale: 1 brown oval braided rug, good condition, 9x12, \$15. 360-4576.

For Sale: Rabbit hutch and one beige and white male rabbit, \$15. 780-9078.

For Sale: Genuine leather steering wheel cover, black, new, \$6. 780-4389.

Available: Have copy machine-Pitney Bowes-copies 10¢ each - 780-2857.

Wanted: Used piano, any style (inexpensive). 780-3375.

Wanted: Donation of used refrigerator for teacher's lounge at Stratford Landing School, rug or carpet for library corner, Stratford Landing School, Call Mrs. Davis, 780-1921.

Wanted: Used 24" bicycles, boys or girls. 360-4320.

Wanted: Ride to vicinity Capitol Hill starting June 1. Hrs. 8:45 to 4:45. Please call 780-3952.

House for Rent: 5 bedroom, 3½ baths, finished basement (Gramercy), car port, available Aug. 1, 1971. 780-8584.

Available: Mother's Helper--dependable 14 yr. old girl to care for small children (in your home). Experienced in light housework and cooking. Available after July 4. Karen Bales, 780-3463. Call after 3:00 P.M.

Available: for babysitting, pet sitting, car washing, house cleaning and lawn work. Erin Corbin, 780-2690.

EXPERIENCED BABYSITTERS: Responsible, good references, trying to earn money to go to France under exchange program with French baton-twirling corps. From 2:30 P.M. school days, any time weekends, will do housework, yard work, serve as mother's helpers. (Stratford pool members--will take children to pool and supervise. Have lifesaving certificates.) Call Kathy or Margaret, 780-7077