



Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

NEWSLETTER

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A SWEET VICTORY

It is with considerable satisfaction that we can report to you that all the work and time spent in compiling statistics, gathering facts, attending county public hearings, waiting to be called to testify have not been for nought. The County staff testified against it, the County executive did not want it but the Board of Supervisors in their recent meeting voted for a new sewer/water consumption charge system based on the water consumption of that quarter in which January falls. This association took the lead in the fight. This association's spokesman represented all of the civic associations who are members of the Mt Vernon Council. 20 minutes of testimony was presented. When it was all over, Herb Harris' (our supervisor) motion was passed. Here are the details. The minimum charge for water and sewerage billing which until now has been higher for single family dwelling owners than apartment dwellers is equalized. All will pay the identical minimum. The annual bill will be based on the consumption of water in that quarter of the billing cycle in which January falls. The charge by 1000 gallons consumed will be fixed by the staff with the approval of the Board but will not exceed 1.06 per 1000 units. Please note that although Harris, in early summer was successful in allowing a percentile discount for this summer's consumption, this compromise was coupled with a raising of the rate to 90 cents per 1000 gallons. In short - the bills for adequate sewerage treatment in this county must be paid. We must have this adequate treatment. Federal and state funds have now become available. This will downwardly affect our charges. How much we do not yet know. As of the next billing period, everyone will have the same minimum billing charge regardless of consumption. None will be charged sewerage charges for watering the lawn, for washing the car and you will be billed only for that water which enters the sewer system. This has been a long and hard fight and we are satisfied that citizen action has won out and an inequity is being corrected. Remember though - some have not yet received their bills for the spring quarter of this year. This will be a high bill. Should you have questions on that bill, call us (780-9388). The next bill you will receive will be based on the same (old) billing system but with a discount of 20% at 90 cents per 1000 gallons consumption. The new and stabilized system of billing will not go into effect until the period for the last quarter of this calendar year and the computers are going to have one fine time in trying to compute the first bill under the new system. Administratively speaking this whole billing system is a nightmare so please be patient and call if there are obvious discrepancies.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

3 DISTRICT CANDIDATES TO APPEAR

The first Tuesday of November is election day in the county. All state residents will be asked to register and vote for, among other candidates, the person who will represent the Mt Vernon District on the Board of Supervisors. This board sets your real property taxes, utility taxes, sewer and water, and garbage taxes. It sets the policies for your health and police and education system and many other aspects affecting your general health and welfare. Even if you are NOT a registered county voter knowing who the candidates are is of great importance because you pay the same taxes to the county in one form or another. This time three candidates are running: a Republican, the incumbent Democrat, and an Independent. Just less than a week before this election, we have been able to get all three candidates to agree to appear before our civic association in the October general membership meeting on October 28th, a Thursday night. Please make your plans now to be in attendance. The next newsletter will give further details. At this same meeting the officers of this association will stand election.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

NOW IS THE TIME

The annual membership drive of this civic association is now in full swing. Each block captain has received a four page informational poop sheet to hand out to new residents (and old ones) telling the story of our association. What we have done, how we have done it, why we exist. It is impossible for anyone person or even a group of persons such as our executive committee to please everyone all the time. It is inevitable that one or more of our actions displease someone at some time. But, we have done the job rather than doing nothing and we have kept you informed month by month. Hence we sincerely and honestly hope that each resident, renter, owner, military and civilian will greet the block captain, give her the information she needs for the new directory which will be printed after the drive and pay her the \$3.00 annual membership. Remember, none on the Board has any motivation for his or her work, time, effort or trials and tribulations accompanying these jobs except to be of community service. We feel every resident of our area ought to be a member. Let's shoot, once again for 100% membership.

CREEK PUBLIC HEARING

The Sewerage rate public hearing is out of the way. Yet another Public Hearing is doming up. Date undetermined but most probably in October. It pertains to the future dredging and related plans for Little Hunting Creek. We must have a united position. We must testify before the appropriate authorities representing all the wishes of all interested boaters, those living close to the creek, etc. Once again this association has taken the lead. Dr Bruce Collotte, a member of our Board responsible for environmental matters is the chairman of this special committee. Please give him a call on 360-5188 if you'd like to work making up the plans. Even if you do not wish to help in the planning, but have an input, call him and ascertain that your voice is heard.

BIBI GUNS-MINI BIKES

Perhaps it's the time of the year or the start of the school year. Regardless, the incidents of totally illegal use of BB guns is once again with us. Let us repeat the law. Use of BB guns, even the carrying of BB guns except on one's own property is forbidden in this County and is punishable. Children actually aiming these weapons at their peer group, carrying and using these guns in areas commonly used by children is inexcusable and must be curbed by the parents. Please ascertain that should your child possess one that he is fully briefed. Mini-bikes also have reappeared. These are illegal on streets, sidewalks, school property or any other areas outside your property unless the vehicle is inspected and licensed and the driver is in possession of a driver's license.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Historically, Bucknell Manor has had annual Halloween parades. It has been limited to their area. This year, it will be for the entire district. Casey Cox, the Washington (Dallas) Senator pitcher, will be the Grand Marshall, the Mt Vernon Guard, an Army Band, Scouts and others will participate. Our Stratford Teen Club has decided to enter a float. The Club will need help in getting this float operational. Fathers and mothers, whether you have teens or not, a helping hand would be appreciated. Please give us a call and let us know whether you'd be willing to help for a couple of hours.

RESOLVED!

You will note that the untenable gravel situation on the corner of Ft Hunt and Elkin has been resolved. First the builder was required to sweep the street. Then to put up barriers. Then he was given a time frame in which to pave. This has now been accomplished. Manholes in disrepair are being or have been repaired. Should there be any other road problems please notify us so that we may take the necessary corrective action.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We received a real short treasurer's report from Barbara Hower this month. Nothing in and nothing out so, what was last month is good for this month. Balance: \$2402.75 as of the 15th of September.

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

For Sale:

10 speed Phillips Bike, new, Schwinn puff tires - \$80.00 call 780-4758
DISHWASHER - Portable, Top of the line GE Mobile Maid; new motor, exc cond \$100-780-9160
CHEVROLET, 1962, Bel Air 4DR Sdn, AT, R&H, good tires and snow tires, runs well, \$125; 780-6459
AFGHAN, new, handmade, ideal Xmas other gift for wife, daughter etc \$35.00; 780-6459
MINI-BIKE, deluxe Sears, new over \$200. chrome, 4hp engine 2 spd, needs tune up \$60; 360-3383
LUMBER-used, clean, 1x4, 2x6, 4x4 in random lengths - 360-4169
DOG STUD SERVICE-Pedigree SHIHTZU(66)available for stud service. Sire: Si-Kiang's Jenn Wu - Dam: Si Kiang's Chan Zu - call 360-4169
Pair mahogany leather top step end tables \$50 and matching coffee table, \$35; 26" walnut pie crust table \$35 all in excellent condition call 780-2313
Bonneville Pontiac '65 fully equipped, one owner, selling below retail - 780-2671

Wanted:

Truck to haul paper, cans, bottles etc to the Springfield Recycling Center, Saturday mornings only call Su Walther, 768-9327
Car Pool or ride to vicinity 12th & Constitution (IRS) office hours 8:15-4:45 call Dan O'Brien 360-5165
Ride to Conn & N Street or vicinity - call 360-4122
Tennis Players, preferably in the mornings call Barbara Kaye - 780-6260
Bridge Players - will play during the day or evenings call 780-6260

Lost:

Bicycle, gold, boy's, 20", white & gold banana, high bars - 780-3196
Bicycle, boy's, red and silver, banana seat 5 speed, 780-7561
bicycle, Red and white western flyer (english) 3 speed with hand brake - 360-3773
Bicycle, Boy's english racer with white water bottle (Columbia) -780-3547
Bicycle, Girl's, english, black, black and white seat - 360-4634
Bicycle, Girl's, Schwinn, green, green seat, high handlebars - 360-7888
Silver Can opener (wedding gift)(25th anniversary) 780-1013

Found:

Cat - Siamese, male, seal point, blue eyes, 780-5198
glasses, government issue, blue frames 780-2857
Bicycle, blue with green banana seat, basket 780-5933
Bicycle, Girl's pink spider, flowers on seat (Huffy), 360-3391
Man's or boy's watch found in the park - 780-1424
Bicycle, girl's Sears blue, 3 speed (taken to Groveton Police sub station 691-2116

Notary Public: A R Powell 2405 Cavendish 780-1929 Mon - Sat only

Baby Sitter: Free day or night - Susie -780-1588

Mothers of Preschool Children: The Stratford Landing Babysitting Club is looking for new members. The Club has been established in this community for over ten years. It provides child-free time for mothers and gives children an opportunity to make friends. Babysitting is based on an exchange of time between members. Accurate records of time used and earned are kept by the secretary. No member is required to take a sit that is inconvenient for her. Daytime babysitting is done at the sitter's home. A member desiring a sitter calls the secretary, who then calls the members who owe time until she finds one free to sit. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Club, or in learning more about it, call Carol Rose, 360-7520.