

# Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

## NEWSLETTER

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### GARAGE SALE SEP 16th !

Saturday the 16th from 2 PM through 5 PM will be the time to finally get rid of all those things accumulated throughout the long summer. It'll be the date of the annual Association sponsored, community wide garage sale. The rules will be simple: Bring all your items which you wish to sell EXCEPT CLOTHING and EXCEPT THOSE ITEMS for which you want LESS than \$1.00 to the central collection and registration point at the corner of Wittington and Stockton Parkway no earlier than 11PM and no later than 1PM. Please do not come earlier than 11 and no later than 1 PM. The short street from the corner of Wittington and Highgate and Wittington and Stockton will be blocked off for everyone's safety. The blocked part of Wittington will then be set up by the Teen Club under the direction of (God Bless Her Heart)Skip Hoge and her gals who'll be running this affair for the fourth year in a row. Please specify what you wish to sell, how much you wish for each item, receive your duplicate inventory slip and then -- hope for the best. At 5 PM sharp the sale will be over and then all those who had submitted items can retrieve whatever has not been sold. PLEASE UNDERSTAND that those items not sold and not retrieved will be given to Good Will charities. Should you wish to donate any item and not expect money if sold, the proceeds will go to the Teen Club in consideration for their assistance. We ask that those wishing to come and look NOT arrive before 2 PM. That's all there is to it. We have had gross sales as high as \$600.00; there will be ample publicity and we hope that there will be maximum participation. Should anyone require assistance in transporting items to the sale site, please come to the site between 11 PM and 1 PM and teen club members will assist. This is a community activity and we solicit your interest and support. No percentages will be taken out. All proceeds from sales go to the seller.

### CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES TO APPEAR AT OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Hard to believe but October is not far away - that'll be the month for the general annual election meeting of the association. It'll also be time for the community to meet the political candidates vying for that office most close to us in the November election - US Congressman for the 8th Va congressional district. All the candidates have been invited to address that meeting. It's part of the democratic process and appropriate for this association to invite all these candidates so you might see them, hear them, question them and then be able to go to the polls intelligently knowing what the respective platforms and affiliations are. The election for association officers will be held at this meeting as well as discussion and reports of the respective officers who have spent considerable time and effort in representing and working for you. Join the association during the September drive to assure your vote. Much is given - little is asked.

# SEPT IS THE MONTH THAT COUNTS

Believe it or not that time of year is here again. September is membership month of this, your civic association. It's the month where the chairman of the membership committee and her almost 40 volunteer block captains will be knocking at your door asking you to join what we think is one of the most vibrant, most active, most effective and also most influential associations in this county. The association attempts to put out one of the most professional newsletters of its kind; it runs a lost and found; personal items; sponsors and runs the only civic association sponsored Teen Club in the county and one which has now existed and prospered for more than four years despite the total turnover of youngsters. An association which has had all the streets with overhead power illuminated, has fought all rezoning applications successfully, has had all of the streets repaved; speed and stop signs emplaced, has fought virtually hundreds of individual and collective matters of interest through to success within the county; has been the first community to have a community services officer assigned to it from the County Police; furnishes the county with a representative on the County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Regional Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Advisory Council, has three of its residents as chairmen of standing committees of the Mt Vernon Council of Citizens Associations; publishes directories bi-annually; publishes a teen newsletter monthly; sponsors the Fairfax County Symphony Orchestra each year; has made possible the appearance of the Army Drill Teams and concert Bands, the Marine Corps Honor Guard and show group, the Airmen of Note and the Navy Commodore Band right here at Ft Hunt. It has sponsored Theater Parties, has an alerting system in case of emergencies and serves as a focal and coordinating point for the myriads of problems and concerns of almost 700 homes. It is also the civic association which only charges \$3.00 per year to belong and has probably the healthiest treasury of any association around charging considerably more. At its meetings, the association has featured Senator Spong, D,Va., Congressman Scott R,Va, the County Commonwealth Attorney Bob Horan, the Chief Judge of the Juvenile Court System Deirhoi, its District Supervisor to the County Board of Supervisor Herb Harris and, each election year has featured all the major candidates for office. There are so many other things which this association has done - paving streets which didn't exist before, beautifying the area, representing it openly and democratically on numerous issues etc. So, now the association officers, who meet each month and more, who spend a very considerable time for the benefit of the community, ask for your support. The only time, once a year when YOU are asked to tangibly support not the individual officers but the association - the lowest and probably most effective voice that the resident may have in the long process of representative government. It is fully realized that no one man, no one group of elected officers can please all of the people in all issues all the time. But they do the best they can. Your welcome of your block captain, your cheerfully given \$3.00 dues the first time she calls will be greatly appreciated as the sole way to show your support for your civic association.

## BLOCK CAPTAINS - PLEASE NOTE !

Attention Block Captains. On behalf of the membership chairman Kay Grey this is the annual appeal to you. September is membership month. In October there is the annual election meeting of the association. Only those whom you have approached and who have paid are eligible to attend and vote at this meeting. That is why there is a sense of urgency that you be good enough to commence your effort to get every family on your block enrolled no later than the 30th of September. There are numerous new residents on your block - on every block - We have ample copies of the new directory - we have amply copies of the welcoming newsletter which tells our story. Won't you please make your plans now to go around and enroll all your neighbors? Remember that only those who are members receive the monthly newsletter, the teen newsletter and the directories - remember please to make out 2 3x5 cards for each resident - one for you to keep and one to give to Kay Grey for her centralized records. Please pick up your membership cards and other materials listed above from Kay on Summerset Lane or call her on 780-1917 so that you can get this once-in-a-year task accomplished rapidly and efficiently. Less than 10 residents out of almost 700 did not join last year - let's once again shoot for 100% membership - Without your cooperation and without your help we simply cannot do the job - please don't let us down!

To assist you, a reliable survey of all homes on all streets is now being accomplished by the Teen Club. Once completed, the exact number of membership cards will be appropriately packaged for each captain and will be delivered to her. So start your drive upon receipt of the cards. Should you not have received them by Sep 5th, then contact Kay Gray for pick-up.

# STREET IMPROVEMENTS TO CONTINUE

There have been numerous and very justified calls relating to the unsatisfactory condition of some of the streets in the community where the work of the State Highway Department contractor just simply didn't appear to be up to snuff. We have driven the community with the inspectors and wish to reassure you that some of the streets simply had patch work done preliminary to the slurry or soil cement treatment. These streets are not completed and the contract very definitely will be accomplished to satisfactory completion. The machinery being used is elsewhere right now and we have the word of the State Highway Department resident engineer that the entire community's streets will have their new appearance no later than 1 October.

## PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

We mentioned it last month and were gratified by the interest shown. This month as promised, enclosed in your newsletter is the brochure and instruction for the inventory of all your valuable property as published by the County Police Community Relations office with which we work very closely. In this brochure you are urged to note the serial number or other specifically indentifying number of everything and anything which you have in your house. It can be proven that should there be theft, break-ins or loss, retrieval is much more likely if the items can be readily traced and identified. Also enclosed are two decals. To be affixed to the front and rear of your house which are self explanatory and are, at the very least, a painless deterrent to possible incursions. We now have procured the engravers with which you can affix your social security number to any items where there is no serial number or where third party identification is difficult or impossible. We will, based on your request, to 780-9388 lend you this engraver so that you might use it at home and after having affixed the number, add the item to your inventory mentioned above. Once again this is a service to you. We know how many bikes, how many other items have been lost or stolen. Don't wait and complain after the fact. Get this task done, avail yourself of this program and rest easier knowing that you have taken this action to protect what is yours.

## LET'S FACE FACTS

Here it comes again! The dog problem. So let's say this for the new residents! It is one of the basic American concepts that personal property exists for the pleasure and reward of those who have sacrificed much to gain it. By this time we know by name the dogs which are consistently damaging and ruining the property of others. Harrassing the health and welfare of children - making neighbor turn against neighbor. Two residents are now on record that they will shoot any dog which trespasses and accosts their pets who are fenced in. Garbage continues to be overturned. The pity of the situation is the callousness, the total and utter disregard of just a score or so of neighbors who simply do not seem to care or simply do not understand that you do unto others ----- . We have not asked for the dog catcher to come in six weeks. After this news letter appears we will again ask for assistance. We feel that the general good is most important and rather than having a lovely pet shot, rather than having acrimony and worse between neighbors, by coordinating actions through this association the most good can be done with the least amount of hard feeling.

We are now procuring copies of the county ordinance relating to pet control and will include them in a subsequent newsletter for your information. Please do understand. We as your representatives are not rednecks for law and order. We are not trying to regiment a community. We have no power. What we do want to do is keep peace; use our collective voice to assist in making this a desirable, safe, pleasant, productive community in which to live and raise children. What we have accomplished through our efforts is to have Stratford an area highly sought after by those moving into this county - an area where an effective association has won a reputation for looking out for the welfare of its residents.

## NOMINATIONS TIME

In accordance with our constitution and by-laws this is the time in which we must form the nominating committee to present the slate of candidates for association officers. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the chairmen of the community Improvements, Membership, Recreation and Rules Committee. We have had the same team for a number of years now. We who write this article naturally hope all will once again be candidates. However, we sincerely and openly solicit your interest and attention to possibly running for one of the elected offices. Rather than appointing the nominating committee as the by-laws specify, once again this year we are asking for volunteers from the membership to fill the membership positions on the nominating committee. If you are positively minded, if you know the community residents reasonably well, do volunteer to serve on the nominating committee by calling 780-9388. We must constitute this committee by 15 Sep so don't delay.

## NOTE THESE ADDITIONS

As in the past two months since the publication of the new directory, we are using the monthly newsletters to list newly arrived residents. We urgently request that you take the time to add these new names into your directory or make the appropriate changes. Once the membership drive is over, sometime in last fall or early winter, based on the major movements which have taken place, an addendum to the directory will be published including all the data which has been listed in previous and this newsletter. In the interim do please bring your directories up to date by adding the following. P.S. Should you desire additional directories, contact your block captain please.

BASTEDO, William, LtC (Marti) 2603 Childs 360-7221	O'Dell, Joseph P. (Carolyn) 2301 Wittington Blvd. 360-6430
BROWN, Stanford, LtC (Beverly) 8415 Blakiston 360-3666	O'Brien, Ed (Lorraine) 2331 Creek 360-5055
BUCHAL, Robert (Anne) 2406 Wittington Blvd 780-8013	RAMSEY, Don, LtC (Fran) 2505 Londonderry 780-3504
CRASE, Roland (Myra) 8622 Yardley 360-6982	RANDOLPH, George B. Jr. LtC (Maria) 8407 Porter Lane 360-7678
CUMMINS, Frank (Lillian) 8612 Bluedale 360-6958	ROSENBERG, Robert, Col (Margie) 8313 Stockton 780-7609
GRIFFIN T.L. LtC (Casey) 8700 Yardley 780-5704	SMITH, Nick (Bonnie) 8422 Blakiston 360-5504
GRIGGS, Peggy 2408 Cavendish 780-3273	SNAVELY, Dick, LtC (Margaret) 2510 Londonderry 360-4544
JOHNSON, James, BG (Kay) 8810 Stockton 780-7428	WILSON, Bill (Charlotte) 2301 Creek 780-4216

## IT'LL BE YOUR DECISION

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you read about our membership drive and the fact that dues are \$3.00 per family per year. Elsewhere you also saw that we have almost \$3,000 in our treasury. According to our constitution and by-laws, the executive committee cannot reduce or change this fee schedule without the approval of two thirds of the membership present and voting at a meeting. Calling a special meeting for the purpose of reducing the dues for this year is not administratively feasible. Hence, at the meeting of the association in October, the Board intends to recommend to the membership that for the coming year a sizable reduction be considered.

## MORE SIDEWALKS ?

School is almost here once again. Still Riverside Road, a direct access means to Stratford Landing continues without sidewalks. Cavendish still does not have sidewalks. True, there is access, safe access to the school from anywhere in Stratford Landing by going on the sidewalked Camden Street and thence through the community park onto the school. However, because of access to Ft Hunt High, we have once again raised the question of why our earlier requests for sidewalks have not been honored. Come the October membership meeting this will be a subject of briefing. Also, a survey of Cavendish residents will be in order once we know that signals are go.

## CREEK DRIVE PROGRESS

We are both very pleased and very appreciative that a totally impossible situation existing relevant to the road on Creek Drive is about to be resolved. Pleased because we have been able to get our supervisor and the appropriate county departments to heed our voice and support us to fruition. Appreciative because the new residents of that area, not knowing what this association has been able and has in fact done in past years, came to the association for assistance as it should, rather than trying, ad infinitum, to go it alone. After a short vacation break, liaison and coordination with the County is in full swing and the dust and dirt, the lack of signs, the clear and present danger created by lack of roads etc. will be things of the past very soon.

## STREETLIGHTS WHERE NEEDED ?

A number of years ago considerable and successful interest was shown to enhance our community by having overhead street lights installed. Those streets which did not have above the ground power were left without street illumination. Now a whole number of inquiries from residents both from the old and new areas of the community have come in asking what can be done to resurface this matter. This we have done and at the membership meeting, we will brief you in detail as to what the specific status is and how we will canvass the appropriate residents to see whether they would like to see street lights on their block. No action will be taken until such a survey is made. If the majority of residents affected want them, they shall get them within 6-8 months.

## SEQUENCE - FT HUNT PARK

The influence for the good and the effectiveness of community action was never brought closer to home than the recent situation relevant to Ft Hunt Park. We are pleased that the Va. ABC Control Board, the US Park Police, the US Park Service and other federal agencies really came through and cooperated fully so that each and every position taken by this association representative for Public Safety in the District has been fully heard and accepted. The park is safe now! A fence has gone up all along Ft Hunt Road limiting access and egress from the Park. The number of Park Police has been doubled. No group in excess of 50 can have a picnic in the Park unless it has both a picnic permit and an ABC license to dispense beer. If beer is dispensed it can only be done through disposable plastic containers which in itself eliminates thousands upon thousands of beer cans. A limit has been placed on the total number of cars gaining access to the Park. A good example of properly controlling and thus exploiting a beautiful facility for the welfare and pleasure of all.

## NICE GOING JANE !

It's a pleasure to report how successful the lost and found community services has been in the recent past. Many thanks go to Jane Bush our Executive coordinator for her efforts in receiving calls from those who have lost and found personal property. With so many bikes and other things reported lost or stolen, the fact that residents call and report this to Jane and most importantly that residents who find things abandoned report them also has enabled Jane to match quite a few things and make people happy not having to make claims, get involved with the police and replace items. Do call Jane on 780-2857 should you need her help.

## CHANGE IN SERVICE - JAN '73

Garbage service is very important. We are fortunate that we are included in that area where the county does to pick-up rather than private contractual firms. The service costs money but is not prohibitive. Effective the first of the year all garbage, in order to be picked up, will have to be placed along the curb. Further it will have to be placed in bags. Bags which you may purchase in retail stores at quite some cost or from the county which will place them on sale later this year. Alexandria has had such bags for sale for years. They are practical and very inexpensive. This then alerts you to the new policy. There will undoubtedly be complaints. However think again and weigh having to carry your garbage to the curb once a week and then carrying the empty cans back towards the house against the cost of this service to the county - the availability of reliable employees, their salaries and having to raise fees to make it possible. So let's live it when it comes. It won't be too hard. There will be plenty of publicity and, undoubtedly, the only reason the change is being made is because it is economically required.

## IT MUST BE RESOLVED !

The hospital bond issue should have settled it. Money was requested for the potential sale of bonds and that issue was passed by the voters. In the interim, time keeps fleeting and still ground has not been broken for the Mt. Vernon General Hospital. Still valuable time is lost transporting injured and ill residents all the way to the Fairfax County Hospital or those in Alexandria which we should not use at all because they are not in our tax paying jurisdiction and one - the closest - won't be operational much longer. The hold up is unacceptable. We have the full support of our district representative. The District member of the County Hospital board is new and has injected new hope for early settlement. The crux of the problem of course is money and politics. Money because only 12 million has been put up for bond sales while the estimate of the full service facility calls for 19 million and politics because in a county with more than 500 sq miles, more than a 1/2 million residents, locating a hospital anywhere is a very vested and political issue. We are monitoring progress, we are keeping up the pressure and continue to anticipate ground breaking this year.

## THIS IS INTOLERABLE !

Residents along Camden and Bluedale streets have been quite upset this past month because apparently some sort of twisted mind has been at work with a pellet or BB gun. Gas lights have been shot out, windows have been hit etc. It goes without saying that the use or even carrying of weapons of this type outside of your own property is totally illegal. It constitutes a clear and present threat to the general health and welfare. We encourage residents to report these incidents immediately both to the Police and us and having a good physical description of the young man involved, sooner or later apprehension is inevitable. In the interim, police patrolling is being effected as of now.

# TREASURER'S REPORT :

Cash balance as of 14 July 1972		\$492.35
Receipts:		
Directory ads	\$60.00	
Directory ads	\$145.00	
	<u>\$205.00</u>	\$697.35
Disbursements:		
Administrative exp. (gasoline, typing etc.)	\$25.00	<u>\$672.35</u>
Savings & C.D.	\$2,253.63	
Interest on CD	\$12.50	
	<u>\$2,266.13</u>	
Total Assets		<u>\$2,938.48</u> (8/19/72)

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## PERSONAL ITEMS:

NEEDED: Volunteer hostesses at Woodlawn Plantation - either in the mansion or to help with the School Tour Program. If interested, call Mrs. Stancil Smith (Susan) at home 780-2364 or at Woodlawn 780-3118 or 780-3030 on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 until 4.

MOTHERS: Want to give a Party without any fuss? Let us give your child (10 or under) the party he always wanted. You provide refreshments; we handle decorations, invitations, games, favors, prizes, etc. Call Sandra at 780-7481 or Layla, 780-9158.

FOR SALE: 1970 Nomad Travel Trailer, 19 ft. perfect condition - fully self-contained, Reese straight line hitch and car mirrors - 780-8442.

24" boys Spider bike \$10 or best offer; white rabbit with hutch/hay/food/  
bowl \$12 or best offer; bike repair, all speeds, inexpensive. 360-3422.

FOR SALE: Schwinn 20" boys green Stingray, excellent condition, \$25.00. 780-9439.

Baby grand piano, good condition, \$125.00. 780-2348.

Kroehler blue-green 80" long convertible sofa, makes up into a double bed. Like new. \$200.00.

Used GE white, built-in dishwasher with powershower, new pump. 780-1929.

Deluxe Yucca pack and frame, \$10.00; and sleeping bag, \$3.00. 780-6638.

1 Boys gold Stingray bike, very good condition, \$10.00.

1 Girls blue gym suit (Stephen Foster Intermedaite School suit) size 10, \$2.00.

Various blond hair pieces and wigs at inexpensive prices. 780-9025.

Refrigerator, Kelvinator, excellent condition, \$85.00. 360-6159.

Olds Slide Trombone. Very good condition. Slide works well, \$80.00.

Whole set Hot Wheels. 25 cars/25¢ per car, 52 ft. of track with links/\$2.50, 2 Roadrunners/\$1.00, dual-lane speedometer/\$1.50, 2 24-car carrying cases/x50¢ @, 12-car carrying case/25¢, various curves, hooks, loops, etc, \$2.00. Whole set \$10.00. Call 780-6934 or come by to 8729 Bluedale.

Norge heavy duty washer, good condition. 360-4576.

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

STOLEN: From carport, Boys English racer, 10-speed bike (Sears). Yellow with red trim in center. Recent birthday gift for 10 year old son. 780-7647.

1 20" boys 3-speed bike. Huffman. Yellow with black.

1 20" girls Huffy green bike. 360-6948.

LOST: Boys green Gitane bike. 780-2021.

Sears 12 ft row boat (John Boy) green. Col Kennedy, 360-7728.

Girls 3-speed bike with hand brake, blue, English racer with basket & light.

Girls Spider bike, banana seat, light blue. 780-1424.

FOUND: Child's black rimmed glasses, no case, Mrs. Crenshaw. 780-1495.

Green parakeet, with yellow head. Mrs. Jones, 780-2574.

Air Cadet I.D. bracelet (no name) silver. Mrs. Jones, 780-2574.

Blue Girls bike, flowered banana seat. Mrs. Stinner, 780-8965 or 780-4576.

Rubber-made Kitchen pitcher.

Child's watch. Mrs. Bartholomew, 360-7190.

Brown-gold boys bike, Stingray (Ross) banana seat.

Green girls bike, banana seat. Mrs. Reosti, 780-1950.

Girls purple Huffy bike, banana seat, flowered, 3-speed. On Brewster Drive. 780-8904.'