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Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

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## T'WAS A GOOD THING

When Anne Williams, our treasurer made her report on the garage sale which we sponsored jointly with the Stratford Womens Club last month, she ended it with the comment: "we all did well".... Those who have been involved with trying to make and keep this civic association a viable, vibrant and productive one for so many years now, appreciate this little statement - we all did well. First, it was an event which was done jointly with another service organization within our community which warrants all of our support and second it was a service to the community. The books came out straight, the womens club was able to realize \$112.74 from the proceeds for charity in addition to the income from its attendant bake sale, the teen club had a chance to make some trips and perform a community service and we, the civic association, saw our friends and neighbors benefiting from the effort. If what we do meets with your approval most of the time, if we can tangibly show that we are doing constructive things, it almost makes up for the fact that a lot of our neighbors take what we do, for granted.

## SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

The Fairfax County Department of Recreation again this summer will operate a neighborhood playground for elementary age children at Stratford Landing School. Beginning June 25, 1973 participants may enjoy a wide variety of recreation activities such as sports, games, arts and crafts, dance, storytelling, drama and special event functions. Professionally competent recreation personnel will supervise this six-weeks program which will operate Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; staff will be on duty from 8:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. A \$2.00 voluntary registration fee has been suggested by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to supplement appropriated funds. ADULT VOLUNTEER LEADERS NEEDED!!! Pre-registration, Friday, June 22, 1973 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the school. Call 691-3292 for information and details.

## BASKETBALL ON STREETS?

We have a little problem in the community and need your cooperation. It pertains to the very considerable number of basketball nets which are operational on our streets - they are illegal. According to the State Highway Department they should come down. Certainly we cannot, in public and in writing condone violations of the law. Why did this issue surface itself? Because of misuse and inconsideration. There is no question that most people do not mind these backboards being up - but - when young people play after dark, when they play until late into the night, when they keep bouncing those balls over and over, when they let the balls do damage to the shrubbery of the neighbors, then we have a real issue. Here's what we suggest: Almost all homes have driveways and that is where the playing ought to be done and the backboards ought to be. If residents where the nets are on the street object, then they should come down. If the neighbors don't mind and that means asking each one specifically, then let's not do anything until there are complaints. Let's remember though, that consideration for your neighbor is the one thing which separates our community from a jungle.

# TEEN ELECTIONS THIS TUES NIGHT

Another school year is almost over and it's time for the Teen Club to start making plans for next year by electing new officers. The candidates for this year are:

President: F. X. O'Keefe  
Bob Steele

Secretary: Michelle Coolich  
Kristie File

Vice President: Russ Hammond  
Nancy Sasser  
Mark Wilson

Treasurer: Jane Casner  
Becky Cleveland

The election meeting will be held in the Stratford Landing Elementary School this **Tuesday** night at 8:00 p.m. Each year the Club loses an awful lot of its mainstays - its leaders - through the graduation of the seniors. If the Club is to carry out its activities next year (beginning this June) such as concerts and dances, beach and ski trips, Emerson Steak nights and all the rest of the activities and services with which the Club has won its reputation for the six consecutive years in which it has operated, the support of all the teens is required. Come to the meeting!! If you have not joined, come and join Monday night. The membership fee is \$3.00 for one year or \$5.50 for a family. Get in on the fun and make the Club do what you want it to do. Come and vote for your candidate. Many thanks to Tim Hower who has led the Club longer than any other president - to all of the officers and committee chairman who will not be graduating and who have done so much, for so long, for so many while being so few themselves. The community, its civic association, the many, many hundreds of teens who have come to the more than 30 dances and concerts and other events which have meant so much work, thank all of the young people who have made it possible and are now going on to bigger and better things.

## WATCH OUT

This spring because of the mild winter and early rains the tick population in Fairfax County is heavier than normal. The following information should be of value in avoiding trouble from tick bites. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is an acute infectious disease transmitted to man through the bite of an infected tick. Ticks attach themselves to feed in such a way that they are difficult to remove. Ticks do not transmit the Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever germ for sometimes as long as 4 to 6 hours. This gives a person time to discover and remove the ticks before infection can take place.

Anyone exposed to ticks should be examined carefully at least once a day. Children playing outdoors during the season should be inspected carefully twice a day from head to toe. If these precautions are taken ticks may be discovered and removed before they have time to cause any harm. Do not crush a tick when dislodging it, as the engorged tick is easily crushed and, if smeared on your skin, can infect you. Paint the bite with iodine or a similar disinfectant. Wash hands, tweezers, and rubber gloves well with soap and water, or rinse your hands with alcohol. The first symptoms appear 4 to 12 days after the bite or smear. Chills, high temperature, headaches and insomnia are the first indications. ROCKY MOUNTAIN FEVER IS A SERIOUS ACUTE ILLNESS. A doctor should be called at the first appearance of symptoms.

## WANTED-ONE VOLUNTEER

This association and all of us have been very fortunate and blessed by the voluntary contributions made by members of the executive board of this civic group. Ann Williams has been our treasurer until now. Her devotion, dedication, attitude, pleasantness and efficiency have been outstanding. Now Ann and her family have been transferred and the position of treasurer of this civic association will be vacant within a few short weeks. We will, of course, appoint her replacement. Before we do, in all sincerity, we ask for volunteers rather than us having to approach someone. It takes relatively little time, it means participation on the Executive Board, having a continuous voice as to how we operate and being active with a great group of your neighbors. Won't you call us, 780-9388 and volunteer. We'd appreciate it and it'll be, we think, a good way of filling an elected office vacancy. We thank you!!

# LET'S DO SOMETHING

Did you know that there are 60 boys representing Ft. Hunt in the sport called Crew and that 15 of these boys, or 25% live in Stratford Landing, and that the boys have been winning their share of events, including three events in the Northern Virginia Championships on Saturday, May 12? In competition against six other Northern Virginia schools, the Ft. Hunt Crew won the Varsity Pair, the Varsity Light Weight Eight, and the Junior Varsity Four.

Ft. Hunt is the only Northern Virginia school that does not recognize Crew as a varsity sport - (because the coaches are volunteers and are not members of the faculty). All expenses of the Ft. Hunt Crew are paid by dues from the boys, donations from their parents and friends, and from monies derived from raffles, peanut sales, etc. The Ft. Hunt Crew expenses are probably the most austere of any of the Virginia schools - approximately \$4,000 per year. Compare that with \$16,000 annual appropriation for crew by one of the Alexandria schools.

To give you an idea of some of the expenses: a shell costs approximately \$3,000; oars are \$70 apiece; quarterly boat house fees at Thompsons Boathouse in D. C. are \$275; the boys pay their own transportation to practice five days a week and to all contests; and they buy their own uniforms.

There is probably no sport that demands more perfect timing or power and conditioning. The young oarsman is a unique athlete. He is more completely a team member than any other athlete. His every move must be coordinated absolutely with those of his teammates. The coxswain earns a free ride by his or her (there are some girl coxswains too!) skill in expending the crews last reserves of energy at the proper time to cross the finish line first. These young citizens practice five days a week, getting home at 7:30 to 8:00 p.m., and compete against other schools on Saturdays. They have little time or energy left to hang around where they shouldn't, roam the streets, or get into mischief. They are striving for excellence for its own sake, with no material reward. They are learning what few men ever learn - to extend themselves fully in a worth-while cause with friends.

The boys from Stratford Landing on this years crew are Howard Barker; Doug Berry; Charlie Boh; Frank Dingman; John Dixon; John Dripps; Pat Fulks; Bill Gascoigne; John Hathaway; Greg Maynard; ~~Steve~~ Owen; David Piper; David Richmond; Donald Roane; and Ted Shafer. Let's give them some encouragement and support them in whatever way we can.

The above article was not written by a member of the Board but a member of the association and a parent of one of the boys on the Ft. Hunt Crew. Rather than putting the article under "Other Organization News" we have put it here because we believe the time has come to help the great guys and gals who so unselfishly and in true sportsmanship have done such a great job without any sort of real, tangible and organized assistance as some other Ft. Hunt activities. We have excellent representation in the Mt. Vernon Council Education Committee. We are asking our representatives to the committee to take this matter on as a major item for resolution. As an association, we now plan contact with the Mt. Vernon representative on the County School Board and with our representative on the Board of Supervisors, Herb Harris. We ask your support. Take the time out to drop a note to Herb Harris, c/o 2321 Wittington Boulevard and we'll see to it that Herb gets the letters to demonstrate that we really have the support of our community. It won't take long and it'll be an unselfish and constructive 10 minutes which is all it should take to write a short note asking Herb to intercede. What we are trying to do is once again fill a vacuum and provide some leadership in resolving a matter too long neglected.

## BIKE TRAIL SAFETY

The exploitation of the Mt. Vernon bike trail has been somewhat impaired by recurring reports of some pretty undesirable things occurring on the trail. Some bullies have been known to go after younger children. There has been terrible dumping!! Also unsafe practices. Now, we have gotten together with the superintendent of the parkway and the park police and, thank goodness, the type and quantity of park police presence on the entire trail is being enhanced. Nothing would be worse than to have the trail (practically in our backyard) not exploited because of excesses.

# BUMS & HOODLUMS

Signs of the summer are here!! The bums, the hoodlums - and that's pretty strong language - are waiting to take over our streets once again!!! The speeding, dragging, dumping and the noise have increased something awful. We cannot, should not and will not sit back and be frustrated and angry. We've had traffic signs willfully destroyed. The number of complaints about speeding and dumping of all sorts of garbage are something awful. Especially, Childs Lane and Cavendish Street apparently have once again become speedways. Undoubtedly some of these malpractices originate from the outside. We have all sorts of resources available to us. We can get radar traps, marked or unmarked patrol cars. We've had two relatively serious accidents on our streets these past four weeks. What we are asking is that you take down license numbers - dates, times, locations and description of cars. We will take it from there!! Notify us!! If incidents increase, we'll take some of the actions available to us to protect ourselves as a community and our children. That's one of the reasons why a civic association can be effective. Don't permit dumping!! We've had the scouts out, we've done and have encouraged others to do everything possible to make our community tranquil and attractive. We can solve a lot of these problems within our community - with your help. Don't let the bums and hoodlums get away with it!!

## GOOD WORK!

How good, how effective is a civic association? One of the ways to gauge it is to observe the people who have taken on responsibility which is then recognized by the outside world. To wit: Dr. Bruce Collette our environment and parks representative to the Mt. Vernon Council is the vice chairman of that committee and just recently has been appointed a Fairfax County representative on the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission's Environmental Affairs Council. John Crist one of our representatives to the Mt. Vernon Council's Planning and Zoning Committee is that committee's vice chairman and is now being actively considered as the chairman of the Council's Management and Finance committee which has just been established. Pete is chairman of the Mt. Vernon Council's Public Safety Committee, a Fairfax County Commissioner on the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission and the elected chairman of Fairfax County's Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Coordinating Council among other things. Sandy Stewart one of our representatives on the Mt. Vernon Council's Education Committee has been named as that committee's chairman for curriculum matters while our other representative, Sara Collette is the chairman of the year round school study group. Jim Millikan is the Mt. Vernon Council's Public Safety Committee Vice Chairman, while Jim Bambery has been the chairman of the Council's Transportation Committee for a number of years now, has led it during very important periods and has just been forced to resign because he is also the President of a local PTA, however; he still represents us on the transportation committee. Our Rules committee chairman Len Stevens and our vice president Lynn Adams have done and continue to do yeoman work and help make the Stratford Recreation Association a great and productive activity. We think you ought to know that within this community, springing from its civic association, we have some really great contributions being made towards the welfare of the place where we live.

## IT'S GOTTA STOP

Gaping holes in the fence, right next to open doors which are never locked, benches which have been demolished, what kind of people will senselessly demolish public tennis courts which have been built at taxpayers expense? We certainly don't know, but we certainly believe that something ought to be done about it. Perhaps some don't remember how hard we campaigned not only to get the courts in our area but to be one of the first anywhere to have these courts illuminated. Now, once again we must go to the appropriate county offices. We must ask them to come in and repair. Blemish our reputation as a community! We know that many players do not come from our area - but enough of our residents play there or live close by to monitor the courts. Should you ever see anyone turn on the lights and then leave without playing, harm the courts or area, don't turn your back. Be responsible and stop wrongdoing. It's your money, its the reputation of our community and we should not turn away when someone offends our sense of what is right.

## PLEASE COPY

Of all the jobs which must be done within this association, the one which requires the most continuous updating and staying on top of things is Peggy Buss. As the elected chairman of the Membership Committee, her job of keeping track of who's in and who's out, ascertaining we have block captains, etc., is a really trying and time consuming one. Make her job just a bit easier. Whether new resident or block captain. Keep her informed of new residents, their addresses and if a block captain, let her know what's happening. There follows an update to our most recent addendum to the community directory which by the way was published in February 1973 not 1972, an error we just noticed.

### Corrections and additions:

ADAMS, Lynn W. (Sally) 8716 Bluedale St	780-7741	SMITH, Harold W., COL (EVE) 8405 Camden St.	360-5135
DOLBRIDGE, Wilfred R. (Charlotte) 8807 Camden St.	360-4034	SMITH, Nicholas (Bonnie) 2408 Wittington	360-5504
FLANAGAN, J. Burke (Helen) 8815 Stockton Parkway	360-6870	SPANGLER, Stanley (Ruth) 2204 Yardley Court	360-6786
KIRKCONNELL, William B., CMDR (Ellen) 2312 Creek Dr.	360-4123	STARRY, Roy T. (Denna) 8806 Camden St.	780-8806
MACDONALD, Timothy A., LCDR (Kathy) 2300 Wittington Blvd	360-6843	STURDEVANT, Ty (Bobsie)	360-7974
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<u>Changes &amp; Corrections in Block Captains:</u>			
MCNULLA, James, CMDR (Sally) 2607 Stirrup Lane	780-7411	Camden Street 8700 to End	Mary Lou Hoffman 360-7267 8714 Camden St.
MOLNAR, Larry, LTC (Edith) 2605 Stirrup Lane	780-7486	Bluedale and Summerset	Kathleen Neill 780-8042 8725 Bluedale St.
O'BRIEN, Edward G. (Lorraine) 2331 Creek Dr.	360-5055	Blakiston 8417 - 8430	Dotty Lynch 780-4436 8423 Blakiston St.
PETRI, Gordon, LCDR (Barbara) 2305 Creek Dr.	780-7582	Blakiston 8400 - 8416	Danny Swenson 780-8518 8404 Blakiston St.
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<u>New Baby Sitters:</u>			
PROUDFOOT, Robert J., GEN (Lois) 2223 Wittington Blvd	360-5385	Barbara Proudfoot 2223 Wittington Blvd	360-5385
PUSCHECK, Herbert C., MAJ (Betty) 2410 Ryegate Lane	360-4784		

## LAST CHANCE

We are gratified. Our residents do read the newsletters - we are still receiving calls of appreciation from thoughtful people who have received refunds from USAA based on the article which we published based on the information researched by one of our members. Last issue, a house was advertized for sale exclusively in our newsletter. The seller received over 20 calls within 48 hours after the newsletter was delivered to the block captains. The house was sold within the next couple of days saving monies and troubles for all concerned. An article offering adults free or nominal cost instruction through the Fairfax County adult education system close to our area resulted in scores of calls coming in to Sara Collette, one of our education committee representatives. This is the last chance for anyone wishing to participate in any type of classes - from the most academic to the most practical - to call Sara on 360-5188. Let her know your interest before she keeps her appointment at the County to set up these classes in our area.

## A GOOD IDEA

One of our member residents has come up with a pretty good and new idea. We have an awful lot of residents who use quite a few baby sitters. Naturally each relationship is different. Some sitters are mature, young people who really do a great job, other-times really don't know what occurs while they are gone. Now, based on this idea, the teen club, a member from our board and the man with the idea are going to get together and sort of see whether they can come up with a little booklet or something on the do's and don'ts of babysitting and the relationship between the sitters, the parents and their children. When they've got the job done, we'll publish it and those involved will be able to use it as a guide and sort of set some ground rules for how best to get the job done. We welcome ideas and thoughts like this and hope that all of our residents will not hesitate to contact us to help us to do a better job for you.

## THANKS GENE!

Thanks to Gene SeEVERS, our representative to the Mt. Vernon Council's Health and Welfare Committee, a real blight and health hazard is being eliminated. When driving down Riverside Road just before you reach dead end at Collingwood, there stands an old abandoned house which has been used as a dump for many years. Tires, furniture, cars, etc., plenty of rats infest the area. Gene has ascertained that both County Health, Environmental Protection and Public Works personnel became apprised of the situation. Now relief is in sight, the rats will be eliminated and the property will be cleaned up. This is an example, once again of a civic association working together with the appropriate county agencies to resolve problems of common concern. We cannot get the job done though without knowing the requirements. Keep us informed!

## OTHER ITEMS

Once again thanks to one of our residents for having researched and found out about a good thing. Most of us have gas lights. Most of us, at one time or another have had to replace a globe. Now we can tell you that one place has been found which sells these globes for only \$7.50 - Climate Conditioning Corporation at 6801 Wilson Blvd. - telephone 533-1818. - This is not a paid or solicited advertisement but letting you benefit from the work done by one of our neighbors.

Thinking about fencing in your lot? Know what the covenant says? What the law, if applicable specifies? What is legal under what circumstances and where in relation to your house? Before you go and spend any money first ascertain what is permissible. We will publish specific details in the June newsletter to alleviate some of the confusion and hopefully relieve some of the apprehension of some neighbors who are concerned know what is planned next door to them.

Remember Jane Bush's service in receiving your lost and found items - not by bringing them to her but by phoning them in so that she can match them and ascertain that they get printed if not found through her efforts. Call 780-2857.

The turn over of homes this early summer is nothing short of phenomenal. Not only are some of our old standbys renting but unfortunately the community will lose considerably by sales of homes. As the turn overs occur won't you please ascertain that your block captains and/or Peggy Buss are aware of the new residents coming in? We want to publish their arrivals in these newsletters, we must update our master files and as a civic association our cohesiveness and ability to respond and serve is measurably enhanced by knowing who our neighbors are.

Remember that if you live in our community and you belong to a nonpolitical, nonprofit organization we will publish your Notice free of charge of course. Also that any and all items which you wish published under personal items must be received by Diane Rauch, in writing, at 2300 Stirrup Lane, no later than the 15th of each month.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash balance as of 15 April 1973	\$748.98
Receipts:	
Garage sale	803.58
Disbursements:	
newsletter printing	53.04
newsletter headlines	3.00
garage sale posters	16.00
Alexandria Gazette	13.50
Checks to garage sale sellers	693.79
Stratford Women's Club 10% of sales + all donations	112.74
	\$892.07
Cash on hand:	660.49
Savings and CD	2292.78
Total assets as of 15 May 1973	\$2953.27

This Newsletter is published each month by the Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association, Inc. for the benefit and information of its member residents. All members may submit items for inclusion at no charge by furnishing them to the Secretary in writing no later than the 15th of each month. The Executive Board meets on the first 2 digit Monday.

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## OTHER 'ORGS' NEWS

FLAG DAY is June 14th - On that day in 1777, the Continental Congress formally adopted the Stars & Stripes as the flag of the United States. Fly your flag to remember the day - the second Thursday of June. Jim Mayer, Potomac General Assembly, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus.

FRIENDS OF ST. AIDEN: On June 10th, the Feast of the Pentecost at 4:00 p.m., our new sanctuary will be formally dedicated by Bishop Robert F. Gibson. Special music, an ecclesiastical procession of other clergy and community representatives are part of the program. A reception will follow.

## PERSONAL ITEMS

### FOR SALE:

Weight Lifting Set-Bench, weight & bars (110 lbs) - \$20.00 telephone 780-8183.  
4 adorable puppies - Boxer mother - 6 wks old on May 27th - \$5.00 each, 780-3710.  
5 Goodyear 6:45 x 14 WSW original equipment tires-\$15.00, 5 for \$65.00, 400 miles, 780-0246.  
Barrel Chair - good condition - \$45.00 - 780-0888.  
Mini Bike - 4 HP Tecumseh, f&r shocks, new wheel & parts, best offer - 360-7096.  
Water Bed - king size, \$30.00, 780-8686.  
Rambler - House - 4BR, 2½ baths, family room, large rec rm, fireplace, carport, ample storage area in basement, available 1 July - 360-7096.

### WANTED:

Secretarial Help - for part-time work - up to 4 hrs per day in insurance office in Yacht Haven. Type & dictation or transcribe from tape. Interview: Lindsay J. DeFrees, COL, USA Ret, call 780-1289/331-9240.

Stamps - (foreign) old & new. (old US stamps) - Mike - 780-3940 between 5-7 p.m.

Summer ride wanted to DC preferably Capitol Hill vicinity beginning June 4 - working hours 8:45 - 4:45 - 780-3952.

Babysitter - all day on occasional basis in my home for small boy - references, 780-3701.

### FOR RENT:

Split foyer house, 4 bdrms, den/study, family rm w/fireplace - late July, 780-1347.

Grammercy on cul-de-sac on creek, den, family room, rec room, pool membership use, 4 baths, 5 bdrms - July 28th - Sep 1st call: 360-5188.

Ocean City Apartment: 2 bdr, 2 baths, ww carpet, a/c, fully equip kitchen, self-cleaning oven, fr fr frig, wash & dryer, sleeps 6-8, 1 block frm ocean, no pets - \$250 wk Jul & Aug, Off season rates - call 780-3815.

### FOUND:

Lawn-mower - Fairlane, orange, self propelled, call: 360-5218.

Girl's bike, 20", red and gold, banana seat, call: 360-4378.

Black & white puppy - 4-6 months old, call: 360-6992.

Small ferret, gray and white, call: 780-8935.

Man's coat - gray, large, call: 780-8183.

### LOST:

Boy's bike - Huffy, 10 spd, yellow, call: 780-8515.

Black, 10 gal milk can, call: 780-9104.

Girls glasses, metal frame in case, call: 360-4796.

NOTARY PUBLIC: A. R. Powell, 2405 Cavendish Drive, Mon - Sat, call: 780-1929.

MOUNTAIN CRAFT: From Cumberland Mountains in Ky - may be seen at 2502 Duxbury Place, Wed & Thurs, May 30 & 31st, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Quilts frm \$22.00. Unusual skirts, long & short frm \$3.00, aprons, patchwork pillows, dolls, etc., call: 780-2731.