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GARAGE SALE SAT, SEPT 22

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we are very pleased that once again this fall, in conjunction with the Stratford Women's Club we will sponsor the second garage sale of this year on Saturday afternoon the 22nd of September. Here are the details. You must bring all items which you wish sold to the site no later than 1:30 PM. They will be accepted from 11 AM on. Nothing will be accepted for sale after 1:30. The sale will end at 5 PM. At that time all items which remain, must be picked up. Those items not picked up by 6 PM will be turned over to charity. You may offer any item for sale for which you ask at least \$1.00. No clothing, please. 10% of all sales will go to a charity selected by the Women's Club. You may offer items for sale as donations, proceeds of such sales will also go to the same charity. Concurrent with the garage sale, the ladies will once again have a bake sale. These garage sales have been a wonderful way to have residents get together, clean out their un-needed items and make someone else happy. Please cooperate by abiding to the time schedule. The place for the garage sale will be the corner of Stirrup and Camden Streets at the edge of the Stratford Landing Park. Members of the Stratford Teen Club will be in place as of 11 AM to help transport things to the site and to help purchasers deliver them to their homes throughout the sale. A tip for their work would be great. Participate in this community event!!

ASS'N MEETING IN OCT

The month is October - the date - Thursday the 18th - the time - 8PM - the place - Stratford Landing Elementary School - the annual General Membership Election meeting. Our by-laws specify annual elections and they specify the quarter - we'll try once again to make it an interesting meeting. It'll be just weeks before the election of our representatives to the Virginia legislature. Those representatives make a lot of legislation which has a very direct bearing on our lives. Those candidates interested in appearing before us will be there. All of the candidates we are sure will want the chance. Also on the ballot in November will be a referendum as to whether you wish to authorize a bond for \$2 million for a badly needed new adult detention facility in the county. We will brief on the issue. Names of those on the nominating committee for our election will be announced in the late September issue of the newsletter. The candidates for all of the association offices which are elective will be published in the October newsletter. We have only two real ways of knowing whether what we do, all of the effort that goes into the jobs, meet with your approval - joining this association before the meeting and then, in October, attending this meeting. We're sort of counting on you - don't let us down! PLEASE?

TREASURER'S REPORT

How about that? Mel must be a good treasurer! No change from the report from the last newsletter hence no report this time. We'll have to start paying some bills so there'll be a treasurer's report in the late September issue.

IT'S ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE

What a month it has been. Would you believe that there have been seven accidents caused by drivers within our own community? Would you believe that there have been nineteen summonses issued by the police without your association having asked its community service officer or the county police to pay any particular attention to our community? Youngsters have seriously wrecked private property driving without a license, being under age! One child bicyclist was hurt after having been hit by a car. It was just last month that we published the letter of just one lady who had some rather honest and true thoughts and observations to make after her pet was hit and killed by a hit and run driver. All this has occurred during a month when there were no children walking to and from school. During a month when a lot of the community residents were not driving to and from work because of leave, when not as many people were hurrying to the stores, etc., because of vacation schedules - when a lot of people weren't even here!! It simply must stop!!!! Do you really think that we, as your representatives, in good faith and protecting your interests should ask for radar speed traps right here in our own community? Goodness knows that is not what we want to do and we won't, unless you ask us to. But it simply must stop!!! Let's say it once again - it's not the kids' fault - it's their parents!!! They don't seem to have the time or the interest or both to guide their youngsters and to control their youngsters properly - until it's too late. We get so many calls about BB guns - air guns, cutting through other peoples property - private property of their neighbors. Where are the parents? For heaven's sake let's remember - do onto your neighbors as you would have them to do unto you!! We all live close to each other! We cannot and do not live in a jungle without obligations to those who are to our right, our left, in back or front of us. The recriminations between the offended and those who did them "dirt" is bad - in some cases intolerable. We continue to volunteer to act as go betweens and to protect the identity of those who fear retribution if they speak up but, can't we have attentive, responsible parents who do not say: Oh yes, anyone else's youngster but not mine!! We'll help if we can - call 780-9388.

THE BEETLES CAMPAIGN

We are really gratified by the number of people who have called relevant to concerted community actions against the Japanese Beetles who really hit our area hard this year. We have now have well over a hundred residents who took the trouble to call. We know that if individually contacted there would be more. We have now made contact with the firm which uses the milky spore guaranteed one-time treatment method, approved and recommended by county, state and federal authorities including environmental protectionists. To be most effective and to plan properly, our agreement is to commence and complete this one-time action in April of next year. We have all the names of those who called. We will, in due course accomplish the required specific canvass so that we know exactly who will be included. Again to be effective we MUST have just about 75% of the community participating. We feel certain we can get that many. Many thanks to all who called - there is no need to further call - we have enough to now plan, knowing factually that there is interest. This will be a one-time treatment, it will save money - in the long run - most importantly it will serve the purpose of getting rid of an undesirable pest.

NO QUESTION ABOUT IT

We must make mention of a dangerous and illegal situation which must be corrected. All owners who live on any street corner must reduce the height of the shrubbery which now mars vision at intersections. We will gladly procure and/or cite the applicable ordinances but take our word for it. If the shrubbery or hedges are in any way blocking observation by a motorist of an intersection, they must be lowered. We've had a number of calls on this, one as recently as this morning, when, because of the lack of vision, an accident almost occurred. Along Camden and its tributaries there is a clear and present danger because of these high shrubs. Naturally each man's home and property is his castle. Naturally each owner is proud of his greens and the way he maintains his yard. But if what he has created negatively affects the general health and welfare of others, there should be no question as to what needs to be done! Right???

WELCOME ABOARD

Here's a hearty welcome to some of our new neighbors. We do hope that you'll add their names and data to your directories and avail yourselves of the services offered by the youngsters. We have been adding new names just as soon and as fast as we receive them from the block captains and it points out the need, after such a short time, to plan for a brand new directory - here goes:

<u>Name /Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Arnold, Lacy (LTC) 8412 Blakiston	(Kathryn) 780-3290	Fernandez, Gonzalo (COL) 2504 Turbridge	(Naomi) 360-7773
Baustian, Preston 2214 Cavendish Dr.	(Maxine) 780-3141	Forgash, Michael 2618 Culpepper Rd	(Judy) 780-1287
Beninati, Vincent 8721 Bluedale	(Gerry) 780-0412	Halwick, Daniel 2608 Culpepper Rd	(B.J.) 780-0184
Block, Steven 2205 Cavendish	(Jöy) 360-6960	Jamison, Robert E. 2317 Creek Dr.	(Mary) 360-3497
Bobinski, Chester 8715 Highgate	(Chet & Pat) 360-5118	Killcoyne, Jean H. 2230 Wittington Blvd	780-4854
Brevard, Albert B. 8701 Yardley Dr.	(Mary Ann) 780-5652	Lay, Richard, (COL) 8505 Camden St.	(Betty) 780-3640
Builta, Richard 8710 Yardley Dr.	(Jo Ann) 780-0981	Nack, Thomas 8720 Bluedale	(Miriau) 780-2399
Burt, Moses 2227 Wittington Blvd	(Audrey) 360-4360	Nixon, James .2301 Wittington Blvd	(Melba) 780-4370
Crow, F. A., (COL) 2600 Culpepper Rd.	360-5534	O'Rourke, Larry 8405 Blakiston	(Marlene) 780-6341
DeSoto, M. John 8700 Bradgate Rd.	(Cecelia) 780-0671	Pixley, Charles C. (GEN) 2405 Culpepper Rd.	(Marian) 780-0592
Downey, John E. (COL) 2612 Stirrup Lane	(Jane) 780-0247	Rhyan, Earnest (LTC) 8418 Camden St.	(Tami) 780-1357
Dreyfus, Ronald 8403 Blakiston	(Kay) 780-9136	Simmons, Fred 2507 Cavendish Dr.	(Peggy) 780-7457
<u>YARD WORK</u>		Stanley, Ed. E. 2612 Culpepper Rd.	(Lois) 360-6585
Tom O'Rourke	780-6341	Starr, Irving, (LTC) 8416 Camden St.	(Joan) 780-3734
Jim O'Rourke	780-6341	Westure, Edwin E. (DR) 8402 Blakiston	(Betty) 780-0128
Rick Lay	780-3640		
Blair Binney	780-4556		
Gary Fernandez	360-7773		
<u>BABY SITTING AND PET CARE</u>			
Lisa Beninati	780-0592		
Chris Beninati	780-0592		
Meg Bobinski	360-5118		
Sue Letsen	780-1588		
Nissa Nack	780-2399		
Tamara Nack	780-2399		
Teresa Pixley	780-0592		
Westure, Michael	780-0128		
Kathy O'Rourke	780-6341		
Ann Marie Arnold	780-3290		
Debbie Starr	780-3734		
Susan Rhyan	780-1357		
Janie Rhyan	780-1357		
Karen Fernandez	360-7773		
		<u>MATH TUTORING</u>	
		Bruce Binney	780-4556
		<u>NEW BLOCK CAPTAIN SHARING STREET</u>	
		Patty Milligan	780-1599
		2311 Creek Dr #s 2305 to 2315 (inclusive)	

LET'S STAY AS GOOD

Were we ever surprised at the response to our little article in last month's issue about the way some neighbors maintain their homes - scores of calls all saying "great" let's have more of that - the roofs are falling in, gutters are deteriorating, etc. Well that wasn't exactly our purpose. It was and continues to be, to simply mention to all, especially our new residents, buyers and renters alike, that we are terribly proud of our neighborhood. What it has achieved, the record and reputation it has and how it has benefited those who have sold or rented in the past. So let's say it again!! Please, no cars jacked up for weeks and weeks sitting on the front lawn - no mobile homes and trailers on the streets - no cars without licenses on the streets (it's illegal) no panel or other trucks on the front lawns, and, while mentioning these things one more - there are some sidewalks which have weeds growing as high as 2 - 3 feet between the cracks. Let's have the residents fronting on those sidewalks clean that up. For the good of the community. You know, there are many civic associations who call themselves homeowners association. The reason? Specifically to prevent these sort of things from occurring. We are not ashamed as a citizens association to mention these things because our records show just how much we have tangibly done for the community, culturally, socially, environmentally, and just plain community service. Let's keep our reputation - let's continue to enhance the value of our property - let's maintain the record with the help of all.

OOPS' WE ARE SORRY

We are sorry that the August edition of this newsletter, the 61st consecutive newsletter without a single break, is reaching you late. It is the first time. There are many reasons, the least of which is not that a lot of the block captains and deliverers of this newsletter would have been gone and thus you wouldn't have received this edition much earlier anyhow. But, though this one is late, there'll be another one at the end of this month. While making apologies we were glad to see how many caught our error as to the number of homes going up on Wittington Street. We mentioned a total of 23. That was correct. Then we wrote 11 on one side and 23 on the other. That, of course was wrong. There'll be 11 on the side where we have the dangerous triangular traffic intersection now and 12 on the other side a little further down on Wittington Street going towards Bluedale Street. Thanks for catching the error!

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 in the "Other Orgs' News" and "Personal Items" sections by submitting them to the Secretary in writing by the 15th of each month. Other contributions to this publication are welcome, subject to edit. The **Exec Board** meets on the first 2 digit Monday each month in open session.

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WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU

It's that time of year once again. The kids will be back in school - the routine will start once again - all the commitments, the clubs, churches, charitable work, part time jobs - running car pools, taxiing kids back and forth from every conceivable activity and, membership month for this citizens association. We have not had one for a whole year. No new resident, buyer or renter has been asked to pay dues since moving in after October of last year. Everyone has received directories, newsletters, all have benefited from all the services which have been offered - lost & found; a place to call when there have been incidents; car pools, bug control, water pressure valves, reductions in insurance rates because of erroneous zoning, paving and repairing of streets, parties for the youngsters, teen activities, informative, relatively professional newsletters each month, concerts of the Navy, Army, Marine and Air Force bands, performances by their drill teams, garage sales and goodness knows how many other things of an individual nature for so many individual residents. Letters of recommendation, references for applications, intercession with the courts and police when appropriate and justified, the list could go on and on. Just the representation on District Environmental, health, public safety, transportation, planning and zoning committees alone has taken up so much time and effort all throughout the year. Let there be no mistakes. No one can ever do everything to please all of the people all of the time. But we have certainly tried and certainly ours have not been acts of omission too many times. So now the time has come to support this effort. Your block captain is a volunteer. She will be calling on you THIS MONTH. Make it easy on her or him - don't ask her to come back a second time, join now. We are, of course, shooting for 100% membership. Join when she calls for \$3.00 per year. It the best and cheapest investment in the lowest but most effective form of government you and I have - the neighborhood citizens association! We did forget to mention one thing which is noteworthy - did you know that each and every single resident who put his home for sale in our newsletter sold it almost immediately based on just that ad and that the record for rented homes is just about as good? Let's join now and should your block captain not find you home, do contact her before this month is out!! We are counting on you!

SURVEY COMPLETED

The traffic survey has been completed. All considerations have been thoroughly discussed back and forth. The result? We will have speed limit signs on each and every block which does not now have them. We will NOT ask for a change in the present stop sign configuration. This is based on what the Highway Department thinks and wants and most importantly what the preponderance of callers recommended. Four-way stop signs not being possible, it has been agreed that what we have is the best under the present traffic patterns. What remains is for people to pay attention to the signs and the speed limits so that we can see a better traffic record for the community.

MT VERNON DAY!

As now envisioned, on Saturday the 29th of September, we plan to have one of the most ambitious undertakings yet - a Mt. Vernon Day. To be held on the Athletic Field of Ft. Hunt High School. It will feature a Pop Concert by the Fairfax County Symphony Orchestra which we have successfully sponsored in our area for many years now; the Scottish Bag Pipe Band of Alexandria which is a great group; all the hotdogs and soft drinks you can eat at cost; many rides and ponies for the young set; with the cooperation of local bike stores, first and second echelon maintenance classes for bikes; a voluntary bike safety inspection and registration set-up in conjunction with the Fairfax County Police; a bikearama for all the youngsters testing their skills with prizes awarded to the winners. All of this will take a lot of work and once again we are asking for volunteers. We are co-sponsoring this event with the Public Safety Committee of the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizens Association and if you'd like to lend a hand, please, call 780-9388.

BLOCK CAPTAINS PLEASE NOTE

What can we say - thanks isn't enough and there's nothing else available to us. This is the month?? Once a year we ask you to undertake this monumental job. After the kids are in school - go to each house - say hi - answer any question that might come up and collect \$3.00 from each resident (renter or buyer). All those who are not planning an immediate move - those who do move before the year is out unexpectedly will get reimbursed. It's membership time!! Please check with your membership Chairman Peggy Buss, 780-1005 for details. What will be needed is a check made out to the Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association or cash - a 3x5 card listing the name of the resident, the first name of the wife and children and the address and telephone number. We'll probably have to put out a new directory soon so getting that card is very important. Please do this job early won't you? Plan to get it done on a couple of week day nights after school starts and it shouldn't take too much time. This association is only as good as you make it. That's the truth and that tells the story! Please don't let us down!! Please get it done by the 30th of the month!!

POOLING IS FOR YOU

Jane Bush, our executive coordinator now has the data on all those residents who have expressed an interest in joining a local, community only car pool which will unite people leaving here and returning about the same time with close destinations at work. Frankly, with the energy crisis, pollution, traffic, parking fees and the like we were somewhat surprised not more residents have specified an interest to participate in this program. You know, only when there is some volume can such a pooling system work because of the numerous places where we work and the different times we leave and return. Won't YOU reconsider and give Jane a call on 780-2857, give her the details she needs and let her see whether she can match you with someone. It'll work, it'll save you money, wear and tear on your car and be just another way for us to contribute yet another community service and bring neighbors together.

JOIN A GOOD THING

We have so many new residents, that sometimes we must put in items which are "old hat" to our "steady" residents. We continue to have a great, viable teen club. Its purpose, to make it possible for youngsters of high school age to go on beach trips, ski trips, have dances and concerts, help distribute the newsletter, refer jobs to youngsters, run the children's Halloween party, the Santa Claus activity at Christmas time, have folk concerts, make an extracurricular record which helps when trying to get into a college and just generally be together with others of the peer group to come up with new ideas as to what could and should be done. Right now the club is forming for the year. It is planning, with the help of one of our residents to set up some standard criteria for baby sitting activity such as what should and shouldn't be done, what the charges should be and the like. To come up with a list of recommended sitters, etc. Do get your youngsters to join. The club is only as good as the calibre of its members, especially its leaders. We have the four elected officers. These officers have not as yet made their appointments for the numerous committee chairmen who really do the majority of the substantive decisions and work. The club's executive committee meets each month. All members are always welcome to these meetings not as guests but as participants. So let's give the club secretary a call, tell her the name of the youngster, his address and his or her phone number so that Michelle Coolick, 780-2312, can enroll the youngsters and most importantly ask them to come to these monthly meetings.

OTHER ORGS' NEWS



Because this newsletter is a bit late, we didn't have a chance to remind you to fly your flag on Labor Day. Nevertheless, to the many who did, it was good to see the flag flying. We'll keep reminding you!!

Jim Mayer, 8706 Bluedale St.
4th Degree, Potomac General
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NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH is now accepting registration for nursery school ages 3-4; Please call 768-1112 or 780-0754 for details.

YOUR CHURCHES:

BAPTIST - Plymouth Haven - 8523 Ft Hunt Rd. 360-4370; Services: 8:45 - 11:00; 7:30 eve

CATHOLIC - Good Shepard - 8710 Mt. Vernon Rd., 780-3726; Services: 7:30 - 9:00 - 10:30 - 12:00 - 6:00 PM.

EPISCOPAL - St. Aidan's - 8531 Riverside Rd., 360-4220; Services: 8:00 - 10:00.

JEWISH - Beth El Hebrew (Reform) - 3830 Seminary Rd. 931-3626; Services: 8:15 PM Friday, 11:00 AM Saturday.

LUTHERAN - Nativity - 1300 Collingwood Rd., 768-1112; Services: 10:30.

METHODIST - Aldersgate - 1301 Collingwood Rd., 765-6555; Services: 9:30 - 11:00.

PRESBYTERIAN - Heritage United - 8503 Ft. Hunt Rd., 360-9660; Service: (fall) 11:00.

UNITARIAN - 1909 Windmill Lane - 765-5950; Service: 9:30 - 11:15.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE: We're going to start this month at Penn Daw. Anyone interested in joining the Thursday morning group call Georgia Remak, 780-6077.

BOY SCOUTS TROOP 654 CHRISTMAS GREEN SALES: As in the year past this great bunch of local guys will be offering alpine wreaths, English Holly, fresh evergreens and fresh cedar garlands to all of our residents in a drive in October. So don't turn away a scout when he comes to your door. We'll have more details in the newsletter at the end of the month.

PERSONAL ITEMS

FOUND: Gray female cat, white on neck - flea collar - 780-1499
Yellowish in color, a ceramic LAVABO in 2 pieces - 780-1598

LOST: Boys White Columbia bike - small wheel - 780-0272
Ceramic deer taken, please return or call-780-1598
3-speed green Murcy with banana seat - 360-7787
Girls purple bike - roll fast - 360-6960
2 girls rings - one gold and one silver - Naval past grad - 360-7621

GIVE AWAY: Very nice female siamise seal-point cat good with children, well trained.
Present owner found but, unable to keep because of allergies.

FOR SALE: 2 extra large Englander Box Springs, exc cond, \$15; 1 metal & glass hamster cage w/wheel & water feeder, \$4; 1 small aquarium, \$2; 3 spd girls bike, \$10; 1 Scotts manual silent mower w/catcher, \$20; 1 pink dbl elect blanket, \$4. Call 780-8492.

Wilson football helmet w/face guard,, shoulder pads, forearm pads, football shoes, size 7 like new worn twice \$20; beanbag chair, Royal Blue excellent cond, \$20. Call 360-7607.

10 speel boys bike 27" tires, red Columbia, good condition, \$25 - call 780-6934.

Adorable female puppy, Mom is a minature Schnauzer, Dad a shepherd, has shots \$5 - 780-3701

Complete set of Funk & Wagner Encyclopedia, brand new, never used, wonderful bargain, call 780-8909.

FOR ADOPTION: Loving gentle home for small Chihuahua dachshund mix, 5 months old female puppy, not for home w/small children - 780-8909.

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WANTED: Guitar teachers to be recommended to my students this fall - call 780-3659

Individuals or groups to deliver advertisements to homes in Mt. Vernon area; telephone solicitors to call from home or from our office in Mt. Vernon area - call 780-4433.

AVAILABLE: Interior & exterior painting work, carpeting repair, all home improvements, Excellent community references, quality work, call Howard 780-8679 (Stratford resident)

BABY SITTING: 12 years old morning/daytime, 75¢ an hour - 780-1588

FOR RENT - REHOBOTH - OFF SEASON RATES: Special Sep/Oct rates, 2 bdrm villa north shore, sleeps 6, AC, TV, pool & tennis, club, private beach, fishing, crabbing, no pets 780-8597.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES at Stratford Landing Elementary School starting this month, 7 PM Thursday evenings. Due to requests, a ladies morning class will be given if there is enough interest. Very popular, very effective - call 780-8909 for details.