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MEETING THIS TUESDAY

LET'S PUT OUR BEST FOOT FORWARD

Now, more than ever, responsible citizenship and demonstration that we believe in our system of government, some would say, is of primary importance. In that vein, this Tuesday night you are cordially invited and urged to attend the general membership meeting of your civic association, the lowest and possibly most effective organization representing the interests of this community. As our guests we will have the candidates seeking your support for the Virginia State Legislature. Regardless of how few voters turn out for the election on November 6th, the representatives for our 19th District will be elected. Doesn't it make sense to meet the candidates, hear their views and thus go to the polls knowing something about the issues and the people? Before their appearance, we will conduct association business. We urge you to ascertain that the evening is clear for you being there. Tuesday night, 8p.m. Stratford Landing Elementary School. The only way we really know we are doing a job for you is to feel your support by your presence at association meetings. Our guests have and continue to appear at lots of civic association meetings. Most of them produce very few listeners. Let's continue to show that we are viable, vibrant and interested. When things are needed, the elected officials remember good meetings and it pays off to put our best foot forward.

COSTUME CONTEST THIS SUNDAY

The Halloween season is upon us. First remember that candy getting time will be Wednesday night the 31st of October, from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. only, please!! Remember traffic safety and pranksters. Because this is a weekday night, the annual association sponsored, Stratford Teen Club Halloween costume contest will be this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Stratford Park Amphitheater. There will be games and prizes for all the youngsters who participate. All youngsters from 0 to 12 years old inclusive, are encouraged to come out and vie for bigger prizes for the most beautiful, the most ugly, and the most original costumes. The contest will be by age group, and parents, be sure you have the cameras ready. This is a big event for the youngsters so give them the chance of participating. We know it means helping with the costume earlier than the 31st but Sunday is a better day, isn't it?

SIDEWALKS, NOW

It has been too many years that some of our streets have waited for sidewalks. Petitions were circulated and passed to the county. Nothing happened. Other streets now need them too, to get the youngsters to and from school. The county is still debating as to how to exploit all of the revenue sharing funds. One expenditure under consideration is the construction of sidewalks. We have added our voice, loud and clear, and to the right people, supporting additional monies from revenue sharing funds for the construction of sidewalks. We think it'll happen. We have ascertained that the streets requiring sidewalks are on the county's list and we have added the new ones. We'll keep monitoring it.

ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

We'll talk once again about the insurance savings possible for those signed up with USAA; about the Japanese Beetle control program; how to get water pressure reduction valves; how to avoid using the Alexandria address on mail; show slides as to the choice of entry signs available; we'll hold elections for association officers. Six must be elected. A President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Rules, Membership, Civic Improvement and Recreation Committee Chairman. A nominating committee was duly selected. The names of the committee were published. Residents were invited to express their preferences for nominees for each office. The committee waited beyond the cut-off date for suggestions. Received none. Hence, in accordance with our by-laws, the nominating committee now presents the following slate. For President, Peter H. Brinitzer; Vice President, Lynn Adams; Treasurer, Mel Richmond; Secretary, Diane Rauch; Chairman Rules Committee, John Milligan; Membership Committee, Peggy Buss; Civic Improvements Committee, John McAleer, and for Recreation Committee Chairman, Lou Denit. Nominations from the floor will be in order. The efforts of Diane Rauch, Sandy Stewart, Susan Smith, Jon Heel and Bill Jeffers who served on the Nominating Committee are sincerely appreciated. The team which has served you these past years remains in tact and it is hoped that its efforts have been sufficiently satisfactory to warrant your support. Biographic data on the candidates will be read at the meeting.

DOGS & MOTOR BIKES

Dogs and motor bikes. It's hard to tell which causes more grief!! Motor bikes are legal only when the driver is helmeted and licensed and the vehicle has been inspected and is licensed. The inconsideration of a very few residents in permitting their children to continuously break the law, endanger their lives and those of others and disturbing the peace through continuous noise is blatant and impermissible. Our efforts in calling and talking to the parents of the youngsters not having had any results, we are now asking that all who are offended call the police immediately. We'd like to continue being informed but the police are the proper authority to put a stop to it. Sometimes it takes a little bit of guts to get correction. This is one of those times. We'll help, but police action now appears required.

Man's best friend can and does continue to cause all kinds of grief. Why people simply don't care that their dogs run around loose, harm the shrubbery and lawns, attack children, cause fights with other dogs, upbend garbage, we'll never know. Based on the calls, we'll now once again ask the County to move in and issue summonses. When all else fails, some good stiff monetary fines and appearance in court appears to be the only deterrent left. What a pity that in a great community like ours, we must resort to this means to stop a public nuisance.

THE BANK SITUATION

We know that all who are customers of the Peoples Bank and Trust which has an office on Elkin Street were contacted by the Bank. Petitions were circulated. The Executive Board of the Association was continuously briefed as to the status of the Bank's relations with the Board of Zoning Appeals. Subsequent to two hearings before the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Bank will remain in its present location. It has already completed a very thorough clean-up of the entire area behind the bank. Do take a look at the improvements. Our Teen Club will be asked, for a monthly fee, to maintain the cleanliness of the area. Some fencing will take place. As directed by its Board, this association went on record with the Board Zoning Appeals favoring the petition of the Bank to remain in place. Its presence does not negatively affect the undesirable congregation of people in the general area at night. Its presence enhances police checks. The Bank renders community service, has tangibly supported this association and others and continues to exploit its unsightly facility only awaiting the construction of a permanent site directly behind its present location.

OTHER ORG'S NEWS

GARAGE SALE - BAZAAR

Saturday, November 10, 1973, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 pm. at the Fort Hunt High School Cafeteria. (Come to the north parking lot). Why?? To support the Instrumental Music Program at Fort Hunt High School. Booths available for browsing: Book-Nook, Toys and Games, Furniture and Appliances, Jewelry, Clothing, China and Housewares, Tools, Knick-Knacks, Christmas Decorations, Greens, Home-made Items, and luncheon will be available with home-made baked items too!!

If you have items to donate for the sale, please bring them to the school cafeteria on Friday afternoon, the 9th after 1:00 p.m. or by calling 765-4528 or 780-2441. Donations may also be made by contacting any member of the band or band area mothers. DO YOUR FALL CLEANING AND SUPPORT THE FORT HUNT HIGH SCHOOL BANDS.

RENT-A-KID

Rent-a-Kid is back in full swing. If you have odd jobs around the house and need help, give the band members a chance at it. They are earning their money to pay for their trip back to Virginia Beach as Honor Band--and exchange concert for the concert band members. Call Mrs. Stone at 768-8297 or Mrs. Vaughan, 765-7910, and she will make arrangements for help for you.

PERSONAL ITEMS

FOR SALE:

2 new snow tires 8:25x14 mounted on wheels, \$25.00 each, call 780-2977.
2 girls 26 inch, 3 speed bicycles, \$15.00 each, call 360-7728.
Large English Sideboard, Mahogany Veneer, Good Condition, Excellent storage for silver and linens, \$25.00, telephone 780-0980.
1 Hand Lawn Edger, \$2.00; 1 Neon Light Fixture, 2' x 4' for workshop \$3.00; 1 pair older/wooden skis for someone 6', \$3.00; 1 small guitar, \$10.00; 1 flexible Tiger sled, \$7.00; 1 Remo Drum Pad, stand and beginning Drum Books, hardly used, \$12.00, call 780-8497.
Two snow tires, 885x14, good tread, \$15.00 each, call 360-7556.
Adjustable music stand, \$5.00; straight trumpet mute, \$4.00; small inflatable raft, \$10.00; two-man pup tent with ropes, poles and stakes and with floor, \$10.00; Girls Schwinn bicycle, \$20.00, call 780-6638, after school ask for Bill.
Sears snow guard 78 tires, D78-14, tubeless - Practically new, call 360-7493.

FOUND:

Boys 10 speed yellow bike, call 780-6341.
Girls 26 inch Schwinn bicycle with no fenders was blue now painted black, call 780-2242.
Girls blue bike Hercules has hand brake, call 780-3104.
Book, hard back, "Walden", call 780-2930.

LOST:

Boy's green Voyagers, hand brake, call 360-3811.
Boys red bike, high handle bars, new tires, call 360-3117.

WANTED:

Adult volunteers to take children CAROLING FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL during the Christmas season. Call Mary Ann Young, 360-7493.

If you need any Tupperware or would like to book a Tupperware party, please call: Maxine Boies, 780-9189.