



Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

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GARAGE SALE

ASSOCIATION MEETING

THIS THURS NIGHT

GUEST SPEAKERS

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SENATOR JOE GARTLAN

DELEGATE JIM TATE

SUPERVISOR HERB HARRIS

CHILDRENS CARNIVAL

NEXT SUNDAY 2-5 PM

GARAGE SALE

Now we know that spring is here - the semi-annual community garage sale should be in full swing within 24 hours of your receipt of this Newsletter. It'll start at 2:00 p.m. and will be all over by 5:00 p.m. We are ever so thankful to the Stratford Women's Club which, once again, will be running this event for us. The rules are simple. Bring your items to the sale site (on the Camden Street side of Stratford Park) between noon and 1:30 p.m. Do not bring clothes. Do not offer items for sale for which you want less than \$1.00. If the item you wish to sell is heavy, come to the site, ask a member of our Teen Club to help you. He'll have a car available, give him a tip and he'll take it from there. If you wish to offer something for sale and allow the proceeds to go to charity, by all means bring it by. The Women's Club will log in your items, give you itemized receipts, conduct the sale, take 10% of all sales for their selected charity. Important to note is the following: Your item, if not sold, **MUST** be picked up no later than 6.00 p.m. If it is still there at that time, it'll be picked up and you will have forfeited your right to the item. Do please avail yourself of this chance to get rid of some unwanted things and support the Association's effort in yet another community event.

The date is Thursday night this coming week, the 2nd of May. The time is 8:00 p.m. and the place is the Stratford Elementary School. The event - a general membership meeting of your civic association. You should be there, really! It's the association which takes your calls on incidents, makes sure you have your special garbage pickups, represents you on the numerous committees of the Mt. Vernon Council, runs your Teen Club, puts out your newsletter and the services it offers to sell your personal items, publicizes other organization's news, forms car pools for your benefit, sponsors teen concerts, garage sales, childrens carnivals and does so many other things throughout the year all the years. This is the time when the association, its elected and appointed officers need your support. Good attendance at the meeting is the only tangible demonstration it can get to see whether anything that is done is known, recognized or even appreciated by the membership. We will have a briefing on all recent events affecting Stratford - the proposed pump over systems; drainer; road improvements; the hospital, etc. We will have reports from the various representatives of the standing committees of the Mt. Vernon Council. Most important we shall have three distinguished visitors. Our District Supervisor, Herbert Harris, representing our local county government, Jim Tate an elected delegate to the lower House of the Virginia State legislature and Senator Gartlan our Senator in the upper House of the Virginia State Legislature. We have a reputation to uphold. To demonstrate to our visitors that we are an active, a vibrant and concerned community. You will have to believe us that a good turn-out is always unusual for a civic association meeting to which they are invited. They remember these meetings and that helps when we approach them with our problems. The State legislative session has just ended. This is the best time to find out what happened in Richmond and how it affected us. We all pay real estate property taxes. This is budget time in the County. The best time to come out and hear and meet our representative and get the chance to question him and hear his answers. Do please come and get your neighbors to give your association these 2 hours once in a great while. There'll be refreshments, of course!

AIRMEN OF NOTE ALL SET

We are happy to announce that plans are now all set and come the 27th of June, which isn't too far away, we'll have the Airmen of Note, that outstanding US Air Force Band of Glenn Miller fame at the Ft. Hunt High Athletic Field. We'll be sponsoring this great show under the lights in conjunction with the County Recreation Department and we hope that you and the entire family will make your plans now to be there.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

During our upcoming association meeting the membership will be asked to approve a change in our constitution and by-laws. The reason for this action is the desire of the Executive Board to enable this association to slightly change our area of membership. As you know 23 homes are going up at Wittington Blvd. Our association's name is Little Hunting Creek - this was wisely done back in the early fifties when we incorporated the association to enable an area which is contiguous to associate itself without having to worry about the specific name one or the other developer happens to assign to any number of houses which he built. Of course, the great majority of our homes are in what the developer called Stratford Landing. But as time went on, there came the 28 homes of Riverside Park, the homes encompassing Harbour Point, etc. Now the 23 homes to be included in Plantation Estates will soon be offered for sale. They cannot form an association with but 23 residents. The homes are on a street which is now an integral part of our community. The corner of Wittington and Elkin is a natural entry into our community one of the three which this association was able to bring about to lighten the burden of Cavendish which for many years was our only paved access road. Hence, this proposed constitutional change simply changes our one border not defined by Little Hunting Creek and its tributaries by including these 23 homes and two already occupied on the Stratford side of Elkin Street. Your support of this change is solicited by the Board.

The present constitution includes the following: Art 3 Sec 1.

Membership in the Association shall be by family unit and shall be open for residents living within the confines bordered by Little Hunting Creek and its tributaries on the north, west and south and by Riverside Road and its extension on the east in Fairfax County, Virginia.

The proposed change would make the identical article read as follows:

Membership in the Association shall be by family unit and shall be open for residents living within the confines bordered by Little Hunting Creek and its tributaries on the north, west and south and by Riverside Road, Elkin Street and the homes belonging to the Stratford on the Potomac Section IV Citizens Association on the East in Fairfax County, Virginia.

COME TO THE CARNIVAL

Ponies, Merry-Go-Rounds, Whips, six great rides all together. Plenty of Hot Dogs and soft drinks AT COST, and plenty of games with prizes run by the gals of the Teen Club. It's the "Childrens Carnival" sponsored by us for all of you this Sunday, in a week, the 5th of May from 2 - 5 p.m. at the Stratford Park. The rides will be reasonable. It's meant for the real young set from 2 - 10 years old. The atmosphere will be nice, the crowd will be OUR crowd, it won't require you to use your car, it'll be a fun thing for a Sunday afternoon and, perhaps there'll be enough eaten and drunk by all to save you the trouble of lunch or supper. We're doing it for us! Support us by being there!

OFF THE STREET PLEASE

Is your boat or trailer out on the street day after day? Do you realize this offends the neighbors, might be illegal, blocks traffic, could cause an accident? Be considerate and if you must park these type conveyances, your driveway or your own property is the place for them. We mention things like this only because of the calls we get. We're trying to "keep the peace" and keep people liking each other.

AGAIN AND AGAIN

This month has seen four break-ins. Three burglaries, stolen bikes; harrassment of residents by speeding motorcycles; at least eleven smashed windshields on cars. One car being shot at and the window smashed while in motion. Mailboxes torn out and thrown into cars - and the list goes on!! Do come to the association meeting to discuss just what we plan to do. One thing is for sure, we will do something!

STREET LIGHTS ARE COMING

So that all residents of the new Stockton Parkway and Creek Drive get the word, your street lights are now scheduled for installation the last couple of days this month or the first week in May. The hold up right now to get the lights shining is a shortage of #2 aluminum cable which is on back order with VEPCO. Rather than awaiting its receipt we have been successful in getting the County to request VEPCO to at least get the poles and stuff installed right now and as soon as the cable is available we'll be the first to get it and complete this drawn out effort to finally get the job done.

ABOUT THOSE BEETLES

Well, the 13th of April came and went. Would you believe that when the chips were done, i.e., it was time to pay, only 57 residents paid for the planned community Japanese Beetle control program in which over 200 residents expressed a specific interest last fall? Some residents, we think are waiting for their Block Captains to come and call on them. Others are waiting to see what the neighbor is going to do. Others still just plum forgot. The point is that this is an action in which each resident must take it upon himself to go out and measure his area, make the arithmetic computation as to how much it is going to cost, write out a check to the Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association and then take it to the block captain. It really wouldn't be fair to ask the captains to go and solicit. This is a service which is being offered and which can only bear fruit (?) if at least 50% of the community participates. Once again, the treatment is endorsed by the Environmental Protection Agency, it is harmless to new grass, to shrubs and bushes and trees, and will be effective for many years to come. Remember that the computation is \$2.00 for $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. which covers 1000 sq. ft. Naturally we shall wait until this newsletter has had a chance to reach all residents but we really must make the arbitrary cut-off date for a go or no go decision the 15th of May. So please do it now! If for some unknown and unexpected reason we should not be able to follow through with this program because we do not get enough people, then all checks will be returned right after the 15th of May.

GOOD THINGS CONTINUE

Talking about things going over well, 47 residents called and had their special garbage pick up last week. That's Great! We'll continue to help on this. Call us on 780-9388 and we'll arrange for pick ups in the community as soon as we get at least 10 who need it. But, please don't place these things on the curb until the day of the pick up. Those who call will be notified when....until then, let's keep "it" out of sight!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance March 25, 1974	\$ 238.34
Disbursements:	
Typing Newsletter	\$10.00
Registration Fees (Association)	2.00
Postage	<u>.50</u>
 Total Disbursements	 <u>12.50</u>
 Total	 \$ 225.84
 Certificate of Deposit	 1,000.00
 Golden Bond--Clarendon Bank and Trust	 1,422.65
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 Total Assets, April 22, 1974	 <u><u>\$ 3,648.49</u></u>

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 Executive Board meets on the first 2 digit Monday each month in open session.

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OTHER ORGS' NEWS

HI HO - COME TO THE FAIR! Rides, space walk, ponies, refreshments and games of chance. Bring the family. All ages will enjoy the St. Mary's School FUN FAIR noon to dark Friday, May 10th and eleven a.m. until five p.m. Saturday, May 11th. Corner of Green and Royal Streets, Alexandria, Virginia. Metrobus stops at Green and South Washington Streets, just a block and a half from the school.

To accomodate those in the community who were unable to attend the first course, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Stratford Landing, is offering a second "INTRODUCTION TO TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS". This is an intensive nine-hour course to be given Friday evening, May 31, 7:30-10:30 p.m., and Saturday morning, June 1, 9:00-4:00, in the Parish Hall of the church. The leader will be the Rev. Palmer Hartl, a full-time professional. This basic introduction to this way of understanding how people react to themselves and others will help you understand yourself. It is also a pre-requisite for future groups or courses. The cost per person will be \$15.00. Please bring a sandwich for lunch on Saturday. Registration is limited, so please contact the Church Office for reservations as soon as possible. Telephone: 360-4220. Please make checks payable to Glenn Peterson.

PERSONAL ITEMS

FOR SALE:

Columbia, 20" girls bike, good condition, \$8.00, call 780-9160.

Piano and bench, reasonable, call 360-5135.

Gerbils, \$1.00 each, call Bryant, 780-8597.

Teisco Amp - 3 inputs, head phone, volume, tone and tremolo controls, used 4 months, \$30.00, call 780-2731.

Gramercy - 5 bedroom, 3 baths, lovely corner lot, VA appraisal has been ordered, call 780-5652.

FOUND: Boys 10 speed bike all Pro BMA/6 green/gold, call 780-9388.

LOST: Boys 10 speed black/red, call 780-2731.

BICYCLE REPAIR: inexpensive and reliable, call 360-3472.

HELP WANTED: Mature girl who would be willing to do light housework in home without children, call: 780-9181.

BABY SITTING:

Baby sitting day or night - "I've been babysitting for 5 years - It's my job", call 780-1588.

Do you need a well-experienced babysitter? Then call: 360-4796.

NEW DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS: will be starting in the Stratford area on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m. The class will meet every Thursday from 7:00 until 8:00 p.m. for ten weeks. A fee will be charged. Special help here for all dogs and dog problems, for further information call 780-8909.

FOR RENT: REHOBOTH BEACH-NORTH SHORES 2 bedroom townhouse, sleeps six, air conditioned, TV - private beach - private pool and tennis club - Saturday to Saturday, \$275 per week July and \$290 per week August. Special off season rates--(no pets). Fishing and crabbing in Yacht Basin, bicycle riding, nature trails and guided walks in nearby Henlopen State Park, call Enid Lehr 780-8597.

LESSONS in making French mints, cookies and marzipan candies are available. These candies make nice gifts for birthdays, teachers, hostess gifts, for use at showers or special parties. Call Mrs. Jean Powell at 780-1929 if interested.