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AUGUST 5TH TEEN BEACH TRIP

Monday, the 5th of August, the Stratford Teen Club will run its first summer '74 Beach Trip. If it's like all the rest which the Club has had in previous years, it ought to be great. Here are the details. The cost of the bus which seats 52 is \$380.00. The charge for each youngster who wants to go and who resides in the Stratford area will be \$7.50 and for those who come as guests from outside the Stratford area the charge is going to be \$9.00. You can figure it out yourself that it is necessary for the Club to set the cost at this level. The bus is airconditioned, has reclining seats and individual radios. It will pick up at the corner of Wittington and Camden at 6:30 AM. It should arrive at OCEAN CITY about 10:00 AM. Once at the beach, everyone will be on their own. Naturally, everyone should have sufficient funds to take care of food, etc. The bus will leave Ocean City, (where it will be parked throughout) at 10:00 PM sharp. It should arrive back at Wittington and Camden at about 1:00 AM. It'll be a full day at the beach and on the boardwalk. Everyone going must be at least an upcoming high school freshman. As usual, parental authorization slips for those not yet 18 will be required. Our community services officer, Andy Wysclinski, from the Fairfax County Police and his wife will be the accompanying adults. We have had these beach trips each year for at least the past five years, and they have come off without a hitch. It gives the Stratford youngsters a chance to meet each other, be with each other, get away from Stratford and have a good time. This trip, of course, cannot become a reality unless we get 50 persons who physically bring their money to the Club Secretary, Barbara Cannon at 8801 Camden street, no later than 5:00 PM the 3rd of August. If there are more than 50 who pay, then we will try to get another smaller bus. The key is to be among the first 50. The purpose of the Club, sponsored and supported by your civic association is to afford community youngsters a vehicle through which they may meet each other, participate in events as a community group, perform community services and have fun through and in Stratford. Naturally, we need the support of all the parents to make this event a success. Remember that if you would go to Ocean City by car between the toll and bridge costs and the gas, it would cost more than \$7.50 and if you would take a commercial bus it would cost \$16.00 round trip. We sincerely hope you will contact Barbara soon, right now, and get in on the fun. Oh Yes, if you want to take along a surf board or other beach stuff, be our guest!

Due to our Treasurer's visit to Texas to attend his son's marriage, there is no financial report this month. This regularly appearing information to our members will once again be in our next monthly newsletter.

THANKS AND PLEASE COOPERATE

We are very gratified that our second appeal for help to gather some advertisements for the long promised community directory did not fall on deaf ears. Interesting that this time all of the volunteers were working males - how about that? Each who volunteered will be contacted this coming week. Naturally we can still use help to reach our goal - the more volunteers the less work for those who already have come forward. Our aim - to give each volunteer but one potential advertiser and make the exercise painless. In the interim each and every new resident make sure that Peggy Buss is contacted on 780-1005 so that she can keep the fledgling directory up to date.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Despite warnings about the use of weapons, especially BB and air guns, there have been repeated complaints about their use and the damage they cause both personal property and in some case to living beings. May we please very seriously warn parents that they are doing their children a terrible disservice by permitting them use of any weapons in this county. While on such a distasteful subject we might as well mention some others, such as the fact that we've had yet another accident in the community caused by someone having removed stop signs from a street corner. How silly to remove them. It serves no purpose and is a terrible potential hazard especially to those who do not know the area. Then there is the now totally outdated practice of papering someone's house. If you've ever had to remove all that paper you know that it is aggravating, troublesome and time consuming. This month while papering, tree limbs were actually sawed and trees severely damaged. We hope that our community is sufficiently responsible to be able to stop this sort of stuff. We can, if we clamp down hard on those who are caught, if we foster and maintain the right type of relationships within our own family units and if we all live up to the idea we preach - being good neighbors.

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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THE BOARD AT WORK

Despite the summer vacation period, the Board has continued to meet. Our members continue to be active within their various disciplines and functions and we continue to participate and make our inputs in several fields. In transportation we have testified and participated in transportation related master plans. In the Planned Land Use Program, being formulated within the county, (the PLUS Program), both our planning and zoning representative, our environmental and recreation representative and the transportation spokesman have continued to make their knowledge and reliability felt. In the area of Public Safety, our voice is active and respected. We invite and urge all residents who are interested in their local government, concerned about the direction it is headed, interested in plans and programs of the County, to make contact with our representatives listed in the "box" of each newsletter to become active, to be informed, to contribute their thoughts, etc., and remember that all the Executive Board meetings are "open" and we'd all be only too happy to see you come and listen, participate, in our monthly meetings - the first 2-digit Monday night of each month. Call the Secretary for details.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Based on the request that we be informed, we have had a good number of residents informing us about holes in the streets, sinking sidewalks and the like. We will wait for this newsletter to arrive and be read and give another chance to call on 780-9388 before we go to the State Highway accumulated deficiencies, so we can get them worked the most effective way to go. Don't forget that we continue to sponsor the bi-weekly special garbage pickups coordinated through this civic association. Call the above number and be assured of reliable and timely, cost effective service.

NOW WE NEED ONE VOLUNTEER

The Board has been a wonderful one all throughout the years. Cohesive, cooperative, challenging and fully dedicated. Now we must say thanks to Diane Rauch, our Secretary, who has been with us faithfully all these years. Her future plans call for her to be out of the state a good amount of the time and she simply will not be able to carry out all the functions she would wish, based on her contemplated protracted absences. Hence, out goes our call for help. Certainly we could contact this or that gal and personally ask her if she would serve. That wouldn't be fair though. So, here's a call for any gal who'd like to become knowledgeable about our community, our district and our County. Who would like to feel productive while contributing worthwhile, interesting efforts. The task requires coming to the monthly board meetings, calling the members to the Board meetings, receiving the advertisements to the newsletters each month, etc. Thanks to Kay Lewis, there is no work with the newsletter and very little else except to receive and maintain correspondence files of incoming and outgoing communications. We really need to fill this position almost immediately and sincerely solicit your support. Call 780-9388. And, THANKS!!

ABOUT THE BEETLES

Of course, we hope you read about it in the last newsletter, but if you missed it, remember that the Japanese Beetle control action continues to be scheduled for late August. It is a harmless, milky spore treatment, which is a one-time and lasting one and we were pleased that we were finally able to offer it to the community. As announced, we cannot accept any more money. However, we have been told that the contractor will receive your additional requirements and payment while in the area and doing the job.

FOR SALE:

Tow Bar - \$25.00. Royal Electric Typewriter - long carriage - \$40.00. Colored TV - \$50.00. 14 Foot Deluxe Jon Boat - 5 hp motor - \$275.00. Professional Deluxe Pool Table - Slate top with separate ping-pong table - \$395.00. Call: 780-5940. Wrought Iron porch furniture w/floral foam rubber cushions. Short mink jacket (autumn haze). Second refrigerator, wood carved wall hangings to go in with Spanish decor. Chest-of-drawers. Olive 9x12 rug. Call: 780-1323. Table-tennis table - \$8.00. Large oak desk, ideal for workshop - \$10.00. Westinghouse refrigerator - easy defrosting - \$10.00. Attractive wooden playpen (mahogany color) - \$5.00. Call: 780-3710.

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

FOR RENT: 5 Bedroom, 3-Bath Gramarcy at 2607 Stirrup Lane. Fenced-in yard, CAC, WW/ carpeting, family room/fireplace, den and more. Convenient to 'year around' athletic program and schools. Little or no car pooling, Mom. Pool membership available. Call: 780-7411.

LOST:

Boys green 10-speed - Murry. Call: 780-9149. Boys gold 10-speed. Call: 780-9149. Boys burnt orange 10-speed. Call: 360-3953. Girls 10-speed - purple. Call: 780-2930. Girls wire-frame glasses. Call: 780-3066. FOUND: Girls blue 3-speed-Murry. Call: 780-2930. Boys orange sting-ray. Call: 780-2930. Bike - dark green-Herkles. Call: 780-2242. Girls 20-inch 'The Raleigh' bicycle. Call: 780-7411.

BABYSITTING AND LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING: or Babysitting 7 days a week. Well experienced. Call: 780-1588.

Eastern Fairfax Activities Center for Retarded Adults - Needs for our first Group Home in Mt. Vernon District, Located 'Stratford on the Potomac' - to be opened this month: (1) Washer (2) Dryer in working condition, please (3) TV (4) Room size, area & "throw" rugs (5) Pin-up lamps - others welcome (6) Mixer (7) Pots, pans, small appliances for kitchen (8) Dishes - plates, cups, etc (9) Bed & Table linens (10) End Tables - for living & bedrooms (11) Chairs - all kinds. Please call Ruth Freaney - 780-2239 - for pick-up.

Dog Obedience Classes will be starting after Labor Day on Thursday, September 5th. Special help for puppies and all dog problems. Classes are geared to the family dog but are given in accordance with the American Kennel Club rules. Purebred and mixed breed dogs are welcome. A fee is charged for the Class. For further information, call 780-8909.

Creative Arts Workshop For Children given by experienced art teacher. Features: small classes, fine arts, individual attention, vs. & rich media special fee includes all materials and equipment. For flyer call 765-4531.

Riverside Gardens Pool has memberships available. Call 780-9332.

Camp Fire Girls CARNIVAL FOR PROJECT HOPE, Wednesday - August 14th, 11:30 - 2:30, Fort Hunt Elementary School, Big and Little People are Welcome - Games, Prizes. Food and Craft Items. PLEASE JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN!!!!

OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES

As we write this newsletter we are deeply sorry about the real and true loss that this entire community faces through the death of one of its finest and oldest residents. Bill Norme was many things to many people. A fine father, a good church man, a staunch supporter of community recreational activities, the husband of one of the greatest gals in Stratford and, depending on how well you knew him, so many other things. We have all been moved by the comiseration of the entire community in grieving for him and trying to lighten the burden of his wife and children. For what its worth, and we hope it means something, we are all here, Ann, to help you, to cheer you, to make you and your wonderful children feel wanted as a part of our community. We do hope that you will be able to remember Bill by contributing to the Good Shepherd Building Fund.