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YOUR LAST CHANCE-BEETLES

It was in the first ten days of August - the man from the Japanese Beetle control exercise was earlier than expected. We compared notes, made sure he had all the names and addresses of those of our neighbors who had paid their money and specified that they wanted to be included in the program. The man felt he could finish the job in one day. He was warned that one of the other residents might come up to him and ask to be included without having paid and not having been on the list from which he was working. He started on the first street. Five residents had signed up. By the time he finished the five, eight, count them, eight others had come running over to him asking to be included. He did them. He went to the next street, where seven had signed up. Would you believe that nine came running, wanting to be included though not having paid. Result was that the man stopped. Of course, the fact that it started raining had something to do with it. He called and stated that he would not, he could not continue operating this way in our community, because he didn't have enough milky spore, he couldn't maintain a time schedule, and he couldn't conduct all those financial transactions on the side. Hence, this is the word from the man: **IF YOU WANT YOUR PROPERTY TREATED**, (and after what the beetles did this year who would not), then this is your final and very last chance. Please, let's have your check made out to our Association (LHCCA) **NO LATER THAN THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER WHICH IS ON A MONDAY** and, to make it easy on all the block captains, please drop the checks into the mailbox at **2321 Wittington**. The treatment will commence at **8:00 AM on Saturday, the 14th of September** giving us only that one short five-day period to transact all the finances involved and get the "worksheets" ready. Anyone paying after that date will have their check returned. Please, pay by check which bears your name and address, the cost is \$2.00 per 1/4 lb. which covers 1000 square feet. You will not be able to get the treatment accomplished without being on the worksheet which we must turn over no later than Tuesday, Sept 10th. So do please cooperate so that we can get this community service done without too much more blood, sweat and tears!!!

PROGRESS ON SIGNS

The builder of Plantation Estates at the corner of Wittington and Elkin has now made sufficient progress to enable him to start putting up the brick pillars which will hold our first community entry sign. This has been a long time in coming but the sign(s) will be attractive, permanent and will enhance our community. As soon as that first sign is up and standing we'll proceed with the other two so that, God willing and everything falling into place, by the end of the year we should have all three signs.

WE'LL REMEMBER

Over the years, month after month and week after week, we do the work of representing the interests of this community wherever and whenever needed or called for. There has been a Newsletter each and every month and all kinds of activities and events and services are offered and accepted. Just the work of the representatives of this community within the standing functional committees of the Mt. Vernon Council of Civic Associations takes up much time and much interest. Now we must regretfully say goodbye to a man who has done a lot, and awful lot for Stratford and the Mt. Vernon District. As our Transportation Committee representative to the Council, as its Chairman for a number of years, Jim Bambery has done yeoman work. His efforts constitute the Mt. Vernon Master Plan for transportation which will have an impact on all of us in the years to come. We thank Jim, his lovely wife and family for all those nights when he was away at meetings, all those phone calls and all the little aggravations in getting the master plan adopted. We know too that Jim wouldn't have ever done less than his very best both with us and as President of the Ft. Hunt Elementary PTA (all while also getting his Masters degree at night). So, to Jim and his family, our best wishes as they leave us for greener pastures in Pittsburgh.

ONE DOWN, ONE TO GO !

With Jim gone we have a need for his replacement. The Association representative to the Mt. Vernon Council Transportation committee will have to sacrifice two nights a month - one for his committee meeting and one for our own Executive Board meeting, where he/she is a voting member. Anyone interested in urban planning, anyone interested in performing a community service, better yet, he or she who is interested in the metro system or in mass transportation is really and honestly encouraged, yes, urged to PLEASE contact us on 780-9388 to volunteer to do the job. We were ever so happy that our call last month for a new secretary for Diane Rauch, who will also start traveling in the very near future, did not fall on deaf ears and that we had a number of volunteers. We are pleased that our new secretary is Laurita Swope, and we sincerely hope that you will all remember to place your personal ads and organization news items in Laurita's mail box at 2404 Cavendish by the 20th of the month, to get it into the Newsletter. Thanks again to Diane and welcome aboard Laurita.

BUS TRIP WAS GREAT

The last Newsletter had as its headline, the Beach trip of the Teen Club to Ocean City scheduled for a Monday. Would you believe that by that Friday we had all of 15-20 youngsters signed and paid, and that by Monday morning at 6:30 AM the Teen Club could proudly point to its first Beach trip using two large 50 capacity seat buses? It was a great exercise in last minute negotiations and last minute phone calls by the dozens and dozens. But it all worked out great and the youngsters ranging in age from 14-18 had a great time in Ocean City. It was a long day with the buses not getting back here until after 1:00 AM the next morning. To Barbara Cannon and for that matter, her entire family, a hardy thanks for all the work, time and effort from over 80 young men and women who benefited from the effort. To our County Police Community Relations Officer, Andy Wyszilinski, and his charming wife, our sincere thanks for having been really great "chaperones". It was a great beginning for a new year for the Teen Club and its new officers. All youngsters of high school age are encouraged to contact Barbara at 780-1077 so that the club secretary can have your name and phone number which she'll call for all the club meetings where the plans of the club are made - remember all you need to join is call her - if you live in Stratford, go to high school, and there are presently no dues to pay either.

MORE OF THE SAME

Despite vacation time, despite many of our residents having been away all or part of the month, it is regrettable that once again we must report things which we really would like to skip. But, there's some good news too. This month, boys breaking and entering homes were apprehended. This month a boy in the act of stealing a car, was caught. This month a youngster was actually caught removing a stop sign. So, we're making progress, thanks to a lot of good folks who are both alert and also inform us of these incidents so that we might either help with the authorities or at least keep track of happenings to make better cooperation from the authorities possible. One terrible malpractice though, went unpunished this month. The malpractice of uncontrolled animals, especially dogs. This problem with the dogs simply is going to have to be controlled or someone is going to end up with criminal or civil charges being placed. The dogs have killed other pets - pets which to their owners were meaningful, a source of joy and happiness. Can you blame those who have been thus offended from threatening to kill dogs which trespass on their property? It's going to happen sure as we write this, and then watch how many people get upset. Let's leave on this note: Just reverse the situation and how would you react if you were offended by the acts of others? CONTROL YOUR ANIMALS!

Speaking of vandalism, the most recent pastime for the youth in our neighborhood is stealing street signs. ALL the signs on Londonderry have been removed several have been returned since, and laid beside the empty post. Any of these signs removed are very costly and time-consuming to replace. So if you parents find these signs in your child's possession, please have them returned!!

Bathtubs ripped right out of their permanent placement, copper tubing torn out, windows smashed, specialized tools stolen, typewriter, calculator, adding machines stolen, the list goes on and on - that's the story of the construction site within our community. To the point where now considerable monies have to be spent on off duty guards. In our community. Of course we are assuming that this is the work of outsiders. But, we should be concerned. We should care. We do care. it's our neighborhood - it's our investment in the future of our children. If you see untoward acts in our community, don't turn your back! At least let us know - 780-9388.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance June 24, 1974 | | \$ 766.03 |
| Expenditures: | | |
| Stamps | 6.00 | |
| Directory & Asst. on Beetle Project | 75.00 | |
| June Newsletter | 86.25 | |
| May Newsletter | 82.76 | |
| Mowing Burma Rd (5) | 25.00 | |
| Headlines Newsletter | 5.00 | |
| Tax on 2 Newsletter | 6.85 | |
| Sub-total | | <u>286.86</u> 479.17 |
| Revenue: | | |
| Cancellation of Checks Nos. 171,177,189,162. (all over 1 yr old) | | <u>30.55</u> |
| Balance August 20, 1974 | | 509.72 |
| Golden Bond-Clarendon Bank & Trust Co. | | 1,422.65 |
| Golden Bond-Clarendon Bank & Trust Co. | | 1,000.00 |
| Total Assets | | <u>\$ 2,932.37</u> |

NOW IS THE TIME

What about that blankety-blank directory???? The one we now have is two years old, is out of print and everyone wants to have a new little book giving all of the data on all of the neighbors. Well, it's a simple case of time and money. We know that to get the directory done the way we always have and the way you would all expect it to look costs about \$800 more than the money we have had committed by advertisers so far. But we are making progress and we are now ready to get the final proofs to the printer (because we have found a printer, who coincidentally, used to be a Stratford resident) who is going to charge us just a little less to make it possible for us to get started. Therefore, and realizing that this is a cry wolf tale, this is the last chance for all those who have moved in since May, who have had any changes in their address, their phone number changed, etc, to get in contact with Peg Buss at 780-1005 to give her the corrected and straight poop. Nothing would be worse really, after all this effort and time, to publish a new directory with names in it of people who no longer live here, or with names of loads of newcomers missing. So do please cooperate! We plan our meeting with the printer on the 5th of September, a Thursday so get in contact with Peggy right now, PLEASE!

PLEASE BE PATIENT

You know for some of us who have lived here for a number of years it's difficult to realize that some of our newer residents get very concerned, yes, even angry, about some of the temporary inconveniences which we all must sometimes endure. Take Wittington Blvd as an example: This "Blvd" from Elkin to Bluedale was nothing but a dirt path for so many, many years. Finally this Association, after applying some really strong pressure, got the county to pave it for us. Now mind you, that stretch of road was an abandoned railroad right-of-way. The title and rights of way are, as they were then, quite clouded. The county had absolutely no obligation to spend the money and make out of that dirt path a perfectly good road which the county could not dedicate to the state and had to continue to maintain. Then came more progress, in that a builder is now putting up 23 homes on either side of the street. This meant clearing the title, getting the rights-of-way, building a street which would meet state specifications with curbs and gutters and the proper width, with sidewalks -- the whole nine yards! Including eliminating forever the terribly dangerous corner of Wittington and Elkin. Still, those people who have recently come into our neighborhood, not knowing just how much effort it has been to make this community what it is, still complain! Well, it's perfectly understandable, but, let's assure them they will enjoy yet another great access route into this community which, until a few years ago, only had Cavendish to get into or out of, by the time the year is out. In the interim, let's assume that we have all of our neighbor's support in now once again approaching the county to give us curbs and gutters and enable us to have a uniformed Wittington by using some county funds to widen the road and improve it from the point where the present builder stops until the intersection of Yardley Street. We're certain that with everyone's good wishes and support, come early next year, this part of our development will also have been fruitful. In the meantime, we do hope you won't mind the dirt and dust too much -- it's part of progress, we guess!!

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 ORG'S NEWS

THE LADIES DAY TEN-PIN BOWLING LEAGUE - will start its year on Thursday, September 5th, at 9:30 AM. If interested, call Joyce Rush, 780-0816.

"THE MT.VERNON AREA SINGERS" - (formerly the Fort Hunt Choral Society) will begin fall rehearsals Monday evening, September 9, at 7:30 PM at the Stephen Foster Intermediate School, 2500 Collingwood Road. The founder and director, Wilbert King, invites all singers, high school age and adult, to participate in this enriching and exciting adventure of music. For more info call 360-3322 or 360-4373.

MANSION HOUSE YACHT CLUB - will have Open House over the Labor Day weekend and the two successive weekends from 12 to 4:00 PM (Aug 31, Sept 1, 2, 7, 8, 14 and 15) for all people interested in boating and wishing to obtain information on membership. The Club is now under construction and is scheduled for operation by May 1, 1975. It is situated adjacent to Mansion House Pool and on the Potomac River 1/2 mile south of the Mt. Vernon dock. The entrance is off Old Mt. Vernon Road, 1/4 mile north of the Belle Rive subdivision entrance and opposite the Vernon Square subdivision entrance. The purpose of the Club is to provide boating recreation for the entire family. A full program for both adults and teenagers is contemplated, and there will be sailing competition for those interested. Courses in boating and boat safety will be given. For information call Michael Cericola, the Membership Chairman (780-8563), or George Arkwright, the Commodore (780-2588).

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHIP FOR CHILDREN - The new 1974-75 Saturday session is scheduled to start September 21, 1974. Zelda Bragman, an experienced art teacher and artist, will conduct these classes at the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church located nearby off Ft. Hunt Road. There will be classes for A: 6-8 years of age, B: 9-12 years of age, and C: teenagers. Some features include individualized instruction, small groups, encouragement of creativity and the use of diversified media. For a flyer and/or further information call 765-4531.

We of St.Aidan's Episcopal Church on Riverside Road invite everyone to become acquainted with our church. Regardless of your church affiliations, or absence of it, St.Aidan's is part of your community and we hope you will think of it that way. Our church sanctuary - now one year old - has been specifically designed to serve the entire community, not just its parishioners. The interior of the building is simple and natural. The furnishings are flexible so that various types of gatherings - musical, religious, dramatic, and social can be accommodated. In addition to its sanctuary and parish hall, St.Aidan's also has a modern, two-story classroom building which houses a Day School for three-year-olds through first-graders, and to which everyone is welcome to apply. St.Aidan's has been a part of this community for eleven years. Its members seek to know and care about each other, and their neighbors. They worship, work, study and play together in ways which recognize both the changing needs of the present and the inherited values of the past, undertaking the various facets of the life of a congregation responding to the needs of the entire community. Members participate in all aspects of parish life as they feel called to do so. The parish helps to support the United Community Ministries, sponsors a School for Christian Growth, has been the site of a Social Seminar on youth, and tries to be sensitive to the community's social imperatives and initiatives. We always seek new ways to use the resources God has given us. To our many old friends, we say thank you for your continued love and support; we trust we shall continue worthy of our confidence. To newcomers we say again, welcome to St.Aidan's, it is yours, in your community. To everyone; you have no doubt noticed that our wooden Celtic cross - built by parishioners - is in place and completed. It will be blessed and dedicated with appropriate ceremonies at our 10:00 o'clock worship service on September 1st. You are most cordially invited to attend those ceremonies.

PERSONAL ITEMS

YARD SALE:- Saturday, August 31, 10:00-6:00. Moving, must sell. Furniture, tools, humidifier B/W Remote Zenith TV, 13x14 beige wool rug, small appliances and very good miscellaneous items. 2413 Stirrup Lane.

FOR SALE - 1973 Honda Motorcycle, CB-175 - Excellent condition. Two helmets with visors, luggage rack. Kenmore ironer - excellent condition, asking \$75.00
780-2601.

CAMPER - 3/4 Ton Ford-pickup with Winnebago Camper - will sell separate or together. \$3500 or best offer. Call 780-2931.

KENT MODEL HOME ACCESSORIES - Venetian blinds, drapes for lower floor, indoor-outdoor carpet for front porch, built-to-fit luggage storage racks, other miscellaneous items. Lee & Bea Long - 780-1390.

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE - Chemical supplies including glassware and assorted chemicals. \$15.00 complete. Double size white canopy bed plus ruffled spread, top, and curtains. Make offer. General Electric 2-door frost-free refrigerator - 20 cu.ft. \$50.00 Air Conditioners, Fedders - 6000 BTU \$75.00, 10,000 BTU \$135.00. Call 780-9139.

WANTED - Family who has moved to New Jersey has a daughter (19) who would like to rent a room and share the evening meal with widow or quiet family while she attends Northern Virginia Community College. Daughter is a good student with neat personal habits. Please write to: Colonel & Mrs. Carver, 4507 Orly Place, McGuire AFB, New Jersey 08641.

WANTED - To form car pool to George Mason University this fall. 780-1766.

PIANO LESSONS - will be offered by Deborah Hanzlik who holds a Masters in Music Education from Catholic University with previous teaching and studio experience. Lessons will be given in Mason Hill and you may contact her at 765-7949 or 546-8839.

LOST - Boys bike, purple, 10-speed, 780-0984. Bike, gold 3-speed, 780-1500.

FOUND - Boys bike, purple, 3-speed, 780-7224.

FOR SALE: Olympic professional size pool table w/accessories, \$150; riding lawn mower 8 HP, hardly used, \$150; birch bark boat w/accessories, \$50; call 780-7426