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GOOD TURNOUT FOR INFORMATIVE SESSION

We were really pleased to see about 150 of our residents brave a truly cold night to be at our special association meeting on the 16th of this month. Did you know that on the night before, eight other associations banded together and publicized their joint meeting - to meet the Board of Supervisors' candidates - by sending out flyers, having an article published in the Gazette etc., and only 90-odd people showed up? The candidates at our association meeting were really impressed that voters from the Stratford precinct not only turn out to participate in civic activities but get out and vote too. Just great! You'll never know how that helps when you try to get things done from the County. It was gratifying that the issues of the future of the Disposal Plant, the briefings which we received and the discussions which ensued did not polarize the community and did not bring about any acrimony despite the fact that what is ultimately planned is not exactly welcomed by those who will be directly affected. But, as a result of this meeting, the County official went away not only appreciating that they should have initiated that briefing before they took any action but also that the County will have the obvious responsibility of tangibly demonstrating that the rights and concerns of individual home owners must be protected. Stratford is going to be faced with some truck and construction traffic and the attendant dirt. It will probably be for the better part of six months or so. But it won't be for quite a few months yet and we'll stay on top of the situation letting you know, through this newsletter, as new developments occur.

THE PLUS PROGRAM

As you may or may not know, the Planned Land Use Program (PLUS) for the county is beginning to enter the crucial stage. The draft plan for the Mt Vernon area is now circulating and our representative on the Planning and Zoning Committee of the Mt Vernon Council, among others, is participating in discussions and comments. In March, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will hold Public Hearings on the Area IV plan which includes our Mt Vernon District. Suffice it to say that the draft plan does not contain any specifics or intentions of changing the basically residential and stable character of our community. However, the widening of Ft Hunt Road, Collingwood Road are but two items which are of interest to us. If you would like more details, start off by contacting Fred Morley who is our representative on the aforementioned committee.

LET US KNOW

Should you notice that street signs, stop signs or speed limit signs are missing or damaged, or that streets, sidewalk curbs or gutters are in need of repair, we need to know. All of these matters are NOT the responsibility of the County but the Virginia State Highway Department, and we have good liaison with them. They prefer receiving all of the deficiency reports at one time and then coming in, as they have time and money, and doing repairs in one swoop. So let us know and we'll help in getting repairs done.

YOU CAN HELP

We continue to receive complaint calls ranging from obscene and nuisance telephone calls to the ever present demolition of private property. As you know we tried to get the entire community to be treated equally pertinent to mail delivery. Unfortunately we were totally unsuccessful in making the use of curbside mail boxes unnecessary. The trend now is for all mail to be delivered to the curb only. Now, a goodly number of residents are suffering losses and frustrations because some youngsters apparently have too much money to pay for expensive fuel, for paying high insurance premiums and payments for cars because mail boxes are being rammed, front lawns being damaged while these same youngsters, at night, get their kicks doing just such things. Think back on your own youth and recall whether you had the privileges your children enjoy and then determine whether or not they may be abusing them. Of course it's your business and no one else's until ... it affects the general health and welfare of the community. Please do help, as your neighbors do. Call us, 780-9388 when an untoward act occurs. Call the Police 691-2131 to make a matter of record of all offenses. Working together there are means to try to put a stop to some of this nonsense.

IT ONLY TAKES ONE

The weather has really been playing bad news with our skating rinks. Despite the cold spell that stopped school (coupled with the snow) we still have not had a full day of skating. Would you like to know the main reason? It's because of one youngster - just one youngster - who rode his bike up and down those two rinks long enough to crack the ice which was just getting strong enough. In spite of the Teen Club trying to protect the rinks and their protestations, what beat it all was that the father of the boy refused to confront his son and flat out said, "no, no, not my son . . ." Well we haven't given up. We expect more cold weather and the teens once again will be out there trying to safeguard the rinks as best as possible. The weather not helping is one thing but when just one youngster helps to wreck it for an entire community - that's something else again.

SPECIAL PICK-UPS

The county welcomes it because it saves making non-productive trips. The requestors like it because they know when they will get service, without having to leave pick-up matter out on the curb for relatively long periods. We are writing about the special garbage pick-ups that we will arrange for you if you call 780-9388 and tell us that you have something that the regular weekly pick-ups refuse to take. So, whether you're straightening out your basement or garage, trying to dispose of worn out furniture or appliances - don't dump it somewhere and don't put it out expecting the Wednesday or Thursday crews to take it away. We'll get it done for you - as a community service.

RIGHT ON TEENS

The Teen Club continues to do good things. A skating party is planned for this weekend; a ski trip is being discussed; they have earned a little money working the skating rinks; they deliver the Newsletters to the block captains. They've had a bake sale and raffled off a turkey which was won by one of our residents. They get the chance to build up a good extra-curricular record for college entrance and they certainly are always looking for new people to join them. Do have them give Barb Cannon a call on 780-1077 and they'll learn when the next meeting will be held. It's a great group of regular guys and gals. It's as much fun as there are ideas and participation.

ENTRY SIGNS

By this time we hope all of our residents have had a chance to see the first of our entry signs. Naturally the area isn't landscaped as yet and is still in a terrible mess. But Wittington as such and the corner of Wittington and Elkin will be all fixed up come spring and then we'll be able to fix up the sign area. We hope you like it. The second sign will go up at the old Burma Road (Camden Causeway) entrance to our community from the parkway as soon as weather permits. So if you have any comments or suggestions now is the time to make them. 780-9388.

LOST & FOUND SERVICE

Jane Bush, our executive coordinator, continues to volunteer to match those who have lost or found something in our community. She's been doing this for a long time now and is pleased whenever a dog, cat or bike can be returned to its owner. So, if you find something or have lost something, give Jane a call on 780-2857.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance December 20, 1974 \$ 2,308.49

Revenue

Proceeds from Golden Bond & Savings Accts	1,204.23
Advertising - Telephone Book	425.00
Dues	9.00
Proceeds from Golden Bond	<u>508.01</u>
Total	4,454.73

Expenditures

Refreshments Oct, 1974	\$ 30.61
Teen Club	40.00
Christmas Awards	30.00
Signs	489.20
Telephone Book (Patrol)	1,400.00
Newsletter Dec	82.58
Registration Fee - Assn	10.00
Stamps	13.00
Donuts	20.59
Mount Vernon Council	<u>30.00</u>

Total Expenditure 2,145.98

Cash Balance \$ 2,308.75

Golden Passbook - Clarendon Trust 1,000.00

Total Assets \$ 3,308.75

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GIVE US THE DATA

As you know, two copies of the new directories are yours for the asking. Contact your block captain should you have only one now and wish another. We do hope that residents just moving in will contact their block captains or that block captains will give Peggy Buss a call (780-1005) to make sure we can add new names to the additional pages to the directory which we'll publish just as soon as we have enough names and data to fill up a page. Hence, we would like to have all additions just as soon as possible.

OTHER ORGS' NEWS

FORT HUNT ELEMENTARY P.T.A. BOOK FAIR will hold its annual Book Fair on February 11, 1975 from 5 PM to 9 PM in the school gym. Books for all ages and interests will be available. Come by and browse and help support the school's Library Fund.

FORT HUNT HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND Guest Artist Concert - Wednesday, February 26, 8:00 PM auditorium, Fort Hunt High School. Featured guest artist will be Mr. Frederick C. Ebbs, Director of Bands at Indiana University. Tickets are available at the door or from any band member.

LIMITED NUMBER OF Mid-East Band and Orchestra Clinic records, recorded by the Fort Hunt High School Symphonic Band as they performed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Two-record album. Actual cost to band \$7.50. Call 765-4528 or 360-3324.

PERSONAL ITEMS

TAKEN: Large green & white ceramic elephants from aside the entrance of one of our homes. Please return, no questions asked or call 780-4299.

CAR POOL: Naval Research Lab car pool 8:30 arrival, 5:00 departure has vacancy, call 780-9094.

UPHOLSTERY WORK: Call 780-2489.

LOST: Beagle, female, 18 mos. Last seen Dec 23. Fairfax County and Andrews AFB tags, wore brown collar. Reward. Call 360-7773.

Mail Box - light green - call 360-4736

Gold Charm - initials KW - 1" wide, call 360-4726.

Bike, Girl's - 20" purple, w/banan seat, call 360-6069.

Bike, Boy's - 26", 10 speed, Blue Kemo, call 360-4736.

Bike, Girl's - light green, call 360-6069

FOUND: Glasses, child's, brown frame w/case, call 780-1373.
Bike, boy's - light blue, Reg Harris name on, call 360-6523.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS: starting Wednesday, Mar 12th at 7 PM. Limited enrollment, call 780-8909 for further details.

FOR SALE: Grey Gelding, daughter has outgrown this 14.2 hand, wonderful, gentle horse. Sound, recently wormed and EIA tested. \$450 or best offer, call 780-9160.

Hart Skis, 6'9" plus bindings - \$15.00; Raichle men's buckle ski boots size 8½, practically new. \$25.00, call 780-9025.

2 Sears Qaund Snow Tires, D78-14 tubeless, 2 ray plies, 2 fiberglass belts, like new, call 360-7493.

Persian Kittens, beautiful, fluffy, playful and cute. CFA registered. Shots. 1 white male, 1 white female, 1 blue male, 2 mos old, \$50 a piece, call 780-7647.