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VOTE JUNE 10TH

On June 10th, A Tuesday, the registered voters of Fairfax County are going to have the opportunity to participate in the democratic process by casting their votes on a rather important matter. In addition to selecting the candidates who will be running for County and State wide offices for the two major political parties (primary elections), the county voters will be asked to either vote for or against a school board by means of a referendum which will be on the ballot. So far relatively little publicity has been given to this "election/referendum" and the issue of a school bond approval or denial, to seems to us, is rather important. Therefore, thanks to our Association representative on the Council's Education Committee, we are herewith publishing the details. Natural, though most of the Board members have their own opinions, they will not be expressed. Nevertheless, as a community service informing you of the issue, ascertaining that you will know that you will have your chance to preclude but very few voters deciding this issue on your behalf, we hope you will read through the details, decide where you stand and then go to the polls come Tuesday the 10th, to help make the decision:

QUESTION 1: (\$36,000,000) Special Education Facilities, Construction of a new High School, Planning for future construction of two intermediate schools and one elementary school; and renovation - Reduced in scope from the November proposal, 1f 15 elementary, one intermediate and four high schools.

QUESTION 2 (\$6,400,000) Air Conditioning of 15 elementary, one intermediate and 3 high schools, IF PROPOSED RENOVATION IN QUESTION 1 IS APPROVED.

QUESTION 3 (\$1,220,000) Basket ball Court size Gynmasiums in 16 elementary schools, IF QUESTION 1 IS APPROVED.

Once again, we believe first that the issue is important and secondly that decisions should be made by as many as possible. Remember please, that it will be senseless for you to vote aye on QUESTION 2 and 3 unless you vote aye on the QUESTION 1, as QUESTIONS 2 and 3 are totally dependent on approval of QUESTION 1 and pertain only to those matters approved within QUESTION 1. This has been done to enable voters to approve basic questions initially (QUESTION 1) and then specifically vote ancillary matters separately (QUESTION 2 and 3). Be a good citizen and express your opinion.

MT. VERNON VA,

Thanks to the effort of one of our citizens, the issue of why we should constantly be construed to be residents and taxpayers of Alexandria because the U.S. Postal Authorities force us to use an Alexandria, Va. mailing address has been raised once again. We are a part of the Mt.Vernon Magisterial District of Fairfax County. We pay our taxes to Fairfax County. Except for the fact that both we and the Alexandrians are in the State of Virginia, we have no other direct relationships with our neighbors. We thought we had found some resoltuions on the past. Obviously they were insufficiently blessed and formalized. The question has now been brought up with our Congressman and our former Mt.Vernon District Supervisor, Herb Harris who, as in years past, once again appears ready and willing to help. We are in contact with Herb and we will give you progress and/or status reports when something tangible presents itself.

IT WAS GREAT

The weather just barely cooperated. The decision to have the childrens carnival was delayed until just 45 minutes before its scheduled beginning. But, more than 300 hot dogs and 25 gallons of soft drinks were consumed at the lowest prices charged anywhere. The rides and the ponies were in full swing at all times, the attendance was great and the Teen Club enjoyed being of community service. We thank the Club and we thank all of the scores and scores of parents who seized the chance to offer their youngsters some fun right here in Stratford.

THANKS GALS

The ladies of the Stratford Womens Club were out in full force. The cakes and cookies and the soft drings were great. The items we saw for sale at the Garage Sale appeared to be of good quality and based on sales certainly were wanted by someone other than the owner. In short, thanks to all concerned, another May has come and gone and with it another Garage Sale. Come fall we'll plan another one and believe it or not as time goes on we are learning from experience how and what we can do to make them easiest to run and most productive for all concerned. When you sit back and think, an awful lot is being offered to our community by the county, by the district and by all those who voluntarily and with the most positive attitude take it upon themselves, over and over again to be of service.

TWASN'T SO

It was relatively late at night. The boys were selling door to door. They did not have any authority whatsoever from this Association to do what they did. To solicit donations for this Association. We had no idea anyone was selling candy. We had no idea that they would have the gall to show a statement bearing the names of some of the Association officers or of the Association itself to donate money to it. We sincerely thank those who called us to inform us of what was occurring and we earnestly hope that noone for a single minute assumed that this exercise was known, condoned or supported by us. We informed the police immediately and there appear to have been no repetitions. One thing is certain though. We must continue and enhance the dialogue between our neighbors and the Association so that we become aware of and can do something effective when these sort of things occur.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

Now we hope you don't stop reading! It's staying light longer. The older crowd is beginning to come hone. The cars are all out cruising each night. The parties are just about in full bloom. We think we are speaking for the overwhelming majority of all when we firmly and officially inform everyone concerned that as long as we are the breadwinners - you know, those who get up each morning and go to work and get home late at night just to make it possible for all those parties to be held, for all those cars to cruise around - for all the other wonderful things which go on down at the creek where youngsters have absolutely no business being, or at 7/11 which almost becomes a no-man's land at night, that we simply will not tolerate our community being taken over by vandals, by the noisy and inconsiderate. By the litterers and the ones who think they are above county laws on public drinking, speeding, dragging and what have you. We ask each offended to let us know. Together we'll call the police each time and we'll make sure that the very few who make life miserable for all the rest of us are made as uncomfortable as possible. If we all work together, if we stand up and let ourselves be counted, we can stop the few who don't know any better or who don't care.

THANKS & GOOD LUCK

June will be a sad one for Stratford Landing. John McAleer, who has been an officer in our civic association longer than anyone else, having served since way back in the mid-sixties, who has done so much in so many ways to make this community what it is today, will be leaving us. Only those of us who have been working with John month after month, year after year for at least 8 years now will ever know what his departure means. Mature, experienced, reliable, totally objective, knowledgeable, cooperative, and above all, moderate and reasonable, his advice, his volunteering to do the hard, behind the scenes research and negotiations will be sorely missed. His help in matters of the environment, our creek, the roads, and so many other matters over the years will not be forgotten by us. We wish John, his wife and his family, God speed, health and happiness as he returns to his beloved New England and a well deserved retirement which will mean he'll be busier and more involved than ever.

GOOD SHOW

More and more our neighbors are getting more and more with the program. All those who have heard about it and have called are ever so happy that some of the "but MY boy would never do anything like that" fellas who are pulling gas caps, tearing off mirrors from cars, cutting tree limbs, try to break into homes, etc, are being sought out and CAUGHT. Great news! We have the statistics and we know that our community does not have anywhere near the number of incidents other areas have such as our own. Only the fact that we work together as good neighbors can reduce the incidents to as few as possible.

NEW CLUB OFFICERS

They deliver the newsletters to the block captains each month. They helped with the entry signs. Ran our childrens Carnival, Halloween costume contest, played Santa Clause and Elves, helped with garage sales, and the list goes on and on. Our Stratford Teen Club. Another year has passed and Rob Treat, John Neil, Barbara Cannon and Sheila O'Keefe the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Club have completed their terms. You know there's just no way to thank these youngsters for what they have done. We just wished each and every resident who in one way or another has participated in any of these activities would just for a moment realize how invaluable the services of this club and its members are for this community. As their terms end our very sincere thanks to them and all the other youngsters who help out, attend the meetings and enjoy the activities of the Club. With the summer upon us, beach trips are the first order of the day! Isn't it time your youngster who may not be as involved in other activities and can spare a little time, gets involved with the Teen Club? Elections have been held. There were at least two nominees for every office. The new officers of the Club for the year '75-'76 are John Neil, President, Beth Benney, Vice-President, Carolyn Wooleyhan, Treasurer, and as Secretary, the members relected a young gal who, for reliability, maturity, a sense of responsibility and the most positive attitude we have seen in a long time cannot be beat - Barbara Cannon. To the new officers our wishes for good planning and much fun. They deserve your support!

BARK BARK BARK

A word once again about the dogs. Did you know that there is one family which has a dog which is never indoors? Which barks just about all the time and which has the neighbors, just about all the neighbors, practically frantic when trying to keep their window open between the long period when we must heat or air-condition? Just one dog, just one totally inconsiderate family on one of our finest cul-de-sacs and dozens of people really and truly suffer. If you have a suggestion which will work, the neighbors affected would certainly appreciate it. One thing is for certain. It simply cannot go on!!

TEEN CENTER

What should our youngsters be doing once school closes? Well first, loads and loads of them have been diligently and mostly successfully looking for and finding employment. That's great! Others will be traveling. Loads of them will avail themselves of competitive athletic programs in swimming, baseball and the like. The ones who concern us are those relatively few who plan simply to hang around. To them and the others who will have well deserved free time, here's one place not to overlook. The Ft. Hunt High Teen Center Summer Sessions. Operating from June 25 through August 8 from 5:30-10:30 PM Monday-Friday, all kinds of things will be offered and happening. Athletic and social events, field trips, tournaments, the works. Operated by the County Recreation and Community Services Division we hope you'll make your youngsters aware and encourage their participation.

THE YOUNG ONES

About the younger set. Did you know that Stratford Landing Elementary will be one of the schools which will run a summer recreation program. It will be supervised, it will mean fun and entertainment and something to do for the young set, the programs will be on all weekdays from 9 AM thru 3:30 PM, that the cost will be absolutely minimal and that all you'll need to do is to register your child. It's one of those things again. So very much is offered and so much depends on the parents to make sure the opportunity for constructive activity is strongly supported. If YOU as a parent don't help your child, who is supposed to do it? JUST DON'T BE TOO BUSY.

THEY NEED TOO

Thinking about it, not enough is said about recreation activities for the mentally and/or physically handicapped. Here again, as close at Ft. Hunt High, special programs will be available from June 26 through August 15 daily from 9 AM thru 2:30 PM. Registration is all over by the 3rd of June, giving you but very little time to have registration completed. Participants benefit from modified games, music, craft, special events, swimming and field trips. Call Vivian McGuire at the county on 691-3292 to get the details.

THE SR. CITIZENS

That leaves our Senior Citizens. More than 43 affiliated clubs with more than 3000 active members now exist. We have such clubs right here in our own Mt. Vernon District and some of our neighbors have devoted many many hours in assisting in the attending activities. The programs and plans are outstanding, constructive, entertaining, social, educational and most meaningful. Again your county is trying to be of service. First you ought to know about the activities and then you owe it to yourself to make life most meaningful to your Senior Citizens. Call Eileen Banks at 691-3291 for details.

ATTABOYS

In the past month we received fine communications relating to our new entry signs, the work by the Teen Club in assisting the Stratford Elementary PTA, from the recipients of some of the donations which the Board approved. We thank the writers and we hope as time goes on, that what we do now and then meets with approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance April, 1975	1,417.05
Revenue	
Garage Sale	<u>638.75</u>
Sub-Total	2,055.80
Expenditures	
Barbara Cannon	30.00
Childrens Carnival	35.00
Garage Sale	638.75
Ft.Hunt Athletic Club	50.00
Good Samaritan House	50.00
Poster Board	20.16
Newsletter - April	68.02
Signs	<u>440.00</u>
Sub-Total	1,331.93
Balance May 27, 1975	723.87
Savings Clarendon Trust	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Assets	1,723.87

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

FT HUNT HIGH BANDS: Both the Concert and Symphonic Bands will be presenting their last concert of the school year this Tuesday night the 3rd of June at 8:00 PM at Ft. Hung High with admission but \$1.00. The groups have been gathering honors left and right, have performed at the Kennedy Center and are just great. It will be awards night too, and we really thing you ought to go and hear some great music by some truly representative and talented members of the young generation.

PERSONAL ITEMS:

WE ACCEPT JUST ABOUT ANY PERSONAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION FREE OF CHARGE. IN WRITING, SUBMIT THEM TO LAURITA SWOPE BY THE 20TH OF EVERY MONTH. REMEMBER LOST AND FOUND ITEMS ONLY SHOULD BE REPORTED TO JANE BUSH 780-2857.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASS: Summer classes are starting Wednesday, June 11, at 7:00 PM at Stratford Landing Elementary School. Call 780-8909 for further information. (Note: We encourage any dog owner's actions which will help make the pet most acceptable to the neighbors!!)

MOTHERS, Out of ideas for Birthday Parties? A High-school magician is available with a wonderful show appealing most for children 10 and under. Children will enjoy and remember this occasion. Included is a colorful special gift and some of the most talented doves and animals in the area. References available. Only \$12.00 Call 273-3447 for more information.

FOR RENT: Ocean City - 2 bedroom condo, 1/2 blk ocean, 124th St, WW Carp, dishwasher, A/C, TV, 2baths, sleeps 7. Call 780-0230.

REHOBOTH BEACH, DEL. Enjoy a week at Henlopen, 2 bedroom, 2-baths, A/C, luxury apt, washer/dryer/s/f oven, FF frig, 2 balc w/ocean view, color TV, Roof top pool club, tennis, \$350 wk, July & Aug, Call 780-8597.

FOR SALE: Aquarium accessories, filters, lights, heaters, etc, good cond. Call 780-3196.

FOR SALE: Used clarinet, good cond, price negotiable. Call 780-7195.

FOR SALE: 2 Window A/C's Fedders; 6000 BTU, \$80.00, 10,000 BTU, \$130.00 Heritage walnut dining room table with 2-leaves, 6 cane back chairs, \$1,500. 11 lb. bowling ball & like-new bag, \$10.00. 2 tires & wheels like new, 6.50x13 Firestone, \$10 each. Call 780-9139.

FOR SALE: Boys blue 10-spd bike, New Simplex shift, cntr pul bks, good cond. \$50. 20" beginner bike, \$12. large amplifier for electric guitar, good cond. Call 780-7647.

FOR SALE: Asst' hot wheel equipt. good cond, tracks, turns, speedometers, joiners, cars, boosters, etc, \$10 or make offer. Epiphone 6 sting acoustic guitar FT 130 Caballero, exc tone, \$100 including case. Call 780-2361.

FOR SALE: Couch, chair, end table, copper table, all new, shades of brown w/ orange & yellow, \$250. Call 780-2857.

LOST: Boys orange bike 10-spd with chain lock, Swinn, Call 360-5218.

LOST: Boys red Swinn Call 360-7067.

FOUND: Boys yellow bike, 26" Hercules, single speed, 780-2361.

LESSONS/TUTORING: Make french mints, cookies, marzipans, 780-1929.

PIANO: Grad Yale, Mich U Music Depts, for summer schedule, 780-0891

LESSONS: Grades 1-12, Math, English, Reading, Spanish, experienced, all summer availability, 780-1773.

SERVICES: Babysitting, experienced adult, 780-1929.

Light housework, babysitting, party help, etc, 360-6289.

Babysitting, days, nights, vacation, etc, 780-1588.

Upholstery work, evenings and weekends, 780-2489.

House Painters, Stratford residents, experienced, licensed, 360-4317 between 4-10 PM.

Amway Products available, in Stratford, 780-4259

Notary Public - A.B. Powell 2405 Cavendish, 780-1929.

HANDYMAN for odd jobs around the house & yard, you name it, it'll get done, 780-3196.

Ride Wanted: Army Materiel Command Eisenhower Ave, Alex, 8:30 AM arrival-5PM Departure, summer job, 780-8743.

DIRECTORY DELETION: Notary Public delete, Mrs. Kendall Barnes.