



Stratford Landing • Mt. Vernon District • Fairfax County

ASSOCIATION MEETING THIS TUESDAY

**BOARD CHAIRMAN, DISTRICT BOARD SUPERVISOR, STATE SENATOR,
COMMONWEALTH ATTORNEY, & SHERIFF CANDIDATES TO APPEAR**

We've announced it three months in a row. We believe it means something for this community and what is thought of it, when the major candidates for public office, but one week before the election, use precious time to come to a meeting of just one civic association. It means they know that what they say will affect the votes of more citizens than they could otherwise talk to at meetings of a much larger geographical area.

The candidates for Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the Mount Vernon Supervisor on the Board, the Commonwealth Attorney, County Sheriff, and our State Senator will all be at this meeting. We urge you to attend--to maintain our community reputation as a viable, educated, interested citizenry, and to remind those elected of the reception they received at Stratford in the future. The meeting will start at 8:00 P.M. this Tuesday night at the Stratford Elementary School. From 8 P.M. to 9 P.M. we will hold association officers' elections. There will be briefing on community matters of interest. There will be time for questions and answers. At 9:00 P.M. we will serve refreshments. At 9:15 P.M. the public candidates night will start. Each candidate will be given five minutes to speak. There will be questions and answers. Do please attend this meeting. Very little is asked of you during the year. Many things are done and offered. If you support your associatio

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST 20 OCTOBER

Boy, do we hope you get this newsletter on time, because wouldn't it be a shame if you didn't know about the Hallowe'en Costume Contest coming up this way Sunday at 2:00 P.M. in Stratford Park! Of course we'll have signs out to remind you the best we can. There'll be prizes for the prettiest, the ugliest, and the most original, and there'll be separate judging for boys and girls in age groups 0-3, 4-7, and 8 and up. The Teen Club will run it once again. We're hoping for good weather and plenty of parents to take once in a lifetime pictures. We'll play games right after the contest, too.

TRICK AND TREAT HOURS

In accordance with County policy, Trick or Treat time will be Friday night the 31st from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. only, please. This will allow for dinner time and get the youngsters off the streets at a reasonable time. Simply do not honor trick or treaters before or after these hours. Escort your young children, please, and take care--drive carefully that night, PLEASE!

GOOD MEMBER DRIVE

Well, another year has passed as far as the annual membership drive is concerned. Once again all indications point to nigh unto a 100% membership to the civic association by the residents of this, our community. We are, of course, extremely gratified that with less than ten block captains still remaining who have not yet completed their membership drive, it looks like we have been favored by your vote of confidence--at least to the point where joining the association is part of life here in Stratford. We urge the few remaining block captains to complete their drive so that we may now finally go to press in bringing out the long delayed update to our directory.

SORRY, BUT -----

We are chagrined that signs, small signs, to be sure, are cropping up that we must be extremely vigilant to preclude our neighborhood deteriorating. We cannot understand a neighbor next to one of the few remaining empty lots working on his property and then dumping, yes, dumping, all of the unwanted grass, trash, brush and worse, right onto the empty lot adjacent or close to him. Let's not do that, please--for everyone's welfare. We note that commercial vehicles are still being parked on the street despite ordinances to the contrary. And, what good are street signs such as speed limit and stop signs when they are completely overgrown by trees and bushes. We urge all of our residents to ascertain that if there are stop or speed signs on the periphery of their property owned or rented, that they make visibility of these signs a must. We had an accident on a corner the other day because the intersection was made hazardous by the height and width of the bushes grown by the resident of the respective corner lots. Our right to freedom of action and eminent domain remain unencumbered except for the general health and welfare of all concerned. The high and wide bushes on the corners of intersections are a clear and present danger to all concerned, and should be thinned and trimmed as appropriate. The complaints about excessive noise during evening hours have increased measurably since air conditioners were turned off and windows opened. If you have parties, like hi-fi, have a musical instrument being practiced and the like, unless you listen from the outside of your home, you'll never realize how noise travels especially at night and with the windows in your house open. Neighbors find it extremely embarrassing to call the offender and, of course, so do we. Finally---on dogs. The complaints about excessive barking continue. Occasional barking is, of course, unavoidable, but when dog owners respond to phone calls asking them to shut their pets off by saying that it's none of the caller's business, and "that's tough" etc., the time comes to take corrective action through the new anti-noise ordinance which is what we are doing now. We apologize for surfacing these relatively minor things, but they do so much to upset the offended that they deserve exposure and resolution on an amicable basis. Just remember the golden rule.

In accordance with our constitution and by-laws we established a nominating committee appropriately composed of a mix of board and association members. This committee was announced in the last newsletter. We invited interested members to announce their availability for one of the elected association offices. Mel Richmond reports not a single solitary declaration of intention to be considered for nomination. Hence, as the annual association officers' election is scheduled for the association meeting on Tuesday night the 28th of October, we must now announce the candidates. We cannot help but say we are pleased that the loyalty, rapport, high mutual respect and working relationships of our board members has and continues to be so good that all, each and every one, has agreed to once again stand for reelection. Being an officer in this association takes time. It takes patience and fortitude. It is neither glamorous nor ego building. It requires dedication, and for most officers, loads and loads of work. So, as this newsletter always reads as written by the Board as a whole, we herewith present ourselves once again. President: Peter H. Brinitzer; Treasurer: Mel Richmond; Secretary: Laurita Swope; Membership: Peggy Buss; Civic Improvements: Fred Morley; Rules: John Milligan; Recreation: Lou Denit. Our elected Vice-President was Lynn Adams who has since left the area. To replace him as candidate for that office was difficult because practically each member of the Board could and would have done excellently. We are pleased that Koz Kozciusko who presently is our non-elected representative on the Council Consumer Affairs committee has consented to complete our slate as candidate for Vice-President.

As you must perceive, we all try to do our best to moderately, properly represent your interests in a wide spectrum of activities and functions. We stay out of partisan political issues--we concentrate on community affairs and community activities to maintain and better our community. We appreciate and solicit your support.

GOOD EVENTS

The garage sale was just great. The gross intake was larger than previous recent ones, there were lots of cokes and soft drinks sold, the Teen Club did well in assisting the great gals of the Stratford Woman's Club who once again made the sale possible, and we are gratified by the scope of participation. The Children's Carnival, too, exceeded our fondest hope. In excess of 250 hot dogs were sold, more than 40 gallons of soft drinks were both sold at cost and consumed, the equipment brought by the concessionaire worked and was operational throughout, the weather was great and, once again, the Teen Club was just outstanding in more or less running the entire show. You know most neighbors take these events and activities for granted without realizing that it all takes volunteers--community minded and public service oriented--to get things done.

BEAUTIFICATION

We hope you notice that the Stratford Woman's Club with the assistance of our Teen Club is busy beautifying our access sign on Wittington and Elkins Street and enhancing the existing shrubbery at our entry sign at Camden Causeway. This is another example of how well and how profitable it is to see several active groups within our community working together for the good of the community. Let's keep it up. Which reminds us---Would you believe that the Teen Club, going great, has one overriding need? It needs men--boys, to be more correct. So, if you are in high school, and you are a member of the male specy, give Barbara Cannon a call on 780-1077 and find out how easy it is to be with the relatively few guys who make up the active inner circle of the club (surrounded by a bevy of good-looking gals) -- 'nuff said!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance September 30, 1975 \$ 216.89

Revenue

Garage Sale	\$	638.70	
Dues		<u>1323.00</u>	1961.70
Sub-Total			<u>2178.59</u>

Expenditures

Garage Sale	570.10		
Ladies Club-Garage sale	68.60		
Barbara Cannon	10.00		
Signs-garage sale newsletter	<u>20.00</u>		<u>668.70</u>

Balance 10/20			1509.89
Savings			<u>1000.00</u>
Total Assets			\$ <u>2509.89</u>

Peter H. Brinitzer, President	780-9388	Lou Denit, Vice President	780-1052	Laurita Swope, Secretary	780-0230
Mel Richmond, Treasurer	780-3947	Peggy Buss, Membership	780-1005	Fred Morley, Civic Improvements	360-4736
John Milligan, Rules	780-1599	Lou Denit, Recreation	780-1052	Jane Bush, Exec. Coord & Lost & Found	780-2857
Dr. Bruce Collette, MVCCA, Env. & Parks	360-5188	David Von Seggern, MVCCA, Transportation	780-4914	John Milligan, MVCCA, Public Safety	780-1599
Bob Grassi, MVCCA, Health & Welfare	780-2487	Lowell Shearer, MVCCA, Budget & Finance	360-6944	Fred Morley, MVCCA, Planning & Zoning	360-4736
Kay Lewis, Newsletter	780-5198	Frank Dunham, MVCCA, Education	780-9104	"Koz" Kosciuszko, MVCCA, Consumer Affairs	780-2349

OTHER ORGS' NEWS

FORT HUNT HIGH SCHOOL BANDS will host their annual spaghetti dinner on Saturday, November 22, 5 to 8 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Dinner will include spaghetti (all you can eat) tossed green salad, garlic bread, choice of beverage, and dessert. Entertainment will include mood music of the past decades, offered by the Fort Hunt "Cannoneers", stage band under the direction of Mr. Harry D. Blake. Dinner will be served by band members in colorful dress and the cafeteria will be decorated to provide a festive atmosphere. Tickets will go on sale Nov. 3, \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children under 12, and may be purchased from band members or at the door.

RENT-A-KID PROGRAM IN FULL SWING -- Members of Fort Hunt H.S. bands are available weekends and after school for odd jobs around area homes and properties. Leaf-raking, mowing, window washing, house painting inside and out, car washing, general yard and house work, also baby sitting. Rates reasonable. Proceeds will be used by the students to help finance band trips. Call 765-7093 for arrangements.

HOLIDAY HAPPENING? Come to the Stratford Woman's Club annual Christmas Bazaar on November 22 at St. Aidan's Church. Holiday decorations, gift items, baked goods, plants, and white elephants will be sold. Bring your gift shopping money and join us! Doors open at 9:30 A.M. STRATFORD WOMAN'S CLUB would like to thank the many residents who donated their unsold items at the garage sale to United Community Ministries for use by the seven Vietnamese families UCM is aiding in setting up housekeeping. A special thanks to the resident who donated the two new mattresses he had hoped to sell.

NOTICE: Lela B. Warner wishes to thank the very kind lady and gentleman who picked her out of the gutter on Londonderry and Camden and took her home. Damage done, one broken arm, one badly sprained arm, and a lot of bruised pride! I will pass on your good deed. A thousand thanks.

PERSONAL ITEMS:

BABYSITTING: Well-experienced, day and night. Call Sue - 780-1588.

AMWAY PRODUCTS available in Stratford Landing. All products guaranteed, delivered to door, and usually no waiting. Phone 780-4259.

BABYSITTING: Anyone desiring experienced babysitter call Patricia Powell 780-1929.

FOR LEASE: Horse 16 hands. Experienced rider only. Mt. Vernon area. 780-4259.

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

FOR SALE: Boy's bike, Raleigh Chopper, in very good condition. \$45. 780-7507.

FOR SALE: Large dog house, \$5. Call after 4:00 P.M. 780-9118.

FOR SALE: Buckle ski boots by Raiekle. Almost new. Men's/boy's size 8½ (or women's size 9½). \$20. Women's lace ski boots by Kastinger size 7½. \$5. Coffee tbl, walnut, with gold ceramic tiled top. \$20. Call 780-9025.

FOR SALE: Bike, Sears 26", girl's Spyder "500" in excellent condition. \$30. 780-2671.

FOR SALE: (2) Snow tires, steel belted, white walls, 678x15, original cost \$69 ea. used two seasons, asking \$20 ea. Also (3) low mileage regular tires steel belted, white wall, 678x15 original cost \$62 ea. asking \$15 ea. 780-3956.

FOR SALE: Conn Minuet Organ (Spinet) 2 keyboard. One owner, recently tuned, excellent cond. Bowling ball, Star Line - Celebrity, in hard case 16#, Call 780-5566 7-9 P.M.

FOR RENT: Master Bedroom/Sitting Room - next to bath for professional mature settled gentleman. Call 780-5566 7-9 P.M.

LOST: Boy's 10 speed Matic gray 26" bike. 780-4752.

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LOST: Boy's Grand-pre 27" 10 speed bike. 780-7755.

FOUND: Watch - 360-7535.

FOUND: Money clip - 360-7535.

FOUND: Umbrella, girl's, plastic. 360-9323.

FOUND: On Monday, October 20, at Stratford Landing School, one very friendly brown male dachshund. Call Mrs. Peterson, 360-4260 (day) or 780-2653 (home) evenings.