



# Little Hunting Creek Citizens Association

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### Garage Sale Sept. 24

#### GARAGE SALE SEPTEMBER 24TH

That time of year has come once again, and it's this newsletter which announced the fact that the semi-annual Garage Sale is just about a month away. It will be held on the corner of Camden and Stirrup, in our park, on Saturday afternoon the 24th of September from 1-3 P.M. This affair has become a tradition for this community. The fall sale is always the bigger of the two we sponsor. All items will be turned over to the Stratford Woman's Club, which has kindly agreed to once again co-sponsor this event with us. All items, with the exception of clothing, will be accepted at the park site from 11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. No item will be accepted with a sale price of less than \$1. Donations for any amount of sale price will be accepted gladly. The Woman's Club will take

10% of all sales for a charity of its choice. All items not sold must be picked up by the owner by 3:30 P.M. that day. All not picked up will be offered to charity or discarded. The Woman's Club will also have a bake sale, with soft drinks and hot dogs. The Stratford Teen Club will be available to assist all in bringing heavy items to and from the sale. This will be the chance for all new residents moving in, residents planning to move out, to clean out the attics and basements and carports and get rid of things not used any more. It's better than a single family garage sale because the publicity is much wider and greater, and it's a chance to really pick up some bargains. Don't forget. Start collecting your things now—price them right for quick sale, bring them to the site no later than 12:30 Saturday afternoon the 24th of September and let's make this the biggest sale ever.

#### SOLUTIONS ON WAY?

It has been a couple of months since we announced with pleasure that the final solution to the problem of Wittington Boulevard has been found. Alas, nothing visible has occurred. The county still patches it once in a while, but it's awful. We have now gained the full support of our District Supervisor, Warren Cikins, and at the first meeting of the Board of Supervisors after the August recess, he will offer a motion for the county to authorize the necessary expenditures to finally buy the rights of way and get this street paved properly for acceptance and inclusion into the State secondary highway system. We are sorry that it has taken so long, but you wouldn't believe how much time and effort and red tape is involved.

#### BLOCK CAPTAINS—PLEASE NOTE

To Block Captains:

There will be a coffee at my home, 2616 Culpepper Road, on Thursday, September 8 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. for all block captains. I'll have new 3X5 cards and receipt cards ready for the membership drive and the new directory. See you then.

*Peggy Buss*  
Membership Chairman

#### STRATFORDERS—LEADERS

We are very happy that Len Stevens, our representative on the Educational Committee of the Council, has been appointed to be a member of the Area I Advisory Task Force of the Fairfax County School System. This group has a very definite impact in Area I, and we hope that our residents will contact Len, whose number is in the "block" of this newsletter, with matters and problems relevant to our schools. Len has and continues to do yeoman's work for this community, and we are all honored that his work and his effectiveness have been recognized. That goes double (if possible) for someone who is probably one of the most civic minded and selfless people in our community—Shirley Faulkner, who among other things, is our association secretary. She has rightly been singled out for a leadership position in a field where she is truly an expert—special education. She is the representative from the Fairfax County Council of Citizens Associations to the newly formed County Task Force for the Handicapped. Appointees were requested by the Board of Supervisors to insure that the County is complying in every way with the new federal regulations for the handicapped. She welcomes questions for the task force regarding all handicaps in the area. And yet another member of our board has been uniquely honored. Lou Denit, who has been on the board for the past nine years, and has been so instrumental in everything we have tried to do, has just been elected as president of the Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club. We know he will do a great job. Finally, we think it is just great that Bob Grassi, representing us on the Council's Health and Welfare Committee, is in fact, that committee's chairman, and thus a member of the Board of Directors of the Council.



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Pete Brinitzer, the president, and Lou Denit, the vice-president, will serve as this year's board members of the nominations committee constitutionally delegated to arrive at a slate of at least one candidate for each of the elected offices of the association. Joining these two officers will be three members of the association who will be selected shortly. Their job is a difficult one—to recommend to the membership at the October meeting their slate for the offices of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, membership, recreation, rules, and civic improvement committees, all of whom are elected officials. They say that civic involvement is one price a suburbanite must pay as his kids grow up, and the community is the center of life and investment. Well, there is just simply no way that the nominations committee can contact each and every resident, or even those who might be interested in doing the job. It takes fortitude to call and simply say "Hey, I'm interested—I may not know what I should or could specifically do, but for a year I'm willing to give it some time and effort" and go from there. So what say, Stratforders, let's present a really good slate to the membership—give Pete or Lou a call, 780-9388, or 780-1052 to say you'll run if nominated. We're really serious, and sincerely hope that they'll get a lot of calls.

## MEMBERSHIP MEETING COMING UP

This may sound a long way off, but it isn't. The annual membership meeting of this association will be held on the last Thursday night in October, or right before the state and local elections on the first Tuesday of November. We have an unbeatable record in having the preponderance of candidates of all parties for all state wide and national offices as well as local, of course. They come to this meeting to present themselves to you in open debate just a few days before the election. Our track record in having literally hundreds of interested voters and citizens come to these meetings make them too good to miss for both the candidates and audience. We have now started the tedious job of contacting and getting all of the candidates to come. The gubernatorial, Lt. gubernatorial, attorney general candidates, as well as those from the local House of Delegates are all being contacted to put the program together. It will also be the night for the election of association officers and board members for the coming year, and the time for business discussions. Please show your support for this, your association, by being at that meeting. It will be widely publicized to remind you as time goes on.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Quite a few calls come in during the month as to who is handling the special garbage pickup. The answer is the Fairfax County Public Works Department. Their number is 339-5600, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M., Monday-Friday. If you are unable to reach them during business hours, please continue to call Fran Schrantz, a member of our community, who coordinates the special trash pickup for us. Her number is 780-2765. It saves the county a little money, time, and effort doing it through Fran, and she's doing the community a favor, but, if you will, by all means try the direct route first. The point is, if we do it, our experience has shown maximum reliability and responsiveness. Brush and shrub trimmings cut into length not exceeding 4 ft. and tied in compact bundles will be picked up with the regular collection.

For lost or found items, Jane Bush, Tel. 780-2857, continues to do great things in matching lost and found items. Finding owners and making someone happy is her only reward.

## PLEASE COOPERATE

Despite many folks still being away at the beach, in the mountains, or just getting back in the swing of things, Labor Day is just around the corner. The kids will be gone or back in school, and another summer will have passed. It's time for the annual membership drive. You know, for us on the board, this is a traumatic time. It means gearing up the entire machinery hoping for the best and expecting the worst. Not only does this apply to individual residents joining the association (more than 99% have done this each of the past nine odd years) but enlisting the assistance of the block captains. They have had the burden of making contact with each and every owner/renter, saying hello and getting that precious \$3 check. Yup, looking at our treasury, we can go back to the \$3 per annum dues which is what the cost was ten, fifteen years ago! The association continues to offer a lot—public safety coordination, assistance and representation in educational, health and welfare, environment and recreation, transportation, consumer affairs, and related matters through our activities in the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (and you can hardly pick up the Gazette any night of the year and *not* find an article about what the Council and we are doing), the special pick up service, the lost and found service, the Stratford Teen Club, Halowe'en and Christmas parties and contests, the newsletters, and the list goes on and on. The Block Captains are the unsung heroes on whom we absolutely and totally depend to get the job done. Last year this effort dragged out through January. That's too long and simply won't do, as we have definite plans to turn over to the new board a completed effort and the ability to publish a badly needed new community directory. So, Block Captains, please—let's get started now! September is membership month, and there really isn't any reason why we all shouldn't meet the target date of October 1 to get the job over with. Peggy Buss, our membership chairman, has a notice elsewhere in this newsletter which affords further insight. Now the big favor. If you do not know who your block captain is, please call Peggy Buss, 780-1005, and make her job a little easier by going to see her with your check. She'll thank you and so will we. Just remember, it's the only tangible thing we ask of you all year round.

## SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER . . .

Here's what we know about—two houses broken into with major thefts, two prowlers in homes, 15 stolen bikes, seven homes damaged by rotten eggs, mail boxes bent or destroyed, seven cars with slashed tires and bent antennas, four cars broken into with theft, sixteen summonses for speeding, three parties which resulted in police attention, four arrests and six break-ins (all apprehended) at the SRA pool, three accidents with no bodily injuries, two summonses for illegal use of mini-bikes, two convertible tops slashed, nine summonses for "loose" dogs. We continue to request that we be notified of all incidents occurring in this community on 780-9388 so that we might help to facilitate our cooperative efforts with the County Police for appropriate assistance to our community.

## FRUSTRATING SITUATION

Elkins Street continues to frustrate us. There has been an exchange of eight letters on this subject between the association and the State Department of Transportation and Highways, and still there has been no tangible action. Here again after having waited for the responsible people to go and come back from leave, we are assured that progress to clean out the ditches, improve drainage, and widen the street as much as is possible on the state's right of way "are about to become visible". We won't hold our breath, progress comes slowly, but rest assured, there will be progress.



## GOOD CAUSES NEED HELP

The American Red Cross at Fort Belvoir, the Mt. Vernon Community Mental Health Center, and our brand new Mt. Vernon Hospital are all practically in our back yard. All three have written us to urgently solicit our assistance in helping them find volunteers. With the kids in school, housework sometimes boring, not enough exposure to the outside world, what could give greater satisfaction than being associated with any of these three facilities. Community Effort for Abused Spouses, Rape Crisis Assistance Center, Children's Therapeutic Center, and a variety of related things go on at the Mental Health Center. Give Harriet Marx a call at 360-6910 during business hours and see where you might put your known and unknown talents to work. Or, consider volunteer work at the DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir as a Red Cross Volunteer—Bloodmobile, Field Office caseworkers, Hospital, Dental Clinic, Production, Youth Program, Water Safety and First Aid program—all waiting for your interest. Call Mrs. Voccio on 664-1247 for further details. Our Mt. Vernon Hospital covers every conceivable activity—call Mary Howland on 664-7000.

## SIMPLY NOT ENOUGH MONEY

The question keeps popping up—why does the entire community have street lights, and why not those few streets with underground power? The reason is simple—money. The petitions of the affected residents were all collected by us years ago, they continue to be a matter of record, but the cost of emplacing lights in underground power areas is so prohibitive that the county, which must pay Vepco, simply has not been able to find the resources. Here again, using Public Safety as to prime motivation, we will continue to press on. The same goes for sidewalks, especially on Elkin, Cavendish, and the few other primary access roads to our schools. It's just that there are literally hundreds of such streets in the county, there is just simply no funding available, and if there were, how does one allocate limited money to what streets where and in what priority—for the politicians that almost becomes a no win proposition. We have discussed both the light and sidewalk problem with Warren Cikins, and we do know that he is very receptive to our needs, as we have always made it a principal policy of the elected board to maximize support of the elected official regardless of political affiliation as the most practical means of gaining support for community interest—and Warren has done a good job in this regard.

## NO CUT THROUGH

There has been considerable chagrin by those who could be negatively affected, but we wish to reassure all once again that Pennsylvania Avenue, the street which it would appear is about to be cut through between Riverside Road and Camden Street will *not* be cut through. The developer of Pinewood Homes would have nothing to gain by that cut through and it would cost him horrendous monies to do it. The cut which is now visible was required to put in the necessary underground facilities. There will be three small streets parallel to Camden Street and Riverside Road, but access to them will be exclusively from Riverside Road onto Pennsylvania Avenue and thence to those three small little roads. That's what's called progress—more trees will and have already gone down, but based on maximum support from our members, those small lots in that area which belong to the Park Authority will remain open space and the Park Authority has not and probably will not sell them in the future—as long as we remain vigilant.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

Keeping with the policy announced in the last newsletter, we do not dwell on public safety related matters in our newsletter any longer. Elsewhere, a simple listing of matters which have been brought to our attention are listed. In this regard, though, it must be mentioned that there has been a rather sad increase in the speeding, dragging, lack of tranquility, and overall number of incidents which have occurred and continue to occur this summer. These incidents happen especially at night when in a dead end suburban community like ours, things really should be nice and peaceful. One can only assume that collectively we are all to be congratulated that we are about to survive another lazy, hazy, hot summer with idle evenings and that things will return to "normal" soon. Use of minibikes, especially around Bluedale, is becoming a real problem. They are illegal, except on private property.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, July 7, 1977		\$ 916.67
Revenue		
Cancelled check No. 659 (over 1 year old)		<u>36.00</u>
Subtotal		\$ 952.67
Expenditures		
Newsletter	71.92	
Mowing	20.00	
Mt. Vernon Council	9.00	
Teen Club/Paper Delivery	<u>13.50</u>	\$ 114.42
Balance Aug. 21, 1977		838.25
Savings		<u>2,142.20</u>
Total Assets		\$2,980.45

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' NEWS

**FROM ALL COUNTY LIBRARIES:** Copies of pamphlets titled *Be Alarmed!* (by a smoke detector) available. How to shop, comparison of prices, etc. Free.

### STRATFORD WOMAN'S CLUB

We would like to invite all our friends and neighbors to a Welcoming and Membership Coffee at Woodlawn Plantation on Wednesday, September 28, at 10:30 A.M. For further information, contact Mary Lou Hoffman, membership chairman, tel. 360-7267, or Marie Wardell, president, 780-6459.

**EASTERN FAIRFAX ACTIVITY CENTER FOR RETARDED ADULTS:** Needed, please, if you can donate any of the following: Dishes, pots and pans, and silverware. The number of clients is growing, and there are no cooking utensils or dishes at their new location. Please call Peggy Buss, 780-1005, or Ruth Watson, 780-1996.

**ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL:** Accepting applications for September, 1977. Classes are offered for three year olds, four year olds, and kindergarten for five year olds. Our program encourages a child to develop mentally, physically, and socially in a happy child oriented environment. Our day is from nine until noon. An extended day until 2:00 P.M. is offered one day a week. For more information please call Julia Smith, 360-4160 or 780-8235.



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### PERSONAL ITEMS

**FOR SALE:** Girl's size 8-10-12, pants and tops, boy's shirts size 18, pants 31, 32, 33 waist, 31" length, men's shirts, medium. Various household items, 2 living room chairs, have to be redone, 1 GE refrigerator, about 10 years old, good working condition. Reasonable prices, will accept reasonable offer on most items. Call 780-2435.

**WANTED:** Old kitchen cabinets in any condition. Also needed—portable dehumidifier. Call 780-4556.

**FOR SALE:** Portable record player w/stand and 45 record adapter. Superhero comic books, 2 for the price of 1. 780-3956.

**FOR SALE:** Bike for boy up to ten, brakes need repair, \$20. Floor scrubber, electric, \$10. Shutters, wooden, for exterior, 1 set 63" long, 2 sets 51" long, \$15. Door, for back or side of house, 31 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 80", \$20. 4-drawer chest, needs painting. \$4. 780-9177.

**FOR SALE:** Girl's bicycle, Free Spirit, white, 3 speed. Ex. Condition. 360-7678.

**FOR SALE:** Woman's 3 speed bicycle, Sears, black, 26". 360-3819.

**FOR SALE:** 2 Mag wheels, crager s/s 15"x8", great condition, 5" bolt pattern, 5 lug, 10 chrome lug nuts, 4 MC Gard Locking Lugs and Disc Brake Adapters. \$80.00 for both. Call 360-6944.

**FOR SALE:**  $\frac{3}{4}$  size violin, \$75, flute, \$50, clarinet, \$50. 780-0445.

**FOR SALE:** Oak double bed, headboard, footboard, box springs and mattress, \$25, 23" Sylvania console TV, color, year old picture tube, needs transistor, \$15. Call 780-6512.

**FOR SALE:** Gerbils, \$1.00 each, call Bryant, 780-8597.

**FOR SALE:** Datsun or VW Car top carrier, new. 360-6122.

**FOR SALE:** 14 Cu. Ft. GE refrigerator, copper color. \$100 or best offer. 780-6146.

**NOTARY PUBLIC:** Mr. A. R. Powell, 2405 Cavendish Drive. Call 780-1929. Monday-Saturday.

**PET CARE:** My house or yours—competent with all animals. 360-5114.

**COLLEGE STUDENT:** Certified technician in tuning and repair of pianos, ask for Jim, 360-6469.

**ALTERATIONS:** Ladies' and girls' clothing only. 780-2435.

**PAINTING/WALLPAPERING:** Plan ahead for next summer. Free estimates on exterior/interior painting and wallpapering to be done next summer. Three summers' experience in Stratford/Mt. Vernon area. Local references. Call Dan Mondloch, 360-4317.

**WANTED:** Rocking chair, 780-1857.

**WANTED:** Children's used toys, especially riding toys, girls' and boys' 4-10. Call 780-5992.

**LOST:** Small calico female cat, blue collar with round name tag "Tabby". Missing since August 21. Telephone 360-6847.

**LOST:** Girl's pink bike, girl's blue bike. 780-2263.

**LOST:** Boy's bike, Schwinn, 5 speed, dark blue, chrome fenders. 360-5456.

**LOST:** AMF 24" boy's bike, 10 speed, white and red. 780-3815.

**FOUND:** Watch, on Stockton Parkway, owner must identify to claim. 780-5992.

**FOUND:** Bike, girl's, Columbia. 780-9235.

**FOUND:** Rowboat. 780-2263.

**FOUND:** Va. license tag off small vehicle. 360-9551.

**FOUND:** Set of keys, Stratford Landing Park. 780-2857.