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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The next meeting of the Strathmore-At-Matawan Civic Association will be held on Tuesday, September 17, 1963 at the Old Matawan High School, Broad Street, at 8:00 p.m.

Roy Mathews, President of the Board of Education and Luther Foster, Superintendent of the Regional School System, will be the guest speakers. Previously solicited questions from the membership will be answered during the period following the speeches. All questions on the Matawan Regional School System will be answered. Members of the Civic Association are urged to attend.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE The State Highway Traffic Safety Department has completed their survey and we can expect traffic controls to be installed as soon as our township committee takes the necessary action. It is regretted that sufficient crossing guards were not secured in time for the opening day of school. Police Commissioner Downey has been given a list of retired residents who are available for this duty.

A tip of the chapeau to the 19 Strathmore residents who have completed their training and probationary period and have joined the roster of our township First Aid Squad. This vital community service is manned by volunteers and, other than a small annual grant from the township, is supported by public donations. There are openings for men from the age of 21 years up. Men who work shifts would be of great use. Any men who are interested please contact John McDougall (566-2688) or Capt. Samuel B. Dilks (566-4956).

Men are also needed for our volunteer Fire Department. This department is maintained by tax money appropriated by the Board of Fire Commissioners. Due to the lack of response, it is not advantageous to build a fire house at this time at Church Street and Lloyd Road. There are openings for Junior Fireman starting at the age of 16 years. To be eligible for the exempt fireman's list, one must join before his 36th birthday but one can become a member of the company from 21 years up. Again, shift workers would be of great use. If interested, please contact Chief Louis Auriemma (264-3970).

According to the National Fire Protection Assoc. slightly less than 70% of all fires occurring annually are in dwellings. These fires cause 34% of the total annual structural fire loss. Very few homes have any fire extinguishers or any other form of fire protection! To protect a home, one can purchase at least one Class A fire extinguisher having a minimum of 2½ gallon capacity. This can be a soda-acid unit, a store-pressure unit, or a pump-tank unit. These list from \$25.00 to \$35.00 each. The Class B unit of carbon-dioxide or a dry chemical extinguisher of at least 5-lb. capacity lists for the same prices. Foam units are not considered practical for home usage due to the difficulty in cleaning the foam from home furnishings. However, one can provide a Class A fire extinguishing device, in lieu of a fire extinguisher, for only a few dollars expense and it will provide an unlimited supply of water. This method contemplates tapping the cold water piping in the home at a suitable place

and the provision of enough light-weight plastic hose to reach every room in the home. Water usage is controlled by a squeeze-grip type of nozzle. This hose is easily handled by women and children. Since this arrangement is so inexpensive, it may be desirable to create two or more hose stations.

Hose stations may be located under the kitchen sink or utility room. For each station, all that is needed is a metal tee that will fit the existing water piping, two close nipples, a 1/2-inch quarter-turn ball valve, and an adapter from pipe thread to hose thread.

Plastic hose should be coiled so that it will come off its hanger or out of its compartment without tangling, i.e., the nozzle should be on top or on the outside, so that it comes out first.

If anyone is interested in obtaining self-explanatory sketches, please contact Bob Taylor, 566-7142.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE Strathmore residents with a desire to report or write for the *Strathmore Observer*, or to maintain press contact via publicity releases and the like, should contact Chairman William Beardsley (566-7448) for additional information. Experience in journalism, publishing or public relations would be most helpful, but there's a job for everyone—regardless of experience. We'd like to have you attend our September meeting, so call 566-7448 today.

VOTER REGISTRATION Eligible voters may register at the following locations:

Strathmore Elementary School	Tuesdays	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Strathmore Elementary School	Saturdays	9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Township Hall	Monday—Friday	9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Residents are urged to exercise their right to vote!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE Dr. June McLeod, a Professor at New York University and a local Strathmore resident, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Education Committee. Dr. McLeod discussed school curriculum.

This Committee has been working on the possibility of having school crossing guards for the Strathmore Elementary School. We have also been working on the problem of the foot-bridge to connect the Deerfield Park Section with the Matawan Regional High School.

The work still to be completed by Levitt and Son, on the Strathmore Elementary School is also being followed by this Committee, and a Sub-Committee is investigating the past and future needs of the Regional School System.

We are now undertaking a study of a continuing census of present and future school children. This Committee considers this the largest and one of the most important undertakings.

CALLING ALL SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS If you are interested in joining the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, or in helping Scouting in any capacity, we are interested in you. Units are being formed in Strathmore under the guidance of your Neighborhood Commissioner, James A. Noddings of 60 Ayrmont Lane (566-4746). Please contact Jim for further information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE On September 1, 1963, the Civic Association had 815 members. This includes 5 members who are not residents of Strathmore but who reside in the immediate vicinity.

Committee Chairman Hans H. Froehlich, 39 Ayrmont Lane (566-7770) is appealing to civic-minded residents of the *Cambridge Park*, *Deerfield Park*, and *new Ivy Hill* sections to offer

their help to the membership committee in its work which is essential to the functioning and growth of the Civic Association.

Most urgently needed are men and women who have use of a car and typewriter, who possess administrative and / or organizing skills, and who would sincerely enjoy getting to know the other residents in their section of Strathmore.

The work of the membership committee, mainly, consists of setting up and keeping accurate listings of all residents of Strathmore and all Civic Association members, enrolling new members, and periodic distribution of the *Strathmore Observer*. In addition, the membership committee may be called upon from time to time to assist other Civic Association committees in conducting public opinion surveys and in collecting statistical information expected to be of benefit not only to residents of Strathmore but all of Matawan Township. The nature of all of this work is definitely nonpolitical.

Service on the membership committee of your Civic Association, however modest, is a worthwhile and tangible contribution to the benefit of the neighborhood in which you now live and to the entire community. Please help.

ZONING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE 15% Grievance Continues Strathmore residents will be given an additional opportunity to present their case for additional recreational areas before the Township Committee. On Monday, September 23, 1963, at 8:00 p.m., the Public Hearing on this issue will be resumed at the Township Hall.

If we can convince the governing body that our grievance is valid, Levitt and Sons Inc. will have to provide up to 80 additional acres of land for recreational and community use, in order to comply with the legal obligation that 15% of the total area of the development be set aside for those purposes.

We urge Strathmore residents to attend the Public Hearing. A large turnout will help our cause. Anyone interested in the details of this, or any zoning problem, may contact Herbert Parker (566-7647), or any other committee member.

HAVE YOU SEEN BUFFY? Buffy is a one-year-old, male cat, buff color with white markings. He's wearing a collar and he's lost. His owner, Mrs. Sunshine (566-8882) is offering a reward for his return. If you have seen a cat of this description or know of his whereabouts, please contact Mrs. Sunshine.

RECREATION COMMITTEE The Recreation Committee is presently engaged in the following activities:

Men's Softball League. At the end of the first eight weeks of the season, there is a first-place tie between the teams captained by David Calman and Bob Conover, each team having a five and three record.

Bowling League. Women's Afternoon League will meet Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Airport Plaza Lanes, Route 36. The Men's League starts September 12 at 8:30 p.m. at the Airport Plaza Lanes. Call Marv Kriegler (566-0882) if interested. Those interested in the Mixed Evening League should call the Airport Plaza Lanes (CO 4-0800). The League will meet Wednesday evenings. Registration for Bantam and Junior Leagues will be held September 21 at 11 a.m. at the Airport Plaza Lanes.

Adult Education. There is a possibility that classes scheduled for September 26, will be delayed until October 3, but no definite decision has been made. Since there will not be another *Strathmore Observer* printed before then, please watch for announcements in your local papers and in the local stores, or check with the High School after September 20th.

Recreation Facilities. At the present time, the Recreation Committee is awaiting word from the Levitt Organization as to the time and place of the proposed meeting that was called in order to determine specifically what recreation equipment and facilities will be installed in the Strathmore recreation areas.

Halloween Dance. October 26, 1963 is the night of the Strathmore Halloween Dance. Be prepared to join the goblin and pumpkin set. Details on this celebration will be announced and distributed shortly.

The Recreation and Program Committee urgently requests all persons interested in assisting in our activities to contact the Chairman, Bob Feldman (566-7526) at their earliest convenience. The date of the next Recreation and Program Committee meeting will be announced at the September Civic Association meeting.

FLUORIDATION COMMITTEE Shall we fluoridize our water or not? Sooner or later we will have to answer this question. One of the purposes of the Civic Association is to prepare for the problems of the future. The Fluoridation Committee is in the process of gathering all available information on water fluoridation—both pro and con.

This information will be condensed to its essential elements and disseminated to the membership. One item of interest, which emphasizes that the fluoridation question must be answered soon, is that many of our neighboring communities have controlled fluoridation—Middletown, Eatontown, Fair Haven, Little Silver, Long Branch, West Long Branch, Perth Amboy, and Rumson, to mention only a few.

The committee welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Frank J. Clement (566-7867).

MATAWAN GUN CLUB The Matawan Gun Club, which first announced its formation in the *Strathmore Observer*, now includes eighteen Strathmore residents. Affiliated with the Wayside Gun Club, it has range facilities. Although membership is temporarily closed, interested parties may contact Club President William Saltzman (566-7152) for future membership enrollment.

PUBLIC UTILITIES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE The Public Utilities and Property Committee is still in the process of tabulating the results of the questionnaire circulated to Strathmore residents. The information, pertaining to water rates, house construction, heating, etc., will be helpful in directing the Committee's efforts. Anyone interested in joining this committee should contact Chairman Norton Berlin (566-7545).

TAXATION COMMITTEE The Taxation Committee, under the Chairmanship of Tom Shortell (566-7394), would welcome the addition of new members. Interested parties should contact the Chairman.

JOIN YOUR ASSOCIATION