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## Next Meeting Features Nominations, Lawn Care

The nominating committee of the Association is currently screening potential candidates to serve as officers for the coming year — and will present its recommendations to the general membership at the March 24 meeting.

Norman Brenner, committee chairman, urges members of the Association who wish to serve or who would like to suggest possible candidates to contact him or any of the other members of the nominating committee. He and his wife, Marilyn, who is also serving on the committee, may be contacted by calling 566 - 1963.

Other committee members are Mike Alterman, 566 - 7132; Jim Dumphy, 566 - 7687; Art Miles, 566 - 7068; Jeanette Parker, 566 - 7647, and Don O'Rourke, 566 - 2865.

According to the by-laws of the Association, the nominating committee is composed of one active member from each standing committee and is elected to serve on the nominating committee by the members of his or her committee.

The nominating committee will report its suggestions for the officers of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Members of the Association may make additional nominations from the floor, according to the by-laws.

A spokesman for the nominating committee stated that it was their aim to interview the widest, most representative group of potential candidates in the short history of the Association. He added that they were attempting to determine both the direction of the Association and its future needs in the qualifications for office.

In addition to the nomination of officers, the March 24 meeting will feature a timely, hour-long program on lawn care and landscaping for the new homeowners. The program which will consist of a film, talk and question-and-answer period, will be presented by John Hendrickson, owner of Hendrickson's Old Wagon Farm.

Hendrickson's Old Wagon Farm is located across from the Lily Tulip Company on Route 35, Middletown.

## Give \$5 To Sue Levitt On 15% Issue

ATTENTION: All Strathmore homeowners.

Now is the time to dig into your pockets — and dig down deep! We'll all have to give our money generously if we want to raise the \$3,250 necessary to pay the legal fees involved in suing Levitt for recreational land needed by the community. This coming Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, approximately 200 of our friends and neighbors will conduct a door-to-door canvass for funds.

John White of 73 Andover Lane is chairman of this important drive. He urges everyone to make sure they'll be around sometime during the weekend canvass. If you can't be home, try to leave your donation with a neighbor. Just make sure to get an official receipt.

The general membership of our Association voted to take Levitt to court during the January meeting. We maintain Levitt has flagrantly violated the planned community ordinance

of Matawan Township which requires that 15 per cent of the area be set aside for specific non-residential uses. Instead of 115 acres or 15 per cent of 762 acres, only 38 acres have been provided. This doesn't meet the requirements of the ordinance.

Included in these 38 acres are 25 acres which are called "recreation sites" on Levitt's maps. Only 14 of these acres could actually be used for recreation and only if extensive groundwork and protective fencing were done.

It has been estimated that an average \$5 per home contribution will be necessary to raise the amount needed for legal fees. Chairman White has summed up the core of the entire issue in the following statement. We're sure every one of the 1,700 Strathmore homeowners will give it the attention it merits.

### IT'S A WORTHWHILE INVESTMENT!

In the next few days, you and your neighbors will be contributing to a fund that will finance a \$3,250 court action. If successful, this litigation will redress Strathmore's present land allocation by providing at least some of the missing 88

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**MEETING NEWS**  
**Tuesday, March 24**  
 at 8:00 p.m.  
 Matawan Regional High School  
**NOMINATION OF**  
**NEW OFFICERS**  
**LAWN CARE PROGRAM**  
 EVERYBODY WELCOME

## Pay Your Dues Now If You Want To Vote

By now, almost 1,000 members of the Association have received letters urging them to renew their 1963 memberships — which expire on March 31 — in order to have a continued voice in the affairs of the Association.

Remember, if you want to be able to vote in the election of officers during the April meeting, you must pay your \$2 per household dues now. Total membership of the Association is nearing the 1,700 mark, according to Hans Froehlich, chairman of the membership committee.

### RUMMAGE SALE SCHEDULED

Members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Matawan Township First Aid Squad will hold a Spring rummage sale March 24 through March 26 in the First Aid Building on Amboy Road and Prospect Avenue.

Anyone interested in donating items of clothing or home furnishings may arrange for a pick-up by contacting either Ellen Shore, 97 Andover Lane, 566 - 6133, or Laura Grossman, 93 Idlewild Lane, 566 - 7527.

Hours for the rummage sale will be from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24. Hours on Wednesday, March 25 and Thursday, March 26, are from 1 to 4 p.m.

### MORE MOTHERS NEEDED FOR BABYSITTING POOL

More mothers are need for the newly-organized baby-sitting pool of the Juniper Park section.

The pool, which is limited to residents of the section, works on a cooperative basis. Member mothers earn regular points by sitting and bonus points by sitting during children's waking hours and after midnight.

The members decided to limit membership to their section because it is a small one and therefore allows most mothers to know other residents and their children. In addition, babysitting mothers can walk to and from their sitting jobs.

Anyone interested in joining may get further details from Sue Fuchs, 31 Juniper Place, 566 - 3620.

### POP WARNER INVITATION

The Pop Warner Little Huskies of Matawan Township is extending an open invitation for residents and children of Strathmore to take part in its program for boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 13.

The Little Huskies have completed two years in the Central New Jersey Pop Warner Football League and offer a program of football for boys and cheerleading and twirling for girls. The team furnishes all equipment and transportation free of charge.

Two seats on the board of directors are being held open for interested Strathmore residents. Additional information may be had by contacting John Nicholson, chairman, 566 - 6665, or Frederick Stringer, secretary, 566 - 1959.

### HILLEL ACADEMY

Hillel Academy of Perth Amboy has announced it will open additional nursery and kindergarten classes in order to accommodate the possible needs or desires of interested Strathmore parents of the Jewish faith.

Mrs. Sonya Tick, of 7 Ned Drive, Hazlet, revealed informational meetings will be held upon request in Strathmore homes for interested parents. She said Rabbi David Twersky, dean of the academy, will explain the entire program at these meetings and urged parents to call her at 264 - 5822 for further information.

Nursery school is held for three and four-year-olds. Kindergartners must be five years old by December 31.

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### CANCER CRUSADE SET FOR APRIL

Mrs. Lester Marks of 28 Ambler Lane has been appointed area chairman for the Matawan Township's annual cancer crusade to be held during April.

Anyone interested in joining the drive, conducted by the American Cancer Society, may contact Mrs. Marks at 566 - 7546 or any of the following area captains:

Mrs. Manuel Teixeira, Deerfield Park, 566 - 4673; Mrs. Lawrence Lerner, Ivyhill Park, Section I, 566 - 7231, and Mrs. Daniel Kostrinsky, Ivyhill Park, Section II, 566 - 8031.

Last year, the cancer crusade raised a total of \$63,265.97 in Monmouth County.

### Don't Trespass! Keep Off Lawns!

With Spring in the offing and lawn care already being started by numerous members of our community, it's time to start respecting other people's property. From the complaints being heard in many streets in every section of the development, it's obvious that some people — parents and children alike — have been abusing the rights of others.

Some of the most vocal complaints have been heard from residents of Avondale and Ardmore Lanes due to children coming from Autumn Lane and crossing through side and backyards while going to and from school. Adults also have been seen using these avenues as though they were streets.

Meanwhile, residents on Ivyhill Drive and Iris Lanes are so angry about the constant stream of trespassers that some of them have threatened to post no trespassing signs and prosecute violators — regardless of age!

We really can't blame homeowners for being annoyed, for feeling stepped on. A great deal of back-breaking labor, not to mention money, has been invested in existing lawns.

We feel parents who have been guilty of these uninvited walks in the past should set a better example for their children in the future. And, parents of trespassing children should set them on the right path — the sidewalk!

### GIVE AGAINST LEVITT

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area or its monetary equivalent. Your Association, after months of careful investigation and consultations with two highly regarded municipal lawyers, voted overwhelmingly to undertake this action. While we expect many non-members to support this litigation, a contribution in the neighborhood of \$5 per member household is needed if we are to meet our commitment. Give what you are able, but do take advantage of this opportunity to invest in the future of your community.

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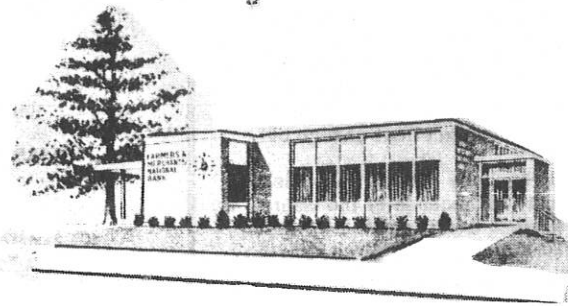
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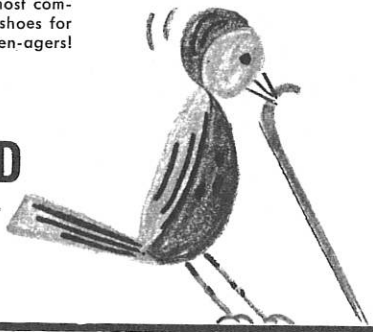
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