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SPRING (CLEANING) IS BUSTING OUT ALL OVER

with the coming of warm weather and sunshine we take a look around us and suddenly everything looks a little shabby. Winter's debris of leaves. twigs and blown papers litters the yard, and the garage and basement

There is no time to lose. Vienna's Spring Clean-Up Week begins on April 5 and once again residents have the opportunity of getting rid of all manner of discards and litter, without charge. Town crews will circle the Town all week picking up everything you place at the curb. If the truck seems to have passed you by, have patience, they'll be back, only please don't wait until Friday or Saturday to put your trash out.

CITIZEN EFFORTS

Residents in the James Drive, Patrick Street areas will join together to clean up the streambed park adjacent to their homes on two Saturdays, March 27 and April 3.

The Southwest Vienna Citizens Association is asking the cooperation of scouts and organizations

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Dear Friends,

The beginning of Spring means a speeding up of activities for the Town as well as for homeowners. Outside chores once again claim a share of our time and attention.

Spring Clean-Up Week will begin on April 5. Promptness in setting out are overdue for a good clearing out. discards and yard debris will greatly facilitate the work of our trucks and crews which are hard pressed to complete their enormous task in the allotted time. With so many jurisdictions cutting down on their trash collections due to tight budgets, we are happy to be able to give you this extra service.

> Elections are much on our minds this month. Our three incumbent Councilmen will be running for re-election with four contenders. We hope that everyone is aware by now that the date for our Town elections has been changed by the General Assembly from the second Tuesday in June to the first Tuesday in May. We will be looking forward to seeing all of you at the Town Hall on that date.

> > Joseph R. Spriggs

Sincerely

Mayor

SPRING CLEAN-UP (continued)

in a clean-up of the Vienna District Park (off Courthouse Road) in the Oakton High School area. The clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 3. All activities will be coordinated by Mrs. Garvin Tate. Individuals or organizations willing to help may contact Mrs. Tate at 938-8833.



TOWN CRIER

LITTLE LEAGUE

The Vienna Little League needs volunteer umpires for the 1971 baseball season which starts on April 24, ending July 3. Training classes will be held for those who have not had previous umpire experience. Persons interested may call Chief Umpire Jerry Robarge at 938-7360.

April 3 will be Little League Booster Day, Stickers will be given to those donating \$1.

A.F.S. WEEK

American Field Service Week at Madison is scheduled for April 13-16. Theme for the week will be "Idea of Revolution". Parents need not panic however, it is the social changes of our times rather than militant revolt which will be under discussion.

BIKE SALE

A sale of unclaimed bicycles will be held at the Vienna Police Department (at the rear of the Town Hall) on Wednesday April 7 at 3 p.m. Sealed bids will be accepted ahead of the sale at the Police Department. All bicycles are subject to prior claim by owners.

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COUNCIL PROTESTS

The Town Council has expressed concern to the County School Board over plans to transport children who have completed 6th grade at Marshall Road School to Luther Jackson Intermediate rather than Thoreau.

In spite of overcrowding at Thoreau Council expressed the hope that the County would reconsider so that Vienna children could preserve a sense of community and of identity with the Town. They also pointed out that at the present time many Marshall Road children could walk to Thoreau.

DEAR RESIDENT:

Individuals are important in our Town. When a citizen writes a complaint or makes a suggestion, his letter or call receives personal consideration and attention. From time to time we have received complaints about the addressing of the Newsletter. We sincerely wish it were economically feasible to send it to you by name instead of the seemingly impersonal "resident".

"Resident" is not an impersonal term for us. It means our friends, our neighbors, those who live in our Town and for whose welfare and comfort we are working. We may not know each of you by name, but each is important to us. As we all know, we live in an area with a constantly shifting population. In order to reach all newcomers as soon as possible and prevent constant updating of plates, the Newsletter is sent out on the same plates used for water bills.

YOUR COUNCILMAN SPEAKS



ROBERT J. SKAHAN

MAY 4, 1971. Circle that date in red on your calendars, mark it in your notebooks and do whatever else you can to remember it. That date is one of the most important of the year for all of us here in Vienna, because it is Election Day, the day on which we select three people to serve us on the Town Council for the next two years.

All of us in Vienna are subject to several governmental jurisdictions -Fairfax County, State of Virginia and Federal - but probably none of them
has more direct effect upon our every day living than our own Town
Government. It is not involved in the formulation of policy in the area
of foreign affairs such as the Viet Nam war or matters of peace or war in
the Middle East, but it is involved with other nearby jurisdictions in
regional planning for Northern Virginia, and closer to home, in presenting
its view to Fairfax County in matters which relate to Vienna. Representatives of the Town work directly with the area delegation to the General
Assembly, appearing regularly in Richmond when the legislature is in
session, so that the interests of the people of Vienna will be protected,
and their views will be heard.

When we consider the perhaps more mundane but nevertheless essential aspects of living in our community, the Town affords us police protection and related services such as traffic regulation and control. It picks up our trash and cleans our streets. We look to the Town to keep our streets in good repair, to light them when it is dark and to open them when it snows. We expect our Town Government to supply us with water and sewer service. For recreation we have our parks with their picnic areas, tennis courts, ball fields and just plain room to roam. There is also the community center, and in the near future we will have a community swimming pool.

We want our town to be attractive both in its business and residential areas, and above all we want it to be a pleasant place to live.

All of these things are the ultimate responsibility of our elected representatives, the Town Council. They must decide wherein the interests of the Town and its citizens may best be served and how our revenue shall be spent. This is why Election Day is so important to everyone in Vienna, and why everyone should make it 'Participate in Vienna Day.'

VOTER REGISTRATION

Saturday, April 3 will be the last opportunity for residents to register to vote in the Town election. A registrar will sit at the Vienna fire station from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day. Voters in the Town election must be 21 years of age, a resident of the State of Virginia for 1 year, a Town resident for 6 months and a resident in his precinct for 30 days. This registration will also qualify you to vote in County, State and National Elections. Voting for Town candidates is held at the Town Hall in the rear of the building.