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Inside: VANDALISM IN PARKS



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TOWN MANAGER HARRELL APPEALS TO PARENTS

Continued vandalism in Vienna's parks may force the closure of many facilities.

Vandalism, especially in parks, has soared this year. George Chinn, Assistant Director, Parks and Recreation Department, said vandalism has doubled

The problem has cost the town thousands of dollars in damage.

Picnic tables in the parks have been chopped up with axes and thrown into the creek, volleyball poles have been stolen and concession stands broken into.

Vandals broke through one concession stand constructed of heavy cinder blocks and cement. "There is nothing in the concession stands so they are being broken into for nothing," Chinn said.

A frequent target for vandals are the water fountains. The town bought special water fountains that stand firmly on the ground but vandals have managed to batter the outsides with clubs and baseball bats, knock them over and tear the hardware off. Town Manager C. Clav Harrell said if the destruction continues the fountains will be turned off and residents will have to go without water in parks.

The Parks and Recreation Department has reported many other incidents. Basketball nets have been torn down, a ladder to the tree-fort in Meadow Lane has been stolen, expensive lights in the parks and tennis courts have been shot out with B-B guns, restrooms set on fire, broken bottles scattered on park grounds, fences vandalized and trees and plants damaged.

Telephones in the parks had to be moved inside the concession stands because of the damage sustained and the Parks and Recreation vehicles had to be moved from the Northside Property Yard to the Public Works Property Yard every night because of damages.

At the Recreation Center fire extinguishers are stolen and cushions are slit with knives. Schools and churches also report stolen fire extinguishers. Vandals take the extinguishers and spray them on automobiles which destroys the outside paint finish.

The hottest items are signs. Park and Recreation signs listing rules and regulations, directions and park names are constantly stolen or vandalized. Traffic control signs are often stolen. Police say youngsters like to hang them in their bedrooms.

Cars parked on streets and parking lots are frequent targets of vandalism, police say. Antennas are broken off and side mirrors are ripped off auto bodies.

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## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SURVEY

The Town Clerk's office is asking Vienna residents to help in bringing the Town's "Vienna Organization List" up to date. Please fill in the blanks, mail or call the Clerk's office at 938-8000, extension 235 or 236. The list of organizations is sent to all newcomers in Town.

Name of Organization	
Mailing Address	
Title of Head Office	
Name	
Address	
Telephone Number: Home	
Recording Officer	
Address	
Telephone Number: Home	
Date of Election	
Number of Years of Term	
Any Other Information:	
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Vienna police suggest doors be locked to prevent damage or theft to the inside of cars.

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The business district is the scene of frequent destruction. Vandals write obscenities on walls and throw trash and beer cans on back parking lots. Store windows are often broken.

Harrell said he is appealing to the parents of Vienna children to help

decrease the vandalism rate in town.

"We have just about reached the point where we are ready to abandon water and toilet facilities and other damaged facilities due to vandalism." he said. Harrell said parents must talk to their youngsters and teach them the difference in being a good law abiding citizen and a vandal that destroys at the tax payer's expense.

He suggested people knowing about vandals to report them.

"These are our parks and our kid and we will have to control them to maintain our parks," he said.



## TOWN CRIER...

Town residents are reminded that when they call in an emergency to the fire or police department that they should give the quadrant of town they are living in. On a number of occasions emergency equipment has answered calls and gone to the wrong side of town... ... Newspaper pickup by the town has been discontinued. The trial period ended last month. Town Council will later make a decision on whether the town will establish a permanent newspaper pickup service. Meanwhile, it is suggested that residents take their newspapers to the recyclingcenter or donate them to the Boy Scouts.... ... Teen employment is available through the town operated Vienna Teen Employment Agency. The teens, looking for part-time work, are handy for those small jobs around the house or business that you do not have time to do vourself. For more information contact the Agency at 938-4336.....Regular meetings of the Town Council will be Aug. 6 and 20. The Planning Commission will meet on Aug. 8 and 22.....The Board of Zoning Appeals will have public hearings, Aug. 15, on five applications. A. Pestana of the Marco Polo Rest. . Inc., is applying for a use permit to allow patron dancing. Mr. and Mrs. E. Elsam submitted an application for a variance to enclose a carport within 10.6 feet of side property line. Application was submitted by Mr. and Mrs. G. Lester Jr., Harmony Drive, for a variance to construct a roof over an existing stoop in front of the house within 24 feet of the front property line and to enlarge the house to within eight feet of the side property line. Application submitted by J.F. Staver of No. Va. Motel Partnership for a use permit for transitional parking, and application by Mr. and Mrs. D.E. Fenn, Westview Court, NE, for a variance to enclose a carport to within 10 feet of side property line.

## OPEN LETTER TO THE VIENNA COMMUNITY

Dear Residents.

While there were many people whose participation made our recent celebration of the Fourth of July the success that it has been acclaimed, the Bicentennial Commission would like to salute a few of the "behind the scenes" people who are responsible.

To Jud Hockman, Director of Parks and Recreation, and his staff--well done:

To Johnson Enterprises who put together the variety of booth participants -yreat:

To Peter Pan Variety Fair for offering quality decorations for sale at no prohit -- Community minded!

To Vienna Office Supply and Double-O Gulf, winners of the business class dec-

oration contest--congratulations: To the Ortiz and Newlon families, winners of the residential decorations -- beautiful!

To the American Legion for hosting 19 veterans -- truly patriotic:

To the families who hosted the foreign

visitors -- the American spirit:

To the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, for the lighted flag all week and the refreshing new game--right on:

To all the clubs, organizations and individuals who displayed their wares, sold refreshments and provided entertainment--hats off:

To the many who donated toward the pur-

chase of a state flag--colorful:

To the many town employees who did so much--bless you!

Last, but not least, a big thank you to all the Vienna Community for restoring the Spirit of 16.

The Commission is already making plans for its third annual observance next year. Your ideas and suggestions are more than welcome. Address them to the Commission, c/o Town Hall.

Gratefully.

Paul M. Luons, chairman Bicentennial Commission