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## RECORD \$4 MILLION BUDGET PROPOSED '74 - '75

A record \$4 million budget has been proposed to the Vienna Town Council by Town Manager C. Clay Harrell for fiscal year 1974-75. The budget is approximately 15 percent higher than the current budget.

**Public hearing on the budget will be on Monday, June 3, at Town Hall starting at 8 p.m.**

There is no tax increase projected as real estate taxes remain at 98cents per \$100 valuation—the lowest tax rate in the Town's 84 year history.

In his budget message to the Council, Harrell said, "On the whole, we are in a sound financial situation in spite of the current high rate of inflation."

Included in the budget is a surplus of \$569,453 which is approximately 14 percent of the budget.

The largest expenditure (37.6 percent) is for Public Works. Some \$1.5 million will go to engineering, street maintenance, water and sewer operation, trash pickup, new equipment, snow removal, motor vehicle maintenance and general maintenance to municipal buildings.

Further breakdown of expenditures include: \$498,191 (12.5 percent) to Police; \$481,282 (12.1 percent) toward payment on bonds; \$367,170 (9.2 percent) to Finance; \$276,629 (6.9 percent) to Parks and Recreation; \$132,039 (3.3 percent) to administration costs; \$43,430 (1.1 percent) to planning and zoning; \$22,241 (0.6 percent) to judicial, and \$97,609 (2.4 percent) to miscellaneous.

The largest projected revenue source will be from service charges. "The water and sewer connection fees will reflect a significant increase in next year's income," Harrell said. "We can anticipate a continued increase over the next two or three years while the Town is enjoying a minor construction 'boom'." One million dollars is expected from service charges.

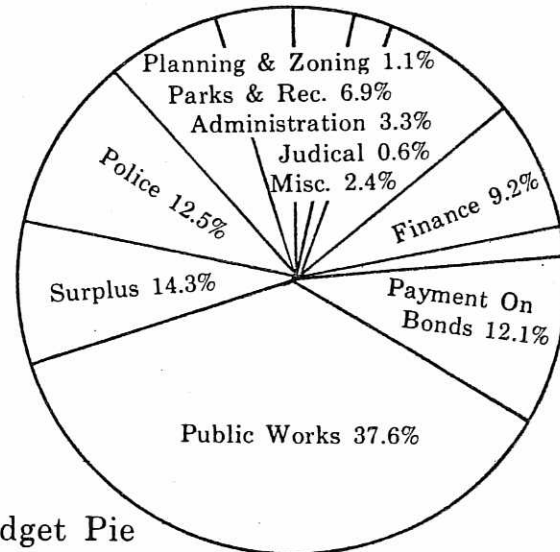
The budget includes a 7 percent cost-of-living increase in salaries for Town employees.

### OUR NEW LOOK

The Vienna Newsletter has a new look.

In an effort to make the Newsletter easier to read and more professional looking the Town has acquired a typesetter and a new printer.

Contracted to do the typesetting for the "new" Newsletter is Professional Publications, a photo typesetting firm on Pine Street. Printing will be done by the Vienna firm, Craftsmen, located on Maple Avenue.



Budget Pie

## VANDALISM DESTROYING RESTORATION CHANCES

The biggest obstacle blocking restoration of historic buildings in Vienna is vandalism.

In the past year vandalism has been rising sharply. Both public and private properties have been abused.

Recently the grave site of Jeremiah Moore in southwest Vienna has been vandalized. The plaque on the wall surrounding the grave site, in which the famous Baptist minister and his family are buried, has been stolen. Holes have been dug on the burial plots and some of the headstones have been chipped, cracked and knocked over.

"There is serious consideration being given to the restoration of the Moore house for historical purposes," said Town Manager C. Clay Harrell. "However, if wild vandalism continues the Town couldn't possibly renovate the house and graveyard. Vandals would only destroy our efforts and those of the citizens that have worked hard on the project."

Again, as in past months, the Town Manager has appealed to parents of the children that are vandalizing property.

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## TOWN TO BEGIN PARK STREET WIDTH NEGOTIATIONS

The Vienna Town Council postponed a decision on the widening of Park Street from Maple Avenue (Rte. 123) to Cedar Lane and instructed the Town Manager to renew negotiations with the state in an effort to complete the improvements of Park Street with less than the required 48 feet.

Presently state standards require a roadway minimum width of 48 feet from curb face to curb face. The state will bear 85 percent of the cost of the project if it is built to state standards.

Town officials will seek assistance from state legislators in their attempt to negotiate for a lesser width.

The estimated total cost of Park Street including right-of-way is approximately \$900,000. The Town's share would be 15 percent, or \$135,000.

Without state assistance the Town would have to stand the entire cost of the project. Built to Town standards the total cost would be approximately \$800,000. Town officials are reluctant to pay this higher amount, though they would much prefer a narrower roadway.

### Other traffic circulation news:

Council approved the necessary engineering for a proposed road that would connect Follin Lane in the Technology Park with Electric Avenue in Fairfax County.

The new road would relieve a part of the traffic which now travels northbound on Follin Lane onto Maple Avenue.

The new traffic lights along Maple Avenue are presently being studied under an experimental synchronization program. After the study is made of traffic flow, left-turn signals may be added to the system. Light heads will be moved over each lane of traffic within a short period of time.

### STAMP CLUB FORMING IN TOWN

There will be an organization meeting for those interested in forming a stamp club for all ages.

Harry Lattimore of the Patrick Henry Library staff will conduct the meeting at the library, May 5 at 2 p.m.



### STUDENTS MAKE BUS SHELTER

*Students from James Madison High School's Maintenance and Repair Shop worked with the Town of Vienna to construct this prototype bus shelter. The shelter is located at Center Street and Maple Avenue, across from the Patrick Henry Library. Town officials are seeking feedback from Vienna residents on the shelter. The structure was financed by the Town.*

*Students helping with the construction of the shelter are, from left, Richard Johnson, junior; Russell Atkins, sophomore; Craig Mattheu, sophomore; David Simms, freshman. The Town wants to hear your opinion of the bus shelter. To voice your opinion call Town Hall at 938-8000.*

### VEPAC

#### ECONOMIC COMMISSION SEEKING CITIZEN INPUT

The Vienna Economic Policy Advisory Commission is seeking citizen input to help in establishing a viable economic policy for the Town of Vienna.

**The Vienna Economic Policy Advisory Commission meets every first and third Tuesday of each month at Town Hall. The meetings begin at 8 p.m.**

The Commission was created by the Town Council for the purpose of recommending long range goals related to the economic growth and well-being of Vienna.

Presently the group is engaged in studying the business community, its problems, strengths and potential weaknesses. The Commission intends to survey all business establishments in order to attempt to understand local problems related to the Commission's recommendations.

According to chairman Donald E. Upchurch, "Citizens are invited to attend and to express any thoughts they might have, any complaints which might help the Commission to understand

Town problems and any recommendations which can be of mutual benefit in establishing a viable economic policy for the Town of Vienna."

### RESTAURANT ORDINANCE IS AMENDED

The Vienna Town Council passed an ordinance that would permit restaurants that do not completely conform with Town regulations to make improvements and expand their operations without having to come into total conformity.

The Restaurant Ordinance requires new businesses to have sit-down meals served by waitresses or waiters and have 125 seats.

Previously, existing restaurants which did not meet the requirements were not able to expand without coming into complete conformity with the Restaurant Ordinance.

## TEEN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY

### JOBS FOR TEENS

MELINDA AT THE PHONE...

Melinda Merrell spends much of her day by the telephone waiting for employers to call.

Sitting at her small desk at the Community Center, the 15 year-old Madison High School junior, mans the phones and teams up job hungry Vienna teenagers with employers who need temporary help from the non-profit, Town operated, Teen Employment Agency.

Although the Agency has the person for just about any job, the most common work most Vienna residents offer are yard cleanup, housework and babysitting. The teens are ideal for getting that basement cleaned up, furniture moved, grass mowed, fence painted or just about anything.

Approximately 40 students from 13 to 16-years of age are registered with the Agency. For the most part they are too young to get full time jobs with businesses. Each teen is screened before being accepted into the Teen Employment Agency.

According to Melinda, some jobs have rates already fixed to them. Babysitting in the evening runs \$1 an hour, unless there are five or more children or dinner is served. Then the rate is \$1.50 an hour. Daytime rates are \$1.50 an hour.

Yard work is \$1.50 an hour and lawn mowing is \$3 an hour. If the employer does not have a lawn mower there is an extra \$2 charge. Regular light housework is \$1.50 an hour while heavy housework is \$2 an hour.

If you are leaving town, the Agency offers a pet care service in which a teen will look in on the pets a couple times a day and feed them for 75 cents a day.

Rates for other types of work can be obtained by contacting the Agency at 938-4336 from 2:30 to 6 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The Agency has answered jobs from areas outside of Vienna, such as Fairfax, Falls Church and McLean.

Melinda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halley Merrell of 416 Blair Road NW, said the only problems they have are with the employers. Sometimes the employers aren't home when their help arrives.

"All anyone has to do is call me and describe what the job is and we will get some responsible teen there," Melinda said. "We've got a lot of kids that want to work!"



## NATURE WALKS

SCHEDULED

Several trail walks and nature study activities have been planned for residents who would like to take advantage of the spring beauty and its new foliage and wildlife.

Those interested in taking part in any of the hiking trips planned by the Parks and Recreation Department must pre-register by calling 938-8000. Car drivers will be needed.

## TOASTMASTERS MEETING

The Vienna Toastmasters will have a membership drive meeting at the Community Center April 24 at 7:30 p.m. All interested persons should attend the meeting.

### —PICNIC KITS—

Picnic kits are available at the Community Center. Kits include bats and balls, badminton equipment, horseshoes and a playball. A deposit of \$10. is required.

# Calendar

April 23 — Guild for Infant Survival Fashion Show at Community Center at 8 p.m. Call 323-7113 for tickets.

April 24 — Planning Commission at Town Hall, 8 p.m.  
Vienna Toastmasters meeting at Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

April 26 — Spring Country Style Celebration. Food and refreshments, game booths, blue-grass music by Knotts Berry Farm and square dancing at the Community Center from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Adults fee \$1, children under 12 fee 50 cents.

April 29— Vienna Men's Slowpitch Softball League opens.

**The Town Council meeting of May 6 and Vienna Economic Advisory Committee meeting of May 7 has been canceled.**

May 7 — Town General Election at Community Center.

May 9 — Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

May 13 — Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

May 14 — Mayor's Advisory meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

May 15 — Board of Zoning Appeals meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

May 16 — Architectural Review Board meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

May 18-19 — Coin Show at Community Center.