

Seven-Story Building Now Six Stories

A proposal for a seven-story building, which prompted the Town Council to reconsider height limitations in the town's commercial district, now calls for six stories.

The Kohler-Daniels architectural firm has reviewed its plans for the building at the request of Council, and has eliminated the seventh story and cut the overall height to 65 feet. The building will be located at 301 Maple Avenue, West.

Council adopted a 35-foot height limit for buildings in Vienna's commercial zones following a court order permitting construction of the building. A limit of 75 feet was previously authorized.

A story in the July Newsletter stating that Council had adopted the 35-foot limit prior to the court order and specifically to limit the height of this building was in error. The 35-foot limit will apply to all buildings on which construction is started or plans filed subsequent to its adoption.

Police Recorder Will Increase Efficiency

The Vienna Police Department will soon begin recording all communications by means of a multichannel logging recorder system.

The Virginia Division of Justice and Crime Prevention awarded the department a grant of \$9,196, which together with \$484 of town funds will be used to purchase the new equipment.

The workload of town police communications personnel has steadily increased over the years. During some eight-hour periods the communications officer receives over 100 phone calls.

The new system will provide the police with a permanent and accurate record of phone calls and radio communications, eliminating human error and providing a valuable investigative tool.

Police departments across the country, including Fairfax County and Fairfax City police, use this recording system. By recording all messages, police departments function more smoothly in routine situations and can respond faster in emergencies.

Specifically, the system will aid the department in the following ways:

- * An indistinct telephone voice reports an emergency and fades away. Instant review of the recording double-checks the address.
- * Locations and instructions of an officer in the field who is handling an emergency may be varified immediately.
- * Makes possible identification of voices reporting false alarms.
- * The actual speed of vehicles involved in a high-speed chase can be determined by recordings when locations are reported as they are passed.
- * Verification of citizen complaints can be obtained through recordings. This is especially applicable to determining the time elapsed between a call and the response.
- * Court cases may be eliminated when recordings are played at preliminary hearings.

Mini - Park

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The owner now has a chance to sell the property to a group that proposes to build an office building with a bank there. The sale price is understood to be \$7 per square foot, or approximately \$227,000. Because of the owner's long association with the town he granted Council the opportunity to purchase it for the same price, a price Council decided was too high for the size and location of the property.

In the Council's judgment use of the Mini - Park by town citizens for any real recreation is limited by the heavy traffic on Maple Avenue. For an equivalent amount of money a much larger tract of land more suited to recreation could be purchased and would be a better investment.

In addition to its vote to take no action on the purchase, Council voted to express to the prospective purchasers of the park property its sense that it will view with a great deal of skepticism and apprehension any request for variances that may be submitted in connection with the development of the property.

Council explored several possibilities in an effort to keep the property. One of these was asking the owner to donate all or some of the property to the town. After consulting with his tax attorney, however, the owner found he was not in a position financially to make any donation.

The owner was agreeable to accepting a deferred payment approach under which the town would pay 29 percent down and the remainder over a period of four years. Council decided, however, that the total payment would still be unjustifiably high in view of the fact that the unit price of \$7 per square foot would purchase a much larger tract elsewhere.

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Town May Lose Mini-Park

The Town Council, at a special meeting on July 28, decided to take no action on acquiring the Mini - Park at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Center Street. Council expressed regret at the prospect of losing this green space in the center of the Town's business district but agreed that the town could not afford the purchase price of over \$200,000.

Although many people perhaps assume that the town owns the Mini - Park, it is, in fact, privately owned. The town has enjoyed a no-rent lease on the property since 1968 and has maintained it for town use.

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All interested residents, especially those who live along Tapawingo Road, are reminded that the Town Council will hold a public meeting on Saturday, September 10, at 10 a.m. to discuss a proposal that Tapawingo Road be opened into the Technology Park. The town is obligated by contract with three of the principal occupants of the Park to extend Tapawingo to the Park upon written request of the occupants.

Bus Shelters Winning Idea



The Town of Vienna has won the 1977 Virginia Municipal League's "I Wish I Had Thought of That" award for its Metrobus shelter program.

The town undertook the shelter construction program as part of its comprehensive transportation plan and has erected four shelters at strategic locations along Maple Avenue to maximize Metrobus ridership.

The original prototype for the shelters, actually modeled after a redwood birdhouse, was redesigned as a public service by the local architectural firm of Kohler-Daniels, incorporating citizen suggestions. The shelters were built by the James Madison High School Maintenance and Repair Shop with materials supplied by the town. The program was

under the general supervision of the town's Planning Office with logistics support by the Department of Public Works.

Vienna's shelters cost \$325 each compared with those of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which cost about \$3,000 to purchase and install. With their rustic appearance and low cost, Vienna's shelters have proved an example of local initiative and cooperative endeavor.

Town Planner Jim Grant will be in Williamsburg on September 19 to accept the award at the opening session of the Virginia Municipal League's annual convention. In addition, an announcement of the award will be included in the September issue of *Virginia Town & City* magazine.

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Comment from the Council Table:

A Time for Renewal

By Vincent J. Olson
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Well, here we are -- September again, time to pick up the pace again after the summer slow-down. I must admit though that in the Olson household this hasn't been a slow summer. We have had the normal Little League activities, scout camp, trips, family camping, and normal work activities. Also, in July two of our daughters were married.

I suspect though that most families in Vienna have had somewhat the same kind of active summer. Now that September is here, we must all get back to our normal routines.

In fact, September is a time of renewal. On September 6 school starts and the children renew last year's friendships or make new friends as they move on to new schools. Later this month many of our college age youth will be off to school. To many this means the new experience of leaving home and family. Also, September is a time of renewing many club activities such as bowling leagues, bridge clubs and church groups.

A look at the calendar of Council activities shows a similar pick-up in pace. The summer has been quite active with the regular scheduled public meetings, work sessions and civic activities, but we have had a few open Mondays. The calendar indicates very few open days for the rest of this year. Please follow the calendar with me and you may find some item of particular interest to you.

Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m. Work Session -- Council chambers. This is a work session (all meetings are open to the public) with the tenants of the Technology Park to discuss their desires for more access, more particularly, access via Tapawingo Rd., S.E., as specified in the original contract for development of the Park. I believe it is the feeling of many members of Council, and definitely it is my



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feeling, that the town has fulfilled its obligations in regard to access with Follin Lane and Electric Avenue.

But we do need input from affected citizens both within the Park and in the surrounding neighborhoods. This is an item of particular importance, especially to citizens of the southeast and southwest sections. Please be there -- state your views on this important issue.

Monday, September 12, 8 p.m. Regular Council meeting -- Council chambers.

September 17-20. Virginia Municipal League meeting. This year the League is meeting in Williamsburg. The League meetings serve a valuable purpose by bringing elected officials from throughout the state together for mutual discussions of problems and solutions. The meetings also serve as a forum for formulation of legislative proposals to be submitted to the state legislature. Most Council members also serve on standing committees and will be meeting with these committees. I personally serve on the transportation committee.

Saturday, September 24, 10 a.m. Public hearing -- Restaurant hours of operation. This is a meeting of particular interest to those citizens who live adjacent to or near commercial areas. The purpose is to discuss a proposed ordinance limiting the hours of operation for restaurants. (This hearing is contingent upon a decision by the Town Attorney that the proposed ordinance is legally enforceable. If the hearing should be canceled or postponed, that fact will be publicized.)

One thing of long-range importance to the town that we hope to accomplish in September is the final selection of a new Town Manager to replace Mr. Harrell, who is retiring next July. The selection process has been going on now for some time.

As you can see, the pace is picking up. Maybe this is the time for you to become active or to renew your activity in town affairs. Citizen participation is necessary in the solution of our problems if we are to keep Vienna the kind of town we all want and know. We all realize that it is not always convenient to attend meetings and also that many people are reluctant to get up and speak in public. If you can, please come to the Council meetings and give us the benefit of your thoughts and experience, or if it is not possible for you to attend personally, I would be happy to receive your thoughts either by phone or letter.

Results of Town Council's July 11, 1977 Meeting

* Referred a request for a traffic light at Beulah Road and Church Street to the Highway Safety Commission.

* Accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Joseph Cowden from the Architectural Review Board.

* Elected Councilwoman Pellicciotto as Mayor Pro tempore.

* Appointed the following Council representatives: Councilman Upchurch to the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission and Councilman Walp as alternate member; Councilwoman Pellicciotto to the Highway Safety Com-

mission and Councilman Olson as alternate member; Councilman Hicks to the Police Pension Advisory Commission; Councilman Olson as liaison to the County Board of Supervisors and Councilwoman Pellicciotto as alternate; Councilman Buckley as liaison to the County School Board; Councilman Hicks recommended to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the Centreville Citizens Park Advisory Council.

* Appointed the following town officials: C. Clay Harrell, Town Manager; Loraine Stoneburner, Town Clerk; John Gionfriddo, Town Attorney; W. Gordon Brady, Town Treasurer.

* Authorized the necessary action leading to the vacation of the right-of-way on Branch Road, S.E., from Valley Drive to Dominion Road.

* Authorized a traffic survey of the Maple Avenue-Pleasant Street intersection to determine whether traffic lights should be installed.

* Authorized the installation of asphalt sidewalks around Meadow Lane Park and the installation of 15 mph signs on streets around the park on a trial basis.

* Authorized the installation of "no parking" signs along the south side of Broadleaf Drive near the intersection with Glyndon. Requested the Director of Public Works to submit recommendations on the feasibility of an asphalt sidewalk along the east side of Glyndon Street from the end of the existing sidewalk to Glyndon Park.

* Voted to advise the County Board of Supervisors that Council opposes rezoning along Courthouse Road that would permit five houses more than the approved density for the area.

* Accepted into the town's maintenance system all of the off-site improvements installed as part of the development of a resubdivision of a part of Block 15, Windover Heights.

* Adopted the revised Personnel Manual and authorized the Town Manager to submit recommendations concerning accrued sick leave.

* Authorized removal of a gravel bar on Wolftrap Run where the stream exits the buffer zone and removal of silt immediately above and below the Echols Street bridge. A study will be made of the need to remove silt along the rest of the stream bed.

* Approved the revised organizational chart for the Police Department and approved the job descriptions for Police Chief and Deputy Chief.

* Changed the grade of Public Information Officer from Grade 19 to Grade 22.

Harrell Recommends Connection Fee Increase

Town Manager C. Clay Harrell is recommending that the Town Council increase rates developers pay to connect new buildings to town water lines. This recommendation will be on the agenda for the September 12 Council meeting.

Mr. Harrell wants connection fees raised to conform with those recently approved by the Fairfax County Water Authority. According to the Water Authority, the significant increase in its connection charges is due to rising operation and maintenance expenses and substantial increases in electric and chemical costs.

Under the Water Authority's new rate schedule, a builder will pay \$750 for a water connection for a single-family home. In comparison, the town charges a maximum of only \$150. Vienna charges \$70 to connect one apartment unit; the Water Authority charges \$600.

Vienna supplies water to sizeable areas north and west of the town as well as the in-town customers.

The Town Manager pointed out that Vienna has in the past generally set rates comparable to those of the Water Authority.

Senior Citizen Lounge

The Department of Parks and Recreation is in the process of improving the program provided for senior citizens. One step in this direction will be the official opening of a senior lounge on Monday, September 19.

The lounge will be housed in the Bowman House at 211 Center Street, South. The building has belonged to the town for many years and is currently used for other departmental activities at night and on weekends.

In the beginning, the senior lounge hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A wide range of activities will be available for those who attend and more will be added on request.

Basically, it is hoped the lounge will become a focal point for senior citizens to gather, socialize and have information provided from a central source regarding retirement, pensions, friends, trips, nutrition and other matters of interest.

The lounge will be open to all senior citizens in the Vienna area and their friends, regardless of geographic location.

Tennis Anyone?

Sign up at the Community Center for Vienna's first Fall Tennis Tournament, which will be held September 16 -25. Only Vienna-addressed residents are eligible for this tournament, which will be conducted primarily at Glyndon and Meadow Lane Courts.

The categories are men's and women's singles, men's and women's doubles, and mixed doubles.

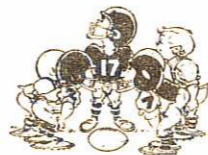
The entry fee is \$3 per person per category and the entry deadline is September 12.

Rx for Sick Plants

A Neighborhood Plant Clinic will be held at Patrick Henry Library each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. during September and October.

Trained volunteer plant consultants from area garden clubs will be on hand to assist local gardeners with their problem plants. Consultations are free and visitors are encouraged to bring samples of their plants for identification and diagnosis.

September Calendar



- 1—Registration begins for fall classes at the Community Center.
- 5—Labor Day.
- 6—School starts.
- 10—Public meeting on opening additional access to the Technology Park, 10 a.m. at Town Hall.
- 12—Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 13—Mayor's Advisory, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
Jewish New Year.
- 14—Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 15—Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 17—Citizenship Day.
- 21—Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 22—Yom Kippur.
- 26—Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 27—Highway Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28—Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
Newspaper Pickup Day.

Special Soccer Program

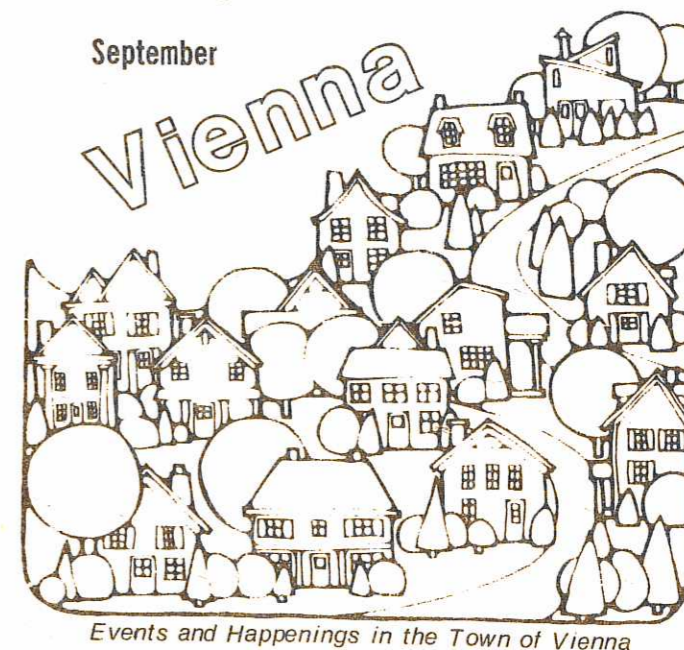
Vienna Youth Soccer is establishing a program for the physically handicapped and mentally retarded. The program has been endorsed by the Northern Virginia Special Olympics.

There will be a meeting of parents of handicapped and retarded children at the Community Center on September 21 at 8 p.m. Even if your child is confined to a wheelchair he can still participate in this soccer program.

Volunteers for the program will meet at 8 p.m. on September 28 at the Community Center. No special training is needed to be a volunteer, only a love of children.

Players will meet at the Community Center on October 1 at 10 a.m. and the first clinic-game will be on October 8. The registration fee for the program is \$15.

For more information about participating in this special soccer program or volunteering to assist, contact Claire Curry at 938-5471.



Fall Classes at Community Center

A number of new classes are being offered at the Community Center this fall. Indian and Vietnamese cooking, clay sculpture, drawing for adults, color and design for teens and Spanish for senior citizens are among the additions to the fall course list.

Other courses include a variety of exercises classes including gymnastics and belly dancing, pottery, sewing and tennis.

Registration for classes begins September 1 at the Community Center.

Brochures containing a complete listing of the activities were mailed to town residents at the end of August. Brochures are also available at the Community Center.

For the latest information on Community Center activities and other town news call the Vienna Newsline regularly at 938-4499.

Big Change in Juvenile Law

The Virginia legislature, during the 1977 session, made major revisions in the state's juvenile code with the passage of House Bill 518. These revisions, which became effective on July 1, have resulted in significant changes in the way police deal with juveniles.

H.B. 518 identifies three broad categories of juveniles: abused or neglected children, delinquents and children in need of services (CHINS). Police responsibilities toward delinquents and abused or neglected children remain basically unchanged by the law. Police authority in regard to juveniles included in the CHINS category, however, is substantially changed.

CHINS are children who are habitual runaways, habitual truants, habitual incorrigibles and those who commit other status offenses - - that is, acts that are offenses only if committed by a minor. In addition, the child's conduct must present a "clear and substantial danger" to his life or health, or he or his family must be in need of treatment, rehabilitation or other services that can be provided only through the intervention of the court.

Police Authority Limited

Before July 1, police officers were authorized to take these children into immediate custody and ensure that they were returned to their parents or to the juvenile court. Now, however, in many cases an officer will not be able to take the child into immediate custody unless a detention order has been obtained for the child from the juvenile court or the child voluntarily consents to accompany the officer.

One aspect of H.B. 518 is the implied intention of placing more supervisory responsibility with the parents and less with the criminal justice system. Parents should be aware that they must assume some of the authority once vested in law enforcement agencies.

When parents need help in locating and picking up a child who has run away they should contact the police. If the runaway is located the officer will attempt to have the child accompany him voluntarily. If the runaway refuses, the officer will probably not apprehend him

but will notify the parents of the location where the runaway was seen.

Parents should also contact the juvenile court for further assistance. If the court feels that the child is a habitual runaway and in need of services, it may issue a petition with detention order giving the police the authority to make an immediate apprehension. If the court decides not to issue a petition with detention order, the police have only limited authority for detaining a runaway.

Runaways May Turn to Crime

The Vienna Police Department and other departments in Northern Virginia are concerned about the impact these changes in the law will have on the community. A runaway who is not taken into immediate custody may feel forced to resort to criminal behavior in order to survive, or may become the victim of a crime himself. The greatest concern of the police is for the child's safety. Taking a child into custody does not solve the problems that caused him to run away, but it does ensure that the child may be reached by those who can help him.

Public comment on these changes in the law should be directed to our Virginia State Senator and members of the House of Delegates. The town's Public Information Officer can give you their names and addresses.



Mr. Max Facts

September is back-to-school month. In 1868 or 1869 the first public school in Vienna for black students was established. The first public school for whites was built in 1872. That school building was succeeded by four others, including a temporary structure after the third "fire-proof" building burned when the furnace exploded.

New Law Urged For Water Emergencies

Town Manager C. Clay Harrell is urging the passage of legislation in the Virginia General Assembly to allow local governments to declare local water emergencies.

As the law now stands, only the Governor can declare local emergencies due to water shortages or other conditions that could endanger the welfare of the community.

In a letter to State Delegate Raymond E. Vickery, Mr. Harrell said, "It is unthinkable to me that local authorities would have to go to the Governor's office to handle a situation such as occurred in Montgomery County recently."

Delegate Vickery's reply stated that he fully agrees with the Town Manager and that he would be happy to introduce a bill during the next session of the General Assembly to give local governments the power they need.

Until the law is changed, the Town Council has been authorized to impose water conservation measures, if they are needed, by a declaration of emergency received from the Governor last month.

The Occoquan Reservoir is at its lowest levels ever and mandatory conservation measures may be needed. Although Vienna does not receive water from Occoquan, the town plans to cooperate with areas that do by enforcing its water conservation ordinance if necessary.

Community Center Events

September 11 - Vienna Concert Band at the Mini-Park, 7 p.m. Free admission.

September 20 - Bob Brown Marionettes, 10 a.m. Stromboli's Puppet Theatre. Pre-school age children. Free admission.

September 23 - Vienna Republican Women's Candidates Reception, 7:30 p.m. Light buffet. Tickets \$5. For ticket information call 938-7542.