

Council Action
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provided this and any other trimming is under the close supervision of the Director of Public Works or his representative at all times. This authorization to trim trees does not give authorization to top the trees.

* Directed the Town Manager to advertise for bids for future liability coverage for the town. Authorized the Town Manager to investigate and report back to Council regarding the establishment of a special self-insurance trust fund to be used to defray the cost of any self-insured losses resulting from our operations, the insurance level to be established by Council action on the receipt of quotations.

* Relative to the Ragan property on Old Courthouse Road and the entrances into Freedom Hill Park, authorized the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works to obtain engineering estimates for the improvement of this section of Old Courthouse Road.

* Approved the request of VEPCO to trim the trees along Church Street

Results of Town Council's March 20, 1978, Meeting

* Denied the request by officials of Providence Savings & Loan Association to substitute a wooden or wire fence for the required masonry wall, but reduced the number of required parking spaces by one.

* Waived the sewer connection fees of American Legion Post 180.

* Authorized a sum not to exceed \$4,000 for pension fund valuations of the town's two funds and for a feasibility study on adding a cost-of-living clause to the Police Pension Fund, to be conducted by Meidinger & Associates. The Town Manager will also seek estimates for the cost of preparing an administrative guide book for the Police Retirement Plan.

* Accepted the low bid submitted by the Noland Company, Falls Church, for \$6,263.82 for 28 flood lights at Southside softball field.

* Appointed election officials for the town's general election on May 2.

* Authorized transfer of \$20,000 from contingency reserve to provide for materials for street maintenance.

* Accepted the lowest qualified bid by Mervis Uniform, Virginia Beach, for \$2,001.05 for replacement of police summer uniform items.

* Authorized the Chief of Police to spend \$335.00 to improve the physical security of the Town Hall. Requested the Town Manager to look into repairs needed around Town Hall, especially the condition of the doors, front steps and entrance to the Police Department.

* Declared April 23 "Project Concern Day in Vienna" in honor of the Vienna Jaycees' Walk for Mankind on that day.

Personal Property Tax

Town residents should be aware that this year, for the first time, late filing penalties will be imposed on taxpayers who fail to meet the May 1 deadline for filing Fairfax County personal property tax declarations. The penalty, which will be added to the personal property tax due December 5, will amount to \$5 or 10% of the tax, whichever is greater.

All Fairfax County residents must file personal property declarations for automobiles, trucks, motor homes, mobile homes, motorcycles, trailers, boats, outboard motors, airplanes, business personal property, farm machinery, farm tools and livestock.

Declaration forms are mailed automatically to all taxpayers of record by the County Office of Assessments; failure to receive forms does not exempt a taxpayer from the obligation to file. Forms may be obtained at the Finance Department counter in Town Hall, at the Patrick Henry Library and at the Massey Building, 4100 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax as well as at all county branch assessments offices.

For more information, call 691-2661 or 691-3185.

Vaccinate Your Pet

Rabies vaccination clinics for dogs and cats are planned at area fire stations on Sunday, May 7, between 2 and 4 p.m. The Vienna fire station, located at 400 Center Street, South, will be participating.

These annual clinics are sponsored by the fire companies and their ladies' auxiliaries, the Northern Virginia Veterinary Medical Association, and the Fairfax County Health Department. Last year, almost 2,000 dogs and cats were immunized.

In bringing animals to the clinic, dogs should be on a leash and cats should be confined to a box or basket.

Vaccine given to dogs over one year old gives protection from rabies for three years. A charge of \$3 will be made for each dog vaccinated against rabies for three years.

Vaccine given to all cats as well as dogs under one year old gives protection from rabies for one year. A charge of \$2 will be made for each animal vaccinated against rabies for one year.

Certificates will be given to animal owners at the clinic to verify each vaccination. Please keep the certificates for your records; they will be difficult to duplicate.

It is also planned that dog licenses will be sold at the clinics.

Phone 830-1100, Department of Animal Control, for more information regarding the program.

Thanks for Walking

The Vienna Jaycees wish to express their appreciation to all who walked and sponsored walkers in the 8th annual Walk for Mankind on Sunday, April 23. Sponsors will be billed for their pledges over the next several weeks. Sponsors encountering difficulty in the billing process are urged to call Bob Dix at 356-0400.

Town of Vienna

NEWSLETTER

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Vienna, Virginia

May 1978

**Vote
May 2**



Your vote is important. Take time to cast your ballot in the town election on Tuesday, May 2. All voting will take place at the Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Voters will elect the Mayor and three Town Council members to serve for two-year terms.

Five candidates are seeking the three available Council seats. They are incumbents E. Ross Buckley, Vincent J. Olson and Wanda C. Pellicciotto, and challengers Douglas A. Brook and Robert W. Robinson. Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr., is running unopposed.

The three Council candidates receiving the largest number of votes will be elected to terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 1980. Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, for election results one to two hours after the polls close.

Voters arriving at the polls after 7 p.m. will be turned away. Those already in line at that time, however, will be allowed to vote.

Due to the election, the Town Council will meet on May 8 and May 22.

Business Cleanup Planned

A Spring Cleanup Day for the Vienna business community is planned for the afternoon of May 11. The cleanup is being sponsored by the town, the Vienna Chamber of Commerce and James Madison and Oakton High Schools.

Although not as large in scale, the cleanup will be similar to the "Earth Day" of 1970, when 1,500 Vienna high school students removed 21 truckloads of litter and debris from the town's roadways and parking lots.

Businessmen are urged to participate in the cleanup by making general beautification improvements and by putting out for removal debris not normally picked up by their trash services. Town trash trucks and students with garbage bags will pick up trash and debris throughout the commercial sections of town.

For details on the cleanup, call the Public Information Office at Town Hall.

Historic Ordinance Work Session

The Town Council and the Planning Commission will hold a joint work session to discuss the Windover Heights Historic Ordinance on Monday, May 15. The meeting will be held in the Council chamber at Town Hall, beginning at 8 p.m.

All work sessions are open to the public and interested persons are invited to attend.

Vienna Town Hall
127 Center Street, South
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NEWSLETTER

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Comment from the Council Table: **Doorbell Campaigning**

by Charles A. Robinson, Jr.
Mayor of Vienna

This month another town election will be history and the candidates for Council seats, both incumbents and challengers, will be returning to more normal personal schedules. In Vienna it is axiomatic that the Mayoral or Council candidate who wins a contested election is one who has spent many campaign days walking house to house, ringing countless doorbells and talking with citizens in every section of the community. Incidentally, I can assure you from first-hand experience that it is the senior incumbent candidates whom the neophytes ask for information on which breeds of dog bite most frequently and where the particularly nasty examples of man's best friend are currently lurking.

Doorbell ringing for four to six hours is physically demanding and is disruptive of routine activities. In my experience, however, it is mentally and emotionally rewarding for the candidate and is probably the very best way of finding out what people are thinking about, what their problems are and how the town can help. In addition, it is good exercise -- much cheaper than golf or tennis and a tremendous weight reduction technique. I lost almost 20 pounds the first time I ran for Mayor.



Charles A. Robinson, Jr.
Mayor of Vienna

It is during the conversations with people in their own yards or living rooms that we really learn how wide Park Street or Malcolm Road should be or whether Johnson Street or Talahi or Tapawingo should be extended to handle more through traffic (for those of you who are worried the answer is no) or who wants the Metro station where and how much support exists for the Windover Historic District. The ring of the doorbell is the key to the posture of the "silent majority." Talking with the citizen is the kind of medicine that keeps representative local government healthy and honest.

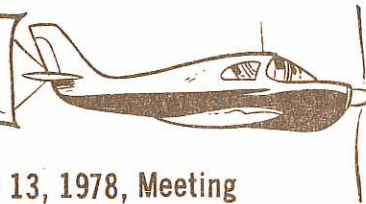
As might be expected, public apathy exists in Vienna as it does everywhere else. And a few people who quite obviously are at home do not answer the ring or advise the walking candidate that they are too busy to come to the door. I have on occasion wondered if potholes ever occur in front of these homes. By contrast, however, a great many

of our citizens express their real appreciation for the opportunity to discuss ideas and problems with elected officials and challengers. These are the folks who make the experience rewarding.

The custom by which candidates for local office systematically ring doorbells street by street is unusual and, in my judgment, highly beneficial for the town. So, I feel, is our procedure of holding an election each and every year. This year we elect a Mayor and three members of the Town Council, each for two-year terms. Next year, we elect the other three Council members, also for two-year terms. This system provides a measure of continuity on the Council, but also assures that our elected officials remain in touch with public opinion and to the maximum extent possible base their decisions on the will of the electorate. Vienna has operated under this system for many years and although proposals for lengthening the terms of office for Council members or the Mayor are regularly suggested, they have just as regularly been rejected. My theory is that there is little to be achieved by trying to repair something that is working as it should.

Vienna has retained through 20 years of explosive growth its sense of community identity, a rarely found balance between vigorous business and fine residential neighborhoods and thoroughly solid financial results (balanced budgets). We must be doing something right, and I give a great deal of the credit to our system of yearly elections and our custom of doorbell electioneering.

Council Action



Results of Town Council's February 13, 1978, Meeting

* Accepted a check from the Chamber of Commerce and the businesses on Church St. to be used to purchase Christmas decorations and lighting. This check and any other funds obtained will be placed in a special Christmas decoration account.

* Authorized the Mayor to send a letter explaining the Council's position on H.B. 603 to Delegates Raymond Vickery and Joseph Gartlan. This letter is not an approbation by the Town Council of the concept of Fairfax County becoming a city.

* Approved the request of the Vienna Little League for permission to hold a carnival on the vacant property bounded by Church St., Dominion Rd. and Mill St. for two weeks beginning June 5. Made a donation of \$1,500 to the Little League in lieu of the waiver of the \$1,500 fee.

* Accepted the Annual Report of the Planning Commission for calendar year 1977. Approved such changes in the schedule of meetings and work sessions as may be decided by the Commission.

* Approved the plan for development of the DeLuca tract park, to be named Moorefield Park. Waived the requirement for curbs and gutters. Appropriated \$2,000 for preliminary development, including trails, benches and shelters.

* Took no action on a request to support Senate Bill 35 relative to littering.

* Approved the final plat of the resubdivision of Lot 10, Meidone Acres,

to be known as Pickett Estates, Section 5.

* Indicated approval of county rezoning application 77-C-066 by submitting to the county the recommendation of the Town Planning Commission.

* Referred to the Highway Safety Commission for review and recommendation the staff's report concerning the improvements to Old Courthouse Rd. as requested by Mr. Ragan and sidewalks related to Freedom Hill Park.

* Authorized town employees to join the Virginia League Central Credit Union and the Finance Department to make any necessary payroll deductions.

* Voted to indicate to the Board of Supervisors support of the Board's actions to have installation begun of parallel lanes to the Dulles Access Road for commuter traffic. Requested the Supervisors to assist the town in having Park St. completed.

* Approved the final plat of the resubdivision of Lot 132A, property of J. Fred and Mildred W. Staver, Roland St., S.W.

Results of Town Council's February 27, 1978 Meeting

* Voted to convey to the Fairfax County Park Authority approximately one acre of town-owned land at Peterson Lane Park. Approved the proposed enlargement of the park by Park Authority acquisition of lots 2 and all of lot 5, Malcolm Heights. Conveyance of the town's one acre will take place at the time the Park Authority acquires the other land. Efforts will be made to obtain easements from the end of the last lot on Highland St. and from the north end of the park to provide pedestrian and biking access. Council asked the Park Authority to consider future acquisition of lots 3 and any part of lot 4 Mr. Peterson would be willing to sell. The town will assume responsibility for maintenance of the entire park upon completion of the development.

* Referred to the Police Pension Advisory Board and the Administrative Committee a proposal for an actuarial study of the two town retirement plans.

* Requested the Assistant Town Manager to ride around town with the Zoning Administrator on his annual check for inoperable motor vehicles and give Council an estimate of the magnitude of the problem and try to develop a plan for controlling the problem.

* Requested the Assistant Town Manager to meet with citizens in the area of Westview Court, N.E., and work out a plan for planting trees in the neighborhood and come back to Council with a recommendation relative to cost, etc.

* Requested the Assistant Town Manager to look into the matter of construction equipment and materials in the vicinity of the dumping station off Creek Crossing Road.

* Reappointed Mr. Bennett R. Moss and Mr. Thomas D. Reese as members of the Planning Commission, terms ending February 24, 1981.

* Voted to have appraised lots 136, 160 and 161 on Park St. for future expansion of Community Center facilities, cost of the appraisal not to exceed \$600.

* Recommended to the County Board of Supervisors that county rezoning application 77-C-086 be approved subject to the recommended proffers.

* Recommended to the County Board of Supervisors that county rezoning application 77-C-096 be denied.

* Urged the County Board of Supervisors to defer any decision on the final development of the DeLuca apartment/office complex until more definitive development plans are made available on the problems of parking, street configuration within the development and access.

Results of Town Council's March 6, 1978, Meeting

* Relative to payment of costs related to the vacation of a portion of Branch Road, voted to split the fee of \$970.54 fifty-fifty between the town and Mr. Mancha.

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Freeman Store Crafts *(continued)*

will be made on the following basis: number of similar items already on hand, craftsmanship, acceptability of materials used, and relevance to turn of the century availability.

Consignments not sold at the end of the fourth full month of display must be removed by the consignor at the request of Historic Vienna.

Historic Vienna cannot accept responsibility for any damage to goods, but will try to prevent mishandling by visitors.

Historic Vienna will retain 25 percent of the sales price of each item sold.

Names or other markings identifying the maker will be omitted or concealed on items submitted for evaluation.

Historic Vienna reserves the right to determine the type of display and space for display of consignments.

Procedures

A representative sample of each item proposed for consignment may be left with the Freeman Store shopkeeper between 1 and 4 p.m. each Sunday.

The shopkeeper is authorized to reject immediately any item not found to be generally consistent with the conditions listed above.

Identification numbers and receipts will be provided to consignors for each item left for consideration by Historic Vienna.

Prior to the first Sunday of the next month, all samples will be judged by a special committee selected by Historic Vienna. Fairness will be stressed in the considerations. The committee decision will be final.

Consignors should check with the shopkeeper, no earlier than noon on the first Sunday of each month, on the decision regarding the acceptability of each item. The shopkeeper will relay the decision only and will not have the authority to alter in any way the decision.

The shopkeeper will specify the number of approved items for display considering the space available, accept approved items, and provide consignors an itemized receipt with the selling price and code number of all items accepted.

These conditions and procedures are subject to change by Historic Vienna as experience dictates.



May Calendar

- 1 - - Vienna Men's Slo-Pitch Softball League opening at Southside Park.
- 2 - - Town Election. Polls open at the Community Center from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 6-7 - - Northern Virginia Coin & Stamp Show & Sale at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 8 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (For update on agenda items, call the Vienna Newslite, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting.)
- 9 - - Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 10 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 14 - - Mother's Day.
- 17 - - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 18 - - Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 20 - - Armed Forces Day. Vienna Youth Soccer registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 21 - - Trinity Sunday
- 22 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (For update on agenda items, call the Vienna Newslite, 938-4499, the weekend prior to the meeting.)
- 24 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 29 - - MEMORIAL DAY. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 30 - - Highway Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall. Department of Parks & Recreation summer brochure of classes and programs available at the Community Center.

Newspapers Only, Please

The town's biweekly newspaper pickup program is strictly for newspapers only. The recycling center used by the town cannot dispose of telephone books and magazines. Public Works crews have been instructed not to pick up these items if they are put out with newspapers.

May



Sell Your Crafts At the Freeman Store

Historic Vienna, Inc. is now accepting craft items for consignment at the Freeman Store and Museum, located at 131 Church Street, N.E. Historic Vienna is a non-profit corporation established by the town to operate the Freeman Store as a living memorial to Vienna's historic past, and to implement programs to restore and maintain other historic town properties.

In addition to its policy of operating the Freeman Store much as it might have been at the turn of the century, Historic Vienna desires to provide an opportunity for Vienna and area craftsmen to display and sell their crafts on a controlled basis. The following are the conditions and procedures for consignment items at the Freeman Store:

Conditions

Only those crafts produced with materials generally available at the turn of the century will be accepted.

Crafts that might have been used in the home or to decorate the home before the turn of the century will be accepted.

Items must be crafted primarily by hand.

Historic Vienna retains the right to accept or reject items for consignment. New consignments will be approved by Historic Vienna once each month. Approvals
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Test Yourself What Do You Know About Crime Prevention ?



Here's a short quiz, prepared by the National Neighborhood Watch Program, to test your knowledge of crime prevention.

1. The method most used by burglars to enter a home is by:
 - A. Picking a lock
 - B. Breaking a window
 - C. Removing hinge pins
 - D. Unlocked doors or windows
2. If you see a suspicious act or person in your area:
 - A. Call a neighbor
 - B. Do not get involved
 - C. Call the police
 - D. Investigate yourself
3. In stores, valuable merchandise should be displayed:
 - A. Near exits
 - B. In a window display
 - C. In a controlled show case
 - D. In a decentralized, well lighted area
4. The safest rule for children regarding strangers is:
 - A. Challenge the stranger
 - B. Ignore the stranger
 - C. Report the stranger to a playmate
 - D. Report the stranger to authorities
5. Forced rape is committed most frequently:
 - A. In a car
 - B. In an alley
 - C. On a lonely road
 - D. In the victim's home

ANSWERS

1. Correct answer is D. Non-force or minor force burglaries account for over 50% of all these crimes. This means that people are leaving their doors or windows open or using poor locks.
2. Correct answer is C. Report suspicious acts or persons to the police. Never investigate any premises under any

circumstances; you may confront an armed thief. WAIT FOR POLICE. Your first responsibility is to protect yourself and your family. If you do confront a thief, back off; tell him to take what he wants and go. Do not try to stop him.

3. Correct answer is D. Valuable merchandise should be displayed in a decentralized, well lighted area away from exits and well inside the building.

4. Correct answer is D. Children should be taught never to talk to strangers, never accept rides, gifts, etc. from strangers. Children cannot always recognize danger and they should be taught to go to the home of a friend or neighbor if approached by a stranger. If you see a child threatened, challenge the stranger and determine his purpose.

5. Correct answer is D. Forced rape is most frequently committed in the victim's own home. Entry may be gained either by force or through device. In most instances, the victim knows the attacker. You are most vulnerable in your own home, so it pays to have a secure house.

If your score was less than perfect, you may be an easy target for a burglary or assault. If you answered all questions correctly, be sure you are putting your knowledge to work. Call Sgt. Joseph Tavares at the Vienna Police Department, 938-4900, for a free home security check and information on how to protect your family and property.

Join Operation Identification

Stolen property recovered by the police cannot be returned unless the rightful owner can be identified. Join Operation Identification and mark your valuables. Vienna residents may borrow electronic engravers from the Vienna Police Department. You will also receive an Operation Identification window decal to let potential burglars know that your valuables have been marked.

Oil Recycling Program

In the spring, a do-it-yourself auto mechanic's thoughts turn to changing the oil. But what do you do with the used oil? It is illegal to dispose of it on vacant land or in storm sewers, and it is wasteful to throw away such a valuable recyclable resource.

To help solve the oil disposal problem, Fairfax County, the Northern Virginia Gasoline Retailers Association and the major oil companies have developed an oil recycling program. Participating service stations will accept used motor oil from the public in clean plastic jugs or metal containers.

The following service stations along Maple Avenue are participating in the oil recycling program: Vienna ARCO, Vienna Gulf, Vienna Mobil, Vienna Sonoco and Vienna Texaco. Several other stations have a similar program, including Vienna Shell and Westbriar EXXON.

Obey Traffic Signs

The Highway Safety Commission reminds you of the importance of observing traffic lights and stop signs. Motorists frequently do not stop for stop signs and amber lights. A stop sign means to come to a complete STOP and proceed only after yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians and approaching vehicles.

An amber light means that a change in the direction of the moving traffic is about to be made and traffic that has not already entered the intersection, including pedestrians in the crosswalks, must stop.

Observing traffic signs is not only a matter of obeying the law but also a matter of courtesy and safe driving. The small amount of time saved cannot be worth the risk of an accident and possible injury to yourself or another person. The Vienna police join the Commission in cautioning drivers to observe traffic signs.

Ayr Hill Stamp Club Auction

The Ayr Hill Stamp Club will hold a stamp auction at its regular meeting on Thursday, May 18, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The club meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at Patrick Henry Library and holds stamp auctions four times yearly. New members and guests are always welcome.