Council Action

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Asked the Transportation Safety Commission to advise Council of their proposed procedures for accomplishing their views prior to consideration of a plat by the Planning Commission.

- * Accepted the bid as submitted by Owens and Dove, Inc., of \$11,948 for the Orchard St. storm drain. The town's share of the project will come from bond funds and the remainder will be furnished by the developer. Upon completion of the project, the developer will be reimbursed for the excess over his one-half share of costs that was previously deposited with the town. Prior to initiating this project, all affected property owners will be informed of the pending construction project.
- * Authorized the Director of Public Works to install the necessary guard rail along the Dominion Rd. side of the railroad station with costs of \$542.45 to be paid from budgeted funds.
- * Authorized the Town Manager to negotiate the fee for proper engineering for the Dominion Rd.-Mill St. drainage project. Prior Council action on the project will remain in effect unless modified as the result of the engineering.
- * Adopted the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1979. Granted town employees a 5.5 percent cost-of-living increase.
- * Approved the proposed "Invitation to Bid" for the audit of the town's financial records for fiscal year 1977-78. Authorized the Town Manager to advertise for bids for the audit.

Results of Town Council's July 3, 1978, Meeting

- * Elected Councilman Buckley as Mayor Pro tempore.
- * Elected representatives to the following boards and commissions:

Councilman Upchurch, Northern Virginia Planning District Commission; Councilman Olson, Transportation Safety Commission; Councilman Hicks, Police Pension Advisory Commission; Councilman Upchurch, Administrative Committee of the Town Employees Retirement Plan; Councilwoman Pellicciotto, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Councilwoman Pellicciotto, Fairfax County School Board; Councilman Hicks, recommended to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the Centreville District Citizens Park Advisory Council.

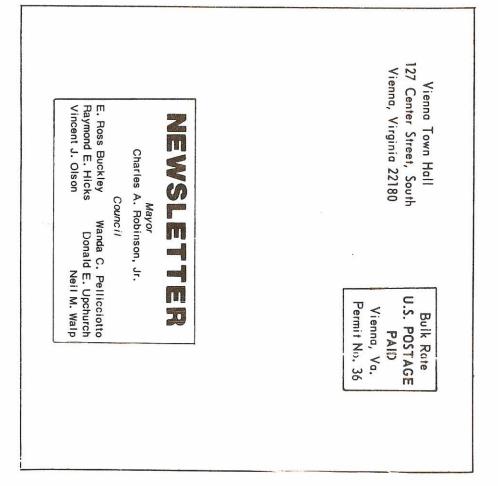
- * Appointed the following town officials: Loraine Stoneburner, Town Clerk; John Gionfriddo, Town Attorney; Gordon Brady, Town Treasurer.
- * Adopted an ordinance correcting the recorded plat of the Townes of Moorefield to vacate the terminal portion of Moore Pl. The vacated property will be transferred to the Citizens Association of the Townes of Moorefield.
- * Took no action on a proposed ordinance amending the town zoning code relative to use permits in the C-1 zone.
- * Adopted an amended cigarette tax ordinance and set the tax rate at 5ϕ per pack.
- * Approved the request of the Jonkers Company to waive in the preliminary plat of Jonkers Cluster the average lot area of 16,000 square feet to an average of 15,854 square feet on the grounds that conditions peculiar to the site, namely, its odd shape and its extensive frontage on two streets, Beulah Rd. and Ayr Hill Ave., warrant the waiver.
- * Approved a town contribution of \$1 per month toward the cost of Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospitalization coverage for retirees who are covered under the town Blue Cross-Blue Shield hospitalization insurance program.
- * Accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. J. Timothy Hobbs from the Board of Zoning Appeals and authorized the Mayor to write a letter of appreciation for Mr. Hobbs' service and issue a Certificate of Service.
- * Took no action on proposed amendments to the Town Code relative to a gross receipts tax on vending machines. Requested the Town Manager to furnish a recommendation as to whether any changes should be made and what they should be, and requested that the report address the fiscal impact on the town. Requested the Town Attorney to furnish an opinion as to whether a county tax of the type proposed would displace the town tax if enacted.
 - * Requested the Director of Public Works to change the traffic lights on (continued on address panel)

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Maple Ave. to "blinkers" beginning at 1 a.m. rather than 11 p.m.

- * Conferred draft authority on the following personnel: Brackenridge Bentley, Town Manager; Gordon Brady, Director of Finance; Charles Johnson, Assistant Director of Finance; Loraine Stoneburner, Town Clerk. All checks require the signature of two of these authorized personnel.
- * Approved the transfer of funds within the fiscal year budget for 1977 78 as recommended by the Director of Finance.
- * Took no action on stop signs on Cottage St. until Council hears further from the committee constituted by the Transportation Safety Commission to inquire into measures designed to prevent recurrence of the school child pedestrian injury or death.
- * Approved the installation of four-way stop signs at Ware St. and Kings-ley Rd.
- * Took no action on the proposed installation of four-way stop signs at Ware St. and Tapawingo Rd.
- * Took no action on a request for speed bumps on Cottage St.
- * Authorized the Director of Public Works to install "No Parking" signs on the easterly side of Pleasant St. between Maple Ave. and the Church St. right-of-way.
- * Approved the hirings made by the Director of Parks & Recreation for the playground supervisors to maintain their wages at \$3.15 per hour. Any such employees in the Department of Public Works will be paid the same. Other temporary help, if employed under the same circumstances, will also be paid at the rate of \$3.15 per hour for this fiscal year.
- * Authorized the Mayor to answer the letter from the state's Division of Legislative Services, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 8, emphatically expressing Council's opposition to any change in the election procedure of the town.
 - * Adopted a Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Bernard (Ben) Wenning.



Town of Vienna

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Traffic Control Measures OK'd

The Town Council has given Manager Brack Bentley the go-ahead to advertise for bids to install a traffic light at the intersection of Nutley Street and Tapawingo Road at the entrance to the Townes of Moorefield subdivision. A large number of residents in the area of the intersection were present at Council's July 17 meeting to urge approval of the light. Modifications will also be made to the Courthouse:/Lawyers/Maple Avenue light, including the addition of left turn arrows.

Four-way stop signs have been installed at the intersection of Ware Street and Kingsley Road, S.W. Residents had requested the four-way stops, pointing out that many people cross the street there on their way to the nearby swimming pool.

"No Parking" signs have been placed on the easterly side of Pleasant Street between Maple Avenue and the Church Street right-of-way. Cars will still be able to park on the opposite side of Pleasant.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently approved improvements at the intersection of Electric Avenue and Cedar Lane to increase the sight distance and provide turn lanes where necessary. Vienna residents who use these streets to bypass Tysons Corner will benefit by these improvements.

A public hearing will be held Saturday, September 23, on the proposed improvement of Park Street. Another public hearing on a proposed curfew and parental responsibility ordinance is scheduled for Monday, October 23. Details on both of these hearings will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

New Sewer Rate Approved; Takes Effect September 1

An increase in sewer charges of 30¢ per 1,000 gallons has been approved by the Town Council, bringing the rate to \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons. The new rate will go into effect September 1.

The increase was recommended by Town Manager Brack Bentley to meet rising sewage treatment costs and indirect costs such as debt service and maintenance of facilities.

Stored Vehicle License Required

An ordinance requiring a license for stored vehicles has been adopted by the Town Council and will become effective October 1. The ordinance states that individuals or businesses whose vehicles do not display current state license plates must obtain a town license for each such vehicle at a cost of \$50 annually.

Certain vehicles are exempt, however, including those owned by a member of the armed forces on extended active duty, those stored in a completely enclosed structure and those stored on private property for less than 60 days for the purpose of removing parts for the repair of another vehicle.

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in Vienna.



Comment from the Council Table:

A Summer in the Park

by Donald E. Upchurch Vienna Town Councilman

Summertime is usually when we think of distant trips to visit friends or relatives, the seashore, the mountains or even foreign countries. But after we return from our out of Town journeys we ought to think of the opportunities for outdoor fun that are available in our many local public parks. Few of our parks are used to capacity. Most of the time there is ample room for all. Our parks are for the public to use and enjoy.

I would like to list and describe in this article some of the Town's more important parks, as well as those maintained by the Fairfax County Park Authority in the Vienna area. Taxpayers of the Town support our Parks and Recreation Department to the extent of nearly \$400,000 annually. This amount provides for the operation of the Community Center, maintenance of department facilities, senior citizen and youth activities as well as provision for the parks themselves.

Town Parks

Our two largest and better equipped parks are Glyndon and Meadow Lane. Glyndon Park, on Glyndon St., N.E., near Ayrhill has two lighted tennis courts, a ball field, a small pavilion, rest rooms and a nature trail. Picnic facilities include tables and grills. Meadow Lane at Courthouse Road, S.W.,

and Ware Street offers playgrounds, two lighted tennis courts, a ball field, rest rooms and picnic tables.

At the very end of Glyndon Street, N.E., is the Town's Northside Park. At the present this park is largely undeveloped and used as a nature trail. This site of some 30 acres was given to the Town by a former mayor many years ago and contains on rolling terrain some of the largest and most beautiful trees in the area.

Southside Park at 1315 Ross Drive, S.W., includes two Little League ball fields, a lighted softball field, a small playground and picnic tables.

Over in the northwest is located Peterson Lane Park, which may be entered from the 500 block of Malcolm Road. Presently of only one acre, the Park



Donald E. Upchurch Vienna Town Councilman

will be enlarged to five acres upon completion of property acquisition by the County Park Authority. Development will follow.

Salsbury Spring at Windover Avenue and Lawyers Road, N.W., is a tiny park area but it does include some attractive landscaping and a spring. There are no active facilities but it is worthy of a visit.

Our Minipark, although not owned by the Town, is at Center Street and Maple Avenue. A bandstand and benches constitute the facilities. This is a pretty little park and could be conveniently visited when one is shopping nearby or after visiting Town Hall or the library.

I will emphasize that the restored Freeman House nearby at 131 Church Street, N.E., is publicly owned and represents a solid link with the rich traditions of Vienna's past. Tours of the house are conducted without charge every Sunday afternoon, and the country store is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Dedicated groups are working diligently to make the store a success.

In the same vein although not as old is the Bowman House. Located south of Town Hall on Center Street, it serves as a senior citizen and teen center. There are of course different hours for each group.

County Parks Nearby

As taxpayers of Fairfax County we are entitled to the full use and enjoyment of County parks as well as those operated by the Town itself.

Located at 108 Harmony Drive, S.E., is Cunningham Park, not far from the elementary school on Park Street of the same name. This is a large park with two baseball fields, a conservation area, a football field, parking, a picnic area, a playground, tennis courts, a tot lot and a trail.

Nottoway Park is on Courthouse Road west of its intersection with Nutley Street, S.W. This is the largest of the County parks near Vienna. On some 70 acres are five ball fields, a basketball court, a soccer field and a football field. Other facilities are garden plots, the historic Hunter House, a picnic area and a hiking trail.

Freedom Hill Park, another County facility, lies between the Town boundary and Route 123 on Old Courthouse Road. It was opened and dedicated just this past spring. Facilities include a fort site, trail and a paved parking lot.

There are other parks operated by the County Park Authority in the Vienna area although they are not adjacent to the Town boundaries. Kemper Park at 10306 Vale Road has a basketball court, a conservation area, open play area, picnic area, two tennis courts, a tot lot and a trail. To reach this park turn north off Vale on either Trott or Stryker Avenue.

In the southern direction from Town is the Dunn Loring Park, situated at 2500 Gallows Road. Here one will find a basketball court, the community center, a historic site, tennis courts, a picnic area and other conveniences.

Waverly Park is located at 1801 Abbotsford Drive, lying north of the Town. This is a small park but it does include a basketball court, a conservation area, open play area, a tot lot and a trail.

Located close to the northeast section of Vienna is the Foxstone Park at 1910 Creek Crossing Road. A conservation area, playground, tot lot and hiking trail make up the facilities.

I wish to emphasize again that these are all public parks established for the citizens and residents to use and enjoy. There may be a few times during the season when parks are scheduled for large activities but unless your group is sizable no advance reservation is necessary. Organized soccer and other ball teams customarily reserve certain playing fields. It would be wise to check ahead if you plan to use the ball fields or courts. Information about the Town's parks or recreational programs may be obtained at 938-8000, extension 277. For County park information please phone 941-5008.

On behalf of myself and the Town Council I wish everyone an enjoyable summer.

Council Action



Results of Town Council's May 22, 1978, Meeting

- * Approved the construction of concrete sidewalks along the southerly side of Orchard St. between Nutley and Lewis, subject to sharing the project with the Fairfax County School Board. Funds for the project will come from the contingency reserve if not budgeted.
- * Referred the proposed Windover Heights Historic District Ordinance to the Planning Commission for discussion and recommendation.
- * Accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. Betty Curling from the Planning Commission, effective June 1.
- * Approved the following cost sharing arrangements for Mill St. and Dominion Rd. storm drainage improvements: the town will bear 100% of the non-Mill St. costs; the cost for the Mill St. project will be shared 60.40 between the town and the three property owners on the street; the engineering costs for the entire project will be prorated among the town and the property owners. In the event the bids are not accepted, the town will stand the full engineering costs. If the total cost of the project appears to exceed by 15% the

cost estimated by the Director of Public Works, then both parties will have the right to reexamine the situation.

- * Expressed its feeling that the main means of ingress and egress at Peterson Lane Park be from Malcolm Rd. Requested the Fairfax County Park Authority to attempt to secure at least three points of pedestrian access, with primary attention being given to access from Abbottsford Dr. Voted not to pursue condemnation for pedestrian access.
- * Changed the name of the Highway Safety Commission to the Transportation Safety Commission in accordance with Senate Bill 85.
- * Recommended to the Board of Supervisors that county rezoning application DPA B 414B be granted.
- * Recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve county rezoning application 77-C-065 on the following conditions; that the units per acre be calculated at a density not greater than 5 per acre; that the widening of Old Courthouse Rd. on all sides be limited to provide for two 12-foot lanes; and that provisions of the county tree ordinance be strictly enforced in the development of the property. In addition, Council expressed to the Board of Supervisors its strong feeling that action on this rezoning should be postponed until the Board acts on proposed revisions to the county land use master plan that apply to this area. Council feels that land use density on this site should not be substantially higher than would be available under the least restrictive single-family detached dwelling category.
- * Approved the final plat of Owaissa Estates, a subdivision of lots 4, 4A, 11 and 12A, Block 8, Onondio.
- * Directed that specifications be prepared and brought to Council for approval, after which bids would be solicited for the audit of the town's records for FY 1977-78.
- * Approved the major recommendations of the Metropolitan Washington Quality Water Management Plan with the understanding that Council reserves its own options in implementing each major recommendation.
- * Authorized the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works to spend another \$20,000 from the contingency reserve to make major road repairs.

Results of Town Council's June 5, 1978, Meeting

- * Adopted a resolution of appreciation to retiring Town Manager C. Clay Harrell.
- * Adopted the following tax rates for fiscal year 1978 79: Real Estate-33¢ per \$100 valuation, Bank Stock-80¢ per \$100 valuation, Utility-10% on maximum utility bills.
- * Endorsed the concept of the Paratransit Action Plan proposed for the Vienna Tysons area by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.
- * Accepted the bid from Owens & Dove in the amount of \$13,600 to replace the deteriorated sanitary sewer on Roland St. Approved the original Expenditure of \$14,899. Funds already expended as well as funds to be expended will be taken from the water and sewer contingency reserve.
- * Accepted the bid submitted by Sydnor Hydrodynamics, Inc., for the installation of pumps, ancillary equipment and well houses for town water wells, funds to come from general fund bond funds.
- * Approved an agreement vacating certain sanitary sewer easements on Old Courthouse Rd.
- * Rejected all bids as submitted and designated Howard Mills with the Freeman & Sherburne Agency in Vienna as the town's agent of record and authorized the Town Manager to negotiate insurance coverages with the agency for the period July 1, 1978 to July 1, 1979, provided that the premiums secured for such coverage not exceed the lowest bid received. Requested the Town Manager to investigate some form of self-insurance program for the town to be implemented July 1, 1979.

Results of Town Council's June 19, 1978, Meeting

* Directed the Town Manager to administratively refer all preliminary plats and site plans to the Transportation Safety Commission for their consideration and recommendation to both the Planning Commission and the Council.

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Jitney Bus Approved

A jitney bus service for the Vienna/Tysons area has been approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Town Council expressed support for such a service in June.

The jitney service will operate in the residential areas of town between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. The jitney will run on fixed routes yet to be determined, but there will be no fixed stops. Instead, riders will hail the bus as they would hail a taxi and then tell the driver where they want to be discharged. Buses will run every half hour and the fare will be 25¢.

The local jitney will be supplemented by a lunchtime shuttle in the Tysons/Westgate/Westpark area. Shuttles will run every 15 minutes between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on weekdays.

The system will probably be implemented within six months to a year. It will be operated by a private contractor using his own vehicles under contract to Fairfax County.

The idea for such a system developed in response to the rising costs of providing off-peak Metrobus service and the relatively small number of riders during those hours. No decrease in Metrobus service will be made, however, until the jitney service has been in operation for some time and its use and effectiveness has been assessed.

Plant Clinics Are Back

Neighborhood Plant Clinics will resume at Patrick Henry Library on Saturday, August 19, and continue for nine Saturdays through October 14. Hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Volunteers from federated garden clubs in the Vienna area, who have been trained by the cooperative extension services, will be on hand to answer questions from the gardening public.

Visitors to the free plant clinics are encouraged to bring along samples of indoor and outdoor plant problems—for speedy and personalized identification and diagnosis.

The Neighborhood Plant Clinic program, now in its third year, is sponsored by the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs and the Cooperative Extension Services of Virginia and Maryland.

August Calendar



- 2 -- Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 5 - Vienna Youth Soccer registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m. 4 p.m.
- 6 -- Jazz Masters in concert at the Minipark, 7 p.m. 7 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for update on agenda items.)
- 9 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. 12-13 - - Northern Virginia Coin & Stamp Show & Sale at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 16 - Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 17 - Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 20 - "Paddle House Pickers" in concert at the Minipark, 7 p.m.
- 21 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for update on agenda items.)
- 23 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 27 Vienna Town Band in concert at the Freeman House, 3 p.m.
- 29 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 30 -- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.

Get the Newsline Habit! Call 938-4499

Have you ever missed a public hearing of importance to you because you didn't know it was being held? Were you too late to register for a Community Center activity because you didn't know the deadline date? Vienna residents who call the Newsline regularly always know what's happening in and around town because the Newsline provides them with the latest information on Town Council actions, parks and recreation events and special announcements. Keep informed. Call the Newsline at 938-4499.



Historic Vienna, Inc. Seeks New Members

Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's organization for historic preservation and restoration, is currently conducting a membership drive to expand community interest and support for its activities.

Membership dues for the coming year will contribute to continued work at Moorefield, the oldest house still standing in Vienna, which was placed on the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register last fall. Dues will also be used to purchase display cases and antiques for the Freeman House museum and general store.

Historic Vienna members may participate in the semiannual membership meetings and serve on a number of committees, including demonstrations, publicity, tour guides, storekeeper and Moorefield. Groups are now forming to work with museum exhibits, hospitality, a newsletter and oral history.

A year's membership in Historic Vienna is \$10 for adults and \$5 for senior citizens and youth. Group memberships are available for \$25. Make checks payable to Historic Vienna, Inc., P.O. Box 53, Vienna, Va. 22180.

Don't forget that the Freeman Store is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from noon to 5 p.m. through September 2.

The Vienna Town Band will give a concert on the lawn of the Freeman House on Sunday, August 27, at 3 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Admission is free.



Explore Northern Virginia's Waters and Trails This Summer

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has planned a series of "Outdoor Adventures" to provide an opportunity to explore the wilderness, marsh and rivers of Northern Virginia.

The white water rapids of Catoctin River, the marshland along Pohick Creek or the wide, open waterways of Goose Creek and the Upper Potomac will be explored by visitors who make reservations for one of the sixhour canoe trips that are being offered each Saturday from now through fall.

Each trip will be limited to 18 passengers. The minimum age limit is 16; the fee is \$10 per person. Phone 278-8880 for reservations.

The Regional Park Authority will supply all necessary equipment, including life jackets, paddles and canoes. Passengers should bring a bag lunch and wear clothing appropriate for the rugged outdoors. While the cruises are not difficult, they do require some stamina. Passengers become participants in the wilderness adventure, although it is not an Outward Bound-type experience which is based largely on stress and physical accomplishment. The Outdoor Adventures use participation to enrich each person's enjoyment of nature and the outdoors.

People who would rather learn about and enjoy nature as spectators will prefer the comfort of the pontoon boat Dogwood and the "Critter Cruises" at Pohick Bay Regional Park.

Visitors on these early morning cruises don't have to leave their seats to catch a glimpse of a deer having a late breakfast of berries or see a great blue heron or a snowy egret wheel overhead. The really lucky might even see a bald eagle. The Mason Neck Wildlife Refuge, a mile or so downstream, is maintained especially to protect the bird that is our national symbol. Many of the coves and inlets are filled with wild water lilies that bloom in August.

The 2½-hour Critter Cruises start at 6:45 a.m. at Pohick Bay Regional Park and are offered every other Saturday through September 16. Phone 278-8880 for reservations. The fee is \$3 for age 12 and over and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Visitors who don't want to be tied down by schedules and reservations can take one of the 30-minute sight-seeing cruises on the pontoon boat that runs continuously throughout the afternoon every Saturday and Sunday at Pohick Bay Regional Park.

"Happy Trails" Guide to Miles of Fun

A guidebook to 66 miles of trails in Northern Virginia for hiking, biking, jogging, horseback riding, history or nature study has just been published by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. The 24-page booklet contains 14 maps, directions for reaching the trails, usage charts and descriptions of the terrain and scenery.

The "Happy Trails" guidebook is available for \$1 at any of Northern Virginia's regional parks or at Park Authority headquarters, 11001 Popes Head Road, Fairfax, Va. 22030. Add 25¢ for postage when ordering by mail.

Photo Exhibit Depicts Virginia in the 1940's

The land and people of Virginia in the 1940's is the subject of a photography exhibit at Carlyle House in Old Town Alexandria this month. The exhibit will run through August 20 and is produced by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

The photos were taken by the famous Farm Security Administration photography corps, who toured the U.S. during the 1930's and 40's to document various aspects of American life. The photos memorialize common every-day scenes of both rural and urban Virginia.

Admission to Carlyle House is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for students 6-17. The restored 1752 Carlyle House is located at 121 North Fairfax Street in Alexandria.

Heed Lane Markings

The other day, a member of the Transportation Safety Commission was in his car waiting for a light change at an intersection onto Maple Avenue. He was in the right hand lane, with pavement marking indicating "right turn or straight through." A car was next to him in the left lane with pavement marked "left turn only."

When the light turned green, he proceeded straight across the intersection. Much to his surprise, the car to his left also went straight through! Since the street they were entering was wide enough for only one lane of traffic each way, he narrowly avoided an accident by stopping and letting the car to his left proceed.

Other citizens of Vienna have had similar experiences at such intersections. The Transportation Safety Commission asks all drivers to observe these pavement markings and to please abide by them to keep our streets as safe as possible.

Plastic Bags Not for Newspapers

Residents who participate in the town's newspaper pickup program are asked not to place papers in plastic bags. The bags are not recyclable, and also the pickup crews may mistake them for bags of trash and fail to pick them up. Please either tie your newspapers in bundles or put them in large paper bags.

The Good Ol' Days

The summer of 1930 was a dry one for the citizens of Vienna. A large number of households had no water in their wells. At a mass meeting on September 10, the citizens petitioned the Town Council to provide water to every home that requested it. Five days later at a special meeting of Council the water deliveries were approved.

Earlier in the month, the superintendent of schools had written a letter to Council stating that the well at the school house was dry and asking permission to use water from the town pump and Town Hall toilet facilities for the school. Council replied that the town well was also dry but that the school could use the Town Hall toilets providing they were kept in good condition, "said toilets being new and in first class condition."