Council Action



Results of Town Council's January 22, 1979, Meeting

- * Donated \$1,000 to help defray Vienna Little League's sponsorship of the state tournament in Vienna.
- * Rejected a proposal by Fairfax County Schools to construct an asphalt sidewalk along Windover Ave.
- * Granted the petition by Ronald Unger for the rezoning of his property from RS-16 to RS-12.5.
- * Approved three Police Department grant applications for inclusion in the NVPDC LEAA effort.
- * Authorized the Town Manager to negotiate with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority an equitable settlement of land use rights that will protect the financial investment of the town. Results of the negotiation will be brought before Council for final action.
- * Recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve county rezoning application #78-P-052. Requested that the county give special attention to an environmentally satisfactory noise buffer, the advisability of an access road along Route 123 and the possibility of developing an alternative to the pond that would allow for free-flowing water.
- * Accepted into the town's maintenance system the off-site improvements associated with the Vienna Square office building on Church Street.
- * Approved the expenditure of \$4,881.54 from the contingency reserve fund to help defray the cost of the electrical connection to the Peterson Lane pumping station.
- * Adopted a resolution endorsing House bills 599, 602 and 603 in the Virginia General Assembly.

Results of Town Council's February 5, 1979, Meeting

- * Approved the lease between the town and the Vienna Joint Civic Youth Sports Association, Inc., for the use of the top floor of the Bowman House for a five-year period.
- * Scheduled a public hearing for May 14 on the proposed rezoning of Lot 1, George Varoutsos subdivision.
- * Voted to continue the requirement for licenses for activities sponsored by service organizations and to deny all requests for waivers of these fees.
- * Donated the amount of a license or fee permit to the Vienna Jaycees, Vienna Optimists and Vienna Jaycettes.
- * Accepted and approved the Planning Commission's annual report for 1978 and commended the Commission on its activities and its dedication to its charge and responsibilities.
- * Approved the personnel manual for town employees. It is understood that the manual has no bearing on pay scales.
- * Denied the request for a four-way stop at Meadow Lane and Tapawingo Road, with the understanding that the situation will be closely monitored after the installation of the Nutley Road traffic signal.
- * Approved the attendance by Chairman Miller and Lt. Childress of the Transportation Safety Commission at the Southern Safety Conference in Nashville March 4-6 and made available an amount not to exceed \$600 from budgeted funds.
- * Accepted the resignations of Mr. Boyd Booth from the Planning Commission and Mr. Ronald Braun from the Transportation Safety Commission, both to be presented Certificates of Service.

NOTICE TO ALL TOWN WATER CUSTOMERS

Dear Customer:

We have been advised by State health officials that we are in violation of the Virginia Waterworks Regulations because we failed to furnish them with the proper number of water samples from the Town of Vienna water system for the month of November 1978.

Each month the Town provides 28 samples of our water to the State Health Department, as required by law. The water is tested by the health authorities to determine if there has been a water quality violation in the water system. In November 1978, due to an oversight on our part, only 26 samples were provided to the Health Department. As a result, the Town violated the Virginia Waterworks Regulations and is required by law to notify each customer of the violation.

This violation does not mean there are any bacteriological or other types of contamination in the water supply. Past results indicate that the system has never failed a water quality standard.

We are attempting to prevent further violations of this type by collecting the required 28 samples per month and submitting them to the State laboratory.

Future violations, however minor, will be reported to you as part of new Federal and State waterworks regulations aimed at increasing consumer awareness of conditions that exist in public water systems.

Sincerely,

Brackenridge H. Bentley Town Manager

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Four Public Hearings Scheduled for March

Ordinance Proposes Elimination Of Transitional Parking Lots

A public hearing will be held during the regular Town Council meeting of March 5 on a proposed ordinance to eliminate transitional parking lots. Citizens of the Malcolm/Windover Heights area have petitioned the Council to eliminate the lots, which are those located on land zoned residential but immediately adjacent to commercial buildings.

Those favoring the change have stated that transitional lots are no longer needed, are unsightly and represent commercial encroachment into residential neighborhoods. The Planning Commission has recommended against elimination of the lots. A majority of Commission members believe there is no urgent reason for deleting the transitional parking ordinance and that more consideration should be given to the immediate and long-range effects of such action before a decision is made.

The March 5 Town Council meeting will begin at 9 p.m. so that Council members may attend the Virginia Municipal League's reception for Virginia's Congressmen, Senators, Governor and other officials at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Historic District Ordinance Now Poses Fewer Restrictions

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Windover Heights Historic District Ordinance (as revised) March 12 at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

The purpose of the ordinance is to preserve sites of historic significance and the historic character of the Windover neighborhood. The ordinance has been amended since it was first proposed, with fewer restrictions on affected property owners. Sections of the original ordinance relating to land use and demolition of buildings have been deleted.

The ordinance provides for a Windover Historic Architectural Review Board, composed of two residents of the historic district, a member of the town's Architectural Review Board, a member of the Planning Commission and a certified architect, the approval of which would be required to construct a new building or substantially alter the exterior of an existing building.

Copies of the ordinance and maps of the proposed historic district are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

Public Hearings (continued inside)

NEXT MONTH: COUNCIL CANDIDATE PROFILES

Public Hearings (continued from front page)

Ordinance Proposed to Relieve Parking Lot Congestion

At its regular meeting of March 19, the Town Council will conduct a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the town's parking requirements for professional and commercial buildings. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

The Planning Commission recommended the changes following a survey of the adequacy of commercial area parking facilities. The ordinance proposes that parking requirements for medical, dental, veterinary and real estate offices be increased to one space for each 150 square feet of floor area. The present requirement is one space for each 200 square feet.

For commercial buildings, where the total number of required spaces is 50 or less, an additional 10 percent of that number would be required, and where the basic requirement is 40 spaces or more, 10 percent of those would have to be marked for compact cars.

The ordinance would also require a rear entrance or well-lighted arcade for parking facilities located at the rear of a building and interconnection of adjoining parking lots.

In addition, all establishments will be required to provide one special parking space for the handicapped for every 25 spaces in the lot, located as close as possible to the main entrance.

Tax Relief, Transitional Zone Hearings Rescheduled for March 26

Public hearings on tax relief for the elderly and handicapped and on transitional zoning will be held on Monday, March 26, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, immediately preceding the public hearing on the town land use plan. These hearings, originally scheduled for February 12, were postponed due to inclement weather.

Council Seeks Citizen Opinion On Proposed Land Use Plan

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, March 26, to obtain citizen views on a proposed land use plan for the town. This hearing will begin immediately following two other hearings, on tax relief for the elderly and handicapped and on the town's transitional zone, which begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

The State Code requires local planning commissions to prepare and recommend comprehensive plans for the physical development of the territory within their jurisdictions. The town Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the proposed land use plan as part of Vienna's comprehensive plan.

Development of the plan was guided by the town's basic policy to preserve Vienna as an essentially residential community. In fact, the plan defines and formalizes past town policies. The land use plan recognizes the need to maintain large residential lots such as RS-16, particularly in historic districts. It also recognizes that, in the future, a lower density may be desired by some property owners. In this case, the lowest density prescribed by ordinance would be RS-12.5 (2½ units per acre).

Commercial and industrial boundaries are delineated. Overall, provisions are made for sufficient shopping and service facilities, offices, light industry, limits of the commercial zones, and parks and playing fields.

The two maps shown at the right are a part of the land use plan. One represents current zoning; the other, uses described by the land use plan.

Copies of the land use plan are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall. All citizens are encouraged to attend the public hearing.

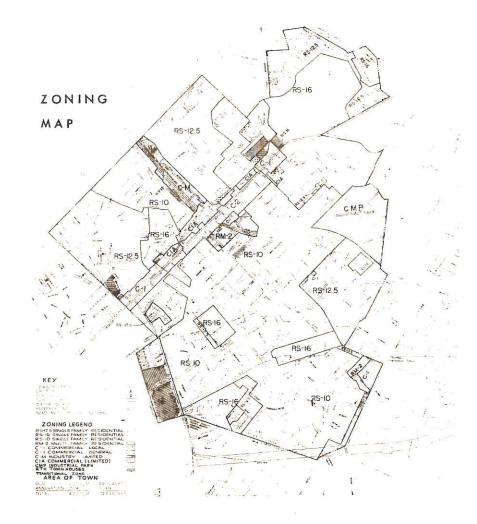
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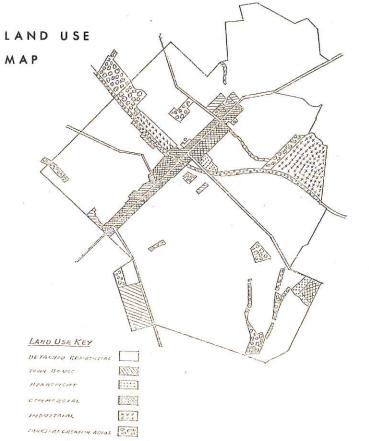
The employees of the Town of Vienna Department of Public Works pictured at the right were honored recently for continuous service without an on-the-job injury. All have worked injury free for over five years.

Front Row (left to right): Leathorn Watkins, Warner Brooks, Clark Munn, Clarence Wiggins. Second Row: Albert Simms, Jack Byrd, David Fairfax, Jack Cook, Doug Brooks.

Not Pictured: Wesley King, James Madigan, Joseph E. Sherwood, David Sherwood, Alexander Ratchford, Paul Stotts.







Antiques Show & Sale

March 2-3-4 at the Community Center

> 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Friday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday

Food & Drink Available

Noon - 6 p.m. Sunday



March Calendar

- 2-4 - Spring Antiques Show & Sale at the Community Center, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, noon-6 p.m. Sunday.
- 5 - Town Council meeting, 9 p.m. (note special time) at Town Hall, including a public hearing on transitional parking. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.) 10 - - Baseball tryouts at Yeonas Park, 9 a.m.
- 11 - Little League draft, 2 p.m.
- 12 -- Little League draft, 8 p.m. Public hearing on Windover Heights Historic District Ordinance, 8 p.m. at Town
- 13 - Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 14 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 15 - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 17 - Babe Ruth registration at the Community Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Business & Professional Women's Club fashion show at the Community Center, 12:30 p.m. St. Patrick's Day.
- 19 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall, including a public hearing on parking requirements for professional and commercial buildings. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 21 - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 24 - Final tryouts draft at Yeonas Park, 9 a.m.
- 25 - Kite-flying contest at Thoreau School, 2 p.m.
- 26 - Public hearing on town land use plan, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 27 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 31 - Little League Booster Day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Enter Your Photos in Community Center Contest

Entry forms are now available at the Community Center for a photography show to be held April 7 and 8. Entries will be accepted between 5 and 8 p.m. April 5 and between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. April 6. Entries will be judged by professional photographers, and ribbons will be awarded to the winners.



Cleanup Operations Begin For W&OD Trail Extension

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has begun cleanup operations in preparation for the extension of the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park from Falls Church through Vienna. This section of the trail will adjoin the already developed park in Falls Church and should open this spring, pending completion of major bridges over Routes 66 and 495.

Work is now concentrated from Church Street to the town's property yard. According to Jim Turner, landscape specialist for the Regional Park Authority, the first step is to clear a trail corridor through the most heavily industrialized area along the trail. Later, a split-rail fence will be erected and the area landscaped to give it a more park-like setting. Landscaping for erosion control on the banks bordering the trail is also planned.

Eventually, the Regional Park Authority will convert the entire 42-mile long strip of land into a linear park reaching from Arlington westward to Purcellville in Loudoun County.

Town Appreciation Night

The Vienna Chamber of Commerce will hold a "Town Appreciation Night" on Wednesday, March 21, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Westwood Country Club.

A cash bar will be open from 6:30 to 7:30. Guests will have an opportunity to meet this year's Town Council candidates and view picture displays of town employees at work. Dinner will be served at 7:30.

Dinner entertainment will be provided by the Oakton String Ensemble, and the Vienna Light Opera will present "From Vienna to Broadway."

Tickets are \$13 per person and \$25 per couple. For more information, call the Chamber office at 281-1333.



Did You Forget to Purchase Your 1979 Dog Tag?

Dog owners are reminded that all dogs six months old and older must be licensed by January 1 annually. Town dog tags are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall. The fee is \$5 and a

certificate of rabies inoculation must be presented at the time you purchase your tag.

If your dog is not wearing a 1979 tag, please obtain one as soon as possible. There is no penalty for late purchase; however, you may be fined if your dog is found without a current tag. Also, a current tag can help identify your dog if he becomes lost.

Tree Will Be Replaced

The old fir tree that stood in the small triangle of land at the intersection of Church and Mill Streets, N.E., has been cut down and will soon be replaced, probably with a Norway spruce. The old tree was dying and posed a hazard to motorists and pedestrians. The replacement tree will be as large as the small plot can accommodate and will be planted as early as this month if the weather permits.

Spring Flower Show

Vienna resident and Five Hills Garden Club member Mrs. Joseph Herbert is chairman of the standard flower show to be presented by the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs in the Garden Club Section of the 1979 Flower and Garden Show at the Starplex/Armory in Washington, D.C., March 2 through 7. "Nature's Spring Preview" is the theme of this year's show.

The standard flower show is a "show within a show," with floral arrangements, horticultural specimens, small landscaped gardens and educational exhibits. Local garden club members will compete for awards.

The show will also feature displays of new plants and gardening equipment. Seminars and demonstrations by garden experts will be held each day.

General adult admission for the show is \$4. Advance sale discount tickets are available from federated garden club members. Call 938-6850 for ticket information.

AFS Needs Host Families

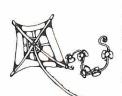
Each year, families all over America welcome high school students from other nations into their homes through the American Field Service (AFS) exchange program. The Vienna AFS chapter is now seeking families in Vienna willing to host foreign students from August 1979 to June 1980.

Students living with Vienna families attend the senior year at James Madison High School and learn about the American way of life, its culture and traditions. School costs are covered by the school system; medical expenses and a small allowance are paid by AFS. Room and board are provided by the host family.

Interested families should call Jim Strohn at 573-1964 as soon as possible.

Attention Organizations Seeking Town Funding

All community service and athletic organizations in the Town of Vienna that wish to be considered for town funding in fiscal year 1979-1980 must submit an itemized balance sheet along with their request for funding. These statements of financial condition must be forwarded to the Town Manager no later than April 1, 1979.



KITE-FLYING CONTEST 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25 Thoreau Intermediate School (Rain Date April 1)

For ages 5 and older
All kites must be homemade
Ribbons will be awarded

Pre-school Registration

Registration is now underway at the Community Center for the next session of pre-school for ages three through five, which begins on Monday, March 19.

This informal program encourages listening, sitting quietly for short periods, contributing to the group through discussion, sharing, following directions and experimenting with various art media. There is time for both individual and group activities. Stories, music, songs and finger rhymes are part of the day.

Share Your Memories For 1980 Town Calendar

The theme for the 1980 Town Calendar will be "Vienna Then and Now," and residents are asked to participate in its preparation by contributing their recollections and photos of the town as it was "then." Do you remember when Maple Avenue was lined with maple trees? When trains ran through town? When the first modern shopping center opened? When the Mayor presided over the court? What was Vienna like when you first came to town? Please share your experiences through words and pictures by writing or calling Marie Kisner, Public Information Officer, at Town Hall. (All photos will be handled with special care and returned.)