Jitney Survey . . . (continued from front page)

Board of Supervisors to provide the funds to put the system into operation. The Board has deferred this decision because anticipated system costs are now much higher than the estimates made last summer, when both the Board and the Town Council endorsed the concept of a jitney system that would run through the town's residential neighborhoods and up and down Route 123 to Oakton and Tysons Corner.

At the town's request, Fairfax County has recently applied for grant funds appropriated by the 1979 General Assembly to finance innovative public transportation projects such as the jitney system.

Most respondents to the survey favored a system for the entire Vienna-Oakton-Tysons area, although the number of people who said they would use the jitney to reach destinations within the town limits is rather impressive: 571 riders would use the jitney to shop in Vienna; 397 to visit professional offices; 280 to visit parks, recreational facilities and public buildings; and 105 to go to work.

For destinations throughout the Vienna-Oakton-Tysons area, a total of 577 respondents said they would ride the jitney "often" and 840 "occasionally." A total of 160 indicated they would "never" ride, and 117 were "not sure."

The proposed jitney service would have fixed routes, but no fixed stops along the routes; riders would hail the bus as they would a taxi. A fare of 25¢ was proposed. The jitney would run through town on an hourly schedule from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturdays. In addition, a lunchtime shuttle to the Tysons Westgate Westpark area is part of the plan. Changes in the routes and schedules may be made to reflect suggestions made by survey respondents.

Woman's Club Seeks Funds For Hospital Garden Project

The Vienna Woman's Club is asking town organizations and individuals to participate in the landscaping of a garden approximately 80' X 40' at Commonwealth Doctors Hospital. The garden will be used and enjoyed by patients who have been admitted for diagnostic workups, those with long-term illnesses and orthopedic patients. At present, the space is unused and patients see nothing from surrounding rooms but a gloomy plot of weeds. The garden will bring much happiness to these patients and give them tangible proof that we remember and care about them.

The garden will cost approximately \$8,000. A major portion of this cost is for a cement walkway. Names of those who donate over \$250 will be listed on a plaque in the garden. Donations of \$500 or more will be recognized by a permanent plaque in the corridor leading to the patient care area and the donors will become members of the hospital's "Committee of Commitment." Donations in any amount will be recognized by the hospital administration.

Contributions may be sent to the Vienna Woman's Club, P.O. Box 513, Vienna, Va. 22180. Make checks payable to Commonwealth Doctors Hospital for "B - Unit Garden Project."

If you have questions about the project or would like a member of the Woman's Club to come and talk to your group, please contact Mary Fahy at 938 - 8859 or Lynn Neviaser at 938 - 3872.

Town Cleans Up

During the town's annual Spring Cleanup, Public Works crews collected over 400 truckloads of brush and debris at a cost of over \$22,500. This service helps keep our town a beautiful place in which to live.

New Mail Sizes Start July 15

Vienna Postmaster D.H. Wynkoop reminds residents to use up undersized envelopes and cards before July 15. That is the date when the Postal Service's new size standards become effective.

After July 15, envelopes and cards measuring less than 3 1/2 inches high or 5 inches long will be returned to the sender if mailed.

Because the envelope and greeting card industries have had more than three years to prepare for the new standards, few retailers should still be selling undersized pieces. Many consumers, however, are likely to have smaller envelopes and cards in their supply of stationery.

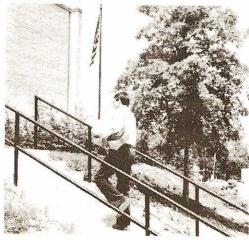
The regulations also prohibit flimsy cards. In the future, they must be at least seven thousandths of an inch thick. An official postcard has a thickness of nine thousandths of an inch.

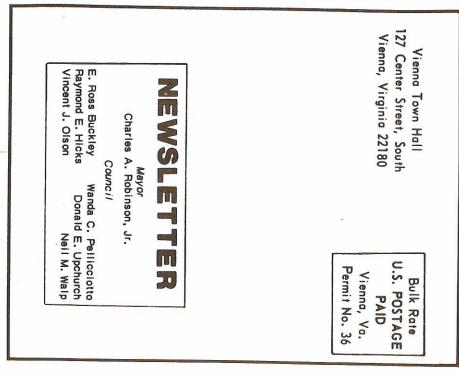
Undersized pieces and flimsy cards are being banned because they can become trapped in other mail, tear and jam mail processing machinery. As a result, the letters of others can also be damaged.

The standards also affect oversized and odd-shaped pieces of mail. For first-class mail weighing one ounce or less, there will be a surcharge of 7¢ for pieces more than 6.1/8 inches high or 11.1/2 inches long.

For more information, the postmaster suggests customers check with a post office window clerk.

Pedestrians have easier access to the Vienna Post Office since the town constructed steps on the Church Street side of the building last spring. Two rather distinctive trails beaten up the hillside by Post Office patrons demonstrated the need for the steps.





Town of Vienna

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June 4 Adoption Slated For FY 1979-80 Budget

The Town Council will conduct a second public hearing on the proposed town budget for fiscal year 1979-1980 at its regular meeting on Monday, June 4. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

At the hearing, citizens will have another opportunity to comment and ask questions about the entire budget and the proposed expenditures of all town funds, including general revenue sharing entitlements, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979. Senior citizens and representatives of local organizations are especially encouraged to attend.

Final adoption of the budget is also scheduled for the June 4 meeting, following the hearing.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection in the Finance Department at Town Hall.

Town Manager Brack Bentley has proposed a \$5.5 million budget for FY 1979-80, which includes general fund, federal revenue sharing, and water and sewer expenditures. This represents an increase of 7.8% over last year's adopted budget.

Proposed expenditures exceed anticipated revenues by \$539,000, an amount that will be taken from the town's unappropriated reserves to balance the budget. The Town Manager has indicated that funding of future budgets will have to rely more on a better balance of revenue versus expenditures in order to assure the maintenance of a reasonable contingency reserve. This reserve is necessary to maintain a proper cash flow and to act as a source of funds to meet emergencies.

In terms of expenditures by category, personnel costs will increase by 10.1% if the recommended 6% cost-of-living increment is approved. This increase would meet the guidelines established by the President's Council on Wage and Price Stability. Contractual services and commodities are up 8.7%, and debt service costs increased by 5.2%. Replacement of equipment was reduced in the proposed budget, resulting in a 16.4% decrease in capital outlay.

The proposed budget includes a recommended reduction in the real estate tax rate of 2¢ per \$100 assessed valuation to help offset the adverse impact of the recent reassessment of real property. The new tax rate, if approved, would be 31¢ per \$100 assessed valuation.

Strong Support for Jitney

Vienna residents responding to a questionnaire distributed in the April Newsletter have indicated support for implementing a jitney bus system in the Vienna -Oakton-Tysons Corner area.

As of April 30, 1,000 questionnaire cards had been returned out of approximately 5,700 distributed. The returned cards reflect the opinions of 2,825 family members. In addition to responding to the questions in the survey, a number of citizens made written comments, most expressing affirmative, and often enthusiastic, support for a jitney system.

The survey was conducted by the Vienna Planning Office in the hope that a strong expression of support would encourage the Fairfax County

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Comment from the Council Table:

Vienna Needs You

By Vincent J. Olson Vienna Town Councilman

Complacent or apathetic - - please don't be, your town needs you. The recent Town Council election is an example of this need. Only 757 citizens voted out of 8,500 registered voters. Of course, we had only three candidates for three seats, so what did it matter whether or not I voted (apathy)? Or, the town's running fine, so why change anything (complacency)?

The point is that even though we had three good and honorable candidates, nobody had a choice, and to me that is a serious situation that bodes no good for the future of the town. Election campaigns are, or should be, a time for the generation and discussion of ideas.

Of course, it is not necessary that a person become a candidate for

Town Council to be involved. Take part in neighborhood activities, attend a Council meeting occasionally (first and third Mondays), volunteer your services as a member of one of the boards or commissions: Transportation Safety Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission or Architectural Review Board. There are openings on these bodies from time to time, and you may have just the talent or experience needed. Contact Town Hall and let us know of your interest.

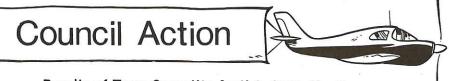


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Now, if you have stayed with me this far, you may be asking, why is

he trying to stir up competition when he'll be running himself next year? First, it is too early to say that anybody will or will not run. Second, but more important, as I said before, I think competition is a necessary ingredient in any election if we are to serve the town's best intersts.

So don't be complacent or apathetic. You can make a difference.



Results of Town Council's April 2, 1979, Meeting

* Lifted the moratorium on transitional zoning and reinstituted the transtional zone category with this new statement of purpose: "Screening between residential and commercial areas of the Town of Vienna is normally achieved by masonry walls as required by Section 172 of this Chapter. The purpose of the Transitional Zone is to provide a buffer between residential and commercial areas in limited cases in which Zone professional office uses will be permitted that are fully compatible with single family residential land use. Such uses must, in all cases, promote the appearance, peace, quiet and desirability of the adjacent residential areas. All buildings in the Transitional Zone shall conform in all material aspects of their external appearance to the dwellings in the adjacent residential zone, especially as to height, size, architecture, treatment and use of materials and landscaping."

Amended the section of the Town Code on limitation on depth of the transitional zone to provide that "this Section shall not be construed to confer upon any parcel of land so located within 200 feet of a C-1, C-1A, C-2 or CM zone, or upon the owner thereof, any special right to such land being reclassified to the T: Transitional category; it being intended that the 200 foot criterion shall be one of limitation and not of entitlement."

- * Denied the application as submitted by Jack Cooper to rezone 406 Pine St., Lot 1, from RS-16 to C-1. Voted to rezone the lot to the Transitional Zone category.
- * Approved the Windover Heights Historic District Ordinance.
- * Approved the request of Mr. Badreddin Plaseied for a waiver of escrow payment for the extension of Tapawingo Road and directed that his \$5,000 be returned, the intention being that this extension will not be made.
- * Adopted an ordinance raising the maximum income and net worth limits for tax exemption for low-income elderly and handicapped citizens.
- * Approved the request of the Director of Public Works to augment budget account 10110-270, Repairs and Maintenance, in the amount of \$25,000 from the contingency reserve fund.
- * Accepted the bid by Aero Chevrolet for three police squad cars at a cost not to exceed \$19,514.28 from revenue sharing funds in FY 1979-80.
- * Approved the request of Mr. Tom Collins for a waiver of curb, gutter and sidewalk in connection with the Robin Hill subdivision. As a condition of the waiver, the subdivider will be required to 1) place in escrow an amount of money equal to at least 110% of the estimated cost of installing the improvements and, if Council requests it, install these improvements within six months; 2) amend the plans to show the reconstitution of Beulah Road and the existing asphalt sidewalk as they currently exist and in their current width; and 3) provide a plan for abating storm drainage on that portion of Beulah Road acceptable to the Director of Public Works.

Results of Town Council's April 16, 1979, Meeting

- * Denied the request of Mr. and Mrs. George Bilidas to remove the "No Parking" signs on Lewis Street.
- * Approved the request of Mr. Jack S. Cooper for a site plan modification with respect to coverage and side yard requirements and including the elimination of the sidewalk on the west side of the property for the Cooper office complex.
- * Amended the town zoning code by removing all provisions for transitional parking.
- * Directed the Town Manager to express to the Virginia. Department of Highways and Transportation Council's desire to preserve the existing and potential highway crossings along the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority right-of-way at Ayr Hill Avenue, Church Street, Route 123, Locust Street, Park Street and the Mill Street stub of Center Street North.
- * Directed town officials to continue negotiations with affected property owners toward the earliest possible development of a binding contract to ensure completion of the Mill Street drainage project, and to make every effort to wrap the project up prior to the time the present contract price is withdrawn by the contractor. As soon as an agreement has been reached, the Mayor will call a special Council meeting to accept the bid.
- * Approved the sum of \$250 from the contingency reserve fund to assist the Virginia Municipal League in its action of intervening in behalf of the Town of Blacksburg in the law suit of Marcus H. Long, et al v. Blacksburg. Asked VML to give a periodic account of the progress of this suit and that of Cash v. Stanton.

* Approved a one-half page ad for the town in the VML magazine conference issue at a cost of \$210, to be paid from budgeted funds.

Results of Town Council's May 7, 1979, Meeting

- * Approved the requests by the residents of the 200 block of Tapawingc Rd., S.E., and the 100 block of Tapawingo Rd., S.W., for the installation of street lights.
- * Denied the request by Mr. and Mrs. Hylton Wilkerson to rezone the property at 120 Beulah Rd., N.E., from RS-16 to C-1A. Rezoned the property transitional on Council's own motion and accepted the proffers related to the rezoning of this property.
- * Directed the Planning Commission and the Transportation Safety Commission to undertake a study of the projected traffic at Pleasant and Maple. Pleasant and Church, the 301 complex and the general Windover area and present to the Council their recommendations and associated costs for any changes or improvements. Authorized the preparation of a circulation system for the 301 complex to help relieve traffic congestion on Pleasant Street. Authorized the Town Manager to provide necessary funding to obtain experiassistance if needed. While these studies are being made, the Director of Public Works is to install a "No Left Turn" sign coming out of the 301 complex onto Pleasant Street and a "No Right Turn" sign on the unfinished portion of Church Street as it enters Pleasant Street.
- * Accepted the low bid by Owens and Dove, Inc., for the Mill Street drainage project, at a cost of \$446,249.75 for the main project and an additional negotiated price to include the work necessary for the Vienna Fuel property.
- * Took no action on the item relative to a town policy pertaining to reimbursement for damage caused by blockages in town mains.
- * Approved payment of the sum of \$650 to the Christensen family in partial payment for damages suffered from a sewer backup last winter.
- * Authorized the quarterly transfer of funds as requested by the Town Manager and the Director of Finance.
- * Denied the requests by Dr. David W. Bath for a waiver of \$98.11 and the Wolftrap Motel for a waiver of \$211.65 in penalties for failure to file business licenses on time.

Beautification Efforts Appreciated

The Town Council and town staff thank the members of the Ayr Hill Garden Club and the Vienna Woman's Club for their generous contributions to the beautification of the lobby at Town Hall.

Many visitors have commented favorably on the plants and the small water-fall that were installed. "A spot of beauty improves the work atmosphere for our employees," Town Manager Brack Bentley said, "and it makes a visit to Town Hall more pleasant for our citizens."

Residents are invited to stop by Town Hall and see the new additions.

Share a Ride with Your Neighbors - - Join the Vienna Carpool System Save Money, Conserve Gas, Make Friends

Complete a carpool system participation card (available at Patrick Henry Library) and return it to Town Hall to be matched with other commuters. For more information, call the Town Planning Office at 938-8000, ext. 267.

Historic Vienna Conducts June Membership Drive

During the month of June, Historic Vienna, Inc., will be conducting a membership drive to encourage residents of Vienna and nearby communities to participate in the many activities of the organization.

A non-profit group dedicated to historic restoration and preservation, Historic Vienna is involved in a wide range of civic and historical projects of interest to persons of all ages. Some of Historic Vienna's recent and current activities include:

- * Restoring and operating the Freeman House Store and Museum on Church Street.
- * Establishing a reading room for members at the Freeman Store containing historical reference material.
- * Sponsoring craft demonstrations and displays. Recent demonstrations have included leatherwork, herb-craft and quilting. Recent displays have included a garden club Christmas exhibit, a railroad exhibit and, currently, a display of model historical buildings in the area constructed by students from Flint Hill School.
- * Organizing an archive of old photographs of local interest. Also being collected are old maps and documents and oral histories on tape.
- * Working with local civic groups and scout troops on projects of local historic interest.

You can take part in preserving Vienna's history and participate in these or related activities by becoming a member of Historic Vienna, Inc. For information and membership forms, contact Mary Lou Zimmer, membership chairman, 281-9583, or Mildred Monohan, president, 560-0069, or stop by Freeman House any Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. and talk with the "storekeeper" or tour guide about a membership.

Neighborhood Plant Clinics at Patrick Henry Library

Neighborhood Plant Clinics will continue at Patrick Henry Library each Saturday through June. Hours are $10\,a.m.$ to $2\,p.m.$

Trained volunteers from Vienna area garden clubs will be on hand to answer questions from the gardening public and diagnose plant problems.

June Calendar



4 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.) Registration begins for summer classes at the Community Center 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

6 - - Newspaper Pickup Day.

8 - - Jazz concert at the Community Center, 7:30-11 p.m. Admission \$4.50 in advance, \$5.50 at the door. Performers include Tim Eyerman & East Coast Offering, Etiquette, and Langley Jazz Lab.

9-17 -- Junior Tennis Tournament.

13 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town

14 -- Flag Day.

16 - - Friends of the Animals Bazaar at the Community Center.

17 - - Father's Day.

18 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.) Little League Carnival through June 30.

20 - - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.

21 - - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

23 -- Community Center dance students recital, 8 p.m. 26 -- Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.

27 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

29-July 1 - - "Godspell" at the Community Center, 8 p.m.

VYI Football Registration

Vienna Youth, Inc., football registration for players ages 7 through 16 will be held on Saturday, June 9, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Community Center. All players must bring their birth certificates and any football equipment still checked out from VYI, including jerseys.



Parks & Recreation Plans Summer Fun

The Department of Parks and Recreation has a funfilled summer planned for Vienna residents of all ages and interests. Here are some of the highlights:

Registration for the summer program of classes and activities begins June 4. Classes include art, pottery, summer theatre, crafts, clay sculpture, gymnastics, tumbling, tennis, herb gardening, disco dance, belly dance, yoga, teen betterment, summer fun for little ones, "Be a Clown" and scuba.

The Junior Tennis Tournament, June 9-17, is open to Northern Virginia residents. Categories are: 14 and under singles; 16 and under singles, doubles and mixed doubles; 18 and under singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fee is \$3 per person per category for singles and \$5 per doubles team per category.

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Summer Fun ... (continued from front page)

Vienna's annual Invitational Slo-Pitch Softball Tournament begins June 20 through July 4. Forty-eight teams will play a bracket, double elimination tournament. Games will be held at Southside Park and Fairfax County softball fields, including Wakefield and Nottoway Park. For further information, call John Wooden at 938-8000, ext. 210.

July 4 will be a day of fun, food and entertainment for the whole family. This annual event is held on the Vienna Elementary School grounds behind the Community Center beginning with a flea market, which will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entertainment featuring a variety of musical groups and food and drink will be provided from noon until dark preceding the fireworks. Games and races for young and old will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., highlighted by the increasingly popular greased pole climb.

Summer playgrounds, six weeks of fun in the parks, will begin June 25 and continue through August 10. Children ages 5 through 12 may register free of charge at Meadow Lane or Glyndon Park throughout the program, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of supervised activities is offered in an outdoor setting such as arts and crafts, sports, games and special events including puppet shows, bicycle rodeo, pet show, taco party and cookout. Periodic field trips to local areas of interest will also be part of this program.

The co-ed softball league is new this year and will act as the pilot for a new program designed to involve young mothers, housewives and girlfriends who are interested in participating in coed recreational activities. The league comprises 10 teams and will play Sunday afternoons beginning June 24 at Cunningham Park. Anyone interested in joining a team may contact the Department of Parks and Recreation. There must be five men and five women on the field at all times for a team to participate. The entry deadline is June 15 and the franchise fee is \$80, which pays for umpires for each game and trophies.

Movies for the family will be shown at Glyndon Park every Wednesday at dusk from June 27 through August 1 (canceled July 4). Free admission.

Men's summer basketball begins play at Madison High School June 18 through August 3, Monday through Friday starting at $6:30~p_{\bullet}m_{\bullet}$

Band concert schedule:

June 10 - Vienna Community Band at Minipark, 7 p.m.

June 17 - Vienna Community Band at Wolf Trap

July 4 - Kingsmen Band and Vienna Community Band on Community Center grounds, 12 noon

July 14 - Vienna Community Band at the Elipse

July 20 - Kingsmen Band at Minipark, 7 p.m.

July 22 - Vienna Community Band at Freeman House, 3p.m.

August 5 - Kingsmen Band at Minipark, 7 p.m.

August 26 - Vienna Community Band at Meadow Lane Park, 3 p.m.

September 16 - Vienna Community Band at Glyndon Park, 3 p.m.

Rain date for all Vienna Community Band concerts will be the following Monday at 7 p.m.

New Park Authority Trail Guide Available

A new edition of "Happy Trails," the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's guidebook to its 52-mile system of trails, is now available.

The publication provides information about the farflung trails system for people interested in hiking, biking, strolling, horseback riding or nature study. The lengths of the various trails, types of terrain, points of historic interest, and descriptions of plant and animal life are among the many subjects covered in the booklet. Photographs and a map of each trail are included, along with directions to each park and phone numbers to call for additional information.

"Happy Trails" is available for \$1 at each regional park and also may be obtained by mail for \$1.25 from the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, 11001 Popes Head Road, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

Virginia Day at Wolf Trap

Father's Day is "Virginia Day" at Wolf Trap Farm Park. Performing artists and organizations from across the Commonwealth will be there to salute the Old Dominion. Everyone is invited to spend the day sharing a something-for-all program.

Virginia Day, Wolf Trap's first state celebration, will get underway on June 17 at 10 a.m. with picnicking and activities including a horse show arranged by the Virginia Horse Council; an exhibit of antique and classic cars presented by Virginia members of the Antique Automobile Club and the Classic Car Club of America; clowns; and community and jazz combos from across the state. The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center Children's Theatre will present a special program in Wolf Trap's Children's Theatre -in-the-Woods at 11 a.m. and noon.

Governor John Dalton is scheduled to participate in the celebration along with other state and local officials, including Vienna Mayor Charles Robinson.

The afternoon program will include performances by the Richmond Symphony Orchestra and the Virginia Opera Association, as well as bluegrass, country and jazz groups. Also performing will be Kylene Barker, Miss America 1979, whose hometown is Galax, Virginia.

The Vienna Community Band under the direction of Geoffrey Seffens will also be performing at Wolf Trap for the distinguished Virginia Day audience.

As a special Father's Day tribute, dads will be admitted free to the afternoon performance in the Filene Center. There is no charge for the morning activities or for parking.

For further information on Virginia Day and ticket prices at Wolf Trap, call 938-3810.

Vienna Leads Area in Newspaper Recycling

Citizen interest in conserving natural resources has given Vienna the highest newspaper reclamation rate in Northern Virginia. Approximately 46% of the town's newspaper is collected each month for recycling. During April, almost 51 tons of newspaper were delivered to the recycling center, for which the town receive \$1,275.

Newspaper pickup dates this month are June 6 and 20. Residents are reminded that these special pickups are for *newspapers only*. Old magazines, telephone directories, etc. cannot be recycled.