### **Jitneybus...** (continued from front page)

Passengers may board and leave the bus at any point on the route, except along Maple Avenue where, because of safety considerations, the Jitneybus will stop only at existing Metrobus stops.

The Jitneybus System is a pilot project funded by Fairfax County and a grant from the Commonwealth of Virginia to provide a local alternative to the private automobile, to make available low-cost transportation for citizens without access to an auto, and to improve the environment through conservation of fuel and reduction of traffic.

LOOK FOR THE JITNEYBUS ROUTE MAP/TIME SCHEDULE
IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER.

# "Best Looking Business" Award Presented in Four Categories

Four Vienna businesses have been named winners in the "Best Looking Business" competition, sponsored by the Town government and the Vienna Chamber of Commerce as part of their ongoing beautification and anti-litter program in the town's commercial areas.

The winners in four categories of business are:

Service Stations - Vienna Mobil, 102 Maple Ave. W.

Office Buildings - Arlington-Fairfax Savings & Loan, 230 Maple Ave. E. Food Services - Bob's Big Boy, 315 Maple Ave. E.

Retail Businesses - Money & King Funeral Home, 171 Maple Ave. W.

"Clean & Green" awards were presented to these winners at the Chamber of Commerce quarterly dinner last month.

Judging was carried out by a committee of representatives from the Town government, the Chamber of Commerce and citizens. Businesses were rated in the areas of litter and weed control, painting and repairs, and landscaping. The winning businesses rated good or excellent in all areas, and the committee also named the following businesses for honorable mention in recognition of their beautification efforts:

Service Stations - Vienna Shell, 256 Maple Ave. E.

- Vienna Sunoco, 410 Maple Ave. E.

Office Buildings - Routh Robbins Real Estate, 465 Maple Ave. W.

- First Virginia Bank, 415 Maple Ave. W.
- Executive Office Building, 246 Maple Ave. E.
- Commonwealth Building, 226 Maple Ave. W.

Food Services - Jolly Ox, 215 Maple Ave. W.

- Roy Rogers, 411 Maple Ave. E.
- Vienna Inn, 120 Maple Ave. E.

Retail Businesses - Potpourri Flower Shoppe/Foxy Lady Apparel, 139/141 Church St. N.W.

- Vienna Theatre, 224 Maple Ave. E.
- Safeway, 225 Maple Ave. E.

Two more competitions will be held this year for the summer and fall quarters. Then at the end of the year, all quarterly winners will be judged for the award of "Best Looking Business for 1980."

# Town's Financial Report Wins Certificate of Conformance

The Town of Vienna has been awarded a Certificate of Conformance in Financial Reporting by the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (MFOA) for its Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 1979. The Certificate of Conformance is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a municipal government and its management.

Vienna is one of only 232 local jurisdictions in the entire country to be awarded the Certificate of Conformance, and only 12 other jurisdictions in Virginia have Certificates.

The Certificate of Conformance will be very valuable in upgrading the Town's present bond rating of A-1. Fairfax County, for example, which was rated A-1 prior to obtaining a Certificate, now has been upgraded to a AAA bond rating. Due to this change in rates, the County was able to sell its last bond issue in May 1980 at a rate of 1.43% under the national average. This computes to more than a \$5 million savings for the taxpayers of Fairfax County over the life of the bonds.

If the Town were to realize the same improvement in interest rates as the County, on a \$1 million bond issue for 15 years the Town would save in excess of \$115,000.

Town Hall will be closed Friday, July 4, for Independence Day.

There will be no trash pickup that day.

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### Jitneybus Inauguration



All town residents are invited to celebrate the inauguration of the Vienna-Oakton-Tysons Corner Jitneybus System. Opening ceremonies and festivities will be held on Saturday, August 2, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Minipark, corner of Maple Avenue and Center Street.

To introduce residents to the Jitneybus System, free 15-minute rides will be offered during the celebration. "Miss Jitneybus" will ride along to explain the system and answer questions. There will also be entertainment, special guests and some surprises to help kick off this long-awaited service.

Full Jitneybus service will begin just a few days after the celebration. The two 17-passenger Jitneybuses will run on Route 123 between Tysons Corner and Oakton, and within the town will carry passengers to the Community Center, library, Post Office, Town Hall, the commercial areas on Maple Avenue and Church Street, and many parks and schools.

The first Jitneybus will leave Tysons Corner each weekday at 6:15 a.m., followed half an hour later by the second bus. Service will continue throughout the day at half-hour intervals until 7:35 p.m. On Saturdays, operating hours will be 9:45 a.m. to 7:05 p.m. The Jitneybus will not operate on Sunday.

(continued inside)

# Council Adopts 1980-81 Budget; Water Rate Increase Proposed

The Town Council has adopted a \$6 million balanced budget for fiscal year 1980-81. The real estate tax rate will remain unchanged at  $31\phi$  per \$100 assessed valuation.

At the time of budget adoption, Council also set July 21 as the date for a public hearing on a proposed increase in water rates and readjustment of the sewer billing system. This hearing will be part of the regular Council meeting on July 21, which begins at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Proposed increases in water rates are: for in-town customers from 54 ¢ to 72 ¢ per 1,000 gallons, and for out-of-town customers from 72 ¢ to 88 ¢ per 1,000 gallons.

A change in the sewer billing system from a winter quarter basis to a total use basis is also proposed. The sewer rate of \$1.41 per 1,000 gallons would remain unchanged.

Vienna presently has the lowest water and sewer rates in the Washington metropolitan area, and the readjustments have been proposed to help make up the difference between the amount the Town collects from its customers and the substantially greater amount the Town must pay for sewage treatment.

### Comment from the Council Table:

### A Summer in the Parks

By Donald E. Upchurch Vienna Town Councilman

Looking at the calendar the other day, I was very surprised to see that we are already well into Summer 1980. This is the season of outdoor activity with vacations, family reunions and general sight-seeing.

The thought accurred that Vienna residents would appreciate knowing about the many opportunities for outdoor fun right here in Vienna through our Town park system and also nearby in County facilities.

#### Town Parks

The Town has two active parks, aside from the Community Center and its class programs and other activities. Glyndon Park, located at Glyndon Street and Ayrhill Avenue, Northeast, is a large, treeshaded park with the common facilities found in parks, such as picnicking, a shelter, playgrounds, a ball field and tennis courts. Meadow

Lane Park, at Meadow Lane and Courthouse Road, Southwest, is similarly equipped.

The County has two parks inside the Town boundaries. Cunningham Park adjacent to the Cunningham School on Park Street, Southeast, has several ball fields and large open areas. Peterson Lane Park, near Malcolm Road and Orchard Street, Northwest, has been recently enlarged to approximately five acres by purchase of land by the County. This park is in the process of being developed, but it is and has been open to the public as a one-acre facility for several years.



Donald E. Upchurch Vienna Town Councilman

Northside Park at the very end of Glyndon Street, Northeast, is our largest park, but is limited in facilities. It is worth a visit nonetheless because of its rolling terrain and beautiful trees. One will find here some of the largest and tallest trees in the area. This park was given to the Town by former Mayor Hine.

Town parks are open during daylight hours and until later in some cases where there are lighted facilities. Reservations for general use are not required, but for the use of ball fields, tennis courts and the like, it's best to phone the Parks Department (938-8000, ext. 277) first since some of these are used for scheduled classes.

The Town does experience incidents of vandalism in its parks.

\*egretfully, this problem is difficult to control. The cooperation of

Town citizens who observe and report such incidents is appreciated. Thankfully, most of our park users take proper care of the equipment and grounds that have been provided through their taxes.

#### Nearby County Parks

The closest County park is Nottoway just west of the intersection of Courthouse Road, Southwest, and Nutley Street. This 84-acre facility has numerous ball fields (baseball, softball, soccer, etc.) as well as trails, picnic tables and tennis courts. Here one will find the restored Hunter House, which is available for weddings, banquets and meetings. Reservations are required. Nottoway Park is a new park and a delight to visit.

The nearest public swimming pool is located in Lake Fairfax Park, at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. This is a very large park, some 470 acres, and includes also 200 campsites and many picnic tables and grills. From Vienna a direct route is north on Lawyers Road, then Hunter Mill Road, to near Route 7, then left on Route 606 for a short distance to the park entrance.

Burke Lake Park on Ox Road, Fairfax Station (south of the Courthouse on Route 123), has a lake of some 200 acres with opportunity for fishing, rowboat rental and private boat use. It also has a very large number of campsites for year-round use, and an 18-hole golf course.

Speaking of golf, Jefferson District Park and Golf Course (58 acres) just opened. It has a redesigned nine-hole course with club and cart rentals. There are also eight lighted tennis courts and picnic tables, among other things. This park is on Lee Highway, just east of the Capital Beltway, on the north side.

Young folk often wonder how a farm operates. Their curiosity can be satisfied by taking them to Frying Pan Park (2709 West Ox Road, Herndon), a model working farm of the 1920's era. Barns, animals, machinery and a blacksmith shop are here to enjoy and to take us back to a simpler life and to an example of the good old days. There is no admission fee to the park and farm.

One very popular park known to most area residents is the Bull Run Regional Park, south of Centreville. This is not a County park but is one of the facilities of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, composed of representatives from several of the local governments. Bull Run provides the other public swimming pool, many campsites, picnicking areas, and opportunities for hiking and exploring.

The County Park Authority provides a Hotline (941-5008) that gives updated park information 24 hours a day. I suggest that before planning to use the more popular facilities, such as golfing and camping, that you phone also the particular park directly. These numbers are in the phone book under Fairfax County Government.

#### Special Vacation Packages

The County Park Authority has a camping vacation package. Town and County residents may spend seven days at either Burke Lake or

Lake Fairfax Park for \$30. This includes a rowboat rental at Burke or a swimming pool admission at Lake Fairfax. This is a savings of \$29.

There is also a golfing package. This includes six rounds of golf at Jefferson in Falls Church or Burke Lake for \$25, weekdays only. This is a savings of \$8.

For boaters there is a third vacation package. This coupon, at \$11, is good for unlimited boat launching through November at Burke Lake, Lake Fairfax, Riverbend Park in Great Falls or at the two lakes in Springfield.

These vacation packages are available at the park sites. For more information, call Park Operations, 941-5000, ext. 224.

#### Special Vienna Events

Don't forget our July 4th celebration here in Vienna. Recognized as one of the very best events in the entire area, visitors come from far and wide. This is held all day on the Vienna Elementary School and Community Center grounds with the grand finale at dark of our fireworks display.

Music lovers will be glad to know of our band concerts for the summer. On July 4th, the Vienna Community Band as well as the Kingsmen will be at the Community Center.

We also have band concerts set for July 27 and July 30 in the Minipark in the evening.

I have touched only the highlights of the many things available in our Town and County parks. With a little inquiry, most everyone should be able to find something to match his interest. All of these facilities are publicly funded and operated and have been provided through your tax dollars. They are there for us to use, enjoy and preserve. Everyone have a good summer!

### Parking Regulations Adopted

At its June 16 meeting, the Town Council adopted an ordinance concerning parking regulations and penalties for parking violations. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

Among other regulations, the ordinance specifically prohibits parking in the street for the purpose of servicing or repairing a vehicle (only emergency repairs may be made), displaying a vehicle for sale or rent, or selling merchandise from a vehicle.

The ordinance also increases the fines for parking violations. Fines will now range from \$10 to \$25.

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the cost of local government
in Vienna.



# Second Session Registration

The Department of Parks and Recreation is taking registrations for the second session of its summer classes. Vacancies still exist in most classes.

Class brochures containing registration forms were mailed to town residents last month, and brochures are also available at Patrick Henry Library, Town Hall and the Community Center.

There are classes for everyone from pre-schoolers to senior citizens, so register now. Call the Community Center for more information, 938-8000, ext. 277.

### An Appeal to All Parents

The Vienna Police urge parents not to leave young children unattended in a closed-up car this summer. The temperature inside a closed car can climb to well over 100 degrees in a very short time. Many children have become ill, and a number have died, because of this intense heat.

Children left alone in a car may also endanger themselves and others by playing with equipment inside the vehicle. An accidentally released emergency brake, for example, could allow the car to roll out into traffic.

Help make this summer a safe one for your children.

## Parties Planned for Teens With Physical Handicaps

Teenagers with physical handicaps often feel left out or uncomfortable at parties and other social events attended by the non-handicapped. Parents of handicapped children aged 12 and older interested in providing them with an opportunity for social activities are invited to call Kay Hall at 281-3226.

Last year, Mrs. Hall organized monthly parties for Fairfax High School handicapped students in the Hunter House at Nottoway Park. The kids were able to talk, dance and play cards in a relaxed atmosphere.

Expressions of interest from parents are needed to help determine the size of facility required. Any service organization interested in sponsoring the group should also call Mrs. Hall.



### July Calendar

- 1 - Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 4 - Independence Day. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup. Fourth of July celebration on Vienna Elementary School grounds beginning at 11 a.m.
- 7 - 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.) Entry deadline for Adult Tennis Tournament.
- 9 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 11-13, 18-20 - Adult Tennis Tournament at Nottoway Park.
- 12 - Vienna Youth Soccer registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 16 - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 17 - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 18 - Teen concert at the Community Center, 8-11 p.m. Admission \$1.
- 21 - 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.)
- 23 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 27 - Kingsmen in concert at the Minipark, 7:00 p.m.
- 29 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall,
- 30 - Vienna Community Band in concert at the Minipark, 7:30 p.m.

The Latest Town News.... Vienna Newsline 938-4499



## Adult Tennis Tournament

July 7 is the entry deadline for the Adult Tennis Tournament sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Matches will be played at Nottoway Courts on Courthouse Road July 11-13 and 18-20.

Categories are: Men's & Women's Singles Men's & Women's Doubles

Mixed Doubles Men's & Women's 45 & Over Singles Men's & Women's 45 & Over Doubles 45 & Over Mixed Doubles

The entry fee is \$4 per person per category and \$7 per doubles team per category. Entry forms may be obtained at the Community Center.

### Vienna Little League Baseball School

Vienna Little League is sponsoring a baseball schoo! for youngsters aged 7 through 12 at Yeonas Little League Park August 4-9. Interested individuals may register by calling the Community Center at 938-8000, ext. 277. For more information, call Fred Crabtree at 938-1764 after 6 p.m.



11-6 Flea Market, Craft Booths & Refreshment Stands on Caffi Field

### Music

- 11:30 Voodoo Child (rock)
- 12:30 Whiskey River (bluegrass)
- 2:00 Kingsmen (big band sound)
- 3:45 Fantasy (country rock)
- 4:30 Sidewinder (rock)
- 5:15 Free and Easy (bluegrass)

# **Evening Program on Waters Field**

- 7:30 Vienna Community Band
- 9:15 Fireworks Extravaganza!

### Other Entertainment

- 10 2 U.S. Army helicopter on display
- 12 4 Clown on grounds
- 1 4 Games relays tug o' war
- 1 & 2:30 "Snakes Alive"
- 2:45 Magician
- 3:15 Juggler
- 4:30 George Gent Greased Pole Climb

Fourth of July Celebration Sponsored by Vienna Parks & Recreation



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