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Fellow Citizens of Vienna:

We residents of Vienna can take great pride in our Town's historic past, identifying ourselves with its proud heritage, as well as in its present development, which has enhanced that heritage. But we must also take pride in providing for the continued well-being of future generations -- our legacy to our children and grandchildren.

One of the long-range projects for general community betterment, which I would like to stress at this time, is Town Beautification. This is not a new idea. Various community-spirited groups and individuals over the past several years have worked on it. The Town government began a tree-planting project about two years ago and has been steadily expanding its park and recreation programs. This is the second summer that special water rates have been put into effect to encourage lawn sprinkling. An architectural review board has been provided for by a recent revision of the Town Charter. But the Beautification Program is one that every citizen of our community must participate in. As your Mayor, I urge each of you to work with us and give new impetus to a continuing program.

Another program that should never be allowed to lag is our Safety Program. Every adult who drives a car and every child who rides a bicycle should be constantly alert to the rules of pedestrian safety as well as the rules of the road. A Council-appointed Public Safety Committee makes periodic studies and recommendations, and a Bicycle Safety Program has been in effect for more than a year. Such programs are effective in direct proportion to community-wide participation. All of you are urged to drive carefully at all times along the Town streets, and to be especially watchful while our children are home on summer vacation.

Since it is important to know as much about the functioning of the Town government as possible in order to participate more fully in community projects, this NEWSLETTER contains information on the 1966-67 Budget, as well as other items of general interest, and the back page summary should be a useful guide to all citizens.

Sincerely,

James C. War tinelle games C. Martinelli MAYOR

1966-67 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The budget adopted by the Town Council for the new fiscal year, which began July 1, 1966, totals \$1,570,301.00, an increase of \$98,582 over that of last year. Though space limitations will not permit a complete analysis of the budget, the more significant items will be listed.

A new section has been set up in the budget in the area of park development and overall town beautification, with the aim of establishing a continuing long-range program. The work of this section will become more obvious from day to day.

The one department which has received the greatest increase is our Recreation Department. For the first time, the Town will be operating the new Community Center, as well as providing a year-round recreation program. The new program, with a budget of \$70,610.00, anticipates very extensive capital improvements, including new tennis courts, shelters, restrooms, paved play areas, and a considerable amount of playground equipment.

The current budget reflects a significant increase in the Department of Public Safety in order that Vienna may maintain its outstanding record of law enforcement and traffic safety. A major item in a Police Department budget is that of salaries, since the department is primarily a service agency. The salary structure of the Police Department was increased approximately 10% in order to be competitive with the salaries paid in neighboring jurisdictions. The position of investigator was authorized in order to allow the assignment of one patrolman full-time to investigation. A full-time clerk was also added to reduce the amount of clerical time required of police personnel. Other police personnel changes made include the elimination of the position of corporal, the elimination of the position of Deputy Chief of Police, and the promotion of each sergeant (shift commander) to the grade of lieutenant.

There have also been some decreases in the current budget. Under a recent agreement with Fairfax County, building and plumbing inspections are now being handled by the County, thus permitting the Town to discontinue the positions of Building and Plumbing Inspectors. (Applications for building and plumbing permits, however, are still to be filed with the office of the Director of Public Works in the Town Hall). We have been able to get the State to include our traffic signal modification and additions in the contract for the widening of Maple Avenue, a joint Federal-State-Town project, on which the Town will pay only 15%. Most of the new sidewalk construction anticipated will be included in street improvement projects, financed by General Fund bond funds; the remainder should be financed from funds contributed by Fairfax County under its sidewalk construction program.

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NEW REGULATION OF SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS

On July 1st, a new Town ordinance went into effect, requiring all door-to-door solicitors and canvassers, before doing business in the Town, to obtain a license from the Town Hall, and to wear a badge la-

belled "Licensed Solicitor" during the time they are working as such. This new licensing procedure is designed primarily to aid in protecting residents from the questionable, "fly-by-night" solicitors who periodically invade the area, but it will also act to the advantage of the legitimate solicitors who have built up a sound reputation over the years. Any citizen may request a solicitor who comes to his door to show his license, and may expect all licensed solicitors to be wearing the badge issued by the Town Clerk.

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BEAUTIFICATION - A PROJECT FOR THE WHOLE TOWN

Most of us take pride in the appearance of our own homes, and we prefer to have them located in an attractive, well-kept neighborhood. But the appearance of the whole community is a large contributing factor not only to our sense of pride in our own "home town", but also to the actual value of the individual properties located within the area.

The Town government is spearheading a practical program of community-wide beautification and wishes to enlist the aid of every resident and businessman in town. The Town Manager's office will be sending a SPECIAL BULLETIN on this project to everyone in town in the very near future, in order to get it under way as rapidly as possible.

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COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Recreation Director has begun setting up the fall and winter programs for the Community Center, and an INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE SCHOOLS early in September. The pre-school programs, roller skating, and teen dances will be continued, and fall courses are planned for both youth and adults in sewing, bridge, art, and dance instruction. A lecture series on timely or specialized subjects is being considered, and will be scheduled provided sufficient interest is shown and guest lecturers can be found. The Recreation Director would appreciate hearing from Vienna residents, expressing an interest in attending or volunteering to lecture on special topics. Other suggestions, on lecture subjects, scheduling, length and frequency, will also be welcome.

NOTE TO GROUPS WHO WISH TO SCHEDULE USE OF THE CENTER: In scheduling programs for the Center during the fall and winter months, the Recreation Director hopes to keep adequate time and space open for luncheons, meetings, and other activities of groups and clubs. Those interested in making reservations in the coming months should get in touch with the Community Center office and make their arrangements as far ahead as possible.

FOOTBALL for Grades 4 through 8: All boys in these school grades interested in football are invited to sign up at the Community Center Office by August 15th. If there is enough interest demonstrated during this registration period, teams will be formed according to age groups and a fall schedule arranged. DON'T WAIT... REGISTER NOW!