Jitneybus (continued from front page)

citizen support for a jitneybus system in the Vienna area, and service began in August 1980, with two buses running between Tysons Corner and the Jermantown Road/Route 123 intersection six days a week.

Ridership figures during the first year of operation were disappointing, and in July 1981 the County transportation staff reccommended discontinuation of Jitneybus service.

However, Centreville District Supervisor Martha Pennino and Town officials persuaded the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to grant the Jitneybus a six- month extension to determine whether changes in the system requested by the public would increase ridership.

Working together, Town and County officials revised the Jitneybus route in an effort to tap new areas of potential riders and provide more convenient service. A discounted fare for senior citizens was also introduced.

Despite these changes, ridership has not improved, and the decision was made to terminate the service.

Supervisor Pennino announced the decision to the Town Council at its February 22 meeting, noting that to some citizens the loss of the Jitney-bus would be a real hardship. Unfortunately, she said, the County just cannot afford it any longer. In expressing her disappointment at the failure of the project, Supervisor Pennino concluded that apparently the community is just not committed to local public transportation at this time.

Senior Volunteer Services

Seniors in Action (SIA) is a new service that responds to requests for volunteers over the age of 55. Since its inception in mid-September 1981, SIA has placed some 50 senior volunteers in various assignments in community organizations.

The volunteer clearing house and center, located at the Sleepy Hollow United Methodist Church, 3330 Holloman Road in Falls Church, is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to placing volunteers in community organizations throughout the area, volunteers now work at the center on projects to benefit Fairfax Hospital, Head Start, the Cancer Society and the Heart Fund.

SIA is administered by an all-volunteer staff and operates in cooperation with the Voluntary Action Center of the Fairfax County Area, which now refers seniors to SIA for placement. SIA assists with transportation, if necessary, so that all available volunteers can participate.

For more information about Seniors in Action, call 241-2918.

Heart Association Offering CPR Courses

The Heart Association is now offering cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) courses through Northern Virginia Community College. Classes are scheduled on a regular basis and there is no waiting list. For information on schedules, contact the Heart Association at 941-8500.

Jayteens to Sponsor St. Patrick's Day Sock Hop

The Vienna Jayteens will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day sock hop for third to sixth graders on Sunday, March 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. There will be refreshments, prizes and dancing to all the latest hit records. Admission is \$1 per child. Proceeds will go to benefit the American Heart Association.

March Calendar



- 1 Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Meeting will include a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to restrict parking of commercial vehicles in residential zones. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for update on agenda items.)
- 2 Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 5-7 Antiques Show & Sale at the Community Center, noon-10 p.m. Friday, noon-8 p.m. Saturday, noon-6 p.m. Sunday,
- 9 Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 10 Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY.
- 13 Vienna Woman's Club Health Fair at the Community Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 15 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.)
 17 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
 St. Patrick's Day.
- 18 Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- "Spring Has Sprung" nature program at the Community Center, 7:30-9 p.m. Conducted by Fairfax County Park Authority.
- 19 Hang Glide Ground School, 6 p.m. at the Community Center, followed by weekend flying all day March 20 (rain date March 21).
- 20 Kite Workshop for ages 6-12 at the Community Center, 1-3 p.m. or 3-5 p.m.
- 21 Kite Fly for all ages at Wolftrap Farm Park, 2 p.m. (rain date March 28).
- 23 Lawn & Garden Seminar for the Homeowner, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 24 Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY.
- 27-28 Photography Show at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, noon-4 p.m. Sunday.
- 28 "Signs of Spring" nature hike on the W&OD Trail, 1 p.m. For information, call the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, 278-8880.
- 30 Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

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Jitney to Be Discontinued; Last Day of Service March 6

After a year and a half in operation, the Vienna-Oakton-Tysons Corner Jitneybus system has failed to meet the three criteria considered essential for its success and will be discontinued. The last day of service will be Saturday, March 6.

Fairfax County transportation officials set the minimum performance criteria at 10 passengers per trip, a per passenger subsidy of \$2.04, and a 20.8% cost recovery from fares. Recently, each trip has averaged approximately 6 passengers at a subsidy of \$3.58 per rider, with a 10.5% cost recovery.

The results of an opinion survey conducted in spring 1979 indicated

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GET OUT FOR VIENNA



Walkathon Goal Is \$50,000 For Local Needs

The Vienna Jaycees thank all of the students who participated in their "Get Out for Vienna" essay contest. The contest generated much interest among local schools in the "Get Out for Vienna" walk-a-thon scheduled for April 25.

The Jaycees hope to raise \$50,000 from the walk-a-thon for needs in the Vienna community.

A number of local merchants have responded to the Jaycees' request for donations of money and prizes to help promote the walk-a-thon. Businesses that wish to support this project may contact Chairman Bob Mennona at 527-2245 for information.

Complete information on "Get Out for Vienna" day will appear in the April Newsletter.

Car Tags Go on Sale March 15

Town of Vienna vehicle licenses will go on sale March 15. Fees are \$20 for vehicles weighing 4,000 pounds and over, \$15 for vehicles less than 4,000 pounds and \$8 for motorcycles.

Tags may be purchased by mail or in person at Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Vehicle owners may choose either a metal plate, plastic bumper strip or windshield decal.

The new tags must be displayed by midnight April 15. For more information, call the Finance Department at 938-8000, ext. 221.

Financial Report Available

The Town of Vienna has published its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 1981. Copies of the report, which summarizes the Town's financial operations and highlights of last fiscal year, are available for public inspection in the Finance Department at Town Hall.

According to the report, revenue for general governmental functions in FY 1981 increased 15.16% over the previous year, while expenditures decreased by 2.73% due to the deferral of capital spending in an effort to hold back on all but essential purchases and maintenance.

The General Fund ended the year with a net amount of \$127,361 in the contingency reserve, all of which has been reappropriated for expenditures in the 1982 budget.

"Although the posture of the General Fund at June 30, 1981, was sound," the report states, "the present economic conditions of rising costs and lack of adequate revenues to provide essential services are evident as an impact on future budgets."

The Town's Water and Sewer Fund continued to show operating losses in 1981 as in previous years, in spite of rate increases, due mainly to rising wholesale water and sewage treatment costs. A close watch is being maintained to determine if the last rate increase will bring this fund out of the red during the 1982 fiscal year.

The 1981 Financial Report has been submitted to the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada to determine its eligibility for a Certificate of Conformance in Financial Reporting. The Town has received certificates for its last two financial reports, the highest form of recognition for governmental financial reporting.

Merchant Comments Requested On Branch/Beulah/Maple Study

The Transportation Safety Commission has begun a study of the traffic situation in the Branch Road/Beulah Road/Maple Avenue area.

The study, requested by the Town Council, is to include the possibility of realigning the existing traffic lights or the installation of additional lights to provide a complete intersection. The study is to be completed and a report made to Council by May 1.

The Transportation Safety Commission is soliciting comments on the study from merchants in the Branch Road/Beulah Road/Maple Avenue area. This item will be discussed at the Commission's March 30 meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. in Town Hall. Those who cannot attend the meeting may send written comments to Gerald W. Miller, Chairman, Transportation Safety Commission, 127 Center St., S. Vienna, Va. 22180.

Council Action

Results of Town Council's January 25, 1982, Meeting

- Advised the Fairfax County Board of the Town's opposition to increasing the height restrictions of the Tycon development application to 20 stories.
- * Supported the compromise Metrobus schedule worked out between the Town and County whereby six 5X buses would leave Tysons Corner daily, three of which would terminate at the Ballston Metrorail Station and three would continue on to the Pentagon.

- * Adopted a resolution urging the Virginia General Assembly to strengthen laws against drunk driving.
- * Denied the application by Maple Avenue West Associates to rezone the property behind the Marco Polo Restaurant (Lots 19-28, Windover Heights) from RS-16 to C-1A. Voted to rezone the property to RS-10.
- * Approved the lease agreement between the Town and Historic Vienna, Inc. for use of the Freeman House,
- * Directed that the delinquent real estate tax list submitted by the Director of Finance be published one time in a newspaper of general circulation in the town and transmitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court to be posted and entered in the Town of Vienna Delinquent Tax Book according to law. A list of real estate taxes that have been delinquent for three years will be transmitted to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for liens to be recorded against those properties.
- * Accepted a bid submitted by JKJ Chevrolet in the amount of \$7,600 for a cab and chassis truck.

Results of Town Council's February 1, 1982, Meeting

- * Approved the transfers of funds within the Town budget as recommended by the Director of Finance.
- * Took no action on a Transportation Safety Commission recommendation concerning once-a-year automobile inspections.



Scouts to Sponsor Bloodmobile

Senior Girl Scout Troop #1120 of Vienna-Oakton will sponsor an American Red Cross Bloodmobile at Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 Maple Avenue, East from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

To donate, you must be between the ages of 17 and 65, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. The entire donation process normally takes 30 to 45 minutes. Babysitting will be provided for donors with young children. Homemade baked goods will be served at the canteen.

Your donation may be credited to your business, church, etc. if desired. To schedule an appointment, call 830-8437. For more information, call 281-3961 or 560-7612.

Troop 1120's blood drive will highlight the 70th anniversary of Girl Scout Week. These scouts also conduct regular newspaper drives and have collected over 1.000 tons of paper in the past five years.

Annual Photography Contest

Vienna Parks and Recreation will hold its annual amateur photography contest at the Community Center the weekend of March 27 and 28. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

There will be a black and white and a color division. The categories in each division are nature, architecture, scenic, motion, informal portraits, children, animals, artistic and an open category. Entries will be judged by local professional photographers and ribbons awarded to the winners. Entries are limited to six per person and no more than two in any category.

The entry fee is \$4 per person.

Minimum photo size is 5" x 5". Photos must be mounted and ready for

hanging and must be labeled on the back with name, address, phone number and category.

Entries will be accepted from 5 to 8 p.m. March 25 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 26. Entry forms are available at the Community Center. For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 938-8000, ext. 277.

Woman's Club Health Fair

The 7th Annual Free Health Fair sponsored by the Vienna Woman's Club will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free screening tests and an optional blood test to detect disease and abnormalities will be available for persons 18 and older.

Screening tests will be offered for oral cancer, glaucoma, vision, hearing, blood pressure and anemia, and medical counseling will be available. No appointment is necessary. Participants will receive test results by mail.

There will be an optional blood test available for \$9.50 that covers diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, gout, cholesterol, iron, thyroid, syphilis and others. A four-hour fast is necessary for this blood test.

Freeman House Reopens March 7

Vienna's historic Freeman House will reopen on Sunday, March 7, after being closed for the winter. The Freeman House, operated by Historic Vienna, Inc. is located at the corner of Church and Mill Streets, N.E.

The Freeman Store will be open from 1 to 5 p.m., featuring handicrafts, teas, wooden toys, candy and other old-fashioned general store items. Members of Historic Vienna will conduct tours of the house and answer questions about the town's history.

