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A PAT ON THE BACK--WITH RESERVATIONS

The Town has been considering an all-out Clean-Up Campaign similar to one we had two years ago. A survey of Vienna's needs however, showed remarkably little cause for a massive effort of this kind. Fortunately we have no really blighted areas, car graveyards or the like.

Driving through residential areas, in fact, showed the pride with which homeowners keep lawns mowed, shrubs trimmed and sidewalks clean.

A few areas in the process of transition are unkempt, a few vacant houses are shabby, but in general the Town gets high marks.

Our main problem is the nearly universal habit of littering. If every resident were as careful of his trash in commercial areas as he is at home, we could indeed be complacent.

We spend a great deal of money for beautification, let's not spoil it by littering.

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Fellow Citizens of Vienna:

Summer is almost over. Already the days have shortened perceptively and the nights are cooler. We begin to think of the reopening of school, resuming club activities which have been suspended for the summer, and rushing to take that delayed vacation.

Thinking back over the summer, weather seems to have been our main problem in the Town. First, drought conditions brought on water restrictions and then heavy rains corrected this, but brought new inconveniences by flooding some roads, yards and basements.

Looking forward to next summer, our water shortages should not reoccur. Since, with the press of tremendous growth. Vienna has had to rely on Falls Church for a great deal of its water, we are dependent upon conditions there. Next year, Falls Church will have completed its new five million gallon storage tank which should amply supply us during dry periods.

Actually, compared to many areas, flooding in Vienna was at a minimun even during the heaviest rains. The Public Works Department has been correcting drainage problems, and will continue to do so until at least most of the trouble is corrected.

I hone that everyone will enjoy the last weeks of summer, and look forward to a busy and productive Fall.

Mayor



#### BOON TO AREA CAMPERS

As a convenience to Vienna area camping enthusiasts, the Town has provided a sanitary dumping facility on Creek Crossing Road. This is located past the bridge on the right as you leave Town, adjacent to the pumping station.

Mention was made of the new facility in camping journals, and the Town has received many letters and calls of appreciation from area campers.

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#### NOT A GALLOWS

The framework on Maple Avenue as you enter Town, in front of the Westbriar subdivision has been the subject of some speculation. "Who are they hanging?" being a favorite question. In spite of its proximity to Gallows Road, where once stood the area's famed "Hangman's Tree", a more prosaic use will be made of the structure.

This frame will be used as a base for hanging civic club signs for organizations such as Rotary, Lions Club, Civitan and Optimists. It is a project initiated by the Jaycees, who plan to place signs at each entrance to Town. The sign at the East end of Maple Avenue is expected to be completed this month, according to Jaycee President Dale DeVaughn.

# CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Vienna Babe Ruth National Division All-Stars who won the State Championship recently and are now battling in out-of-state matches for the regional title.

#### THANKS

The Vienna Woman's Club wishes to express its thanks on behalf of the boys in Vietnam, for the excellent cooperation it received in the club's drive to collect paperback books to ship overseas.

## PROGRESS REPORT

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#### WAILERS

No doubt everyone has heard the new police sirens. These "Wailers" may not be an unmixed blessing, but they are heard. In this age of closed up airconditioned cars with radios blaring, this type of siren is a must.

# FOOTBALL

The official weigh-in for Youth Football teams will take place on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Community Center. Teams are determined by age & weight.

# SWEARING-IN

Vienna's new Councilman, Neil Walp and two re-elected Councilmen, L. Dean Wallace and Joseph Spriggs will be officially sworn into office on Monday, August 25 at 7:45 p.m.

This is a public ceremony and everyone is invited to attend.

# PLASTIC BAGS

A reminder that plastic trash bags are available at Town Hall for your convenience at a substantial savings.

## A REMINDER ON AN UNPLEASANT SUBJECT

(Mr. Louis Winstead of the Town Staff recently attended a Civil Defense Conference. Here are the suggestions he brought back for Vienna homeowners.)

In the event of all all-out nuclear attack on this country, it is believed that the area of total destruction would cover only a very small part of our total land mass. Millions outside this area could be saved, if protected from fallout.

All homes with basements have some built-in protection against fallout. Preparedness is the key word here. You can build a basement shelter with materials costing less than \$200. The shelter should be placed against a basement wall that is underground. Plans are available through the Office of Civil Defense.

Shelters can, of course, be built outside, underground or against the side of a building. If there is time after the warning, some protection could be obtained from an improvised shelter. A heavy work bench with heavy material piled around and on top would help. Outside, heavy boards or doors could be placed against a wall and covered with dirt to give some protection.

Prepared shelters should be stocked with water and food to last two weeks. Emphasis should be placed on foods requiring little or no cooking. An emergency kit and battery radio should also be available.

And let's hope and pray none of them are ever used:

# A REQUEST FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Presidents or secretaries of service and social organizations in Vienna are requested to send in the names of their new officers for the year, as well as their addresses and phone numbers, to the Town Clerk's Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., Vienna.

Since clubs elect their officers at different times of the year, it is difficult to keep the Town's list up to date. The information is valuable in answering requests from new citizens interested in joining local organizations.

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