



TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER



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TOWN ELECTIONS MAY 4

Tuesday, May 4 is election day in Vienna. All voting takes place in the rear of the Town Hall at 127 Center Street S. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Three Council seats will be voted on and all three incumbents are running for re-election. They are: Robert J. Skahan, Neil M. Walp and L. Dean Wallace.

The three challengers who will appear on the ballot are: Martin J. Coyne, Jr., Raymond E. Hicks and Mrs. Martha Pruett.

Candidates in Town elections do not run on party platforms, nor do Councilmen represent individual districts.

Voters who are registered in the County are also registered in the Town.

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MAY COUNCIL DATES SHIFTED

Due to elections, Council meeting dates in May have been changed to Monday, May 10 and Monday, May 24 instead of the usual first and third Mondays of the month. Don't forget to mark your calendars.

Dear Friends,

There are several matters of public concern about which I would like to speak in my letter this month. Most of them are covered elsewhere in the Newsletter.

I feel compelled however, to strongly emphasize one subject which has been of great concern to us. Sooner or later someone in Vienna will be seriously injured, perhaps killed, because a stop sign which the Town installed was stolen.

The stealing of stop signs in Vienna is becoming a crisis. Though some of these signs undoubtedly are being stolen by young people from out of Town, some of this vandalism must be laid at our own door.

Certainly these youngsters are not aware of the seriousness of what they are doing. We, as parents, have a responsibility in the matter, however, and must face up to it. Another incidence of vandalism at Southside Park is mentioned elsewhere in the Newsletter.

As parents, we must get across to our children the difference between mischievous fun and wanton and dangerous vandalism.

Sincerely,
Joseph R. Spriggs
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Mayor



PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, May 24 at 8:30 p.m. in the Council Room at Town Hall, a public hearing will be held on a proposed amendment to the Town Ordinance relating to Minute Car Wash Stations. The amendment would require stations to have room for 30 cars instead of the present 25.

EVENTS IN MAY

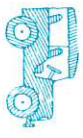


May 17 - Rescheduled date for a joint hearing of Council and the Planning Commission on the application of W. G. Enterprision for the rezoning of 2.243 acres on Windover Heights from RS-16 to RS-12.5.

AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

May 4 - A six weeks beading class begins, 10 a.m. to noon, \$11.
May 15 & 16 - Art Show sponsored by the Vienna Society of Artists.
May 21 - Flower Show, Five Hills Garden Club.
May 22 & 23 - Coin Show

HIGHWAY SAFETY WEEK



The week of May 10th is Highway Safety Week. The student body of Madison High School and the Vienna Highway Safety Commission are sponsoring various programs during the week and residents are asked to take particular care in driving. Literature will be distributed at various points in the Town.

- TUESDAY, MAY 4
Town Elections at Town Hall
Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations
- SUNDAY, MAY 9
Mother's Day
- MONDAY, MAY 10
Council Meeting
- TUESDAY, MAY 11
Mayor's Advisory Committee
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 12
Planning Commission
- MONDAY, MAY 17
Joint Public Hearing of Council & Planning Comm.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 19
Board of Zoning Appeals
- THURSDAY, MAY 20
Architectural Review Board
- MONDAY, MAY 24
Council Meeting
Public Hearing
- TUESDAY, MAY 25
Highway Safety Commission
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 26
Planning Commission
- MONDAY, MAY 31
Memorial Day Holiday

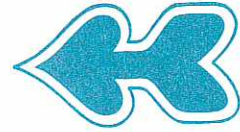
All meetings are held at 8 p.m. at the Town Hall unless otherwise specified.



Mayor & Council
Town of Vienna,
Virginia

TOWN ELECTIONS - MAY 4

TOWN COUNCIL BANS MINIBIKES
AND OTHER MOTORIZED VEHICLES
FROM TRAILS AT NORTHSIDE PARK



Minibikes will no longer be allowed to use previously authorized trails at Northside Park. Small motor bikes as well as potentially licensable vehicles such as motor cycles and cars are included in the ban unanimously agreed to by the Vienna Town Council at its last meeting.

This decision by the Council prohibits the use of small motor bikes on public property in the Town. State law already prohibits their use on public streets and sidewalks. Licensable vehicles are restricted to use on streets and public roads designated for automotive traffic.

Council's decision came as a result of a public hearing on April 12, attended by a majority of residents of homes abutting the park, who protested the abuse of the trails by motorcycles, dune buggies and even cars. Residents complained that riders trespassed on private property, ruined lawns and menaced young children. They also said that the use of the park by motorized vehicles, prevented its use for other purposes such as picnicing, hiking and biking, and was incompatible with the plans for further development of the park.

Some parents of minibike riders, and a few young owners, spoke at the Council meeting, requesting a solution to the problem of where these vehicles could be ridden. One citizen suggested that a group of concerned parents might be organized to plan and supervise motor bike activities.

Council approved of this suggestion, and stated that it would not be averse to lending its support to motor bike activity at some other place, if a citizen organization similar to the Little League or Pigtail-Ponytail League were formed to assume the responsibility of supervising the sport.

The Council also expressed regret that the thoughtless acts of some young, as well as several older riders, made it necessary to take the privilege of using the park away from those who complied with all of the regulations connected with minibike riding.



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PROGRESS REPORT



CLEAN-UP WEEK RESULTS

As the number of truckloads of trash removed during Clean-Up Week are tallied up, one has the impression that Vienna must surely be the cleanest Town in the State right now. Public works crews picked up 200 truckloads of trash for a record year.

The oversight which caused Clean-Up Week to coincide with Easter was unfortunate in that

Easter visitors were treated to a view of trash-lined streets. Since Easter is a moveable feast and Clean-Up week is regularly scheduled, the difficulty is understandable, but we will try to see that it does not happen again.

APPOINTED

Duane J. Ring has been appointed to the Vienna Planning Commission. Before coming to Vienna, Mr. Ring served for 4 1/2 years as a Councilman, and for 1 1/2 years as a member of the City Planning Commission in Tustin, California.



TOWN CRIER

THEATRE EXIT
ONLY ON PARK

Everyone has no doubt noticed the new signs on the Theatre parking lot. Entrance only signs are posted on Maple Avenue. All cars must exit on Park Street. Patrons must be discharged on the parking lot and not in front of the theatre. This should clear up some of the congestion at that point.

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WALK FOR MANKIND



Mayor Spriggs and some members of the Town Council will be joining young people from all of the local high schools and intermediate schools in the "Walk For Mankind" to aid medical facilities in under-developed areas.

The Walk will take place on May 2 with activities coordinated by the Jaycees. Each walker obtains sponsors who pledge to pay so much per mile.

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PRIVACY INVADED?



Occasionally residents are approached by people who request them to answer questionnaires, supposedly from the Town. These questionnaires are not requested by the Town unless they are to be mailed to the Town Hall address.

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FILENE CENTER BENEFIT

On May 12 the New York Philharmonic will present a concert at Constitution Hall to raise funds for repairing the fire damage at the Filene Center.



VANDALISM

Vienna citizens will have a \$500 bill to pay because of vandalism to lights at Southside Park. 70 out of 80 playing field lights were shot out over the winter and will have to be replaced at \$7 apiece.

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RECYCLING



The Vienna Environmental Council is sponsoring a recycling collection center at the Gem Parking Lot at Tysons Corner every weekend beginning May 8. Acceptable items are whole glass containers rinsed out with lids removed. Aluminum articles -- foil, frozen dinner or other containers, and lawn furniture. Aluminum cans-- not tin -- can also be used. You can identify aluminum cans by the fact that they are seamless, have no ridge at the bottom and feel lighter.

The group is also seeking volunteers to help repair vandalism to Cunningham Park. Call Mrs. Karracker 938-6950

A newspaper dumpster will be placed behind the firehouse April 30 thru May 3 and one will also be available at the Gem Parking Lot where you may place your glass and aluminum.

This is a real challenge to those who talk about doing something about the ecology -- let's stand up and be counted by doing something at last!



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BUSY SCHOLARS

Mayor Spriggs has proclaimed May 7 to 14 Madison Band Week. The band is requesting help in purchasing new uniforms. Checks should be made out to - Madison Band Parents Club, c/o Mr. Philip Grades, 905 Cottage St.

May 15 is the date for the Benefit Concert for the Madrigals at Madison to aid their European tour.