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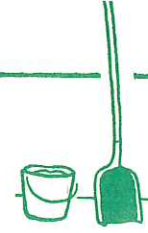
WATER AND SEWER RATES TO INCREASE

An increase in the Town's Water and sewer rates for the next quarter is a virtual certainty. Under Council consideration at the present time is the amount of additional revenue necessary. A Public Hearing will be set for sometime in the next few weeks.

The Town Manager advised the Council of the need for the increase due to a \$62,000 annual assessment by the D. C. Department of Environmental Services for the cost of treating sewage presently dumped raw into the Potomac at the controversial Georgetown Gap. The cost of sewage treatment at the Blue Plains plant which receives our northside flow and the Fairfax County system which takes care of the southside, has gone up significantly as a result of higher standards set by EPA and the Virginia Water Control Board.

Falls Church, which supplies much of our water has also increased its charges. This combination of circumstances has made it imperative for the Town to increase its water and sewer rates which have remained at the present level for approximately 10 years.

Property taxes are expected to remain at the same level during the next fiscal year, but there is a good chance you may pay more for Town auto tags. A jump from \$10 to \$15 is contemplated.



CLEAN-UP WEEK APRIL 10-15

What is it that the more you throw away, the more you accumulate? The answer according to our Department of Public Works has got to be....TRASH!

Clean-Up Week is upon us again, and considering the record number of loads picked up by our crews during Fall Clean-Up it would seem that no one should have any junk left. There is little doubt, however, that trash crews will be in for their semi-annual surprise!

For the benefit of new residents, Spring and Fall Clean-Up Weeks are the time when 'anything goes', and pick-ups include anything you want to throw away. Simply place items at the curb.

Residents are asked to be a little patient if it looks like we're not going to get to you. No house will be forgotten.



UMPIRES NEEDED



The Little League needs volunteer umpires for the 1972 season which starts April 29 and ends the first week of July. Training classes will be held at 7:30 p.m. March 27, April 4 and April 10 at the Community Center. Call Jerry Robarge 938-7360.



PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, April 10, Council will hold a Public Hearing on the Land Use section of the Vienna Comprehensive Plan. Hearing will take place at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

POP FESTIVAL

Teens will enjoy a Pop Festival at the Community Center on Saturday, April 15.



The day will begin with an Arts and Crafts show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any young person may bring in his effort in the Arts and Crafts field and entries will be judged.

From 5-11 p.m. various groups will perform everything from folk music and bands to poetry readings.

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TURN IN A VANDAL
PROTECT PUBLIC PROPERTY
CALL YOUR LOCAL POLICE
938-4900

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EVENTS IN APRIL

Saturday, April 1
Last day to register for Town elections.

Sunday, April 2
Easter

Monday, April 3
Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 4
Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

Tuesday, April 11
Mayor's Advisory Committee

Wednesday, April 12
Planning Commission

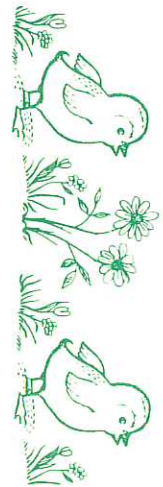
Monday, April 17
Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 19
Board of Zoning Appeals

Thursday, April 20
Architural Review Board

Wednesday, April 26
Planning Commission

Saturday, April 29
Opening Day for Little League



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Virginia

BULK RATE PAID
Permit No. 36
Vienna, Va.

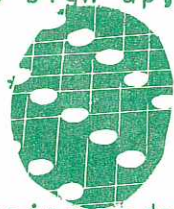




Wolftrap Farm Park is accepting applications for volunteer ushers for the summer program at the Filene Center. Applicants must be at least 16.

This is a great opportunity for you to get involved in community life and chance for music lovers to hear the great artists who will perform at the center. Last year several married couples volunteered making it a joint effort and pleasure. For information, or to sign up, call Betty Dineen 938-3810

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AUSTRIAN VOLKSOPER

Plans are already being made to welcome the Vienna (Austria) Volksoper which will sing at the Filene Center this summer. Vienna (Va.) will play host to the group from our "big sister" city. The Mayor of Vienna, Austria has been invited to attend the production and part of the welcome the Town is planning is a gigantic barbecue.

Any families who wish to host one or two of the group for the duration of their stay, may notify the Public Information Officer at Town Hall.

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SOLICITORS AND CANVASSERS

Unless they are selling their own produce (eggs, wood), door to door salesmen must wear a badge from the Town of Vienna showing that they are licensed. The badge must be displayed on their outer clothing and be large enough to read at 10 feet. This law protects residents from bogus salemen who canvas our area from time to time. Some claim to represent reputable companies and ask for payment in advance for future deliveries which may never be made. While charities are exempt, any soliciter for charitable causes should be carefully checked.



LOOK FOR.....

...A four way stop at Church and Park Streets, authorized because of the accident history at that intersection.

...The widening of the bridge on Creek Crossing Road this summer.

...The installation of a traffic light at Nutley and Courthouse probably toward the end of the summer. Also one at Maple Avenue & Follin Lane.

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POLICE ASSOCIATION

The Vienna Policemen's Association will sponsor a one day circus on April 19 on the playing fields between Vienna Elementary School and the Community Center. The Royal Wild West Circus will feature elephants and other wild animals.

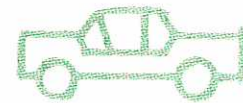
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WALK FOR MANKIND

Project Concern's Greater Vienna Walk for Mankind, sponsored by the Jaycees will take place on Sunday, April 30, Starting time will be from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Community Center.

Those who can't walk are invited to be sponsors for walkers. Sponsors agree to pay a walker anywhere from 25¢ to \$1 or more for every mile they walk. Part of the proceeds go to local charities, part to support medical centers for the poor in depressed areas. For information or registration call Ed Horan at 938-2707.

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HOW ARE YOUR DRIVING HABITS?

The recent fatality on the eastern end of Maple Avenue has caused the Town to be deluged with complaints from citizens regarding the driving habits of our community. Users of many streets, particularly East Street have pointed out the impossibility of turning left at any intersection not controlled by lights.

Recent radar surveys have indicated that drivers are ignoring speed limits within the Town and failure to yield the right of way continues to be the greatest cause of in-Town accidents. This problem of careless driving on the part of Vienna area residents has caused Council to give consideration to launching an education program urging every resident to review his driving habits with the hope of correcting some of our present ills.

While recognizing that Vienna is made up of a commuter population and that the grueling ordeal of fighting commuter traffic is putting a strain on the emotions of even the most patient driver, the Council deplores the fact that the average driver appears to have little regard for anyone else on the road including the hapless pedestrian trying to cross the street.

Mayor Spriggs appeals to all citizens to recognize the fact that the man trying to turn into a side street, or the woman or child trying to cross the road is probably a friend or neighbor, or at least a fellow citizen of the community with a right to be treated with courtesy.

In an effort to control speeding the Town has purchased a second radar unit and the Town Manager has authorized overtime payments to provide extra manpower on the streets. More and more citizens are demanding traffic lights at intersections. Two additional lights will be installed this summer at an estimated total cost of \$30,000.

Rather than filling our court with traffic cases, increasing the already large fines or having a traffic light at every intersection in Town, Council would prefer that residents change their driving habits out of concern and responsibility for the rights of their fellow men.

"Letting another fellow into line ahead of us, or pausing to wave a pedestrian through, doesn't take a lot of time," said Mayor Spriggs, "and it would make driving or walking through Town a pleasure rather than a hazard. And who knows kindness might be catching!"



PARK REGULATIONS APPROVED



Council has passed an ordinance regulating public behavior in Town parks. This gives our police a set of rules which they may enforce in the parks and gives the Director of Recreation and Parks the right to set specific hours during which a park will be closed to all visitors.

The regulations are intended to protect residents abutting park land from such nuisances as amplified sound and raucous behavior, as well as to protect public property such as play equipment, park buildings, trees and shrubs. They will not interfere with normal park use nor will they affect the average well-behaved person.

