



TOWN OF

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CLEAN-UP WEEK, OCT. 10-14

Fall Clean-Up Week follows the long Columbus Day Holiday week-end this year, which should give everyone plenty of opportunity to clean out those attics, garages and basements and get the yard ready for winter. All discards may be put out with the regular trash to be collected by Town crews during this week. Brush should be separated from regular household junk. Leaf pick-up will be scheduled later, after the first hard freeze. Please, please be patient if your collection is not made on your regular day. Although all possible manpower is employed during this week, the volume of trash collected is vast. Everything will eventually be picked up.

A special plea is extended by Mayor Spriggs, asking everyone to make a special effort in regard to litter during this week. Use the public trash receptacles. If you can't find one, take your trash home with you. A word to the young in this regard would be most appropriate. It's their town too!

It is against the law to put foreign materials (such as grass clippings) into sewers and storm drains. Many of our blockages, and subsequent flooding has been caused by such thoughtless dumping into drains and stream beds.

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TAX RELIEF FOR ELDERLY

Persons 65 or over may be exempted from Town Real Estate taxes and Motor Vehicle License fees next year if they apply at the Finance Department at the Town Hall between Dec. 1 and Feb. 1. To be eligible, the total household income must not exceed \$7,500, nor the net worth for one year, (excluding house and one acre of ground) exceed \$20,000. The Real Estate exemption applies to the house and one acre. Anyone eligible for exemption in the County will also qualify in the Town providing the Town application is filled out.

Fairfax County has passed a similar tax relief bill, with application to be made at the County Administration Building in Fairfax. The County also provides a rent subsidy to qualifying renters over 65 of up to \$1,800, depending upon income and net worth.

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RADAR REPORT

The Police Department's radar report for September lists 41 citations issued Aug. 30 thru Sept. 7 and 71 citations Sept. 8 thru 13. This is the largest number of citations ever given for speeding. A word to the wise...watch that speedometer!

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OCTOBER COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the Columbus Day and Veteran's Day holidays, October Council Meetings will be held on Oct. 16 and 30.

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APPOINTMENTS

Edward A. Gonet of 203 James Drive was appointed by Council to fill an existing vacancy on the Planning Commission.

John William Bailey was appointed as Vienna's third Justice of the Peace.

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PUBLIC HEARING

October 16 - 8 p.m. Hearing on defining the encroachment of decks onto front, side or rear yards.



EVENTS IN OCTOBER



SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, OCT. 7 & 8 Community Center, Sat., 1-9 p.m. Sun. 1-6 p.m. Art Show.

MONDAY, OCT. 9 Columbus Day Holiday

TUESDAY, OCT. 10 -SATURDAY, OCT. 14 Clean-up Week

TUESDAY, OCT. 10, 8 p.m. Mayor's Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11, 8 p.m. Planning Commission

SATURDAY, OCT. 14, 8 p.m. Future Homemakers of America Annual Miss Madison Pageant Madison High School. Wesley Methodist Church Bazaar 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 16, 8 p.m. Public Hearing Town Hall, Decks Council Meeting.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18, 8 p.m. Board of Zoning Appeals

THURSDAY, OCT. 19, 8 p.m. Architectural Review Board Oct. 19 & 20, Book Sale, Tysons Corner, Am. Association of Univ. Women.

MONDAY, OCT. 23 Veteran's Day Holiday



VETERANS DAY

THURSDAY, OCT. 26 Halloween Parade

MONDAY, OCT. 30 Council Meeting

BULK RATE PAID Permit No. 36 Vienna, Va.

Mayor & Council Town of Vienna, Virginia

Columbus Day



REPORT ON RE-CYCLING QUESTIONNAIRE
AND A WORD IN DEFENSE OF PLASTIC BAGS

The re-cycling questionnaire in last month's NEWSLETTER elicited more replies than any other questionnaire we have distributed. The vast majority were enthusiastically in favor of all kinds of re-cycling. All but five were willing to package up newspapers (some give these to church or to scouts).

Replies to date: For total re-cycling program.....417
453 Newspapers only..... 30
Unwilling to participate..... 6

At present the Town is working out the logistics of the program, and we will report as soon as it can proceed.

Several people in their answers to the questionnaire, objected to the use of plastic bags because they do not decompose in the landfill. In defense of plastic bags, we offer the fact that they are one of 25,000 commonly used items made from petro chemicals (petroleum by-products), which do not break down in the atmosphere. These items include nearly everything we wear from the wigs on our heads to the shoes on our feet as well as a great many household items.

Materials in the land-fills do not decompose to any large extent because they are compacted and covered with soil so that they are not exposed to the oxygen necessary for their decomposition. In time, it is expected that land-fills will be re-opened and mined for their minerals. When they are, the removal of plastic and other items will be a small matter. Combustible materials will be used to supply the heat necessary in processing the metal with proper controls for filtering resulting gas.

Plastic bags do cut down the work of Town crews and save tax money. They give a neater appearance to the Town, and one is not annoyed by those who neglect to take in their cans from the curb. Dogs tear them, they also knock over the cans which then roll into the street. Heavy duty paper bags may be obtained. They are bulkier and more expensive however.

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THE TOWN CRIER

PARADE AND TRICK OR TREAT

The Halloween Parade will be held on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. The theme is the Gay Nineties. The parade will assemble at 6 p.m. at Maple Ave. and Courthouse Rd. and will end at Maple and Glyndon. Registration will be at stores in Town which display signs. The Parade is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees and the Town of Vienna. Rain date - Oct. 28. Trick or Treat - Tuesday, Oct. 31.

ILLEGAL SIGNS

It is against the law in Vienna to post signs on trees and telephone poles. Signs may not be put up by individuals or groups advertising garage sales, book fairs etc. without a permit. You may have a sign on your own property only. In some cases, authorized personnel have removed such signs. A penalty could be enforced. Such signs detract from the Town's appearance.

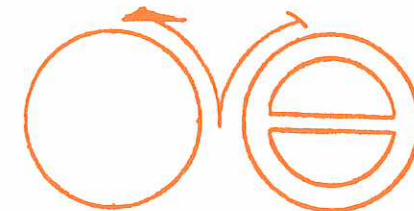


QUESTIONNAIRE



This survey was prepared by the Trails Committee of the Vienna Environmental League, Inc. in order to determine the number of bicycles in the town and the amount of use. Do not mail in your questionnaire. Boy Scouts will come to your home to pick them up. Collection will begin October 14.

1. How many bicycles in your household? _____
2. How many riders in these age groups:
Adults _____ 12-18 years _____ Up to 12 _____
3. Does anyone ride to work?
Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____ Approximate miles _____
Does anyone ride to shop?
Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____ Approximate miles _____
Does anyone ride to school?
Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____ Approximate miles _____
Does anyone ride for recreation?
Yes _____ No _____ How many? _____ Approximate miles _____
4. What factors keep people from using bikes more often for transportation? Rate by number with #1 being the most inhibiting factor.
 - _____ Weather
 - _____ Danger of Theft
 - _____ Lack of bicycle storage at destination
 - _____ Lack of time
 - _____ Conflicts with parked cars
 - _____ Conflicts with moving traffic
 - _____ Physical effort required
 - _____ Social pressures
5. If anyone in your household will be using Metro for commuting, will they bike to the station if storage is provided?
Yes _____ No _____
If Metro were to provide bicycle transporting facilities, would they take their bikes to use downtown?
Yes _____ No _____
6. Please give us your ideas on how to encourage wider use of bicycles in our community.
7. Where would you find bike routes most convenient?



Symbol for Trails Committee

Name _____ Address _____ Tel. _____

THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE PICKED UP AT YOUR HOME BY A BOY SCOUT.