



TOWN OF



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PARK STREET HEARING SCHEDULED

The Virginia Department of Highways will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed widening of Park Street on Wednesday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Representatives of the Highway Department will discuss the proposed location and design of Park Street from Maple Avenue to Cedar Lane. Comments and suggestions will be welcomed from interested persons. At the hearing, tentative schedules for right of way acquisition and construction will be presented as well as relocation assistance programs.

On the evening before the meeting, March 13, between 7:30 and 9 p.m., a representative of the Highway Department will be in the game room of the Community Center for informal viewing of available information. Maps, drawings, and other information are now available for public review and copying in the Department of Highways Residency Office at 3555 Chain Bridge Road in Fairfax, and in the Office of the Town Manager.

Written statements and other exhibits relative to the project may be presented in place of, or in addition to, oral statements at the hearing, or within ten days after the hearing.

The widening of Park Street is not a new proposal since it was agreed to by a majority of the Town Council in 1966 and presented at several public hearings. However, conditions have changed since that time, including the development of the Technology Park. At the present time, engineering studies are being made on a second access road into the Technology Park from Park Street. Such a road could take much of the traffic off Park and make the widening to 4 lanes unnecessary.

At the hearing, a representative of the Town Council will express Council's position and recommend that the submission of this project to the State Highway Commission be delayed until the Town has had an opportunity to study the reports and arrive at some conclusion concerning the proposed Dominion Road-Electric Avenue route and its probable effect on Park Street.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NOT DEDUCTIBLE

To avoid trouble with Internal Revenue, residents should be aware that Town utility taxes are not deductible from either Federal or State Income Taxes.

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LIME YELLOW FIRE ENGINE



Have you seen Vienna's new lime yellow fire engine? This vehicle, used for accidents and brush fires, was recently painted the new color recommended by the Department of Transportation as being more easily visible than the traditional red. The color is said to reflect light to an unusual degree and is especially visible in fog.

A spokesman for the Fire Department reported that color is being emphasized rather than sound by fire companies since the new cars are so soundproof that sirens are not heard above the noise of radio and stereo.

THANKS



The Vienna Fire Department wishes to express its thanks to all of the citizens who contributed to its fund drive. The Department depends on these contributions for much of its operation. If you forgot, it's not too late to send your check.

PUBLIC HEARINGS



MONDAY - MARCH 19 - The regular meeting of the Town Council will include a public hearing on an amendment to the Town Code regarding storm water disposal by developers.

MONDAY - MARCH 26 - There will be a public hearing on the proposed vacation of the right of way extending John Marshall Drive beyond the present barricade. This would prevent future extension of that street.

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BLANK SPACES

Our Town Hall weather recorder Richard Blank reports that the Town's rain gauge recorded 58.32" of precipitation for 1972, far exceeding Vienna's average rainfall of 41".

One notable fact is that 14.4% of the total rainfall in '72 came in one 24 hour period during Hurricane Agnes in June. The heaviest snow fall occurred in February when we had 13.1 inches. (A rule of thumb is 10" of snow would equal 1" of rain.)

A quick breakdown for the year: Snow 2.39", rain 55.93".

BULK RATE PAID

Permit No. 36
Vienna, Va.

Mayor & Council
Town of Vienna,
Virginia



PLANS FOR FOURTH GET UNDERWAY

The Vienna Bicentennial Commission under the Chairmanship of Councilman Paul Lyons is already implementing plans for the Vienna Fourth of July celebration, which it plans to make larger each year, culminating in 1976 as a part of the National Bicentennial Celebration.

Outdoor displays and booths, games and entertainment on the grounds of the Community Center and the Vienna Elementary School will continue as they were last year with many new items added, (requests for display space are already coming in.) Organizations are encouraged to plan their booths early. It is hoped that some group will sponsor pony rides for the children.

One of the features of the day will be a display of flags from all states. People who come from the same state will be encouraged to get together on the Fourth and a host will be chosen to represent each of the states. A state flag will cost about \$15, not a great deal until it is multiplied by fifty, plus Guam, the Phillipines and Puerto Rico. The Town hopes that individuals will be willing to donate money for the flag from their "home state". If several from the same state get together, the outlay for each person will not be great. We have already had promises for Alaska, Massachusetts, Oklahoma and West Virginia. How about your state?

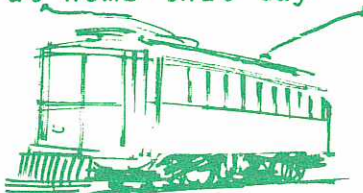
Businesses and residents will be encouraged to decorate their buildings and homes and prizes will be awarded for the most appropriately decorated in each category. Peter Pan has agreed to sell flags and bunting at slightly over cost to make it convenient for citizens to obtain decorating material.

The traditional entertaining of foreign visitors will continue. More families are urged to take on the duties of host to two or more foreign guests this year. With so much going on in the Town the problem of what to do is solved and everyone will enjoy the day more if they share it with someone who is not familiar with an American Fourth of July.

The success of last year's Fourth of July program encouraged the Commission to make even more ambitious plans for this year. With everyone's help it can be a day to remember, so plan now to remain at home that day and join in the celebrations in your own Town.

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CITIZENS' TRANSPORTATION WORKSHOP



A citizens' transportation workshop will be held by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission on Thursday, March 8, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Vienna Town Hall. Subjects will include fringe parking and bus service improvements in Fairfax County, the possible use of the ole W&OD right of way and the relationship of the proposed new transit services and systems to Metro stations and services. Ideas from the public on planning a better public transit system in Northern Virginia will be welcomed.

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PUBLIC SERVICE - Any organization looking for a club project might consider running a Car Pool Clearing House for residents. Many cars could be taken off the road if people could find a convenient car pool.



THE TOWN CRIER

WORK ON GAS LINES

The Gas Company, utilizing the contractor Stokley-Simpson is in the Town of Vienna locating, raising and repairing the stopcocks on the gas lines going into homes as a safety measure.

This is normal maintenance, since the stopcocks gradually sink into the ground over a period of time and must be raised. Most of them are located on the Town right of way, however, if you see workmen on the edge of your yard, this is what they are doing. There is no danger at all to residents.

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MADISON BAND

Citizens' donations to the Madison High School Band to enable it to participate in the regional band competition in Atlanta may be mailed to: Mr. Joseph O'Neill
509 Roberts Drive

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OLDER CITIZENS EXEMPT

Council passed an ordinance exempting low income elderly residents from the payment of the Town Automobile License Tax. Such persons must have already qualified for real estate, rental or personal property tax relief under Town and County laws.

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BURGLARY PREVENTION FILM

Vienna's Officer Friendly is willing to show his excellent Burglary Prevention Film, "What Have You Got to Lose" to neighborhood groups of 4 or 5 persons. Contact the Police Department if you are interested.

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IN MEMORIAM

The Mayor and Town Council join with all at the Town Hall in mourning the passing of Louis Carrington Winstead, Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager, who died on Feb. 23.

Mr. Winstead came to work at the Town Hall in October, 1967, after his retirement from the Federal Government. He leaves his wife Mildred and one son.

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PRESERVING HISTORIC SITES

A proposal for creating a new zoning category, "Historic Site", was presented to the Planning Commission by James Grant, Assistant for Planning and Development. This would give the Town a tool for protecting and preserving historic sites such as the Freeman property on Church Street and "Moorefield" on Nutley Rd.

The Planning Commission will study the proposal and make recommendation to the Town Council.

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BABE RUTH REGISTRATION

Registration for Babe Ruth will take place at the Community Center on Saturday, March 10, and Saturday, March 24, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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RECREATION CLASSES HAVE OPENINGS



Registrations are being accepted at the Community Center for Rifle Safety Classes - age 9 and older - to begin April 7.

There are still openings in some of the adult tennis classes.

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NEWSPAPERS ARE STILL BEING ACCEPTED AT THE DOMINION ROAD RECYCLING CENTER.

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