

Town of Vienna, Virginia



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NEWSLETTER

A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE CITIZENS OF VIENNA

September 25, 1963

It has been some months since a Newsletter has gone out from Town Hall.

In the budget for this year's operation the Council provided funds for a brief quarterly report to the people. This is the first such effort. It is not designed to supplant other news media, but rather to supplement them by furnishing a brief and concise summary of the Town's various activities.

The Council is very much interested in having your comments on this type of Newsletter. We would appreciate your recommendations on both the content and frequency.

As Mayor of Vienna and President of the Town Council, I am always interested in hearing from the citizens of the Town, and welcome both critical comments and constructive suggestions. Let me assure each of you that we consider every bit of correspondence of great value and assistance in reaching decisions in the best interest of the Town of Vienna.

Guy M. Wilson
Guy M. Wilson, MAYOR

TIMES CHANGE . . .

The Washington metropolitan area continues to radiate outward in all directions and is already taxing the resources of the towns and cities along its ever-widening periphery. The report prepared by the Mayor's Business Advisory Committee points up the urgency of the problems thus created, and says in closing, "It will take bold and imaginative leadership to meet the challenge...economic, political and private ways of life will suffer drastic changes in the near future in the area of Virginia where Vienna is located...and steps must be taken, however painful, to insure the welfare of Vienna and its citizens."

. . . AND VIENNA IS CHANGING WITH THEM

The Town Council has already taken many steps, and, with the help and approval of Vienna's citizens, will continue to take whatever steps are necessary "to meet the challenge" of the inevitable future growth of the area. The new addition to the Town Hall, now in the midst of construction, is the most immediately apparent step, and is an important one, as it will soon provide adequate working space for increased services being provided by the Town Government to the citizens. However, there are many others, which will be covered in this and succeeding newsletters.

BUSINESS OFFICE TO MOVE

The new wing of the Town Hall has been completed sufficiently to permit the moving of the business offices. The entire Clerk-Treasurer's Department will be moved this weekend. Beginning Monday, September 30th, the offices will be open for business in the new location.

For perhaps 90 days the public is going to be inconvenienced by the absence of a front door. Access to the Clerk-Treasurer's office will be through the back entrance. This will cause some difficulty, inasmuch as the parking lot and the sidewalk will not be complete. We hope you will be patient with us during this period. It is suggested that whenever possible business with this office be handled by mail. Parking space will be provided at the back of the building. Access to the parking lot will be either from Center Street or from Maple Avenue through the Vienna Shopping Center parking area.

We are sure that Vienna citizens are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new Town Hall. The Cornerstone Ceremony and Open House will be held shortly after the beginning of the New Year. Final plans and more specific information will be given in the next Newsletter.

PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUE

The Town's street system has been completely salvaged from last winter's destructive freezes. Approximately 9½ miles of streets have received surface treatment from the Town's street crews. The "smooth seal" program begun in 1962 has been continued with approximately six more miles completed this summer. New street construction scheduled

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for completion this fall includes Ware Street between Marshall Road and Kingsley Road, the Echols Street Bridge crossing Wolftrap Run, Lewis Street between West Street and Lawyers Road, and the improvement of Center Street from Maple Avenue to Elm Street.

Improvements on Lawyers Road and Court House Road have been delayed until spring by right of way acquisition problems.

The Director of Public Works hopes that the citizens will bear with us for a few more months while we are installing in-town water and sewer lines throughout the Town.

Citizens will also be happy to know that both sewage treatment plants are scheduled for abandonment by early summer of next year.

RECREATION PROGRAM PROGRESSES

Vienna's Recreation Director, Mr. William F. Costolo, has wound up the Town's second summer recreation program at Glyndon and Meadow Lane Parks. As many of you, especially those who have children, are aware, this second summer program's success has been even more gratifying than the first.

Mr. Costolo has submitted to the Town Manager for consideration of the Town Council a report containing a tentative proposal for the formation of a "Vienna Recreation Advisory Council." He emphasizes the value of such a group and points out that "it would also be available to assist in the organization and operation of the Vienna Community Building." Members of this Advisory Council will be named by Mayor Wilson at the next regular Council meeting.

PLANNING IS ESSENTIAL

Realizing the need for a farsighted and orderly planning program for Vienna, as the surrounding areas become more densely populated, the Town Council last spring authorized the appointment of a Planning Director.

Mr. James W. White was chosen on May 8th of this year to fill this position, and is in the process of setting up the Vienna Planning Department. He is working closely with the Planning Commission on several studies, including a civic center area, zoning and related matters.

POLICE TRAINING CONTINUES

Vienna should develop one of the best police departments in the area if training is a factor. Members of the force are encouraged to take maximum advantage of a variety of training courses available in the area to supplement their knowledge gained in service. The Town is receiving the benefit of this additional training derived from courses taken on their own time in the Law Enforcement Institute, Maryland University; the Arlington and Fairfax County Police Training Schools; the Virginia Central Police Training School, Richmond; Virginia Military Institute, Lexington; and American University, Washington, D. C. Such courses vary from two weeks to full semesters, for which college credits are earned toward a degree in Police Administration.

There is evidence also of excellent on-the-job training. Last May a four-man pistol team, in their first competitive match, won a trophy for the Vienna Police Department at the White House Police Match, competing against teams from the entire eastern half of the United States.

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