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### Newspaper Pickup in Doubt

The equipment needed to implement a curb side newspaper pickup program has finally arrived, however, economic factors may prove to make any such system unfeasible.

Municipalities throughout the nation are finding it difficult to sell their collected newspapers and in many cities collected papers have been sent to the landfill and not recycled at all.

Whether or not a system will be implemented in Vienna depends on the Town's ability to acquire a buyer for the paper. Town Council will consider implementing any such system at its January 20 regular meeting. If a system is finally implemented it will probably start sometime in February.

### Entrance Only at Magruder's

Starting Monday, January 6, the Courthouse Road entrance to Magruder's grocery store will be for traffic entering the parking lot only.

Patrons of the shopping center will have to exit onto Maple Avenue near the Peter Pan store or one of the other exits on the east side of the shopping center.

The change was made due to the congested traffic at Magruder's entrance at Courthouse Road.

### Extra Annual Reports for Sale

The Annual Report has been mailed out and like past Reports it is presented in calendar form. Additional copies of the Report are available at Town Hall for \$1 each. They make great gifts. So send your friends and relatives a report on your Town--Vienna.

### Vandalism in November

1 800 Blk Park Street	\$25	Kicked open front door
400 Blk Park Street	\$25	Kicked open basement door
1000 Blk Lynn St.	\$15	Auto Radio antenna broken
2 300 Blk Meadow Lane	None	Car driven over lawn
300 Blk E. Maple	\$150	Auto electrical wiring damaged
400 Blk Wolftrap Rd.	\$80	Beer bottle thrown through auto window
500 Blk Heritage	\$150	Broken auto windshield
3 1100 Cottage St.	\$60	Two auto tires slashed
100 Blk Melody Lane	\$40	Two auto mirrors broken off
200 Locust Street	\$150	B.B.'s shot through glass window
600 Blk Hillcrest	\$100	Broken rear auto window
5 300 Blk Nutley SW	\$30	Rock thrown through window
6 400 Blk E. Maple	\$300	Display sign knocked down
7 St. Andrews & Maple	\$100	Auto windshield broken
10 900 Blk Myers Cir.	\$5	Auto radio antenna broken
11 Fire Dept. Lot	\$12	Auto radio antenna broken
13 100 Blk Moore Ave.	None	Auto radio antenna bent
200 Blk Talahi Rd.	\$5	Auto chalk marked
600 Blk Moorefield	\$100	Brick thrown through picture window
14 200 Blk Courthouse	\$25	Front door glass panes broken
18 1000 Mountfort Ct.	\$50	Portion of fence cut and removed
23 400 Blk Courthouse	\$20	Rock thrown through window
400 Blk Courthouse	\$150	Can of beer thrown through window
24 500 Blk Spring St.	Unknown	Sugar in gas tank
25 1000 Aponi Rd.	None	Car driven through yard
Oak & Cottage	\$6	Car driven over stack of Washington Post papers
400 Blk Glyndon	Unknown	Missile shot into auto
29 500 Blk Kibler Cir.	\$75	Destroyed hedge
30 100 Blk Casmar St.	\$70	Rear auto window broken
TOTAL	\$1,743	

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## Council Adopts Bike Ordinance

Town Council adopted its first bikeway ordinance which was toned down from the original proposed ordinance presented in the November 1974 Vienna Newsletter.

The ordinance, the result of nearly 14 months of work by the appointed Vienna Bikeway Coordinating Committee, governs the operation of bikes and their equipment and maintenance.

Restrictive provisions that were originally proposed, such as age limits on who can ride a bicycle on a roadway without adult supervision, mandatory licensing and registration and prohibition of riding bikes on sidewalks were not included in the final adopted ordinance.

The adopted bikeway ordinance, which is now law, provides that all bike riders will obey the rules and regulations of the Virginia Traffic Code. Motorcycles and mini-bikes will be prohibited from any bikepath and bikeroute. Any bicyclist involved in an accident in which there is personal injury or property damage shall give his name and address to the other party and shall make, within 24 hours, a written report to the Vienna Police Department of any accident resulting in death or personal injury.

Other provisions include: No bicyclists shall operate a bike at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent, attach himself to any vehicle upon a roadway while riding a bicycle, ride two or more abreast, perform any acrobatics or stunt riding on a bikeroute or roadway and carry another rider unless seated upon a carrier attached to the bicycle.

In accordance with the Traffic Code, bikes must ride with traffic and stay

as near to the right side of the roadway as practicable, clearly signal his intention to stop or turn, yield the right-of-way to approaching vehicles when entering the roadway from a driveway and yield the right-of-way to approaching traffic when making a left turn.

Children under 11 years of age may ride a bicycle upon any sidewalk and bicyclists of all ages may ride on the sidewalk wherever it is hazardous to ride in the roadway. Riding on sidewalks in private shopping centers is prohibited.

Bikes may not be chained to a fire hydrant, and may not be parked in a method to obstruct pedestrian and vehicular movement.

Bicycles used after sundown and before sunrise must be equipped with a workable light, brakes, a horn or bell signal device and a passenger carrier if carried.

The licensing of bicycles will remain voluntary with no registration fee. Residents may register their bikes with the Police Department at any time during the day.

Excluded from the final adopted ordinance was any age restriction for bicyclists on public roadways. Council believes that the riding of bikes by children on public streets is the responsibility of parents. Although education programs will continue at the schools and via summer bike rodeos in the parks the bulk of the responsibility for the proper operation of a bicycle in Vienna will be with the parents. If a child is cited for breaking a traffic regulation the parents will be liable for any court appearance, damage occurred and fines.

The ordinance does not classify a tricycle or any other three-wheeled vehicle as a bicycle.

The Bikeway Ordinance is the first step toward a comprehensive Bikeway Map for Vienna.

## Calendar

- 7 Vienna Economic Policy Advisory Committee meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 8 Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 14 Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 15 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 16 Architectural Review Board meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.  
Bicentennial Committee meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a demonstration and lecture on lapidary and the art of cutting gemstones. Aubrey Cole will be the guest speaker. Program begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.

- 20 Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 21 Vienna Economic Policy Advisory Committee meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

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# Hearing Slated for Historic Districts Bill

An ordinance that would protect historic sites in Vienna will be the topic of a Town Council public hearing scheduled on January 27.

The Historic Districts ordinance would protect historic sites in Vienna from destruction and encroachment. The ordinance would encourage uses which would lead the districts continuance, conservation and improvement in a manner appropriate to the preservation of the cultural, social, economic, political, architectural or archeological heritage of the Town.

To establish an Historic District a report must be submitted to the Town Council from the Planning Commission and the Architectural Review Board defining the district's boundaries as well as the historic and/or architectural significance of the buildings, structures or sites to be protected. If adopted the district would be given a new zoning category, called "Historic District." The use of the district would remain the same as the zoning category prior to becoming an Historic District, however, no use would be permitted that would tend to destroy or encroach upon the historic character of the district. Any physical change to the site would require a building or demolition permit from the Zoning Administrator.

Physical change to the site, such as reconstruction, alterations, additions, new construction, relocation or demolition would have to go through a series of advisory panels before Council issues a permit.

Owners must apply for a permit with the Zoning Administrator in Vienna Town Hall who forwards the owner's request to the Planning Commission and the Architectural Review Board who serve, in this case, as advisory committees to Council. The Commission and the Board may or may not suggest changes to the owners. Neverthe-

## Parking Tickets

People who ignore paying their Vienna Parking Tickets will be arrested under a new ordinance passed by Town Council.

If any person fails to pay a parking violation fine he will be notified by certified mail that he must pay the fine within 10 days. If any person fails to pay the fine within 10 days he will be guilty of failure to answer the notice and a warrant will be issued for his arrest.

less, the Commission and Board would advise Council on the appropriateness of authorizing any permit for changes on the site. The Town Council would have the final say in granting any permit.

Council, Planning Commission and the Architectural Review Board will concern themselves with maintaining the historic

## Bingo Ordinance Passes

A bingo ordinance, prohibiting bingo games and raffles by anyone, except the Volunteer Fire Department and rescue squad, and non-profit organizations, passed.

The ordinance covers any bingo game or raffle for money or other thing of value.

A permit must be acquired from the Town Manager at least two weeks prior to the date of any bingo game or raffle. Both temporary and annual permits are available.

Advertising of any bingo game or raffle by way of any outdoor sign is prohibited. Activities will be prohibited

## Hearing on Sign Amendment

A change in the Town's sign ordinance which would permit a sign presenting the time, temperature and date will be considered at a public hearing by Town Council on January 27.

Under present regulations any such sign is prohibited.

Provisions of the proposed ordinance that would permit such a sign include that

## Organization Survey Form

The Town Clerk's Office is asking Vienna residents to help in bringing the Town's Organization List up to date. Please fill in the survey below and call or send survey in to the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 127 Center St., South, Vienna, Va. 22180.

The list of organizations is sent to all newcomers in Town.

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Head Officer \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Officer and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Other Information \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

character of the district when it considers building or demolition permit applications.

Included in the Historic District ordinance is a provision that prohibits any Historic District from being subdivided. Alterations made inside any building or structure in an Historic District is not governed by the ordinance.

from midnight to 7 a.m. (The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department was exempted from the midnight to 7 a.m. provision for its bingo game on January 1. The Fire Department was exempted only for that particular bingo game by Town Council by a special amendment to the ordinance.)

Records of all receipts and disbursements shall be kept by the sponsoring organization and shall be filed with the Commissioner of Accounts for Fairfax County in January of each year following the calendar year for which a permit has been issued.

the portion of the sign that shows the time, temperature and date not exceed the allowable sign size by more than 20 percent. The indicator lamps shall be discreet, separate light bulbs and white in color. The ordinance would demand that the sign be turned off if it was not functioning correctly or if any lights were burned out.

# Mini-Bus System in Planning Stages

The Town Staff is presently designing a mini-bus system that Town Council will review at its January 6 meeting at Town Hall. Council, after reviewing the proposal, will then decide whether to have a public hearing or not.

Designing a program as comprehensive as a mini-bus system is no easy task. Everything, from the needed personnel to operate a Town bus system to routes and fare structures, must be spelled out. It is conceivable that the entire planning process will take months before Council is ready to conduct a public hearing on the proposal.

The concept of a mini-bus system is to provide a comfortable, convenient and economical transportation facility which would reduce the dependence on the private automobile. The system's benefits include reduced congestion on streets and large parking lots in the business district, reduced air pollution and conservation of energy. With rumors circulating in the news media about increases in the price of gasoline or even a surtax added to each gallon of gas the mini-bus system appears attractive. Routes would be designed primarily to bring residents from their homes to public buildings such as the library, Community Center and Town Hall; the express bus parking lot; Town parks, and the central business district.

The Town has solicited input from Vienna Vienna residents and organizations, however, no response has been received to date. It is essential that the Town's Planning Office gets input while designing a bus system. With input from citizens and civic associations it is easier to design a bus system that will fit the needs of Vienna's 18,000 residents.

Initially the bus system would serve Town residents. It is possible, depending on the financial assistance available, that the system would include subdivisions surrounding the corporate limits of Vienna. A fleet of four buses serving nearly 40,000 people is conceivable with the adequate outside financing.

Of course, in the long run such a system may prove to be financially unfeasible. The future of any bus system will probably rely on the financial assistance and transportation grants available from Fairfax County, the State and Federal agencies. Fairfax County has earmarked \$100,000 to assist communities for

mini-bus systems. The Town Council has already requested the County to consider assisting the Town on any mini-bus system if the Town finally decides to operate one.

Again it is emphasized that the mini-bus system is only a proposal in its early stages. Town Council will decide at its January 6 meeting if the idea is worth pursuing. If the idea is pursued then a public hearing will be forthcoming after adequate information is supplied to resi-

## Tax Relief Public Hearing is Set January 27

An ordinance has been proposed that would relax the present requirements of tax relief for the elderly. A public hearing has been scheduled on the proposed ordinance at Town Hall, January 27, starting at 8 p.m.

The proposed relaxing of the present requirements would align the Town's tax relief laws with those of Fairfax County. The County screens all of Vienna's tax relief candidates.

The proposal includes changing the the relief requirements to include households with a total income not exceeding \$35,000. The present requirements are more restrictive offering relief only to those with a total household income of \$7,500 or less and combined financial worth of \$20,000 or less.

Included in the proposed changes to the ordinance is the limitation to what is counted as total income for a household. The first \$4,000 of income by any relative (other than the spouse) would not be counted toward the household's total income under the proposal.

Other eligibility requirements remain the same, that is, applicants must be at least 65 years of age and real estate tax relief is limited to the first acre of land.

To apply for relief the prospective candidate must apply for relief at both the Real Estate Tax Office at Fairfax County in the Massey Building, and at the Finance Department at Vienna Town Hall. After applying for relief the applicant will be notified by letter if he qualifies for relief. Persons wanting tax relief must apply for relief every year at both Fairfax County and the Town of Vienna.

dents through the monthly Vienna Newsletter as to costs, fare structures, routes, etc.

Whatever, the real key during this planning process is citizen input. The Town wants a system that is molded to the needs of the Vienna residents. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to indicate that you would like to see a mini-bus system in Vienna contact James A. Grant, the Town's Planner, at 938-8000.

Presently there are 46 residents in Town who receive relief for real estate taxes which amounted to \$3,939 last year. Twenty-four residents had their auto license tag fee waived which totaled \$360 last year. Town officials expect the tax relief rolls to grow with the relaxing of the present requirements.

## Radar Operations

Eighty speeding citations were issued during the week of November 13-17 with Vienna Police cracking down on speeders on two particular streets in Town.

Some 31 speeders were cited on Malcolm Road while an additional 29 were handed tickets on Courthouse Road. Other radar operations on Town streets nabbed nine speeders on Center Street, seven on Beulah Road and five on Windover Avenue.

## Calendar

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- 22 Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- A workshop entitled, "Dances From Around the World," will be presented by Marilyn Hill and sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department will begin at 8 p.m. and last until 10.
- 25-26 Northern Virginia Coin Show and Sale at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday.
- 27 Public Hearing Date for Town Council at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 27-28 No school.
- 28 Human Relations Committee and Highway Safety Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.