

family apartment buildings the tax yield is 118% of the cost of servicing.

The Mayor has appointed a "Committee for Obtaining Desirable Industry for Vienna" which is studying ways to attract worthwhile industry.

REZONING FOR APTS. AND SHOPPING CENTER AT PARK AND CEDAR LANE

A new development in Vienna is the proposed garden-type apartments and shopping center at Park Street and Cedar Lane by the Vienna Development Company. The necessary zoning has been approved by the Town Council. Plans call for 15 three bedroom apartments, 100 two bedroom apartments, 35 one bedroom apartments. Proposed shopping center facilities will include a laundry, drug store, delicatessen, food store, barber/beauty shop and variety stores. Construction on this project is scheduled to begin around June, 1961, with probable completion a year later.

MEADOW LANE PARK

The Town's newest park, Meadow Lane Park, was officially dedicated on August 20, 1960. A special vote of thanks is due Mr. Stephen G. Yeonas whose organization donated the land for this park, and to the Vienna Woods Citizens' League for their assistance in planning the park. The Town Council appropriated \$10,000 to build the park. Additional recreational facilities for the Town are in the planning stage and await available funds.

COUNCIL SUPPORT OF COUNTY LIBRARY FOR VIENNA

At its regular Council meeting on Sept. 7, 1960, the Town Council of Vienna went on record as supporting a branch of the Fairfax County Library to be located in Vienna. The Council's resolution states that the Council is vitally interested in the establishment of such a branch and encourages the citizens to support all efforts to meet the requirements of the County.

SEALED BIDS

The Town Council voted at its Oct. 3rd meeting to purchase services and supplies through competitive bids with contracts awarded to the lowest bidder.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT BENEFITS

In an effort to increase fringe benefits and make employment with the Town more attractive, the Council, after a thorough study, entered into the Virginia State Retirement System on July 1, 1960. This is an employee participating plan with special advantages accruing to employees with prior service, since the Town elected to select the plan including provisions for previous service credit. Another benefit is the Group Life Insurance adopted by Virginia for State and Municipal employees at the last regular session of the Assembly. The Mayor and Council were very pleased with the response of the employees to this plan which was optional for those employed prior to July 1, 1960.

Town of Vienna, Virginia



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NEWSLETTER

This is the first issue of a quarterly news letter addressed to every citizen in Vienna from the Town Government. Other issues will follow. It is dedicated to the mission of briefly informing all citizens of the principal events transpiring in the conduct of their Town Government during the preceding quarter. Some events must be omitted to obtain brevity and others because their status is not sufficiently firm at the time of publishing to warrant a precise and correct statement.

The preparation and distribution of these news letters is accomplished entirely by Town employees and entails many hours of work, some after regular working hours, but is done cheerfully and enthusiastically in order to fully inform all citizens of the current operations of their government.

WATER TANK #3

The Town is working diligently to acquire property on which to erect Water Storage Tank #3 - - a 1 1/2 million gallon, ground level tank which is to be just outside the town limits on the highest spot in Fairfax County. Considerable delay has been experienced as it was necessary to institute condemnation proceedings in the Circuit Court, which will be heard in November. Water Storage Tank #3 is needed to store sufficient water to meet maximum average daily consumption by the Town and to furnish adequate fire protection to meet only the requirements of the present population of Vienna. The 1 1/2 million gallon capacity of this tank will bring our total storage capacity to 1,950,000 gallons. Should the population increase, as it surely will, then additional storage will become necessary.

WATER SUPPLY

The Town has made notable progress in increasing its water supply. Comparison figures on available water last year and this year are given below:

July, Aug., Sept. 1959
Town Wells (5) plus Water
Purchased from Falls Church

Total water production 52,855,070 gals.
Total capacity 68,637,609 "
Daily usage 639,734 "
Daily capacity 746,061 "

(This is a daily margin of only about 15%)

July, Aug., Sept. 1960
Town Wells (9) plus Water
Purchased from Falls Church
and Westbriar Country Club

Total water production 70,077,350 gals.
Total capacity 125,791,209 "
Daily usage 761,710 "
Daily capacity 1,367,296 "

(This is a daily margin of 79%)

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ARE YOUR SEWERAGE BILLS TOO HIGH?

The charge for sewer service in Vienna is now 80% of the water charge. While this may seem high, the truth is the cost of treating sewage is a great deal more than the cost of providing water. If sewerage was charged for at its actual cost, the sewerage charge would be possibly double the water charge. This is true because it costs so much more to build and operate a sewage treatment plant than it does to drill a well. Fully half of our water and sewerage income goes to pay off the bonds through which the original construction was financed. The expenditures of bond funds on sewerage plant construction have been more than twice as much as those for well construction. The rest of water and sewerage income is required for operating expenses.

Thus to keep each part of our system self-sustaining, as it must be, the present sewerage charge is necessary.

UNIT #3, SOUTHSIDE SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT (2)

Vienna is acquiring its 5th sewage treatment unit, #3, Southside Plant, at a total cost of \$107,580. Because of a Federal grant of \$37,286 the net cost to the Town of this new plant is only \$70,294, in comparison with the other four units in the Town costing:

- Northside Plant, Unit #1, June 1950 \$ 85,000.00
- Northside Plant, Unit #2, Sept. 1955
including lagoon and fencing \$109,722.84
- Southside Plant, Unit #1, Aug. 1956 \$113,120.89
- Southside Plant, Unit #2, June 1959
including lagoon and fencing \$145,775.00

MAPLE AVENUE - TRAFFIC LIGHTS - WIDENING & PARKING

Citizens will be happy to know that, as a result of a traffic survey requested by the Town officials, the State Highway Dept. has determined that Vienna will receive two traffic lights, one at Park Street and Maple Avenue and another at Lawyers Road and Maple Avenue. These will be trip-type lights and cost the Highway Dept. approximately \$5500 each. The same study included the desirability of extending the widening of Maple Ave. to 4 lanes to the Town's boundaries. However, in this the Highway Dept., although recognizing the need, stated that this project would be given further consideration when allocations for this and other programs in the area are made. "On Street" parking for Maple Ave. was definitely ruled out by the Highway Dept.

SIDEWALK REPAIR ON MAPLE AVENUE

Vienna residents have been more than patient waiting for the repair and/or replacement of the sidewalks on Maple Avenue in front of the Foodtown Shopping Center.

At the time that Maple Avenue was widened, the grade of the curb was so altered that the existing sidewalk no longer fits the street and curb. The State Highway Dept. offered to bear 50% of the total cost of \$1850 for this sidewalk replacement. The Town Council voted back in April to pay not more than 50% of this cost.

The Town recently received word from the Chief Engineer of the Highway Dept. that every effort would be made to complete the sidewalk before Thanksgiving despite a very heavy work load.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Once again the Town government is cooperating with downtown businessmen to provide attractive lighting of the business center at Christmas time. The Council has appropriated \$150 toward the cost of erection and will also assume the cost of electricity and insurance for the lights.

INTERCHANGE ROUTE 66 & NUTLEY ROAD ACCESS

Of interest to all residents is the proposed interchange at the junction of Interstate Route 66 and State Route 828 (Nutley Road) designed to serve Vienna. The Town officials have put forth a great deal of time and effort to secure this interchange. The Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager, in a body, personally visited the Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads in Washington to request further consideration by the Bureau after that Department had disapproved an interchange or access road for Vienna. Finally, as a result of intervention by our U. S. Senator and by our U. S. Congressman, who strongly endorsed this project and urged that the Commissioner give it favorable consideration, this interchange now seems almost fully assured.

At a special meeting on Aug. 4, 1960, the Town Council passed a resolution committing the town to 25% participation, or approximately \$70,000, of the cost of widening State Route 828 (Nutley Road) to the town line as an access route to the proposed interchange. The Town will not be required to participate in the cost of widening the access road outside of the Town limits. The total cost of this project

within the Town limits, will be in the neighborhood of \$275,000, with 50% of the cost being paid by Federal Aid Urban funds and 25% by State funds.

This interchange is of vital importance to the large number of residents of this area who must commute to and from Washington during the peak rush hours. With the prospects of the population of the Vienna area increasing by leaps and bounds, a convenient and sufficiently wide access road to the Interchange is of paramount importance to avoid dangerous congestion on our secondary roads.

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS

The Director of Public Works has completed a survey requested by the Council of additional street lights needed in Vienna. These additional street lights for residential areas have been ordered and will be installed in the near future. Street lights have already been installed on Church Street and Dominion Road, as requested by the Vienna Businessmen's Association.

SATURDAY TRAFFIC IN VIENNA

As most citizens are aware, in the past there has been a serious traffic problem on Route 123 at the point of entrances and exits to the Glyndon Street Shopping Center. This has been especially acute on Saturdays when shopping is at its peak.

However, this problem has been eased to a great extent by the cooperation of the Fairfax County Police who are now assisting our own Town police in controlling traffic at the street intersections above and below the shopping center from 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on Saturdays.

NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

At the regular meeting on October 3, 1960, the Town Council approved the appointment of Mr. James B. Pruitt, of 540 Marshall Road, S.W., Vienna, as Chief of Police and Town Sergeant. Mayor Wilson administered the Oath of Office. A 25 year veteran of the Washington Police Force, where he held the rank of Lieutenant, Chief Pruitt has lived in Vienna for 12 years. While serving with the Metropolitan Police Department, he received the Medal of Valor for the month of August, 1954, and was named "Policeman of the Month". In addition he was awarded other commendations for exceptional efficiency and devotion to duty throughout his career.

OLD TOWN HALL

In driving by the Vienna Municipal Office Building, have you noticed the improvement in the landscaping? The Old Town Hall, long since condemned, had become an eye-sore to the Town. Razing was accomplished on Sept. 12th in only eight hours and the Town gained some needed additional parking space.

TAX INFORMATION

The office of the Clerk-Treasurer is presently preparing the 1960 Vienna real estate tax bills for mailing by November 1st. Vienna's real estate tax rate remains at \$1.35 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The valuation is the same as that used by Fairfax County - - 32% of market value. Taxes are due and payable by December 5, 1960. Many of Vienna's residents arrange for payment of their real estate taxes in connection with their house payments and in such cases every effort is made to forward the tax bills to their financing institution. If you receive a real estate tax bill which should have been requested by your escrow agent, it would be appreciated if you would notify the Town Treasurer's office at once in order that the records may be corrected.

Vienna personal property taxes will be mailed as soon as possible after the receipt of assessment figures from the County.

INDUSTRIAL PARK ZONING

On Sept. 15, 1960, the Zoning & Planning Commission held a Public Hearing on the establishment of a new Controlled Light Industrial Park Zone for the Town of Vienna and recommended its adoption by the Council. On October 14, 1960, a Public Hearing was held before the Town Council on this zoning. There was no public opposition to the proposal.

The industrial park zoning is a carefully limited ordinance with precise restrictions against offensive noise, odors or unsightly development.

Such a zoning is designed to bring better balance to Vienna's tax base, particularly needed now when revenues from the home-building industry will be declining. Vienna is now dependent largely on single-family residential property for its tax yield. Experts generally agree that, short of extremely burdensome taxes, single family residential property returns less in taxes than it costs to provide it with average municipal services. By contrasts, studies show the tax yield from industry is over two and one half times the cost of providing it average services and from multiple