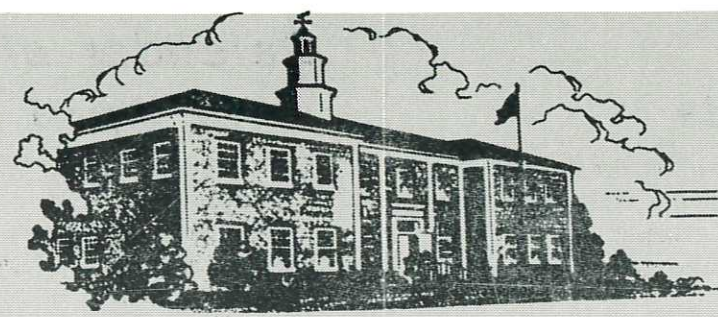




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Council Requests Supervisors To Slice Tax Rate

With the present economy in a tailspin, families have had unfortunate battles with galloping inflation. Meanwhile, the country as a whole suffers from a recession. Economic news is bad. Families are cutting corners in their household budget and are hampered with less buying power. So, when some 5,100 Vienna households received the County's new real estate assessments in the mail recently matters looked worse.

With this in mind the Vienna Town Council has announced a decision to cut the Town real estate tax rate which will be effective as of July 1.

On April 14, Council will have a public hearing on the establishment of a new tax rate. Presently, Vienna households are paying 98 cents per \$100 valuation in Town taxes. The sum is small compared to the walloping rate the County charges Vienna residents: \$4.10 per \$100 valuation. The public hearings on the Town tax rate will begin at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

Presently Town Manager C. Clay Harrell, who prepares the Town's budget, does not know how much the present tax rate can be cut. He will have a recommendation by April 14.

However, Town Council has gone further than committing the Town to cutting its tax rate. It has asked the County to do the same.

Council has asked the County to declare a moratorium also. What's more, Council requested that if the Board of Supervisors finds it impossible to impose a moratorium on the application of new assessments until after July 1, then the Board instruct those of the County responsible for the collection of real estate taxes to not bill any taxpayer as of June 30 a greater amount than was billed for last year at that time.

Although Council plans to press hard for a cut in the County's tax rate it doesn't want to discourage individual citizen protests by Vienna residents aimed at the Board of Supervisors.



CONGRESSIONAL VISIT--Congressman Joseph Fisher paid a courtesy visit to the Vienna Town Council during the meeting of March 17. Fisher offered his legislative assistance on issues that Council deems pertinent to the Town's residents and explained what his responsibilities will be on the important and powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

Fisher Makes Council Visit

Congressman Joseph Fisher told Town Council at a regular meeting of Council March 17 that he will "do anything I can do to get" the Dulles Access Road open to commuter traffic.

The road is presently open only to traffic going to and from the Dulles Airport. The Town would like to see the highway opened to relieve traffic now using the Town's roads.

Fisher also said he intends to introduce legislation in the House that would give homeowners a break on their federal income tax for local utility taxes.

Council originally requested the freshman Congressman to check into the possibility of initiating federal tax breaks on local utility taxes.

Fisher said he has opened two offices in Virginia to serve his constituents. The offices will be located in Falls Church and Leesburg.

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Town of Vienna
Automobile Tax
Decal

MOTOR VEHICLE TAX

Vienna residents are favoring, two-to-one, the new decals over the traditional license plates for the Town's auto registration. Residents are given a choice this year of using either the decal or plate on their automobiles. After April 15 Town Council will decide which type of registration it wants to continue for future years. All autos regularly housed or stored in Town must be registered with a 1975 registration no later than April 15. The Finance Department will be open an hour later, until 5:45 p.m., on April 14 and 15 so residents who have not yet purchased their registrations may do so.

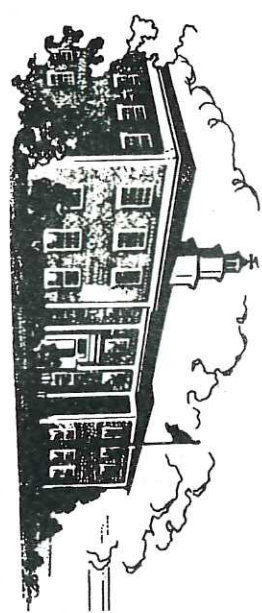
Church Street Extension Engineering Ok'd

Council approved proceeding with the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way for the extension of Church Street from Lawyers Road to the back property line of the proposed post office.

The extension will serve the new post office planned for the intersection of Church Street and Lawyers Road and will open Church Street through to Pleasant Street.

Vandalism for February

2 600 Blk Tapawingo Rd	\$30	Auto radio antenna broken
1100 Blk Cottage St	\$20	Truck radio antenna broken
300 Blk Walker St	\$6	Truck radio antenna broken
6 Cunningham Park Sch	\$20	Auto radio antenna and rear view mirror broken
9 100 Blk Kingsley Rd	\$80	Auto rear window broken
400 Blk Blair Rd	\$25	Home window broken
15 400 Blk Yeonas Dr	\$45	Two auto tires punctured
Vienna Drug Lot	\$25	Auto right front window broken
600 Blk Tazewell	\$40	Auto rear window broken
600 Blk Orrin	\$100	Auto rear window broken
16 200 Blk Locust	\$25	Auto right front window broken
19 600 Blk Yeonas Dr	\$10	Auto radio antenna broken
20 200 Blk Ross Dr	\$3	Auto headlight removed
200 Blk Cedar Lane	\$130	Auto windshield broken and front end damaged
21 Vienna Bank	\$1,000	Tempered glass panels broken
400 Blk W. Maple	\$350	Thermopane window broken
22 400 Blk John Marshall	\$135	Outdoor lamp destroyed and post destroyed, obscene words painted in yard
200 Blk Locust	None	Auto spark plugs removed
24 400 Blk Lawyers Rd	\$10	Wood fence damaged
28 200 Blk Mashie Dr	Unknown	Aluminum siding dented
500 Blk Ridge Rd	Unknown	Two auto rear view mirrors broken
TOTAL	\$2,054	



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Don't forget to register to vote for the Town's General Election. Deadline is April 5.

AFS Selling Discount Cards

The shopping dollar that buys the most in Vienna is probably the one spent on an American Field Service (AFS) Discount Card. Seventy-two local merchants and businessmen will be offering varying discounts from April 21 to May 3 to holders of an AFS Discount Card.

For the thirteenth year this discount is available for the community in a joint venture of the AFS and the business community. Monies received from the purchase of these cards at \$1 apiece aid the foreign exchange program of the Vienna Chapter of the American Field Service at Madison High School.

The card may be purchased and used (and reused) throughout the two week period. The card entitles the holder to specific discounts including automotive service, beauty parlor care, dry cleaning, merchandise and restaurant and food purchases.

The inflation-beating Discount Cards are on sale at Madison High School, at area PTA meetings, and at the following locations: Arlington Trust Bank, Cook's Photo Art Studio, First and Merchants Bank in the Giant Shopping Center, Ketterman's Gift and Jewelry Store, Marion's Dress Shop, Sewing Circle, Vienna Shoe Store, Vienna Hardware and Worthington's.

'Name the Band' Contest

The new Community Band needs a name, and if you have a good suggestion for a name you can net a \$25 U.S. Savings Bond.

Just put your suggestion on a post card with your name, address and phone number and send it to "Name the Band," Town Hall, Vienna, Va. 22180.

All entries must be in by May 1. The winner will be notified as soon as the new name is chosen.

Walk on the Hill Scheduled

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will sponsor its annual "A Walk on the Hill" on April 27 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The walk will meander throughout the oldest residential area of the Town and will include Windover Avenue, Walnut Lane and West Street.

Free parking is available in the parking lot of the law firm of Sloan and Edmiston, 107 Pleasant St. NW. In case of rain the walk will be rescheduled for May 4 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Safety Commission to Consider Stop Signs

The request for a four-way stop on Lawyers Road where it intersects Ayr Hill Avenue and West Street has been referred to the Highway Safety Commission.

Don't Forget Newspaper Pickup Dates

Don't forget the newspaper pickup dates!!!

There are three newspaper pickup dates scheduled for April. Town trucks will pick up bundled newspapers on the 2nd, 16th and 30th of the month.

Calendar of Events for April

1--Vienna Economic Policy Advisory Committee meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

1-4--No school in Fairfax County public schools.

2--Kite Flying Contest at Thoreau Intermediate School at 1 p.m. Only home made kites will be eligible for prizes and ribbons. In case of bad weather the contest will be held on April 12. Newspaper Pickup Day

7--Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

No school in Fairfax County public schools.

Spring Cleanup: All households with a Monday/Thursday trash day must have their debris out at the curb no later than April 7.

9--Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

13--Car Wash: The Vienna Community Band will have a fund raising car wash at two locations in Town. For only \$1 you can get your car washed at the Mobil Station at Maple Avenue and Center Street or at the Texaco Station at Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street. The band will wash cars from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

14--Public hearing by Town Council on setting a new tax rate for Town real estate taxes at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

15--Bicentennial Commission meeting in the court room of Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Vienna Economic Policy Advisory Committee meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

16--Board of Zoning Appeals meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

Spring Cleanup: All households with a Tuesday/Friday trash day must have their debris out at the curb no later than April 16. Newspaper Pickup Day

17--Architectural Review Board meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

18-- *TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY--Midnight ride of Paul Revere (British General Gage had hoped to capture Samuel Adams and John Hancock as well as a store of arms and powder.*

19-- *TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY--The Battles of Lexington and Concord, Mass.*

20-- *TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY--British Marines seize patriot gunpowder at Williamsburg, Va.*

21--Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.

TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO TODAY--Patrick Henry declared an outlaw by Virginia Governor Dunmore.

23--Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Public hearing on the Wilkerson Tract, to rezone lot 20, Ayrhill, 120 Beulah Road NE, from RS-16 Residential to C1A Commercial.

24--Candidate's Night at Town Hall, 8 p.m. This is every resident's chance to meet and hear all the candidates. Sponsored by the Vienna Women's Club.

25--Spring Cleanup: All households with a Wednesday/Saturday trash day must have their debris out at the curb no later than April 25.

28--Public hearing date for Town Council. Hearings include: A hearing on the proposed amendment to Section 18-4--Definition of Planning Commission. The amendment would decrease terms of Planning Commission members from four to three years. There will also be a public hearing to rezone lot 20, Ayrhill, 120 Beulah Road NE, owned by Hylton and Marjorie Wilkerson, from RS-16 Residential to C1A Commercial.

30--Newspaper Pickup Day

Tax Relief Guidelines for Elderly

Tax relief and rent subsidies to certain low-income senior citizens are available from the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County. Both the Vienna Town Council and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have adopted ordinances providing relief.

Relief is provided for Real Estate Taxes, Rental Grants, Personal Property Taxes and Town Auto-Registration Taxes. Qualifications are the same for all four types of relief.

To Qualify You Must:

*Be 65 years of age or older.

*Have a gross household income from all sources of not more than \$10,000 annually, excluding the first \$4,000 of income of each relative, other than spouse, residing in the household.

*Applicant, spouse and relatives living in the household must have a combined financial net worth of no more than \$35,000. (In determining the Real Estate eligibility only the assets of the applicant and spouse need be considered.)

Types of Relief:

REAL ESTATE TAXES:

As Town residents are subject to two real estate taxes, one from the Town (98 cents per \$100 valuation) and the other from Fairfax County (\$4.10 per \$100 valuation), relief is available for both taxes.

Property eligible for tax exemption is the homeowner's residence and the land it occupies, not exceeding one acre.

Forms for exemption from Real Estate taxes were mailed to those who previously qualified during 1974. Applications must be filed no later than May 1, 1975 for relief from 1975 Town and County Real Estate taxes.

AUTOMOBILE REGISTRATION TAX:

Persons qualifying for Real Estate tax relief, rental grants or personal property tax relief are also eligible for relief for the Town of Vienna's automobile registration tax. Persons should file for relief no later than December 31, 1975 for the 1976 registration.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

The Town does not have a personal property tax, however, Fairfax County does. Relief is available for the entire personal property tax on one automobile per household.

If an automobile is jointly owned, all owners must be 65 years of age or older, except the applicant's spouse need not have attained the age of 65.

Personal property tax relief applications must be filed with your Personal Property Tax Return by May 1, 1975 for relief from payment of taxes due on December 5, 1975.

RENT GRANTS:

Fairfax County offers rent grants for eligible Town residents.

Rent grant applications were mailed to previously qualified applicants in December 1974. Applications must be submitted no later than May 1, 1975. Rent receipts or cancelled checks will be required to support the rent grant application.

Persons not eligible for rent grants include:

*Residents of rental properties owned and leased by the Redevelopment and Housing Authority, or

*Residents of a non-profit facility whose owners are exempted from payment of real estate taxes.

How to Apply for Relief:

The County has two forms that cover all four types of tax relief. Candidates for relief should fill out the form and return it to the County as soon as possible. Those who have not received their forms should request them from the County, by calling 691-2371 for Real Estate tax relief and 691-2437 for all other types of tax relief.

After filing for relief with the County, candidates living inside the corporate limits of Town should fill out a Real Estate tax relief form and automobile registration tax relief form with the Town of Vienna's tax section of the Finance Department. Those who received relief last year were sent forms again this year. If you did not qualify last year, but are eligible this year, you can obtain these forms by calling Mrs. Lavern Hurst at 938-8000.

Assistance and Information

If you need assistance in filling out your County tax forms, please visit the Office of Assessments:

The Massey Building

4100 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax

Fourth floor for Real Estate tax relief

Third floor for other types of tax relief

For assistance with your Town tax forms, please visit Mrs. Lavern Hurst:

Town Hall

127 Center Street, South, Vienna

Finance Department on first floor

Food Stamps Increase Buying Power

You do not have to be unemployed or be on welfare to take advantage of food stamps. Eligibility depends on how much of your income is available to buy food.

By using food stamps, you may increase your food buying power from 25 to 50 percent. The amount you pay for food stamps depends on your income.

You have a right to food stamps, just like Social Security or Unemployment Compensation.

For more information call the Food Stamp Hotline at its toll-free phone number: 202-232-6377.

Referral Number for Fairfax County

The County now has one phone number that will aid residents in reaching some 300 different public and private agencies. It is called I&R (Information and Referral). The number is 691-3253.