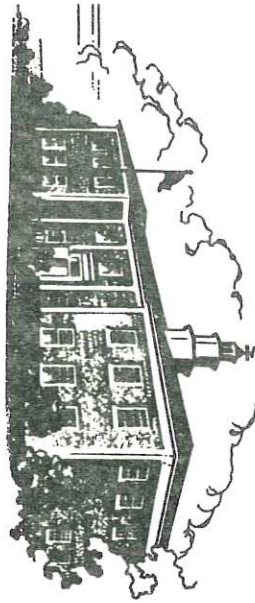




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Bicentennial Parade Set for March 7

Vienna's Bicentennial Parade, complete with floats, bands and several military marching units, will begin at 3 p.m. at Branch Road and Maple Avenue, March 7.

The parade will kick off Virginia Week in Vienna. Gov. Mills Godwin will be the Grand Marshall of the parade.

The parade will be unique in that it will end with everyone participating. After the last unit passes, Madison High School pom-pom girls will urge spectators to join in at the rear of the parade and walk the parade route to the Community Center.

Entertainment, food, refreshments and a fireworks display will follow the parade.

Floats will be judged prior to the parade so spectators may see the floats declared the winners. Three awards will be made to float entries: the Governor's Award, the Mayor's Award and the Council's Award.

Awards will also be given to the best equestrian unit, to majorettes, musical units and the Ambassador's Award will be given to the best special entry.

A host of VIPs will review the parade--a list that includes top Bicentennial officials in the nation, state delegates and senators, U.S. Congress members, the French and Austrian ambassadors, and local officials of government and business.

The parade is being sponsored by the Vienna Bicentennial Commission with the assistance of the Vienna Jaycees.

Galliher Tract . . .

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chase of the land,

*establish the use for the tract, and

*outline guidelines for any lease agreement with an entrepreneur on Town-owned property.

Another proposal includes buying the tract for an open-area park to blend in with the adjacent historic sites of Vienna.

The tract is bounded on the west by the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad right-of-way, on the east by Mill Street, on the south by Church Street and on the north by land owned by Vienna Fuel Co., Inc.

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Council Defers Galliher Tract

A proposal to purchase the 4-acre Galliher tract at 131 Church Street NE, for indoor recreation purposes was referred back to a Council work session to be brushed up before more public comment is gathered.

The January 19 public hearing on the proposal indicated that many more questions had to be answered before it was ready for further serious consideration.

The proposal, as submitted to the public last month, included purchase of the property by the Town to lease to a commercial establishment to build on and operate on some sort of indoor recreation. Such a use, according to the preliminary proposal, would be a bowling alley, ice skating rink or any other type of indoor recreation use.

Some residents, and members of Council, felt that the proposal was too vague and needed brushing up.

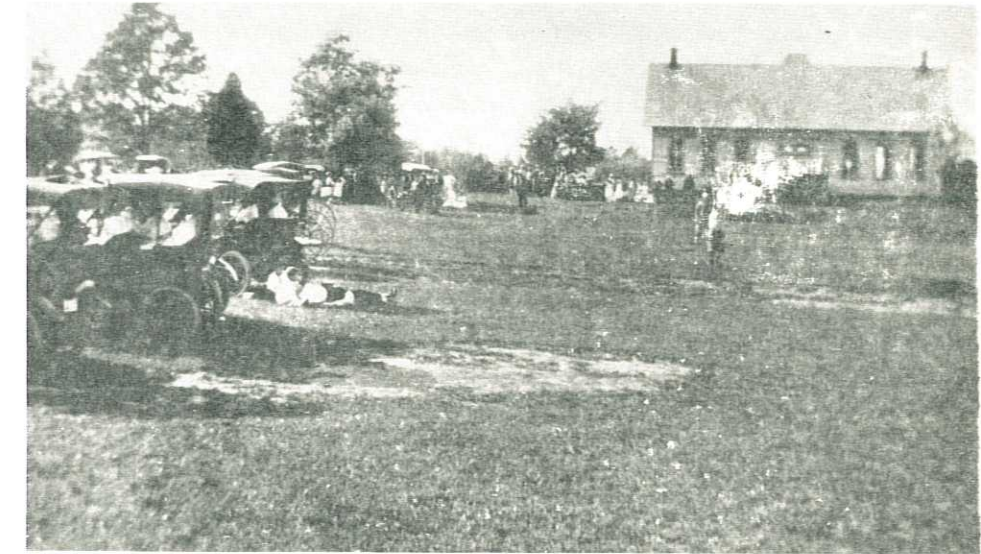
As a result, Council will shape the proposal into something more concrete.

A more detailed proposal, according to the Council, would:

*pin-point the purchase price of tract,

*offer methods to finance pur-

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BOWMAN HOUSE--The Bowman House was a recreation center a few years ago, and it may become a recreation site for youth activities in 1976. People, 21-years and older, interested in part-time work supervising activities at the Bowman House should contact the Community Center at 938-8000.

Transportation Statement

The Vienna Town Council issued a transportation statement to new Fairfax County Board Chairman John Herrity, which among other things, calls for the use of the I-66 corridor and the extension of Abbotsford Drive to connect with Old Courthouse Road.

"This Council believes that the corridor (of I-66) should not be abandoned and that an appropriate transportation use be determined," the statement said. "The Council reaffirms its support for the completion of I-66 in some form and endorses the action of the County Board of Monday, Jan. 5, 1976, concerning I-66."

Support for the extension of Abbotsford Drive was expressed "to allow traffic flowing from the Reston area and areas west of Vienna to connect with Rte. 7 by way of Old Courthouse Road."

Several other transportation needs were addressed by the Council, including the proposed Nutley Road Metro Station, commuter traffic through Vienna, the Dulles Access Road, traffic congestion and routing of traffic west of Vienna to Nutley Road and I-66.

The entire statement is printed on page 3.

No Referendum Planned May 4

Town Council dropped plans to pursue a general bond referendum for Vienna's May 4 general election.

After listening to town manager C. Clay Harrell's presentation of nearly \$1.5 million in possible street and storm drainage improvements, Council deferred any action to put the issue to a ballot vote until it can study each proposed improvement in more detail. Council raised doubts that an adequate public education program could be implemented if a referendum was conducted as early as May.

Although a referendum is a dead issue for May's election, Council did take steps to offer a bond package for referendum in some later election. The town attorney was directed to continue pursuing a Virginia statute change enabling the town to conduct an advisory referendum on general fund bond issues, and directed the manager to find \$150,000 in the town's present operating budget to finance three urgent street and storm drainage projects.

The town manager was also instructed to furnish Council with a bond issue package and a list of improvements that could be financed with regular operating funds.

The three projects tagged as priority items include correction of storm drainage problems on Nelson Drive, correction of the storm drainage problems at Park Street and Harmony Drive, and the extension of Church Street to the new post office. The Nelson Drive project will cost an estimated \$32,000, the Harmony Drive project will cost approximately \$64,800, and the extension of Church Street carries an estimated price tag of \$53,953.

Council's intent is to try to improve as many of the smaller projects as possible with regular operating funds and to float a smaller bond for the larger and more expensive projects.

Time to Register

The Town's General Election is set for May 4 this year. Interested voters, 18-years or older, should prepare themselves by registering prior to the April 3 cut-off date. Residents who have not voted since 1971 must re-register.

Deadline for candidates to file with the State Board of Elections is March 2 at 7 p.m.

Registered voters who plan to be out of Town on May 4 may vote by absentee ballot. Deadline to apply by mail is April 29. Deadline to apply in person is May 1.

Bicentennial Happenings

Virginia Gov. Mills Godwin announced that he will be attending the Vienna Bicentennial Commission's March 7 parade. The governor will be the Grand Marshal. Mrs. Godwin also plans to attend the parade.

The governor's announcement picks up the Bicentennial pace as Vienna approaches the month of March--a month jam-packed with a parade, three balls, Virginia Week, state weeks program and history seminars.

The parade, which begins at 3 p.m., will march from Branch Road to Center Street, up Center, and then past the Community Center. Food, drinks, a short program and a fireworks display will cap off the day.

(More Parade News on Back Page)

Meanwhile, the Bicentennial Balls Committee reports that the Westwood Country Club is sold out and that only the Flameroom and Counsel Room of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church remain open. Payment of \$17.76 per couple must be made with reservations and sent to Bicentennial Balls Committee, 340 Holmes Court NW, Vienna, Va. 22180.

Of course the States Week Program continues in Town. Maryland will be celebrated from Feb. 13 to 21 with a reception on Feb. 18; South Carolina will be honored from Feb. 22 to 29 with a reception on Feb. 25; New Hampshire will be celebrated from Feb. 29 to March 6 with a reception on March 3.

The receptions are at the Patrick Henry Library from 8 to 10 p.m.

Massage Ordinance

The Vienna Town Council passed a massage parlor ordinance which strengthens the Town's present laws governing such businesses. Council had earlier passed the same ordinance by emergency measure and later readopted it after public hearing requirements were met.

The ordinance requires all operators to have 1,000 hours of study--500 in class and 500 on the job training--from an accredited school in such subjects as anatomy, physiology, hygiene, first aid, exercise therapy, massage techniques and related aspects of the art and science of massaging.

The ordinance also increases the business license tax to \$5,000 for a massage parlor business and \$500 for each operator.

Parking perpendicular to the curb, at 45 degree angles or any other way other than parallel in cul-de-sacs is unlawful. Vienna police intend to ticket offenders.

Council's Transportation Statement

The location of the Town of Vienna adjacent to the I-66 corridor, the development in the Reston and Oakton areas and the increasingly congested area of Tysons Corner has created a number of transportation problems effecting the quality of life within and around the Town. Over the past several years, the Town has articulated these problems to the County with the hope that corrective action would be taken. Specifically, the Town has outlined four specific problem areas:

1. Excessive and growing commuter and commercial traffic from surrounding areas through the Town of Vienna.
2. Growing congestion in surrounding areas of concentrated development.
3. Location of, and access, to the Metro station.
4. Utilization of the I-66 corridor.

The purpose of this memorandum is to restate to you our concern over these issues and seek positive action by the Board of Supervisors. The remainder of this memorandum outlines in more detail the problems identified above.

COMMUTER AND COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC THROUGH VIENNA

Vienna's location places it in direct path of an increasing flow of commuter and commercial traffic. The development of the Reston area, along with the planned extension of Lawyers Road to connect with Rte. 128, the expanding commercial development near Dulles Airport, the continuing expansion of development along the 123 corridor in Oakton, and the recent approval of additional development along the I-66 corridor will add to the growing problem of congestion on major roadways within the Town, particularly Lawyers, Beulah and Nutley Roads and Maple Avenue. The Town has requested that the County consider routing this traffic around the Town and, thereby, provide more direct routes for surrounding area citizens to reach major corridors to Washington. More specifically, we have recommended:

1. East-West Access to Rte. 7 or Opening of Dulless Access Road.

Several times the Town has recommended both to the Planning Commission and the Board the extension of Abbottsford Drive to connect with Old Courthouse Road to allow traffic flowing from the Reston area and areas west of Vienna to connect with Rte. 7 by way of Old Courthouse Road. We have also supported the opening of the Dulles Access Road, or construction of parallel access roads, for a more direct route to the Washington area. We recommended that the transportation element of the PLUS program include these recommendations. The County's action deleted the Abbottsford Drive proposal.

2. Access to Nutley and I-66 From New Developments Adjacent to I-66 (West of Nutley):

The Town has requested that the multi-

family developments parallel to I-66 (e.g. Missionhurst property) have access to Nutley Road through the currently planned high-rise development at the corner of I-66 and Nutley. It is requested that this routing be approved.

We feel that these roadway improvements are essential not only to relieve the Town of unsafe and environmentally adverse traffic conditions, but also to provide more energy and time efficient routes for commuter and commercial traffic.

CONGESTION IN SURROUNDING AREAS

The Town of Vienna has several times mentioned to the County staff its concern over the growing congestion at the Tysons Corner area, particularly along Rte. 123 at its intersections with Rtes. 7 and 495, the access road to Tysons Corner Shopping Center from Rte. 495 and the increasing flow of traffic entering and leaving the new office building areas, has resulted in an impossible situation. Yet, we see additional development approved with no significant improvements in the traffic circulation. Consideration should be given to curtailing further development in the area until some implementable solutions to the problem have been made.

LOCATION OF AND ACCESS TO THE METRO STATION

The exact location of the Metro station appears to remain uncertain. An alternate location at Tysons Corner (as opposed to the Nutley Road/I-66 location) has been proposed. We believe that a final decision should be made on this location as soon as possible since pending land use decisions could well be affected by the final location (certainly this occurred in the DeLuca tract at Nutley and I-66.) In this connection we remain opposed to the location of the terminal station at the Nutley Road/I-66 location. In addition, the Town is concerned about access to the station at either location. For example, it is our understanding that there has not been a final design for access to Metro from the westerly direction on I-66 at the Nutley and I-66 intersection. Certainly the building of such a station without access from the major roadway is preposterous. Consideration of switching the location to Tysons Corner, an already congested area, should be done only with a clear understanding that existing roadways will be improved accordingly.

Finally, consideration must be given to the type of non-automobile transportation that could be provided to the Metro station from the surrounding areas. The Town staff has made some studies of light rail and the alternatives that should receive adequate study.

We feel that the County should take a strong role in resolving these issues

such that if adequate funding is secured for the completion of Metro, there can be a minimal delay in the execution of those plans.

The decision to prevent the construction of I-66 raises the question of alternative uses of that corridor. This Council believes that the corridor should not be abandoned and that an appropriate transportation use be determined. At a minimum, there should be some use for public transit. The Council reaffirms its support for the completion of I-66 in some form and endorses the action of the County Board of Monday, Jan. 5, 1976, concerning I-66. The population growth and employment development in this area demands that some type of additional transportation capacity must be provided, and that the I-66 corridor appears to be the only real possibility at this point in time.

IN SUMMARY

These transportation matters are of the utmost importance to the Town of Vienna (particularly to the commuter traffic through Town) and to surrounding County areas. We feel that there is time to correct the current problems and avoid significant worsening of conditions. The longer the County waits to act, the fewer options it will have given the increasing development on current vacant lands.

We request your review of these matters and the opportunity to meet with you to discuss them. If requested, we will be happy to provide additional backup material.

Super Shooters Set March 20 at Community Center

Vienna's parks and recreation department and McDonald's Restaurant of Vienna will sponsor free-throw basketball competition designed for youngsters for the National Super Shooters Tournament, Saturday, March 20.

The contest, in which participants try to sink as many baskets as possible from the free-throw line is part of a national tournament. Winning scores will advance to regional and national competition.

Boys and girls from 8-years-old to 12 may participate. Entry forms are available at McDonald's Restaurant in Vienna. The contest will be conducted at the Vienna Community Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to winners of the Vienna contest.