

NOISE ORDINANCE

Vienna's Town Attorney was directed to draft a noise ordinance for the Town. The ordinance will be introduced at Council's May 10 meeting.

BOWMAN HOUSE OPERATING

The Bowman House is now open as a youth center for teenage youngsters. Council appropriated \$5,400 to operate the building located on Center Street between Town Hall and the Fire Station. The money will assure the operation for the remainder of the fiscal year.

If the center is successful, Council may appropriate the necessary monies needed to keep the recreation center open next year.

FIRE EQUIPMENT

Some \$7,500 in new radio equipment was approved for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department by Council. The radios are being purchased with Federal Revenue Sharing Funds.

The new equipment will make the volunteer fire department more efficient and will reduce the use of the large sirens mounted near the station.

NO U TURN SIGNS

With the congested traffic on Maple Avenue it has become both dangerous and inconvenient for other traffic when "U turns" are made.

Council, realizing the problem, decided to install "No U Turn" signs along Maple Avenue at St. Andrews and Westbriar Drives.

HISTORIC, VIENNA, INC.

Town Council adopted the articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for Historic Vienna, Inc.—a non-profit, non-stock corporation which will operate the Freeman House.

The action paves the way for the eventual opening of the Freeman House prior to July 4 and commits the new corporation to operate the house as a general store, museum and meeting hall with a minimum of Town assistance.

EMPLOYEE PENSION PLAN

Town Council approved a supplemental retirement system for non-police personnel which will cost the Town approximately \$10,000 a year and put the Vienna municipal employee on par with other Federal and municipal employees in retirement benefits.

Presently employees receive social security and a state retirement. The state's plan provides 1.5 percent in benefits, in other words, 1.5 multiplied by the average of the three highest annual salaries times the number of years in service. The supplemental system increased employees' benefits to 1.75 percent.

The Police Department was awarded a supplemental plan several years ago which provides 2 percent in benefits.

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Freeman House Needs Antiques

With the structural reconstruction of the Freeman House in Vienna completed, the Freeman House Advisory Commission is busily preparing the interior decoration of the building.

"There will be rocking chairs on the spacious front porch for lazy summer dreaming, an inviting checkerboard on an old keg and penny candy for the kiddies," comments Nancy Brown with a smile.

For Mrs. Brown, chairman of the Commission, a dream is being fulfilled.

The Freeman House is Vienna's most historic building. Over its 125 years the house has survived a Civil War battle, nursed the wounds of Union and Confederate soldiers as a hospital, served as a post office, housed the first fire-fighting equipment in Fairfax County, offered goods for sale as the first general store in Town, ushered commuters to and from Washington as a train station, and has been a family home.

"As a Bicentennial project for the greater Vienna area we plan to preserve her and give her new life as an old general store," Brown said. "We hope the community will capture the excitement of this effort and help us to open before the fourth of July.

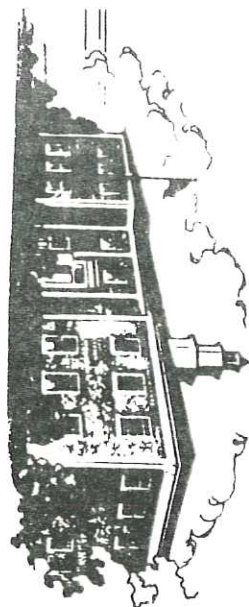
"We need money for operating expenses and we can use antique furniture and other items dating between 1860 and the turn of the century."

Mrs. Brown said the Commission feels there are many useful antique items that could be put to use, but are "hiding in dusty attics and garages all over Northern Virginia."

The Commission has committed itself to decorating the interior of the building and operating the general store with the assistance of the Vienna community. The Commission has non-profit status and donations are tax deductible.

"The Town Council is quite interested in this project," noted Town Manager C. Clay Harrell. "It will offer the community two meeting rooms to supplement our busy community center and provide a historic point for the Town."

Donations should be mailed to: Freeman House Advisory Commission, 127 Center St. S., Vienna, Va. 22180; or call 938-8000.



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Drainage Problems

No Bond Referendum Scheduled May 4th

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 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 or referendum in some later election. The Town Attorney as directed to continue pursuing a Virginia statute change enabling the Town to conduct an advisory referendum on general bond fund 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 directed 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 would cost an estimated \$32,000, the Harmony Drive project would 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.



DETECTED GAS LEAK--Twin brothers Brian and Sean O'Mara were presented special awards by Mayor Joseph R. Spriggs, and Community Relations Officer Sgt. Joseph R. Tavares in a ceremony prior to a Town Council meeting. The boys were alerted and reported a dangerous gas leak in southwest Vienna and worked on several community service projects.

Fighting Back

Newspaper Pickup Can Make Money

Vienna's officials have continued to take steps to fight back the ravages of inflation and spiraling costs of providing government services. The job of providing services is costly, however, there is one service which can make money--but only if the residents cooperate.

Newspaper pickup is a money maker.

With each ton of newspapers collected the Town saves \$5.75 in landfill costs and makes \$15 by selling the scrap paper. The total net gain per ton exceeds \$20.

Presently the Town's Public Works crews collect approximately 40 tons per month from their biweekly pickups. The figure should be closer to 100 tons.

If every household cooperated the Town could net approximately \$25,000 a year.

The benefits of a newspaper pickup program is greater than just saving trees. A successful program would provide residents with a savings in taxes and there would be less of a chance that services would have to be cut back.

The Town's newspaper pickup program is not a service that Town officials sped into recklessly. A considerable amount of time and research was done before the program was implemented last year. Special attachments had to be acquired for the trash trucks, routes had to be established and a market had to be located before the program began. The Town even passed an ordinance which requires residents to separate clean newspapers, excluding magazines, from the remaining refuse and securely tie them in bundles or place them in paper bags.

According to the Code of Vienna, "Failure to segregate newspapers can result in the termination of refuse services."

The program is quite simple in operation. Every other Wednesday several trash crews circle the Town picking up newspapers that are put out at the curb. The program employs no additional personnel and does not interfere with the two regular trash collections each household receives each week. There are, of course, times when inclement weather may prohibit the trash crews from completing the Town in one day.

Questions relative to the newspaper pickup program should be addressed to the Office of Public Information or the Department of Public Works.

Following is a list of newspaper pickup dates for the remaining part of the fiscal year.

April 14
April 28
May 12
May 26
June 9
June 23

Residents Will Elect Mayor, Three Councilmen

Vienna voters will cast their ballots for a Mayor and three Councilmen at the Town's General Election at the Vienna Community Center, May 4.

The polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Councilmen Paul M. Lyons and Charles A. Robinson Jr., are vying for the Mayor's seat. The Mayor's term is two years. Incumbent Joseph R. Spriggs is not seeking re-election.

Three Council seats will also be filled. Running for Council are E. Ross Buckley, Ruth M. Donovan, Vincent J. Olson, Wanda T. Pellicciotto, Robert W. Robinson and Louis Zone. Stephen G. McCahey dropped out of the race.

The Council term is two years. All candidates are elected on a non-partisan basis.

State Weeks Continue

The Vienna Bicentennial Commission has begun its fourth month of celebrating the different states of the Union. Each week a state is celebrated and a free reception is held on Wednesday of that week at the Patrick Henry Library at 8 p.m.

Upcoming receptions include:

Tennessee on April 21
Ohio on April 28
Louisiana on May 5
Indiana on May 12
Mississippi on May 19
Illinois on May 26

Meeting Dates

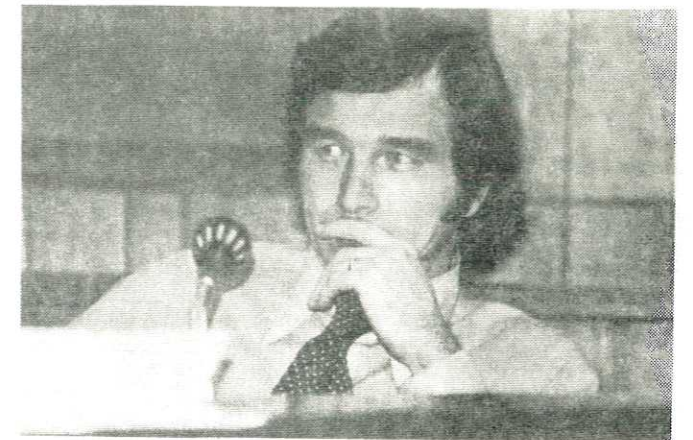
April 21--Board of Zoning Appeals
April 26--Council Date for Public Hearings
April 28--Planning Commission
May 4--Town's General Election
May 10--Town Council

All candidates for Vienna office in the May 4th election will be offered a short time to present their platform in a special televised "Meet the Candidates Night" on channel 53 (WNVT).

The program will be aired May 2--two days prior to the election.

Tentative time for the Vienna candidates to appear on the show is between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Should the time change then the new time will be on Vienna Newslite at 938-4499.



STEPHEN G. McCONAHEY
Councilman to Step Down

McCahey Drops Out Of Council Race

In a surprise announcement, incumbent Stephen G. McCahey said that he will not pursue a campaign for reelection.

The announcement came several weeks after he announced his intention to run for reelection to the two year Council term. His name will appear on the May 4 ballot, however, he will not be a candidate for election.

McCahey said his appointment by President Ford as Special Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and a growing family made him "reevaluate my earlier decision and decide, reluctantly, not to pursue a campaign for reelection."

He said the demand of his new White House assignment represent a "major increase in the time and energy I must commit to perform well in this unique and challenging opportunity."

McCahey, at 32 the youngest member on the Council bench, was elected to the Council in 1974. A native of Wisconsin, he graduated with his bachelor's degree from Harvard Business School. Prior to being elected to the Council he was vice-chairman of the Vienna Economic Advisory Commission.

"I will continue my interest in the Town's well-being and its future," he said. "I will exercise my responsibilities as a citizen of this Town and express my thoughts and opinions on various issues. And, at some future point, should conditions change and the opportunity arise, I hope once again to serve the Town of Vienna in a formal capacity."

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will have its annual "Walk on the Hill" Sunday, April 25 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The hill area includes Windover Avenue between Lawyers Road, and Lewis Street, Walnut Lane, West Street, Pleasant Street and Lovers Lane.

Parking is available at the bottom of Pleasant Street. There is no charge, refreshments will be available. Rain date is May 2.