

Church Street Extension Dies

Town Council reaffirmed on July 26 its previous position not to extend Church Street past the property line of the new post office.

Council authorized the barricading of the street at the post office property line by unanimous vote.

While Council nixed the road extension, it did not take action to have the extension removed from the Master Street Plan.

The proposed extension came under strong protest by residents who live in the Pleasant Street area who claimed that any extension of Church Street would impact the residential streets of northwest Vienna.

Approval of the road extension (which would have connected Church Street with Pleasant Street) may have resulted in the Windover Heights section of Town being heavily impacted by through traffic.

Council considered a variety of alternatives, including a no right turn sign on Church Street where it would have approached Pleasant Street and a stop light at Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street.

The new post office is scheduled to open October 1.

Fence Amendments

Two changes in the fence ordinance may be approved when Town Council meets September 7.

Council conducted a public hearing on the two changes on August 30. The changes included prohibiting barbed wire fences in residential zones and a reduction of the setback requirement from the rear property line for residential fences from 10 to two feet.

The Vienna Planning Commission recommended approval of both changes.

Doerstler Tract Decision Due

Town Council will probably make a decision on the Doerstler tract rezoning request at its scheduled meeting of September 7.

Council considered citizen comment at a public hearing on August 30. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the request on August 11.

Owners of the tract, Doerstler Development Corporation, requested that the tract located at 215 Tapawingo Road SE, adjacent to the new 7-Eleven Store, be rezoned from RS-12.5 (single family homes) to RM-2 (multi-family use) for three duplex units. The units, a total of six homes, would replace a single-family home which is set to be razed.

Cleanup Cancelled

The Bicentennial Cleanup Program, originally slated for the weekend of August 28-29, has been cancelled.

The program was cancelled due to lack of interest among the various civic organizations.

Part of the problem, according to a Bicentennial Commission spokesman, was many of the organizations become inactive during the summer months and people are also getting ready for the school year to begin.

The program would have been a major litter cleanup of the Town's business and industrial sections.

Bye!

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Birdies!

The Town was successful in its first bout with approximately 10,000 menacing starlings in southwest Vienna.

A series of loud "bird bombs," special noise producing devices, were activated. The bombs discouraged the birds from roosting.

BZA Denies Deck Variance

The Board of Zoning Appeals denied at its July meeting a request by Lakeland Enterprises, Inc., for a variance to permit an existing deck on a house at 902 Cooper Court SE. The deck is 25 feet from the rear property line. The Town Code requires a setback of 35 feet. As a result, the deck must come down.

In other action by the BZA:

*Approved a use permit to al-

low carry-out service by Anita's Restaurant at 147 Maple Avenue West.

*Approved the installation of more lights on Caffi Field and amended an existing use permit to allow night softball to be played during the Fall season, and

*Approved a variance request by Lakeland Enterprises, Inc., for an existing dwelling to remain 14.6 feet from the side property line.

BAR Approves Five Signs

The Board of Architectural Review approved the architecture of five of the six signs it considered in July. The sixth sign, submitted by the Penquin Feather, was deferred.

The approved signs include:

*a free-standing sign for Treasures and Challenges at 102 Church Street NE.

*a free-standing sign for Dart Drug Corporation at 311 Maple Avenue East.

*a wall sign for Elio's Hair Stylist at 423 Maple Avenue East.

*a free-standing sign to designate the new Caffi Softball field.

*a color change from beige to black for a free-standing sign belonging to Providence Savings and Loan Association at 527 Maple Avenue West.

Meeting Changed

Because of Labor Day the date of September's first Town Council meeting has been changed from September 6 to September 7.

The meeting will be a rare Tuesday session.

The second meeting is scheduled for September 20.

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Bike Auction at Town Hall

The Vienna Police Department will have a sealed bid bike auction starting the second week in September. Approximately 60 bikes that have been abandoned and unclaimed will be on display at the Police Headquarters starting September 7. Sealed bids will be opened on September 15 at 2 p.m. Interested persons may inspect the bikes any time of day between September 7 and when the sealed bids are opened. The Police Department is located in the rear of the Town Hall building, 127 Center Street, South.

Electric Ave. to be Improved

The Town of Vienna and 11 firms in the Northrop-Page Technology Park will combine checkbooks to finance the construction of a 300-foot unimproved section of Electric Avenue once the necessary right-of-way is acquired.

Both parties agreed to finance a 24-foot wide asphalt road which will provide 1,135 employees in the park a second access. The Town will pay \$1,000 of the improvements while the firms will join together to finance the remaining cost. Projected cost of the road is \$3,500.

Completion of the project now hinges on Fairfax County's ability to acquire the necessary right-of-way. Once the right-of-way is acquired Town forces will build the road. The Town hopes that the paved

section will be open by November.

Vienna's Town Council was interested in paving the short stretch since it would relieve some of the traffic now using Follin Lane. Follin Lane is the park's sole access and runs through a residential area.

While the road is outside the Vienna corporate limits, the Town has the authority under State law to spend funds on the project to improve the traffic circulation inside the corporate boundaries.

Past efforts to get Fairfax County to pave the road have failed.

The second access will also help accommodate the traffic generated by 1,000 new employees expected to be employed by the Navy Federal Credit Union and Revlon's National Health Laboratories when they open.

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Bulk Rate
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Vienna, Virginia
Permit No. 36

Comment from the Council Table

By Neil M. Walp
Vienna Town Councilman

This summer an event occurred of much significance to many in Vienna. This was the opening of the Freeman House located at 131 Church Street NE, across Mill Street from Vienna's historic Presbyterian Church. The Freeman House played a major role in Vienna's history--having been a military hospital for both sides during the Civil War, a post office, a general store and railroad depot. At one time Vienna's first fire-fighting equipment was kept in its basement. Several years ago your Town acquired the Freeman property. Over the last two years it has been restored although not exactly as it was during the first half of the 19th Century. The first floor is devoted to a country store. The second floor includes a museum room for Vienna artifacts and an apartment for rental, hopefully to a store proprietor.

Although there is nothing for sale yet, the Freeman House is open each Sunday between 1 and 5 p.m. for visitors. Historic Vienna, Inc., a non-profit corporation established by the Town to operate the Freeman House and other historic properties, has been created. HVI is embarking on a very ambitious program to make the Freeman House a major asset in our community and to, hopefully, make it a self-supporting operation with little or no need for subsidization with tax dollars. To do this, HVI is considering several operating alternatives. It is envisioned that in the general store quality merchandise will be for sale at competitive prices. This merchandise might include fabrics, ribbons, children's games, post cards, prints,

bakery products on selected days, and seasonal items. Additionally it is hoped that craft goods will be for sale on consignment--at this time it is also the plan to have area craftsmen demonstrating on Sunday afternoons. Rental of the apartment will also provide income.

In spite of these fund raising ideas, HVI will be soliciting memberships from residents of Vienna and surrounding area and business establishments. These memberships will be on an annual basis (July to June) and will entitle each member to participate in the operation of Historic Vienna--two annual meetings are provided in the By-Laws. One meeting will be held in March and the "annual" meeting is to be held in September. Of course, it is also anticipated that volunteers will be found from within the membership to assist in actual operation of the store or to serve on one of the many committees. There are two classes of membership: Individual and group. The fees for these memberships are: \$5 for Youth (under 18), \$10 for Adults, \$5 for Senior Citizens, and \$25 for all businesses and clubs considered groups.

As a member of the Board of Directors of Historic Vienna, Inc., I would like to invite all of you to come visit the Freeman House. I think you will be impressed. Additionally, I would hope that you would become a member of HVI or make a donation so that the Freeman House can come alive and become a focal point in our Town. For your convenience an application is on the next page. It can be sent to Historic Vienna, Inc., P.O. Box 53, Vienna, Va. 22180. Checks should be made payable to Historic Vienna, Inc.

Revenue Sharing Hearing

A special public hearing will be conducted September 20 for the reappropriation of \$93,800 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds which have been carried forward from prior years.

The hearing will begin at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

The largest share of the reappropriated funds, as proposed and recommended by the Town Manager, would be for the Public Works department and Parks and Recreation department.

According to Town Manager C. Clay Harrell, much of the unexpended Revenue Sharing Funds were originally earmarked for projects last year, but for one reason or another were never used because the projects were not completed during the entitlement period.

Some \$16,500 is proposed for the cleaning and painting of the Town's water towers and tanks. The Town has been delayed in completing this project because the water pressure has been too low to shut down any one tank at a time. This project will begin as soon as new pumps are installed in McLean by the City of Falls Church, the Town's principle water supplier.

A total of \$27,000 is being appropriated to the Public Works

department for the possible installation of traffic lights at the intersection of Lawyers Road and Church Street and the upgrading of residential street lights. Though Fairfax County pays the Town's street light bill, the County has not had adequate funds to replace the older low intensity lights in the residential areas.

Parks and Recreation projections include \$3,500 for the completion of the bike trail between Hine Street and Maple Avenue; \$2,500 for a pedestrian bridge connecting Hine Street to Locust Street; \$6,000 for restrooms in Northside Park; \$4,200 for practice boards in the Town's tennis courts; \$1,500 for fencing materials for the parks; \$1,800 for a two-way radio for the director's Parks and Recreation staff automobile, and \$3,400 for park maintenance equipment.

Some \$8,100 is being proposed for the Freeman House, \$1,400 for general government operations; \$12,400 for rental of the Finance department's computer and \$5,500 for a range house adjacent to the Police department's new pistol range.

Town Council agendas are available at the Patrick Henry Library, the Police Department and Town Hall prior to all Council meetings.

Upgrading Lights Proposed

Town Council will consider a plan to upgrade the residential street lights of Vienna at its September 20 meeting.

The plan calls for upgrading all the residential lights to high-intensity mercury vapor lights. Presently the Town has 778 street lights, in which only 199 of them are the high-intensity type. The total cost of the upgrading would be \$10,491 a year. If Council approves the upgrading then \$7,500 would finance the upgrading for the remaining part of the fiscal year.

Fairfax County pays the Town's street lighting bill, but has indicated that it cannot afford to upgrade the street lights. If Council approves the upgrading it will probably request assistance from the County to finance the improved lighting. Nevertheless, Town Manager C. Clay Harrell has recommended the use of \$7,500 in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds to finance the upgrading and the use of Revenue Sharing Funds in future years until the County assumes the cost of the upgrading.

The cost of street lights is figured according to the number of lights installed. The high-intensity mercury vapor lights presently cost \$4.41 per light per month, however, Vepco is negotiating a rate increase that would raise the price to \$6.28 per month. The \$10,491 price tag to upgrade the lights is based on the higher rate.

Town Staff is presently making an inventory of all the residential street lights in Vienna. A complete inventory, listing the locations of all the lights will be submitted to Council prior to the

September 20 meeting.

If the plan is adopted 525 incandescent street lights and 54 lower-intensity mercury vapor lights will be upgraded.

According to Harrell, vandalism is the key reason for the proposed upgrading. "Higher intensity lights will no doubt discourage the number of vandalism incidents," he said.

Town Loses Potential Revenue

The Town of Vienna lost a potential \$4,954 during the past three months due to the lack of participation in the Town's newspaper pickup program.

Paper prices have risen to \$20 per ton and landfill costs are now \$7.60 per ton. As a result, with every ton of newspapers collected the Town makes \$20 for selling the paper to a scrap dealer and saves \$7.60 per ton in landfill costs--a total savings of \$27.60. Town forces should have collected 179.5 more tons of newspapers than it actually did over the past three months.

The Town's figures are based on a potential supply of 100 tons of newspapers a month among the Town's 5,100 households. Collections have been averaging approximately 40 tons per month.

CALENDAR

- 1--Newspaper Pickup Day
- 6--Labor Day
- 7--Town Council meeting
- 8--Planning Commission
- 14--Mayor's Advisory Committee
- 15--Board of Zoning Appeals
- Newspaper Pickup Day
- 16--Board of Architectural Review
- 20--Town Council meeting
- 22--Planning Commission
- 28--Community Relations Commission
- Highway Safety Commission
- 29--Newspaper Pickup Day

Application for Membership in Historic Vienna, Inc.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Youth, \$5

Adult, \$10

Senior Citizen, \$5

Group Membership, \$25

Membership terms run from July 1 to June 30 each year. A receipt and membership certificate will be mailed.