

7-Eleven Beer License Denied

The Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission denied an off premises beer license to a 7-Eleven store located in a Vienna residential neighborhood.

The Commission ruled on November 16 that the issuance of a beer license would interfere with the "usual quietude and tranquility" of the residential neighborhood in southeast Vienna.

The store, operated by The Southland Corporation, is located at 223 Tapawingo Road SE. The ABC Examiner in Alexandria originally issued the beer license after a hearing in early September.

Vienna's Town Council directed the Town Attorney to appeal the decision to the ABC Commission in Richmond.

The store is surrounded by single-family detached homes. Nearby are two schools and a church.

The Commission's decision is final.

Town Council Results

Results of the October 18 meeting of the Vienna Town Council.

* Authorized staff to initiate action leading to the vacation of approximately 63 feet of Town-owned property at the lower end of Peterson Lane.

* Appropriated \$10,000 to Historic Vienna, Inc., for the operation of the Freeman House.

* Accepted high bid of \$500 from Stenger Typographic Service for a used 1250 Multilith machine.

Results of the November 1 meeting of the Vienna Town Council.

* Passed a resolution expressing appreciation to the Vienna Chamber of Commerce and the Vienna Jaycees for a tremendous job which they did in sponsoring and putting on the Halloween Parade on October 27.

* Approved spending \$400 to upgrade street Christmas decorations and asked Town Manager to acquire a 20 foot Christmas tree to serve as the Town's official Christmas tree during the holiday season.

* Requested the Highway Safety Commission to make a report on all the intersections where right-on-red is permitted. Commission will make recommendations to Town Council on what intersections should retain right turn on red privileges.

* Accepted lowest bid by Sidney R. Johnston, Inc., of Arlington, of \$44,353 for correction of the dangerous curve on Lawyers Road at Sharon Lane.

* Named Councilmen Upchurch, and Buckley, Martha Pruett of the

Planning Commission, and citizens George Lovelace, Betty Westover and John McHale to the Charter Review and Legislative Committee. Town Attorney and Town Manager will serve as ex-officio members.

* Approved a supplemental retirement system for Town employees.

* Authorized Town Manager to make temporary improvements to the unimproved portion of Electric Avenue located in the County. The repairs include grading, adding gravel and compacting so the road will remain passable during the winter months. Permanent improvements are pending acquisition of the necessary right-of-way by Fairfax County.

Results of the November 15 meeting of the Vienna Town Council.

* Accepted petition concerning noise from Police Pistol Range. Will be on December 6 Council agenda.

* Appointed Lawrence Terry, Joseph Spriggs and Jaime Negron as viewers to make recommendations concerning the vacation of Peterson Lane.

* Deferred plan to alleviate traffic problem around the Vienna Shopping Center.

* Set December 20 as the proposed adoption date for the Underground Safety Ordinance.

* Accepted report of the auditors, Streat and Goldklang, and authorized payment of \$5,400 for the auditors' services.

By-pass Alternatives Outlined

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expected to increase as a result of the opening of Sunrise Valley Drive, improvement of Lawyers Road between Hunter Mill and Hunter Station roads, the proposed extension by Fairfax of Lawyers Road to Sully Road and the proposed extension of West Ox Road from Lawyers Road extended to Rte. 50 at Stringfellow Road.

Some of the suggested routes being presented to the County Board of Supervisors by Mayor Robinson include:

* Completion of Abbotsford Road,

* connecting Clarks Crossing Road to Rte. 7 via an extension of Trap Road to the right-of-way paralleling the Dulles Access Road.

* Meadowlark Road extension via White Pine Drive to the Dulles Access Road.

* extension of South Lakes Drive, east of its intersection with Hunter Mill Road, on right-

of-way north of Wayside subdivision, to the right-of-way of the Dulles Access Road.

The Council suggested these routes as alternatives after its November 15 meeting.

The list of alternatives would provide a cross linkage between the Old Courthouse-Beulah and the Hunter Mill-Lawyers corridors.

Town Council feels strongly that a north by-pass is essential in order to provide Reston traffic faster access to Rte. 7 and points near and in the Washington, Arlington and Alexandria core and would alleviate some of the traffic now using Vienna roads that are not designed to accommodate large volumes of traffic.

Transportation is one of Vienna's major problems. The Council has also gone on record supporting the proposed four-lane extension of Interstate-66 to the Potomac River.

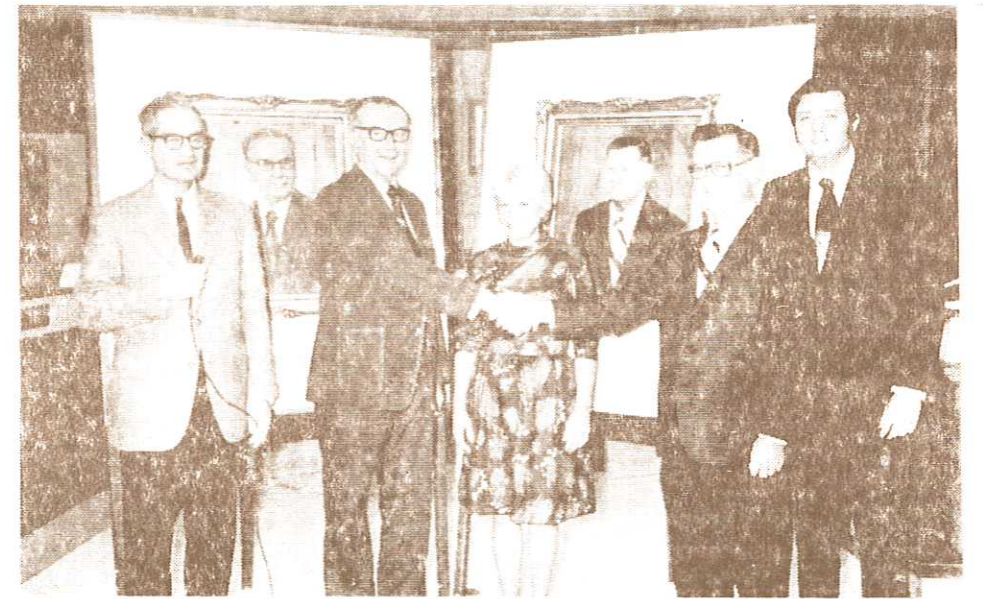
Town of Vienna

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JUDGES HONORED—The only two judges in the history of the Vienna Municipal Court shake hands after being honored in a short ceremony at Town Hall by the Vienna Town Council and the Vienna Bar Association. Judges Philip Brophy, left, and John Corboy served as the only two Town judges prior to the court's realignment which abolished all Town courts. The bar association commissioned artist Dinah Brisbane, center, to paint the portraits. The paintings are hanging in the Town Court Room, where the Fairfax County District Court now meets. The ceremony was a Bicentennial activity sponsored by the bar association. At far left is Vienna Mayor Charles A. Robinson Jr., and at the far right is Henry S. Fiedler, president of the bar association.

By-pass Alternatives Outlined

The Vienna Town Council has approached Fairfax County with a list of alternatives for a by-pass north of Vienna.

An expanding Reston area has put tremendous strain on the present network of roads in the northwest section of Fairfax County and prompted the Town Council to suggest a by-pass north of Vienna.

At the same time Council requested that Mayor Robinson prepare a letter to Secretary of Transportation William Coleman and to other appropriate Federal officials in support of the Pres-

ident's Council on Wage and Price Stability position on opening the Dulles Access Road to commuter traffic.

Rapid growth in western Fairfax County has caused the traffic to increase from 25,160 automobiles per day in 1970 on Maple Avenue to 34,950 in 1975. Traffic on the small two-lane Lawyers Road--the road that feeds the heavy traffic into Vienna--has increased from 8,550 to 13,070 during the same period. Town officials do not see any relief in traffic. Traffic is

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Vienna's Finest

By Wanda C. Pellicciotto
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Vienna's Police Department has come a long way since its formation in 1948. At that time, Mr. Kenneth Carkin served as the only police officer in the Town and for him "a mere 8-hour day was unheard of." Today even though the size of the force has grown, 8-hour days are still a rarity because the officers normally work four straight 10-hour shifts and are off three days. This type of scheduling provides at least two full shifts on duty during six hours out of each day.

Currently, the force consists of the Chief, Maj. Vernon L. Jones, four civilian dispatchers, and 26 officers including one female officer. There are five sergeants, and four corporals with one corporal position presently vacant. Pat Jeanraud is the Chief's secretary and according to all reports within the department is their "girl Friday" and "best right hand."

In order to maintain the professional status of department personnel, promotions are based on experience plus training. Corporals must have three-years experience and 30 semester hours of college credit, and sergeants must have 30 semester hours of college credit and three years service as a corporal.

In addition to their regular duties as shift supervisor and regular police work, three sergeants serve in the following capacity: traffic safety officer, training officer and community service officer.

The traffic safety officer is in charge of all radar operations, serves on the Vienna Highway Safety Commission, compiles monthly traffic summary reports, reports all traffic accidents to the appropriate state departments and approves or disapproves all motor vehicle accident reports.

The community service officer serves as a liaison between the police department and the public and strives to educate the public in crime prevention. This division also serves as the juvenile bureau, assists in family disputes and diligently researches for monies available to the department through federal grants. The community service office initiated the Officer Friendly Program which is used extensively by churches, schools and pre-schools. This division is currently preparing



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a home and business security inspection program which will begin the first of the year and will include the pros and cons of alarm systems, information on security locks and a security analysis of homes and businesses.

The training officer coordinates training for the department and sets up all training programs for the officers. This includes courses and training in drug enforcement, narcotics, handwriting analysis, sex crimes, photography, driving, firearms and mandatory in-service retraining as required by law. All members of the department must qualify in the use of sidearms and shotguns every three months. This qualification runs along the same lines as the FBI and the majority of Vienna's officers are classified as expert marksmen or better. In fact after the latest qualification 12 officers rated experts, five rated as distinguished experts and two rated as lifetime masters. Vienna's police department has its own firing range and has recently acquired a "Hogan's Alley" target system which is a series of moving targets and requires a very high degree of accuracy. Vienna is the only jurisdiction in Northern Virginia other than the FBI and Alexandria to have this system.

Vienna also has a SWAT team which was organized two years ago. The team consists of seven members with each member having his own specialty within the team. The members receive special training in the use of weapons, hostage negotiations, crowd control, building assault and search and the lateral and vertical use of ropes. The team has received training through the Northern Virginia Police Academy and can operate together with SWAT teams of other jurisdictions.

Since being elected to Council I have become more aware of the great job our police department does and hardly a week goes by without one or more of our officers receiving letters of praise for a job well done from citizens and businesses in our community.

I have found Vienna's finest to be friendly, courteous, helpful and above all professionals. We in Vienna have much to be proud of in our law enforcement officers, and I urge every resident not to hesitate to call on them when and if the need arises, you will be quite pleased with the response you will receive.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Holiday Season.



PLANTING PROGRAM--Volunteers of the Five Hills Garden Club help representatives of Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department plant flowers in the Town's planter boxes on Glyndon Street. The Club donated flowers and assistance to the planting program. Pictured are, from left, Tom Cooke, foreman of the Parks crew; garden club members Ann Davidson and Joyce Thibeault, and Edwin Martin, town gardener.

Solutions for Post Office

With the opening of the new post office in Vienna came traffic problems at Lawyers Road and Church Street where the new postal facility is located.

An inadequate number of parking spaces and narrow entrances at the post office location have complicated the flow of traffic in neighboring streets in north-west Vienna and have caused traffic congestion and frustrated postal patrons.

In an effort to resolve the problems the Town has suggested five solutions which should ease the situation. The five suggestions include:

1. Complete at the earliest practical date the eight additional parking spaces originally planned as "future parking" on the construction plans.

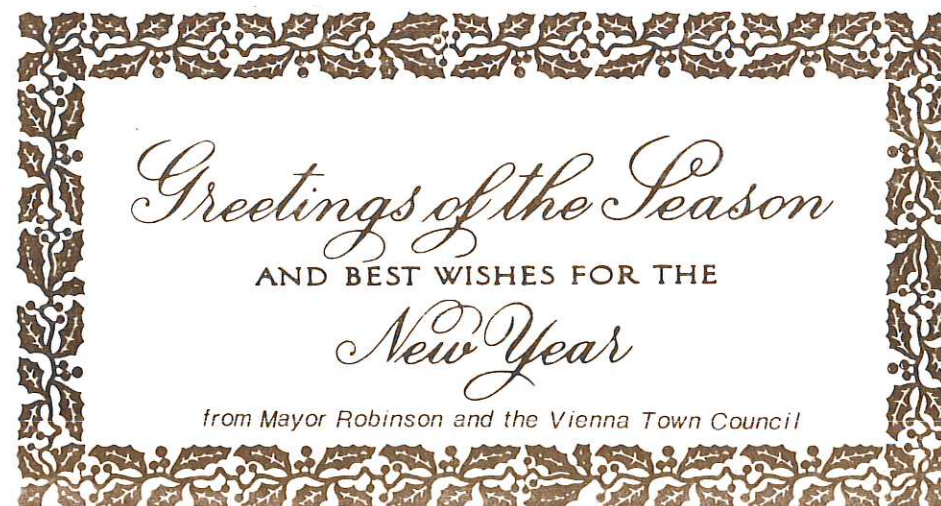
2. Extend the driveway that serves the eight additional spaces to the employee parking lot to provide an additional exit route to the rear of the post office.

3. Widen the existing customer parking area by six feet to provide a better flow of traffic.

4. Widen the throat of the entrance to the customer parking lot.

5. Construct a set of steps from the walk on the southerly side of the building down to Church Street. This would increase the use of the parking spaces now available on Church Street.

The present customer parking lot only has 15 spaces. The Vienna post office serves an area of 22.44 square miles with an estimated population of approximately 58,000 people.



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Ayr Hill until late 1850's) in the early part of the conflict and the village changed hands frequently. The Lydecker store-residence, located next to the railroad track, was used by both Union and Confederate forces as a hospital. It also quartered Union officers who kept their valuable horses in the cellar.

When the Lydeckers returned to their home after the war, they found the house in a dilapidated condition. Restoration included scouring bloodstains from a bedroom floor and papering over the writing of soldiers who hoped to immortalize themselves by inscribing their names on the walls.

The Lydeckers soon were joined by their daughter, Caroline, and her husband, Anderson Freeman, and their family from the north. The upstairs of the 20-bedroom house was used as a living quarters and the lower floor became the village's first general store complete with pot belly stove, barrels of fish and molasses and bolts of calico. With the army horses gone, coal was sold from the cellar.

The Washington and Ohio Railroad passed through Vienna between Alexandria and Leesburg, and the store served as the town's first railroad station. A bridge of logs ran from the tracks to a side porch to accommodate the passengers. The village post office was located in the store as well, and Anderson Freeman, who took over the operation of the store-depot from his father-in-law in the 1870's, served as Vienna's sixth postmaster from 1874 to 1885.

In 1894, the Freeman's son, Leon, brought his bride, Hattie Crocker, to Vienna. The young couple lived in a large eight-room section of the original Lydecker-Freeman house that had been removed and situated across the street. Leon Freeman sold his business to a Loudoun County company in 1900 but continued his association with the store until it

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closed around 1929.

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, another important first for the Freeman House, was formed in 1903 as a bucket brigade with Leon Freeman as its first president. The department soon purchased a 35-gallon hand drawn chemical tank to serve the village with its population of 300. Leon Freeman and his family at that time occupied the large house as he operated the store. The fire-fighting equipment was stored at the Freeman home giving the house the distinction of being the town's first fire department.

Leon Freeman also owned the first automobile in Vienna - a 1904 Franklin. He was the first Republican to be elected to the Virginia House of Delegates after the Civil War. He was also a director of Vienna's first bank, the Vienna National Bank. It was during this period that the Freeman House closed as a store.

Leon Freeman served as mayor of Vienna from 1912 to 1914.

The house was used as a residence until the 1950's. It has stood vacant for several years and was in disrepair when the town of Vienna bought the property in 1969. Restoration was begun in January 1975 under the guidance of the Freeman House Advisory Commission, later to become Historic Vienna, Inc., a non-profit corporation for historic restoration and preservation in the town. The building was dedicated on June 26, 1976.

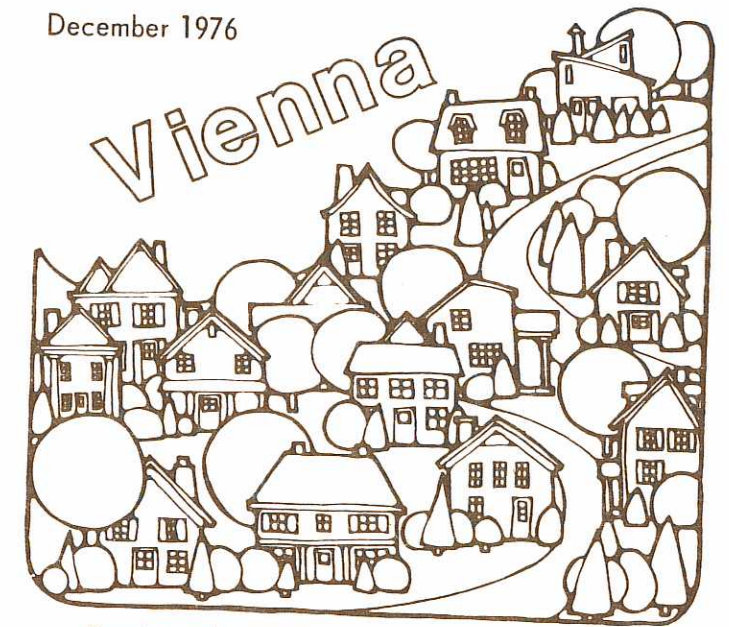
PUBLIC AUCTION

The public is invited to bid on several pieces of office equipment, including typewriters and adding machines, in a closed bid auction at Town Hall.

Equipment may be inspected at Town Hall during business hours. Bids will be opened on December 15 at 2 p.m. in the Town Manager's office.

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Events and Happenings in the Town of Vienna

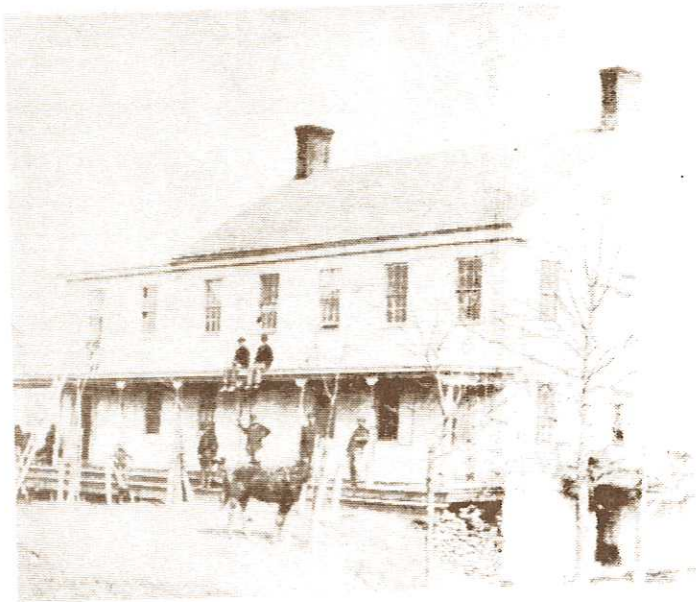
History of the Freeman House

The Freeman House had been standing only a few years when it was touched by what became a part of history. That was during the Civil War. The frame house at the corner of Church and Mill Streets would continue to play a vital role in the story of Vienna through the exciting first decades of the 20th century. Through the efforts of the Vienna town government and a group of interested citizens, the house continues standing today, as important as ever as it links the town to its past.

In 1859, Abram Lydecker, a New Jersey merchant and father of nine, purchased land in Vienna on which to build a large combination dwelling and store. The building was new when the Civil War began in 1861.

War raged in and around strategic Vienna (called

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Freeman House as it Appeared Shortly After the Civil War

Plowing May Block Driveway

In event of a snow storm when Town crews will have to plow, residents are cautioned on being too "gung-ho" on clearing their driveways.

The practice in plowing is to make an initial pass to open the road. As soon as possible thereafter, the plows retrace their routes in order to push the snow to the curb line. It is necessary that this is done so the following snowfall does not hamper clearing operations. When driveways are dug out too quickly, invariably the next pass of the plow will fill them in. Residents are requested to bear with the plows during the clearing operations.

Marionettes to Perform at Center

A free performance of the Bob Brown Marionettes, a group of school-aged children, will be conducted at the Vienna Community Center on December 28 at 4 p.m.

The program is entitled, "Holiday in Strings."

Former Mayor's Widow Dies

Mrs. Ida Spindle Bennett, widow of former Mayor Edgar T. Bennett died November 22 at the age of 89.

Mayor Bennett served as Vienna's mayor between 1928 and 1932.

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Council Nears Bond Decision

Town Council is working toward approving a bond issue that will probably be smaller than what was originally proposed in late October.

Some 19 people spoke at a public hearing in which overwhelming support was expressed for adequate storm drainage improvements. The Council spent a full day in late November inspecting the various storm drainage problems in town. The bond issue will, no doubt, include several storm drainage projects.

Some of the projects originally proposed in the \$1.75 million bond issue will probably be scratched--including the extension of Mill Street and the widening of Beulah Road.

Council stood behind its Park Street commitment

Other proposals, such as traffic lights, walk lights, screening the northwest property yard, two new wells and park improvements will probably remain in the bond issue. Council will probably cut the proposed size of the bond issue to between \$1.25 and \$1.5 million.

A decision is not expected until January. No increase in taxes is anticipated to retire this bond.

Christmas Lights

Vienna has expanded its Christmas Lighting Program through a cooperative effort between the Town of Vienna and the Vienna Chamber of Commerce.

Some \$1,400 has been spent this year to upgrade the present lights and to add 25 new light fixtures on Maple Avenue. The Chamber donated \$500 and the Town appropriated \$400 plus all the labor needed to upgrade the lights and get them installed.

Maple Avenue will be lighted from Branch Road to Pleasant Street with the addition of the new lights. The Chamber is hoping that it will be able to donate money each year to expand the lighting program to eventually include all of Maple Avenue and the business district on Church Street.

The old lights were obtained several years ago and had to be upgraded with new wiring, light bulbs and garland.

Several new classes will be offered in the Winter Recreation Schedule. You will be receiving your class schedule soon. Registration is January 3.

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Town Meetings

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13--Date for Town Council public hearings, however, as of publication date no public hearings had been scheduled.

14--Mayor's Advisory Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Tentative guest speaker is Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Joseph Alexander who will speak on a number of issues, including Metro.

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

16--Board of Architectural Review meeting at Town Hall at 8 p.m.

20--Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Meeting will include a public hearing on a proposed charter amendment to Chapter 8 (Architectural Control Districts), that basically clarifies the word "buildings" to include "signs, landscaping and other improvements visible from the exterior."

22--Planning Commission meeting originally scheduled for this date has been cancelled. Newspaper Pickup Day.

24--Town Hall will be closed and there will be no regular trash pickup.

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3--Town Council meeting at Town Hall at 8 p.m.

5--Newspaper Pickup Day.

Some Flooding Can Be Prevented

Some of the problems with flooding in Vienna are not storm drainage problems at all, but simply blockage in the stream valley beds.

The amount of brush and trash that has been deposited in the stream valley beds is on the increase. The end result is flooding problems for people who have homes along the streams. Many of these flooding problems could be resolved if the water were to flow smoothly through the drainage pipes and under bridges.

Cooperation among town residents will help solve some of the problems of flooding, and at the same time make it easier for the town to pin-point the problem areas where drainage improvements should be made.

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