

Police Issuing Tickets

Vienna's town police issued 263 speeding tickets in February during stepped-up measures to reduce the amount of speeding on town streets.

Speeding has been one of the major concerns of the police department. Approximately 110 man-hours were spent last month on radar surveillance.

According to town manager C. Clay Harrell, the town is "determined to

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In a more recent update, Vienna police reportedly issued 104 citations during the first 15 days in March. Some 83 of those issued speeding tickets were non-residents of Vienna.

reduce the amount of speeding on Vienna's streets." He said the town will continue its crack down.

Vienna is predominately a residential town with most of its streets winding through neighborhoods and past schools. Most of the speeding tickets were issued on streets that pass elementary schools.

Those cited for speeding averaged from 15 to 16 miles per hour over the posted speed limit. Some 72 percent of the drivers cited reside outside the corporate limits.

Mayor Asks for Veto of SB 735

Mayor Robinson has asked Governor Godwin to veto Senate Bill 735--a bill that would place a 10-year moratorium on both annexations and possible transition from town to city status.

Robinson told the governor that the bill is "extremely harsh, and, therefore, substantially unreasonable."

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has asked the governor not to veto the bill.

House Bill 855, explained in the March *News/letter* by Mayor Robinson, was defeated by the General Assembly.

Hearing on Penalty Fee

The Vienna Town Council will conduct a public hearing April 4 on an ordinance that would increase the penalty of delinquent real estate taxes. The hearing will begin at Town Hall at 8 p.m.

If approved by Council, delinquent accounts will be charged a 10 percent penalty or \$5, whichever is greater, for each real estate installment due. The town charges real estate taxes in two installments--one in July and the second in December.

Presently delinquent tax payers are assessed a five percent late payment penalty.

Projects Get Preliminary Nod

Town Council has directed the town manager to obtain the necessary engineering for four storm drainage projects and to proceed with plans for two new water wells as outlined in the recently adopted general fund bond issue.

The four storm drainage projects include: a section of pipe in the channel across Lawyers Road from the Salisbury Spring Park, completion of the storm drainage in the Ayr Hill right-of-way between Park and Mill Streets, the installation of some new storm pipe in the Ninovan Road--Valley Drive area and the enlargement of an existing pipe under Valley Drive, and the installation of another pipe under DeSale Street between Casmar Drive and Patrick Street.

Expected cost of these projects, once they are reviewed and finally approved by Council, will be approximately \$72,500.

The manager was directed to obtain bids for the drilling of two water wells in Peterson Lane Park. The drilling of the second well will be contingent upon the outcome of water flow in the first well.

Council is also considering screening the property yard. A meeting is scheduled with community leaders in the northwest area of town on April 11 to decide what type of screening to use.

Harrell Announces Retirement

Town manager C. Clay Harrell announced on February 28 that he will retire in July 1978 after serving as Vienna's chief executive for 15 years.

"Since we are in the process of developing the budget for the next fiscal year and council will no doubt want to make provisions in the budget for any expenses relating to the naming of a successor, I think it is only timely that I publicly announce my intentions at this time," he said.



C. Clay Harrell

A native of Arkansas, but a long time resident of Oklahoma, Harrell came to Vienna after serving 10 years as city manager of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Columbia, Missouri. From 1935 to 1942 he was a teacher and grade school principal. He also served 10 years with the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

He is past president of both the Virginia and Oklahoma Municipal Leagues, past president of the Vienna Rotary Club, past vice-president of the Vienna

Chamber of Commerce and was elected Citizen of the Year by the Vienna Chamber in 1971 and 1974.

Harrell and his wife, Virginia, live at 610 John Marshall Drive NE.

In other personnel related news: Earl (Woody) Belcher, 26, of Herndon has been sworn in as Vienna's first dog warden, and Maria Peyton Hanlin, originally from Audubon, New Jersey, was recently appointed as secretary in the Public Works Department.

Two employees will be leaving soon. Coy Brinegar, utilities maintenance superintendent, will be retiring at the end of April after 23 years with the town. Halsey T. Green III will be resigning from his position as deputy finance director in early April. Green and his wife, Marty, plan to travel throughout the U.S. in their newly acquired Airstream trailer.

Town of Vienna

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Four Candidates Seeking Three Council Seats

Four candidates, including three incumbents, will be seeking three available seats on Town Council in the town's annual general election May 3 at the Vienna Community Center.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. All the voting will be at the Vienna Community Center, located at 120 Cherry Street SE. adjacent to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Seeking reelection to a two year term to the Council are Raymond E. Hicks, 209 Glyndon Street NE; Donald E. Upchurch, 505 Roberts Drive NW, and Neil M. Walp, 208 Yeonas Drive SW. The only challenger on the ballot is James E. Nichols of 1107 Westbriar Drive NE who is a member of the town's Board of Zoning Appeals.



Northern Virginia public television channel 53/14 will be conducting a special Candidates Night on May 2 at 7 p.m. The show will feature comments from all four Town Council candidates.

There are no referendum questions on the ballot this year. Town elections are non-partisan and winners are determined by popular vote. The three candidates receiving the highest number of popular votes will be elected to the two year terms that will expire on June 30, 1979.

Unregistered voters have until April 2 to register in time for the election. This is the first time Nichols has sought a Council seat. Walp is seeking his fifth term, Hicks his third term and Upchurch his second.

Plenty of parking will be available at the Community Center. The Center has three parking lots and the rear parking lot of the Fire Department will also be available.

Residents arriving at the Center to vote after the 7 p.m. closing time will be turned away, however those who are in line at 7 p.m. will be permitted to vote.

Results of the election are usually available from one to two hours after the polls close. The results will be on the Vienna Newsline at 938-4499.

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Comment from the Council Table:

My Kind of Town

By Neil M. Walp
Vienna Town Councilman

Many years ago, possibly before many current Town residents came to Vienna, and probably before many had even heard of Vienna, Virginia, a contest was initiated to select a motto for our Town. The winning phrase was "Vienna--My Kind of Town." Many of you have heard this phrase and probably not given much thought to its origin or significance.

In trying to think of a subject for this issue of the Newsletter I had initially rejected this topic, largely because it does receive considerable attention, and yet, after a hard winter I thought it might hit a responsive chord and spur us on to reaffirm this motto and make it fact and not fiction. There are some observations I would like to make in regard to this somewhat mundane subject which, more often than not, is taken for granted.

It is important to realize in carrying out this motto that it is a responsibility of all of us--those of us who have chosen to serve as elected officials or members of boards and commissions; or those who expend their energies running programs for our young people, middle aged and senior citizens; or the majority of our residents who simply appreciate a clean, attractive and well run Town in which to raise their families.

Your Town government is acutely aware of this motto and constantly makes a conscious effort to effect the spirit and intent of the motto. It is expressed, for example, in efforts to assure excellent levels of service, special events, support of a Town band, retention of our trees, and creation and operation of a parks and recreation program. Obviously, not everyone is satisfied all of the time, but your Town



Neil M. Walp
Vienna Town Councilman

government, being close and responsive, makes an outstanding effort.

The other focal point to assure fulfillment of the motto rests with every citizen--you the homeowner, you the businessman, you the owner of an industrial establishment. You must assume some responsibility not only to yourself, but also to your neighbors, your neighborhood and your Town. There is much we all can do (or not do) such as, not dumping trash, grass clippings, etc., into the stream valley behind your home or business which only encourages others to do the same, or it creates hostilities, or, and this is often the case, the Town has to assume the responsibility for a cleanup. When this happens it creates an unnecessary burden on an already strained public works department; it even adds another impetus to increasing the size of the Town staff--and that eventually costs us all money. One of my pet peeves is the condition of some of our yards--I say "our" because I too am guilty at times. Partially disassembled automobiles often sit for months creating eyesores. Trash and debris often accumulate when the Town will most heartily cart it off during our two annual Town-wide cleanup programs (the next one begins April 18), or at any other time for a modest fee (\$10 per load) to cover expenses. All that is required is a visit to the Public Works Department.

I have noted on the many occasions I have walked and driven through Town that some homeowners without curb and gutter in front of their homes keep their yards cleaned and mowed to the blacktop of the road. In too many instances, others have apparently said to themselves, "It's not my responsibility," and left debris to accumulate and permitted the weeds to grow voraciously rather than mow or scythe them down. Yes--it is easy to say it's the Town's responsibility to keep those weeds down, but isn't it much simpler to do it yourself with a few minutes of extra work? It reduces the burden on the Town employees, helps keep taxes down, gives you the satisfaction of having a good looking property, and gives you a little personal role in keeping Vienna "Our Kind of Town."

The business and industrial interests also have a major responsibility. Your Town government has been acutely aware of the physical conditions of some of the employment areas in Town. This past fall, the Town Manager and Public Works Director attempted, at Council's direction, a major effort to clean up the Mill Street area with the cooperation of business establishments located there. This resulted in moderate success, but real lasting success can not be achieved until it becomes a personal commitment of each and every business to do its fair share to reduce littering, keep their storage areas somewhat picked up, etc. I've heard it stated many times that it "can't be done" in an industrial area--I don't believe it! It might not be easy, but something more than the effort of the past is possible.

The spirit of the motto goes far beyond the physical appearance of Vienna, but it is the appearance which has the most effect on all of us--we see the evidence each day. It is more difficult to judge the social spirit, but it appears to be alive and vibrant, if participation in Town programs is any measure.

Vienna, like many communities, has a lot of recovering to do after the long, hard winter. Repair of roads will be a major, time consuming exercise. Getting ready for an active spring and summer season will not be simple and will take special efforts by all of us. Let us all work together this spring (and all of the time) to make Vienna "Our Kind of Town."

Town Council Results

Results of Town Council's meeting of March 7:

* Contributed \$16,980 to the Vienna Babe Ruth League for installing new lights at Waters Field, adjacent to the Vienna Community Center. The council requested Fairfax County to pay half of the cost.

* Appealed to the Supreme Court of Virginia the Circuit Court's decision denying the town authority to raze the dilapidated house at 430 Lewis Street.

* Requested some changes in the Vienna Jaycees' developmental plans for Northside Park. Council's suggestions were aimed at reducing the amount of development adjacent to residential homes.

* Indicated that it opposes the extension of Abbotsford Road from its western terminus to Malcolm Road.

* Approved installing street lights requested by residents and businesses and indicated that it would assume payment of the lights until Fairfax County agreed to pay the light bill.

* Council endorsed the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's bond program which would allow them to acquire the Washington and Old Dominion right-of-way for recreational purposes. Council also endorsed the Fairfax County Park Authority's bond program for the acquisition and development of the Peterson Lane area, extension of Northside Park and the historical park development of Freedom Hill Park.

* Deferred appealing the State Highway Department's ruling not to put a traffic light at Tapawingo and Nutley Roads until the Moorefield townhouses are completed.

* Reaffirmed its support of the twin-city relationship between Ceret, France, and Vienna.

Results of the Town Council's meeting of February 28:

* Accepted, with regret, the resignation of Charles Culkin, 403 Orleans Circle SW, from the Planning Commission.

* Deferred consideration of establishing a skate board rink until more information is gathered from skate board firms relative to design and cost.

* Decided to take no action to vacate Church Street between the post office property line and Pleasant Street. The request was made by Charles W. Sloan and was opposed by area residents who attended the meeting.

* Passed a resolution honoring long-time resident William A. West, 444 West Street NW, on his 103rd birthday for giving "generously of his time and talents for the betterment of the town of Vienna and the people of the Vienna community." West celebrated his birthday on March 4.

* Expressed opposition to the development of a McDonald's Restaurant on Rte. 123 between Horseshoe Drive and Old Courthouse Road because it does not, by definition, comply with the prescribed uses of a Highway Corridor Overlay Zoning District. The proposed restaurant would also generate additional traffic causing a hazardous situation.

* Passed a resolution congratulating the town employees responsible for the publication of a special cookbook last year that contributed to the town's Bicentennial effort.

Tax Deadline May 1

Application deadline for tax relief and rent subsidies is May 1. The relief is available to certain low-income senior citizens by the town and Fairfax County.

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; and the applicant, spouse and relatives living in the household must have a combined financial net worth of no more than \$35,000.

Real Estate Tax Relief

As town residents are subject to two real estate taxes, one from the town and one from the county, 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.

Personal Property Tax Relief

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, owners must be 65 years of age or older, except the applicant's spouse who need not have attained the age of 65.

Rent Grants

Fairfax County offers rent grants for eligible town residents.

Persons not included 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

To apply for relief, candidates should fill out the necessary forms with Fairfax County. You may request the forms from the county by calling 691-2371 and 691-2437.

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.

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Measles

especially necessary with regard to the age groups currently being infected since these children most probably require measles re-immunization.

Recent experience with reinfection of children with a history of prior immunization against measles indicates that the following children should be re-immunized:

1. Any child who received measles vaccine (inactivated or alive) prior to 12 months of age. Those receiving live vaccine after 12 months of age are probably adequately immunized. At 12 months the antibody response is 80 to 85 percent.

2. Any child who received inactivated vaccine regardless of age at time of immunization.

3. Those children who received live attenuated vaccine with Measles Immune Globulin (MIG) should be considered individually for re-immunization.

4. Any child not immunized with live vaccine but given passive immunization with measles immune globulin because of exposure to measles.

The foregoing emphasizes the importance of keeping accurate records of all immunizations! Every family member should have a complete, up-to-date record. As can be seen, it is needed when a member of the family is exposed to a disease; or enters school or camp, travels abroad, or changes doctors.

Parents are urged to be certain that their children are properly immunized and protected against measles, and to keep immunization records.

The Fairfax County Health Department offers free, routine immunizations against preventable communicable diseases such as measles; rubella (German Measles); diphtheria; whooping cough; tetanus, and polio.

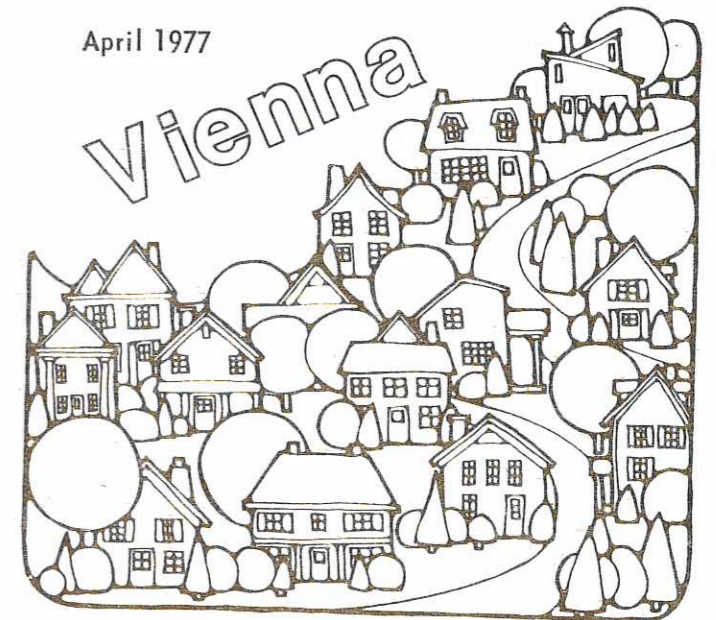
For information about the opening hours of the free health clinics contact the Joseph Willard Health Center at 691-2161 or the Northwestern District office at 534-8343.



Mr. Max Facts

There are 80 cul-de-sacs in Vienna, and one of them, Sanoev Circle, is "Yeonas" spelled backwards. Yeonas was the developer of that neighborhood.

April 1977



Events and Happenings in the Town of Vienna

Children Should Have Measles Shot

Reported cases of measles in the Vienna area of Fairfax County now exceeds 100 cases.

This outbreak, which started in mid-January, appears to be largely confined to children ages 13 and 14. It is one of the most readily transmitted communicable diseases.

The previous outbreak of measles in Fairfax County involved the southern region of the county during the early part of 1976. Last year, the Fairfax County Health Department and the Fairfax County Public School System, in cooperation with school principals, provided in excess of 137,000 individual, short questionnaires on the subject of measles for school age children to take home for their parents' information and response. The questionnaire was accompanied by an informative letter. As stated in the letter to the parents, the information was to be kept confidential and would be used only to control the 1976 outbreak of measles. Answering the questions was voluntary; however, if parents chose not to answer them, the health department indicated that it would be unable to evaluate and control the outbreak.

The measles outbreak this year points up the fact that some further dissemination of information is necessary to supplement the 1976 letter and questionnaire. This is

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Calendar

April 1977

- 4--Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. (For update on the agenda items call the Vienna Newsline at 938-4499 the weekend prior to the meeting.)
- 8--Good Friday.
- 10--Easter Sunday.
- 12--Mayor's Advisory meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Special guest speaker will be Richard L. DeCair, executive director of the Virginia Municipal League.
- 13--Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 14--Vienna Lioness Club Fashion Show at the Community Center, 8 p.m.
- 18--Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. (For update on the agenda items call the Vienna Newsline at 938-4499 the weekend prior to the meeting.)
- 20--Board of Zoning Appeals meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 21--Board of Architectural Review meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 22--Potomac Boxer Club Specialty Show at the Community Center.
- 24--Vienna and Oakton Jaycees' Walk for Mankind. Forms are available at the Community Center.
- 25--Town Council date for public hearings at Town Hall, 8 p.m. (For update on the agenda items call the Vienna Newsline at 938-4499 the weekend prior to hearings. This meeting may be cancelled.)
- 27--Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Newspaper Pickup Day.

May 1977

- 2--Men's Softball League begins season at Southside Park.
- 3--Town's General Election at the Vienna Community Center. Voters will elect three council members to two-year terms. Polls open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cleanup April 18

Beginning April 18, the Town of Vienna will begin its Spring Cleanup Program--a project in which town forces will remove debris piled at the curb side.

Pickup will begin in the northwest corner of town and will proceed clockwise around the town. Once a street has been covered the crews will not double back. Late debris will be picked up only on payment of a special pickup fee of \$10.

Residents are requested to pile debris at the curb between April 11 and 17. Debris piled at the curb prior to the 11th would clutter the town during the Easter holiday.

The cleanup is conducted twice a year (Spring and Fall) and enables residents to clean out their garages, attics and sheds free of charge. Common debris thrown away during these programs are old pieces of furniture, old household appliances, unsalvageable playground equipment and brush.

Debris is collected by town employees in large trucks. The debris is then taken to the landfill. The only requirement made is that brush, leaves and branches must be segregated from the other types of debris. None of the debris should be covering fire plugs or water meters.

Old clothes, furniture that can be salvaged and appliances that still work should be donated to any one of many area charitable organizations in lieu of throwing them away.

'Walk on the Hill'

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will have its annual "Walk on the Hill"--a tour of Windover Heights--on April 24 from 1 to 5 p.m.

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

Parking is available at the Maple Avenue end of Pleasant Street. There is no charge and refreshments will be available.

The Malcolm-Windover Heights Civic Association will have a candidates night at the Vienna Town Hall on April 28 beginning at 8 p.m.

The event enables all four candidates to state their platform, experience and reason for running for a Town Council seat. The event is free-of-charge and is open to the public.

Flower Show

The Ayr Hill Garden Club will present the Freeman House Flower Show at the Freeman House, located on the corner of Church and Mill Streets in the northeast section of Vienna on April 23-24.

The show will include competition in six classes in artistic design and competition in horticulture. Classes include Messages in Miniature, The Country Store--Proprietor Anderson Freeman, Merchandise--For Sale, Kitchen Wares--Specials, Home: Over the Stove and Mrs. Freeman's Parlour.

The flower show is open, free-of-charge to the public from 2 to 5 p.m. on April 23, and 1 to 5 p.m. on April 24.

For additional information contact the chairman of the event, Mrs. Mayor Stuntz at 938-8176.

Reservations for the artistic design division must be made by April 16.

Toastmasters

Are you satisfied with your speaking skills? Or could they stand some improving? The Vienna Toastmasters Club can help improve your listening, thinking and speaking skills.

The club, now in the middle of a membership drive, meets every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Vienna Community Center.

The club has several activities at each meeting--including speeches, evaluations and extemporaneous responses to surprise situations. It all hinges on the Toastmasters' slogan, "Toastmasters puts you up front with better listening, thinking and speaking."

For additional information about the organization contact Frank Sokolove at 256-9883.

Sometimes people forget the law when they approach a four-way stop sign intersection. The following is from the Vienna Town Code.

When two or more vehicles approach or enter an intersection at approximately the same time, all the vehicles must come to a complete stop and the driver of the vehicle on the left shall yield the right-of-way to the vehicle on the right.

Residents and businessmen are reminded that it is unlawful for any person to tack or post any advertising material to any telephone, telegraph or electric transmission pole, or on any tree, within the corporate limits of Vienna.