

## Animal Warden Kept Busy

Vienna's town animal warden Woody Belcher is so busy enforcing the town's dog control ordinance that he has no time for the park patrolman duties that were originally part of his job. Warden Belcher has done such an outstanding job that he is scheduled soon to become a patrolman for the town's Police Department.

The Police Department has the responsibility for scheduling Warden Belcher's activities, and complaints about dogs or other animals may be made by calling the Police Department at 938-4900.

Warden Belcher works Tuesdays through Saturdays, but does not keep a set pattern of working hours. This lack of routine permits him an element of surprise so that scofflaws will not be able to learn his schedule.

He works most often from 6 a.m. until 2 p.m. so that he can spot dogs that regularly scatter garbage along trash pick-up routes early in the morning. Sometimes his hours are 2 until 10 p.m. to allow him to catch dogs that are let out in the evening. He has also worked an 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. shift.

Vienna's first town charter of 1890 contained regulations on dogs running at large, and this is still the largest source of complaints today. More than half of the complaints filed in June and all but two of the summons issued were for dogs at large. Other complaints include unlicensed or unvaccinated dogs, stray dogs, dog and other animal bites, barking dogs and calls to pick up animals thought to be diseased or dangerous.

The town's program of animal control emphasizes owner cooperation, and in most cases warnings are given before dogs are impounded or legal action is taken. The warden has the power to issue tickets for continued violations and can also make arrests, a fact that surprises some people. In addition, many people do not realize that the warden cannot take action on the basis of a complaint alone. He must actually see or hear the offending animal himself in order to act.

Although Warden Belcher is known as a "dog" warden, he handles cases involving all kinds of animals. During the summer he has had an increasing number of calls concerning raccoons, possums, squirrels and other wild animals. He will set traps for these animals if requested. Captured animals are taken to an unpopulated area and set free.



Warden Belcher stands beside the town's new animal control van. Animals inside ride in air-conditioned comfort.

## More Than 1,000 Speeders Ticketed Since January

The Vienna town police issued over 1,000 speeding tickets during the first half of 1977. The town increased radar surveillance in January in response to numerous requests and petitions by citizens to control speeding on town streets, most of which run through residential neighborhoods and past schools.

Speeding is one of the major concerns of the Police Department, and from January through June 1,176 citations were issued as a result of 521 man-hours of radar operations. This is an average of 2.26 citations per man-hour. The average speed cited for the six-month period was 16 mph over the posted speed limit. Some 72 percent of those issued tickets live outside the town limits.



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Town of Vienna

# NEWSLETTER

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## Public Meeting Slated On Technology Park Access

A public meeting and open discussion has been set for Saturday, September 10, on opening up additional access to the Technology Park. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at Town Hall and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

Three residents of the Park, Vega Precision Laboratories, Page Communications Engineers and the Navy Federal Credit Union, have requested the construction of a road connecting with Follin Lane to help alleviate the traffic problems of the Park.

Under the terms of their agreement with Warshaw & Littman, the original owners of the tract, Tapawingo Road must be extended to connect with Follin Lane if the firms request it.

The Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager have all expressed apprehension about ever opening Tapawingo Road through to the Park.

## Sewage Costs Questioned

Mayor Charles Robinson has sent a letter to Washington, D.C. Mayor Walter Washington expressing the town's concern over the enormously increased charges the town is being billed by the District of Columbia for sewage treatment at the Blue Plains Plant.

These charges have increased from \$138 per million gallons treated in 1964 to \$700 per million gallons in 1977 and are predicted soon to reach \$1,000 per million gallons. The town's cost for sewage treatment at Blue Plains has risen from \$117,499.68 in 1970 to \$446,509.92 during the past year.

"The magnitude of these charges is of the utmost concern to us," Mayor Robinson said in his letter. "The Vienna Town Council is becoming convinced that if the Federal Government is to mandate water quality standards which, to be met, require enormous expenditures of money, then perhaps it is time for all of us to join in a demand that the Federal Government begin paying the costs which result from such decisions."

Mayor Robinson has asked for a detailed justification of the astronomical cost increase and has offered to discuss the problem with District officials. Senator William Scott and Representative Joseph Fisher have also expressed their interest in the matter to Mayor Washington.

Specifically, Mayor Robinson is asking what calculations and procedures are being used in arriving at the unit charges, including the capital investment in facilities being used to treat the town's sewage, the fractional part of the plant capacity being used by the town, the annual costs for operation and maintenance of the facility, and the unit amounts charged other jurisdictions for the same services the town receives.

According to Mayor Washington, the town's questions have been brought to the attention of Herbert Tucker, director of the D.C. Department of Environmental Services. Mayor Washington said that as soon as he received a report on the matter from Tucker he would be in touch with the town regarding the meeting requested by Mayor Robinson.

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## Comment from the Council Table:

# A Little Reverse Psychology

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The trouble with article deadlines--even if they only come once every seven months--is that one always tends to wait until the last moment, to wait for the Muse to deliver that inspiration one knows is on the way. ("One" in this case means Buckley, since I can't really speak for the other six members of Council.) Another trouble is that the inspiration never comes, leaving "one" with that empty feeling of panic and visions of two columns of perfectly blank paper



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being mailed out to the citizenry. Edged in black. Perhaps an insert by the Editor: "We regret to inform you...."

And so one starts writing, feverishly, anything, pure drivel, and still the inspiration fails to descend. "I know you're up there! Come down this instant!" Silence.

But what on earth can one write about after 13 months of 13 articles? The Council members have written on every conceivable facet of Vienna, its history, streets, departments, water bills, even the need for citizen participation. That's an idea! Why not have the citizens themselves write the column?

Then it won't get back to me for 18,000 months!

I can't even write on the difficulties of writing a column. The Viewpoint did that just recently. If inventors are so smart, how come they haven't invented "Instant Column" (just add water and stir vigorously)?

I can't even think of a decent joke; in fact, at this point I can't think of any joke, decent or otherwise. Usually I crib jokes out of Readers Digest, but I can't find a copy. There's one around, somewhere, but I don't have time to look for it. Not if I'm going to meet this cockamamie deadline.

Perhaps I could report on the tremendous response to my last article on citizen participation. One man (bless his heart) appeared at the very

next meeting. Said he was there because of my article. Great welling of joy and accomplishment--momentarily; he hasn't been back since. In fact, several citizens who were regular attendants have stopped coming. Last month the Council's audience consisted of four reporters, three town employees, two Council wives, one man who had business before Council, and one couple who come faithfully to all Council meetings (bless their hearts!). So, on second thought, I don't think I'll report on how effective my article was.

In fact, since the article seemed to have a negative effect, maybe I'd better use a little reverse psychology. "Don't come to the next meeting?" I could say. "Stay away!" Maybe I could really lay it on heavy. "Listen," I could say, "let me tell you how these meetings go. We start off with a prayer, in which the Almighty is entreated to send down a little intelligence to the members of Council to guide us in our deliberations. That works about as well as my inspirational Muse. Then we turn and pledge allegiance to the flag. The only trouble is I find myself looking at the President's picture, and he is staring at me, with a small smile, but with a steely glint in his eye.

Then we hear communications from the citizens. That's out now--no more citizens are attending. Then the Council members comment on matters that have been reported to them by citizens. It's funny. Every member of Council invariably has heard from droves of citizens all week, except me. Occasionally I resist the temptation to make something up, or report anonymously what my wife had to say. Well, she is a citizen, too, you know.

That's not exactly the way it is, but if I'm going to use reverse psychology I'm going to have to lie a little bit. You see, the idea is to make them think I really don't want them to come to the meetings. "Buckley doesn't want me to go to the meeting? To heck with what Buckley wants," they'll say, "I'm going anyway!" So if it's going to work, I've really got to hit them.

"Look," I'll say, "you haven't heard the worst of it. After the Town Manager's report and the Mayor's report, in which they tell you everything that's been going on, then we get down to business.

"Business" consists of the agenda items. You can pick up a copy from the radiator to the right of the door as you enter. But don't look for high literary standards; it's written in very straight forward prose.

Not bad, but it's not literature. It's all about zoning, or streets, or new ordinances, and you just know that stuff is heavy. Particularly after you've held it on your lap on that hard metal seat for four hours, the agenda begins to weigh a ton. So I'm warning you, good buddy, you'd do best to forget it.

Oh, along about a quarter of ten even the Council members begin to get a little restless. A couple of us will begin to feel nicotine withdrawal, and if the Mayor is in a good mood (he always is), he'll call a ten minute break.

Incidentally, it's fun to watch how the votes split when each matter

comes up. Split? Shatter is perhaps a better word. On big items the vote will be pretty unanimous, up or down. But in the majority of matters it's 4-3, or 5-2, or 6-1, and never the same people on the same side. You'd think there would be some kind of line-up you could follow to determine who's on whose side. Nope, a regular bunch of independent individualists, that bunch.

"So I'll warn you again," I'll say, "Stay away. Pour yourself another coffee and turn on your TV. Anything is better than the show down on Center Street."

We usually wrap it up about midnight. No curtain calls, either. Number one, if anybody is left in the audience, they're pretty glassy-eyed by this time. Number two, there isn't anybody left. So we go home. Or stop for a cup of coffee at Mr. Donut.

As I said, that's not really the truth, because it's really a very interesting evening, and any citizen who wants to will get a chance to pop off and tell the Council what he wants for Vienna. But if I'm going to get the citizen really to believe I don't want him there, so that he'll get obstinate and come anyway, I've got to shade the truth a bit. That's what reverse psychology is all about.

Well, as you can see, the Muse never showed up. See you in seven months.

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### Results of Town Council's June 20, 1977 Meeting

- \* Amended the Town Code relative to fire protection to provide for informing the Town Council when waivers are granted.
- \* Adopted the combined budget for the town and the Revenue Sharing Budget for fiscal year 1977-78.
- \* Deferred the matter of traffic and traffic signs on Follin Lane until such time as the Town Council hears further from interested persons.
- \* Deferred action on the request of Dr. Antonio L. Canadas to extend town water lines to serve his property located at 2611 Chain Bridge Road.
- \* Defeated a proposed amendment to the Town Code relative to temporary signs displayed during political campaigns.
- \* Tabled a proposal relative to EPA requirements.
- \* Deferred action on a request by the Police Pension Fund Advisory Board relative to survivor benefits in the Police Retirement Plan. Also deferred action on a proposed cost-of-living supplement to the Police Retirement Plan.
- \* Approved a program of optional life insurance for town employees on a payroll deduction basis.
- \* Accepted a bid of \$7,885 by J.F. Snyder Company, Inc., for soundproofing additions to the Police Pistol Range.
- \* Voted to advise the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors that the Town Council is compelled to oppose any further development along Lawyers/Hunter Mill Road until some relief for traffic on Lawyers Road is developed.
- \* Approved the interfund budget transfers for fiscal year 1976-77.
- \* Adopted a formal budget review and updating process, with reviews to be made every four months during the fiscal year.
- \* Reconsidered the decision to amend the height of buildings in Zones C-1A and C-2. Again, a 35-foot restriction was favored over a 45-foot limit.

# August Calendar

- 1 -Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 3 -Bd. of Zoning Appeals meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 4-7 -"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown" at the Community Center, 8 p.m. Special matinee at 2 p.m. Aug. 6.
- 10 -Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 13-14 -Northern Va. Coin & Stamp Show at the Community Center.
- 15 -Town Council meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 17 -Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 18 -Bd. of Architectural Review meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 18-21 -"Sweet Charity" at the Community Center, 8 p.m.
- 24 -Planning Commission meeting at Town Hall, 8 p.m.
- 29 -Town Council date for public hearings.
- 31 -Newspaper Pickup Day.

## More Traffic Control Next 4th of July

Thousands turned out to make Vienna's Fourth of July celebration a success again this year. To ensure that next year's activities run even more smoothly, these parking and traffic control measures will be observed:

No parking whatsoever will be permitted on Cherry Street between Center and Park Streets, and no parking will be permitted on the Fire Department lot except for fire-related vehicles.

Parking permits with attached instructions will be furnished to those with booths or stands so that parking regulations can be clearly understood and observed.

Barricades will be placed at Park and Cherry and at Center and Cherry Streets at 8 a.m. and manned throughout the day. No one will be permitted through the barricades without written authorization. Police will man barricades on Center Street at Cherry Street and at Maple Avenue beginning at 5:30 p.m.

In addition to these measures, consideration is being given to requiring the posting of food and beverage prices. Also, the Town Manager has stated that he will order warrants if adults are observed buying beer for minors next year.

## Summer Musicals....

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Suzanne Maloney is in charge of production and Bill Weiser is the accompanist.

"Sweet Charity," a Broadway hit and a popular movie, centers around Charity Hope Valentine, a New York dance hall hostess who optimistically seeks love and happiness.

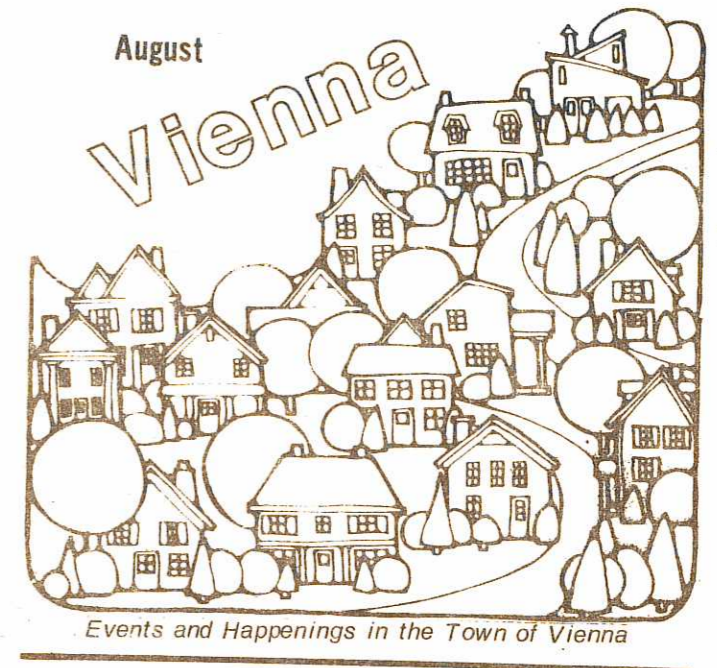
Numbers such as "Big Spender," "I'm a Brass Band," "Rhythm of Life," "If They Could See Me Now" and many dance sequences heighten the fast pace of this musical comedy.

"Charity" was written by Neil Simon, who also wrote "Odd Couple," "Barefoot in the Park" and many other hits.

Charity is played by Allison Chaudet and her New York friends include Jane Gilmore, Pat Barbour, Janet Bishop, Susan Durrin, Mary Ann Rayment, Tricia Scott, Holly Popple, Erik Zenone, Charlotte Vasta, Paul and Brian Batsel, Cathy McMorris, Mike MacDowell, Tom Woods, Jean-Claude Huret, Beep Friedlander, John Cherry, Laurie Weiser, Carin Parker, Jennifer Chaudet, Kathy and Tom Kinsolving, Laurie MacVey, Bill Bennet, and Alan Mercer.

The musical director is Joe Holt and the choreographers are Susan Durrin, Jackie LaFever and Janet Bishop.

Evening performances for both plays begin at 8 p.m. and admission is \$2. Admission is \$1 for the 2 p.m. matinee on August 6.



## "Charlie Brown" & "Charity" at Community Center

August will bring two Broadway musicals, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" and "Sweet Charity," to the Community Center.

This is the third year the town's Department of Parks and Recreation has sponsored summer musicals directed by Norman Chaudet with casts of local high school and college students. Many will remember last year's excellent production of "1776."

"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," playing August 4-7, with a special matinee on August 6, was selected for its great appeal to children.

This Broadway hit is based on the hilarious yet poignant comic strip "Peanuts" featuring Snoopy and all the gang.

The cast includes Pat Murphy as the ever-lovin' Charlie Brown, Brian Batsel as his faithful dog Snoopy, Mary Ann Rayment as the perpetually crabby Lucy, Jean-Claude Huret as the thumb-sucking genius Linus, Laurie Weiser as the jump-roping maniac Patty, and Erik Zenone as the Beethoven-inspired pianist Schroeder.

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### More Happenings at the Community Center



Some final and semi-final matches will be played the first week in August to wrap up this year's

Vienna Tennis Tournament. Call the Community Center for playing times and court locations.

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The program for fall classes at the Community Center will be available at the end of August. Registration begins September 1.

## Acts of Vandalism Are Not "Pranks"

Many people don't take the problem of vandalism seriously. "It's only childhood pranks," they say. "Throwing eggs and letting the air out of tires is just part of growing up."

Unfortunately, most "pranks" aren't this harmless. Vienna police reported \$1,465 worth of damage caused by vandals in June. This included windows broken, paint thrown on buildings, trees cut down and convertible tops slashed.

Vienna is the kind of town we should all take pride in. Vandalism still continues to be an unnecessary problem and expense to the entire community due to a very small minority of young people. These are the kids whose parents are too busy to know where they are and what type of activity they are involved in.

Parents need to convey to their children a sense of respect for other people and their property. Let's all make a special effort to take more pride in our beautiful community.

## Freeman House Open

The restored Freeman House - General Store, built in 1859, is open to the public from 12 noon until 5 p.m. on Sundays. Old-fashioned general store items are available for sale and tours of the house are provided. Admission is free.

The Vienna Town Band will present a concert on the lawn of the Freeman House - General Store on Sunday, August 28, at 3:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs or blankets.

The Freeman House - General Store, located at 131 Church Street, N.E., is operated by Historic Vienna, Inc.

## Coin & Stamp Show

Calling all numismatists and philatelists!

The Northern Virginia Coin and Stamp Show will be held at the Community Center on Saturday and Sunday, August 13 and 14.

Dealers will exhibit and sell their stamps and coins from 10 to 6 on Saturday and from noon to 6 on Sunday.

This show and sale is held several times each year and always draws a large crowd of coin and stamp enthusiasts.

## Water - Saving Tips

Barring a major catastrophe such as the one that hit Montgomery County last month, Vienna should not experience any critical water shortages. Nevertheless, we should all practice water conservation. This need not be a hardship-- a significant amount of water can be saved just by eliminating waste. Here are some tips:

Repair leaky toilets and faucets promptly. A toilet that leaks one-tenth of a gallon per hour wastes 13,000 gallons in three months. Faucet leaks can easily waste 25 gallons an hour.

Chill water in the refrigerator instead of letting the tap run until the water is cold.

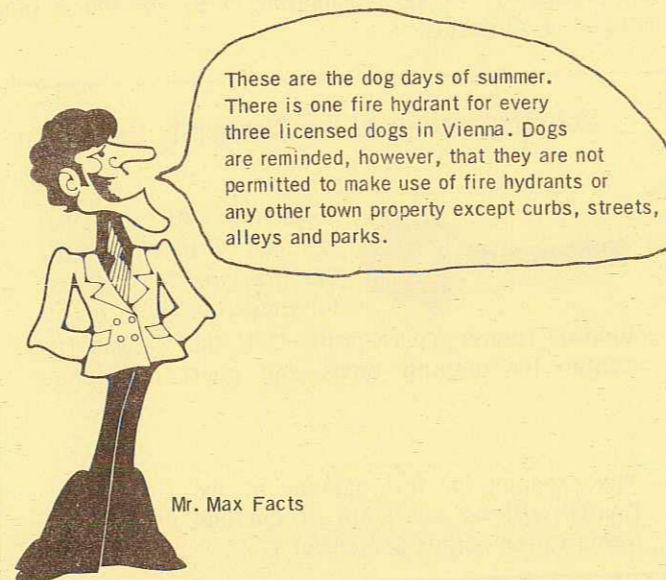
Don't use the toilet to dispose of trash. Each flush uses five to six gallons of water.

When washing your car use a nozzle on the hose so that you have water only when you need it. The average garden hose puts out 600 to 1,000 gallons of water per hour.

Don't keep the water running while shaving or brushing your teeth.

Run the dishwasher only when full. Try the short cycle featured on many machines. It will save electricity as well as water.

Install a flow regulator in shower heads. This device sells for about \$4 at hardware and plumbing supply stores and cuts water flow in half without reducing the force.



## Police Promotions

Sergeant Zed L. Childress has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. He will serve as the Police Department's new Deputy Chief.

Other promotions are Corporal Herbert M. McWilliams and Detective Corporal Paul L. Stewart to Sergeants, and Detective Robert H. Clouser and Patrolman Jay C. Reed, Jr. to Corporals.

In addition, Animal Warden Earl W. Belcher, Jr. has been made a patrolman with the Department.

## Town Represented On Study Group

Vienna Mayor Charles Robinson will represent the town on a joint committee being formed to deal with the subjects of town-to-city transition and city annexation.

The committee will be made up of representatives from the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties.

The Virginia General Assembly passed a bill during the 1977 session imposing a ten-year moratorium on annexation and transition. The committee's task will be to present the General Assembly with a proposal for addressing these issues that is agreeable to all counties, cities and towns.

## Town Clerk Appointed To National Committee

Lorraine Stoneburner, Vienna's Town Clerk, has been appointed to serve on the Federal Legislative Committee of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).

Mrs. Stoneburner was asked to accept this committee assignment because of her interest in advancing the profession of municipal clerk.

Her responsibilities will include providing input on initiating IIMC services, reviewing proposed actions, formulating new policies and procedures, and planning educational and conference programs.

IIMC is the 3,700-member association of municipal clerks in the United States, Canada and nine other countries. Mrs. Stoneburner has been a member of the organization and Town Clerk since 1964.