

Branch Rd. Vacation Hearing Scheduled

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, October 17, at 8 p.m. on the proposed vacation of a portion of the right-of-way on Branch Road, S.E., between Valley Drive and Dominion Road.

This right-of-way is a connecting link from Valley to Talahi Road that has been on the town's Master Street Plan for many years. Residents in this area of town have strongly objected to the connection being made. The section proposed for vacation would have to be bought back if the Town Council ever decides to open up Branch to Talahi. The town already owns the remainder of the right-of-way from Dominion to Talahi, including right-of-way across the railroad crossing.

The town has a power line, a sewer line and a bike trail in this right-of-way and a storm sewer is under construction. It is probable that a water line will also be installed in the near future. Under the vacation agreement, the town would retain the easements for all of these facilities.

Paper Collection to End At Railroad Station

The town has decided to remove the newsprint collection containers at the railroad station on Dominion Road. Although about \$150 in paper is collected each month, the containers have become a nuisance and will interfere with the use of the railroad station.

A substantial number of residents use the containers in lieu of curbside newspaper pickup. However, some people are using them for garbage and as a dumping ground for old mattresses, refrigerators and other refuse.

The Town Manager said he feels the town has an obligation to clean up the area around the railroad station because of the money and effort being expended by the model railroaders and the improvements that have been made along Dominion Road in recent years.

Tysons II Briefing Set

Fairfax County planning staff members will be present at the October 3 Town Council meeting to explain the proposed Tysons II development and the related traffic problems. The Town Council has expressed great concern over the very substantial increase in traffic on Route 123 that such a development would generate.

Council has urged the County Board of Supervisors that any final approval of Tysons II include conditions and agreements that the additional traffic will not aggravate the existing rush hour congestion on Route 123; when cars are often backed up bumper to bumper from the Tysons Corner area to the town limits.

Council Results (continued from inside)

posed widening and realignment of Pickett Road in Fairfax City if the intent of this project is to divert tanker trucks off city streets and onto adjacent county streets, including those of Vienna.

Results of Town Council's August 15, 1977 Meeting

* Approved the preliminary plat of Beech Wood subdivision provided that the owner agrees to pay all necessary costs involved for the town to obtain an easement into the abutting property in the County storm drainage system. Furthermore, the Town Attorney must be satisfied that the agreement protects the town against future suits and payments as a result of the plat approval. These conditions are to be secured by a surety acceptable to the town.

* Expressed appreciation to the Vienna Wireless Society for its service to the town each Halloween and expressed the desire to expand "Spook Watch" to help combat vandalism. Council authorized the Town Manager and Chief of Police to determine whether space is available in Town Hall to house the Society's facilities.

* Voted to amend the Town Code to provide tax relief for permanently and totally disabled persons.

* Accepted a bid by Cavalier Equipment Corp. of \$3,010.77 for a sand and salt spreader and a bid by Herby's, Inc., of \$9,900 for two two-ton dump trucks.

* Approved the interfund transfers requested by the Director of Finance to close the accounts for the 1976-77 budget.

* Authorized the Director of Finance to file the list of delinquent taxes with the County Clerk of Court and record them as liens against the respective properties.

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SUCCESSOR CHOSEN TO C. CLAY HARRELL

Brackenridge H. Bentley, Village Manager of Streamwood, Illinois, has been selected by the Vienna Town Council to succeed C. Clay Harrell as Town Manager. Bentley, 46, will serve as Assistant Town Manager for six months from January 1 until Harrell retires next July.

Town Councilman Donald Upchurch, chairman of the Council's Town Manager Selection Committee, said that Streamwood, a suburb of Chicago, is quite similar to Vienna in terms of types of services provided to its citizens, the quality of housing and the problems and issues it faces. He said Bentley was chosen over about 170 other applicants because of his experience and achievements, his openness with the community and his responsiveness to citizen needs.

Before becoming Village Manager of Streamwood in 1974, Bentley was Village Manager and Superintendent of Public Works in Fox River Grove, Illinois, for two years. Prior to that he served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. His work in the military was in the areas of logistics, personnel, budgeting and human relations.

Bentley holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska, a Master's in Public Administration from Roosevelt University in Chicago and is working toward a Doctor of Public Administration degree at Nova University in Fort Lauderdale.

He is married and has two children.

The Vienna Jaycees perform a great service by publishing a town telephone directory each year. Unfortunately, in the 1977-78 edition there is one error residents should note. The correct number for the Vienna Police Department is 938-4900. The directory incorrectly lists it as 938-4499, the number for the Vienna Newsline's recorded message of town news. Please note the correct Police Department number in your directory so that you can reach the police quickly in an emergency.

Fall Cleanup Oct. 11

October 11 has been set as the beginning date for the town's Fall Cleanup. The cleanup will give residents a chance to dispose of brush, old furniture and household appliances and other debris free of charge.

Residents should pile their debris at the curbside, taking care not to cover up fire hydrants or water meters. Brush, leaves and branches should be separated from other debris to help the cleanup go faster.

Public Works crews will start the pickup in the Southwest section of town and proceed counter-clockwise through the Southeast, Northeast and Northwest. It will take about a week to cover each section, depending on the amount of debris to be collected. Once a street has been covered the crews will not double back.

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Comment from the Council Table:

Traffic vs. Tranquility

By Charles A. Robinson, Jr.
Vienna Town Mayor

In recent months the Town Council has been wrestling with a series of traffic problems. We are reexamining the synchronization of Maple Avenue traffic control signs in an effort to provide additional left turn sequences, improve pedestrian crossing capability, expedite commuter traffic during rush hours and afford better side street access. On Saturday, September 10, the Council held a three-hour public hearing on complaints by its businesses that automobile access to Vienna's Technology Park is overly restricted and that the "no turn" signs on Follin Lane should be removed and Tapawingo Road opened for through traffic into the Park. Residents of neighborhoods that would be most affected voiced strong opposition to the changes suggested.

In rezoning the Roland tract from RS-16 to RS-12.5, which will permit development of a new single-family subdivision lying between Nutley Road, Roland Street and Johnson Street in Southwest Vienna, the principal objection raised by area residents was not against the zoning itself,

but rather against the opening of Johnson Street from its present dead end into the new subdivision, thereby permitting through traffic to flow from Court House Road, S.W., to Nutley Road. The opening and extension of dead-end streets does indeed relieve congestion on other streets to some extent and improves access between various sections of the community. On the other hand, the increased traffic on the newly opened street can significantly degrade the lifestyle of residents who have grown accustomed to living on a very lightly traveled roadway.

The policy answer of the Council to this question will very significantly influence the character of Vienna in the years ahead. If Vienna were opting for high-density land use and heavy development, additional routes for through traffic would be logical and necessary. Of recent years, however, town residents have repeatedly voiced their



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desire to maintain the town as it presently exists with a large preponderance of single-family residential dwellings, businesses required to serve family needs, plus such limited industrial and technology uses as may be comfortably accommodated without any substantial disruption of residential lifestyle. In this kind of community there is only a limited need for the construction of additional interconnecting streets or for the widening of existing streets except for arterial routes that carry a heavy load of through traffic.

The policy of the Town Council toward land use has changed very drastically during the last 20 years. During the 1950's the Council embraced a policy of rapid development characterized by continuous rezoning of land to accommodate more homes, more businesses and more light industry. Pretty soon, however, people began to miss the quasi-rural lifestyle of "Old Vienna." The composition of the Town Council slowly changed. Growth advocates were replaced by Mayors and Councilmen less interested in developing a larger tax base and more supportive of retaining whatever could be salvaged of the vanishing residential tranquility. This change in Council philosophy has been progressive and inexorable. It has represented a growing sense among the town's people that, although growth and development may be good for other places, the best approach for Vienna is to stay with the concept that single-family residences should predominate and that the occupants of these homes should be afforded a high degree of privacy and seclusion.

The present Town Council has repeatedly chosen the latter route. We have declined to widen and improve streets except to the very minimum extent required. We have voted to preserve as much open space as possible in connection with what few multi-family residential developments have been approved. We have thus far refused to open additional routes into the Technology Park, and we have agreed with our citizens to terminate new streets in cul-de-sacs.

I believe very firmly in the theory that elected officials should represent the viewpoints of their constituents and that "what is good for the town as a whole" is usually best decided by the people. It is, however, important to recognize that this philosophy of very limited growth, which is espoused by the present Town Council to a degree perhaps greater than any of its predecessors, may also cost taxpayers a bit more than a posture more favorable to development. Approximately 43 percent of Vienna's total tax revenue is derived from the rather small proportion of its land area committed to commercial, limited industrial and Technology Park uses. There are only a few parcels of land zoned for these purposes that remain undeveloped. Thus, it will be difficult to derive any increased proportion of town taxes from the business community except as land already zoned may be developed.

Your Mayor and your present Council are totally committed to the concept of retaining for Vienna a single-family residential community to the maximum extent permitted by law. In my judgment the choice is correct. We want Vienna to be a place in which our children are safe

and our homes as protected as possible. The best always costs a little more, but the best is what the people of Vienna have asked us to provide.

Mayor's Advisory Hears Highway Expert

At the September Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, the Fairfax Resident Engineer for the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation, Donald E. Keith, presented some facts on local highway matters.

Keith said the tentative proposed schedule for the improvement of Park Street is as follows: public hearing, February 1978; right-of-way acquisition, May 1978; and either begin construction or advertise for bids, March 1979.

Concerning the proposed Tysons II development and the increased traffic on Maple Avenue it would generate, Keith said the Highway Department, under law, has virtually no authority to require developers to make improvements in the highway system needed to solve the traffic problems posed by projects of this kind.

Keith predicted that I-66 will be completed in four to five years if there are no further delays. He said any by-pass route for through traffic around Vienna will have to be outside the town limits. Keith said funds are available from the Highway Department to build a by-pass if the town and the county can agree on the routing.

Results of Town Council's July 25, 1977 Meeting

- * Denied the request of Dynallectron for a temporary sign at Follin Lane and Maple Avenue.
- * Accepted with regret the resignation of Thomas A. Rothwell from the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- * Donated \$500 to the Vienna Shamrocks to underwrite some of the expenses of their trip to Binghamton, New York, to play in a national tournament.
- * Authorized Councilman Olson to attend a COG / Transportation Citizens' Advisory Committee meeting and state the Council's strong support for the opening of the Dulles Access Road.
- * Adopted an optional survivor amendment to the police retirement plan and authorized the Town Manager to study the future costs of a proposed cost-of-living supplement to the police retirement allowance.
- * Authorized rental of the new IBM System 34 data processing equipment.
- * Adopted a resolution expressing Council's concern about the traffic that will be generated on Route 123 by the development of the proposed Tysons II shopping mall.

Results of Town Council's August 1, 1977 Meeting

- * Accepted a bid by Owens and Dove, Inc., of \$45,555.25 for two storm drainage projects, one at Ayr Hill and Park Street and the other at Branch and Valley Drive.
- * Approved the placement of bars over the opening of the catch basin in the cul-de-sac at the lower end of Upham Place.
- * Requested the Mayor to write a letter to the State Department of Highways and Transportation expressing the town's apprehension about the pro-

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Learn to Save Heat

October has been designated "Energy Conservation Month" in Virginia. The Virginia Energy Office, in cooperation with community colleges, will sponsor a series of free workshops to give homeowners information on low-cost ways to save as much as \$20 out of every \$100 they spend for winter heating.

Participants will receive money-saving tips, do-it-yourself publications and consultation with knowledgeable instructors or engineers.

One of the workshops will be held at the Patrick Henry Library on October 25 at 7:30 p.m. For more information and a list of other workshops in the area, call the Northern Virginia Community College Office of Continuing Education or the Virginia Energy Office toll-free number, 800-552-3831.

Arts & Crafts Show Accepting Entries

Entries are now being accepted for the 17th annual Arts and Crafts Festival, sponsored by the Vienna Woman's Club. The Festival will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, November 6, from noon to 5 p.m.

Those interested in entering art work or crafts should call Carolyn Storherr at 938-2530 for entry forms. Entries will be accepted until November 3, when displays should be brought to the Community Center between 3 and 8 p.m.

Works of art and sculpture by outstanding Northern Virginia artists will be displayed at the Festival as well as crafts such as glass blowing, weaving, quilting, wood carving and pottery. Most of the items will be for sale.

Festival judges in the arts category will be Nancy Palmer of the Corcoran School of Art and Donald McClelland of the National Collection of Fine Arts. Judging the crafts will be Alexander Giampietro of the crafts department at Catholic University, Elaine Oliver and Lee-Lee Schlegel. Cash awards will be given.

Proceeds from the Festival will be used for the Woman's Club scholarship program and other community projects.

October Calendar

- 3 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 7 - 9 -- Antique Show & Sale at the Community Center.
- 10 -- Columbus Day.
- 11 -- Fall Cleanup begins. Mayor's Advisory, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 12 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 15 - 16 -- Gem & Mineral Expo at the Community Center, Sat. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Admission \$1.50; under 14, 50¢.
- 17 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 19 -- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 20 -- Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 22 -- Vienna Youth Inc. Basketball Registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 22 - 23 -- Vienna Arts Society Juried Art Show at the Community Center.
- 24 -- Veterans Day.
- 26 -- Chamber of Commerce / Jaycees Halloween Parade, 7 p.m. Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 28 -- Halloween Party at the Community Center, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. for ages 4 & 5, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 10.
- 29 -- Vienna Youth Inc. Basketball Registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- 31 -- Halloween.



Maple Avenue, Vienna's main street is known by five other names outside the town limits. Do you know what they are?

Chain Bridge Road, Route 123, Dolley
Madison Boulevard, Ox Road and
Gordon Boulevard.



Halloween Parade

Vienna's 31st annual Halloween Parade, cosponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Jaycees, will be held on Wednesday, October 26, at 7 p.m. The theme for this year's parade is "Salute to the South."

The parade will begin at the corner of Maple Avenue and Branch Road and move west on Maple to Courthouse Road. From Courthouse the parade will swing east on Locust Street and then up Cherry Street to the Community Center.

Floats, antique cars, horses, marching units, majorettes and drill teams, bands, dignitaries and children in costumes will participate in the parade. Prizes will be awarded to the best in each category.

Children wishing to enter the parade as "costumed entries" may pick up an entry blank at Peter Pan, Magruder's or the Community Center.

In case of rain the parade will be held on Thursday, October 27.





Antique Show & Sale

October 7 - 8 - 9
at the Community Center

11 a.m. - 10 p.m. Fri. & Sat.
Noon - 6 p.m. Sun.

Food & Drink Available

Admission \$2;
with ticket \$1.50

Bike Auction

The Vienna Police Department will auction off about 30 unclaimed bicycles on October 20 at 1 p.m. Interested persons may see the bikes at police headquarters in Town Hall and submit sealed bids. Bids may be either mailed or delivered in person to the police and must be received by noon on October 20 to be considered. Successful bidders will be notified by phone if they are not present at the auction.

Project Emergency Could Save You!

As their major project for this year, the Vienna Jaycees are raising money to purchase a Mobile Intensive Care Unit for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

The unit is basically the same type seen on the TV show "Emergency." It permits very quick response time to victims of heart attacks, auto accidents and other emergencies. The unit will be manned by coronary care technicians who are trained to begin medical treatment at the scene. The technicians report by radio to the hospital the victim's pulse rate, blood pressure and other vital signs, then follow instructions radioed back from the hospital.

The kickoff for Project Emergency will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. on Monday, October 3, at the Fire Department. A unit like the one the Jaycees hope to purchase will be on display and local dignitaries will be there to show their support for the project.

The cost for the unit is about \$60,000, including the necessary radio equipment. The Jaycees need the support of every resident and business to succeed in this project that could save your life. Send your donations to Project Emergency, Box 525, Vienna, Va. 22180.

Punt, Pass & Kick

This year's Punt, Pass and Kick competition will take place on October 2 from noon to 3 p.m. at Waters Field. Youngsters between the ages of 8 and 13 will be participating in this National Football League program, sponsored locally by the Vienna Jaycees and Dick Herriman Ford.

The purpose of Punt, Pass and Kick is to underline the importance of physical conditioning and allow for supervised participation in competitive sports. The Mayor has proclaimed October 2 "Punt, Pass and Kick Day" to highlight the traditional American spirit of competition and good sportsmanship.

Art Lovers Take Note

The Vienna Arts Society, Inc., will hold its juried art show at the Community Center on Saturday, October 22, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 23, from 1 to 5 p.m. The awards ceremony and a reception for all entrants will be held on Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m.

All artists in the metropolitan area are eligible to enter their work and compete for a place in the show. There will be a \$100 Best in Show award and three other cash prizes. The show judge this year is C. Douglas Lewis, art historian and curator of sculpture at the National Gallery of Art.

Artists wishing to enter the show may register at the Community Center on Thursday, October 20 between 1 and 3 or 7 and 9 p.m. Painting, graphics, sculpture and fibre art will be accepted for judging. The show does not include crafts or photography. There is a \$2 fee for each entry and a limit of three entries for entrants who are not Society members. Society members may enter a fourth work at no additional cost. A 20 percent sales commission will be charged for all art sold.

For more information call 281 - 3663 or 790 - 8812.

Gas Stations Take Used Motor Oil

If you service your own car, you should be aware that disposing of used motor oil on vacant land or in storm sewers is illegal. Even small quantities of oil in the water supply can affect the odor and taste of drinking water and can foul waste treatment processes. In addition, a recyclable resource is being wasted.

In order to help solve the oil disposal problem, Fairfax County, the Northern Virginia Gasoline Retailers Association and the major oil companies have developed an oil recycling program. Participating service stations will accept used motor oil from the public in clean plastic jugs or metal containers.

The following service stations along Maple Avenue are participating in the oil recycling program: Vienna ARCO, Vienna Gulf, Vienna Mobil, Vienna Sonoco and Vienna Texaco. Several other stations have a similar program, including Vienna Shell and Westbriar EXXON.