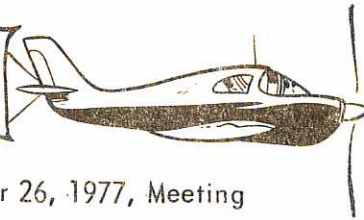


## Council Action



### Results of Town Council's September 26, 1977, Meeting

- \* Approved a request for the installation of a street light at the dead end of Dominion Rd., S.E., and requested VEPCO to install the light with the understanding that the town will pay for the light until such time as it is included under the county program. Authorized the installation of the requested "Dead End" sign.
- \* Adopted an ordinance amending that part of the Town Code dealing with fire protection concerning permissible fireworks and the operation of incinerators.
- \* Requested a traffic count at the intersection of Nutley and Tapawingo and a report of the highest eight - hour volume in that count to determine whether a traffic light is warranted.
- \* Denied a request by the Vienna Jaycees for a banner across Maple Ave. Referred the request for street signs to the Zoning Administrator and waived the fees for the signs.
- \* Took no action on a request for use of the town slogan, "My Kind of Town," by Liberal Energies Co. of Virginia.
- \* Approved the purchase of six additional bus shelters to be constructed by the Industrial Arts Department of James Madison High School in the total amount of \$1,991.16, to be paid from budgeted funds.
- \* Authorized the Town Manager and Director of Public Works to proceed with the preparation of cost estimates for certain recommended revisions to the traffic control system for Maple Ave.
- \* Approved the bill submitted by Christian, Barton, Epps, Brent & Chappell for \$1,552.75 for legal services in connection with the telephone franchise study, to be paid from budgeted funds.
- \* Accepted the unit prices submitted by J.P. Seworootor, Inc., for closed circuit TV inspection of sanitary sewer lines within the town. The total cost is not to exceed budgeted Revenue Sharing funds in the amount of \$40,000.
- \* Accepted a bid of \$8,590 submitted by Koons Pontiac - Olds GMC, Inc., for the purchase of two 1977 half ton pickup trucks.
- \* Recommended denial of two county rezoning applications.

### Results of Town Council's October 3, 1977, Meeting

- \* Donated \$2,500 to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department to be used for Project Emergency, earmarked for the ambulance and heart equipment that will remain with the fire department. If the project is not successful, the donation will be applied toward the town's future donation to the fire department.
- \* Disapproved a proposed ordinance to regulate the hours of operation of restaurants.
- \* Granted a variance to A.S.P., Inc., from the requirement for the dedication or connection of Johnson St. outside the Eakin property. Council judged the connection not to be in the best interest of the citizens of that area.
- \* Approved the request of Raymond F. Crist to pay the fees in effect before the increase in September for the Wolftrap Forrest subdivision in Fairfax County adjacent to Nelson Dr., conditioned on furnishing to the town a sanitary sewer easement on the property.
- \* Approved the final plat of the resubdivision of Lot 38, Favina Hutchinson, part of Block 16, Windover Heights, conditioned upon receipt of the required bond. Granted a variance for pipe stem lots as required for appro-

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### Council Action (Continued from inside)

- ropriate development due to the topography of the lots.
- \* Approved the installation of street lights at the following locations: Upham Place, Wilmar, West St., Windover, Ayr Hill, Glyndon, N.E., Whispering Wind Ct., Elmar Dr., N. Center, Jerry Lane, Troy Ct., Fellini Ct., Nino-van Rd., Cooper Ct., Tapawingo Rd., Moore Place, S.W., Delilah Dr., Rachel Lane, Park St., N.E. voted to advise VEPCO that the town will accept responsibility for the operating cost of these lights until they are included in the county program. Designated \$1,000 in Revenue Sharing funds to cover the cost of the lights. Authorized the Mayor to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting that adequate funds be included in all future county budgets to cover the cost of installing and operating street lights in new subdivisions. It is town policy in all subsequent new subdivisions to require the appropriate street lights. The town will absorb the cost of these lights until arrangements can be made for the county to take them over.
  - \* Requested the Town Manager to resubmit the town's request to the Board of Supervisors for street lights recommended by the VEPCO study.
  - \* Authorized the Town Manager and Director of Public Works to negotiate slope easements on the northeast and northwest corners of Beulah Rd. and Church St. towards improving sight distance.
  - \* Took no action on a request for the installation of a sidewalk in the 100 block of Wolftrap Rd.
  - \* Authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to proceed with the preparation of the necessary documents leading to the advertising of a proposed telephone franchise to run for a term of 15 years.

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Some Unfinished Business

Town Manager C. Clay Harrell advised the Town Council recently that there are a number of pending items he hopes to complete before his retirement. Some are of major consequence. The problem of most concern to the Town Manager, juvenile vandalism, is discussed inside the *Newsletter*.

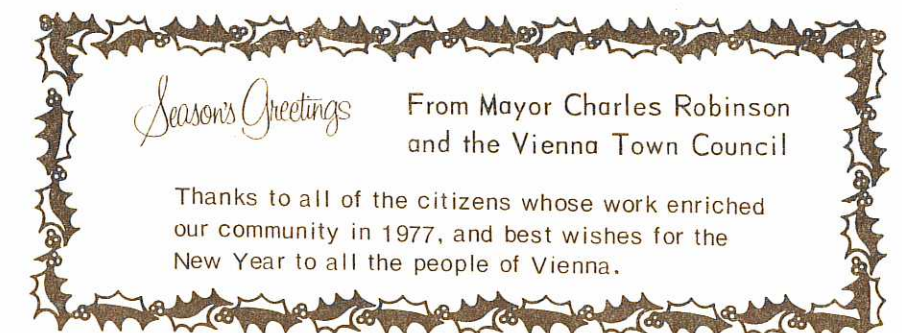
The Washington & Old Dominion Railroad station, retained by the town when the railroad was removed, has been restored and is under lease to a group of model railroad enthusiasts. The station will also be used as a meeting room for other railroad buffs. These groups have recommended the reinstallation of track between Church Street and Ayr Hill. The town has salvaged some old railroad equipment, and the railroad groups hope to find other equipment that can be placed on the tracks. This project is on the unfinished list.

A substantial amount of work needs to be done behind the Community Center to make the streambed area more usable. The existing storm sewer needs to be modified and extended and a substantial amount of fill hauled in. This work is scheduled for completion next spring.

An extensive system of hiking and biking trails has been developed throughout town. There are a number of gaps, however, that should be closed to tie all segments of the system together. The major project would be a bridge in Wildwood Park to connect the park trails with the trail in the VEPCO right-of-way.

After years of negotiation, the Moorefield house was deeded to the town. A program for its restoration and use is yet to be developed. This project is being transferred to Historic Vienna, Inc., and will probably require a year or two for completion. It is hoped that a developmental plan for the Moorefield Park will be approved by Council and some work will be underway next spring.

Two other major goals will be carried over. The completion of Park Street is still probably two years away. The remaining project, which has for all practical purposes been abandoned, is the removal of the overhead power and communications lines from the business section of Maple Avenue. The Town Manager announced this as a goal very early in his tenure, stating that removal of the lines would tremendously enhance the overall attractiveness of the community. Though many approaches have been studied, an economically feasible solution has never been found. The town was successful in persuading the State Corporation Commission to authorize localities to contract with the utility companies to remove the lines, but local citizens would pay the removal cost by distributing the cost over a number of years and adding it to the utility bills. The Council has never felt this was a practical approach.



## Comment from the Council Table:

By Raymond E. Hicks  
Vienna Town Councilman

*This will be my third opportunity to communicate with you through "Comments from the Council Table" since the new Council has been elected to office. On this occasion I have decided to step aside and let one of the people who runs the town on a day - to - day basis talk about his concerns and aspirations for the town. I am pleased to provide this forum for our able Town Manager, Mr. Clay Harrell, whose record of service to the Town of Vienna is well known to many of you.*



Raymond E. Hicks  
Vienna Town Councilman

## Vandalism: A Total Community Problem

By C. Clay Harrell  
Vienna Town Manager

I appreciate the opportunity of substituting for Councilman Ray Hicks this month. There is a serious problem that I would like to discuss with the residents of the community.

Vienna has an excellent Police Department, one of the finest in the nation. It is doing an outstanding job in keeping major crimes under control. Its record of solution of major offenses is one of the finest in the metropolitan area. Nonetheless, we have a serious police problem that cannot be resolved by the police alone. This is the problem of juvenile vandalism.

During the first 10 months of this calendar year the estimated repair or replacement cost resulting from reported cases of vandalism is approximately \$23,000. There is always a substantial number of unreported cases when a resident assumes that it is useless to report a case.

Replacement cost alone is only a fraction of the cost of vandalism. The discovery of a slashed tire or a broken windshield may mean late to work or a lost day of work. If the offender is discovered and charges are filed, it may mean an appearance in court with additional time lost. A value cannot be assigned to the resulting emotional trauma.

In the judgment of this office and that of the Chief of Police, juvenile vandalism is the most serious problem faced by the Vienna

Police Department. Because of the seriousness of the problem, I recently advised the Town Council that I wanted to give the matter major attention within the next few months with the hope that the attention of the entire community could be focused on the problem.

Vienna's problem is not unique. Juvenile vandalism seems to be a phenomenon that is found in any affluent community. Our concerns are not limited to the property loss and the resulting nuisance, however. We are also concerned with the fact that so - called "petty vandalism" can lead to much more serious offenses.

Listed below are the cases reported to the police during the first 10 months of the year:

### VANDALISM TO AUTOS

34 Windshields and windows broken	2,460.00
46 Tires cut or punched	2,069.00
13 Mirrors broken	287.00
5 Roof cut or damaged	1,765.00
17 Paint damaged	1,195.00
11 Headlights & tail lights broken	132.00
4 Foreign substance in gas	900.00
3 Interior damage	265.00
6 Antenna broken	88.00
3 Wiper blades & wiper motor	109.50
3 Engine damaged	565.00
1 Trunk punched	50.00
1 Hood ornament broken	3.00
1 Electrical wires damaged	18.00
1 Auto overturned	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,206.50</b>

### VANDALISM TO BUSINESS

7 Office equipment	4,355.00
12 Windows broken	640.50
3 Doors damaged	215.00
3 Signs damaged	500.00
6 Exterior damaged	2,635.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,325.50</b>

### VANDALISM TO HOMES

11 Mail boxes damaged	352.00
5 Fences damaged	205.00
15 Windows broken	675.00
3 Heat systems	1,140.00
2 Lights	135.00
6 Doors	136.50
5 Screen doors & screens	87.00
3 Paint	230.00
6 Lawns	375.00
1 Carpet and walls	1,000.00
2 Out buildings	100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,435.50</b>

Sociologists, social psychologists, and others who have studied the problem have advanced many theories concerning the tremendous increase in vandalism in recent years. Too much idle time, deteriorated family life, the failure of the home and schools to develop a sense of responsibility, a search for identity, peer approval - - the list can go on and on. Certainly, if the causes can all be identified and corrected the problem will disappear. It does not appear probable, however, that we can ever identify all of the contributing factors that influence human behavior. It does not appear probable either that correcting all of these deficiencies will be a simple matter. Nonetheless, we are convinced that if the community as a whole becomes sufficiently concerned and is willing to put forth the necessary effort a substantial reduction can be made in the overall problem.

The two departments of the town government that are most closely associated with our juvenile age population are the Police Department and the Department of Parks and Recreation. I have assigned Sergeant Joseph Tavares, the Community Relations Officer of the Police Department, and Mr. George Chinn, the Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation, the responsibility of developing a program leading hopefully to a significant reduction in the incidents of vandalism. Sergeant Tavares has just completed a two - week course offered by the National Crime Prevention Institute in Louisville, Kentucky. This course was designed to help communities develop a crime prevention program. It is financed by the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. Sergeant Tavares has returned with some very helpful information. He has examples of programs and approaches that have worked with varying degrees of success in other communities. Within the next few weeks we plan to develop a number of possible approaches we hope will be effective in making a significant reduction in the incidence of vandalism. We are confident, however, that to be reasonably effective we must have the support of the entire community and the assistance of every agency and organization that is involved in any way with the juvenile segment of our population.

The usual recommendation for keeping youngsters out of trouble is to get them involved in sports or something else constructive. We undoubtedly have one of the finest recreation programs to be found anywhere. We have a tremendous number of our citizens who are giving hours of unselfish effort with our baseball programs, with football and soccer and all of the other organized activities. The community owes this group a debt of gratitude. Without these many fine programs our problem would undoubtedly be far greater than it is today. Nonetheless, we still have the problem; it must be resolved and it will be resolved only with total community commitment.

Once some possible approaches have been developed, we are going to request all available assistance. In the interim, we are requesting every adult citizen in the community to face up to the seriousness of the problem and make a personal commitment to become a part of the solution.

## Christmas Doings

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Tots Christmas Concert for 3 to 5 year olds, which will be held at Madison the morning of Friday, December 9. Seating will be reserved and ticket sales will be in advance. For more information, call Nan Reid at 281 - 5964.

On Friday, December 30, at 8 p.m. the Community Center will present local high school and college students singing Christmas music and excerpts from musicals. The program is produced and directed by Norman Chaudet. Admission is 50¢.

## Project Emergency Reaches \$20,000

The Vienna Jaycees' fundraising effort to purchase a Mobile Intensive Care Unit (MICU) for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has reached \$20,000.

The Jaycees thank all of those who have contributed and ask for continued support of Project Emergency until the \$60,000 goal is reached.

Your tax - deductible donation may be mailed to: Project Emergency, Box 525 (in care of Bank of Vienna), Vienna, Va. 22180.

## What's Cooking?

The "Bicentennial Cook Book," one of the town's contributions to the Bicentennial celebration of 1976, is again available just in time for Christmas giving and for spicing up holiday cooking. The recipes were all contributed by the women at Town Hall, and the book is on sale at the Finance counter in Town Hall for 75¢ each.

Recipes include dips and party foods, pickles and relishes, soups, salads, vegetables, meats, seafood, breads, and a large section on desserts.

## Santa's Coming to Town

and he's leaving a message for all the children of Vienna. You can hear Santa on the Vienna Newslines beginning December 15 through Christmas. Call 938 - 4499.



## December Calendar

- 1 -- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 4 -- Town Christmas Program, 4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 5 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 6 -- Highway Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 7 -- Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 13 -- Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 14 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 15 -- Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 19 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 20 -- Bob Brown Marionettes present "The Nutcracker" 4 p.m. at the Community Center. Free admission.
- 21 -- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 25 -- Christmas.
- 26 -- Town Hall closed for Christmas holiday.
- 28 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Winter - Spring Schedule of Classes and Programs available at the Community Center. Registration begins January 3 from 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

## Dedication at Nottoway

A historic home located just outside the town limits is the Hunter House at Nottoway Park. The Fairfax County Park Authority has recently completed restoration of this house and will hold formal dedication ceremonies on Saturday, December 3, at 10 a.m. The house will be used for meetings and recreational activities. Organizations may schedule functions there by calling the Park Authority office at 941 - 5000.

Hunter House reflects three architectural periods. The core was built in 1890 by John C. Hunter and was a typical two - story farm house. In 1920 a new kitchen was added to the south end of the house and the old kitchen became a sitting / dining room. A basement was excavated in 1923 and was used as a winery for many years. In the 1940's the front entrance was moved from the north to the east side of the house and a north wing was added.



## Christmas Doings

The town's annual Christmas program will be held at the Community Center on Sunday, December 4, beginning at 4 p.m. The program will feature Christmas music by the Vienna - Falls Sweet Adelines, the Vienna Community Band, the Vienna Chorale Ensemble, and the Freedom Hill Elementary School Teams L and T. The Community Center preschoolers will present a nativity scene, and Santa Claus will be there to hand out candy and listen to Christmas wishes.

On Sunday, December 11, Santa will pay a visit to the Freeman House - General Store, which is decorated for the holiday season. The old - fashioned general store merchandise and consignment items from area craftsmen make unique Christmas gifts. The house and store are open each Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., and through December 17 the store will be open each Saturday from noon to 5.

The Christmas opera "Amahl and the Night Visitors" will be presented by the Vienna Light Opera Company on Saturday, December 3, at 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 4, at 8 p.m. in the James Madison High School auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens, and \$1.50 for students.

The James Madison High School Band will present its Christmas concert on Wednesday, December 21, at 8 p.m. at the school. Admission is \$1 for adults and 50¢ for students. Senior citizens and handicapped persons will be admitted free. The band has also scheduled a Tiny  
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# Citizens Express Their Views on Maple Avenue Traffic

Response has been good to the Town Council's request for citizen suggestions on how to ease traffic congestion on Maple Avenue. These suggestions, along with recommendations from the Highway Safety Commission, will be considered at the December 5 Council meeting. Presented below are some of the comments and suggestions received from citizens.

"My husband and I frequently cross Maple Avenue on foot with our three - year - old child, and it's always nerve - wracking to try to get across. Vienna is fortunate in having many stores and services centrally located in the downtown area, and many of us live within walking distance of them, but the traffic situation discourages this."

"Left turn arrows are needed at Park Street and Maple Avenue. This intersection is very dangerous and during most of the day and evening is an impossible situation for those of us who must make a left - hand turn on Park Street coming from the Tysons area."

"I have lived on Park Street for 18 years, and the traffic congestion is getting worse every day. There are times when I would have to sit through two and sometimes three lights before daring to make a left - hand turn on Park. I find myself really going out of my way on the back streets in order not to have to make a trip on Maple Avenue."

"Do not allow left turns out of the shopping centers or business areas on Maple Avenue. Have advance lefts at Follin Lane, East Street, Branch Road, Beulah Road, Glyndon Street, Park Street, Center Street, and Courthouse / Lawyers Roads with enough time for eight cars to pass. After oncoming traffic clears, allow left turns to continue until the light changes. During these advance left turns have simultaneous right turn lights where safe.

"Install a traffic light at Branch Road synchronized with the light at Beulah Road. Synchronize all the traffic signals on Maple Avenue from Nutley Street to Follin Lane so that traffic moving at or near the speed limit will continue through town unimpeded."

"Of primary importance is getting approval and starting on the by - pass highway to reduce traffic on Maple Avenue.

"Prohibit left turns from Maple Avenue except at the designated left turn signals.

"Remove the stop signs on all of the streets intersecting with Church Street, in order to make Church Street a through street between Lawyers Road and Beulah Road. Then install a traffic signal at Beulah Road / Church Street to assist traffic to get onto Beulah Road. In short, provide better through streets so traffic will not want to use Maple Avenue."

"Forget about traffic lights. Not that they are not needed, but what Vienna needs is a by - pass. No way will you relieve traffic during rush hour without a by - pass. Should have been put in long ago."

"I feel the answer is fewer traffic lights and properly synchronized ones rather than more of them. The traffic flow problem didn't exist until traffic lights went up at practically every intersection along Maple Avenue.

"The (November *Newsletter*) article states that most of the traffic is caused by out of town vehicles and that the biggest problem is trying to pull out of the side streets. I am writing this as a person who lives right here in Vienna and finds the hardest part of getting to and from work each day is getting through the Town of Vienna via Maple Avenue."

"Abolish right turn on red at the Courthouse and Lawyers Road intersections with Maple Avenue."

"I'm sure the majority of Maple Avenue traffic doesn't even want to have to become entangled in that mess but has no other choice. The net of all this is to stop all the talk and take some action to get the County moving on the diversion routes around Vienna. Until you do that, you merely create more problems with the 'fixes' put in place to bypass the real solution. Have any of you driven through the Northwest sector in an attempt to go anywhere in Town, much less towards Tysons Corner? There are so many four - way stop signs on routes other than Maple Ave. it almost makes more

sense to fight Maple's traffic and unsynchronized lights.

"If you have any misgivings about synchronization of the lights on Maple, I suggest you drive it during rush hour. You can barely move a block. The biggest bottleneck lights are on Maple and East St. and Follin Lane. It is nearly impossible ever to make both those lights. I suggest those lights be quickly synchronized or one shut off.

"The more left turn arrows you have onto Maple, the more you will jam up Maple with backed up traffic. While all those arrows may help local residents some, I question what it does to worsen Maple Ave. traffic and synchronization problems.

"Quite candidly, the only answer to the Maple Ave. traffic problems is to remove the need to use the route as a through route between Tysons Corner and Western Fairfax County. The completion of Rte. 66 will help a great deal, I'm sure. However, until the ever growing traffic from Herndon / Reston has other routes to reach commuting and shopping, you'll still have a problem. Traffic on Lawyers Rd. is ridiculous and yet the County continues to allow the Town of Vienna to be a pass-through."

## Report Paper Thieves

The town's bi - weekly curbside newspaper pickup was initiated not only to recycle a valuable resource but also as a source of revenue for the town. A number of residents have inquired about persons in station wagons and pickup trucks collecting newspapers, some of them claiming to have authorization from the town.

The only authorized pickups are conducted by town staff in marked town trash trucks. If you observe other persons collecting newspapers, please report it to the police.

## Newsprint Prices Up

The price the town receives for the newspaper it collects has recently doubled, to \$30 per ton. So it is now doubly important for all residents to participate in the pickup program. Remember, the money the town makes through its newspaper pickups helps keep taxes down.