

Code Changes Approved

The Town Council has approved two amendments to the Town Charter that will be sent to the General Assembly this month. One of the changes would allow the town to raise its dog licensing fees to bring them into conformance with those of Fairfax County. The other amendment would allow Council members, as well as any other registered voter in town, to succeed the Mayor in case of his death or resignation.

A third proposed amendment, which would have lengthened the term of office of Council members from two to three years, was defeated.

C&P Franchise Renewed

The Town Council, at its December 19 meeting, awarded a new telephone franchise to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. The last 30-year franchise expired on February 14, 1977.

The Town Manager recommended that a careful study be made of the situation before issuing a new franchise to determine the possibility of requiring the removal of the overhead communications lines. A comprehensive study of the matter was made for the town by a Richmond firm. The study concluded that, under existing law, the town could not require the removal of the lines unless the town was willing to pay the cost. Accordingly, the new franchise was granted.

The new franchise, however, will be for 15 years rather than the 40 years requested by the telephone company. It is the Council's hope that new technology will be developed within the next 15 years that could result in the practical removal of the overhead wires. The Town Manager has recommended the same approach when the VEPCO franchise comes up for renewal in 1980.

Relief for Disabled

Residents who are permanently and totally disabled and have low incomes are now eligible for relief from payment of town auto tag fees. Application forms are available in the Department of Finance at Town Hall and must be filed on or before January 31 to qualify for relief in 1978.

The application must be accompanied by certification from the Social Security Administration or sworn affidavits from two doctors that the applicant is permanently and totally disabled. This is defined as "unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for the duration of such person's life."

Noise Ordinance Passed

The Town Council has adopted amendments to that section of the Town Code dealing with nuisances to prohibit offensive noise. Under the new law, unnecessary or unusually loud noises are specifically prohibited.

In addition, homeowners and businessmen who allow offensive noises to be made on their property will be guilty of maintaining a public nuisance and held responsible for the noise.

Looking Ahead...

Here are some of the items scheduled for consideration at Council's next meeting on January 9:

- * Water supply for the proposed DeLuca apartment development.
- * Fairfax County's request to use town right-of-way for a "pump-down" line.
- * The proposed county charter, especially that section pertaining to towns. Council has scheduled a work session for Monday, January 16, which is open to the public. One of the items to be discussed at this meeting is the Town Manager's recommendations concerning traffic lights on Maple Avenue.

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Council Actions (continued)

all connection fees. Credited the Church with \$400 in consideration of the water line right-of-way it granted along the edge of the Church property.

* *Took no action on allowing the county to use part of the town's sewer right-of-way for a proposed "pumpdown line" until more information is received on the future of the line.*

* *Approved the reallocation of the surpluses in the Revenue Sharing Funds. Authorized the purchase of Xerox equipment for the town.*

* *Authorized acquisition of the necessary liability insurance to cover the town's holiday lighting program. Advised VEPCO that the town has accepted responsibility for the insurance and will pay the cost of the electricity used.*

* *Accepted a bid of \$1,000 by Loudoun County for 160 used flood lights.*

* *Amended the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to credit accumulated sick leave toward retirement benefits for town employees.*

* *Approved the interfund transfers as recommended by the Director of Finance.*

* *Accepted the off-site improvements in the Townes of Moorefield subdivision into the town's system for maintenance.*

Town of Vienna

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Police Offer Security Checks



Vienna police are planning an intensified crackdown on crime in 1978 through the Police and Citizens Together (PACT) program. Vienna is an original member of PACT, started in 1976 by several Northern Virginia police departments. The program is designed to let citizens know how they can reduce opportunities for crime in their neighborhoods. PACT has now grown to 16 member police departments throughout the metropolitan area and has been receiving nationwide attention.

During 1978 Vienna police plan to visit as many homes as possible to offer free home security surveys and to encourage neighborhood watch programs. During the security survey homeowners can have their valuables engraved and will receive "Operation ID" window decals to let would-be burglars know the house is protected. Police will also be giving out telephone decals with all emergency numbers.

A security check can help prevent burglaries. For example, last month a resident reported that someone had tried to get into his house by breaking two window panes in the basement. But the attempt was foiled because, after a police security survey, the resident had drilled holes and placed nails in the window sash and the burglar could not get inside.

The Vienna police are here to serve you. Take advantage of these free security surveys to help protect your home.

Happy New Year from Mayor Robinson and the Vienna Town Council and from the Town Staff. Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 2. Because of the holiday, this month's Council meetings will be held on January 9 and January 23.

Speeders Beware!

The Town Council has ordered a step-up in police enforcement of the town's speed limits. Until now, police have not ticketed vehicles until they were recorded traveling at least 10 to 12 miles per hour above the speed limit, which is 25 mph throughout town unless otherwise posted. At a work session on December 12 Council significantly reduced the speed at which tickets will be issued.

The town increased its radar surveillance last January in response to numerous requests and petitions by citizens to control speeding on town streets, most of which run through residential neighborhoods. Police issued 1257 tickets through October 1977, compared to 806 tickets in all of 1976.

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Comment from the Council Table: Preserving Vienna's Powers Under a County Charter

By Donald E. Upchurch
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The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently approved a draft of a proposed county charter to be filed with the General Assembly by January 11. The county is hopeful that the General Assembly will be able to consider the proposition in some detail this session, with possible enactment in 1979. If enacted, the charter would be the first given to any county in the State of Virginia. Cities and towns in Virginia secure their basic powers through individual charters while counties operate under authority found in different portions of the general law as enacted from time to time by the General Assembly. Cities and towns are also affected by the general law.

The county charter would give the county those powers held by most cities. It essentially preserves the present government with an elected Board of Supervisors but establishes the position of County Manager, rather than an Executive. The county would gain taxing authority for a transient occupancy tax and for a cigarette tax, a power it now has but which places low limits on the tax rates. The Board would have appointing power of the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the County Manager authority to appoint and discharge department heads.

Stronger powers of eminent domain are also provided which have been objected to by some speakers at the public hearings. Specific sections on education, assumption of secondary roads and city borrowing are included, but these reflect existing law and options.

The draft of the county charter is the effort of a Legislative Committee which was created at the end of the last General Assembly session. At that time a ten-year moratorium was placed state-wide on any transitions to city status. According to the County Executive, the draft is seen as a possible means for defending against potentially



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harmful changes in the state's annexation and incorporation laws.

The Town of Vienna has been seeking over several weeks to incorporate language in the proposed charter that would protect and reaffirm Vienna's position on general powers, annexation and city status. After meetings with county officials and the Legislative Committee, we had been asked to draft our own language for charter inclusion. The proposed addition we submitted would preserve the status quo of the town's powers, whether found in its charter or in the general law. Annexation and city status options, if ever needed, would be preserved to us as they existed by state law in effect before the ten-year moratorium.

Vienna requested a section also be included in the charter ensuring that in case of overlapping powers, such power of the county would not be exercised in the town except by agreement of the Town Council. We asked in addition that all rights granted in the future by general state law be reserved to the towns in the county.

The town was successful in obtaining general language in the charter concerning some of its positions but as of this writing (December 15) all of the concerns of the Council have not been addressed by the county. We are hopeful that town and county officials can consider these other important points and come to an agreement on suitable language for the charter before it is filed with the General Assembly on January 11.

In any event, representatives of the town plan to be in Richmond during the General Assembly session to follow the progress of the county charter proposal and other state legislation affecting the vital interests of the Town of Vienna. We will keep town citizens fully informed as these matters develop.

Results of Town Council's October 17, 1977, Meeting

* Voted that, providing the Fairfax County Park Authority helps the town in the minimum amount of \$75,000 to acquire the Minipark, the town would appropriate the balance of the negotiated purchase price to acquire this property, \$95,000 to come from bond funds and the remainder from general funds. The town would deed its one acre plus at Peterson Lane Park to the Park Authority in order that ownership of the Minipark would be vested within the town. No money earmarked for the acquisition and development of Peterson Lane Park be transferred to any other use. Voted to take immediate steps to have the Minipark property appraised.

* Vacated that portion of right-of-way on Branch Rd., S.E., from Valley Dr. to Dominion Rd. Easements will be retained by the town for a bike trail, storm drainage, public water supply and sanitary sewer facilities.

* Approved the request of the developers of the proposed Jolly Ox restaurant for a waiver of the required 6 foot masonry wall across the back of the property at 215 and 221 Maple Ave., W.

* Recommended to the Circuit Court of Fairfax County the reappointment of James E. Nichols to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a term of 5 years.

* Authorized another traffic count at the intersection of Nutley and Tapawingo for a 16-hour period on a Friday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. to determine whether a traffic light is warranted. Council will then consider a draft letter to the Virginia State Department of Highways and Transportation.

* Adopted a resolution creating a Code Review Committee and providing for a review of Chapter 19, the Zoning Code, of the Code of Vienna.

* Authorized the purchase of a second police cruiser under the bid submitted earlier by Koons Pontiac, payment to come from budgeted funds.

* Took no action on a proposed ordinance to permit irrevocable letters of credit.

* Approved final payment of \$12,367.43 to Hammer, Siler, George Associates for the city status study.

* Approved an amendment to the town's personnel policy and retirement plan concerning sick leave.

* Appointed Brackenridge H. Bentley as Assistant Town Manager effective January 1, 1978, and as Town Manager effective July 15, 1978.

* Appointed Mary Louise Condon to the Board of Architectural Review for a 3-year term. Reappointed George D. Hicks, Audrey Brown and Fannie Travis to the Board and Stuart Liss as the architect member.

* Denied the request of William Matheis for a waiver of the masonry wall and curb, gutter and sidewalk on his property Lot 27, 112 Pleasant St., S.W.

* Accepted a bid of \$9,000 by G.K. Painting Corp. for cleaning and painting the water tower at the corner of Frederick and Tapawingo Rd., to be paid from Revenue Sharing funds appropriated for that purpose.

* Appointed the following members to the Charter Review Committee: Councilman Olson - Chairman, Councilman Walp; Councilman Upchurch, Chairman of the Planning Commission, Town Manager, Town Attorney, Linda B. Samuels.

* Adopted a resolution expressing appreciation to Money and King Funeral Home for its long and outstanding record of service to the town and wishing it continued success.

Results of Town Council's November 7, 1977, Meeting

* Took no action on the request of Mr. Clayman C. Myers, 10005 Murnane Street, relative to the removal of the 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Lawyers Road and Upham Place.

* Donated \$500 to the Vienna Panthers of Vienna Youth Soccer, Inc., to be used toward their trip to Miami, Florida, to participate in the annual Junior Orange Bowl Tournament.

* Granted the request of The Church of the Holy Comforter for a waiver of the fee for a sewage connection since it is not making a new connection into the system.

* Approved the final plat of Beechwood subdivision submitted by Paciulli, Simmons & Associates, Ltd., upon receipt of the required bond. Approved the installation of the public improvements on Beulah Road.

* Adopted a resolution pertaining to selection of Metro alternatives K-3, K-4 and K-5 for further study by the policy steering committee of the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments.

* Authorized a contract for acquisition of the Minipark property.

* Requested the developer of the Wilson Estates subdivision to complete the entire storm drainage line draining the southerly end of the subdivision. The developer will be reimbursed for the town's share of the line, to be made from general fund bond funds at an estimated \$6,500.

* Authorized a requested expenditure of \$1,500 to reimburse partially Marvin Wolfe for work done in the dredging of a pond on the property of Barbara McBride, conditioned on a release to the town from any future responsibility.

* Approved a proposal to the State Water Control Board for a solution to the water supply problems in Northern Virginia. The proposal states that the construction of water supply reservoirs would be the principal solution.

Results of Town Council's November 21, 1977, Meeting

* Approved the application submitted by Robert J. and Edna W. Kearney, 610 Marshall Road, S.W., to rezone Lot 10, Moidone Acres, 4.832 acres, from RS-16 to RS-12.5.

* Denied the request of Epiphany United Methodist Church for a waiver of

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Be a Big Sister

Big Sisters of the Washington Metropolitan Area has come to Northern Virginia. This organization provides friendship to girls in need of guidance through a one-to-one relationship with trained women volunteers. Big Sisters is a United Way agency and operates on a non-profit, non-sectarian, interracial basis.

Little Sisters are girls from 8 to 18. Some are from one-parent homes and some are referred by the courts, social service agencies or schools. Others may be physically, emotionally or mentally handicapped. Some are just lonely. All share the need for personal attention to help them cope with the pressures of growing up.

This need is met by women 18 and older who become Big Sisters after careful screening and training. They see their Little Sisters at least twice a month, providing companionship, a sympathetic ear, a role model, tutorial assistance and, most of all, the experience of a personal relationship with someone who really cares.

Big and Little Sisters make a one-year commitment to each other. During that time, professional staff members are in regular contact with them and the girls' families to offer advice, training and referrals. The organization also sponsors a variety of meetings and recreational activities.

Women interested in becoming Big Sisters should call or write the headquarters office at 1754 N St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 232 - 5600.

Paper Thieves P.S.

In last month's *Newsletter* residents were warned to be on the lookout for unauthorized persons taking newspapers left at the curbside for town pickup. There are some organizations, however, such as school groups and scouts, that collect newspapers as fund-raising projects and residents may support these groups if they wish. Group members should identify themselves and their project and ask permission of residents before collecting the newspapers.

January Calendar

- 1 -- NEW YEAR'S DAY.
- 2 -- Town Hall closed for New Year's holiday.
- 3 -- Registration begins for Winter - Spring classes at the Community Center, 8:45 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
- 4 -- Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 9 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 10 -- Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 11 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 17 -- E.F. Hutton Investment Seminar, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 18 -- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 19 -- Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 23 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 25 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28 - 29 -- Northern Virginia Coin & Stamp Show & Sale at the Community Center, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. each day.
- 31 -- Highway Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.

Tennis Winners

The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the following winners of Vienna's first Fall Tennis Tournament. The tourney began on September 12 and was open to Vienna residents only.

"Hacker" Category

Women's Singles	Marilyn Johnson
Women's Doubles	Esther Stoffle & Dolores Tice
Men's Singles	Anthony DeGregorio
Men's Doubles	Joseph Cestaro & Jerry Engle
Mixed Doubles	Joseph & Joan Cestaro

"Pro" Category

Women's Singles	Jane Dowler
Women's Doubles	Shirley Helck & Kathy Newell
Mixed Doubles	Sherman & Jannie Vandevender



Community Center Classes

Registration begins January 3 for the Winter - Spring program of classes at the Community Center. New classes this year include antiques appreciation, effective publicity and needle art. Other classes include art, crafts, exercise, sewing, tumbling, gymnastics, dance, drama, guitar and pre-school.

A special recreation program for children with learning disabilities will begin January 21 and continue for 15 weeks.

The gym at the Community Center is open daily with activities for children and adults. The schedule is as follows:

Children

- Monday -- Roller Skating, 2:30 - 4 p.m.
- Basketball, 4:30 - 6 p.m.
- Wednesday -- Basketball, 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- Friday -- Basketball, 3:30 - 6 p.m.

Adults

- Monday -- Co-ed Volleyball, 7 - 9 p.m.
- Basketball, 9 - 11 p.m.
- Tuesday -- Basketball, 8 - 11 p.m.
- Thursday -- Co-ed Volleyball, 8 - 11 p.m.

Town Gets Parkland

The Town Council has accepted an offer from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors of approximately 4 acres of parkland adjacent to the town's Northside Park.

A part of the Bennett property surrounding the Bennett nursery just north of town was rezoned for residential development by the county some months ago and the parkland was deeded by the owners to the county. The land is heavily wooded and a small stream meanders through it.

Since the tract is adjacent to Northside Park, the County Park Authority recommended that title to the property be conveyed to the town. The Town Council agreed that it would be an important addition to the Northside Park and voted to accept title to the land.

The Park Authority owns a substantial tract of woodland just across the Abbotsford Drive right-of-way from the town property. Unless or until Abbotsford Drive is opened, the whole area will remain as a rather large green area available to residents on the north side of town as well as county residents in the surrounding area.

Project Emergency

Vienna residents have responded generously to the Vienna Jaycees' Project Emergency, a project to raise money to purchase a Mobile Intensive Care Unit for the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

The Jaycees thank all those residents who have contributed to the drive. However, help is still needed to reach the \$60,000 goal. Think it over - - Project Emergency could save you or someone you love. Send your contributions to Project Emergency, c/o Bank of Vienna, P.O. Box 525, Vienna, Va. 22180.

Senior Lounge

The town's Senior Citizen Lounge, located in the Bowman House, 211 Center St., S., is open to all Vienna area senior citizens for recreation, information and conversation. Information is available there on town activities and items of special interest such as retirement, pensions, nutrition and trips. Recreation includes cards, chess, pool and crafts. The Senior Lounge is open every weekday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Peddlers & Solicitors

Do you know the difference between a solicitor and a peddler? And do you know how the town protects you against rip-offs by door-to-door salesmen?

A *canvasser or solicitor* is defined as anyone who goes from door to door taking orders for merchandise like magazines or services such as home improvements to be delivered at some future date, or requesting donations for a charitable purpose.

To protect residents from fraud, canvassers and solicitors are required to obtain a permit and a license from the town and to show the license on request. They are also required to wear a badge issued by the town containing the words "Licensed Solicitor."

A *peddler* is defined as anyone who carries goods like candy or firewood from door to door for sale and immediate delivery. For this privilege he is required to pay a license tax to the town. Licensed peddlers must display this license on their vehicles.

The town may grant exemptions from licensing to non-profit organizations such as schools, churches and service organizations. If an exemption has been granted it will be on file at Town Hall.

If you suspect that a solicitor or peddler is operating under fraudulent pretenses or that he may be "casing" the neighborhood for burglary targets, call the police.

Hats Off...

To Vienna police officers for their skill and heroism in evacuating residents of the Holly Hall school for the mentally retarded during a fire on December 5. Police officers repeatedly entered the smoke-filled building to bring out the 47 residents, many of them confined to beds, along with clothing, mattresses and other immediate needs. The work of the police allowed firefighters to concentrate on handling the fire, thus reducing damage to the building.

Those officers involved in the evacuation were Charles Fridrich, James Habern, Jack Hurlock, Johnny Price, Jay Reed, Ed Rish, Bennie Shaver, Wilson Stallings and Joe Tavares.

The police received excellent cooperation from Department of Public Works employees Charles Williams, Ralph Brown and David Sherwood in moving the victims and their belongings to the Louise Archer School for temporary shelter.

The Highway Safety Commission reminds you - - traffic is bad enough on Maple Avenue. Don't make it worse by blocking the intersections. Be a courteous driver. Always make sure there is enough room on the other side of the intersection before pulling out.



Did you know that since 1947, 30 years ago, the population of the Town of Vienna has risen over 1100%?