

Register for Town Election

The deadline for registering to vote in this year's town election is April 1. Registration is conducted at the Patrick Henry Library every Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. The seats held by the Mayor and Council members Buckley, Olson and Pellicciotto will be up for election for two - year terms. Election day is May 2.

Persons interested in running for these offices must file a declaration of candidacy and a petition containing the signatures of 125 qualified voters. These forms are available at the Town Clerk's office and the Fairfax County Electoral Board, 4031 University Dr., in Fairfax City. The deadline for filing is March 7.

To qualify as a candidate, you must be a registered voter and be a resident of Virginia for one year and a town resident for 30 days prior to the election.

Police Release 1977 Crime Data

The Vienna Police Department recently released its annual crime analysis for 1977. The figures show a slight increase in serious crime and also an increase in the number of arrests over 1976. Police also increased their activity in the areas of traffic, animal and juvenile drug cases.

There was an increase of 32 felony cases in 1977. The majority of these cases occurred in the grand larceny category. Police hope the town's new crime prevention program of home and business security checks will curb these crimes.

Misdemeanor offenses increased by 226 cases. Over 170 of these were animal cases, which the police started handling in 1977 with the addition of an animal warden. There were 84 fewer vandalism cases reported, with 57 vandalism arrests made during the period.

There was an increase in traffic accidents, which can be directly related to the tremendous increase in traffic through town last year. There were 297 radar operations with 1,336 arrests.

Juvenile complaints decreased by six cases. The Police Department's drug enforcement activities showed results in 1977. There were 28 juvenile drug arrests compared to only six in 1976.

In addition, police made 2,254 bank checks, answered 2,873 complaints, made checks of 593 houses and 138 reports of open doors or windows, responded to 90 fire and rescue calls and 501 alarms, and handled 252 escorts.

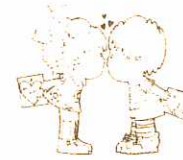
County Charter

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The proposed county charter, which was introduced in the General Assembly last month, would prohibit annexation of county territory by cities and would give to the county virtually all of the powers held by most cities in Virginia. The Town Council worked closely with the County Board of Supervisors in developing language acceptable to both jurisdictions that maintains the status quo between the county and the town.

One of the important points the Council succeeded in having included ensures that power granted to the town by its charter or by general law will take precedence over conflicting or overlapping county powers, except for those exercised by the county in the town on January 1, 1978. The question of the town's right to become a city and the power of towns like Vienna to annex parts of the surrounding county, although not changed by the proposed county charter, will almost certainly be one of the more controversial matters of general law to be considered by the 1978 General Assembly. Mayor Robinson has said that he hopes Vienna and Fairfax County will be able to work out a mutually acceptable position on these issues also.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR



- 1 - - Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 4 - - VYS soccer registration 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Pigtail - Ponytail registration 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Little League registration 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 5 - - Little League registration 1 - 5 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 6 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 8 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Ash Wednesday.
- 11 - - Pigtail - Ponytail registration 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 12 - - Lincoln's Birthday.
- 14 - - Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. St. Valentine's Day.
- 15 - - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 16 - - Board of Architectural Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 19 - - Vienna Wireless Society Hamfest, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 20 - - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.
- 22 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 25 - - Pigtail - Ponytail registration 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 27 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Free Trash Bags for Monday/Thursday Route

Residents who have their trash picked up on the Monday/Thursday schedule have it rough with all the Monday holidays plus Thanksgiving each year. To help compensate for this situation, these residents are eligible to receive 12 free plastic trash bags from the town. The bags are available at the Finance counter at Town Hall.

NEWSLETTER

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Charter Would Protect Town

The Town Council has approved those provisions of the proposed Fairfax County charter that relate to the powers of towns. At its January 9 meeting the Council voted to support revised wording, earlier approved by the County Board, of Chapter 19 of the proposed charter, which protects the town's powers under its charter and under general law. Chapter 19 also does not prohibit annexation or transition to city status, both of which remain under such laws on the subject as may be enacted by the General Assembly.

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Minipark Offer Withdrawn

The Town Council has withdrawn its offer to purchase the Minipark at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Center Street. The town had submitted a contract offering the owner \$200,000 for the property. This offer was rejected, however, and the owner remained adamant in his original asking price of approximately \$227,000. Council did not feel justified in offering more than it did in view of two professional appraisals of the Minipark property, which ran between approximately \$160,000 and \$170,000.

Negotiations to buy the Minipark began last July, when the owner informed the town that developers had approached him with plans to build on the property. Those plans, however, seem to be at a standstill. Unless and until the land is developed, Vienna will continue to enjoy its "oasis" in the center of town on a no - rent lease basis.

In observance of Washington's Birthday, Town Hall and the Community Center will be closed Monday, February 20. There will be no trash pickup that day.

Town Surplus Largest Ever

An audit of the town's finances for fiscal year 1976 - 77 shows a total surplus of \$936,758. This is the largest surplus of funds the town has ever accumulated.

The audited surplus in the General Fund is \$643,567 compared to an estimated surplus of \$597,346 in the FY 1976 - 77 budget. The Water and Sewer surplus is \$293,191 compared to an estimated \$233,265.

It has been the town's budgetary practice to estimate income conservatively and to overestimate expenditures in order to make certain that we complete the fiscal year within our income. Under Virginia law, governments must operate in the black. The town's budget practices have consistently resulted in a substantial surplus. Taxpayers benefit by avoiding interest expenses on borrowed capital, and tax increases are kept down in succeeding years by reappropriation of the surplus.

Vienna Wireless "Hamfest"

The Vienna Wireless Society will hold its sixth annual Winterfest Sunday, February 19, at the Community Center. Doors open at 8 a.m., and admission is \$2 for adults and free for pre-teens. Winterfest, although of primary interest to amateur radio enthusiasts, will also be of interest to CBers who want to upgrade their licenses to ham radio and world-wide communications and to electronic "do-it-yourselfers."

Rummage tables to enhance ham radio shacks or enable a new amateur to get "on-the-air" at a reasonable price, frostbite tailgating and prizes will be featured. Reservations for rummage tables are available on a first come, first served basis and may be obtained, at a cost of \$5 per table, by writing the Vienna Wireless Society, Inc., P.O. Box 418, Vienna, Va. 22180. The frostbite tailgating will be held in the Vienna Fire Department parking lot and no reservations are required.

In addition to the many bargains available from the rummage tables, prizes to be raffled away include a VHF transceiver, frequency counter kit, wattmeters, oscilloscope and VHF ground plate antenna.

Extra parking areas will be available this year, and the Vienna Police Department will control traffic and direct patrons to auxiliary parking lots.

Talk-in stations will monitor 2 meter frequencies 146.52, 148.81/21 and CB radio channel 12.

Host Families Needed For Foreign Students

The Vienna chapter of the American Field Service (AFS), one of the largest international student exchange programs, has begun its search for families in Vienna willing to host foreign students from August 1978 to June 1979. The AFS exchange students come from many foreign countries. This year's students are Mamar Mezidi from France and Aliki Barouta from Greece.

Students living with Vienna families attend the senior year at James Madison High School. School costs are covered by the school system; medical expenses and a small allowance are paid by AFS. Room and board are provided by the host family. The local AFS chapter is very supportive of the host families should problems arise.

Selections are to be made this month. Interested persons should call George High at 938-8041 or Beverly Rish at 938-5525.

Project Emergency Tops \$30,000

The Vienna Jaycees again thank the citizens of Vienna who have helped them toward their goal of buying a Mobile Intensive Care Unit for the town. Contributions to Project Emergency now total over \$30,000, but your help is still needed. The Jaycees are making their last drive to reach their goal this month. Please send your contributions to Project Emergency, c/o Bank of Vienna, P.O. Box 525, Vienna, Va. 22180.

Kite-Making Classes

In preparation for the kite-flying contest on Sunday, March 19, at Thoreau Intermediate School, the Community Center is holding kite-making classes for children aged 6 through 10. Classes will be held on four consecutive Mondays beginning February 13 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. The fee for the classes is \$5.

After you've learned to make and fly your kite, come and enter it in the kite-flying contest. All kites must be homemade and will be judged on their appearance as well as efficiency in flying. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners.



Home Burglaries

It Can Happen to You

Although there are not as many burglaries in Vienna as in many other jurisdictions, house burglaries occur in all sections of town. Vienna police have redoubled their efforts to prevent residential burglaries through a new program of home security checks and neighborhood watches, but they need citizen support to make the program work.

Every time you go out leaving doors and windows that are not securely locked you are making the burglar's work easier. Make sure your house is secure both when you are at home and when you are away. To find out how you can have a more secure home, call Sgt. Joseph Tavares at 938-4490 for a free security survey.

A standard procedure for burglars is to telephone a house to determine whether anyone is at home. If you answer the phone and no one is on the line, ask the police to keep a special watch on your house.

When you are away from home for extended periods, ask your neighbors and the police to watch your house. Help your neighbors by reporting to the police any suspicious persons or strange vehicles. If a truck or moving van is parked in front of a neighbor's home, make sure it is there for a legitimate purpose. Don't be reluctant to call your neighbor to check; he or she will appreciate it. One of the best ways to prevent residential burglaries is to get to know your neighbors and make arrangements to watch each other's homes.

Never hesitate to call the police to report suspicious activities. They are here to serve you and they need your cooperation. Above all, don't be complacent. It can happen to you!

Know the Town Laws That Affect You

Did Santa bring your child a bike, a puppy or toys like a BB gun or bow and arrows? If so, you should know about the town laws that apply to them.

Bicycles. Besides following all traffic and safety regulations, cyclists must have lights on their bikes when riding after dark. The headlight must be visible from at least 500 feet, and the rear reflector must be visible from 50 to 300 feet. Bicycles must also be equipped with a horn or bell that can be heard from a distance of at least 100 feet.

Dogs. Dogs over six months old must be vaccinated against rabies and be licensed by the town. A license will be issued by the town's Department of Finance upon presentation of a current rabies certificate and payment of the \$5 license fee.

BB guns, etc. It is illegal to use within the town limits firearms, BB guns, slingshots, bow and arrows or any other missile-projecting device likely to injure people or property.

Get a Job

An Odd Jobs Bank is being formed to match up workers with jobs like babysitting, raking leaves and washing windows. Senior citizens and young people aged 13 to 16 are especially invited to participate.

Persons interested in this program, either as a worker or an employer, can register by calling the Odd Jobs Bank between 2:30 and 5:30 each afternoon. Workers are also needed to man the phones during these hours.

The Odd Jobs Bank is scheduled to open within a month or so. The March Newsletter will carry more information about the program.

Patriotic Concert at Madison

The James Madison High School band will present its mid-winter concert in the school auditorium on Thursday, February 23, at 8 p.m.

In addition, the symphonic band will be performing the Lincoln Portrait by Aaron Copeland. Tom Gauger, WMAL radio personality, will narrate this moving, exciting and patriotic work.

Admission is \$1 for adults, 50¢ for students and there is no charge for senior citizens or handicapped citizens.

Free Health Fair

The Vienna Woman's Club, in cooperation with the National Health Screening Council, will hold its third free Health Fair at the Vienna Community Center on March 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Free health tests for persons 18 years of age and older include blood pressure, anemia, vision, hearing, glaucoma, oral cancer and medical counseling. There will be a charge for blood tests as follows:

12 blood tests for \$4.25

25 blood tests for \$5.25

25 blood tests plus thyroid and syphilis \$6.25

These charges pay the laboratory fees and, if given outside the Health Fair, would be considerably greater.

For more information, contact Mrs. Katherine Weatherford, Health Chairman, at 281-3466, or Mrs. Delores M. Hill, Publicity Chariman, at 938-9826.

Vienna Woman's Club Meeting

The regular February meeting of the Vienna Woman's Club will be held at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 15.

The program will be presented by Ms. Jane Cohan, vice-president for TV for the National Association of Broadcasters. She will discuss the important role television plays in our lives and in the lives of our families and community.

Those interested in becoming members of the Vienna Woman's Club should contact Mrs. Dorothy Edwards, Membership Chairman, at 938-0920.

About Your Bill

In some areas of town, water and sewer bills are being rendered on an estimated basis because of the recent inclement weather. When the next true reading is taken, these bills will be adjusted according to actual use.