

# "Vials of Life" Program Aids Medical Rescue Team

Vienna residents are urged to participate in the "Vials of Life" program by storing important identification and medical information in a location easily accessible to rescue teams. The program is already underway in many parts of Northern Virginia, and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors recently endorsed its promotion on a countywide scale.

"Vials of Life" was initiated by the American Association of Retired Persons in response to the needs of elderly and infirm citizens. However, the information provided by the program can also be important to rescue teams in the treatment of victims of stroke or heart attack, those who are alone and unconscious and those whose medical history is not known by those present, such as in the case of young children in the care of a babysitter.

To participate in the "Vials of Life" program, jot down on paper a brief description and medical history for yourself and family members. Include such information as name, address, age, sex, weight, height, hair and eye color, physician's name and phone number, next of kin or other person to be contacted in an emergency and any allergies or major medical problems such as heart condition, hypertension or diabetes. A photograph may also be included. For your convenience, use the form below.

Place this information in a small bottle or vial -- an old pill container can be used -- on the top righthand shelf of your refrigerator. The appliance is a fireproof insulator for the information and is located in a convenient spot in most homes. Fire and rescue and police personnel, as well as visiting nurses, are being advised to look for the "Vials of Life" in the event of a life-threatening emergency. Giving the rescue teams speedy access to important identification and medical information can save precious time in treating victims.

Additional copies of the form below are available at Town Hall.

(Fill in the information below. Complete one form for each family member. Place the completed forms in a bottle on your refrigerator's top righthand shelf. Enclose a small photograph if available.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Eye Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Problems: Diabetes \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Heart Problems \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hypertension \_\_\_\_\_

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In Case of Emergency, Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Next of Kin, Clergy, Attorney)

## Attention All Town Organizations

If your organization has held elections in the last few months, we would appreciate receiving the names and addresses of your president, vice president and treasurer so that Town Hall files can be kept up to date. Send information to the Town Hall, 127 Center St., S. Attention: Town Clerk.

# February Calendar

- 3 - - Vienna Little League registration at the Community Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Youth Soccer registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 4 - - Little League registration at the Community Center, 1-4 p.m.
- 5 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna News-line, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 10 - - Little League registration at the Community Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Pigtail-Ponytail registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Vienna Woman's Club Health Fair at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 12 - - Public hearings on tax relief to the elderly and on transitional zone, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Lincoln's Birthday.
- 13 - - Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 14 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day. St. Valentine's Day.
- 15 - - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 16 - - Bob Brown Marionettes "Circus Show" for ages 4 through 11, 4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 17 - - Babe Ruth registration at the Community Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 19 - - WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 21 - - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 25 - - Vienna Wireless Society Winterfest at the Community Center.
- 26 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna News-line, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 27 - - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day. Ash Wednesday.

## Willard Scott to MC Band Concert at Madison High School

The James Madison High School Band will perform in concert on Thursday, February 15, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium.

TV and radio personality Willard Scott will host the concert and narrate the band's performance of "Tubby the Tuba." Kevin Stees will be featured on tuba.

For ticket information, call Nan Reid at 281-5964.

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## Tax Relief, Transitional Zone Subjects of Feb. 12 Hearings

On February 12, the Town Council will conduct two public hearings, the first one dealing with tax relief for the elderly and handicapped, the second one with the town's transitional land zoning. The hearings will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Copies of the proposed ordinances are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

At the public hearing concerning tax relief for the elderly and handicapped, Council will consider whether real estate taxes for these citizens should be forgiven or deferred, and whether to change the level of combined income and financial worth at which relief is granted. Council will also consider proposed amendments to the auto license tax exemption dealing with certification of disability and late filing of applications.

The proposed amendment on transitional zoning would repeal the transitional zone category. It would also rezone the three properties currently zoned transitional to the category of the residential land they abut, but permit them all uses currently allowed by the transitional zoning category. The three properties are located at 410 Pine St., S.E.; 133 Park St., N.E. and 401 Church St., N.E.

## Walp Won't Run in May



Town Councilman Neil M. Walp

Town Councilman Neil M. Walp has announced that he will not seek reelection in May. He has served on the Town Council since 1969.

Councilman Walp moved with his family to Northern Virginia in 1957 after completing his graduate work at Penn State University. They have lived in Vienna since 1960.

He has been employed by the Appalachian Regional Commission since 1965. Prior to that he held positions as Assistant Director of the Northern Virginia Regional Planning Commission and as a planner in the Fairfax County Planning Office.

Councilman Walp was appointed to the Town Planning Commission in 1965 and served as its chairman from 1965 until his election to Council in 1969. He has served on many town, regional and state-wide committees and has been especially active in Vienna's historic preservation efforts, currently serving as the Town Council's member on the Board of Directors of Historic Vienna, Inc.

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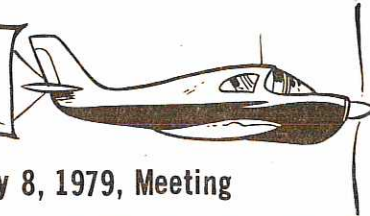
In observance of Washington's Birthday, Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 19. There will be no trash pickup that day.

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## Council Action



### Results of Town Council's January 8, 1979, Meeting

\* Authorized the expenditure of \$4,950 from contingency reserve funds for the town's one-half share of the construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Orchard Street from Nutley Road to West Street.

\* Scheduled a public hearing for March 12 on the proposed Windover Heights Historic District ordinance and to consider the repeal of the existing historic district ordinance.

\* Accepted the bid of \$4,280 by Owens & Dove, Inc., for the construction of concrete steps at the Vienna Post Office, funds to come from the contingency reserve.

\* Accepted the bid by Challenger Products, Inc., for the installation of aluminum siding on the Bowman House for a cost not to exceed \$6,270, to be paid from budgeted funds.

\* Accepted the bid of \$43,727 by Owens & Dove, Inc., for street improvements at Beulah Road and Cynthia Lane, funds to come from the capital improvements budget.

\* Officially approved the purchase by Court supervised tax sale of the property located at 430 Lewis St., N.W., and authorized the Town Manager to arrange for the safe demolition of the condemned structure on the property at a reasonable cost. Payment of \$7,000 for the property is to be made from the capital improvements budget.

\* Scheduled a public hearing for March 19 on proposed amendments to the town's parking requirements.

\* Authorized the Town Manager to secure from Meidinger Corp. a "plan document" for the administration of the police pension fund at a cost not to exceed \$2,800, payable from the pension fund.

\* Scheduled a public hearing for March 26 to discuss the merits of the proposed town land use plan, a component of the town's comprehensive plan.

## 1979 Is Herndon Centennial

The Town of Herndon, Vienna's sister town in Fairfax County, is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its incorporation this year.

The Centennial festivities began with commemorative ceremonies Sunday, January 14, Herndon's "birthday." The week of April 23-29 has been set aside as "Centennial Week," a week of events beginning with the Centennial Ball and ending with a parade and an arts and crafts show. A house tour is planned for Sunday, May 20, including both new and old homes.

A model of Herndon's railroad station and replicas of the first telephones used in Herndon will be on display during the year. A cookbook containing recipes of early residents will be on sale, as well as many souvenirs such as charms, pins, patches and auto tags.

Vienna Mayor Charles Robinson and the Town Council have unanimously adopted a resolution recognizing Herndon's Centennial and the "spirit of friendliness and the warm relationship which has traditionally existed between the Town of Herndon and the Town of Vienna."

Vienna will celebrate its own Centennial in 1990.

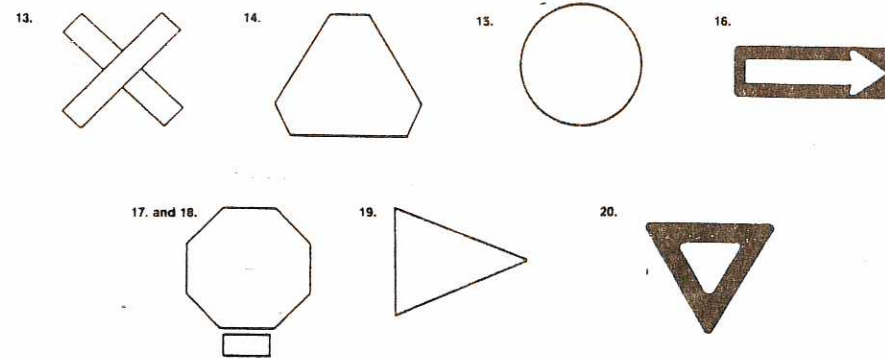
### Signs on Poles and Trees Are Unlawful

Citizens are reminded that it is illegal to attach advertising matter to poles or trees in the town. This includes real estate signs and notices of yard sales. These types of signs may be placed only on the property where the sale will take place. The Town Code states, "It shall be unlawful for any person to tack or otherwise attach any advertising matter or other substance to any telephone, telegraph, or electric transmission pole or to any tree within the town."

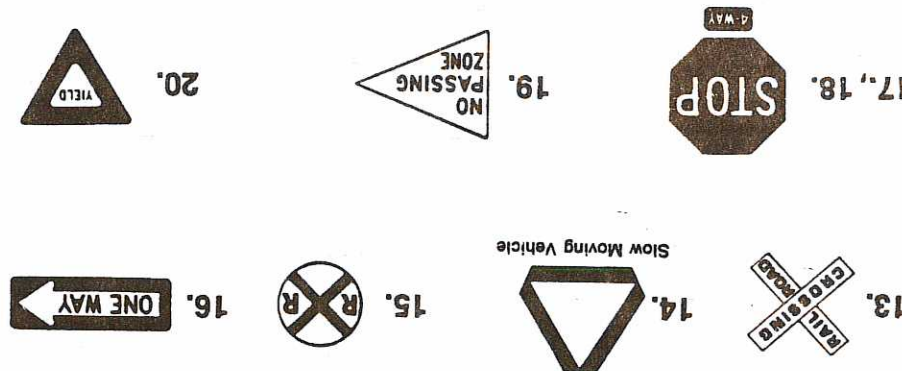
## Test Your "Sign-Q"

Your Vienna Transportation Safety Commission suggests you test your "Sign-Q." Knowledge of traffic sign shapes and symbols may save your life and the lives of others. Part one of the test appeared in the January Newsletter. In part two below, write the correct message or symbol inside the eight common traffic sign shapes. (One sign has no message or symbol; just write the meaning under the sign.)

Write the proper message or symbol inside each shape



### ANSWERS



## Lewis St. House to Be Razed

The town has purchased the dilapidated house and the property at 430 Lewis St., N.W., thus ending many years of effort to have the house torn down. Demolition of the house will take place as soon as possible and the site will probably be used as a small park.

The condition of the house violated town and county ordinances on sanitary, plumbing and electrical facilities; heat; light; ventilation and general soundness of structure. It posed a safety hazard to children playing in the area and was the target of repeated vandalism.

The Fairfax County Health Department declared the house unfit for human habitation. In addition, the County Chief of Housing and Licensing inspected the house and recommended its demolition, stating that the cost of restoring the house to a habitable condition would be excessive.

Despite these condemnations, the Circuit Court of Fairfax County judged the house to be structurally sound, and ruled that the town could do anything short of demolition to abate the nuisance. The town appealed this decision to the Supreme Court of Virginia, but that court refused to hear the case.

The town's purchase of the property clears the way for demolition of the house to proceed.

## Free Testing at Health Fair

The Vienna Woman's Club, in cooperation with the National Health Screening Council, will hold its fourth annual free health fair on Saturday, February 10, at the Community Center. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Persons 18 years of age and older may receive free testing for glaucoma, hearing, oral cancer, height, weight, anemia and blood pressure. Free medical counseling is also available.

Besides these free tests, there will be three categories of blood tests available for the following minimal charges: 12 blood tests -- \$5.25; 25 blood tests -- \$6.25; 25 blood tests plus thyroid and syphilis -- \$7.25. These blood tests check for calcium and phosphorus, uric acid, cholesterol and triglycerides, glucose, LDH, SGPT, iron and total lipids and others.

Fasting for at least five hours before taking these blood tests will result in more accurate readings.

For further information, call Lynn Neviasser at 938-3872 or Guyla Brinckmeyer at 938-1572.

## 1978 Police Statistics Show Crime Down, Service Up

Statistics for 1978 compiled recently by the Vienna Police Department show an overall decline in the number of reported crimes and an increase in community services provided compared to 1977.

Total felony cases were down seven percent, the only major increase occurring in the drug violations category due to intensified police activity in this area. Misdemeanor offenses decreased six percent. Juvenile crime declined substantially; only alcohol-related violations showed an increase.

There were fewer traffic accidents in town. Radar was operated 378 times, resulting in 1,062 arrests.

Police services increased 20 percent, demonstrating the growing success of public awareness programs such as Operation Identification and the home security surveys.

## Tennis Courts Open at Nottoway

Six lighted tennis courts are now open at Nottoway Park just outside of town on Courthouse Road. Four of the courts are available on a first come-first served basis until 8 p.m. daily. Reservations for daytime play on the other two courts may be made with payment of fee. After 8 p.m. all courts may be reserved.

Reservation fees are \$2 per hour for singles and \$3 per hour and a half for doubles. Reservations may be made by calling Nottoway Park between noon and 2 p.m. daily at 938-7532.

## Illegal to Cut Wood in Town Parks

With the arrival of winter weather, the Department of Parks and Recreation reminds residents that removal of wood, either alive or dead, from town parks is illegal.

Public cutting, clearing or digging is not allowed on park property. These regulations are maintained to protect the ecology of the parks. Also, there is a question of safety involved if unauthorized and unsupervised persons were to cut and clear in the parks.

The Town Code states that no one may "dig, or remove any soil, rock, stone, tree, shrub or plant, down-timber or other wood or material" on park property.