

# Historic Windover Heights

The first survey of the area in northwest Vienna known as Windover Heights was made in 1894 by Joseph Berry. That survey showed a land use pattern that has changed little in 85 years. Many of the houses standing today in Windover Heights were constructed in the decade following Berry's survey, while the Salsbury House dates back to 1870. The rapid development that most other parts of Vienna have undergone in the last 25 years has had little effect on Windover Heights.

Last month, the Town Council approved the creation of a Windover Heights Historic District to protect these old homes and preserve the character of the Windover area. Any new construction or major alteration of the exterior of any building within the district is subject to approval by the Windover Historic Architectural Review Board.

The most famous house in the district is the Salsbury House at 224 Walnut Lane. It was built by Capt. Homer Salsbury, a Union Army officer, around 1870 on the foundations of a pre-Civil War farmhouse. This house is listed in Fairfax County's register of historic sites and is the county's best example of Italian villa style architecture.

Salsbury ran a 300-acre dairy farm with the help of some of the men he had commanded in the 26th Regiment, United States Colored Infantry, and a number of these men eventually settled on the property. (Many of their descendants still live in Vienna.) These men organized the first church and school in Vienna at 214 Lawyers Road, built from Civil War barracks material secured through the Freedmen's Bureau. In 1884 it was rebuilt, and that building stands today.

At 308 West Street, a log and chink cabin built around 1800 is incorporated into the present home. Its construction is said to be similar to that of 18th century slave quarters in south central Virginia. The original part of the residence at 246 Lawyers Road is also of log construction.

The house at 225 Windover Avenue was built around 1890 by another Civil War veteran, J.S. Borden, who became the town carpenter. In the early 1900's, a man named Whipple built the large home at 316 Windover Avenue for his widowed daughter. An interesting feature that remains in the house today is a huge tin tank in the attic that was used to gravity-feed water to the rest of the house.

Many of the other homes in the historic district contain distinctive architectural features, were the sites of significant events in the town's history, or belonged to prominent citizens. The new historic district will help to preserve these homes in Windover Heights as a living mirror of Vienna's past. (Information for this article taken from the paper "Vienna's Windover Heights, a History" by Richard M. De Angelis.)

## Town Dog Licenses on Sale At Rabies Inoculation Clinic

Rabies inoculation clinics for dogs and cats will be held on Sunday, May 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at fire stations throughout Fairfax County, including the Vienna station at 400 Center St., S. These annual clinics are sponsored by the fire companies and their ladies auxiliaries, the Northern Virginia Veterinary Medical Association and the County Health Department.

In bringing animals to the clinic, dogs should be on a leash and cats should be confined to a box or basket.

A charge of \$4 will be made to vaccinate dogs over one year old. This vaccine gives protection against rabies for three years. Vaccine given to all cats as well as dogs under a year old protects against rabies for one year and costs \$3.

Certificates will be given to animal owners to verify each vaccination. Please keep the certificates for your records; they are necessary in order to obtain dog licenses.

Town dog licenses will be on sale at the clinic for \$5 each.

# May Calendar

- 1 -- Town Election. Polls open at the Community Center from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m. Call the Vienna Newslite, 938-4499, for election results.
- 5 -- Annual Charity Ball sponsored by Vienna Woman's Club and Policeman's Association at Westwood Country Club.
- 5 - 6 -- Northern Virginia Coin & Stamp Show & Sale at the Community Center, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- 7 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Call the Vienna Newslite, 938 - 4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.
- 8 -- Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 9 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 13 -- Mother's Day.
- 13 - 19 -- Police Week. Open House at Vienna Police Department.
- 14 -- Public hearing on a proposed ordinance relative to street construction standards in townhouse developments, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 16 -- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 17 -- Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 20 -- Rabies Inoculation Clinic at Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 2-4 p.m. Town dog tags available at clinic.
- 21 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Call the Vienna Newslite, 938 - 4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.
- 23 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 28 -- Memorial Day. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup. Memorial Day ceremonies at Flint Hill Cemetery, 11 a.m.
- 29 -- Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.

## Open House at Police Department

The Vienna Police Department will hold an open house May 13 - 19 in observance of "Police Week." The Police Department is located on the lower level at Town Hall.

The public is invited to see forensic and home security displays, and demonstrations of polygraph, finger printing, composite drawing and radar equipment. Police officers will be available to answer questions and explain the operations of the department.

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## Budget Hearing May 21

The Town Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed town budget for fiscal year 1979-1980 at its regular meeting on Monday, May 21. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

At the hearing, citizens will have an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the entire budget and the proposed expenditures of all town funds (including general revenue sharing entitlements) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1979. Senior citizens and representatives of local organizations are encouraged to attend.

Copies of the proposed budget are available for public inspection in the Finance Department at Town Hall.

## Town Reactivates Carpool System

Enclosed in this Newsletter is a Vienna Carpool System participation card. The Vienna Planning Office is reactivating the town's 1973 carpool program to help residents cope with rising gasoline prices and fuel shortages. Carpooling reduces traffic congestion and air pollution, and it's a great way to make new friends.

If you would like to participate in the carpool system - - as a driver, a rider or both - - please complete the enclosed card and return it to Town Hall. Your name will then be matched with those of others going to (or near) your work destination. You may stop by or call the Planning Office during business hours to get the names and phone numbers of fellow commuters to form your carpool.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 28, for the Memorial Day holiday. There will be no trash pickup that day.

## Beulah Rd. Width on Agenda

Residents of Beulah Road and other interested citizens are encouraged to attend the Town Council meeting on May 21 to participate in a discussion on establishing a standard for the width of Beulah Road for future planning purposes. The meeting begins at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

The Planning Commission has made the following recommendations:

1. That the portion of Beulah Road north from a point midway between Ayr Hill Avenue and Church Street to the town boundary be developed in the future at a width of 30 feet from face of curb to face of curb;
2. That curb, gutter and sidewalk be installed on both sides;
3. That the portion of Beulah Road from Maple Avenue to approximately midway between Ayr Hill Avenue and Church Street be developed at the same width that now exists at the intersection of Beulah Road and Maple Avenue, thereby providing left turn lanes both at Maple and Church; and
4. That those developers who previously have received site plan approvals be advised that the town wishes to change these prior approvals and require this new standard.

It should be emphasized that the town has no intention of widening Beulah Road. Many residents have expressed a desire to retain the character of the road and avoid urbanizing it. The purpose of establishing a width standard is to eliminate confusion and uncertainty on the part of both the residents and home builders as to the future of this street.

## Land Use Hearing Continued

The public hearing on the proposed town land use plan will be continued at the Town Council's May 7 meeting. Citizens are encouraged to attend and comment on the plan, which will guide land use decisions in Vienna for the next five years.

The hearing was continued from March 26 to provide additional time for citizens and Council members to study the plan. Copies are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

The land use plan was prepared by the Planning Commission as part of the town's comprehensive plan required by state law. Basically, the plan formalizes the general town policy of preserving Vienna as an essentially residential community but still provide for sufficient shopping, service and recreational facilities needed for convenient living.

For many years, the Town Council has emphasized its determination to retain Vienna's single-family residential character. Council feels that Vienna has reached its desirable level of development and has repeatedly rejected higher density land use within the town and attempted to influence Fairfax County zoning decisions in a similar direction on land adjacent to Vienna.

(The proposed land use map published in the March *Newsletter* erroneously showed Wolf Trap Run between Echols Street and the buffer zone of the Technology Park as park land. The map has been corrected to show this area as residential land.)

## More Discussion about Church St.

Public discussion on the opening of Church Street will be continued at the May 7 Town Council meeting. Residents of the Windover Heights area have petitioned Council to open the street between Lawyers Road and Pleasant Street.

The Transportation Safety Commission has recommended that Church Street be opened with these restrictions: no right turn from Church onto Pleasant, no trucks and no parking on both sides of Pleasant between Church and Maple Avenue. The Planning Commission recommends that the street not be opened at least until the six-story building on Maple Avenue is completed and a study is made of the traffic impact.

## Saturday Plant Clinics at Patrick Henry Library

Neighborhood Plant Clinics will be held at Patrick Henry Library each Saturday in May and June from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is invited to bring samples of ailing plants for identification and diagnosis. Trained volunteers from Vienna area garden clubs will be on hand to answer questions.

## Photo Contest Winners Announced

The Department of Parks and Recreation has announced the following town residents among the winners in its annual amateur photography contest, held April 7 and 8 at the Community Center. Winning photos were chosen from 274 entries in 14 categories.

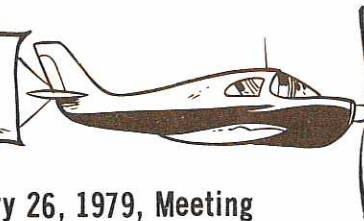
*First Place Winners:* Robert Chesley (2 categories), Dave Hittle, Joseph Kammener, John Myers (2 categories), Barbara Radican.

*Second Place Winners:* James Henderson (2 categories), John Huddleston, Richard Letow, L.L. Thompson, Kirby Wong.

*Third Place Winners:* Brian Ahearn, Robert Bell, Marianna Brook, Jacob Sisson, Rick Van Doren.

*Honorable Mention:* Robert Bell, Harold Bowman, W. Buterbaugh, Robert Chesley, Jeannie Couch (2 categories), Dave Hittle, Jay Volkert, Ellen Wiesnet, Ralph Williams, Kirby Williams.

## Council Action



### Results of Town Council's February 26, 1979, Meeting

\* *Approved the transfer of budget funds within approved limits. Appropriated \$624 from the Contingency Reserve for account No. 11030-271 (parks, fields and tree maintenance). Asked the Town Manager to investigate the specific reasons for significant increases of overtime in recent months and bring back recommendations for using overtime in a better fashion.*

\* *Approved payment of the bill from the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation in the amount of \$34,097.82 for engineering Park Street improvements.*

\* *Approved the addendum prepared by the Town Attorney amending benefits of the police pension relative to retirement between 20 and 25 years service and right of survivor benefits.*

\* *Approved spending \$549 from budgeted funds as the town's fair share of the cost of the Virginia Municipal League's utility rate negotiations.*

### Results of Town Council's March 5, 1979, Meeting

\* *Approved the final plat of the subdivision for the property known as the Glen, as submitted.*

\* *Approved the request of Mr. C.F. Williams for a variance to allow for two pipe stem lots on Lot 4B, Block 11, Onondio, behind 313 Adahi Rd., S.E.*

\* *Approved the requested modifications to the site plan for Stonehouse Court and directed that the modifications be noted on the final plat.*

\* *Agreed to interpose no objection on the application of Mr. and Mrs. Beman for an ABC on/off license for their new restaurant.*

\* *Accepted the proposal submitted by the firm of Dewberry, Nealon and Davis for a study of the town's water system, in an amount of \$28,000, disbursement to be made from account No. 1523 (water and sewer construction.)*

### Results of Town Council's March 19, 1979, Meeting

\* *Directed the Town Attorney to redraft a proposed ordinance relating to parking requirements for professional office buildings. A public hearing will be scheduled on the redrafted ordinance.*

\* *Approved the request of Emmanuel Lutheran Church for a waiver of sewer and water fees, with the understanding that the church will pay for the new water meter and other associated inspection costs. Adopted the following policy to handle similar requests in the future: For churches in the town's water and sewer service area, the town will waive one-half of all connection, front footage, availability and local facilities charges to these establishments upon request. The town will not waive any material or labor costs associated with water and/or sewer repair, replacement or addition.*

\* *Approved the final plat of the resubdivision of Lot 4B, Block 11, Onondio.*

\* *Denied the request for a waiver regarding the resubdivision of Lot 71, part of Lot 9, Windover Heights.*

\* *Approved a new schedule of fees charged by the Public Works Department for inspections and review.*

\* *Approved the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Commission to install a three-way stop at the Locust/Courthouse intersection.*

\* *Approved the completion of phases II and III of the town plan to upgrade traffic signals, to include a left-turn signal at the intersection of Center Street and Maple Avenue at an approximate cost of \$54,000 to be paid from budgeted funds.*

\* *Accepted with regret the resignation of Mr. Thomas D. Reese, Jr., from*

*the Planning Commission and directed that he be presented a certificate expressing Council's gratitude for his outstanding work.*

\* *Requested the Fairfax County Electoral Board to appoint the following persons to serve as election officials for the town's General Election on May 1: Chief Election Official - - Mrs. Constance Wax, 1015 Westbriar Dr., N.E.; Clerks - - Mr. Glenn W. Hitt, Mrs. Joanne C. Cook, Mrs. Emerald L. Giss, Mrs. JoAnn Dinsmore, Mrs. Mary L. Compton, Mrs. Emily Reid, Mrs. Charlotte Brummit; Alternates - - Mrs. Nancy T. Robeson, Mrs. Mary C. Rankin, Mr. Wilburn R. Compton, Mrs. Pamela B. Hitt. Established the rates of compensation for these officials.*

## Memorial Day Ceremonies at Flint Hill Cemetery

American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 invites the Vienna community to Memorial Day services at Flint Hill Cemetery on Monday, May 28, at 11 a.m. Mayor Robinson and Town Council members, Auxiliary Unit 180 and representatives of the police and fire departments will participate in the ceremonies.

## Patrol Assigned to W&OD Trail

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has assigned a staff person to begin patrolling the Washington and Old Dominion Trail from Vienna westward to Goose Creek in Loudoun County. Patrolling began in mid-April.

The park patrolman will be picking up trash and posting signs along the right-of-way notifying users that motorized vehicles are prohibited on the trail. The Park Authority has asked that all persons using the right-of-way report any misuse of the trail to the police.

The Park Authority is concerned with making the W&OD safe for hikers, joggers and other pedestrians as well as for people riding bicycles. More park personnel will be added later to patrol the trail. Meantime, a crew of six men has been assigned to the W&OD project in Falls Church to work on erosion control and beautification. As that crew moves farther west toward Vienna, they will continue to correct erosion problems and will add plant materials judiciously for erosion control and to provide seeds and other foods for birds and indigenous wildlife. The Park Authority has no plans to remove any vegetation along the right-of-way other than to provide for visibility and safety at crossings.

## Recycling Center at Your Doorstep

Every Vienna resident has his own personal newspaper recycling center - - the curbside in front of his house! If you are concerned about conserving natural resources, you should be participating in the town's biweekly newspaper collection program. Simply tie your papers in bundles and place them at the curbside for pickup every other Wednesday. Collection dates this month are May 9 and 23.

From July 1978 through March 1979, more than 525 tons of newspaper were collected for recycling, for which the town received over \$11,000 in cash. Your old newspapers are a valuable resource, not garbage, so don't treat them like garbage. Recycle them through the town's pickup program.

## Drive with Caution: Children at Play

With the coming of good weather and more daylight hours, the Transportation Safety Commission reminds motorists that there will be more children on the sidewalks and crossing streets to reach the parks and playgrounds. Unfortunately, there will also be more children playing in the streets. Parents are urged to review the rules of pedestrian safety with their children and make sure they understand that playing in the street is against the law and extremely dangerous.