

Business Beautification *(continued from front page)*

provided by the State Division of Litter Control, the town has acquired 17 litter receptacles that have been placed along those two streets.

The second project is the planned installation of an aluminum can recycling center on the BP Oil Company property at the west end of Maple Avenue. That company has granted the town an easement for use of its property, and the center is now being constructed by the "carpenter" students at James Madison High School under the supervision of shop instructor Joe Dove.

The town's Planning Office has also arranged with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for new Metrobus stop signs along Maple Avenue. These new signs will replace the worn and damaged signs that now designate Metrobus stops, some of which will be relocated to provide better service to bus patrons.



Department of Public Works employees Charles Young and James Crouch install one of the new litter receptacles on Maple Avenue as part of the beautification program for the town's commercial areas.

November Calendar



- 3-4 - - Vienna Woman's Club Arts & Crafts Festival at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-4:30 p.m. Sunday.
- 5 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 6 - - Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Election Day.
- 7 - - Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 7-8 - - Five Hills Garden Club Christmas Bazaar and Demonstration at the Community Center, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. Thursday. \$2.50 donation. For tickets call 938-9064.
- 10-11 - - Northern Virginia Coin & Stamp Show at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.
- 13 - - Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 14 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 15 - - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 17 - - Friends of the Animals Bazaar at the Community Center.
- 19 - - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 21 - - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 22-23 - - Thanksgiving holidays for town employees. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 24 - - National Capital Area Lhasa Apsa Dog Show at the Community Center.
- 27 - - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28 - - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Town of Vienna

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Jitney System Expected To Be Ready by February

The long-awaited Vienna jitney bus system is now expected to be in service by mid-February 1980, but it will be a modified system serving only the south half of the town.

The jitney was originally proposed to run through all sections of town. Monetary considerations have forced a cutback, however. The state recently made \$70,000 in grant funds available to help initiate the system, but only on the condition that the north loop be eliminated. Fairfax County, which will pay the remainder of the necessary operating costs, felt that half a system was better than none and so agreed to the state's condition. The bus will still make trips up and down Maple Avenue to Oakton and Tysons Corner. If the system proves successful during the first year of operation, it may then be possible to expand the service to all residents.

The exact route for the modified system has not been decided yet. The town's Planning Officer will work closely with the county staff to ensure that the route serves the greatest number of riders. A map of this route and other details of the jitney bus system will be published in a future *Newsletter*.

Town Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no trash pickup those days.

Business Beautification Study

In response to Mayor Charles Robinson's appeal for beautification of Vienna's commercial areas, the town staff and representatives of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce are studying ways of controlling litter and maintaining the green areas in the town's business district.

Gerry Eitner of Welcome Wagon, Jan O'Dell, owner of Potpourri Flower Shoppe, and Skip Farmer, owner of Vienna Mobil, are working with Town Manager Brack Bentley to develop plans for the continuing beautification of commercial properties. The Town Manager expects to present the committee's recommendations to the Town Council at its November 5 meeting.

The town has already initiated two projects aimed specifically at reducing trash and litter along Maple Avenue and Church Street. Using grant funds

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Drug Abuse Seminar for Parents

A free seminar designed to educate parents about drug and alcohol abuse among youngsters will be given by the Vienna Police Department early next year. The seminar is tentatively scheduled for January 10 and 17 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Town Hall and will include films, literature and discussion by a panel of experts on the causes of drug abuse, services available and early detection of drug involvement. More information about the seminar will appear in a future *Newsletter*.



**Shop at Home -- Support Our
Vienna Merchants.**

Sales-related taxes help defray
the cost of local government
in Vienna.

Sweet Adelines Benefit Show

The Vienna-Falls Sweet Adelines invite Vienna residents to their yearly show on Saturday, December 1, at 8 p.m. in the Fairfax High School auditorium. The show, "Barbershop in Bobby Sox," will relive the music of the '50's, and some fun surprises are promised. Tickets are \$5 each and \$3 for senior citizens and children. Proceeds from the show will go partly to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department and partly to the chapter to help pay expenses to the international Sweet Adelines competition in Atlanta next year.

Each year, the Vienna-Falls Chapter donates part of its show proceeds to a worthy cause. Two years ago, it helped the Vienna Jaycees in their fundraising effort for a mobile intensive care unit for the town, and last year donated to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation.

The show is good family entertainment, and not only will the audience have a good time, they will be contributing to a cause that benefits the entire community. For ticket information, call 281-2130 or 469-9637.

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Comment from the Council Table: **It's the Little Things that Count**

by Donald E. Upchurch
Vienna Town Councilman

Most agree that Vienna is a great place to live. We are not so large that Town Government and delivery of local services are impersonal. We have a willing and dedicated Town staff backed by a responsive Council that is always willing to listen and usually agree with every reasonable request. Our residential zones are generally quiet and enjoyable, although we all have too much traffic. The Council has steadfastly refused to widen our residential streets and has worked to keep heavy traffic on our main artery, Maple Avenue.

Our Community Center is a beehive of activity from early morning to late at night, and almost everyone can find a program there to fit his interest. Every household receives a copy of the quarterly announcement of things happening in our Parks and Recreation Department.

Our Public Works Department is the unsung hero. We often take its work for granted when we should not. If our water is off, the sewer not functioning, nor trash picked up, we all become concerned. But by careful scheduling and through dedicated crews, these problems most often are handled quickly. Usually they do not become problems because the Town follows a careful maintenance program.

Our Public Safety Department is manned 24 hours a day. We all know of the need for quick response. Vienna has dedicated officers and dispatchers who take great pride in providing assistance and aid to the distressed as quickly as possible. Their professionalism is second to none and for their direct efforts Vienna has the lowest crime and incident rate in Northern Virginia.

All of our Town staff from those in Town Hall to the various departments serving the public very personally know that it is the little things that count. Some of these are admittedly quite routine but when all is added and totaled they make up our very great Town.

As good as we are, there is always room for improvement. Some concerns have arrived at Town Hall and have been brought to the attention of Council. I would like to mention a few of these. The majority of our citizens adhere to the rules and contribute their part to make our Town attractive.

Trees and Shrubs

Parts of the Town are now enjoying mature trees and shrubs. However, in many parts the homeowners are allowing these to extend out and over the public sidewalks in front of their homes. These, of course, should be trimmed back so now that many Town folk are walking they can do so unhindered.

Newspaper Pickup

The Town makes money by picking up newspapers every other Wednesday. The newsprint is sold and less space is required in the dump, so we save



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both ways. A number of citizens do not set their newspapers out. Placing them in the regular trash is a violation of a Town ordinance. Your Town Calendar has the schedule of newspaper pickup days.

Spring and Fall Cleanups

Vienna is one of the few local governments that picks up almost any type of household trash without charge each spring and fall. A schedule is published, but too frequently trash appears far ahead of the schedule. Sitting at curbside for days and weeks, this becomes an eyesore and is often the target of out-of-town collectors.

Abandoned Autos

One of the quickest ways to detract from an otherwise attractive neighborhood is to leave an abandoned auto. Often, other cars appear that are soon in the same state. We have Town ordinances against this operation, but the Town prefers that the citizens themselves take care that this does not become a problem. Some local salvage companies will come and tow away such vehicles without charge.

We all have to do some do-it-yourself work now and then on our personal cars, but some projects around Town seem to go on endlessly. In my view, this is unfair to your neighbor and in the long run will detract from the desirability and property values of the neighborhood. It's the little things that make Vienna a fine community. Concern for one's neighbor is a very important one.

Commercial Areas

The Town Council has asked the Town Manager to prepare a beautification plan for the commercial area, working with the appropriate elements of the business community. There is much work to be done to prepare such a plan that will be acceptable and that will be effective over time. I share the concerns of many that such effort is long overdue. My own belief is that much is to be gained by both the community and the merchants by a joint effort to upgrade our common areas, landscape parking lots and improve the appearance of store fronts.

Yes, it is the little things that count. Your Council stands ready to receive suggestions, complaints and ideas that will make the Town an even more attractive community. We all have many more things to do. I have mentioned above some of my concerns. I would be glad to hear of any that you may have.

Learn About W&OD History This Month at Freeman House

The recently completed portion of the W&OD hiking and biking trail through Vienna runs right by the Freeman House on Church Street. This old-fashioned general store is a perfect place to stop and rest while jogging or cycling along the trail, and this month you can learn about the history of the W&OD from two Freeman House guests.

Paul Worboys will be there on November 11 from 1 to 5 p.m. with reproductions of his drawings of scenes along the W&OD and a 1980 calendar featuring his pictures. Worboys is the talented young local artist whose drawings have been on display at Freeman House.

On November 18, Ames Williams, author of the book "W&OD Railroad, 1847-1968," will be on hand from 2 to 4 p.m. to autograph copies of his book, which are available at Freeman House.

See Handicrafts Come Alive At Woman's Club Festival

Old-fashioned handicrafts will come alive at the 19th annual Arts and Crafts Festival sponsored by the Vienna Woman's Club. The festival will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, November 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, November 4, from noon to 4:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Handicraft demonstrations and exhibits of the works of area artists and craftsmen will be the highlight of the festival. Among the demonstrations will be weaving, spinning, dried flower arranging, quilting by the Quilters of America Unlimited and glass blowing by Charles Ashmore.

Cash awards will be given in all categories in both fine arts and crafts. Classes include Professional, Amateur, Teen, Child and Senior Citizen. Exhibitors and demonstrators will offer their art and crafts for sale, and there will also be a Boutique featuring handmade items just right for Christmas gifts.

VVFD Always Needs Members

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has a continuing need for new members. With vacations, changing work schedules and other demands on individual members, it is necessary to have a large pool of volunteers available to fill all the duty tours and to augment the basic crew of paid personnel.

If you are 18 years of age or older, male or female, in good health and would like a chance to serve your community, why not consider the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department? It involves a definite commitment of time for training and pulling duty but gives a real sense of satisfaction and fulfillment as you help others in times of crisis.

For information on membership, contact Chief Singleton, 281-9797; Dr. Pickell, president, 281-9032; Sam Savia, membership chairman, 938-7300; or any volunteer on duty at the station.

EMERGENCY CALLS - COMPANY 2 - SEPTEMBER 1979

Fire - 80 Medic Unit - 97 Ambulance - 77 Total - 254

Vienna Jr. Academy Sells Fruit

Each year, beginning in November and running through April, Vienna Junior Academy sells fresh fruit to raise funds for its programs. Every month, oranges and pink grapefruit are received directly from H&S Citrus in southern Florida. Prices for oranges vary depending on the type of orange received that month. (Naval oranges will be available in November.) Pink grapefruit are \$8.35 per box or \$4.40 for half a box. To place an order, call 938-6200. Orders placed on or before November 12 may be picked up at Vienna Junior Academy, 340 Courthouse Rd., S.W., November 19.

A special Thanksgiving program featuring gospel music by the Heritage Singers will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, at the Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Rd., S.W. Admission is free.

Motorists Can Help Students Get to School Safely

The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission reminds motorists that observing the 25-mph speed limit in school zones, yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians, and stopping for school buses loading and unloading pupils are important ways drivers can make a student's school journey a safe one. Please be especially alert now that the hours of daylight are growing shorter.