

still come from dialing the Vienna Police Department directly at 938-4900. The 911 number should be used only if the caller cannot think of the regular police number. As for fire and rescue services, Vienna residents should always call 911 in an emergency since these services are under the supervision of Fairfax County.

In any case, 911 should be used only in an emergency, such as a burglary in progress or need for an ambulance. Non-emergency calls will not be handled by the 911 dispatcher.

Bond Issue Proposed for 1981

A public hearing will be scheduled soon to discuss the Town Manager's proposal for a 1981 bond issue.

The bond issue would be used to fund numerous water and sewer projects to upgrade facilities, abate storm water problems and improve the overall quality of life for citizens.

At the top of the list of desired projects is an upgrading of police telecommunications. The facility now in use is old and the portable radio units are difficult to repair due to a shortage of parts for the old models. The base station unit is a "hand-me-down" from the Public Works Department and cannot be upgraded to provide for additional burglar alarm connections. A new system would have the highly desirable "scramble" capability to deter burglars and other criminals from monitoring police communications to avoid capture.

Other key projects that could be funded by the bond issue include the following:

- A new connection to the Falls Church water supply. This connection would increase the total available water supply in case other connections are shut down for any reason.

- Purchase of land and construction of a one million gallon water storage tank. The first priority would be to purchase the site for the new storage tank as soon as possible before acceptable locations are reduced by ongoing development.

- Clean, inspect and repair sanitary sewer mains. With current sewage treatment costs running at \$1,000 per million gallons, investigation and seal-off of leaks in the system should become a continuing process.

- Purchase of prefabricated salt storage building. At this time, salt is stored outdoors. Much is lost during rainy weather through dissolving and run-off. In winter, the outer surface freezes into a hard crust, making the salt difficult to load and spread.

The Town's debt service posture is good. The current debt totals less than one percent of assessed valuation of real property. In order to finance additional indebtedness, of course, the Town would have to seek additional revenue. The Town Manager is now investigating the options available for using bond funds to the Town's best advantage, and the effect of a bond issue on the Town's tax rate and the rates charged for water and sewer services.

Freeman House Closed During January and February

The Freeman House Museum and General Store, 131 Church St., N.E., will be closed during January and February. During these two months, "Vienna Remembered," a history of the town published by Historic Vienna, Inc., will be available at Town Hall for \$1.95 per copy.

January Calendar



- 1 - New Year's Day. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 5 - Registration begins for winter/spring classes at the Community Center. Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsliner, 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.
- 7 - Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 10 - "Burning of the Greens" on the grounds behind the Community Center, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 - Vienna Light Opera Company presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at the Community Center, 2:30 p.m. Free admission.
- 12 - Pre-budget public hearing, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 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.
- 19 - Lee-Jackson Day. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup. Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsliner, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 20 - Inauguration Day. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 21 - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 24-25 - Coin & Stamp Show at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. both days. Open House at Vienna Railroad Station, 1:30-5 p.m. both days.
- 27 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 31 - Vienna Little League registration and Vienna Youth Soccer registration at the Community Center, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

NEWSLETTER

Preliminary Budget Hearing

A pre-budget public hearing will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, January 12, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. This hearing will be conducted by the Town Manager for the purpose of obtaining citizen input to the Town budget for fiscal year 1981-82.

Interested individuals and representatives of Vienna organizations are invited to attend the hearing and comment on possible uses of Town funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1981. Written comments may be addressed to the Town Manager at Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South.

Town Hall will be closed New Year's Day, January 1; Lee-Jackson Day, January 19; and Inauguration Day, January 20. There will be no trash pickup on those days.

Council to Consider 911

At its January 19 meeting, the Town Council will consider whether to join with other Northern Virginia jurisdictions in implementing the 911 emergency number for police calls.

In the past, Council has expressed opposition to the "Basic" 911 system that Fairfax County and neighboring jurisdictions hope to implement this summer. The concern has been that this system might actually slow down police response time to an emergency within the town.

Under Basic 911, all calls from an area served by a particular telephone company central office are routed to a single emergency center located in Fairfax. If the caller lives outside the jurisdiction of that center, the call must be transferred manually to the appropriate police department. The dispatcher initially receiving the call, therefore, must ascertain the actual location of the emergency (not necessarily the post office address) and determine whether and where to transfer the call. Town of Vienna citizens who dial 911 for a police emergency would reach a Fairfax County dispatcher and then would have to be transferred back to the Vienna Police Department.

Now that Northern Virginia's largest jurisdictions have agreed to implement Basic 911, however, the Town Council feels it should reconsider its position. As Mayor Charles Robinson has said, "I think it is going to be difficult for a jurisdiction of 18,000 population, with perhaps one other jurisdiction of 10,000 population (the Town of Herndon) to set themselves up as islands of dissent in a metropolitan area of several million people, all of whom use the system." Fairfax County officials have expressed willingness to pay whatever costs the Town incurs in the implementation of 911.

Even if Vienna does join in Basic 911, the fastest police response will
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NEWSLETTER

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Recreation Class Registration

Registration begins January 5 at the Community Center for winter/spring classes sponsored by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Class brochures containing registration forms have been mailed to all town residences, and brochures are also available at Town Hall, the Community Center and Patrick Henry Library.

Some new classes have been added this session, including Chinese Cooking for Men, Children's Cooking, Golf for Children, Teen Modeling, Puppet Workshop, and a Saturday play program for learning disabled pre-schoolers.

For more information about Community Center programs, call 938-8000, ext. 277.

Public Hearing Set for January 5 Concerning Tax Relief for Elderly

At its regular meeting on January 5, the Town Council will hold a public hearing concerning tax relief for the elderly. The subject of the hearing will be a proposed increase in the financial qualifications for tax exemption and tax deferral.

The present limitations under the Town Code are a combined financial worth of not more than \$50,000 for both exemption and deferral, and a combined income of \$12,000 or less for exemption and \$15,000 or less for deferral.

The proposed amendment would raise the combined financial worth figure to \$55,000 and the combined income figures to \$15,000 and \$18,000.

These increased figures become effective January 1 for Fairfax County tax relief for the elderly.

Keep Branches, Shrubs Cut

The Town Council has adopted an ordinance to control natural growth from obstructing public rights-of-way. Copies of the ordinance are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

The ordinance requires property owners to keep tree branches, shrubs, vines and hedges trimmed so that they do not overhang sidewalks and obstruct the passage of pedestrians or bicyclists.

In many sections of town, tree branches and other growth obstruct sidewalks, making walking difficult, and often dangerous, especially at night.

Owners will be notified if vegetation on their property is obstructing the right-of-way and will have 10 days in which to cut the growth. If it is not cut within that time, the Department of Public Works will do the cutting and the cost will be billed to the property owner.

Mobil Beautification Winner

The Vienna Mobil service station, 102 Maple Ave., W., has been named grand award winner in this year's Vienna Business Beautification Campaign. Station owner Skip Farmer was recognized for his "supreme and consistent effort to maintain the business with the most outstanding appearance in the year 1980."

Also recognized for outstanding beautification efforts throughout the year were Money and King Funeral Home, 171 Maple Ave., W.; R.J.L. Associates, 144 Church St., N.W.; and Bob's Big Boy, 315 Maple Ave., E.

These year-end winners were chosen from among the spring, summer and fall quarterly winners by a committee representing the Town government, the Chamber of Commerce and citizens. "Clean & Green" plaques were presented at the Chamber quarterly dinner on December 9.

Fall quarter winners were also announced at the Chamber dinner:

Office buildings: Winner - R.J.L. Associates

Honorable mention - Bank of Vienna, Ruth Robbins

Restaurants: Winner - Bob's Big Boy

Honorable mention - Roy Rogers, Vienna Inn

Service stations: Winner - Vienna Mobil

Honorable mention - Vienna Shell, Vienna Sunoco

Retail stores: Winner - Money & King

Honorable mention - Wolftrap Motel, Potpourri/Foxy Lady

"Vienna Scenes" on Display

This month, the Vienna Arts Society will present "Vienna Scenes," a unique local art show at Town Hall and the Bank of Vienna.

Artists interested in participating in the show should bring their works to the Vienna Arts Society's regular monthly meeting January 8 at the Community Center. Those works judged to be top finalists will be displayed at both Town Hall and the Bank of Vienna for six weeks, beginning January 23. The competition winner will receive a \$25 cash award from the Vienna Arts Society and have his or her work displayed at Town Hall.

The competition is open to all painting media, including oil, acrylic and watercolor. Recommended subject matter includes scenes of buildings, landmarks or landscapes in the Vienna area.

For additional information about the show, contact Pauline Lorfano at 938-8539.

Council Action



Results of Town Council's November 3, 1980, Meeting

* Accepted Jennings Trane Air Conditioning Co.'s bid of \$2,000 per year for a maintenance contract for the heating/air conditioning system in the Community Center for 12 monthly inspections.

* Authorized the Town Manager to file with the Fairfax County Clerk, as liens against the property, those amounts of 1979 real property taxes that are in arrears.

* Indicated its satisfaction with the bid received for Contract #80-03, Lincoln St./Highland St. Road Improvement Project, from the firm of Owens and Dove at a cost of \$217,046.75. The bid will be forwarded to the Fairfax

County Board of Supervisors for approval, acceptance and funding.

* Authorized the Town Manager to negotiate a tax anticipation loan in the amount of \$200,000 for a period of 60 days, the loan to be recorded and repaid in the General Fund. Draws against the \$200,000 are to be made only as needed.

Results of Town Council's November 17, 1980, Meeting

* Adopted an amendment to the Town Code to provide for a structured scale of taxation for operators of fewer than 10 coin-operated machines.

* Took no action on a request for a wall modification in the Council Square development.

* Entered into an agreement with the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to provide for the use of the Vienna railroad station by the model railroad group.

* Directed the Town Manager to obtain the services of professional experts to provide data to assist Council further in rendering a decision on the rezoning application of Maple Avenue West Associates.

* Appointed Richard K. Burch as the attorney member of the Architectural Review Board for a three-year term. Reappointed Donald McAmis, Hector Allen and Lt. Zed Childress to the Transportation Safety Commission for two-year terms, and appointed Arthur Hazlett to replace Will Compton for two-year term. Mr. Compton will be presented with a certificate of Appreciation for his many years of service on the Commission.

* Authorized the Mayor to appoint a Charter Review Committee to study and recommend to Council any potential Town Charter amendments for introduction to the next session of the General Assembly.

* Approved the request for installation of a street light between 601 and 603 Birch St., S.W.

Results of Town Council's December 1, 1980, Meeting

* Adopted an ordinance to control natural growth from obstructing sidewalks and other rights-of-way.

* Approved the request for a common driveway for two pipestem lots at 311 and 311A Adahi Rd., S.E. The modification was made to preserve four large oak trees; it is Council's intention not to establish a precedent for the general approval of common driveways.

* Approved a waiver of the subdivision ordinance to permit two pipestem lots at 315 Owaissa Rd., S.E. subject to the following provisions: that the two 10-foot driveways be enlarged to 12 feet; that each driveway is flared to 25 feet at the street line; and that the drainage plan is approved by the Director of Public Works.

* Voted to inform the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the County Planning Commission that Council recommends that Old Courthouse Road be the boundary between residential development and the commercial uses associated with the Tysons Corner area, and that this stand originally taken by the Board of Supervisors be adhered to and sustained.

* Accepted the off-site improvements on Siding Court, Beechwood Subdivision, into the Town's maintenance system.

* Gave draft authority to Todd M. Palmquist, new Chief of Management Services.

FOR TIMELY NEWS OF TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS, CALL THE VIENNA NEWSLINE, 938-4499, THE DAY AFTER EACH MEETING.

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