

# Metro Task Force Reports

The preliminary report by the Vienna Metro Station Planning Task Force indicates that with proper planning the net impact of the station can be "very positive for the community as a whole."

The Task Force, composed of citizens and Town government representatives, has been meeting regularly since it was established by the Town Council last summer. Its job is to evaluate both the positive and negative impacts of the Vienna Metro Station on the town and to recommend specific actions that can be taken to maximize the beneficial aspects and minimize the adverse effects.

The Vienna Metro Station is scheduled to open in 1987 at the intersection of Route I-66 and Nutley Road, about half a mile from the town's southwest boundary. The station will be the terminus on the Orange Line and is expected to have the heaviest patronage of any Metrorail station in Northern Virginia.

According to the Task Force report, most of the anticipated problems associated with the advent of Metro relate to the expected major increase in traffic. Therefore, the main thrust of the Task Force's work is being directed toward minimizing this impact through four objectives:

- Providing easy access to the station for pedestrians, bicycles, carpools and feeder buses, thus reducing the number of cars coming into the station.
- Minimizing commuter parking on town streets.
- Developing long-range strategies to divert traffic to the West Falls Church and Dunn Loring Stations, and trying to build a compelling case for extension of the line past Vienna or for a spur line through Tysons Corner to Dulles Airport.

- Providing convenient and economical bus service between the Metro station and the principal places of employment in Vienna.

In addition to the problems associated with an increase in traffic, there may also be efforts to rezone the land around the Metro station for high-density development. The Task Force suggests that the Town reaffirm its support for the current County Land Use Plan, which calls for low-density development in this area, and explore the feasibility of taking this property within the Town boundary, perhaps in exchange for Town land.

The Task Force will continue to work with transportation and planning experts from the County, the State and Metro. A final report is due by June 30 and will contain specific recommendations to the Town Council.

# February Calendar



- 1 - Vienna Little League registration at the Community Center, 1-4 p.m.
- 2 - 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.)
- 3 - Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 7 - Vienna Pigtail-Ponytail registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 7 - Vienna Babe Ruth registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- 9 - Public hearing on application by Maple Avenue Associates to rezone lots 1 through 28, 200 block of Church St., N.W., from RS-16 to C-1, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 10 - Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 11 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pick-up Day.
- 12 - Lincoln's Birthday.
- 13 - Teen concert at the Community Center, 8-11 p.m. Admission \$1.25.
- 14 - Vienna Babe Ruth registration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Vienna Youth Soccer registration, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Center. Valentine's Day.
- 16 - Washington's Birthday observed. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 18 - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 19 - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 21 - Vienna Pigtail-Ponytail registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 22 - Vienna Wireless Society Winterfest at the Community Center, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 23 - 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.)
- 24 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 25 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pick-up Day. Running Clinic at the Community Center, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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## Improvements Recommended Jitneybus to Be Reviewed By Board of Supervisors

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is scheduled to review the first six months of operation of the Jitneybus at its February 2 meeting. At the same time, the Board will also consider recommendations for improvements in the Jitneybus system.

Citizens interested in attending this Board meeting should check the County Agenda (available at Patrick Henry Library) to confirm the date and time.

The County Transportation Office staff has proposed two changes: a discounted fare of 30¢ for senior citizens, and a route change that would delete the Church Street link and substitute Cedar Lane in lieu of Patrick Street between Cottage and Park Streets.

In addition, the Town has asked the Board to consider several other changes based on citizen comments received at Town Hall since the Jitneybus began service last August. These recommendations include a route extension into the Northrop Page Technology Park, service in both directions on Route 123, and provision for making multiple stops for one fare.

The Jitneybus is a one-year pilot project funded by the County and a State grant. Operating figures for the first six months show a slowly increasing ridership that is coming close to meeting the criteria set to determine the system's success. If successful, Jitneybus service will likely be continued and perhaps expanded.

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Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 16, in observance of Washington's Birthday. There will be no trash pickup that day.  
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## Second 'Marco Polo' Hearing Feb. 9

The Town Council will hold a second public hearing Monday, February 9, on the application by Maple Avenue Associates to rezone lots 1 through 28, 200 block of Church St., N.W. (behind the Marco Polo Restaurant) from RS-16, single-family residential, to C-1, commercial. The hearing will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and express their views on this matter.

## Parents' Open Forum on Drug Abuse

All parents are invited to attend an Open Forum on Drug Abuse sponsored by the Vienna Police Department and the Fairfax County YWCA. The meeting will be held at the Community Center on Monday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. The program is designed to bring parents together with experts involved in the effort to discourage drug abuse among teenagers.



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the cost of local government  
in Vienna.

## Vienna Woman's Club Fashion Show

The Vienna Woman's Club will hold a champagne brunch and fashion show on Saturday, February 21, at 11 a.m. at the Community Center. The cost is \$6 per person, and proceeds will go to the Woman's Club scholarship fund, health fair and other community projects.

Club members will model fashions provided by Town and Travel Casuals of McLean, and hairstyling and makeup will be done by L'Image of Fairfax. Virginia White will provide the music, and door prizes will be awarded.

Persons interested in attending should contact May Ling Randall at 255-2642 or the Community Center, 938-8000, ext. 277.

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## Comment from the Council Table:

# 911 Emergency Dialing OK'd

By Donald E. Upchurch  
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On January 19, the Town Council approved the participation of the Town in the new Basic 911 Emergency Dialing System. A few months will be required for the C&P Telephone Company to install the equipment. Another month or two will be necessary to inform the public through the newspapers, radio and television. Then, about mid-summer we all ought to be able to use the new system.

The 911 number is used nationwide in major cities for emergency calls. In our area, the Maryland suburbs and the District of Columbia have used the system for some time. In Northern Virginia, however, local numbers for police and fire have been the pattern followed for many years.

Changing to a common number – 911 – ought to be fairly simple. It is not. Each local government in Northern Virginia has its own police department and its own particular phone number so that the police can quickly respond to any problems occurring in that particular jurisdiction. Here in Vienna our police number is 938-4900. We plan to continue the use of that number because we have had immense success and the citizens are entitled to and expect and receive a very quick response. Our department is tops.

Under the new system, town residents will be able to use the new number – 911 – as well as the old. To make the system work, a central emergency answering point will be necessary. This is called a Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). Upon receiving the call, the caller will be asked to describe the emergency and the location. It then will be referred to the local police department having jurisdiction over the address.

I realize this sounds a bit slow.

But Council has been assured that the typical call can be referred in a matter of 10 to 15 seconds. In fact, at one of our recent meetings a County fire department representative explained carefully the dispatching system for fire department calls. These are now centrally received



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– at 691-2233 – and dispatched. That system works very well. The police answering system will work in the same manner as the existing fire dispatching one. Calls for either fire or police assistance, once the new 911 system is installed, may be made over the same number – 911.

We will all have to be very careful that we use the 911 number for true emergencies only. Routine calls to the police or fire department for non-emergency matters should be made on the regular numbers that are in the phone book.

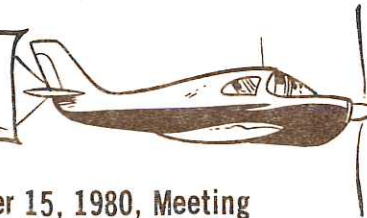
For long-range use, the telephone company will be undertaking the development over the next few years of what is described as an Expanded or Enhanced 911 system. This system will cost much more than the basic one, but it will be able to refer the call automatically through computers to the local police or fire department. The computer apparently will be able to “read” the telephone number of the caller, and then by searching its “file” identify the caller’s location and route the call to the local police or fire department. This sounds very simple and efficient. It is also expensive.

In any event, the Town Council will have to address the matter of the Town’s participation in the Enhanced 911 system once the equipment becomes available and decide what is in the best public interest.

I feel that our citizens should be informed fully about Town operations and plans, although some may be just in the preliminary phases.

Future Newsletters will contain articles on the Basic 911 system. By mid-summer, when it should be in operation, we will be generally well informed.

## Council Action



### Results of Town Council's December 15, 1980, Meeting

\* Approved the installation of a street light between 501 and 503 Gibson Dr., S.W. as requested by residents on that street.

\* Accepted the report of the Charter Review Committee for information, pending the presentation by the committee chairman at a later meeting.

\* Accepted the resignation of Francis X. Lillis as chairman of the Historic Windover Board of Review and requested the Mayor to present a Certificate of Appreciation to Col. Lillis. The Town Manager is to meet with residents of the historic district to choose a replacement for Col. Lillis.

### Results of Town Council's January 5, 1981, Meeting

\* Approved continuation of the Charter Review Committee through June 30.

\* Adopted an ordinance to bring the Town Code into conformance with County Code requirements relative to tax relief for the elderly.

\* Directed the Town Manager to erect a “No Right Turn on Red” sign

on the southeast corner of the Maple Avenue/Nutley Road intersection.

\* Approved the attendance of Councilman Olson at the School Board meeting in support of the Cunningham Park/Cedar Lane Schools merger.

\* Accepted the bid received from Jerry's Ford Sales, Inc., for two 1981 Ford Couriers in the total amount of \$12,548, to come from budgeted funds.

\* Voted to hold an Executive Session on January 10 pertaining to the Marco Polo rezoning case under authority of Sec. 2.1-344 (6) of the State Code.

\* Authorized the Town Manager, the Mayor and any members of Council who wish to participate to appear before the County Board to reiterate the strong position that the Council has taken, consistently, that there should be no further commercial development on the south side of Old Courthouse Road between Chain Bridge and Gallows Roads.

\* Authorized the Town Manager and the Mayor to arrange an appropriate dinner meeting with the four Delegates and one Senator from the 18th District at Local Government Officials Day February 4-5 in Richmond.

## Most Purse Thefts Preventable

A number of pocketbook thefts from Vienna supermarkets have been reported in recent months. Cash loses have averaged around \$100, in addition to the credit cards, checkbooks and other valuables in the purses.

Most of these thefts could have been prevented, since in almost all of the cases the pocketbook was left unattended in a shopping cart.

The Vienna Police Department reminds citizens that one of the best ways to fight crime is to remove the criminal's opportunity. Protecting yourself against these crimes takes just a few common sense measures:

- Never leave your purse in a grocery cart. It takes only a moment for a thief to snatch a purse while your back is turned.
- If you carry a wallet, button your hip pocket or put the wallet in a front pocket.
- When you go shopping, don't take unnecessary cash, credit cards or other valuable items.
- If you discover your pocketbook or wallet has been stolen, call the police immediately. The thief may still be in the area and may be apprehended.



## Free Tax Help for Seniors

Free federal and state income tax assistance is again being provided in the Vienna area under the sponsorship of the Vienna chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). This is part of a national program, called Tax Counseling for the Elderly, which is being conducted by AARP and the National Retired Teachers Association in cooperation with the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

Tax consultants will be available to prepare income tax returns on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Senior Lounge at the Community Center. The service will be available from February 3 to April 14.

Senior and disabled citizens who have difficulty getting to the Community Center may call Willis Gehrke, Vienna area coordinator of the program, at 938-0829. One of the tax consultants will then make an appointment to provide income tax assistance in the taxpayer's home or apartment.