

September 1983



VIENNA NEWSLETTER

September Calendar

- 2 - Entry deadline for Fall Tennis Tournament. Entry forms available at the Community Center.
- 5 - LABOR DAY. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 6 - Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 7 - Free nature program, "Wild Bird Feeding," at the Community Center, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY.
- 8 - Rosh Hashanah.
- 9&23 - Round robin mixed doubles tennis at Glyndon Park, 7 to 10 p.m. \$1.50 per person.
- 10 - Vienna Lioness Club International Bazaar at the Community Center, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$1 donation requested.
- 12 - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.)
- 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.
- 16-25 - Fall Tennis Tournament.
Yom Kippur.
- 17 - Bicycle outing to the Maryland Eastern Shore conducted by Inn Finders. For reservations and information, call 525-2906.
- 21 - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY.
- 25 - Deadline to enter floats in the Vienna Halloween Parade. For information, call the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce at 281-1333.
- 26 - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Agenda will include a public hearing on Marco Polo rezoning case. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.)
- 27 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 28 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Vienna's Youth Sports Produce More Champions

Congratulations to the Vogues, the Vienna Pigtail-Ponytail Softball League team of 13- to 15-year olds who traveled to New York last month to compete in the National Championship Tournament.

The Vogues finished second out of 18 teams from Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia to qualify for the tournament. Kathy Matthew, a veteran of six years play in Vienna girls softball, was voted outstanding pitcher of these qualifying games.

Many town residents were tuned in to WEEL radio on August 19 as the Vienna American Little League team played Marietta, Georgia, at St. Petersburg, Florida, for the Southern Regional Championship and a trip to the Little League World Series.

Although Vienna lost 5-4 in an exciting game, these youngsters can be proud of their performance and their title of Virginia state champs.

Tennis Matches

September 2 is the deadline to enter Vienna's Fall Tennis Tournament, which will be held September 16-25.

This tournament is open to Vienna-addressed players only. Divisions are men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles. The entry fee is \$5 per person and \$8 per doubles team per division.

For entry forms, call Vienna Parks and Recreation, 938-8000, ext. 277.

Senior Olympics

Vienna residents aged 55 and over are reminded that the second annual Northern Virginia Senior Olympics will be held September 12-16 at Wakefield Park in Annandale.

The \$1 registration fee allows participants to compete for medals in over 30 events. For registration forms and more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 938-8000, ext. 277.

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Town Council to Reconsider Marco Polo Rezoning Case

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the rezoning of the Maple Avenue West Associates property on Monday, September 26. The hearing will be part of the regular Council meeting, which begins at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

Last month, following a Fairfax County Circuit Court ruling in favor of Maple Avenue West Associates in their suit against the Town (known as the Marco Polo case after the restaurant behind which the property is located), Council voted not to appeal the case but rather to negotiate a settlement discussed at several previous meetings. This proposal calls for moving the commercial-residential zoning boundary to the north side of Church Street, making the property eligible for the transitional zoning category.

Maple Avenue West Associates sued the Town last year after Council denied their application to have their property rezoned from a residential to a commercial category. On August 11, the Court ruled that the Town could not enforce the current RS-10 resi-

dential zoning on the property and sent the rezoning application back to Council for reconsideration. A request for an award of \$300,000 in damages was denied.

Public Hearing on Changes At I-66/Nutley Intersection

A public hearing to consider the proposed location and design of additional and modified ramps at the Route I-66/Nutley Street interchange will be conducted by representatives of the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation on Wednesday, September 14, at 7:30 p.m. at Marshall Road Elementary School, 730 Marshall Rd., S.W.

In addition to providing a full clover-leaf interchange, VDH&T proposes to widen Nutley Street to six lanes between the town boundary and Lee Highway (Route 29). This proposed construction is in conjunction with the Vienna Metro Station.

Maps, drawings, an environmental assessment and other information are available for public review and copying at VDH&T's Northern Virginia Division, 3555 Chain Bridge Rd. in Fairfax.

VDH&T representatives will be at Marshall Road School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 7, for an informal review of available information by interested citizens prior to the formal hearing.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, FOR LABOR DAY.

NO TRASH PICKUP THAT DAY.

Written statements and other exhibits relative to the proposed project may be presented in place of, or in addition to, oral statements at the hearing, and may also be submitted to VDH&T any time within 10 days after the hearing.

Register Now For Fall Classes

Registration is now underway for fall classes sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. Class brochures containing registration forms have been mailed to all town residents, and brochures are also available at Town Hall, the Community Center and Patrick Henry Library.

A wide variety of activities for all ages is offered, including slimnastics, yoga, square dancing, pottery, tennis, Chinese cooking and many more.

Vienna residents aged 65 and over may register free of charge for all classes held at Town facilities.

For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 938-8000, ext. 277.

Illegal Signs

Citizens are again reminded that it is illegal to post signs on utility poles, highway department property and in public rights-of-way, including median strips.

Illegal signs, including real estate signs, yard sale advertisements, notices of lost pets and others will be confiscated by Town personnel.



TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

May 23, 1983

In the continuing debate about rush-hour restrictions on I-66, Council voted their support of recommendations made by Congressman Wolf and Senators Warner and Tribble to Governor Robb. The recommendations include reducing the four-person carpool requirement to three persons and reducing the hours of restriction for a one-year trial period.

Other Council Action:

* Authorized development of a large map of the commercial area under study by the Citizen Advisory Panel on Re-development of Commercial Zones, at a cost not to exceed \$500.

* Accepted agreements for acquisition and maintenance of data processing equipment, funds to come from the FY 1983-84 budget.

* Approved in principle a request by Vienna Villager Apartments for a waiver of lot coverage requirements to develop a subdivision plan. Voted to take the necessary steps to rezone, on Council's own motion, this land from C-1 to RM-2. Directed the Town Attorney to prepare the necessary amendment to the zoning code to require a masonry wall between RM-2 and Commercial zones.

* Approved a waiver to allow 55% lot coverage of the property at 201 Park St., S.E.

* Accepted the public improvements of lots 2 and 3, re-subdivision part of lot 258, Onondio, and release of the bond.

* Reappointed the following members of the Historic Wind-over Board of Review for two-year terms: Thomas Kamstra, Jerome Covell, Betty Henon, Jerry Barnett and Richard Burch.

* Hired Potomac Energy Group of Alexandria to provide consulting services in the renovation of the Community Center heating, ventilating and air conditioning system at a

cost of \$6,800 to come from bond funds.

* Authorized the Town Attorney to develop a plan for researching the title to the Vienna Elementary School property to uncover any interest the Town may have in it.

June 6, 1983

Following an executive session, Council voted to pursue the case of *Maple Avenue West Associates vs. Town of Vienna* and not to accept the offer of settlement by the law firm representing the plaintiffs.

Other Council Action:

* Accepted the bid of \$20,595.50 by Gallows Janitorial Service of Falls Church for servicing both the Town Hall and the Community Center for one year.

* Accepted the reports by the Transportation Safety Commission on improvement of traffic on Maple Avenue and the requested left-turn signal from Maple Avenue onto North Center Street. Requested the Town staff to prepare recommendations for Council consideration based on the studies.

June 20, 1983

After a final public hearing, Council adopted the Town budget for FY 1983-84 and established the tax rates as follows: real estate, 33¢ per \$100 valuation; bank net capital, 80¢ per \$100 valuation; utility - residential, 20% of the first \$15, and commercial, 15% of the first \$300.

Other Council Action:

* Forwarded to the Transportation Safety Commission for study and recommendations a letter concerning commuter parking on residential streets.

* Authorized the Director of Public Works to proceed with the modification of the traffic light at Maple Avenue and Center Street to permit left turns from Maple Avenue onto North Center Street, as recommended by the Transportation Safety Commission.

* Accepted the bid by Armanda, Inc., of Springfield for dumpster rental contract for FY 1983-84.

Keep Branches Cut Back

The Town Code requires property owners to keep tree branches, shrubs, vines and hedges trimmed so that they do not overhang sidewalks and other public rights-of-way. Such obstructions may endanger pedestrians and bicyclists using sidewalks and block the view of motorists. Residents of corner lots, in particular, should keep plants cut back.

Historic Vienna, Inc. to Hold Antique Sale, Book Brunch

Historic Vienna, Inc., will hold its third annual Antique Market on Saturday, September 17, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Freeman House grounds, 131 Church St., N.E. (rain date September 24).

Antiques and crafts will be sold on the lawn, and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 281-3469 or 938-9668 after 6 p.m.

Three publications will be featured at a Book and Author Brunch sponsored by Historic Vienna on Sunday, September 25, at 1 p.m. at Evans Farm Inn, McLean. Tickets for the brunch, which is open to the public, are \$12 for Historic Vienna members and \$15 for non-members and guests.

The books to be discussed at the brunch are *Historic Northern Virginia, Understanding and Protecting Our Shared Heritage*, a collection of articles and photos; *Tidewater Dynasty*, a biographical novel about the Lees of Stratford Hall; and a coloring book, *A Child's Guide to Fairfax County Virginia*.

Neighbors Form Watch Program

A new neighborhood watch has been formed in the area bordered by Kingsley Road, Park Street, Cedar Lane and Cottage Street, and also includes Ross Drive and George Street.

Residents in this neighborhood watch area who were unable to attend a general membership meeting last month may call Cliff Reuter at 560-0554 for information. Neighborhood watch block captains will be calling on each home to discuss the program and answer questions.

Police statistics show that neighborhood watches help reduce crime. If your neighborhood would like to organize a watch program, please call Officer Johnny Price at the Vienna Police Department, 938-4900.

Copies of the books will be on sale at the brunch, where they may be signed by the authors.

The reservation deadline is September 15. For reservations, send a check to Historic Vienna Book and Author Brunch, P.O. Box 53, Vienna, VA 22180. For more information, call Richard Black at Vienna Parks and Recreation, 938-8000, ext. 277.

All Vienna residents interested in historic preservation are invited to join Historic Vienna. Membership dues are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth and senior citizens and \$25 for groups. For membership applications and more information, write Historic Vienna.

Playground Fund

The Wolftrap Elementary School PTA invites town residents, organizations and businesses to help build a creative playground for Vienna area youngsters.

Such a playground would cost over \$50,000 if constructed commercially, but through community donations of money, building materials and volunteer labor, the cost will be reduced to an estimated \$18,000.

Checks may be sent to PTA Playground Fund, c/o Wolftrap Elementary School, 1903 Beulah Rd., Vienna, VA 22180. For more information on the creative playground concept and how you can participate in its construction, call Inajo Cox, 938-4779, or Sharon Lynn, 938-7519.

Hadassah Chai

Interested Vienna area women are invited to join the new Hadassah Chai Group. The group will meet the third Sunday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The first meeting will be a brunch at the Tysons Corner Marriott on September 18. For reservations and membership information, call 938-5639.

New Bike Map

A new guide to the Vienna Bikeway System is now available free at Town Hall, the Community Center, Patrick Henry Library, Vienna Cycle Shop, Freeman House and the Vienna Railroad Station.

The guide contains an explanation of the Vienna Bikeway System, some "rules of the road" for cyclists and maps of both town bikeways and the Washington and Old Dominion Regional Trail.

PTA Flea Market

The Cunningham Park School PTA will hold its annual Fall Flea Market in front of the school at 1001 Park St., S.E., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, October 1 (rain date October 8). Proceeds from the sale will be used to provide educational and cultural programs at the school.

A sales space may be rented for \$8. Hot food, beverages and baked goods will also be sold. For information, call 255-3897 or 281-1536.

Constitution Week

Mayor Charles Robinson has proclaimed September 17-23 as Constitution Week in Vienna. The Mayor recently presented his proclamation to Lea Brown, President of the Fairfax County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

September 17 marks the 196th anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution. The proclamation urges all citizens to reflect during that week on the advantages of American citizenship under the Constitution.

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HALLOWEEN PARADE

Entry Deadline September 25

For information, call 281-1333

Vienna Chamber of Commerce.

Look for parade details in the

October Vienna Newsletter.