

CALENDAR

JUNE 2-4

Vienna Theatre Co. presents "How to Eat Like a Child" at Vienna Community Center, 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Call 255-6360 for ticket information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

Waste oil collection, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Nutley Street property yard.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Windover Heights Board of Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - north Vienna.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

Town/Business Liaison Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

Public hearing on Windover Heights Board of Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - south Vienna. Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Board of Architectural Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - north Vienna. Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 26

Summer playground program begins. Call 255-6360 for information.

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

Transportation Safety Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

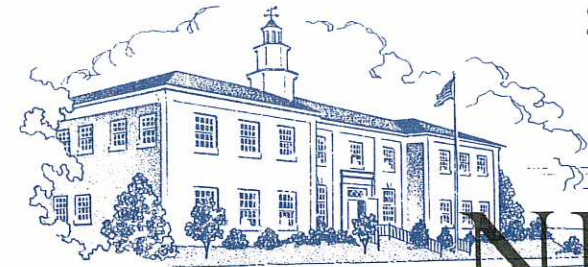
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COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

July 3 - Town Council meeting.

July 4 - Independence Day.

July 5 - Newspaper pickup - north Vienna.



June 1989

VIENNA NEWSLETTER

★ Celebrate the 4th with Us! ★

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications from local non-profit organizations wishing to participate in the Town's annual July 4th celebration. Food, game and activity booths are welcome. Spaces are approximately 10'x10' and cost \$10 each. For applications and more information, call 255-6360.

The celebration is scheduled for Tuesday, July 4, on the grounds of the Vienna Community Center. (rain date for fireworks only July 5). Booths are to be open from noon to 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to raise funds for your organization while participating in a community tradition enjoyed by thousands of Vienna residents and visitors each year.

Private and commercial arts and crafts vendors interested in July 4th booth space should call the Vienna

Jaycees Hotline, 938-0088, or write the Jaycees at P.O. Box 54, Vienna, Va 22183. Registration forms may also be picked up at the Community Center.

Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee for each 10'x10' booth space is \$20. Application forms, along with checks payable to Town of Vienna, should be sent to the Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, Va 22180.

The 6th annual July 4th All-American Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the Casinova Pod of the Chili Appreciation Society, Inc., for the benefit of the Optimist Club of Vienna, will be held at the Town's July 4th celebration.

Those interested in participating in this year's cook-off should contact Bill Gratz, 307 Jade Ct., N.W., Vienna, Va 22180, or call 281-3135.

Water/Sewer Rate Hearing

As part of its regular meeting on June 5, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on proposed water and sewer rates for fiscal year 1989-90. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

A restructuring of rates is proposed. Based on a study of the water and sewer fund, which allocated expenses to either water or sewer service, it has been determined that for both utilities to operate on a break-even basis, the water rate should be increased by 45 cents per 1,000 gallons, from \$1.12 to \$1.57 for town residents and from \$1.50 to \$1.95 for out-of-town customers, and the sewer rate decreased by the same amount, from \$2.31 to \$1.86 for all customers.

The total charge per 1,000 gallons for water and sewer service will remain unchanged at \$3.43. The average customer who uses 25,000 gallons per quarter will see no change in the total bill.

Send news and comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for July issue is Thursday, June 15.

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Vienna Town Council

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TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

APRIL 3, 1989

- Designated Colleen Sorensen as Goodwill Ambassador for the Town of Vienna during her upcoming year as a member of the "Up With People" cast.

- Adopted the official Town map.

- Adopted a resolution in support of rezoning the Virginia Center property.

- Adopted a resolution supporting the Chantilly Battlefield Association's efforts to save the cemetery at Nutley Street and Lee Highway.

- Referred a request for a three-way stop or traffic signal at Church and East Streets to the Transportation Safety Commission for study and recommendation.

- Approved financing of improvements to the Vienna Community Center in the amount of \$62,000, to come from bond funds.

APRIL 17, 1989

- Adopted amendments to the zoning code concerning lot widths.

- Amended the zoning code by imposing

civil penalties for occupancy permit violations.

- Approved a capital improvements plan, subject to future modifications as part of the annual budget process. Authorized preparations for a bond issue for phase I of the plan during fiscal year 1989-90, contingent on appropriation of debt service funds in the FY 89-90 budget.

- Authorized application for a state grant to purchase computerized traffic counters and to study the feasibility of an overpass, underpass or traffic signal at Maple Avenue and the W&OD Trail.

- Adopted an ordinance regulating outdoor hot tubs.

- Adopted amendments to the ordinance regulating bingo games and raffles.

- Approved an agreement with Virginia Power for purchase of electricity.

- Awarded a bid for fire hydrant parts to West Supply Co., Inc., in the amount of \$8,249.20.

- Referred a request for a left-turn signal on eastbound

Maple Avenue at Branch Road and on westbound Maple at Beulah Road to the Transportation Safety Commission for study and recommendation.

Sewer Backup Insurance Available

During the heavy rainfall last month, many basements in town were flooded and several homes had sewer backups due to the great amount of rain falling in a very short time (Four and a half inches were recorded at Town Hall over one weekend.)

Residents have the option of purchasing sewer backup insurance. In most cases, it can be obtained as a rider on a homeowner's policy for approximately \$25 per year. Contact your insurance company for details.

Attention Motorists

Motorists should be aware that it is very dangerous to play a car radio too loudly. Drivers must be alert to the sounds of traffic, their own vehicles and approaching emergency vehicles.

In addition, it is illegal to drive while wearing radio earphones.

News from Vienna Parks and Recreation Dept.

For more information on any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 255-6360.

Drop in at the Vienna Community Center
- Games for ages 9-12 each Monday 3-4 p.m. through July 31. Indoor and outdoor activities for teens Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. June 27-August 10.

Tickets for Kings Dominion available at Community Center. Tickets good June 24-July 9.

TEEN TRIPS

Overnight to Hemlock Regional Park. Leave Community Center 10 a.m. June 10, return 11 a.m. June 11. \$45 per person includes transportation, overnight accommodations and three meals.

Kings Dominion. Leave Community Center 8 a.m. June 28, return 9 p.m. \$25 per person includes transportation and ticket.

Rehoboth Beach. Leave Community Center 7 a.m. June 30, return 8 p.m. Cost for transportation \$20.

BMX freestyle competition at Community Center Saturday, June 24. Registration 10 a.m.-noon, competition 1 p.m. Novice, intermediate and expert categories for 13 and under, 14 and 15, 16 and over. \$15 for AFA members, \$10 for beginners.

FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Planning to minimize Medicare surtax. June 14, 10 a.m.-noon. Free.

Travel the world through the eyes and slides of Mr. Ed O'Brien. June 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Free.

55 Alive mature driving program. June 26 and 27, 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m. \$7 per person. Make checks payable to AARP.

Free blood pressure check June 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Scenic excursion on 1920 steam engine train at Cumberland, Maryland, June 15. Leave Community Center 8 a.m., return 7 p.m. \$23.50 per person for bus and train transportation. Lunch available in the dining car.

Trip to Charlestown Raceway June 23. Leave Community Center 5 p.m., return 12:30 a.m. \$25 per person includes transportation, admission, racing form and fried chicken dinner.

Summer basketball league June 19-August 7. Limit 20 teams. Franchise fee of \$335 per team includes equipment, officials and tournament awards.

Vienna co-ed slo-pitch softball league now accepting registrations. Games played Wednesday evenings beginning August 9. Limit six teams. Franchise fee of \$200 per team includes minimum of seven league games and tournament play for top four teams.

Bob Brown Marionettes present "Carnival of the Animals" for grades K-6 at the Community Center June 21, 2 p.m. Tickets \$3 in advance, \$3.50 at the door.

Open House Show & Sale at Bowman Arts & Crafts Center, 211 Center St., S., June 11, 1-4 p.m. Sample the variety of programs offered.

Public Hearing On Historic District

Residents of Vienna's Windover Heights Historic District and all other interested citizens are encouraged to attend a public hearing on Monday, June 12, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments on the historic district and on qualifications for members of the Windover Heights Historic Architectural Review Board.

Trim Grass, Shrubs

To protect health and safety and to maintain an attractive community, property owners are required to keep grass and other growth trimmed to less than six inches in height within 100 feet of any street or property line.

In addition, tree branches, shrubs, vines and hedges must be cut back so that they do not overhang sidewalks or obstruct the view of motorists.

Cul-de-sac Parking

Residents of cul-de-sacs are reminded that it is illegal to park perpendicular to the curb in cul-de-sacs. The only exceptions to this regulation are Blair Road, Troy Court and Elaine Circle.

OIL SPILL ALERT!

As Alaska struggles to mop up 10.1 million gallons of oil from Prince William Sound from the worst oil tanker spill in U.S. history, Virginians improperly dispose of an estimated 4.4 million gallons of harmful used motor oil EACH YEAR. This oil pollutes Virginia's land, groundwater and streams. Much of this oil ends up in the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Recycling is the only safe way to dispose of used motor oil.

OIL COLLECTION DAY
Saturday, June 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
Town Property Yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W.

Or, to locate the collection site nearest you, call toll-free in Virginia

1-800-552-3831 (Hours: 9 - 11 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. M - F)

Remember, "The job's not finished 'til the oil's recycled!"

Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission and the Virginia Division of Energy.

Happenings Around Our Town

FALL CRAFTS FAIR AT FREEMAN HOUSE

Dealers in arts, crafts and antiques are invited to participate in the 9th annual Arts and Crafts Fair sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. The fair will be held on Saturday, September 16, on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. (rain date September 23).

Fifty booth spaces are available on a first-reply, first-served basis. The fee for a 15'x12' space is \$25. Dealers may request an application from Historic Vienna, P.O. Box 53, Vienna, VA 22180, or call 255-7072 or 938-7415 evenings and weekends.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Parent Committee of the Vienna Baptist Children's Center

will sponsor a rummage sale on Saturday, June 3, from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The center is located at 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. For more information, call 281-0942 or 255-6188.

SOUNDS OF SPRING

The Vienna Choral Society will present a spring concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E. Admission is \$5 per person.

A CHALLENGE TO VIENNA CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS!

The Oak Grove Community Association recently donated \$75 to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department for its outstanding service. Oak Grove residents now challenge all other civic associations in town to meet (or beat) their contribution.

Countdown to Centennial

Railroad Famous In Town History

The first time a railroad was used tactically in battle occurred during the Civil War in Vienna. On June 17, 1861, the 1st Ohio Regiment under the command of Brig. Gen. Robert Schenck was attacked by Col. Maxey Gregg and his men of the 1st South Carolina Volunteers.

Gen. Schenck and his 668 men plus 29 field officers were detached to ride the train in order to safeguard the men laying a telegraph line along the tracks. The train consisted of four flat-bed cars, a baggage car and a passenger car, and was pushed slowly by the engine from Alexandria toward Vienna.

Meanwhile, Col. Gregg and his scouting party of over 600 men and two six-pounder guns arrived in Vienna intent upon destroying the railroad water tank. Hearing the train whistle, the Confederate soldiers prepared to ambush the train at Park Street near today's Vienna Community Center.

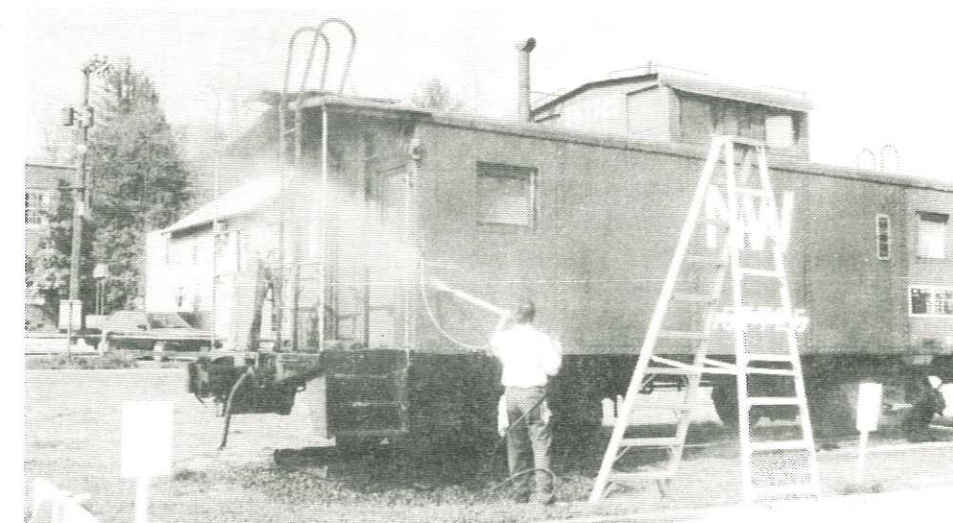
With the first volley from the guns, the Union soldiers leaped out of the train and sought refuge in the adjacent woods. The engineer unhitched the engine and passenger car from the other cars



and returned promptly to Alexandria, leaving the Union soldiers to their own resources. The Union soldiers retreated, leaving six men dead and carrying away several wounded to

safety.

Although the battle was short, Vienna became significant as the site of the first railroad battle in history.



CABOOSE GETS A BATH - Vienna's railroad caboose, next to the W&OD Trail on Church Street, started on the road to restoration in April when Mike Rabasco of the Tri-Region Company hosed away years of grime. Tri-Region, which specializes in exterior building cleaning, donated its services to the Town as a contribution to Vienna's 1990 Centennial celebration.

Striving to Maintain a Rational Land Use Policy for Vienna

By Charles A. Robinson, Jr.
Mayor of Vienna

For the past quarter century, Vienna, unlike many neighboring jurisdictions, has consistently followed a limited growth, low density land use policy. Wherever possible, we have avoided rezoning for higher density, held the line on building heights and lot sizes, and worked hard to limit subdivision lot density notwithstanding state laws which favor developers. I am frequently asked why Vienna has been able to follow such a policy while other communities have not.

Voter turnout for Vienna's annual Town elections is frequently less than we would like. However, we are really blessed with a sizeable cadre of dependable, citizen activist, community oriented men and women who come to the polls year after year, and are very knowledgeable on the important issues. We know who they are. They are the same people who comprise the working core of our churches and our service clubs and neighborhood civic associations; the same business people who contribute to our causes and work in our Chamber of Commerce; the same people who make pos-

sible our youth oriented team sports programs. These are the people who, by their effort, keep alive a vigorous spirit of volunteerism in Vienna. These people vote because they are interested, and because they know the issues and the candidates. We also enjoy the advantage of low cost election campaigning in Vienna. No one is distracted by the large contributions which frequently muddy the political waters in larger jurisdictions.

And, year after year, Vienna voters have chosen Mayors and Councilmen committed to retaining the traditional values of small town America: vigorous law enforcement, reliable municipal services, access to public officials, a "user friendly" Town Hall, and some reasonable limits on growth. In short, it is the solid backing of a knowledgeable electorate that allows your Town Council to say that land use practices which may be acceptable in other places will not fly in Vienna.

Vienna, of course, is an integral part of Fairfax County. And I am really delighted to see our County Board of Supervisors now zoning land at our borders for uses compatible with our limited growth policy, and zoning in a



Mayor Robinson

manner to inhibit the westward creep of Tysons Corner.

The Board recently enacted new zoning for the Virginia Center at our Metrorail Station. Instead of one high rise office building, and four high rise apartment buildings containing 1250 dwelling units, there will be two office buildings facing the station and 153 residential townhouse units on the remaining land in place of the four high rise apartment buildings. Moreover, there will be no application for high rise commercial rezoning on the adjacent 10 acres which will also be developed in townhouses eight to the acre.

At Vienna's eastern boundary, the County Board has now approved single family detached residential

zoning for the Horseshoe Drive area, and appears ready to approve residential townhouses for the land on the north side of Route 123 just east of the Town line.

We are grateful to our County Board members for their recognition of the need to hold the line in these areas. And, we are grateful to the men and women in Vienna who take the time to vote, and who have enabled our Town to lead the way toward rational land use for so many years.

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for publication in the Newsletter. The deadline is the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Send written comments to the Newsletter c/o Town Hall.

Father's Day Treat

The Vienna Community Band will present its traditional Father's Day concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 18, on the grounds of the Vienna Community Center. The public is invited to bring a picnic supper and blanket to enjoy the evening.

For more information about the band, call 281-2430.

Join the War on Gypsy Moths

The gypsy moth is a major pest of hardwood trees in Fairfax County. This spring, over 22,000 acres in the county were sprayed by helicopter to eradicate egg masses, and 100,000 parasitic wasps were released to prey on gypsy moth caterpillars.

There are several actions homeowners can employ to help prevent gypsy moth populations from increasing on their property. These include destroying egg masses, catching caterpillars in burlap bands around tree trunks, planting trees least

preferred by gypsy moths, and removing debris on the ground that provides shelter for larvae and egg masses.

The Fairfax County Department of Extension's Gypsy Moth Office encourages homeowners to assist in its control efforts. For free publications and information, call the Gypsy Moth Office at 246-5304.

See Arts Society Members at Work

Members of the Vienna Arts Society will create and display art works on the patio at Patrick Henry Library the second Friday of each month from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

Vienna Arts Society members will give library patrons the opportunity to observe and talk to practicing artists, and view works in progress and finished pieces. Artists in residence on June 9 will be Vera Heywood and Janice Burns.

For more information, call Pauline Lorfano at 938-8539.

Vienna Arts Society member Isabel Spann will exhibit her work at Town Hall June 19 through August 7. The show will feature her recent watercolor and acrylic paintings.