

CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - South side of town.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Mayor's Advisory Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - North side of town.
Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Presidents' Day. Town Hall closed. Trash collected as usual.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - South side of town.
Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

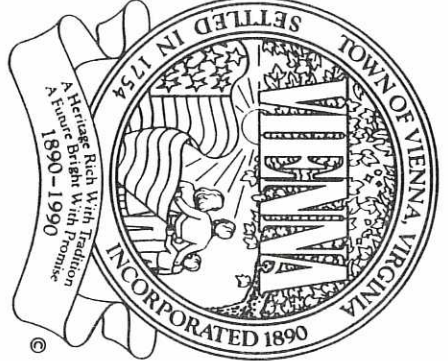
Transportation Safety Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - North side of town.
Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

- March 3 - Waste oil collection day.
- March 5 - Town Council.
- March 6 - Windover Heights Board of Review.
- March 7 - Newspaper pickup for south Vienna.
- March 8 - Town/Business Liaison Committee.



A Heritage Rich With Tradition
A Future Bright With Promise
1890-1990

Our Centennial Year

Vienna Town Hall
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Vienna, Virginia 22180
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February 1990



VIENNA NEWSLETTER

Gala Ball, Incorporation Day Activities Kick Off Centennial Year Events



February 20 is the reservation deadline for the Vienna Centennial Gala Ball, to be held on Saturday, March 3, at the McLean Hilton Hotel. This elegant evening of dining and dancing (black tie optional) will be one of the highlights of Vienna's year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary as a town.

WMAL radio personality Bill Mayhugh is mater of ceremonies for the ball, which begins at 6 p.m. with a social hour, serenaded by the James Madison High School string quartet. Bagpipers from McLean High School will pipe the crowd into the dining room at 7 p.m. for presentation of colors by the Military District of Washington.

The four-course dinner will include complementary wine in commemorative souvenir glasses. Then from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. listen and dance to the music of Sidney's Orchestra, a 13-piece band with vocalist.

The cost for the evening is \$47.50 per person. Make checks payable to Vienna Centennial Committee, c/o Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180. If you wish to be seated with friends, please include a list of their names. Reservations must be made by February 20; no tickets will be sold at the door.

For those who wish to stay overnight at the McLean Hilton, a block of rooms has been set aside for ball-goers at a special rate of \$75 each. Room reservations must be made by February 3.

INCORPORATION CEREMONY

Ring in Vienna's Centennial year with special activities scheduled for Wednesday, February 28, the date on which the Town was incorporated 100 years ago.

That evening, weather permitting, an outdoor incorporation ceremony will be held on historic Church Street, Vienna's original main street, surrounded by a number of buildings older than the Town itself.

The ceremony will begin and end with the ringing of bells. At 7:15 p.m. members of local church bell choirs will combine their talents on several songs. The Ayr Hill Players will portray the original Vienna Town Council in an entertaining account of how our Town government began.

Precisely at 8 p.m. church bells throughout the town will toll, and citizens are invited to join in with their own bells. With this event in mind, the Vienna Centennial Committee has souvenir brass bells available at Town Hall, the Freeman House and Worthington's. Large bells cost \$19.90 each and small bells \$16.90.

Following the ceremony, citizens are invited to the Fellowship Hall at Vienna Presbyterian Church for a slice of the Town's giant 100th birthday cake. Vienna's caboose, now under restoration, will also be open to the public that evening.

In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the church.

SPECIAL CANCELLATION

During the day on February 28, Vienna's postal workers will commemorate the Town's 100th incorporation anniversary by hand-canceling mail with a special Centennial postmark. This special cancellation will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the historic Freeman House on Church Street, which served as Vienna's post office during the 1800's.

Bring in your cards and letters to receive this unique memento of a very important day in the Town's history. Virginia postage stamps will also be available at the Freeman House.

The Ayr Hill Stamp Club has designed cacheted Centennial envelopes with Virginia stamps on them canceled with the special postmark. These will be sold for \$1.25 each. In addition, citizens attending the Incorporation Ceremony that evening will receive souvenir programs containing a specially canceled Virginia stamp.

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19, FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY. TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED AS USUAL THAT DAY.



TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

DECEMBER 4, 1989

- Approved the landscape plan for Scruples, 429-433 Maple Ave., W. Requested that the zoning code be revised to improve the safety of proposed commercial developments and require Council approval of all elements of each development before they are finalized.

- Approved extending the asphalt sidewalk on the south side of Kingsley Road approximately 150 feet in order to relocate the crosswalk for safety reasons.

- Granted Town employee Clarence Wiggins up to 16 weeks of extraordinary sick leave and waived the requirement to pay back the leave used.

DECEMBER 11, 1989

- At a special meeting, Mayor Robinson reported on an executive session held to discuss three subjects: the appointment to fill the unexpired Council term of Richard L. Fisher; the lawsuit Leigh et al. vs. Board of Zoning Appeals; and the lawsuit Tamburello vs. Town of Vienna.

- Appointed Vincent J.

Olson to serve as a Council member until June 30, 1990.

DECEMBER 18, 1989

- Reduced the letter of credit for Estates of Orchard Court from \$180,413 to 90,000.

- Amended the Town Code regarding eligibility requirements for tax relief.

- Reappointed Shirley S. Damon to the Board of Architectural Review for a two-year term.

Donation Deadline

Non-profit community organizations are reminded that February 9 is the deadline to apply for donations of Town funds during fiscal year 1990-91. For information, call the Town Manager's office at 255-6370.

Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding next fiscal year should submit their written comments to the Town Manager by February 9.

SHOP IN VIENNA

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

Vol. C, No. 2 Vienna, Virginia February 1990

VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

Council Members

Robert B. Dix, Jr.
George E. Lovelace
Vincent J. Olson

Martha H. Pruett
Robert W. Robinson
Rodger W. Seeman

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



AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH - Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr., presents his proclamation designating February as American History Month to Grace Karish, American History Month Chairman for the Fairfax County Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The proclamation recognizes the importance of studying American history and the service performed by the DAR in fostering such study through educational programs, scholarships, essay contests and other activities.

Church Street On the Agenda

The Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) will discuss a proposal to open Church Street, N.W., between Lawyers Road and Pleasant Street at its February 8 meeting. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

The T/BLC has been considering the opening of Church Street for the past several months, including a review of potential impacts on traffic patterns and of the costs associated with improving the existing street.

The T/BLC has concluded that there is some merit to the concept of opening the street to one-way traffic in a northeasterly direction from Pleasant to Lawyers. Prior to formulating a formal recommendation to the Town Council on the matter, the Committee wishes to receive additional comments from both interested residents and the town's business community.

Parks & Recreation News

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

Unless stated otherwise, all activities take place at the Vienna Community Center.

TWILIGHT SKI TRIP

Register now for a trip to Ski Liberty on Saturday, February 10. Leave Community Center 11 a.m., return around midnight. Cost for transportation, lift and equipment rental, \$56; transportation and lift, \$40; transportation only, \$20.

BMX FREESTYLE COMPETITION

Saturday, February 3. Registration begins at 10 a.m., competition at 1 p.m. Novice, intermediate and expert categories for each age group 13 and under, 14 and 15, 16 and over. Also beginner category. \$15 for AFA members, \$10 for beginners. Trophies awarded.

TEEN DANCE

Saturday, February 3, 8-11 p.m. Winter dance for 7th, 8th and

Music at Wesley

This month's performance in the "Music at Wesley Church" concert series will feature the choirs and orchestra from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. The group will perform the premiere of a commissioned work by Samuel Adler, "A Song of Humanity."

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, February 25, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St., S.E. Admission is free. For more information, call the church at 938-8700.

9th graders. Entertainment provided by DJ. Admission \$1.

TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, February 4, beginning at 10 a.m. Three age categories: 15 and under, 16-18, 19 and over. Cost \$3 for each participant. Trophies awarded. Register by 3:30 p.m. February 2.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Free of charge for senior citizens Monday, February 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Provided by Upjohn Health Care Services.

SPRING ANTIQUES SHOW

March 2-4. Friday, noon-9 p.m.; Saturday, noon-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Admission \$3. Over 40 dealers from all over the East Coast will exhibit and sell a variety of furniture and collectibles.

Ham Winterfest

The Vienna Wireless Society is celebrating the Town's 100th birthday this year by sending Centennial greetings around the world via ham radio. This popular hobby takes center stage each year at the Wireless Society's Winterfest.

The 1990 Winterfest will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Sunday, February 25, beginning at 7:30 a.m. General admission is \$5 per person (children under 12 free), and early morning breakfast will be available from the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary. Door prizes will be given every hour starting at 9 a.m., with a grand prize drawing at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call Harry Kaklikian at 978-4402.

THANKS FIVE HILLS!

Again this holiday season, members of Five Hills Garden Club prepared wreaths for the front and back doors of Town Hall, one of several annual club projects that make Vienna a more attractive community. Join Five Hills and other local garden clubs at a special Vienna Centennial garden show April 28 and 29 at the Vienna Community Center.

MODEL RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE

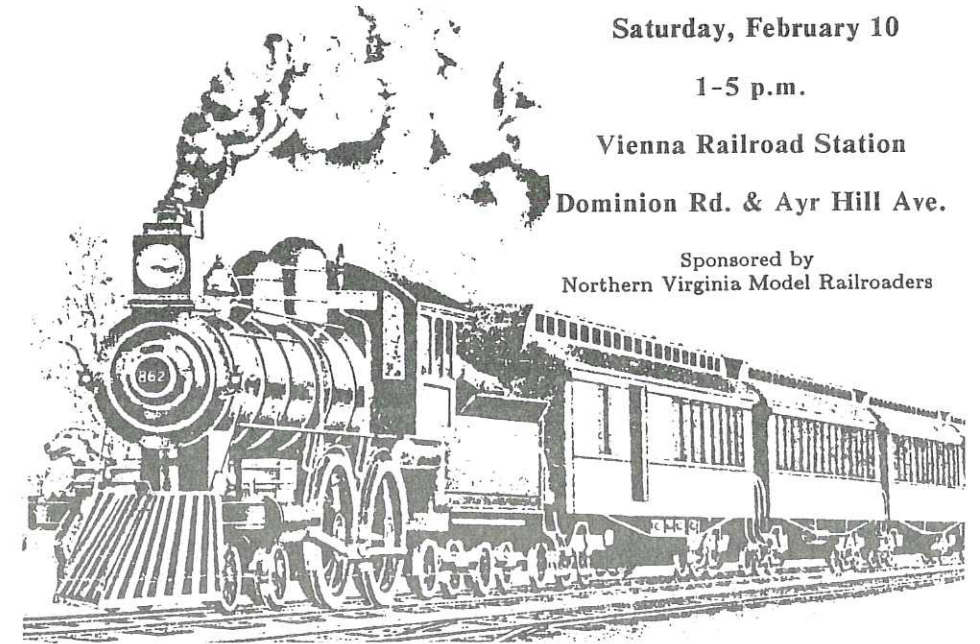
Saturday, February 10

1-5 p.m.

Vienna Railroad Station

Dominion Rd. & Ayr Hill Ave.

Sponsored by
Northern Virginia Model Railroaders



Citizen Comment

What's New in Recycling for the 1990's?

A Center Street resident writes:

I enjoy living in Vienna because of its strong sense of community, its thriftiness, and its conservatism (to name only a few reasons). Vienna has recently instituted a program for collecting used oil, along with its ongoing newspaper pickup program. I have heard mention of plastics recycling. What is the status of that idea? And is there any discussion or planning underway for separation of trash: paper, glass, metal and plastics, such as Montgomery County, Maryland, will be initiating?

The Public Works Department replies:

The Town of Vienna has been improving and expanding its recycling programs since newspaper pickup began in 1975. In addition to newspapers, the Town currently recycles aluminum, waste oil, leaves, brush, tires and white goods (stoves, refrigerators, etc.). Soon glass will be added to the list, with a drop-off center for glass expected to be in operation within a couple of months.

As for the future, the Commonwealth of Virginia has mandated that local jurisdictions prepare solid waste management plans by July 1, 1991, in order to meet a 25% recycling requirement by 1995. To reach this goal, Vienna's Public Works Department is now investigating additional curbside recycling as well as recycling of additional materials including plastics.

Meanwhile, here are two programs sponsored by Fairfax County that may interest you:

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Collection hours for Fairfax County's new household hazardous waste disposal program are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at the

Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the first and third Saturdays at the County Fire and Rescue Academy, 4600 W. Ox Rd.

Residents are encouraged to bring wastes such as used oil, paints and paint thinners, old gasoline and kerosene, pesticides, insecticides and herbicides. Material should be brought to the collection sites in a closed container.

All waste will be turned over to a contractor licensed to dispose of hazardous waste and transported out of state. The program will not accept waste from businesses.

For more information about the program, call 246-3937 or 246-2852.

AUTO BATTERY RECYCLING

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. Citi-

Woman's Club Fashion Show

The Vienna Woman's Club will hold its annual Fashion Show at the Vienna Community Center on Wednesday, March 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

This year's show will feature fashions from Pat's Dress Shop of Countryside in Sterling. Refreshments will be served and many door prizes awarded.

Admission is \$7 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door or ordered in advance by calling Nancy Crowley, 938-4835, or Anne Stapp, 938-7590.

Proceeds from the show will be donated to the GOLD (Gift of Life Donor) Fund. This fund was established by the Vienna Woman's Club to provide financial aid to recipients of organ transplants and their families for medications and other needs not covered by insurance.

zens are urged to keep these batteries separate from regular trash.

When replacing a battery, ask the retailer about a battery exchange program. Citizens may also take batteries to Fairfax County collection centers at the I-95 Landfill in Lorton and the I-66 Transfer Station in Fairfax.

For more information, call the County's Recycling Information Line at 246-5052.

COUNCIL INVITES COMMENTS

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for use in the Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing and received at Town Hall by the 15th of each month to be included in the following month's Newsletter. Please give your name, address and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.) Send comments to Vienna Newsletter, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

Since its beginning in 1955, the Vienna Woman's Club has supported many community service projects, such as the Gold Fund, scholarships and charitable donations. The Woman's Club funds these projects through the Fashion Show, the annual Harvest Bazaar, and other activities organized by its members. To learn more about the club, call Membership Chairman Anne Bertola at 938-6887.

BABE RUTH REGISTRATION

February 10 & 24
March 17
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Vienna Community Center

Tax Relief Requirements Eased

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer tax relief for low-income residents aged 65 and over, and for those who are permanently and totally disabled. The Town and County have recently amended the requirements for tax relief to allow more citizens to qualify for exemptions from real estate, personal property and vehicle registration taxes.

Tax Time Tips

An income tax preparation seminar will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, February 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Emphasis will be on forms 1040, 1040A and 1040EZ; filing status; and dependency exemptions.

The cost for the seminar is \$15. To register and for more information, call the Women's Center of Northern Virginia at 281-2657.

Centennial Church Service in April

Because it has the largest sanctuary in the greater Vienna area and is celebrating its own 25th anniversary during 1990, St. Mark's Church on Vale Road will host the Vienna Centennial Ecumenical Church Service on Sunday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. This service will feature music by the massed choirs of churches throughout the Vienna area as well as participation in the service by clergy from these churches.

Churches have played a significant role in our community throughout its history. If your church is not yet a part of this year's Vienna Centennial celebration, contact the Public Information Office at Town Hall, 255-6330, for information on scheduled activities.

Call these numbers 24 hours a day:

VIENNA NEWSLINE - 255-6333
POLICE INFO LINE - 255-6363

The maximum financial net worth allowed has been increased from \$75,000 to \$150,000. This is the total combined assets of the homeowner and spouse (for example, property other than the residence, bank accounts, stocks and bonds) minus the total combined liabilities (debts). Excluded from the assets is the value of the home and surrounding land up to one acre, and household furnishings.

The maximum total household income allowed for complete tax relief has been increased from \$22,000 to \$30,000. This is the combined income, from all sources, of homeowner and spouse and any relatives living at home. The first \$6,500 of income of each relative is excluded from the total. Also excluded is the first \$7,500 of any income received by the homeowner as permanent disability compensation. Where the total combined income is between \$30,000 and \$35,000, a 50% tax relief will be given, and between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a 25% tax relief.

The deadline to apply for tax relief is May 1. For information and application forms, call the Town of Vienna Real Estate Tax Office, 255-6325, and the Fairfax County Office of Assessments, 246-2437.

HVI Honors Two

Two recipients will share Historic Vienna, Inc.'s first Heritage Preservation Award. They are former delegate Dorothy McDiarmid for her efforts in the General Assembly on behalf of funding for the restoration of the Moorefield house, and Connie and Mayo Stuntz for their compilation of Vienna history in their book This Was Vienna, Virginia: Facts and Photos.

The award presentation will be made at HVI's general membership meeting on March 21.

TOWN JOB LINE - 255-5720
SPECIAL PICKUP - 255-5727

Police Recruiting Auxiliary Members

The Vienna Police Department is now accepting applications from town residents for its newly created auxiliary unit. The auxiliaries will consist of up to 20 sworn and non-sworn volunteers who will provide supplemental support in the areas of patrol, technical and administrative activities.

Any Town of Vienna resident between the ages of 21 and 75 may apply to join the police auxiliary, except those whose jobs present a potential conflict of interest, including police officers, security guards and firefighters.

To apply, call the Chief of Police's office at 255-6390.

Moorefield Project

Anyone who has photos, documents or other memorabilia pertaining to Vienna's historic Moorefield house is asked to contact Historic Vienna, Inc.'s Moorefield restoration chairman, Kathy Battaglia, at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave., N.W., phone 938-8323.

Moorefield, built around 1790, was the home of Jeremiah Moore, a Baptist minister who was an advocate for separation of church and state in this nation's early days. The house is now owned by the Town of Vienna. Restoration of Moorefield is a project of Historic Vienna, a non-profit organization for historic restoration and preservation.

LAST CALL FOR MULCH

The Public Works Department will deliver leaf mulch and wood chip mulch to town residents free of charge from January 2 through March 16. The minimum order for each type of mulch is a dump-truck load. To place your order and for more information, call the Public Works Department at 255-6382 Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

February Is Centennial Government History Month

The Vienna Centennial Committee has designated February as Town Government History Month. Through the period, there will be displays of old documents, pictures and newspapers at Town Hall, the Community Center and Patrick Henry Library.

Of special interest will be a Government Month symposium on Tuesday, February 20, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Former State Delegate Dorothy McDiarmid will moderate the discussion by former Town Council members of the significant events (and some humorous occurrences) during their respective terms of office between 1940 and 1970, years of rapid change and growth for the town and its government. There will also be a question and answer period.

The ink may be faded, the pages yellowed, and the handwriting a cipher, but the old ledger books containing the minutes of Town Council meetings over half a century ago reveal a great similarity in the issues confronting the Council then and now and vigorous citizen interest. The only really surprising note is the frequency with which



Old Town Hall building was also used as the fire department in the 1930's.

the women of the community appeared at Council meetings and expressed their opinions, particularly on matters concerning the general appearance and maintenance of the town.

Administration as well as policy making was the Council's responsibility, so the members themselves comprised committees to take care of matters such as roads and finance. Lean was scarcely the word for the Town staff. At the meeting on February 13, 1933, the Mayor announced that he had found a man, a new resident of the town, who, for the monthly salary of \$70 would keep the roads and sidewalks in repair, take care of the Town Hall and the road machinery, and also act as Town Sergeant.

Traffic problems faced the Council, even while horses shared town thoroughfares with cars. In 1929, Council passed regulations forbidding the parking of any motor or horse-drawn vehicle in violation of parking signs, and the double parking of such vehicles. Parking conditions on Beulah Road were a concern, and a decade later a Mrs. Pope appeared before Council requesting signs to curb the speeding on Church Street.

In September 1930, a long dry spell caused such a water short-

age that the Council passed a resolution stating that the Town would deliver water to those wishing the service at a cost of one cent a gallon, to be paid on delivery, and not less than 20 gallons to a house. The user was required to place receptacles for the water in places readily accessible to the driver delivering it, with a warning not to use it for drinking before boiling it.

The condition of the Town treasury was perilous on more than one occasion. In April 1934, with only \$1,200 on hand, the Council authorized the Mayor and Town Clerk to borrow \$500 for a 30-day period in order to meet bond interest payments and other financial obligations.

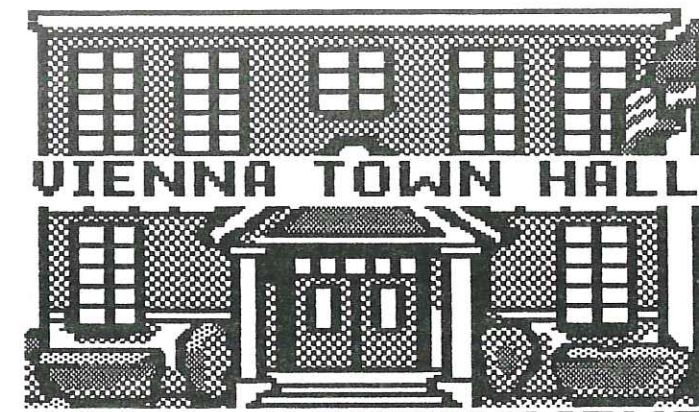
By 1943, land use presented some thorny problems for the town fathers. On May 3 of that year a number of citizens appeared before Council to question the raising of pigs, horses and cows within the town limits. They were advised by the Mayor that there was no ordinance prohibiting such activities, but that any building housing livestock required a permit. "We are getting ordinances to take care of these conditions as they arise," he noted. A gentleman present protested the erection of two pigpens, and the Council decided to inspect the premises of two Park Street residents before granting their requests to build hen houses.

Three years later, on June 3, 1946, the Council adopted an ordinance regulating automobile graveyards. The old days when the property tax for 10 acres was \$6.95 and 100 voters elected the Mayor and Council members were fast becoming a memory in the old ledger books.

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Vienna Centennial Children's Page



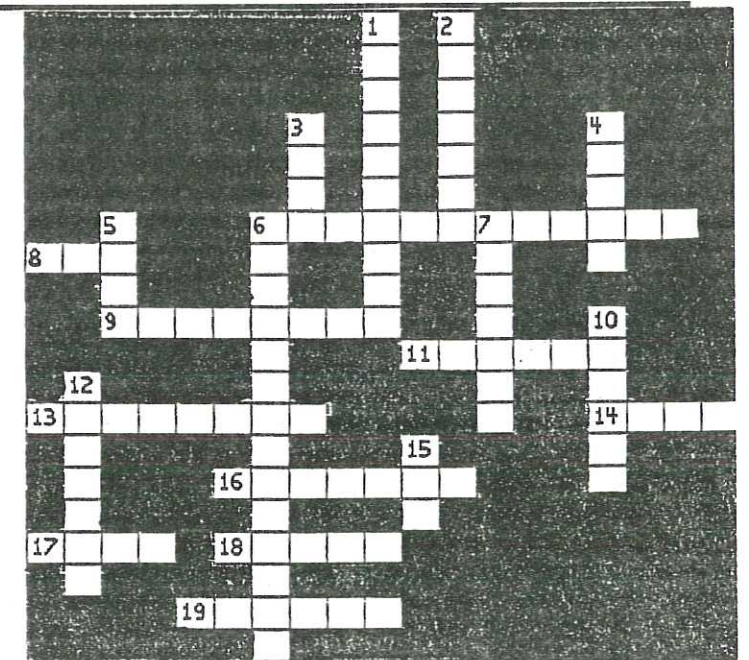
In 1890, the people who lived in this area wanted to make Vienna a TOWN. The villagers INCORPORATED, so that together they could make better roads and schools. At first the 300 people of the town lived within about one and one half square miles. In 1958, Vienna added two and one half square miles, making the total area about four square miles.

During the last 100 years, Vienna's population has grown to about 16,000. So instead of 200 people per square mile, there are now almost 4000. Our population makes Vienna the second-largest town in the state of Virginia. (Do you know the name of the largest town in our state?)

The first mayor of Vienna was Major Orrin Hine. He worked hard to make the town grow. Mayor Hine also helped to improve the schools for Vienna's children. Our present town government is the Council-Manager form. Our mayor, Mr. Charles Robinson, Jr., works with the Town Council and the Town Manager to govern Vienna.

In 1890, the Town Council which had 9 members including Mayor Hine, met once each month. The Council needed a place to meet and the Town needed space for offices and to keep records. So the first Town Hall was built on Center Street in 1920. Now the Town Council has 7 members including the mayor, and meets twice each month on the First and Third Mondays.

The Council members are elected for two year terms. These elections are held in May. When the town grew in 1958, the Council hired the first Town Manager. This Manager works with the Council, to keep our town running smoothly. That is why our town's government is called the COUNCIL-MANAGER form.



TOWN GOVERNMENT

ACROSS:

6. Location of present Town Hall
8. Number of years in a Council member's term
9. Current mayor
11. In 1890, 300 lived here
13. In 1920, first was built in Vienna (2wds)
14. In 1890, Vienna was incorporated as a
16. Vienna grew by adding land from this county in 1958
17. Major who was first mayor.
18. Town's ranking elected official
19. Second largest town in Virginia

DOWN:

1. Vienna's ls approx. 16,000
2. In 1958, Vienna hired its first Town
3. Number of council members including the mayor in 1890
4. Vienna's area in 1890 was 1 1/2
5. Present area of Vienna square miles
6. Present form of Vienna's town government
7. Mayor Hine worked to improve this for Vienna's children
10. Street where first Town Hall was located
12. Town includes the mayor and 6 members
15. Month of Town elections