

# Town of Vienna, Virginia



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## FLAG DAY

Saturday, June 14, is Flag Day and Vienna residents are asked to display their flags on that day.

The American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 is planning to provide a booth for the sale of flags at the Danor shopping center on two Saturdays, June 7 and June 14. They will also sell flags house-to-house in some areas.

The Legion is also planning to place flags along Maple Avenue, and five new flags were recently donated by them to the Town and will be used on Center Street from Maple Ave. to the Town Hall.

## BEULAH IS STILL BEULAH

Proposals for changing the name of Beulah Road to Symphony Hill Road were dropped by the Town Council.

There will therefore, be no Public Hearing on June 2nd as previously announced.

One of the outcomes of the proposed change was the discovery of the name's origin. The street was originally named for an early Methodist Church. The congregation later was divided and one section formed the Antioch Christian Church still on Beulah.



## PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, June 23, at 8 p.m. there will be a public hearing on a proposed ordinance restricting sidewalk displays and storage in commercial areas. This is not a regular Council meeting night.

## SIDEWALKS

The Public Works Department is working on an organized program of repairing depressions in sidewalks. Vienna's new Mud Jack is being used with great success on this project.

If your sidewalks have not yet been fixed, have patience, the crews will get to them.



## OPERATION BOOKSHELF

The Vienna Woman's Club is collecting paper back books to send to our soldiers in Vietnam in August. Many of us have collections of these, which we have read, but hate to throw away.

A box is available in the Town Hall lobby now for collecting the books, or you may deliver them to the homes of Mrs. Andrew Wax, 1015 Westbriar Dr., NE, or Mrs. Halley Merrill, 416 Blair Road (off Lawyers). The Red Cross has agreed to take care of the mailing and postage

Fellow Citizens of Vienna:

June is busting out all over - and a great month it is! The month of weddings and graduations, the end of school for the children and the beginning of vacation plans for their parents. Many of our activities move outdoors, and somehow life seems more casual and carefree. Summer begins!

I would like to offer a word of caution to parents and motorists. With so many children travelling to and from ball parks and swimming pools, riding their bicycles and crossing the streets, we must be extremely vigilant driving through the residential areas.

Playing in the streets is hazardous, and annoying to both residents and drivers. Parents should be strict about allowing their children in the streets. This is becoming a real problem in the Town, in spite of the fact that most houses have good yards and there are several parks located throughout Vienna.

We would prefer that parents exercise control over this and instruct their children in the laws provided for their safety. Let's not wait until there is a serious accident to one of the children. Please cooperate with us on this, and have a happy and safe summer!

Sincerely yours,

*James C. Martinelli*  
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Mayor

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed., June 11 - 8 p.m.  
Planning Commission

Mon., June 16 - 8 p.m.  
Council Meeting

Wed., June 18 - 8 p.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals

Thurs., June 19 - 8 p.m.  
Architectural Review Board

Wed., June 25 - 8 p.m.  
Planning Commission

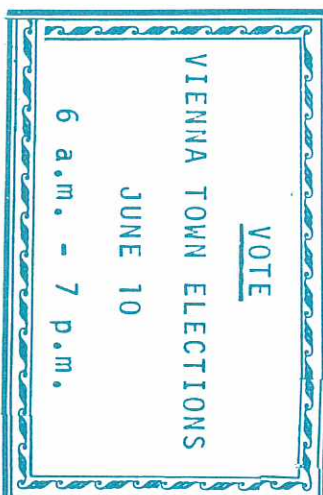
Tues., July 1 - 8 p.m.  
Commission on Human Rights  
and Community Relations

Fri., July 4 - 8 p.m.  
FOURTH OF JULY Holiday

Mon., July 7 - 8 p.m.  
Council Meeting

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Recreation Advisory Committee

Wed., July 9 - 8 p.m.  
Planning Commission



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## PROGRESS REPORT



### FREEMAN HOUSE

The Town is now the owner of the Freeman Property, and measures will be taken immediately to repair some of the worst ravages of time and vandals, and to make the house weatherproof, before the actual restoration begins. The inside has already been cleaned out.

The train station will soon be moved to its permanent home on the same site, to be followed by the little library. We have been very gratified by the many offers of help with this restoration project, and all of the help will be welcomed and the people contacted, as soon as the actual restoration work is ready to begin.

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### FOURTH OF JULY

Fourth of July is one of Vienna's most important holidays, the Town sponsors a program of speeches, singing, dances etc.. at Madison High School, following by an evening of fireworks.

Since 1948 Vienna families have played host to foreign visitors in their home on the Fourth of July and for the last few years, Vienna has welcomed over 100 foreign guests each Fourth of July.

The Washington International Center supplies both foreign guests and buses. Buses leave International Center at noon and arrive in Vienna at about 1 p.m. when host families meet their guests. After a welcome by the Mayor and members of Council, guests are taken home by their respective families, fed and taken to view the celebrations at Madison.

Anyone desiring to be a host to foreign visitors may contact Town Hall, 938-8000, Miss Reese Ext. 245 or Mrs. Butler Ext. 261.

### FIREWORKS

The Vienna Town Ordinance says: "The exploding igniting or otherwise discharging of fireworks within the Town of Vienna shall be permitted from June 24 through July 4 inclusive, and shall not be permitted at any other time." Such permissible fireworks shall be used only on private property with the approval of the owner of the property.

It is also unlawful for anyone to transport, store, buy, sell or ignite any fireworks other than those approved by the County Fire Marshall, except when a permit is obtained by groups or organizations from the Town Council. Such permissible

A fine of from \$5 to \$300 may be imposed for violations of this ordinance.

### SWIMMING POOL

The School Board has indicated to the Town's Swimming Pool Committee that it will be October before any decision is made on having the pool at Madison High. This means there will be no pool this summer.

Studies are being made on bussing children to Bull Run Park. This Park's tremendous pool will be completed by July 1. Consideration is also being given to the purchase of a portable pool to be located at the Community Center on a trial basis, as well as spray pads for younger children.



## PLASTIC TRASH BAGS

Vienna will begin a Town-wide plastic trash bag program in July. This will be done on a voluntary basis. The bags will be sold by the Town, which can purchase them in bulk at a considerable reduction. A 50 bag roll of heavy-duty liners will sell for \$2.00 per roll. Larger bags which are designed for use on a wall-mounted rack will sell for \$4.00 in lots of 50 and the racks themselves (a one-time purchase) for \$3.85.

Although many municipalities throughout the country are already using plastic trash bags, Vienna is pioneering the program in this area. Both Falls Church and Fairfax are now making studies at the present time to determine the adviseability of such a program in their cities.

The bags will be available at Town Hall some time in July and at other places of business, to be announced later. As soon as the program begins, there will be an introductory sale of the bags on one or two Saturday mornings at Town Hall, after which bags will be available during normal working hours.

### BENEFITS TO HOMEOWNER FROM USING CAN LINERS

1. Never wash cans again.
2. No more carrying of heavy trash cans to curb and back.
3. Elimination of odor and flies.
4. Trash can life is prolonged
5. Bags are handy for many other uses - leaves, lawn clippings, storage of clothes, and many other things.

### BENEFITS TO THE TOWN FROM USING LINERS

1. Increased collection efficiency - the test program conducted approximately a year ago indicated a time savings of 20% with all residents using liners.
2. Reduced injuries - no jagged metal cans to lift.
3. Better appearance - no more spilled garbage and trash blowing around Town streets.
4. Increased sanitation - reduction of fly and insect problems.
5. Reduced noise - no more clanging metal cans.
6. Legal container - residents will not use cardboard boxes and other unauthorized containers.
7. No more complaints of damaged cans and lost can lids.

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### POISON IVY BURNING

Under a recent Vienna ordinance, all burning is prohibited under County Air Pollution laws, unless a permit is obtained from the County Health Department.

Recently we have had a complaint that not only are some people still burning yard debris, but are including poison ivy. The smoke from the burning of poison ivy is extremely toxic to those allergic to it. One child was so severely affected that she temporarily lost both sight and hearing. Please be thoughtful of your own family and those nearby and bag your yard trash.

