

Town of Vienna, Virginia



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TRASH AND GARBAGE COLLECTIONS

In order to be assured of trash and garbage collections on their designated days, residents are requested to be sure that their trash receptacles are put out for collection before 7 A.M. It often becomes necessary, because of heavy work schedules, for additional Town trucks to be assigned to an area. These start to collect in some parts of areas as early as 7 A.M. The pick up, therefore, cannot be guaranteed on scheduled days unless the trash cans are placed near the curb early. Do not try to estimate time of collection by the time the truck "usually" comes.

In this connection, the use of low-priced garbage cans is discouraged, since they must be replaced too often. A strong galvanized can costs twice as much as a lower-priced one, but lasts four times as long. Plastic containers of standard 30 gal. size seem to appeal to the public. However, experience has shown that the lid-locks break off in cold weather, and in freezing weather the lids freeze to the container if any wet substance is in the container, delaying the trash crews. The public is also cautioned against putting hot ashes in trash containers. Hot ashes, when dumped

into the trucks, turn into flames causing fires within the truck which in turn have caused expensive accidents to the trucks and danger to the crew. They also endanger nearby houses and are a hazard on the street. Ashes should be wet down to insure against hot coals before placing in trash cans.

REMINDERS

All Vienna Real Estate and Personal Property taxes are due on or before December 5th. If not paid before March 1, 1962 a penalty of 5 per cent will be added.

Residents desiring to vote in the Town elections on the second Tuesday in June, 1962, are also reminded that poll taxes must be paid on or before the 12th of December and proper registration requirements met on or before May 12, 1962 in order to vote in this Town election. For further information on voting eligibility, please phone the Town Office.

On applications for renewal of business licenses, anyone not receiving their application by Dec. 30, 1961, should notify the Town Office.

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NEWSLETTER

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This is the fourth Newsletter prepared by Town of Vienna employees and sent to all residents of Vienna.

THE PUBLIC WANTS TO KNOW

Question: What is this talk of cooperation in municipal services between the Town of Vienna and the closely neighboring cities of Fairfax and Falls Church?

Answer: This idea was originated by Mayor Wilson and the Town Council of Vienna. An informal get together was held on Friday, Oct. 13th, with Mayors, Councilmen and Managers of the Cities of Falls Church and Fairfax. At this meeting, informal discussion indicated that all would be in favor of exploring and discussing the possibilities of the three municipalities cooperating to work out common problems and to share in certain types of municipal services now provided individually and independently by each. However, it was felt that a smaller group than the entire body of Mayors, Councilmen and Managers who attended this informal meeting could probably examine the prospects of such joint cooperation more efficiently. Accordingly, led again by Vienna, each municipality appointed two Councilmen and its Manager to form a joint Committee. Councilmen Alvin W. Norcross and John J. Ford and Town Manager L. B. Cresswell were appointed by the Vienna Town Council on October 23, 1961 to represent Vienna on this Committee. Falls Church appointed their members on Oct. 23rd and Fairfax (City) appointed their members on Nov. 1st.

This joint Committee of three representatives from each municipality, after discussion and study of the matter, will return recommendations to each Council for further action if such seems profitable and desirable. Mayor Wilson emphasized that the present action and the joint Committee are exploratory only and that any official authorization for cooperation and joint operations must be made by subsequent official Council action.

Vienna is in a different position from the other two cities since it is a Town and, as such, is a part of Fairfax County. At the Council Meeting, Vienna's members were reminded that this discussion with the other two municipalities should not prevent Vienna's officials from examining our relations with the County since Vienna citizens pay County taxes the same as anyone else in the County and yet receive few services (other than schools) which other County citizens receive. Vienna pays a substantial fee to the County to put our trash and garbage on a County dump and also a fee for every person the Town police put in the County jail for a violation of Town ordinances. Also, the fact was brought out that except for detective services, Vienna furnishes all of its own police protection. This includes patrolling which is not done by County police within the Town except for occasionally riding through from one part of the County proper to another. There are other similar examples but these are the most glaring. In fact, the major municipal service that Vienna citizens receive

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is the educational system provided through the Fairfax County schools with financial assistance from the State and Federal Government. SOUTHERN STATES (VIENNA) COOP REALLY COOPERATES ON MAPLE AVE.

Maple Avenue will be widened to 3 lanes continuing from the present 4-lane portion northeast past the new Gulf Station next to the Greenhoot Fischer Shopping Center. There will be a 2-lane gap crossing the bridge over the creek involving a complicated and expensive drainage operation and must be put off until more funds are available. Another 3-lane portion starts in front of the Seven Eleyen Shopping Center and goes past the new Vienna Trust Bldg. The widening can soon be made if attempts to obtain additional right of way necessary are as successful as those with Southern States Cooperative have been for that adjoining their store at Park and Maple. In addition to the widening of paving; curb, gutter and sidewalk will be installed on Maple Ave. in front of their store and also on the Park St. side of their property. Improvements on both Maple Ave. and Park St. are equally beneficial to customers of Southern States and to the traveling public. This point was readily seen by Mr. R.V. Rice, Manager, Retail Store Operations of the Richmond Headquarters Office of Southern Cooperative, parent organization of the Vienna store, in an interview with the Town Manager, Director of Public Works and Mr. C.A. Robinson on Nov. 30. He agreed to recommend to local (Vienna) Board of Directors, consisting of Mr. H.H. Ankers, Pres., Mr. Roy Money, V. Pres., Mr. A.L. Kidwell, Jr., Mr. H. Gerkin, Mr. M.V. Leigh - all local citizens - that the necessary additional right of way be dedicated for public use. Mr. R.W. Bryan, Regional Manager, Baltimore, and Mr. Jesse Moore, well known manager of our local store, both concurred. Papers effecting the transfer are now being drawn by

Mr. Marcus L. Beckner, Jr., Town Attorney, and work will begin immediately if approved by the Board. The Town is most grateful to Southern States management, who, with other neighboring firms, have made this vitally important civic project possible. In the other direction, to accompany the widening of Nutley Rd. leading to join Route 66 Interchange, the Town is trying to get the State Highway Dept. and Federal Bureau of Public Roads to assist in the widening of Maple Ave. from Town limits to Lawyers Rd. to join the present 4-lane portion. If accomplished, 80% of Maple within the Town will then be 3 or 4 lanes in width.

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Recently, Mayor Wilson organized a Mayor's Advisory Committee made up of representatives from all the different civic organizations, clubs, P.T.A. groups, etc., in the Town. The first meeting was held on July 31st and it was the general concensus of opinion that this was a very worthwhile way for a representative discussion of the different problems and projects affecting the Town and its citizens. Another meeting of this group is planned for Dec. 11th. More than 25 different clubs and organizations in Vienna have selected representatives and alternates to serve on this Committee. One of the main topics of discussion at the first meeting of this group was introduced by Mr. William Nutter, representing the Vienna Lions Club. Mr. Nutter explained the details of planning for a Vienna Community Center and asked for the cooperation of the other groups represented in working with the Lions Club on this much needed recreational facility. It is planned that this building will include a large auditorium with a stage, a dining area and kitchen facilities, hobby rooms, outside amphitheatre, storage space for athletic equipment, etc. The Mayor expressed the desire of the Town Government to cooperate with the Lions Club to the fullest on this very worthy project.

PEOPLE PROMPT TAX HIKES

The following article appeared recently in a local newspaper and is quoted as being of interest to all citizens:

"The principal reason taxes are as high as they are is because people - - who seem imbued with the idea that they really can get something for nothing - - keep on demanding more services from their government. "No matter what anyone tells you, government can only give what it first takes through taxation. "The thing which prompts these thoughts is a survey made by the Associated Press recently which showed that at least 15 states will need and get more tax revenue by the end of 1961. Virginia, of course, is among them.

"It appears certain that the Virginia General Assembly which will meet in January will enact some new revenue-raising measure. It may be only a law providing for employers to withhold the State income tax. A sales tax will get close study. And no doubt other suggestions will get serious consideration.

"Debate over new revenue-raising measures for Virginia has already started. The hue and cry will become louder in the next few months. "From some non-thinkers you will hear pleas for no new taxes and demands for millions of dollars worth of new services and construction. Pay no attention to them, for they know or care not what they say.

"There will be cries for more efficiency in government. These should be heeded. If you as an individual know of any inefficiency in governmental bureaus or waste on government projects you should exert every effort to see that corrective measures are taken.

"But primarily, everyone of us must realize that when we demand that government perform some service for us the bill is going to be paid by us, not by some godfather who rains

dollars down on the State Capitol or courthouse or city hall or the halls of Congress."

STATE OFFICIALS COMPLIMENT VIENNA'S

TREATMENT PLANT

An exhaustive test of the Southside Sewage Treatment Plant to establish its actual capacity is presently being conducted by the Virginia State Water Control Board and the State Board of Health. The test is not for the benefit of this plant alone, but also to set standards for all plants of its type. It was selected as a pilot model since it is the largest of the type in the state and was considered to be operating extremely well under average circumstances. To arrange the details of the test and because of its importance, a group of 6 of the top officials of these two State agencies, all prominent sanitary engineers of wide and long experience, made a careful survey of the plant and its operation on Oct. 17, 1961. This survey was very detailed and lasted over 2 hours. During the course of the survey all of these State officials expressed complete satisfaction with the efficiency of the plant and its operation and made complimentary remarks on its appearance and cleanliness. They were particularly asked if they had noted any odors not usual at any sewage treatment plant and all replied in the negative. One of them even stated that the lack of odor was unusual.

The Town is presently investigating the feasibility of connecting the Town sewer system to a sewer main being constructed from Dulles Airport to Washington, D.C. Service charges by the District are now under study. Running such a connecting line would be expensive but participation by the U.S., Fairfax County, and the new City of Reston is being sought.