



TOWN OF
VIENNA
since 1890

Town Flag Presentation to Council

PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT
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Picture it! - 1984



April 1984

VIENNA NEWSLETTER

Spring Cleanup This Month

Residents are reminded that the Town's Spring Cleanup will begin on Monday, April 16, in southwest Vienna. Cleanup crews will then proceed through the northwest, northeast and southeast sections of town.

The duration of the cleanup will depend on the volume of debris. To ensure pickup, all residents are asked on April 16, Residents may call the Public Works Department, 938-8000 ext. 241, to check on the progress of the cleanup.

Brush, building materials, furniture, appliances and other cleanup items should be placed at the curbside, away from regular trash, fire hydrants, water meters, gas valves and fences. Brush and branches should be separated from other discards.

Furniture, appliances, carpets and other household items in good condition may be donated to CHO (Committee to Help Others). Call Earl Sawyer, 573-6198, or Walker Smith, 560-1980, for immediate pickup of donations. CHO is an all-volunteer, non-profit charitable organization helping needy families in the Vienna area.

TOWN ELECTION MAY 1.
Voter information inside.

Last-Minute License Sales

The Finance Department will stay open until 7 p.m. April 9, 11 and 13 for sales of Town vehicle licenses. 1984 licenses must be displayed by midnight April 15.

Flag Contest

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Send flag designs to Flag Contest, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., Vienna, VA 22180. Please include your name, address, phone number and a short description of your flag.

Town Festival on Church Street
Sunday, May 27.
Details in next Newsletter.

Vienna's new police K-9 "Champ" is surrounded by his handler, Officer Stephen Keeney, Town Manager Brack Bentley, Mayor Charles Robinson, and Police Officers Brian and Carole Graham. Brian holds a plaque from the Vienna Police Department presented in appreciation for the Graham's donation of their pet.

The three-year old German shepherd finished second in his class in rigorous training at the District of Columbia police K-9 training center last December. A friendly and intelligent dog by nature, Champ is now trained to search buildings, track people and objects, and be aggressive on command to apprehend suspects.

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Winning Flag Design



August 1984

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A Flag for Vienna



The Town of Vienna now has its own flag, which was officially unfurled July 4. Holding the flag are Oscar Sessions (left), who originated the idea of having a Town flag, and Christopher Caldwell, who submitted the winning entry in a contest to design the flag.

Vienna resident Christopher Caldwell is the winner of the recent contest to design a Town flag. His design was selected by the Town Council from over 100 entries.

The flag was officially unfurled at the July 4th celebration, and Mayor Charles Robinson presented the prize of a \$100 savings bond to Caldwell, a fine arts major at James Madison University.

Vienna's new flag depicts the figure of Virtus holding up a sword, surrounded by a band of stars and intertwined dogwood and azalea blossoms. Above the figure is the name "Vienna" and below are the words "Virtus", "Flos Virginiae" (Flower of Virginia) and "Founded 1890."

Call for Floats

The Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce invites businesses, clubs, school groups and other organizations to enter floats in the 1984 Vienna Halloween Parade.

This year's parade will be held on Wednesday, October 24 (rain date October 25). All floats should be in keeping with the parade theme, "Halloween in the 21st Century."

For entry application forms and more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 281-1333. Specifications for floats must be submitted by September 25. All entries are subject to approval by the Chamber's Halloween Parade Committee.

The Chamber of Commerce is still accepting nominations for Citizen of the Year and Business Person of the Year. For details, call the Chamber Office.

Yard Sale Rules

Residents are reminded that yard sales are limited to two per year for any one household.

Signs advertising a yard sale may be displayed for two days prior to the sale. Two signs measuring no more than four square feet each are permitted on the property where the sale will take place.

In addition, two directional signs of no more than two square feet each may be displayed elsewhere on private property with the owner's permission. No signs are allowed on utility poles or on public property.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 2, 1984

The Vienna Town Council met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 1984 in the Council Room of the Town Hall, 127 S. Center St. Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 8 P.M. with the following members of Council present: Councilmen Buckley, Lovelace, Olson, Robinson and Seeman. Councilman Upchurch advised Council he would arrive late. Also present were: Brackenridge H. Bentley, Town Manager; John F. Gionfriddo, Town Attorney and Marian S. Wallace, Town Clerk. Councilman Upchurch arrived at 9:20 P.M.

TOWN FLAG

15. It was moved that the Town Council designate as the Town Flag the design submitted by Christopher Caldwell on Cottage St.; moved that he be declared the winner of the contest and that he be presented with his award on the 4th of July, and appropriate flags be made up.

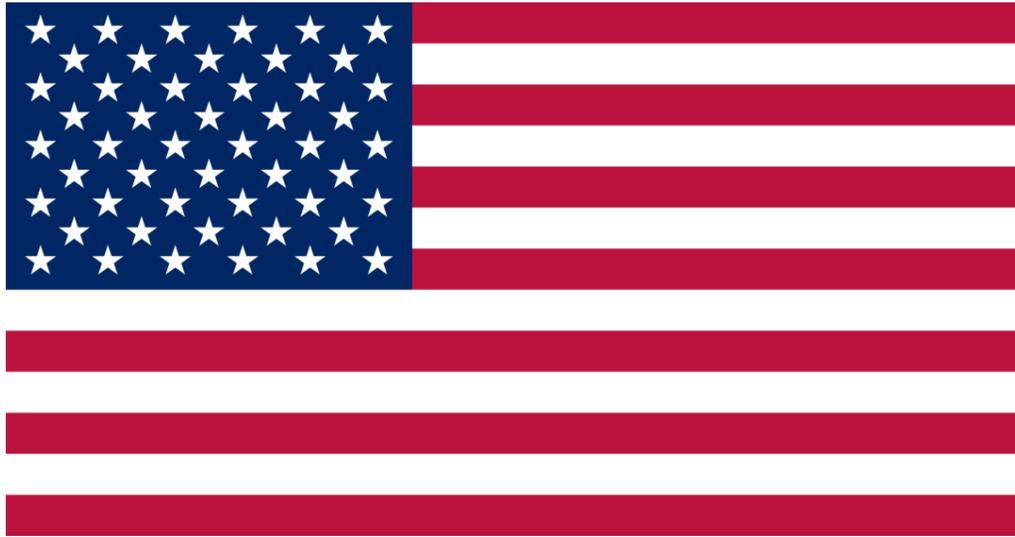
MOTION: Buckley
SECOND: Lovelace
Carried unanimously

R. Robinson absent



What makes good flag design?*

Vexillology: The study of flags

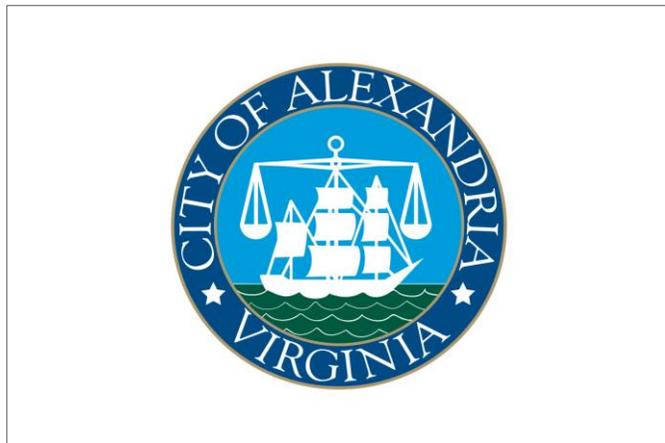


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4. Avoid Lettering or seals.
5. Be distinctive or related.

*North American Vexillological Association



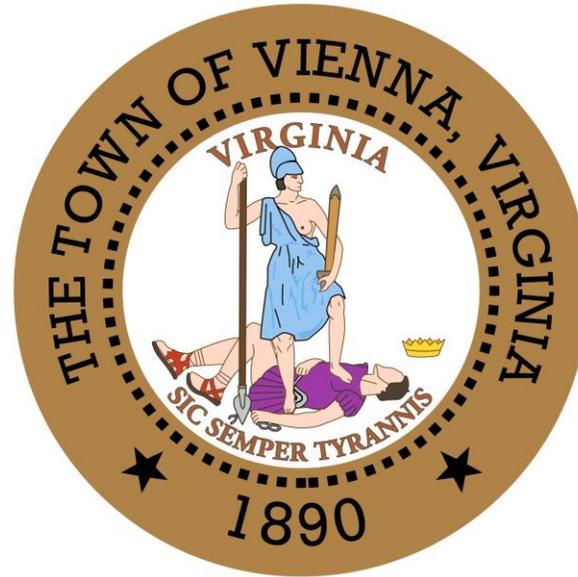
Neighboring Jurisdiction Flags



Vexillologists call flags like these SOB's



Town Seal Closely mirrors the State Seal



Neighboring Jurisdiction Flags



Examples of Good Flag Design-Chicago



- Stars represent major events in Chicago's history
- Three white backgrounds - North, West and South sides of the city
- Top Blue Bar – Lake Michigan and the Chicago River North Branch
- Bottom Blue Bar – Chicago River South Branch and the “Great Canal”



Examples of Good Flag Design-Washington, DC



- Inspired by the Washington family coat of arms
- Reflects the historical significance of George Washington.
- White field - purity and innocence
- Red stripes - valor and bravery
- Three stars - the three branches of government

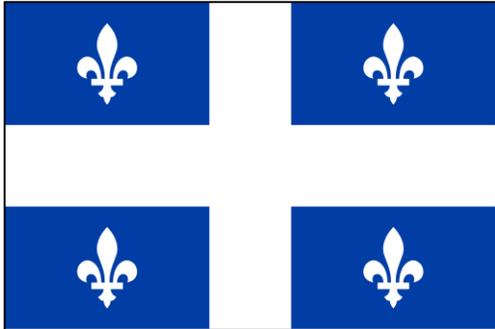
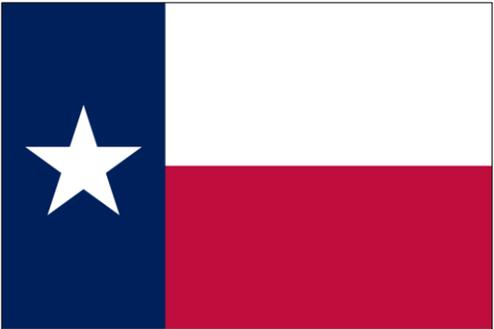
Examples of Good Flag Design- Maryland



- Inspired by the 17th century heraldic banner of arms of Cecil Calvert, the 2nd Baron Baltimore (1605-1675).
- Consists of the arms of his father, George, 1st Baron of Baltimore (1579-1623), quartered with those of his grandmother, heiress of the Crossland family.
- Officially adopted by the Maryland General Assembly in 1904.



Examples of Good Flag Design



Other Town Logo/Seal images



Logo from Vienna's 100th Anniversary



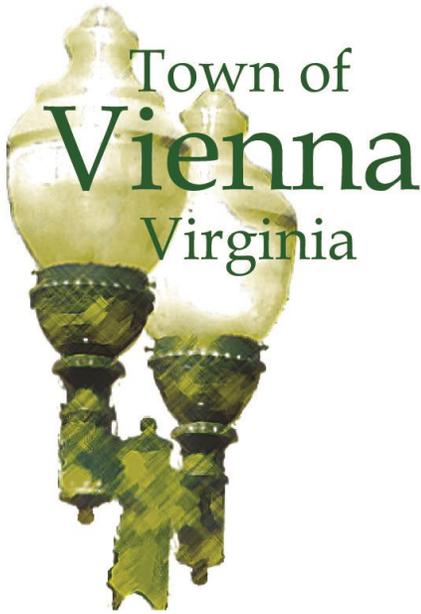
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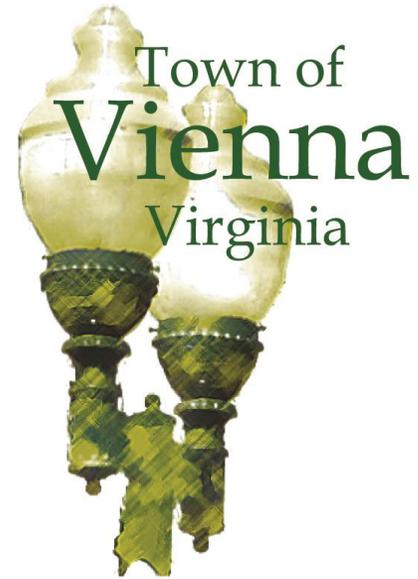
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Prior Logo



Town of Vienna Images



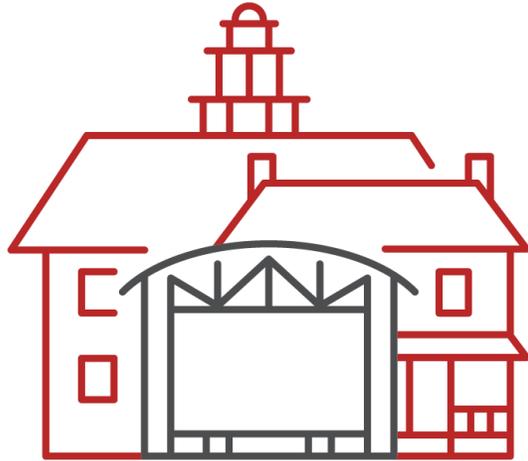
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Next Steps?
