

Metro Arrives, Concern about Crime

VH: I imagine you remember when the Metro first went in.

JS: Yes, yes.

VH: How did that change things around here?

JS: Well, you know people. 'Oh, it's going to bring crime to Vienna! All these people robbing us, and then jumping on the train and going back.' It just made commuting so much easier if you were working. Back then, Washington, DC, was like the hub, and then everybody that lived around went into DC to work. Things have changed now. You're going every which direction to go to work. It was definitely a big, big help. We always wondered: why did it stop in Vienna? Why did it even come to Vienna? It should have gone 7 out to Tysons, out that way, to the airport. We never could understand that. But, I thought it was a good thing.

VH: We were looking at some old Town newsletters from the '70s. It seemed that on just about every page, there was a lot of concern about vandalism in the town. Do you remember that being an issue?

JS: Oh yeah. Right. Everybody thought that was...but I think that happens every spring. I hate always blaming it on the kids, but you know, you get spring, and it's nice out, and you're out wandering around, and you spray-paint something and it's vandalism, or knock over a mailbox or something. It's just kind of those 'rites of spring', I guess.