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BURNING OF THE GREENS

Due to State Pollution controls, Vienna's 4th Annual Burning of the Greens celebration will be a symbolic one. It will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center on January 9th.

Although Christmas trees set out by residents will be collected by Town crews during the week of Jan. 4, the traditional bonfire will be omitted.

A "Queen of the Greens" will be chosen from among the Junior and Senior classes at Madison and Oakton High School and crowned by Mayor Joseph Spriggs.

The Queen and her seven princesses will be introduced immediately prior to the dance for High School students. "The Grace" will be featured at the dance which will last until 11 p.m.



NEW APPOINTMENTS

James A. Grant joined the Vienna Town staff in December as Assistant to the Town Manager for Planning and Development. Walter M. Quitter was elected chairman of the Planning Commission to replace Mr. Grant and Boyd Booth Vice-Chairman to replace Mr. Quitter.



Sincerely yours,
Joseph R. Spriggs
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Mayor

PUBLIC HEARING - January 27

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Council room at the Town Hall on the definition of enclosures. This will include definitions of porches, decks, terraces, etc. as they refer to the distance from the lot line required for such construction.

PROGRESS REPORT

Follin Lane - The contract for the opening of Follin Lane onto Maple Ave. has been let, and construction should begin as soon as weather permits.

Bond Sale - Vienna's long outstanding 2 1/2 million bond issue was sold last month at a favorable 5.2% interest. Sale of the bonds has been delayed by the high interest rates of recent years.

Council Requests - Council was pleased to note its resolution relating to the Volunteer Fire Department was substantially adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Council recently requested that the Highway Dept. drop its proposal to widen Hunter Mill Road to four lanes, while it endorsed improvements to the road.

Madrigals - Madison High's Madrigals and Choir are hoping for another European tour this summer largely financed by the parents.



EVENTS IN JANUARY

JANUARY 1 - Friday
New Year's Day Holiday

JANUARY 4 - Monday
Council Meeting - 8 p.m.
Town Xmas Tree Pickup Begins
continues all week.

JANUARY 5 - Tuesday
Commission on Human Rights
and Community Relations

JANUARY 12 - Tuesday
Mayor's Advisory Committee

JANUARY 13 - Wednesday
Planning Commission - 8 p.m.

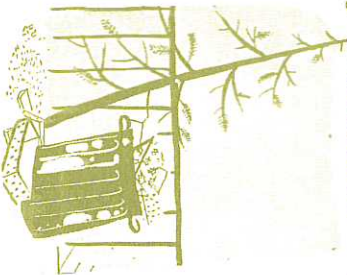
JANUARY 18 - Monday
Council Meeting - 8 p.m.
Community Center Winter-Spring
Recreation Program

JANUARY 20 - Wednesday
Board of Zoning Appeals

JANUARY 21 - Thursday
Architectural Review Board

JANUARY 26 - Tuesday
Highway Safety Commission

JANUARY 27 - Wednesday
Planning Commission - 8 p.m.



Mayor & Council
Town of Vienna,
Virginia

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

YOUR COUNCILMAN SPEAKS



L. Dean Wallace

At this time of year when we are recovering from the Holiday Season, we are confronted with paying bills and paying taxes. Taxes are as old as time. We in Vienna must pay taxes, unpleasant as it may be, to provide for the services which the citizens deem necessary. Taxes are levied primarily for two reasons -- revenue and license or control. Most of Vienna's taxes are for the purpose of raising revenue.

Historically, until the advent of the income tax and the sales tax, local revenues were secured primarily from real estate taxes. Now, they come from varied sources: taxes on sales, utilities, alcoholic beverages and gasoline, business and automobile licenses, various permits, water and sewer services and the list goes on.

Residents of Vienna have to pay the real estate tax, utility tax, water and sewer service fees and automobile license fees. The remaining taxes and licenses are optional depending on whether the facilities and services are procured in Vienna, i.e., sales, alcoholic beverages, community center programs, gasoline.

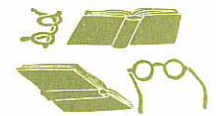
It is estimated that revenue approximating \$1,021,100 will be obtained from taxes and licenses in Vienna for the purpose of providing Town services in fiscal year 1970-1971. This does not include the \$289,000 received from the State as Vienna's share of state ABC sales, the sales tax, and State participation in streets and roads, etc. It is estimated that \$524,100 of the \$1,021,100 will come from real estate. Of the \$524,100, taxes from land and property occupied by the Vienna business and professional community will approximate \$104,512 or approximately 20% of the total revenue raised from the tax on real estate. In addition, the Vienna business and professional community, through the business license tax, will pay revenue approximating \$128,000 for the privilege of doing business in Vienna. This is over and above the sales tax, which is levied on the customers. They must absorb the \$128,000 and provide better service if the business and professional community is to be competitive with the surrounding area. In addition, semi-weekly trash service, leaf collection and fall and spring clean ups, which are provided to the residential community, are not furnished to the business and professional community.

The business and professional community is a vital part of Vienna. It participates and contributes in numerous ways to the Vienna life - the Halloween parade, the Holiday Season decorations, support of organized recreation programs, Little League, Babe Ruth League, High School athletic and cultural programs and many, many more. It plays a very important role in making Vienna a better place in which to live.

A community with a stagnant business and professional community or one which has vacant buildings provides mute evidence of a disinterested and dying community. That is not the kind of town we have or want. As the business and professional community thrives, so does Vienna. The business and professional community complements the residential community and vice versa. Both are necessary. The more the business and professional community prospers, the more taxes they pay with less proportionate demands on the residents. Let's keep our business community vibrant, and alive.



MADISON HIGH SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE



MADISON HIGH SCHOOL REQUIRES ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS A PART OF ITS EVALUATION IN RENEWING ITS ACCREDITATION. QUESTIONNAIRES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO: MR. TAYLOR M. WILLIAMS, PRINCIPAL, JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL, MADISON DRIVE, VIENNA. A SIGNATURE IS NOT NECESSARY.

How long have you lived in Vienna? _____
How much longer do you plan to stay in Vienna? Check one
Less than one year _____
Less than 3 years _____
More than 3 years _____

Level of education: _____
Less than completion of high school _____
Graduate of high school _____
Two or less years of college _____
Graduate of college _____
Postgraduate university- _____
Postgraduate degree _____

Occupation: _____
Religion: _____ or religious preference: _____
Ethnic background: _____
White _____ Nationality ident. 1st generation _____
2nd generation _____
Negro _____
Oriental _____
Am. Indian _____
Sp. surname _____
Other _____

Number of children still living in household? _____
Ages? _____

Opinion of Madison:
Do you feel that the educational facilities at Madison are sufficient? _____
Are recreational facilities sufficient? _____
What do you consider Madison's strongest offering? _____
Next strongest? _____
Weakest? _____

How do you rate the following at Madison? (High no. is best.)
Athletic teams? 5 4 3 2 1 0
Clubs? 5 4 3 2 1 0
Social Activities? 5 4 3 2 1 0
SPTA? 5 4 3 2 1 0
Booster groups? 5 4 3 2 1 0
Community entertainment offerings? 5 4 3 2 1 0

Do you feel there is generally a good relationship between Madison and the community? _____
Do you feel that Madison students generally are respected in the community? _____
Are the Madison students you know generally satisfied with Madison? _____
Past students? _____ Present? _____ Prospective? _____
(with expectation of going to Madison?)

If there are further suggestions or comments you would like to make, they are welcome and will be greatly appreciated.

