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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1999 – Oldies group The T-Birds along with Clay Hunt and Pure Delight will provide entertainment at the Town of Vienna Year 2000 Celebration on New Year's Eve at the Vienna Community Center. This once-in-a-millennium event will feature activities for all ages free of charge and with no tickets or reservations required. So dress up or come casual, bring your family and friends, and ring in the year 2000 with a hometown celebration – Vienna style!

DECEMBER 1989 – Vienna Centennial souvenirs are now available. These items will be lasting reminders of the 100th anniversary of Vienna's incorporation as a town. Centennial Committee member Phyllis Elkins recently presented Mayor Robinson with Centennial bell #1. The brass bells come in two sizes, each numbered and engraved "1890-Vienna, Virginia-1990." Other souvenirs include coins, watches, coffee mugs, lapel pins and more.

DECEMBER 1979 – The Vienna jitney bus system is expected to be in service early next year. Small jitney buses will carry passengers through residential neighborhoods and up and down Maple Avenue to Oakton and Tysons Corner, helping citizens conserve gasoline and providing local transportation for those who lack access to an automobile.

DECEMBER 1969 – It should be noticeable by now that Town radar is being put to greater use. Irate calls from those getting tickets will not receive a great deal of sympathy.

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY
Vienna Newslne – 703-255-6333

www.viennava.gov

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, December 5, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (entrance at the dead end of the street). This service of the Department of Public Works (DPW) provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products.

DPW also offers recycling of small rechargeable batteries at the quarterly recycling events at Northside as well as at Town Hall and the Community Center. Rechargeable batteries include nickel-cadmium (NiCd), nickel-zinc (NiZn); lithium-ion (Li-ion), nickel-metal hydride (NiMH), and small sealed lead-acid (SSLA or Pb). Rechargeable batteries come in many types, including standard AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt, or a special design for a specific device. They may be removable or internal to a device.

Alkaline batteries (non-rechargeable) are not recyclable; however, they have been redesigned to have a very low toxicity and may now be disposed of safely in your household trash.

For more information, call 703-255-6381.

In Case of Emergency

As a service to town residents, the Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department maintain an **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REGISTRY**, to facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated persons in the event of an emergency, and an **INCLEMENT WEATHER REGISTRY**, for residents with special needs such as the elderly, disabled, and those with serious medical problems. In the event of severe weather that causes widespread power outages or hazardous road conditions, a telephone check on the welfare of participants will be made and temporary shelter provided if necessary.

Residents can sign up for either one or both of these programs on one form; see pages 3 and 4. Residents currently registered must complete a new form, since the files are purged annually.

2010 Dog Tags

Town of Vienna licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older and must be renewed by January 31 each year. 2010 dog tag applications are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall, by mail, and online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Regulations/licdog.pdf. The fee is \$10 for a fertile dog and \$5 for an infertile dog. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required to obtain a license, and a spay/neuter/infertile certificate is required for a reduced price license. Call 703-255-6323 for more information.



SEASON'S GREETINGS from the Vienna Town Council & Town Staff



Town Hall will close at noon December 24, and be closed December 25 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Town Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, during the annual Town employees' holiday luncheon.

**NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING DECEMBER 25 AND JANUARY 1
RECYCLABLES WILL BE COLLECTED TOWNWIDE
DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31**

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Place trees at the curbside on your second collection day of the week to be picked up along with recyclables. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel).

Residents and businesses are reminded that Town employees may not accept gifts during the holidays or any other time; any items received by employees will be returned to the sender or donated to a local charity.

Real Estate Tax Due December 7

The second installment on 2009 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on December 7. Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before that date to avoid penalties and interest. Any payments mailed at a local post office after hours may receive the next day's postmark. Please verify that your payment is postmarked no later than the due date. For your convenience, an overnight drop box is located at the front door of Town Hall.

If you have not received your bill, please call the Real Estate Office at 703-255-6325 or e-mail mpeng@viennava.gov. If your Vienna taxes are paid through your mortgage company and you receive the tax bill, please notify your mortgage company immediately. If you have sold the property and are not responsible for the tax bill you receive, please notify the real estate office immediately.

To pay by debit or credit card online, go to www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/onlinepay.htm. To pay by phone with a credit card, call 1-888-2PAYTAX (1-888-272-9829) and use the Jurisdiction Code 1094 for real estate. Make sure you record the confirmation number given to you at the end of the transaction, as this will serve as your proof of payment.

Town of Vienna property owners must also pay Fairfax County real estate tax. For information, call 703-222-8234 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/homepage.htm.

Bicycle Committee Invites Input

The Vienna Bicycle Advisory Committee will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, December 17, in the lower level conference room at Town Hall.

Working with the Town's Transportation Safety Commission (TSC), the committee meets once a month to review bicycle networks in and around town, locations for bike racks, and educational programs. TSC Chairman Steve Kenney invites all interested citizens to attend. "No ideas will be off the table," Kenney said. "Come share your thoughts on how to make the town more bicycle-friendly."

Police Inspect Child Safety Seats

Did you know? Your Vienna Police Department provides free child safety seat inspections for town residents. Because only certified technicians can inspect a car seat, it is recommended that you call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366, and ask to schedule an appointment.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Reappointed Tara Voigt to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term. Appointed Allison Moats as the student member of the Community Enhancement Commission for the 2009-2010 school year.

- Conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the personnel code.

- Awarded a bid for boiler replacement at the Vienna Community Center to Capitol Boiler Works in the amount of \$50,667.

- Approved the purchase of a 2009 hybrid Chevrolet Silverado extended cab truck in the amount of \$37,539 from Whiteside Chevrolet, Buick, Pontiac, Cadillac, and GMC of St. Clairsville, OH.

- Accepted a federal grant to help fund sidewalk construction on Harmony Drive, S.W., from Cottage Street to the

Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club and a sidewalk on Plum Street, S.W., from Tappawingo Road to Harmony Drive.

- Awarded a contract for adjustable manhole riser rings to J. Thomas, Ltd., in the amount of \$24,990.

- Authorized submission of an application for \$605,000 in Virginia Department of Transportation revenue-sharing funds for the reconstruction of DeSale Street, S., from James Drive to Cedar Lane.

- Awarded a bid for traffic signal equipment to Econolite Control Products in the amount of \$79,540.80. The Virginia Department of Transportation's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program is to reimburse \$75,000 of the cost.

- Approved several Department of Public Works contracts and contract extensions for the fiscal year.

OCTOBER 5, 2009

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Appointed Joan Thomas to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for a two-year term.

- Accepted the resignation of Christopher Brunjes from the Town/Business Liaison Committee.

- Approved a contract with Truman Arnold Companies for the cooperative purchase of unleaded gasoline in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

Minutes & Agendas for the Town Council and Boards & Commissions Are Available Online at www.viennava.gov

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.
FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@viennava.gov
Deadline for the January issue is December 15.

December		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		26	27	28	29	30	31	

All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise

Real estate tax 2nd installment due

Town Council

Town Council work session

Town Council

Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Leaf collection begins north side of town

Leaf collection begins south side of town

Christmas Town Hall closed

NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7:30 p.m.

Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.

Bicycle Advisory Committee

Board of Architectural Review

Town Hall closes at noon

TOWNWIDE RECYCLING

TOWNWIDE CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Planning Commission

Board of Zoning Appeals

Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.

Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week

2009



Vienna Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher, Mayor Jane Seeman, and Councilwoman Laurie DiRocco display the silver certification award presented to the Town in the Virginia Municipal League's 2009 Green Government Challenge.

Many Auto Thefts Are Preventable

By Master Police Officer Bill Murray,
Community Relations Officer

On November 6 between midnight and approximately 7 a.m. more than 15 vehicles were unlawfully entered by unknown subjects. Two of these vehicles were then stolen. In all cases no forced entry was apparent and it is believed that the vehicle doors were left unlocked. Some vehicles were parked in their driveways while others were parked on the street.

In some cases items of value were stolen. It is believed that Valet Keys may have been found in the glove boxes of the two stolen vehicles. This appears to be an individual or individuals who are committing crimes of opportunity. These people walk around and try door handles on vehicles. If they open, the vehicle is then entered and rummaged through.

Please remember to lock all vehicle doors and remove all valuables. If you have a newer vehicle with a Valet Key, please remove it from the interior of the vehicle. Lastly, please immediately report ANY suspicious noises or activities outside of your home during these hours to the Vienna Police at 703-255-6366. We need alert and vigilant citizens to help us catch those responsible for these acts.

Budget Award

For the 16th consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award, for the fiscal year 2009-2010 budget, is the highest form of recognition for governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, a jurisdiction must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all of these categories to receive the award.

Copies of Vienna's budget are available for public review at Town Hall.

Emergency Notification/ Inclement Weather Program Registration Form on Next Page

December 2009

TO: Residents of the Town of Vienna

FROM: Robert A. Carlisle – Chief, Vienna Police Department
Jeff Gray – Chief, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

The Town of Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department are continuing with the Emergency/Inclement Weather Notifications Registry. In the event of severe weather, emergency, widespread power outages or hazardous road conditions, a "check on the welfare" telephone call list will be activated and, if needed, a temporary emergency shelter will be opened and kept in operation either until the Fairfax County Disaster Operations Center can open a shelter or until the situation resolves itself. Additionally it can provide the police with additional numbers in the event they need to contact someone regarding an emergency event.

This program was designed in response to the severe ice storm that struck the town during the winter of 1998-99 and is directed at citizens who have special needs, such as the elderly, the physically challenged and individuals with severe medical conditions. The purpose of the program is twofold: first, in the event of severe weather to provide a point of contact to check on the status of each individual on the list, and second, if needed, to provide a temporary shelter location until the power has been restored, a longer-term shelter is opened or the weather and road conditions improve.

To register for this program, all that is required is that you fill out the form on the following page, check one or both choices and return it to the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180. **RESIDENTS CURRENTLY REGISTERED MUST ALSO COMPLETE A NEW FORM TO REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM SINCE THE FILES ARE PURGED ANNUALLY.**

For more information, contact MPO Bill Murray, Vienna Police Community Relations Officer, 703-255-6396, wmurray@viennava.gov, or the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 703-938-2678.

Vienna Receives "Green Certification"

The Town of Vienna has earned "green certification" in the Virginia Municipal League's 2009 Green Government Challenge, a friendly competition among local governments to encourage reduction of carbon emissions. Awards were presented October 20 at the annual VML conference in Roanoke.

Vienna was one of seven local governments in the state awarded silver certification for achieving scores of between 125 and 149 out of a possible 200 "green points." In addition to the silver certification award, Vienna received a \$2,000 cash award from Moseley Architects and Trane for achieving the second highest green score in the under 15,000 population category.

The Town's efforts included the Vienna Green Expo, held last spring at the Vienna Community Center, where local organizations and businesses provided citizens with information on energy efficiency, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens, and recycling options. Town employees have also implemented a number of on-the-job green programs such as office paper recycling, use of earth-friendly cleaning products, and purchase of hybrid vehicles. Employees Linnea Fechter, Cathy Salgado, Michael Miller and Matthew Randall make up the "Green Team," which routinely reviews Town policies and procedures and looks for ways to improve efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of Town operations.

The Virginia Municipal League is a statewide association of city, town and county governments established to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. The membership includes all 39 cities in the state, 156 towns and 11 counties.

Go Green Vienna!

In an average household, 10% of the electricity is consumed by appliances that are switched off yet continue to draw electrical current. Households with a lot of electronics can be much worse. Unplug equipment that drains energy when not in use such as coffee makers, desktop printers, radios, etc.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION/ INCLEMENT WEATHER REGISTRY

As a service to town residents, the Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department maintain a voluntary Emergency Notification Registry and an Inclement Weather Registry. You may sign up for one or both. To facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated persons in the event of an emergency or to check on you during severe inclement weather this service is provided free of charge and is strictly voluntary. The information provided by residents will be used only in emergency situations. To be listed in either registry, complete the form below and return it to police headquarters, 215 Center St., S. **RESIDENTS CURRENTLY REGISTERED MUST ALSO COMPLETE A NEW FORM TO REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM SINCE THE FILES ARE PURGED ANNUALLY.**

Please register me for: Emergency Notification Registry _____ Inclement Weather Registry _____
(Please print or type all information)

Name _____

Address _____

City Vienna State Virginia ZIP _____ Home Phone _____

Any medical problems that should be made known to the Police/Fire Department? If so, please explain:

In case of an emergency, please notify the individuals listed below in the order listed:

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Does this person have a key to your house? Yes or No (circle one)

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Does this person have a key to your house? Yes or No (circle one)

I understand that participation in this program is purely voluntary. I am aware of the nature of the service being provided and desire to participate. I release and agree to hold harmless the Town of Vienna, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, and their employees or volunteers from all liability for the consequences of their release of, or failure to release, the data provided by me.

Signature _____ Date _____

cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Park at the rear of the building and enter on the second level. The buffet is hosted by Auxiliary Unit 180. For more information or to reserve seating for parties of eight or more, call Janet Renner at 703-625-5736.

The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., offers counseling and educational services addressing psychological, career, financial, and legal needs to women and families based on their ability to pay. Programs for December include legal and financial aspects of separation and divorce, how to keep your finances in check during a career transition, and more. For more information, go to www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657.

Attention magazine and paperback donors! There will be no collection in December in order to give project coordinator Florence Roseborough a well-deserved holiday. The Literacy Project, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, provides reading material for detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Collection will resume in January.

Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center December 9 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. Are you afraid to get up and speak in front of others? You are not alone, but Toastmasters can help you overcome your fears in a fun and friendly atmosphere. For more information, call Jim at 703-201-6555 or visit <http://vienna.tmc.freetoasthost.ws>.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Resource Group will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, December 17, at Patrick Henry Library. Librarian Janice Kuch will demonstrate the new digital player for the "talking books" program sponsored by the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. For more information or transportation, call Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515, or Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679.

Grand opening celebration December 2-5 at Lofty Salon & Wellness Center's new spa, 354 Maple Ave., W. Events will include skin care treatments, daily prize drawings, makeup demonstrations, and refreshments. Guests will receive gift bags of skin care samples from Esthederm Laboratoires and Alchimie-Forever and other treats. For more information, call 703-242-0609 or visit LoftySalon.com.



Holiday Time at the Freeman House

2009 holiday cards are available at the old-fashioned Freeman House Store and Museum, 131 Church St., N.E., for \$8.50 for a pack of 10. The card features a full-color photograph of Santa Claus reading a story to youngsters in the Freeman Store (shown above).

Also available is a new Rachael A. Peden wooden ornament for 2009. The ornament depicts the Bowman House on Center Street, which many in town know as the Bowman House Arts & Crafts Center. The price is \$19.50 each, and supplies are limited.

Claus will visit the Freeman Store on Sunday, December 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. and again on Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Kids can give their wish lists to Santa while parents relax or shop in a stress-free setting away from the mall.

The Freeman Store offers a wide variety of gifts; Virginia-made products such as jams and jellies, and hand-dipped and soy candles; historical, regional and local books; "vintaged" maps; old-fashioned toys; Vienna afghans, mugs, tea towels and pottery; and more.

The Freeman House is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, e-mail fs@historicviennainc.org or call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Police Helping Santa

Again this year, the Vienna Police Department is participating in "Santa's Ride for Children" to benefit children who are hospitalized or in need during the holidays. The ride is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department's Motor Squad and also includes participants from the County Sheriff's Department and the Virginia State Police.

Vienna residents can support this program by bringing donations of new unwrapped toys, games, books, and other gifts to the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S., by Monday, December 14. Cash donations are also welcome.

Santa is scheduled to arrive in Vienna, escorted by his squad of motorcycle elves, at 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 15, to pick up the donations.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Santa's on his way! The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) has once again been selected by the North Pole to escort Santa Claus around the Vienna area December 16-23. Jolly Old Saint Nick will be riding around town in the VVFD's 1946 Maxim fire engine. To find out exactly when Santa, his "sleigh," and fire-fighter elves will be visiting your neighborhood, go to www.vvfd.org.

Tiny Tots Concerts will be presented at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. December 3, and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. December 4 at James Madison High School. The Madison Wind Symphony and Color Guard will celebrate the season with Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, and other special guests. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 703-319-8897 or e-mail tinytots@jmhband.org.

Christmas trees – The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna's Christmas tree stand is open in the parking lot of the Maple Avenue (Giant) Shopping Center. Hours are 2 to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. The Vienna Host Lions Club is selling Christmas trees in the Walgreens (formerly Safeway) parking lot. Both the Lions and the Optimists donate all proceeds from Christmas tree sales to charitable and community service projects.

Pancake breakfast, sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) and Auxiliary, will be held on Saturday, December 5, from 8 a.m. to noon at the fire station, 400 Center St., S. The price for the menu of pancakes, bacon, sausage, and beverages is \$7 for adults, \$6 for senior citizens, \$5 for children age 12 and under, and free of charge for kids under 4. Tour the fire station and sit in the driver's seat of the fire engine and ambulance, and greet Santa when he arrives at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call 703-938-2678 or visit www.vvfd.org.

Vienna Choral Society will present "Hallelujah! A Christmas Concert," featuring Handel's *Messiah* and other seasonal favorites, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 5, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Tickets are \$18 for

adults and \$14 for seniors and children. At 4 p.m. Sunday, December 6, the group will present "Celebrate! Holiday Music for the Family" at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors, and free for children. Tickets are available online at viennachoralsociety.org or by calling 703-255-5508.

Living Nativity, featuring angels, kings, shepherds, and friendly farm animals will be presented on the grounds of Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W., at 6 p.m. Sunday, December 20. (In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the church's Worship Room.) Following the program, refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, call 703-281-4400 or visit www.vbc-va.org.

Food drive for CHO, sponsored by the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA), continues through December 31. Deposit non-perishable food items in the boxes at Town Hall, the Vienna Community Center, Freedom Bank, bikes@vienna, Vienna Rexall, Uniquities, and Vienna Presbyterian Church. In addition, Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins is a co-sponsor with NEVCA of the food drive for CHO at Patrick Henry Library. Be sure to check the expiration dates on donations!

Entertainment coupon books are available from Louise Archer Elementary School. Save at clothing and shoe stores, restaurants, book shops, pet stores, theaters, and more. Books cost \$30 each or two for \$50. To order, e-mail entertainmentbooks@louisearcherpta.org.

This month at Patrick Henry Library – Learn about online shopping sites to help you avoid the mall at 1 p.m. Tuesday, December 1. The Film Odyssey series features a French comedy/murder mystery at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 2. Kay Karim, author of the *Iraqi Family Cookbook, from Mosul to America*, will share stories and recipes at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 5. To register for these free programs and for more information, visit the library or call 703-938-0405.

"The Blessing of the Carols" will be presented at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 13, at Vienna Assembly of God, 100 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. People of all ages representing all the ministries of the church will participate in scripture readings, songs, and drama. For more information, call 703-938-7736 or visit www.viennaag.com.

Christmas Bazaar will be held at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., on Saturday, December 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will feature crafts, poinsettias, centerpieces, and wreaths plus a silent auction, baked goods, and lunch. For more information, call the church at 703-938-3494.

Holly & Ivy: A Christmas Marketplace will be open in the parish hall at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., December 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and December 6 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. For information, contact Patrice Roe at 703-896-7424 or development@olgcv.org.

Vienna Wireless Society, established in 1963 to foster and advance amateur radio in the Northern Virginia area, will meet December 11 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the library at Oakton High School. Enter through Door 2. You do not have to be a licensed ham radio operator to attend or participate in club activities. For more information, visit www.viennawireless.org or contact VWS president Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or W4JTP@parsonage.net.

Open house at the Vienna railroad station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., will be held on Saturday, December 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders invite the public to see an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

All-you-can-eat breakfast buffet at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., includes omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, sausage, bacon, biscuits and sausage gravy, potatoes, fruit and coffee. The buffet will be open on Sunday, December 20, from 8 a.m. to noon. The

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in October:

Dreamwork Consulting
consultant
311 Maple Ave., W. #J
703-608-1030

Bright Smile
pediatric dentistry
410 Pine St., S.E. #100
703-938-1415

Dogbrand
wholesale homemade dog treat
341 Lawyers Rd., N.W.
703-585-9242

Merassociates
consultant
336 Beulah Rd., N.E.
703-403-0418

Sionex Technologies
desktop & computer parts sales
117 Dogwood St., S.W.
540-424-8636

new ownership:
Bellini Salon
112 Pleasant St., S.W.
703-255-5580

Convenient Location & Friendly Service
DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN VIENNA
Support Our Hometown Merchants

Congratulations to the following business celebrating a milestone anniversary in December: 10 years – Bowman Gaskins Financial Group.

Nominate Your Favorite Business for Community Service Award

The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee invites nominations of businesses and business owners for the 2010 Carole Wolfand Community Service Award. The award is given each year to a town business entity or business owner in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

Anyone may submit a nomination. (No self-nominations will be considered.) The nominee must be a business entity or business owner located within the Vienna town limits. To nominate a business or business owner, please submit the following:

- Business name of nominee
- Business address of nominee
- Business phone number of nominee
- Description of contribution/action to be considered and why (200 words or less)
- Name, address and phone number of person making the nomination

Entries should be typed or legible and must be received by January 29 to be considered. Send to: Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Julia Haskins, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180. Nominations may also be faxed to 703-255-5729 or e-mailed to jhaskins@viennava.gov (put "TBLC award" in subject line).

HE'S COMIN' TO TOWN

Hear a message from Santa Claus especially for the children of Vienna beginning December 15 through Christmas Day on the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333.

Order Mulch Beginning Dec. 1

The Public Works Department will take orders December 1-February 28 for mulch to be delivered free of charge to town residents beginning in mid-January. To place your order, call the "Mulch Line" recording, 703-255-6388, and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, type of mulch desired (wood or leaf) and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be about the size of a VW Beetle, or 2-2.5 cubic yards. Half loads are available on request.

Please note the following important conditions:

- All mulch deliveries are based on availability of mulch.
- Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house.
- Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) from January 2 through March 30. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch & Wood Mulch."

Businesses, Non-profits May Order Mulch

Free mulch delivery is also available to all in-town businesses as well as churches, schools, fire station, library, and other non-profit organizations within the town limits. Call 703-255-6388 beginning December 1 to place an order. Please note the conditions outlined above, which also apply to non-residential deliveries.



NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENT

Open Mic Night is scheduled for Saturday, December 19, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge, and light refreshments will be provided. Do you sing? Play an instrument? Recite poetry? The program is open to all ages and levels of talent. Sign up to perform by calling Jim Dowell at 703-286-3427 (day) or 703-207-0030 (evening).

JUST FOR KIDS

The elves at the Community Center are busy again this year sending "Santa Grams" from the North Pole to Vienna children. To receive a message from Santa, kids should mail their wish lists to the Community Center by December 1. Moms and dads should be sure their children's full names and addresses including zip code are printed clearly on their letters.

Workshop with Splat, Abrakadoodle's Arty Dog, for ages 3-12 will be offered on Monday, December 14. Choose the 1-4 p.m. or the 4:30-7:30 p.m. session. Kids will design a unique holiday work of art while learning the concepts of printing, shape and color. The fee is \$40 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Holiday art camp for ages 3-6 will be held December 28-30 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Kids will create art using a variety of materials and techniques while learning about famous artists and world cultures. The fee is \$90 for town residents plus a \$20 materials fee.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Impending Disaster: The New Law of Wills and Trusts will be presented on Monday, December 14, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss

the changes in trust laws that will take effect on January 1, 2011, and how to keep the IRS from becoming your new beneficiary. Free of charge; no registration required.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Bingo tournament is scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, December 10. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Chocolate Covered Foodie Day begins at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 16. Experiment with foods to discover what tastes best dunked in chocolate.

Winter party will be held on Friday, December 18, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Enjoy music, dancing, food, games, and arts and crafts. Bring an old coat or jacket to donate to CHO (Committee for Helping Others).

UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Register now for the U.S. Army Band's holiday concert December 13 at Constitution Hall, the musical "Young Frankenstein" at the Kennedy Center January 9, and the Philadelphia Flower Show March 3.

POTPOURRI

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) will be offered this spring. MBSR is a deep relaxation experience aimed at improving health, self-esteem, and enjoyment of life. An overview of the MBSR program will be presented on Monday, December 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There is no fee, but registration is required. For more information about MBSR, visit www.umassmed.edu/cfm.

Tickets go on sale December 8 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the drama "Colder Than Here." Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. The show is scheduled January 22, 23, 29 and 30, and February 5 and 6 at 8 p.m., and January 31 at 2 p.m.



Members of Vienna's Writing Your Personal History class recently celebrated the group's 20th anniversary. Pictured left to right are James Merfa, Jack Murray, William and Ellie Wegener, Carlos Escobar, Isabel Kulski, Simin Redgali, Lewis and Joan Carr, program coordinator Cheryl Harlan, Ruth Durloo, Herman and Barbara Carter, Len Snyder (kneeling in front of the Carters), Betty Byrd, Jane MacDuff, Warren "Chug" Byrd, Patricia Lavey, Elizabeth Isham, Carola VanCleaf, Robert Rogers and Virginia Lapham.

Writing Group Celebrates 20th Year

Twenty-one members of Vienna's Writing Your Personal History class, sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, recently celebrated the group's 20th anniversary with a luncheon at Marco Polo restaurant. According to class member Beth Isham, "Only a few of the original members were able to attend the luncheon, but they had paved the way for a steady flow of new members to write and read their memoirs; to validate relationships, pleasures and inspirations; to examine burdens and relive joys."

Writing Your Personal History is an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories for themselves and future generations to enjoy. Original class member Herman Carter has served as class coordinator for several years. Class members select topics about which to write, and read their work to each other for supportive feedback. "Each reading is sort of a jigsaw puzzle piece to fit into the picture of 'Who am I?'" Isham said. "Stored-up memories open flood gates and unlatch doors that have been closed tightly for years. Each recollection of a member opens doors for other members."

The class meets every Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. throughout the year at the Vienna Community Center. The class is free of charge, but registration is required and the 30 class slots fill quickly. Registration will begin in February for the Spring/Summer 2010 session and for the Personal History Writing Symposium on May 6. For more information, call program coordinator Cheryl Harlan at 703-255-7801 or e-mail charlan@viennava.gov.

Register for Recreation Activities Online Without a Convenience Fee

WebTrac is the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department's online registration system. Go to the Parks and Recreation section of the Town Web site, www.viennava.gov, and click on the WebTrac icon. WebTrac is secured by Verisign-Thwart and your credit card information is not viewable by any outside parties. Best of all, as of the beginning of winter registration on November 2, convenience fee charges are no longer assessed for online credit card transactions!

Please Shovel Snow If Possible

This winter, residents who are physically able are requested to shovel snow from sidewalks next to their property for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. Although some jurisdictions in our area require residents to shovel sidewalks, the Town of Vienna has no such requirement, mainly because it would impose a hardship on elderly and disabled residents.

Vienna area teens are available to shovel snow and help with other odd jobs. The teen and the person needing the work decide on the amount to be paid for the service. Teens can sign up at the Community Center, and residents can call 703-255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots should make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. Also, it is illegal to block handicapped parking spaces with snow.

The Town/Business Liaison Committee presents awards to businesses and residents that do an excellent job in removing snow or help others in removing snow. To make a nomination or for more information, e-mail tblc@viennava.gov or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Spread Holiday Joy to Families in Need

More than 200 local families in need will have a merry Christmas thanks to the Committee for Helping Others and the generosity of Vienna residents. New toys for ages 1-12 and lightly used bikes in riding condition are welcome, as are gift cards for ages 13-18, food cards for the adults, and winter clothing for all ages, especially coats and jackets.

CHO needs volunteers to help set up at Vienna Presbyterian Church on Friday, December 11, and for gift distribution on Saturday, December 12.

For more information call Carolyn Mysel at the CHO phone number, 703-281-7614, box #1.

Halloween Parade Winners

The Town of Vienna and the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce have announced the winning entries in the 2009 Vienna Halloween Parade held October 28. Winners were recognized at the November 16 Town Council meeting.

Best in Show – Green Hedges School Jazz Band

Youth Band – 1st Place: George Marshall High School Marching Statesmen; 2nd Place: Swanson Middle School Pep Band

Adult Band – 1st Place: Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band; 2nd Place: Fairfax County Deputy Sheriff Coalition Pipes & Drum Band

Floats – 1st Place: Navy Federal Credit Union and Northwest Federal Credit Union (tie); 2nd Place: Epiphany United Methodist Church Youth Group; 3rd Place: Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and Montessori School of Oakton (tie)

Youth Performing Groups – 1st Place: Green Hedges School Jazz Band; 2nd Place: Cuppett Performing Arts Center and Enshin Karate (tie); 3rd Place: Vienna Dance Academy

Adult Performing Groups – 1st Place: Tinkus Tiataco USA; 2nd Place: Gotta-Swing Dancers; 3rd Place: Fairfax Chapter Harley Owners' Group

Antique Vehicles – 1st Place: Northern Virginia Corvette Club and Stalcup Hardware (tie); 2nd Place: National Capital Region Mustang Club; 3rd Place: Chuck Kunstbeck

Thanks to the following Halloween Parade sponsors for their generous contributions: Air Treatment Company, Navy Federal Credit Union, Cuppett Performing Arts, American Disposal Services, Palmer Care Chiropractic, Virginia Commerce Bank, Crystalake Engravers, Vienna Pediatric Dentistry, Hope Veterinarian Center.