

Taxes

Town Real Estate taxes were reduced this year. Town Personal Property taxes were eliminated and a more equitable Utilities tax was imposed.

Water rates to out-of-town consumers were lowered to a more reasonable rate, which, though still higher than in-town rates, is now comparable with County rates.

County Liaison

A joint committee, composed of three members each from the Town Council and the County Board of Supervisors, was appointed to meet and discuss the future government status of the County, and other mutual problems.

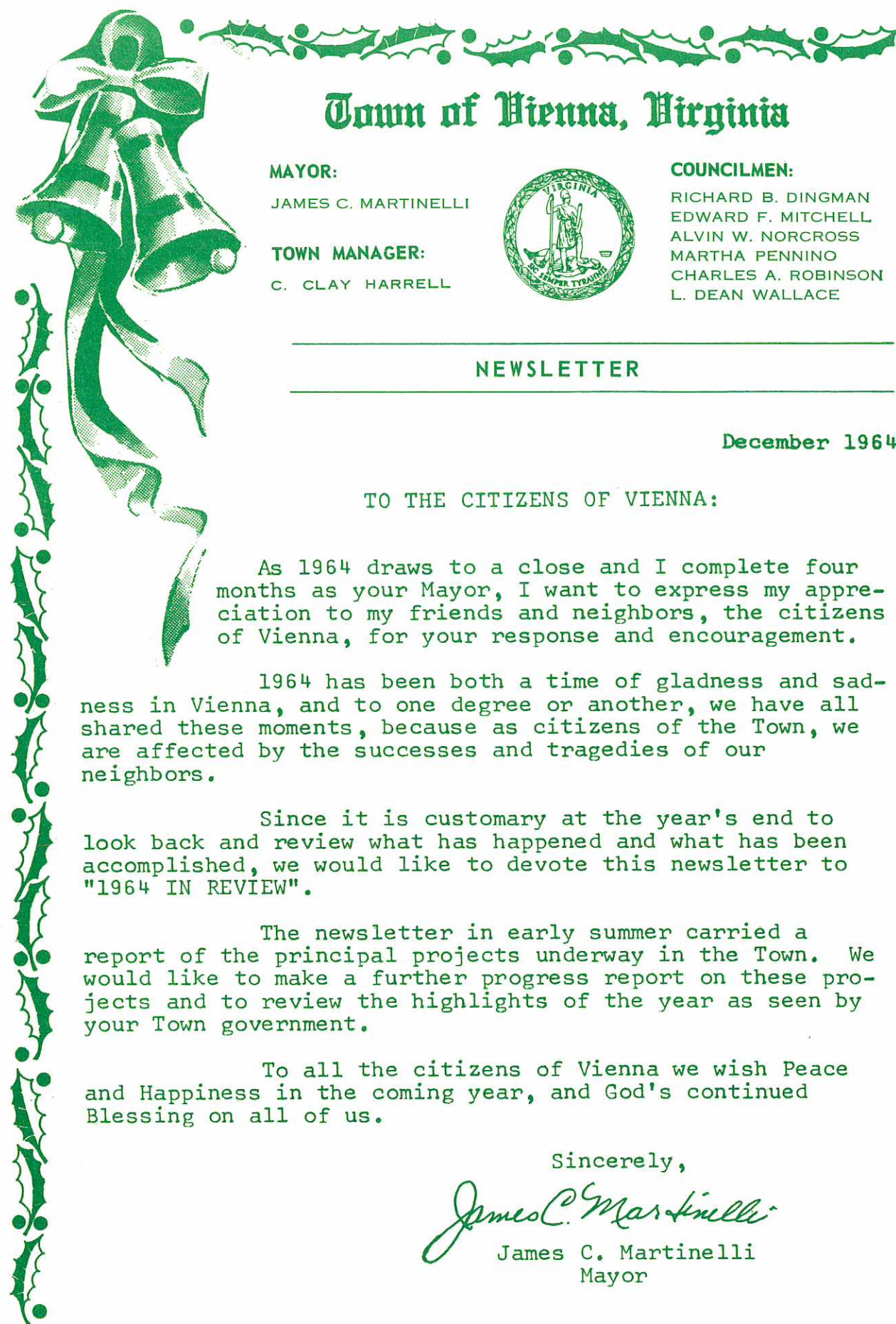
Library

Negotiations have been started to have a permanent County Branch Library built in Vienna.

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NEWSLETTER



Town of Vienna, Virginia

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NEWSLETTER

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TO THE CITIZENS OF VIENNA:

As 1964 draws to a close and I complete four months as your Mayor, I want to express my appreciation to my friends and neighbors, the citizens of Vienna, for your response and encouragement.

1964 has been both a time of gladness and sadness in Vienna, and to one degree or another, we have all shared these moments, because as citizens of the Town, we are affected by the successes and tragedies of our neighbors.

Since it is customary at the year's end to look back and review what has happened and what has been accomplished, we would like to devote this newsletter to "1964 IN REVIEW".

The newsletter in early summer carried a report of the principal projects underway in the Town. We would like to make a further progress report on these projects and to review the highlights of the year as seen by your Town government.

To all the citizens of Vienna we wish Peace and Happiness in the coming year, and God's continued Blessing on all of us.

Sincerely,

James C. Martinelli

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Mayor

Vienna Town Hall

This fine facility was dedicated on May 31 with Lieutenant Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. as the principal speaker. The building is becoming a center of community activities and the Town Council urges the community to use it at every opportunity.

Nutley Road Project

This road has been opened to traffic, though the final completion will be delayed until Spring.

Maple Avenue East

The Wolftrap bridge will be rebuilt and widened and the entire road rebuilt as a four lane road from Park Street to the Tysons Corner project. From Park Street to Follin Lane (an unopened street near the Country Club), the road will be divided by a painted median. From this point to the connection at the recently completed widening at Tysons Corner the median will be raised.

Maple Avenue West

The completion of Maple to the east will leave only one short section of two lane roadway on Maple Avenue. This is the section on the west end. Town officials are negotiating with the State on this section. No time schedules have been developed as yet.

Widening of Lawyers Road

This project is essentially complete. Only a little clean up remains to be done.

Widening of Courthouse Road

The Council is considering including with the widening of Courthouse Road the opening of Locust Street from Courthouse Road to Center Street, to ease the traffic congestion on Maple Avenue and to permit reaching the center of town without entering Maple Avenue. This program has been postponed until Spring.

Main Trunk Sewers

The Southside Plant has been taken out of service, and the Northside Plant will be closed down in early 1965 when the trunk sewer lines are completed.

Park Development

The abandonment of the treatment plants is going to open two new parks in Vienna. The southside park will contain over 13 acres. This will be primarily a neighborhood park. The northside park, however, will cover 35 acres and will be developed for Town-wide as well as area-wide usage.

Tree Planting

Money was appropriated in this year's budget for tree planting, and the beginnings of a program to beautify Vienna is in evidence along Maple Avenue with the planting of new trees.

New Town Charter

The new Town Charter was approved by the General Assembly in January and changed the form of government from the Mayor-Council, with optional Manager, to a full Council-Manager form. The principal effect was to relieve the Mayor of his administrative role, which was shared with the Town Manager, and allow him to devote his efforts to the role of leader in policy making. This form of government is better suited to a town as large as Vienna with a "part time" Council.

Human Rights and Community Relations Commission

After careful study, the Town Council established a 13 member commission on Human Rights and Community Relations, "to foster mutual understanding and respect among all groups in the Town"; and, "to promote improvement in any field of human relationships".

Public Safety Advisory Committee

Recognizing the need for a citizens group to study the many areas of public safety, the Council named a 7 member advisory committee to study and make recommendations to the Town Council in this area. The first notable accomplishment of the group was the Bicycle Safety Program which will be maintained as a continuing project under the Recreation Department.

Community Center

After a resurvey of Town owned property, and in an effort to concentrate civic functions in the center of town, the Council relocated the Community Center. The new location is adjacent to the Vienna Elementary School just off Park Street and south of the railroad. An operating agreement with the Community Center has been signed. Actual construction of this building will begin in January. The building should be completed by August 1965.

Master Plans

The Planning Commission has spent the year working on a proposed review of our Master Plan, as required by State laws. Many hearings have been held. Others will be held by both the Planning Commission and the Town Council.

Christmas Program

The first annual all community Christmas program was held in Town Hall on Friday, December 4. The Town Christmas lights were turned on the same night. This program is designed to recapture the spirit and the lasting values of the Christmas Season and to officially open the Season in Vienna.

Recreation

Though modest in scope, the Town has a recreation program which it has been adding to each year. A Recreation Advisory Committee was appointed to work with the Recreation Director to study present and future Town recreation needs.