

Year-End Beautification Awards

Fall quarter beautification awards will be presented to town businesses at the Vienna Chamber of Commerce quarterly dinner on December 9 at Westwood Country Club.

Winners in four categories of businesses—service stations, office buildings, food services and retail businesses—have been selected by a committee representing the Chamber, the town government and citizens. Businesses were judged in the areas of litter and weed control, painting and repairs, and landscaping. The quarterly competition is part of an ongoing program of litter control and beautification in Vienna's commercial areas.

Also on December 9, the "Best Looking Business for 1980" will be announced from among the spring, summer and fall quarterly winners.

Gardeners Make Town Bloom

Five Hills Garden Club members can be found pursuing goals of beautification through gardening. The location of Branch Road and Maple Avenue has seen a continuing effort by the club for some 13 years to make it attractive using shrubs and flowers.

The project began in 1967 with the cooperation of Vienna merchants. Town of Vienna personnel assisted in the construction of wooden planter boxes, which were placed in front of various businesses located in shopping centers around town. Maintenance was carried out by the club for many years.

The containers were later regrouped to reflect a more sophisticated and coordinated approach to beautification. The existing containers were repaired and assembled in five groupings along the green strip in the first block of Branch Road. A grouping at the far corner of what is now Dart Drug was also maintained by junior members of the club.

A bench was built by the 4H Club between the groupings to provide a place for shoppers to rest, and a group of Girl Scouts earned a proficiency badge by applying a wood stain to the planter boxes.

When the boxes began to show signs of wear, garden club member Mary Shonard took on the redesign of the plantings, aided by club civic chairman Ann Quinn and member Jenifer Pickett. The plan incorporates within an area delineated by wood timbers three white dogwoods and a variety of evergreens. White tulips and yellow trumpet daffodils have been planted to give a show of color next spring.

Dan Orlich, co-owner of the Danor Shopping Center, Giant Food Stores and the Town of Vienna contributed toward the purchase of the wood ties edging the plantings. The Merrifield Garden Center aided in the purchase of plants.

Get Involved in Beautification Plan

The Vienna-Oakton Welcome Wagon Club also has a project to beautify Maple Avenue and invites Vienna residents to become involved. The club has developed a plan for planting flowers, trees and shrubs in front of selected businesses. The project is under the direction of club president Marilyn Moser and the Welcome Wagon Civic Committee. Merchants, civic organizations and citizens who would like to contribute to this project may call 281-9725 or 938-5925.

Is Your Dog a Good Neighbor?

A barking dog can be very annoying to neighbors, especially early in the morning and late at night. Please try to keep your pet from making unnecessary noise. Just a word from his master is often enough to quiet a dog.

December Calendar



- 1 – Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.) Roller skating at the Community Center for ages 6-13, 2-3:30 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m. Skating continues every Monday through March.
- 2 – Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 3 – Newspaper Pickup Day. Hanukkah.
- 6 – Vienna Light Opera Company presents "Amahl and the Night Visitors" at Oakton High School, 2 and 7:30 p.m.
- 7 – Town Christmas Program, 4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 9 – Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 10 – Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 13 – "Ride Free Day" on the Jitneybus, sponsored by Vienna Rotary.
- 15 – Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 17 – Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pickup Day.
- 18 – Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 19 – Teen concert at the Community Center, 8-11 p.m.
- 24 – Christmas Eve. Town Hall closes at noon. Planning Commission meeting canceled.
- 25-26 – Town Hall closed for Christmas holiday. No trash pickup. Jitneybus will not be in operation Christmas Day.
- 30 – Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.



Listen to a message from Santa especially for the children of Vienna, beginning December 15 through Christmas Day, on the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499.

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Town Christmas Program

Sunday, December 7 4 p.m.

Vienna Community Center

- Invocation – Rev. H. H. Sembower
- Welcome – Councilman Ray Hicks
- Music – Vienna Elementary School chorus
Laurie Barber, Director
- Nativity Scene – Vienna Community Center Pre-School
Jane Seeman, Instructor
- Music – Vienna Community Band
Geoffrey Seffens, Director
- Christmas Message – Rev. H. H. Sembower
- Music – Vienna Falls Sweet Adelines
- Remarks – Mayor Charles Robinson
- Benediction – Rev. H. H. Sembower

Santa Claus



Town Hall Will Be Closed for the Christmas Holidays

From Noon Wednesday, December 24,

Through Friday, December 26.

There will Be No Trash Pickup December 25 & 26.



Ride Jitney Free December 13

The Vienna Rotary Club will sponsor a "Ride Free Day" on the Vienna-Oakton-Tysons Corner Jitneybus on Saturday, December 13. On that day, citizens of the Vienna-Oakton community may ride anywhere along the 17-mile Jitneybus system without paying the usual 50¢ fare.

The Rotary Club has made a contribution to the Fairfax County Office of Transportation to cover the normal daily farebox receipts from the two buses on the Ride Free Day. The club's payment has been made to help promote increased ridership on the Jitneybus. The Rotary Club is the first men's service club in the area to sponsor a Ride Free Day in the hope of ensuring the success of this transportation project. The Jitneybus is a one-year demonstration project, and its operation in future years will depend on ridership in its first year.

The Jitneybus is a combined effort of Fairfax County, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Town of Vienna, and is operated by Assist, Inc. The project is designed to provide mobility to those without private transportation, reduce traffic congestion, produce a cleaner environment and support the local business community.

Light Opera Presents "Amahl"

The one-act Christmas opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" by Menotti, will be presented by the Vienna Light Opera Company on Saturday, December 6, in the Oakton High School auditorium. Performances are at 2 and 7:30 p.m.

As a highlight of this holiday presentation, the audience will be invited to join in carol singing. And as a special treat for the young of all ages, the Vienna Light Opera Company chorus and orchestra will perform "Twas the Night Before Christmas," popularized by Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians.

The Vienna Light Opera Company, now in its fifth season, boasts a strong group of soloists supported by a choir, chamber ballet ensemble, orchestra and scenery. The fully-staged opera is produced and directed by Dagmar White and conducted by Dr. Stephen Prussing. The role of Amahl will be sung by Peter McCabe of the National Cathedral Boys' Choir.

Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for senior citizens and students. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Community Center or at the door at the time of the performance. Group rates are also available for 15 or more persons. For more information, call 281-2570.

Lions Sell Christmas Trees

Beginning December 6, the Vienna (Host) Lions will be selling Christmas trees at the Southern States lot, corner of Maple Avenue and Park Street. Norway spruce and blue spruce will be available at \$17 for any size (including tax), with trees running up to 15 feet tall. Wreaths, holly and mistletoe will also be on sale.

All money raised from Christmas tree sales goes to support Vienna community activities and eyesight conservation work. Last year, the Lions provided raincoats to all Vienna school patrols, and contributed to Vienna park projects, school safety activities and help for the needy and sports projects in Vienna.

Have a Safe, Happy Holiday

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department wishes all the citizens of Vienna a happy holiday season. This is a time for happiness, with family gatherings, parties, dances and other social events. But happiness can suddenly turn to tragedy when accidents happen. Make your holiday a safe one.

Be careful with Christmas decorations and candles. Be sure Christmas lights are not faulty, and don't leave burning candles unattended. Keep your Christmas tree in a container with water to keep it from drying out. Do not burn gift wrappings in your fireplace.

Drive carefully and don't mix drinking with driving. There is always an increase in auto accidents during the holidays and you have to watch out for the other driver.

A happy holiday season for VVFD would be no fire calls and no ambulance calls. Won't you help?

EMERGENCY CALLS

	June	July	August	September	October
Fire	103	118	107	80	110
Medic Unit	169	128	137	134	152
Ambulance	65	67	52	56	51
Total	337	313	296	270	313

Water Rates Reviewed Often To Ensure Adequate Funds

By B. H. Bentley
Town Manager

The rates customers pay for water and for sewage treatment were increased early in August of this year in an effort to abate the continued deficit experienced in the Water and Sewer Fund. While there have been a few complaints, the majority of opinions voiced have indicated the willingness of our citizens to bring the fund up to proper "pay as we go" standards. The rate increase was the topic of several public hearings by the Town Council after publications in the June and July Town Newsletters.

Increasing the rates is expected to generate the revenue necessary to pay the cost of the following:

- purchase of water and distribution to customers;
- maintenance of storage facilities and water mains;
- equipment repair and replacement (meters, valves, vehicles, etc.);
- personnel salaries and benefits;
- maintenance of sewer lines (a continuous process);
- cost of sewage treatment at the two treatment plants that receive our sewage; and
- cost of debt service for current bonded indebtedness.

One of the duties of the Town Manager is to continuously review and analyze the rate structure to ensure that the Water and Sewer Fund can meet the obligations placed upon it as mentioned above. The review and analysis must work both ways, however. Should the revenue produced by current rates exceed the amount necessary to maintain a balanced fund, then the rates must be reduced accordingly. The review and analysis is done on a fiscal quarterly basis, and data for our first fiscal quarter (July-August-September) have been compiled. Keep in mind that the higher rates were only in effect for two of the three months, and that only four of the six total billing cycles were billed during this period.

Records indicate that total bills increased from the same period last year by 15.19%. There was an increase in water revenues of 25.44% and in sewer revenues of 6.89% over the same period a year ago.

By projecting our first quarter revenues, it appears that we will be able to meet our obligations, but it should be noted that July through September were unusually dry months, when consumption tends to peak. An analysis of our second quarter experience should give us a more accurate indication and portend the success of the fund. The analysis will continue to ensure that we pay only what is necessary to keep the fund in sound financial condition.



Results of Town Council's October 20, 1980, Meeting

* Commended Mrs. Nancy Brown for her service to the community through Historic Vienna, Inc.

* Adopted an ordinance to regulate itinerant dealers in precious metals and jewels. Set the daily license fee for such dealers at \$500.

* Denied the request of Vienna Fuel Co. for delay of payment or renegotiation of its agreement with the Town.

* Took no action concerning problems between Vienna Commons Civic Association and the Eiks Lodge, but urged both parties to try to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of their problems.

- * Released the \$5,000 bond for Somerset Joint Venture Subdivision.
- * Adopted an ordinance removing churches and other places of worship from permitted uses in residential zones and adding them under conditional uses.
- * Adopted an ordinance relative to erosion and siltation control.
- * Adopted an ordinance relative to cable television.
- * Voted to participate with Falls Church in the cost of a water main extension, at least 100 feet of pipe stubbed off for Town use, at an estimated cost of \$8,000 from the water and sewer construction fund.
- * Authorized a proclamation in support of the release of the U.S. hostages in Iran, on the anniversary of their captivity.

Winter/Spring Rec Program

The Department of Parks and Recreation Winter/Spring programs will be available at the end of December. Classes start in January and include gymnastics, art, pottery, Chinese cooking (including an evening Chinese cooking class for men), exercise programs, photography and many other classes for adults and children. Registration begins at the Community Center January 5.

The Recreation Department's teaching tennis pro, Rick Johnson, is now offering indoor instruction at the Metropolitan Tennis Club. Rick has several instructional programs available for Vienna residents, who will receive reduced court and program costs. Call Rick Johnson at 560-2227 for more information.



Do your Christmas shopping at home; support our Vienna merchants. Sales-related taxes help defray the cost of local government in Vienna.



James Madison Band Honored

There are over 31,000 high schools in the U.S. Over 500 of them applied to be invited to perform this month at the Mid-West National Band Clinic. Only five bands earned an invitation, and Vienna's James Madison Symphonic Band was one of them.

This event, the highest honor that can be given a high school band, is held in Chicago with an audience of music educators, composers and conductors.

Such a trip, in addition to the time and practice required in preparation, is also a large expense for the students. Town residents and merchants who wish to contribute to the band's travel fund may send their checks to Mr. Ray Schmidt, Treasurer, James Madison Band Parents, 2419 Rocky Branch Rd., Vienna, Va. 22180.

Christmas Greens Exhibition

"Christmas Carols" is the title of the 26th Christmas Greens Exhibition December 2-7 at the U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory, Maryland Avenue and First Street, S.W., in Washington, D.C.

The exhibition is sponsored by the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs, and members from Vienna, McLean and Falls Church will be among those entering exhibits in this non-competitive show.

The show is open to the public free of charge from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Demonstrations of how to make holiday decorations will be given by members of the Council of Accredited Flower Show Judges at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. December 2-6.