

911 Comes to No. Va. . . . . (continued from front page)

immediate medical treatment or fire suppression action.

The inauguration of 911 on December 15 was the result of many months of negotiation and planning among Northern Virginia local governments and with the C&P Telephone Company. The Northern Virginia Planning District Commission coordinated the regional planning effort to implement the 911 system.

### Agreement on "Basic" 911 Came Last Fall

Agreement among Northern Virginia jurisdictions to go forward with C&P's "basic" 911 system came last fall. The Town of Vienna reluctantly agreed to join its neighbors in the regional system, although the Town Council and the Vienna Police Department continued to express concern about the transfer problems that might occur under basic 911.

Agreement on a service contract with C&P, replacing a telephone company tariff ruled unenforceable by the State Corporation Commission in early February, was reached in July. Equipment installation was accomplished in early October, allowing time for equipment testing and operator training before startup.

The cost of the 911 system will be borne by Arlington, Fairfax and Loudoun Counties and the City of Alexandria. First-year installation and operating costs will amount to about \$150,000.

Use of 911 in the U.S. began in 1968, when the President's Commission on Law Enforcement proposed a common emergency number and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company reserved the three digits 911 for that purpose. Currently, about one-third of the nation is served by 911 systems.

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**JANUARY 2 & 3, 1982    COMMUNITY CENTER**

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### New Lacrosse Club Forming for Youngsters 10-15

A new Lacrosse Club is being formed for Vienna area youngsters. Boys and girls from 10 to 15 years old are encouraged to become charter members, even if they lack experience. Registration will be held and a movie shown at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. January 9 and January 30. Equipment donations and coaches are also needed. For information, call Alex Morris at 281-4254 or Walt Costello at 255-2369.

# January Calendar



- 1 - New Year's Day. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 2-3 - Musicale at the Community Center, 7:30 p.m. each evening. Admission \$2.00 adults, \$1.50 students.
- 4 - Registration begins for winter/spring classes at the Community Center. Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Meeting will include a public hearing on a proposed flood plain management ordinance. (Call the Vienna Newslite, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 5 - Pre-budget public hearing, 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Historic Window Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 6 - Newspaper pickup day.
- 9 - Vienna Youth Soccer registration at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 13 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 15 - Hang glide ground school at the Community Center, 6 p.m. \$10 fee.
- 17 - Family roller skating at the Community Center, 2-4 p.m. Admission 50¢, skate rental 25¢.
- 18 - Lee-Jackson Day. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 20 - Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper pickup day.
- 21 - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 23-24 - Coin & stamp show at the Community Center, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- 25 - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newslite, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for update on agenda items.)
- 26 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 27 - Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 30 - Little League and Babe Ruth registration, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Vienna Youth Soccer registration, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 31 - Little League and Babe Ruth registration at the Community Center, 1-4 p.m.

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## Second Pre-Budget Hearing

The Town Manager will convene the second of two pre-budget public hearings on Tuesday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. All residents and members of the town's business community are encouraged to attend this hearing and express their opinions on what items and services should be given priority in the Town's fiscal year 1982-83 budget.

At this hearing, the Town Manager will also accept any requests from local groups and organizations for donations from the Town. These requests should be accompanied by a written request and a copy of the organization's budget (including a breakdown of how many members are residents of Vienna and a list of all revenue sources).

**Town Hall will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1, and on Lee-Jackson Day, January 18. There will be no trash pickup on those days.**

## 911 Comes to No. Va.

### For Best Police Emergency Service, Call 938-4900

All Northern Virginia residents can now summon emergency assistance by dialing 911. Enclosed in this Newsletter is a brochure explaining how the 911 system works and when it should be used.

Town of Vienna residents should dial 911 for emergency fire and rescue services only. 911 may be used for police emergencies; however, for more efficient handling of calls and faster response time, town residents are encouraged to continue to call the Vienna Police at 938-4900.

The Vienna Police Department does not have the equipment necessary to receive directly 911 calls placed within the town limits. These calls are answered by a dispatcher at the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Center.

### 911 Police Calls Must Be Transferred

Once it is determined that the caller is in Vienna and needs emergency police assistance, the call is then transferred to the Vienna Police for action. Because of the potential for misdirected transfers, delays, cutoffs and other problems in the transfer process, citizens should call 938-4900 for all police services.

It is essential that the use of 911 be limited to real emergencies such as house fires, heart attacks, serious injuries and similar incidents requiring

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## Comment from the Council Table:

# Can It Really Be 1982?

By Charles A. Robinson, Jr.  
Mayor of Vienna

My gosh, I say to myself, it simply cannot be 1982 already. Of course, I know full well it is 1982. I also know that somehow we have made it through 1981. Moreover, while not even the smartest people in Town can forecast what the next twelve months hold in store, I strongly suspect that there will be more than enough challenges to accommodate even the most aggressive achievers in the community, and hopefully even a few opportunities for those of us who recognize our shortcomings to do a little something worthwhile.

The Christmas-Hanukkah-New Year winter holiday season is celebrated throughout virtually the entire world as a time for religious worship and for rededication of our lives to the Judaic-Christian principles of human behavior without which civilized society could not exist. It is also a time for relishing the material productivity which in major measure has been brought forth through the application of these principles; getting together with family and friends, exchanging gifts, enjoying good food and drink and, in general, celebrating the joy of living.

For me, and I believe for lots of other folks as well, the holidays also induce periods of thoughtful introspection. Where have our lives taken us? What, if anything, worthwhile have we accomplished? What have we done to make the lives of others a bit happier? And, most of all, what does the future hold for us? Where are we headed as individuals, as families, as a community and as a sovereign nation?

Notwithstanding some big problems, America, in my judgment, is still the greatest country in the world. We possess and have made good use of a great bounty of natural resources. While the people of other nations struggle for enough food to remain alive, many Americans spend millions of dollars annually to counteract the effects of overeating. Most of us enjoy a level of housing, clothing and health care at which the people of other nations can only marvel.

As individuals, we are afforded more legally protected and legally enforceable rights to enjoy private property, speak our minds, practice the religion of our choice and be free of government oppression than any other people anywhere.

Perhaps the very best evidence of our country's standing is the unending search by men and women in every corner of the globe for a chance to become part of us, a chance to share in our vast bounty of personal freedoms, material wealth and enormous opportunity. These people endure the severest kind of personal privation and degradation just to get in at the bottom of our system.

As I perceive it, those of us who live in Vienna and communities like Vienna are particularly fortunate in the overall scheme of human destiny. Certainly, we suffer personal losses and financial reverses. We have more crime than we like. Some of us are not as vigorous or physically strong as we once were, and maybe the kids have not grown up as we planned. In all honesty,



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however, people in our Town, on the average, have a great deal to be thankful for during this holiday. Indeed, in most instances, the Lord has been very generous with us. And, really, we ought to be continuously conscious of how well situated we are and look forward to 1982 as another year full of opportunity, a chance to advance toward our personal goals, a chance to build our family ties, a chance to work together improving our community, a chance to exercise compassion, understanding, tolerance, forbearance and integrity in our personal relationships and, above all, a chance to thank God for how fortunate we really are.

As a Town, Vienna faces some tough decisions in 1982. Our ability to grow is limited. And, while this ameliorates the problems associated with growth, it also curtails sources of revenue required to finance municipal services. The Town budget process is likely to become progressively more difficult. We have some hard land use decisions to make and some complex planning for the advent of Metrorail at Nutley Road (now scheduled mid-1986). On the bright side, we have an enormously well informed electorate, a well above average income level, a fantastic spirit of volunteerism and a willingness of our people and organizations to work for the betterment of our Town, and a worldwide reputation for being an outstanding place to live. These are some of the things for which your Mayor and Council members continue to be so grateful.

Vienna is truly a Town of which we can all be proud. Those of us who get around the country some always tend to compare Vienna with our impressions of other similar communities. And every time we return home, we realize what a great Town we have. It really is 1982, and, despite the obvious problems, we are grateful for the fine community we have, and we are full of hope that its future will be bright.

From all of us at Town Hall to all of you, our sincere best wishes that each of you may enjoy good health and solve many problems throughout 1982.

## Mayor Named Honorary Chairman of "Get Out for Vienna" Walkathon

The Vienna Jaycees have named Mayor Charles Robinson the honorary chairman of their "Get Out for Vienna" walk-a-thon to be held on April 25. The Jaycees hope to raise \$50,000 through this project, with all funds to be used to benefit the Town of Vienna.

The Jaycees are asking town residents and organizations to assist them in planning and staging the walk-a-thon. In addition, the Jaycees request your ideas on how the proceeds should be used to benefit the citizens of Vienna. For information, call Bob Mennonna, project chairman, at 527-2245.



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## Protect Pets This Winter

Your Town Animal Warden reminds you that winter can be deadly for pets. If the thermometer reads 10 F and the wind is blowing at 30 mph, a windchill factor of -33 F exists. This is one reason why it is so important that a pet have proper shelter during winter.

A dog that is not kept indoors overnight should have a well-built doghouse. It should face away from the north, be raised six inches off the ground and be insulated. (Thick newspapers nailed to the walls and floor work well.) It should be large enough for the dog to stand erect and lie down in a natural position, yet small enough to retain the dog's natural body heat. The roof should be slanted and a rug or piece of burlap placed over the door opening. Plans for "The Well Built Doghouse" are available at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Cats are house pets. They should be kept indoors or at least in a heated garage. To save a life, give the hood of your car a slap before starting it to scare out any cat that has cuddled up near the engine for its leftover warmth.

Puppies and indoor dogs, that shed their undercoats, should never be made to stay outside in the cold for very long. Sweaters provide small or very short-haired dogs with the extra protection from the cold they need on their walks. Watch for sudden frostbite, especially on the ears and tail.

**SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE!**

HANG GLIDE GROUND SCHOOL      Vienna Community Center

January 15, 1982    6:00 p.m.    \$10 fee

For information, call 938-8000, ext. 277.



## Is Your Garbage Hazardous?

Within the past few months, a number of the Town's sanitation employees have been injured on the job as a result of:

- Excessively heavy trash containers;
- Discarded building material (sawdust, bricks, sand, cement, etc.);
- Discarded corrosive and chemical substances;
- Boxes and cans containing large amounts of glass (broken or intact).

You can be of great help to these employees, who perform a necessary service for town residents, by marking containers of dangerous material placed out for disposal, by dividing up your refuse so that cans are not of excessive weight and by separating building material refuse from normal garbage.

Please help Town employees by thinking about the refuse you put out for collection and doing whatever is necessary to inform them of any hazards presented by that refuse.

### Christmas Tree Pickup Underway

Town residents may put their Christmas trees at the curbside for pickup by Public Works crews. Pickups will be made periodically as trees are set out. Please keep Christmas trees separate from regular trash.