

January 1983



VIENNA NEWSLETTER

January Calendar

- 1 — NEW YEAR'S DAY. NO TRASH PICKUP.
- 3 — Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.) Registration underway for winter/spring classes sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation. Call 938-8000, ext. 277 for information.
- 4 — Town Manager's pre-budget public hearing, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Historic Windover Board of Review meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 5 — NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY.
- 11 — Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 12 — Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 15 — Lacrosse registration for ages 10 through 18 at the Vienna Community & 30 Center. For information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 938-8000, ext. 277.
- 17 — LEE-JACKSON DAY. Town Hall closed. NO TRASH PICKUP
- 19 — Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY.
- 20 — Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 22-25 — Coin and Stamp Show at the Vienna Community Center. Call 938-8000, ext. 277 for information.
- 24 — Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.) One-day ski trip to Massanutten sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation. For registration information, call 938-8000, ext. 277.
- 25 — Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 26 — Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 29-30 — Mattotoni Kennel Club Show at the Vienna Community Center. Call 938-8000, ext. 277 for information. Little League Registration at the Vienna Community Center, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday.

Fitness Trail

A new Gamefield Fitness Course is now open for public use along the W&OD Trail near the Vienna Community Center.

A number of local organizations and businesses contributed to making this gamefield project possible. The Vienna Jaycees not only made a large cash donation but also provided the manpower to install most of the equipment. The Vienna Jaycee Women; Ayr Hill Lions Club; Vienna Optimists; Vienna Woman's Club; the law firm of Curtin, Nolan and Gallagher; as well as one town resident, Richard Lay, all contributed funds to help purchase the gamefield equipment. Materials for installation were donated by Virginia Concrete and Byrum Tree Service.

The 15-station exercise course is designed to provide warm-up exercises, mild strengthening and conditioning activities, followed by a cool-down period. Instructions are posted at each station to guide users through the exercises.

For additional information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 938-8000, ext. 277.

Neighborhood Watch Program Expanding Throughout Vienna

More and more town residents are becoming involved in neighborhood watch programs to help deter home burglaries, vandalism and other crimes.

The first neighborhood watch in Vienna was started in 1980 by the Malcolm-Windover Civic Association. Since then, four other neighborhood groups have formed watches, which have been successful in reducing crime.

from 31 to 13. grand larcenies from 45 to 20 and petit larcenies from 102 to 54.

The active involvement of citizens in safeguarding their homes "hardens" an area against crime and causes burglars and other criminals to seek easier targets elsewhere.

Does your neighborhood have a watch program? If not, please contact Officer Johnny Price at the Vienna Police Department, 938-4900, for information about organizing a neighborhood watch.



Signs posted on neighborhood streets and citizen patrols provide highly visible warnings to law breakers. In addition, all citizens in these areas become more aware of and more willing to report suspicious activities.

Neighborhood watch members do not attempt to conduct investigations or confront suspicious persons. Their purpose is solely to supplement regular police patrols by spotting and reporting possible criminal activity.

Police statistics show that in areas where neighborhood watches have been instituted crime has, indeed, been reduced. A comparison of figures from 1981 and 1982 shows that in one of the watch areas crime was cut almost in half. Burglaries went down

Town Hall will be closed on New Year's Eve, December 31, and on Lee-Jackson Day, January 17. No trash pickup on those days and on New Year's Day, January 1.

Free Leaf Mulch

Again this year, the Vienna Department of Public Works will deliver leaf mulch free of charge to any residence within the town limits during January, February and March, weather permitting.

The minimum delivery is a dump truck load. To arrange for a delivery, call the Public Works Department at 938-8000, ext. 241.

Residents may also pick up mulch in any amount year round Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Southside Park.

1983-84 Budget Process Begins

Representatives of local non-profit organizations are reminded of the Town Manager's pre-budget public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, January 4, at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

At the hearing, the Town Manager will accept requests from organizations seeking donations of Town funds during the next fiscal year. Requests must be made in writing and include a copy of the organization's budget, an up-to-date financial report listing all sources of revenue and a breakdown of how many members are Vienna residents.

All citizens and representatives of the town's business community are also encouraged to attend the hearing and give the Town Manager their views on what items should be given priority as he prepares the 1983-84 Town budget.

Council to Open Cable TV Bids

At its January 3 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing to receive bids for Vienna's cable television franchise. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

(This hearing was originally scheduled for November 8, but had to be postponed due to legal advertising requirements.)

At the hearing, the Mayor will open all bids submitted and turn them over to the Town staff for review. Franchise applicants must meet the requirements of the Town's cable TV ordinance and Fairfax County's Request for Proposals on cable TV.

Special Rec Activities

Women of all ages can get a fresh start for the new year at "Me for a Change" Thursday, January 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Pamper yourself with a day devoted totally to you.

The program will introduce you to a variety of exercise techniques — jazzercise, aerobics, slimnastics and yoga.

Participants will also receive hair styling advice, a complete new makeup and tips on using fashion styles and accessories to flatter particular body types.

The \$11 fee includes lunch and a souvenir T-shirt. To register, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 938-8000, ext. 277.

Vienna Parks and Recreation will sponsor a one-day trip to the Massanutten ski resort on Monday, January 24. Buses will leave the Vienna Community Center at 6 a.m. and return at 7 p.m.

The \$42 fee includes transportation, lift ticket and ski equipment rental. (Skiers with their own equipment may deduct \$8 from the fee.) All beginners must take a group ski lesson at an additional cost of \$8.

To register for the trip, call 938-8000, ext. 277.

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Comment from the Council Table

Did You Know ?

By Donald E. Upchurch, Vienna Town Councilman

We all remember two years ago when census takers were making their rounds here in Vienna to collect data for the 1980 census. All of this personal information about us, our families, housing, income, background and the like has now been processed and different parts of it have been released. I would point out that absolutely no names were released, in accordance with long-standing census policy.

I would like to share with you some of these highlights about ourselves.

The population in Vienna in 1980 was 15,469 persons, about a 2,000 drop from the 1970 census. Females numbered approximately 7,800 compared to 7,700 males. The median age for the ladies of our Town was 34 years and 32 years for the males.

The census shows that there are 1,550 persons age 60 or over. Nine hundred of these were 65 or more. And we had among us 72 seniors of 84 years or more. Fifty-five of these were ladies; only 17 were men. No wonder we have such strong senior citizen activity in our Town. Have you senior club organizers contacted all of these folk?

We have here in Vienna nearly 5,100 households with approximately 1,000 of these renter occupied. There were 14,200 living in 4,300 family households while 1,200 resided in 840 nonfamily households.

The median value of owner-occupied housing was \$86,500. The median contract rent of the 1,000 rentals was \$326. Some 2,600 persons lived in rental housing in 1980. The median household income was \$32,000 while the median family income was nearly \$34,000.

In 3,000 families, there were two or more workers according to the census, with about 1,100 families with just one worker, and 200 families with no workers. The median individual income was \$12,600.

Of those employed, 4,200 worked in Fairfax County with 3,900 employed outside the County. Surprising to me, some 1,700 had jobs within the Town of Vienna with approximately 1,500 holding jobs in Washington.

The government (federal, state or local) was the employer of some 2,500 persons with 5,400 privately employed and 400 self-employed.

All varieties of occupations are found among our residents. There were 4,500 persons employed about equally in three occupations: managerial; professional; and admin-



Councilman Upchurch

istrative support. But sales, service occupations, repair and crafts boasted respectable totals as well.

We are still in love with the automobile. Witness Maple Avenue during the rush hour. Some 7,300 of us drive to work either alone or in a carpool. Carpools claim some 2,000 workers. Only 400 relied on public transportation! I wonder what effect the Metrorail will have on these figures when it comes to Vienna in a few years.

In 1,200 homes the residents managed with only one vehicle, while 3,700 houses boasted two or more vehicles.

About 3,800 homes use natural gas as the heating fuel with about 550 depending on electricity and 700 using oil or kerosene.

A few homes (26) have no telephones, but I was pleased to notice that all of our householders 65 years or older have telephones.

I always felt that we had a fairly high educational level among our Town residents. The census data bear this out. Of approximately 9,500 persons over the age of 25, about 3,200 (one-third) have four years of college or more.

Believe it or not nearly 4,500 persons of our total residents were born in Virginia. About 9,300 were born elsewhere in the United States, with some 1,700 born overseas. Many of us were under the impression that nearly all of us came from outside the state.

But our Town residents do indeed frequently move. Only 8,700 were living in 1980 in the same house as they were in 1975. About 6,100 of the 1980 residents were living elsewhere in 1975.

It is difficult to draw conclusions from all these numbers, and I must say my own mind is still open as to their real meaning. We are different in many ways. Our backgrounds, occupations and incomes may differ but I do believe that most of us share a common desire to keep and improve the community spirit that makes Vienna a fine place in which to live.

Anyone interested in other census reports may contact me. Happy New Year to all!

Rabies Shots Required for Cats

Because of the current rabies epidemic in Northern Virginia, the Town Council has adopted an emergency ordinance requiring all cats over six months old to be vaccinated against rabies. The increasing incidence of rabies in wild animals has caused concern about the potential for rabies to spread to the domestic cat population.

The ordinance was enacted December 6 on an emergency basis for a 30-day period and is scheduled for regular adoption at the January 3 Council meeting.

A Fairfax-Falls Church Health District position paper favoring the immunization of cats for rabies states that Virginia is experiencing the largest number of reported cases of animal rabies since record keeping began in 1942. Since mid-1981, when the current outbreak began, 18 counties have reported cases of raccoon and/or skunk rabies.

In contrast to the rural focus of the outbreaks that occurred in the 1960's and 1970's, the current rabies epidemic is located in more urbanized areas. Raccoons account for nearly 90% of the reported cases of rabies in the current outbreak.

Rabies is a fatal disease in humans once infection has occurred. Despite having an effective post-exposure treatment and despite the fact that a human rabies case has not occurred in Virginia since 1953, Northern Virginia residents remain extremely vulnerable. There is no effective method known for controlling the spread of rabies in wild animals. Therefore, rabies control efforts must focus on preventing human rabies cases by minimizing exposure to the disease.

The effort to limit exposure has two components. First, all individuals should be discouraged from keeping wild animals as pets and should avoid contact with all wild animals. The second, and most important, means of preventing human exposure to rabies is the vaccination of household pets to provide a "barrier" between infected wild animals and humans. Rabies experts believe that human

cases of rabies are most likely to occur indirectly through pets rather than through an untreated bite by a wild animal.

The widespread vaccination of dogs against rabies, beginning in the U.S. in the 1950's, has resulted in a dramatic decrease in the number of human rabies so that today there are fewer than five cases reported annually. Since 1980, there have been two rabid dogs and 11 rabid cats in Virginia, one of the cats in Fairfax County. All of the cases have occurred in localities experiencing the recent increase in wildlife rabies. Thus, the risk exists for human exposure to the disease through unvaccinated pets. Historically, cats have ranked second only to dogs as a transmitter of rabies to man in the U.S.

All cat owners in Vienna are urged to have their pets vaccinated against rabies as soon as possible to comply with the law and to protect themselves and their cats.

Does Your Dog Have a 1983 Tag?

All dogs over six months old must also be vaccinated against rabies and must be licensed annually. If your dog is not wearing a 1983 Town tag, please obtain one as soon as possible.

There is no penalty for late purchase; however, you may be fined if your dog is found without a current tag. Also, a current tag can help identify your dog if he is lost.

Tags cost \$5 each and will be sold only upon presentation of a current rabies vaccination certificate. You may purchase tags in person at Town Hall or by mail. For information, call the Finance Department at 938-8000, ext. 221.

Good dogs are good citizens. Please be considerate of your neighbors and don't walk your dog or let him run loose on other people's property.

Vaccination Clinic At Animal Shelter

A special rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on Sunday, January 9, from 1 to 5 p.m.

Vaccinations for dogs a year old and over cost \$6 and give protection from rabies for three years. For dogs under a year old and for all cats the cost is \$4 for a rabies vaccination good for one year.

The Animal Shelter is located at 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax, phone 830-1100.

Class Registration Is Now Underway

Registration is now underway for winter/spring classes sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. Class brochures containing registration forms have been mailed to all town residences, and brochures are also available at Town Hall, the Vienna Community Center and Patrick Henry Library.

Classes include art, crafts, dance, cooking, tennis and other favorites, plus special interest courses such as amateur radio, photography and dog obedience.

Gift certificates are available for recreation classes. For information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 938-8000, ext. 277.

Please Shovel Snow If Possible

In case of snow, residents and businesses are requested to shovel the sidewalk in front of their property for the safety of pedestrians, especially school children.

Please be careful not to overexert yourself while shoveling snow. Assistance from the Boy Scouts and other groups is usually available for those who need it.

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