

January 1985



# VIENNA NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1 - New Year's Day. Town Hall closed. NO TRASH PICKUP.
- 2 - NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - south side of town.
- 7 - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna News-line, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.)
- 9 - NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - north side of town. Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 11-13 - Vienna Theatre Company presents "One Act Play Festival," 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Call 938-8000 ext. 277 for information.
- 16 - NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - south side of town. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 17 - Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 19&27 - Little League registration, noon-4 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 19 - "Me, for a Change," 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Community Center. Fee \$20. Call 938-8000 ext. 277 for information.
- 21 - Lee-Jackson Day/Inauguration Day: Town Hall closed. NO TRASH PICKUP. Public hearing on proposal to make 100 block of Locust St., S.W., one-way westbound, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 23 - NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - north side of town. Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Public meeting on proposed parks master plans, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center.
- 25 - "The Hal Diamond Magic Show" featuring Rabbit Redford, 2 p.m. at the Community Center. Admission \$2. Children under three free. Twilight skiing at Ski Liberty. Call 938-8000 ext. 277 for information.
- 26-27 - Northern Virginia Coin & Stamp Show at the Community Center.
- 28 - Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna News-line, 938-4499, the week before the meeting for agenda items.)
- 29 - Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 30 - NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - south side of town.

## Public Meeting On Parks Plans

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled a public meeting at the Vienna Community Center at 7:30 p.m. January 23 to discuss improvements planned for Glyndon, Meadow Lane and Southside Parks.

Consultants from Kilduff Associates, who are preparing the new master plans, will be present to explain their recommendations for upgrading the parks and to receive comments from the public on the park plans.

The Town currently intends to give each park a "face lift" by improving picnic facilities; installing new playground equipment; renovating ball fields and play areas; expanding parking lots; adding landscaping; and, where desirable, building tennis and multi-use courts and rebuilding restrooms and concession facilities. Some of these improvements will be scheduled for construction this spring, while others will be included in later phases of development.

Any questions or comments may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Director at 938-8000 ext. 275.

## Town Seeks New Manager

A nationwide search is now underway for a new Town Manager to replace Brackenridge Bentley, who has submitted his resignation effective January 25. Bentley will become Town Manager in Front Royal on February 1.

Former Director of Public Works Hector Allen will serve as Acting Town Manager from January 25 until a new manager is installed. Allen was Public Works Director for 18 years until his retirement in 1981.

The Town Council has begun the process of recruiting a new manager by placing advertisements in several state and national publications. The deadline for submitting applications is January 15, and Council hopes a selection can be made by April.

A search committee consisting of Councilmen George Lovelace, Vince Olson, Rodger Seeman and Don Upchurch will initially screen all applications. The entire Council will then interview the most qualified applicants and make the final selection.

Town Hall will be closed January 1 for New Year's Day and January 21 for Lee-Jackson Day/Inauguration Day. There will be no trash pick-up on those days.

## Locust St. Hearing January 21

Citizens are reminded that the Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 21, on a recommendation by the Transportation Safety Commission to make the 100 block of Locust St., S.W., a one-way street.

The hearing will begin at 8 p.m. at Town Hall, and all interested citizens, especially those living on Locust and adjoining streets, are encouraged to attend.

Several months ago, Locust St. residents petitioned Council for relief from heavy traffic and its hazards. Of primary concern was the safety of children walking to and from Vienna Elementary School.

After conducting traffic studies, the

Transportation Safety Commission recommended "that the 100 block of Locust St. (between Center and Cottage Streets) be made one-way, westbound (toward Cottage St.). This control should be permanent (i.e. 24 hrs. a day). This recommendation is contingent upon 90% approval by the residents of the 100 and 200 block of Locust St. and should be subject to a public hearing to apprise residents of adjacent streets of possible impacts."

## Does Your Dog Have a 1985 Tag?

Dog owners are reminded that 1984 Town dog licenses expired December 31. New 1985 tags must be purchased before January 31.

All dogs over six months old must be licensed. Dog tags may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall. Call 938-8000 ext. 221 for information. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be presented to obtain a dog license.

Cats, although not required to be licensed, must also have current rabies shots.

## Free Leaf Mulch

The Vienna Department of Public Works will deliver leaf mulch free of charge to any residence in town during January and February, weather permitting. The minimum order is a dump truck load, and delivery will be made only to in-town addresses.

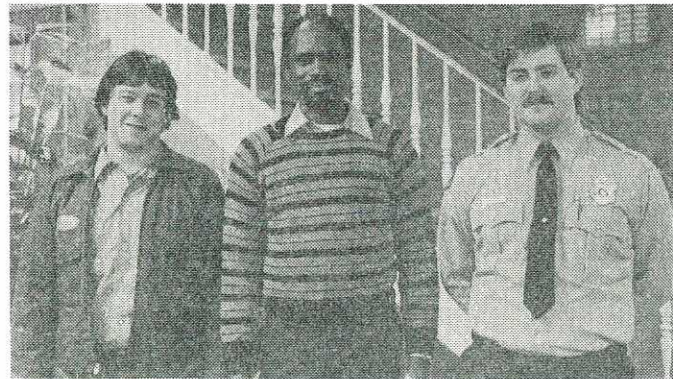
To arrange for a delivery, call the Public Works Department, 938-8000 ext. 241, Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

## Winter/Spring Class Registration Opens

Registration is now underway for winter/spring leisure 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 the Vienna Community Center, Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library.

Classes include arts and crafts, exercise, gymnastics and tumbling, computer programming, tennis and many more. Vienna residents aged 65 and over may register for most classes free of charge.

For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 938-8000 ext. 277.



**Outstanding Young Citizens** - Town of Vienna employees Glenn Cornell, John King and Steven Faett received the Vienna Jaycees' 1984 Outstanding Young Citizen award for their contributions to the community. Cornell, employed in the Parks Maintenance Division, promotes recreation activities through his participation in the Virginia Parks and Recreation Society and the Life Be in It Committee. King, who works in the Sanitation Department, shares his love of sports by coaching basketball and girls' softball. Faett, a police dispatcher, was an original member of Police Explorer Post 1890 and now serves as the Explorers' advisor.

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# Town Council Action . . .

## November 19, 1984

- Denied a request for a 15 mph speed limit on Park St. at Cunningham Park School. It was noted that a four-way stop is in place at the school and an adult crossing guard on duty. The police were requested to watch the area closely.
- Approved the installation of a center line marking in the 200 block of West St., N.W., along with a stop bar at West and Lawyers Rd. and "slow" signs. A motion to install speed bumps in that block failed on a tie vote.
- Approved installation of a "right turn only" sign on Dominion Rd. at Church St. and directed that a letter be written to businesses in the area expressing Council's concern about safety hazards presented by truck traffic.
- Awarded the contract for development of master plans for Glyndon, Meadow Lane and Southside Parks to Kilduff Associates in the amount of \$22,700.
- Contributed \$250 to Madison High School for glass backboards in the small gymnasium. Funds will come from the Parks and Recreation Department's adult activity account and will be replaced through a surcharge on the men's basketball fee in the spring.
- Approved the final bill for the Plum and Elm Streets storm drainage improvements in an additional amount of \$11,861.05, for a total of \$89,001.05.
- Adopted a resolution authorizing the Virginia State Library to microfilm and store official Town records.

## December 1, 1984

- At a special meeting, Council accepted the resignation of Town Manager Brackenridge H. Bentley effective January 25, 1985. Council then went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

## December 3, 1984

- Referred to the Transportation Safety Commission for review and recommendation a citizen's letter concerning the dangerous intersection at Church St. and Beulah Rd.
- Approved the installation of a street light on the northeast side of the intersection of Center St. and John Marshall Dr.
- Directed the Public Works and Police Departments to study the intersection of Westbriar and St. Andrews Drives, N.E., in connection with a request for stop signs there, and requested the police to increase enforcement of the existing "no through trucks" sign on Westbriar.
- Set February 11 for a public hearing on a request to re-zone the property on the northwest corner of Roland and Nutley Streets from RS-16 to RTH, with proffers.
- Adopted an ordinance to rebate a portion of the fee for Town vehicle stickers used less than six months.
- Appointed Eileen S. McMurrer to the Transportation Safety Commission.
- Approved the position of Code Enforcement Officer at grade 7, and the purchase of an automobile at a cost not to exceed \$6,864.50 and radio not to exceed \$1,500. The primary purpose of the position is enforcement of the Town Code relative to zoning, land use and related matters.
- Accepted with regret the resignation of Richard K. Burch as the attorney member of the Architectural Review Board, and appointed Charles Sloan to fill the unexpired term. Re-appointed Stuart Liss as the architect member of the board.
- Approved the final plat of the resubdivision of Lot 3, Block 3, Onondio.



**POLICEMAN OF THE YEAR.** Sgt. Richard M. Williams receives the Vienna Policeman of the Year award from Ila Young, president of the Vienna Woman's Club. Sgt. Williams, a member of the Police Department for 23 years, was nominated by his fellow officers, who praised him for his conscientious service, calmness under stress, fairness to all, and concern for the individual citizen.

## Vienna Acts to Insure Safe Drinking Water

Town officials have received a number of calls about news reports concerning a chemical in the Town's water supply called trihalomethane (THM). The Town wishes to assure citizens that Vienna's water is absolutely safe and meets all federal and state regulations governing water quality.

THM is a chemical compound formed in very small amounts (parts per billion) by the reaction of organic substances, such as decaying leaves, and chlorine at the point of treatment. THM's exist in all water systems that use chlorine to disinfect the water.

Tests on laboratory animals have shown THM's in heavy concentrations to be carcinogenic, but there is no evidence that THM's cause cancer in humans. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has described the risk as follows: A person must consume two quarts of water containing 100 ppb of THM for 70 years in order for a health risk to exist. As a precaution, however, EPA has established a limit of 100 ppb of THM for all water systems serving a population of over 10,000.

As of November 1983, the Town was required to be in compliance with the EPA limit for THM's. At that time,

the State Health Department informed the Town that it was approaching the limit, and the Town immediately began to investigate ways to keep THM's within the established limit.

It was determined that the Town could not rely on its suppliers, the City of Falls Church and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to help reduce the THM level should it exceed the limit, and so the Town hired a local consultant, Guy & Davis, to study the situation and make recommendations the Town could pursue.

The study was submitted in October. Subsequently, the Town held several meetings with representatives of Falls Church and the Fairfax County Water Authority to obtain commitments that will allow the Town to take remedial action if necessary to protect consumer health.

The Town is also involved in a stepped-up sampling program. Instead of sampling once every three months, samples are now taken once a month. As of December, the level of THM is 88 ppb.

It is possible that EPA may lower the limit on THM's from 100 to 50 ppb within the next few years. Should this happen, Falls Church and possibly the Corps of Engineers will be in violation and will be required to modify their facilities to meet the new limit. This facilities modification would also bring the Town into compliance. It is for this reason that the Town staff does not recommend a large capital expenditure at this time but rather to continue the current monthly sampling, along with plans for remedial action if necessary, to insure a high level of water quality for all.

## Town Cleanup Survey Results

The Town has received 2,474 responses to its citizen survey on the Town cleanup program. This response represents the views of about 47% of the households in Vienna.

94% of those responding indicated they want the cleanup service continued in some form — either as it now exists, or on a quadrant-by-quadrant basis with a specific starting date for each quadrant, or even on an individual basis with the resident arranging for a pickup on a certain day. 6% said they favored eliminating the cleanup program entirely.

72% of the respondents said they were generally satisfied with the way cleanups are conducted. Of the 28% who had objections, the majority were dissatisfied with the unsightly appearance of the town during cleanups (35%) and the length of time spent on cleanups (31%).

67% of those answering the survey said they participate in both spring and fall cleanups, and over 85% use the cleanups to dispose of brush and branches. This type of debris accounts for over 40% of the total cleanup load.

The survey question concerning the possibility of a permanent dumpster where citizens could dispose of items at any time drew a mixed response. 54% said they favored such a proposal, another 14% said they would favor it only in addition to regular cleanups, and 31% were opposed to the idea.

Again, thanks to everyone who participated in the survey. The Town Council and Town staff will consider the results in making proposals for the future of the cleanup program.

In a related action, Council has adopted an ordinance to prohibit bringing in debris from outside of town to be collected during cleanups or the regular trash pickups.

## Watercolor Exhibit

Jeannette Niska of the Vienna Arts Society will display her work at Town Hall from January 21 to March 11. The watercolor exhibit will feature florals and landscapes.

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### Vienna Town Council

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

### Council Members

E. Ross Buckley	Robert W. Robinson
George E. Lovelace	Rodger W. Seeman
Vincent J. Olson	Donald E. Upchurch

## Tracing History

The advent of Vienna's 1990 Centennial has prompted Historic Vienna, Inc., to undertake a historical landmarks survey of the town's homes and businesses. A block-by-block charting and photographic inventory of the community will be conducted this winter by interested citizens aided by history students from Oakton High School.

Anyone wishing to participate in the survey or provide historical information about specific sites may call Millie Monahan, 560-0069, after 4 p.m.

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