



VIENNA NEWSLETTER

CALENDAR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for agenda items.)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2

Windover Heights Board of Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – south side of town.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

Vienna Youth Soccer registration, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

Town Christmas Program, 4 p.m. at the Community Center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – north side of town.

Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

Lacrosse registration, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – south side of town.

Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Board of Architectural Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22

Registration begins for Vienna Parks & Recreation winter/spring programs. Call 938-8000 ext. 277 for information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – north side of town.

Christmas Eve. Town Hall closes at 12 noon.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day. Town Hall closed. NO TRASH PICKUP.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

Hanukkah.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Transportation Safety Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY – south side of town.

Post 180 Aids Appalachia

Vienna's American Legion Post 180 is again accepting donations of food, clothing, and money to purchase perishable items for the needy in Appalachia. Donations may be taken to the Post Home, 330 Center St., N., or pickup may be arranged by calling:

Post 180 – 938-9535 Marcella Tuma – 281-3664
 Don Brechbill – 281-2769 Bill Scurto – 281-3044

Tax deductible receipts will be provided. The deadline for donations is December 15.

Address comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.
 Deadline for January issue is Monday, December 15.

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Vienna Town Council

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Seasons Greetings from the Vienna Town Council and the Town Staff. Town Hall will close at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 24, and remain closed through Christmas Day, December 25.

NO TRASH PICKUP DEC. 25.

Residents May Buy Old Street Signs

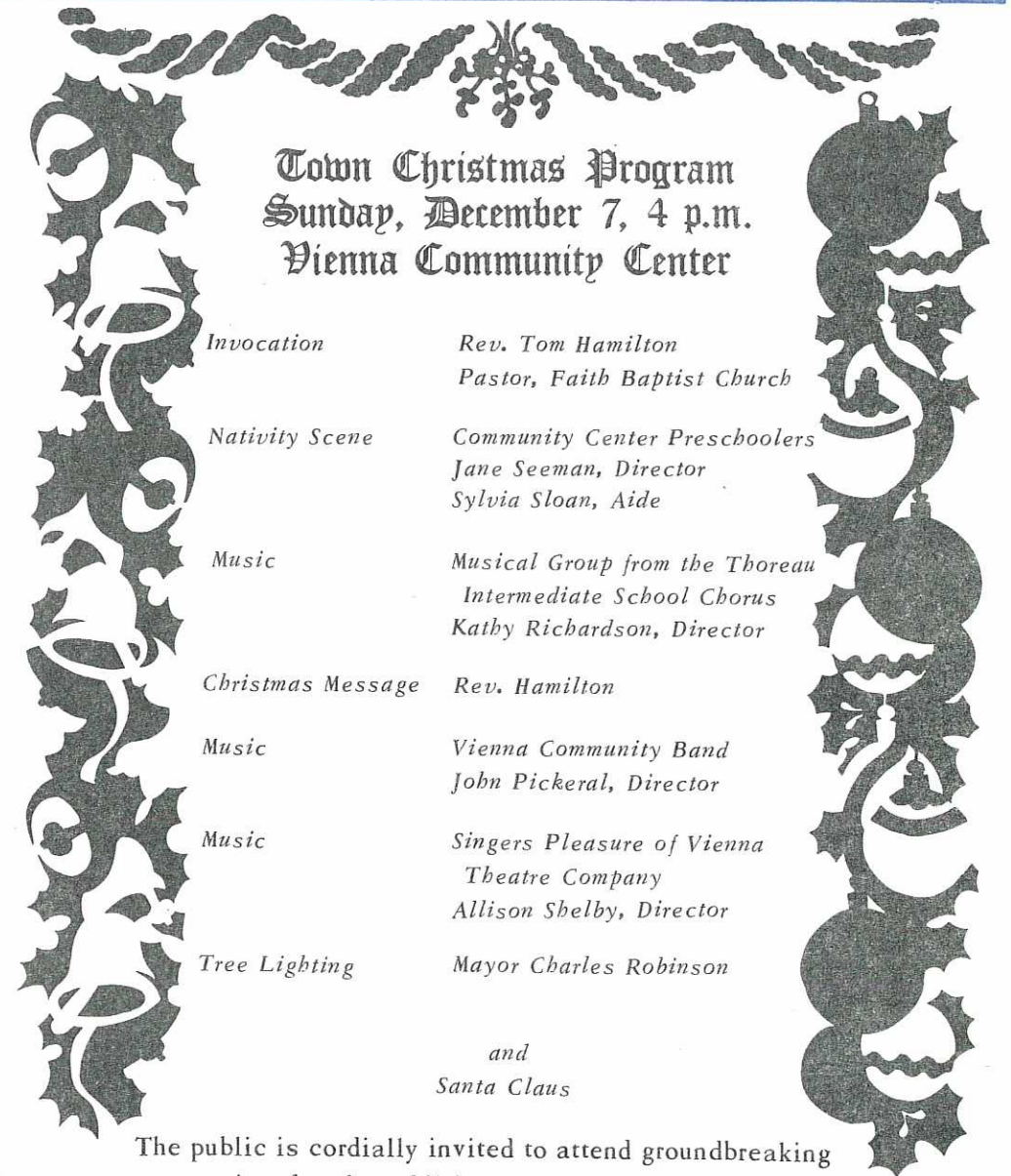
Most residents have noticed that the Town is replacing the old black and white street signs with new green and white ones. The Department of Public Works is making the old signs available to town residents for \$5 each. The money received will help pay for the new signs.

Perhaps you would like to have a sign from your own street, or one with a person's name such as James Drive. Attorneys may want a Lawyers Road sign; musicians might be interested in Melody Lane.

Signs are available on a first come-first served basis. To request a sign, call the Department of Public Works at 938-8000 ext. 241. You will be contacted when your sign is ready and pay when you pick it up.

LEAF MULCH AVAILABLE

Leaf mulch will be delivered free of charge to homes within the town limits during January and February. The minimum order is a dump truck load. To arrange for a delivery, call the Public Works Department, 938-8000 ext. 241.



Town Christmas Program Sunday, December 7, 4 p.m. Vienna Community Center

- Invocation Rev. Tom Hamilton
 Pastor, Faith Baptist Church
- Nativity Scene Community Center Preschoolers
 Jane Seeman, Director
 Sylvia Sloan, Aide
- Music Musical Group from the Thoreau
 Intermediate School Chorus
 Kathy Richardson, Director
- Christmas Message Rev. Hamilton
- Music Vienna Community Band
 John Pickeral, Director
- Music Singers Pleasure of Vienna
 Theatre Company
 Allison Shelby, Director
- Tree Lighting Mayor Charles Robinson
 and
 Santa Claus

The public is cordially invited to attend groundbreaking ceremonies for the addition to the Community Center at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 7, preceding the Christmas Program.

He's back . . . Hear a message from Santa Claus especially for the children of Vienna beginning December 15 through Christmas Day. Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499.

Thoughts of a First Term Councilwoman

By Mary Jane Cronin
Vienna Town Councilwoman

This is my first opportunity as a Councilwoman to communicate with all the citizens of Vienna. I welcome the chance to thank the voters for electing me to office. It is very challenging and rewarding to serve on the Council.

As I indicated when running for office there are a few areas where I particularly want to focus my attention. The first of these is to improve the Town's planning function. The Council has discussed several alternatives for doing this including additional staff and I am optimistic that progress will be made. In addition to the need to update the comprehensive plan, we have a long-standing recommendation from a citizens task force to develop a plan for guiding renovation, rehabilitation and revivification of the Maple Avenue commercial area including Church Street.

The citizens advisory group suggested that outside consulting help be sought to work with property owners, business managers and interested residents. Fairfax County has recently financed a similar effort for all these parties to prepare a plan for the McLean business district. The activities that the McLean group has undertaken and the initial recommendations are useful for Vienna to consider.

The Council in a recent session asked the Town/Business Liaison Committee to look at some immediate measures that would help improve the appearance of our major commercial area. While this is a step in the right direction a longer range plan would help the Council as well as business to make decisions which will yield an attractive, flourishing, accessible and convenient commercial area. It will be a serious loss financially and for meet-



Councilwoman Cronin

ing the needs of consumers if the commercial area is allowed to deteriorate. We need to work together and to allocate resources to this area of vital concern to our Town.

Space does not permit my discussing other priorities in this article but there are two other matters I'd like to bring

Neighborhood Watch Report

The Vienna Police Department received two burglary reports for the month of October. This reflects an eight case decrease from the same month in 1985. Both burglaries occurred in residential areas, one in the 400 block of Course Street, N.E., and the other in the 100 block of Patrick Street, S.E.

The next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held on January 29, 1987. Look for details in next month's *Newsletter*.

Your Vienna Police wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

to your attention. First, is the importance of citizen communication to Council decisions. There have been several matters of direct interest to a small group of citizens but which have ramifications affecting many other citizens. The directly affected groups ably and thoroughly present their views to the Council. The indirectly affected citizens are less likely to be represented. There is both hesitancy and possibly a lack of information on policy development activities that keep individual citizens from letting the Council know in person or by letter about their views.

The last matter I would like to bring to your attention is my interest in having a college or graduate student, as a field work assignment, assist me to analyze issues, attend meetings and directly assess problems. George Mason University has accepted my application for a student aide. If there are Vienna students or retirees who would be interested, please give your name and phone number to the Town Clerk's office and I will contact you.

COUNCIL INVITES CITIZEN COMMENT

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for use in the *Newsletter*. Comments must be made in writing and received at Town Hall by the 15th of each month to be included in the following month's *Newsletter*. Please give your name, address, and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.) Send comments to: *Vienna Newsletter*, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

December Parks & Rec Activities

For information on any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 938-8000 ext. 277.

BOB BROWN PUPPETS

Bob Brown Puppet Productions will present "Sugar Plum Fantasy" at the Vienna Community Center at 2 p.m. Monday, December 29. This variety show, featuring music from the Nutcracker Suite, is suitable for children in grades K-6. Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$2.50 at the door.

SKI MASSANUTTEN

Make reservations now for a day of skiing at Massanutten on Saturday, December 27. Buses will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m.

The complete package of transportation, lift ticket, equipment rental and ski lesson is \$51 per person. Reduced prices are offered for skiers who have their own equipment or who do not need a lesson.

Registration for winter/spring recreation programs begins Monday, December 22. Look for your class brochure in the mail.

Calling All Singers

Do you enjoy choral singing? The new Vienna Chorale invites men and women singers over 16 years old to attend its first organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, January 12, at the Vienna Community Center. The group hopes to perform at future town celebrations and for community organizations.

The Vienna Chorale is in search of a director. If you or someone you know has experience in directing choral groups, please call Carole Orndorff at 938-8000 (office) or 560-6837 (home).



Christmas trees will be sold by the Vienna (Host) Lions Club beginning Saturday, December 6, on the Southern States parking lot. Norway spruce cost \$20 and blue spruce \$23 each. Fireproofing for trees will be provided. Running pine rope, pine wreaths and pine cone wreaths will also be sold.

The Vienna Jaycees will be selling Christmas trees again this year in front of the Vienna Safeway. The lot will be open from Friday, December 5, to Wednesday, December 24, while the stock lasts.

The Optimist Clubs of Vienna and Oakton will jointly sell Christmas trees and greenery beginning December 1 at the Giant Food parking lot. Trees will be primarily Scotch pine and sell for \$20 and \$25. Alpine wreaths, western cedar garland, English holly and home decorator kits will also be sold.

Five Hills Garden Club will hold its Christmas Greens Sale on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

Fresh green wreaths, centerpieces, garlands and kissing balls will be sold. The "country store" will feature cookies, cakes, breads, candy and other holiday goodies.

Thanks to Five Hills Garden Club for providing decorations for the Town Christmas Program.

Cunningham Park Elementary PTA will hold its annual Winter Bazaar on Friday, December 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the school, 1001 Park St., S.E. The whole family will enjoy games and face painting. Children can select gifts for family and friends from the "secret room" and have them wrapped free.

Handcrafted items will be sold and hot dogs, drinks and baked goods available. Proceeds benefit various PTA projects.

The fifth annual Community Christmas Sing-along will be held on Monday, December 22, at 7:30 p.m. outside the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Bring your family and friends, and bells if you wish, and enjoy an evening of caroling.

The sing-along is sponsored by the DOVE (Dunn Loring, Oakton, Vienna Ecumenical) Council.

The historic Freeman House will host a visit from Santa Claus on Sunday, December 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. Santa plans to take a rest from his toy making schedule to talk to all the children who would like to tell him their secrets and wishes.

Come and enjoy the old-fashioned Christmas decorations provided by the Ayr Hill Garden Club, a cup of hot cider, and a tour of the museum.

The James Madison Symphonic Band will perform a Holiday Family Concert on Sunday, December 14, at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Sesame Street characters will perform "Peter and the Wolf." Frosty, Rudolph and other friends will be there while seasonal music and Sousa marches are played. The program is geared to children through seven years old but will be enjoyed by all ages.

Tickets are \$2.50 each, with a \$10 maximum per family. Before December 10, send a self-addressed envelope with a check labeled "Tot Concert" to: Fairfax County Department of Recreation, 11212 Waples Mill Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030.

After December 10, tickets may be purchased at the Vienna Community Center from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on December 11, 12 and 13. Tickets will be sold at the door unless the performance is sold out in advance. For more information, call 281-5964.