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NEWSLETTER

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NEWS CHECKLIST . . .

COMMUNITY CENTER "OPEN HOUSE" scheduled for February 22nd. See Page 2.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS scheduled on proposed Park Street improvements and other matters. See Page 3.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for January-February listed on Page 4.

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PRE-SCHOOL EYE TEST CLINIC at Community Center on February 16th. See Page 4.

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Vienna submits entry in NATIONAL CLEAN UP CONTEST. Details on Page 3.

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The Town Council has appointed PAUL M. LYONS to fill the unexpired term of MARTHA PENNINO, who now assumes her post as Fairfax County Supervisor, Centreville District.

Fellow Citizens of Vienna:

The beginning of a New Year, traditionally, has been a time to take stock of past accomplishments. The year 1967, in Vienna, witnessed the beginning or completion of a number of major community improvements. Brief summaries of our achievements in these programs appear later in this newsletter.

During the coming year, your Town government will be faced with decisions on many important matters. Public hearings on three of these, including the proposed Park Street widening, have already been scheduled for the month of January. These hearing dates are listed in the calendar of events on page 4, and discussed briefly on page 3.

Through the newsletter, and other communication means, we will continue our efforts to keep Vienna residents informed of Town programs. In any representative government, citizen awareness, interest, and concern are vital to progress. It is also each citizen's inherent responsibility to be informed, and to take an active interest in his community.

We hope, therefore, that the year 1968 will see more Vienna residents attending and participating in public hearings and Council meetings, where issues affecting the entire community are considered.

The Vienna Town Council joins me in extending greetings for the New Year, and in soliciting your continued support in the further development of "Our Kind of Town - Vienna".

Sincerely,
James C. Martinelli
James C. Martinelli
Mayor

PRE-SCHOOL EYE TESTING CLINIC

An Open Eye Testing Clinic for pre-school children will be held at the Community Center on Friday, February 16th (from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) Under the sponsorship of the Vienna Woman's Club, and the direction of the Prevention of Blindness Society, free tests will be given to children aged 3 to 6.

The tests are intended to detect eye defects which should be corrected prior to the beginning of school. Appointments are recommended, but not necessary. For scheduling appointments, or additional information, contact Mrs. Vernon Hill at 938-9826.

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Walking in the streets during snowy or icy winter weather creates danger for both the motorist, and the pedestrian.

Vienna residents, whose property abuts a sidewalk, either front or side, are requested to clear the sidewalks of snow for the safety of children walking to and from school.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, Jan. 8th
8:00 p.m. - Council Meeting.

Tuesday, Jan. 9th
8:00 p.m. - Mayor's Advisory Com.

Saturday, Jan. 13th
9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon - Bicycle Safety Inspection & Registration, sponsored by Optimist Club, Town Hall Basement.

Monday, Jan. 15th
8:30 p.m. - Public Hearings (two). See Page 3.

Thursday, Jan. 18th
8:00 p.m. - Architectural Review Bd.

Monday, Jan. 22nd
8:00 p.m. - Council Meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 24th
8:00 p.m. - Planning Commission.

Monday, Jan. 29th
8:00 p.m. - Council Meetings.

Tuesday, Feb. 13th
8:00 p.m. - Mayor's Advisory Com.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS

An effort will be made to include in the newsletters during 1968 notice of all public hearings scheduled by the Vienna Town Council. It is hoped that by providing this additional notice, Vienna residents will have the opportunity to attend hearings and express opinions, either for or against, proposed rezonings, street or sidewalk improvements, or other important matters. All public hearings scheduled by the Council are held in the Town Hall Council Chamber.

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On January 15th, at 8:30 p.m., a public hearing will be held on proposed changes and revisions of the existing permitted and conditional uses to certain commercial and transitional zones, and on a proposal to rezone the commercial district at the corner of Cedar Lane and Park Street, S.E., presently zoned C-1, to C-1A.

Immediately following, a public hearing will be held on an application to rezone a part of Windover Heights in the general vicinity of the intersection of Windover Avenue and Nutley Street, from RS-12.5 (Residential) to RTH (Town Houses) and C-1 (Commercial), for the purpose of constructing Town Houses on parts of Block 17 and 19 of Windover Heights, and deepening the existing commercial line back to Windover Avenue.

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On January 29th, at 8:00 p.m., a public hearing will be held on the proposed widening of Park Street from Maple Avenue to the Town limits.

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"We don't want an impersonal society in which everyone is anonymous, in which individuality is smothered by organization, in which rootlessness is the universal condition and irresponsibility the universal affliction. . . We are going to have to restore a sense of community and participation at the local level, which is the only level that will have immediate meaning. . ."

The Honorable John W. Gardner
Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare

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NATIONAL CLEAN UP CONTEST

After launching our beautification and community betterment campaign at the beginning of last year, we were advised that there was a national competition dedicated to "Clean Up-Paint Up-Fix Up" and general community betterment. The Town, accordingly, has prepared an entry to this contest which will be held in February. We are quite enthusiastic about the outcome.

While our "My Kind of Town - Vienna" campaign received enthusiastic support from many organizations during 1967, there is still much to be done. We are hoping that during 1968 we can enlist the active participation of more civic groups, businesses and individuals.

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STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Two more projects were completed during 1967, and two begun, in the Town's street and highway program. Kingsley Road was reconstructed from Park Street to Cottage, and Courthouse Road from Glen Avenue to Nutley Street. A contract was awarded on the reconstruction of Nutley from Windover Avenue to Malcolm Road. Work is underway on this project, which will be completed next spring.

Everyone has been sadly disappointed with the status of Route 123. Town officials have had many conferences with highway officials and the contractor, and have written many letters in an effort to see the project expedited. The arrival of winter, however, has delayed the completion of this project until next spring.

Engineering contracts were awarded for the initial planning needed for the reconstruction of Beulah Road and Park Street. No decision has been made as yet concerning construction of either project. In making its' decision on these projects, the Town Council will consider the effect on abutting properties, as well as the benefits to the traveling public. (See PUBLIC HEARINGS for more information on Park Street.)

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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

One of the most significant actions of the Council in 1967 was the establishment of an Architectural Review Board. This Board will review the architectural drawings on all future construction other than single family residences. The principal aim of the Board is to obtain harmonious and lasting architecture, to eliminate "fads and frills", and any type of construction that will detract from, rather than add to, the general betterment of the community.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

The completion of the new wing to the Community Center was the most significant addition to our parks and recreation program. This new wing will be put into service within the next few days.

Improvements and additions were made to the Town's park system. The new Cunningham Park, adjacent to the Cunningham School, was opened this year. The Southside Park was converted from a sewage treatment plant site. All evidence of the treatment plant is now gone and in its' place are two new baseball fields and a play area for small children.

The Jaycees asked for and received authority from the Town Council to begin planning development of the Northside Park. The Jaycees will be calling on other organizations in Town to assist with this program.

COMMUNITY CENTER "OPEN HOUSE"

An "OPEN HOUSE" has been scheduled for Thursday, February 22nd, from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M., to afford Vienna residents a look at the newly-completed two story wing of the Community Center and the facilities provided. Since this will be a holiday for the majority of residents, it is hoped that the entire community will visit the Community Center during the day.