

Town of Vienna, Virginia



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NEWSLETTER

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SEMI-ANNUAL BILLING FOR REAL ESTATE TAX

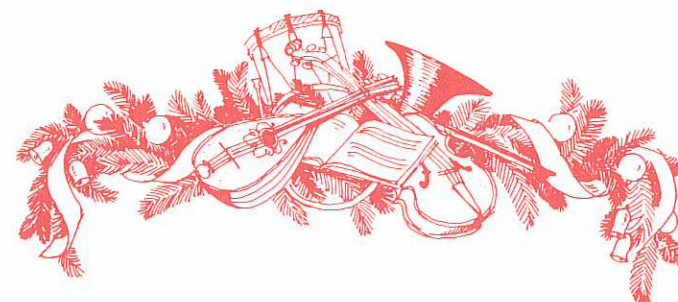
At its December 2nd meeting, the Vienna Town Council approved semi-annual billing for Town real estate taxes.

Fairfax County has already adopted this system, which has many advantages. For one thing, it eliminates the necessity of the Town having to borrow money annually in anticipation of tax revenue.

This will become effective on January 1. The first half of the 1969 taxes are to be paid June 5, the second on December 5, rather than the entire amount coming due in December.

In explaining the effect of such billing on the individual, Mayor Martinelli said that most homeowners pay real estate taxes monthly into an escrow fund, and this should not change anything for them.

Councilman Richard B. Dingman said; "We are not adding a bill, we are releasing residents from a Christmas-time burden."



Fellow Citizens of Vienna:

Vienna formally opened its Christmas Season with a program at the Community Center on December 8, which included the lighting of the Town Christmas tree.

We want to take this opportunity to wish each of you, all of the joys and blessings, which are the spirit and meaning of Christmas. May we all find our heart's desire, both under the tree and within ourselves.

To our friends and neighbors in Vienna, we send wishes for a happy and productive New Year.

For a weary world, the past year hardly lived up to expectations. We hope that in 1969, solutions will be found to some of its problems. Regardless of our political views, our new President and our Congress will need our support and prayers in their efforts. We hope that 1969 will be a year of renewal of the ideals of America.

In the words of Fra Giovanni, written in 1509: "And so, at this time I greet you ... with profound esteem and with the prayer that for you now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away."

Sincerely yours,

James C. Martinelli
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Mayor

DID YOU KNOW?

The Code of Vienna reads: "No person shall play on a highway or street other than upon the sidewalks thereof. No person shall use on a highway or street where play is prohibited roller skates, or toys or other devices on wheels or runners, except bicycles and motor-cycles."

With winter coming on and the possibility of snow, it may be well to point out that this ordinance also refers to sleds. Violators may be fined from two to \$25.

Exceptions may be made when streets are roped off for sledding. This may be done with the indorsement of everyone on the street. For information on closing a street for this purpose, contact the Town Clerk.

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The Jan. 20 Council Meeting has been postponed until Jan. 27 because of Inauguration Day.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., December 16 - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting

Reports from the Planning Commission regarding widening of Beulah and Park will be heard at this meeting.

Wed., December 18 - 8 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Thurs., December 19 - 8 p.m.

Board of Architectural Review

Mon., January 6 - 8 p.m.

Council Meeting

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Recreation Advisory Committee

Tues., January 7 - 8 p.m.

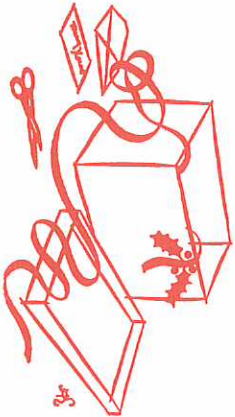
Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

Wed., January 8 - 8 p.m.

Planning Commission

Wed., January 15 - 8 p.m.

Board of Architectural Review



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MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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MORE TREES FOR MAPLE AVENUE



All residents have no doubt noticed the new planting of trees along the median strip on the eastern end of Maple Avenue, and on the Town side of the street. These are the same red maples that are planted along the rest of Maple, and were suggested by the Town's Landscape Architect.

A further planting will be made in the Spring. May we all live long enough to enjoy the cool spread of their branches as we drive to and from Town.



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CHRISTMAS TREE BONFIRE

As in past years, the Town crews will pick up discarded Christmas trees from the front edge of yards, beginning right after the New Year.

All of the discarded trees will be piled in a great stack on one of the playing fields near the Community Center. While children gather to watch, and their parents too, a bonfire will be lighted on the evening of January 6.

January 6 is known to some as "Little Christmas", when Christians celebrate the coming of the Wise Men. Traditionally bonfires, "light the way for the Magi". In earlier, pagan times, they were used to propitiate the harsh gods of winter.

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NOTICE TO BICYCLE RIDERS

Bicycle riders must exercise special care after dark. Safety requires that bikes used after dark have lights. Recently there have been several accidents involving bicycles and pedestrians.

Unless the bikes have lights and the rider is wearing some piece of light clothing, they cannot be seen at night in time for accidents to be avoided.

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COMMUNITY CENTER ACTIVITIES

PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The pre-school program at the Community Center will begin on Jan. 6 for children 4 and 5. One class will be held Monday and Wednesday 9:30 to 11:30 p.m. and another Tuesday and Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost for four weeks will be \$8.00. Registration forms are available at the Community Center office.

exciting courses will be offered, with "something for everyone." Brochures will be mailed out in December.

60-90 CLUB

The 60-90 Club will meet at the Center Saturday, Dec. 14, at 4:30 p.m. The program will include Christmas Carols by elementary school children with card games later.

CONGRATULATIONS!

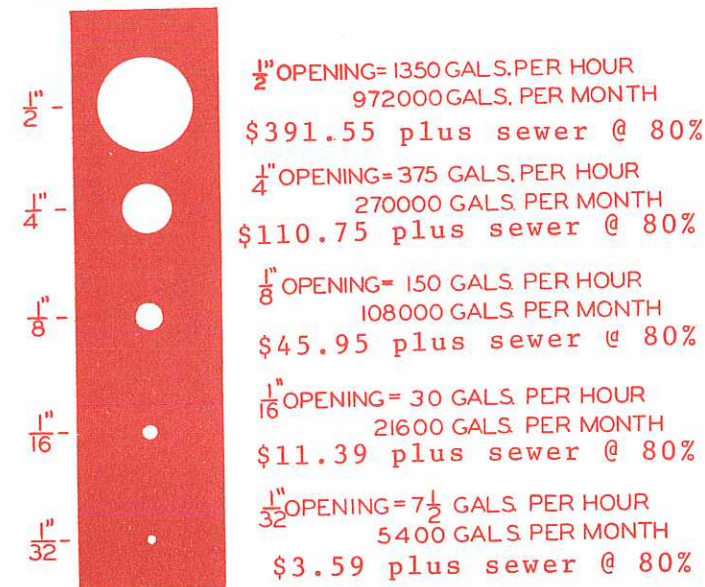
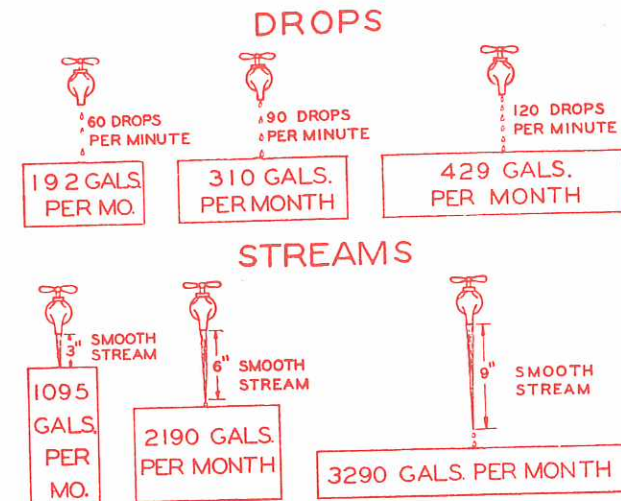
..to the Vienna Garden Clubs for winning a Sears maintenance award for their continued upkeep of the foundation planting they created at the Center.

WINTER CLASSES

The winter program of classes at the Center begin the first week in February. Some new and

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

HOW LEAKING FAUCETS AFFECT YOUR WATER BILLS



Out-of-town rates:
Sewer-same as in-Town rate
Water - add 33 1/3 percent

DID YOU KNOW THAT -

Many families use water at the rate of 250 gallons a day for each person

A shower requires 25 gallons

A tub bath takes 35 gallons

Flushing a toilet takes 7 gallons

A lawn sprinkler requires 120 to 150 gallons per hour

Washing the family car takes 10 gallons

A washing machine uses 30 to 56 gallons per wash

A dish washer requires 12 to 17 gallons per load

DOES THIS HAPPEN IN YOUR HOME?