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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1986 — Groundbreaking ceremonies for the addition to the Vienna Community Center were held on Sunday afternoon, December 7. Welding the shovels were Mayor Charles Robinson; Town Council members Mary Jane Cronin, Richard Fisher, George Lovelace and Rodger Seeman; Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman John Herry; and Supervisor Audrey Moore. Construction of the addition, which will include a multipurpose room with a stage, is expected to take about 14 months.

DECEMBER 1976 — The only two judges in the history of the Vienna Municipal Court were honored in a short ceremony at Town Hall by the Vienna Town Council and the Vienna Bar Association. Judges Philip Brophy and John Corboy served as the only two Town judges prior to the court's realignment which abolished all Town courts. The bar association commissioned artist Dinah Brisbane to paint portraits of the two judges, which are hanging in the Town Court Room where the Fairfax County District Court now meets.

DECEMBER 1966 — For a number of months the Town of Vienna has been developing a town-wide beautification program aimed at raising the general attractiveness of the business areas, main streets, and public properties up to the level being maintained in the residential areas. Some of the significant elements for which programs are being developed are: anti-litter campaigns; anti-defacement and anti-vandalism campaigns; beautification of municipal buildings and grounds; clearing and cleanup of vacant lots; flowerbox and planter installations; paintup, fixup, cleanup campaigns; underground placement of utility lines; removal of abandoned cars; planting and maintenance of open areas; and periodic cleanup programs.

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TOWN OF VIENNA

Leaf Collection Ends

The last pass through town by leaf collection crews is scheduled for December 2-18 in south Vienna and December 19-31 on the north side of town. Please rake leaves just to the curbside, not into the street. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 255-6381.

Order Your Free Mulch Delivery Now

The Public Works Department will deliver ground leaf mulch and ground wood mulch to town residents free of charge beginning in mid-January. The minimum order for each type of mulch is a dump truck load.

Orders will be taken from December 1 through February 28. To place your order and for more information, call the Public Works Department at 255-6382.

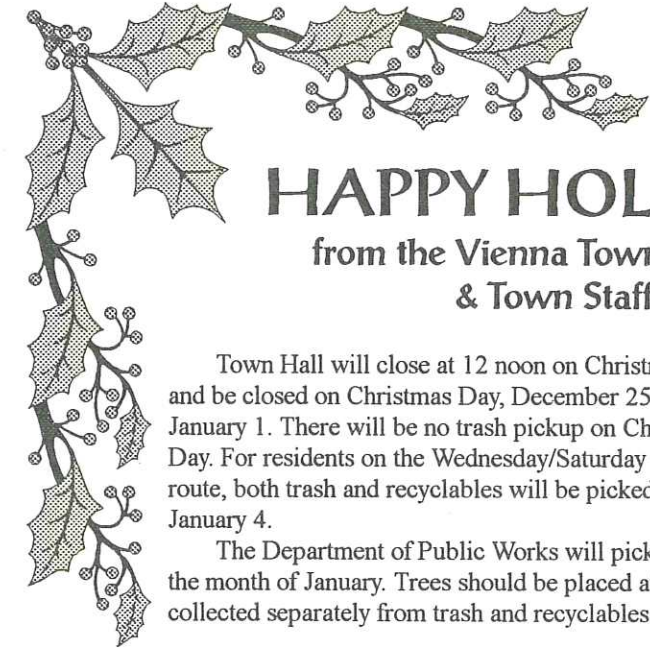
By grinding leaves and brush into recyclable mulch, the Town saves thousands of dollars in landfill fees each year while providing residents with tons of free leaf and wood mulch.

Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount. The mulch is stored on Town owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch & Wood Mulch."

Using one to two inches of mulch to cover bare spots in the garden and around trees, shrubs, and landscaped areas will conserve moisture, improve soil fertility, and reduce weed growth. For "how-to" information on mulching, call the Fairfax County Recycling InfoLine at 324-5052.

NEWSLETTER

December 1996



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from the Vienna Town Council
& Town Staff

Town Hall will close at 12 noon on Christmas Eve, December 24, and be closed on Christmas Day, December 25, and New Year's Day, January 1. There will be no trash pickup on Christmas or New Year's Day. For residents on the Wednesday/Saturday solid waste collection route, both trash and recyclables will be picked up on December 28 and January 4.

The Department of Public Works will pick up Christmas trees during the month of January. Trees should be placed at the curbside and will be collected separately from trash and recyclables.

Real Estate Tax Due Dec. 5

The second installment on 1996 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on December 5. Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before that date. Late payments will be assessed a penalty of 10% or \$5, whichever is greater, along with interest at 10%, which accrues until payment is made. Your canceled check is your receipt. For more information, call the Town's real estate office at 255-6325.

- If you have not received a bill, please call the real estate office immediately.
- If your Vienna taxes are paid through your mortgage company and you received the tax bill, please notify your mortgage company immediately so it can make payment by the due date.
- If you have sold the property and are not responsible for the tax bill you receive, please notify the real estate office immediately.

PLEASE NOTE: The night depository at Town Hall has been moved from the rear of the building to the front, a safer and more convenient location.

December 1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	2 Leaf collection south side of town thru Dec. 18 Town Council	3 Windover Heights Board of Review	4 Planning Commission	5 Real estate tax due Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	6 Hanukkah	7 Recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries
8 Trash & yard waste first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	9 Town Council work session	10 Town Hall closes at 12 noon Christmas Eve	11 Board of Zoning Appeals	12 Town/Business Liaison Committee	13	14
15	16 Town Council	17	18 Town Hall closed NO TRASH PICKUP	19 Leaf collection north side of town thru Dec. 31 Architectural Review Board	20	21 WINTER
22	23	24	25 Christmas Town Hall closed	26 Beautification Commission	27	28 Trash pickup & recycling for residents on the Wednesday/Saturday collection route
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TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

OCTOBER 7, 1996

- Conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the business, professional and occupational license tax ordinance to bring it into conformance with new State law.
- Authorized negotiating for the purchase of holiday banners and brackets at a cost not to exceed \$9,092.
- Voted to take no further action on the Plum Street drainage project until the engineering study is received. *(Approved 5-1, Seeman voting nay.)*
- Approved incorporating the enlargement of the Court Clerk's office, required by the Virginia Supreme Court, as a change order to the Town Hall renovation contract at a cost not to exceed \$6,000.
- Authorized a survey, hydraulic analysis and design recommendations for storm drainage problems on Nelson Drive, N.E., at a cost not to exceed \$7,000.
- Authorized the purchase of a new Police Department radio system and additional

radio equipment for the Department of Public Works at an estimated cost of \$232,773.

- Awarded a contract for installation of a pedestrian signal at Maple Avenue and Lawyers/Courthouse Roads to Traffic Signal, Inc., at a price of \$32,070.
- Authorized the exterior inspection and preparation of painting specifications for the Frederick Street water tank at a cost of \$7,250.
- Authorized advertising for bids for additional street asphalt overlay work next spring. The work will take place on Courthouse Road from Maple Avenue to Plum Street, Lewis Street from Windover Avenue to Knoll Street, Orchard Street from Lewis Street to Malcolm Road, and Yeonas Drive from Cottage Street to the town line.
- Referred two proposed ordinances to the Planning Commission for public hearings and recommendations, one concerning the number of directional signs permitted for yard sales, and the other concerning the use of tents as accessory structures.
- Amended the sign ordinance by adding definitions for the terms "college or university, place of worship and school."

• Requested the Mayor to express in writing the Town's strong opposition to the proposed Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan amendment, which would expand the Metrorail station area from a one-mile to a two-mile radius.

OCTOBER 28, 1996

- Approved a revised site plan for Southside Park, which will include a sand volleyball court in lieu of a grass court and grass pavers for the overflow parking areas.
- Approved the final plat for Carter's Glen II, located in the 300 block of Moorefield Road and the 500 block of Roland Street, S.W.
- Voted to remove the prohibition on truck traffic in the 100 block of Mill St., N.E. *(Approved 5-1, Olson voting nay.)* Also, the truck route map and the Town Code are to be amended to designate as a truck route that portion of Park Street, N.E., between Church Street and Maple Avenue.
- Rejected all bids submitted for a traffic calming study.
- Selected the five-year, phase-in option provided by the Virginia Retirement System to fund Town retirees' cost-of-living allowances.
- Approved a change order to the Town Hall renovation contract in the amount of \$5,889 for changes required by Fairfax County plan review, adjustments in allowable fee mark-up, and additional toilet accessories. Approved another change order in the amount of \$10,941 for revised gas service piping, reconfiguration of basement restrooms, connection of gutter and downspout at the elevator shaft, waterproofing of the elevator pit, and repair of existing valve leaks. Repayment of \$7,897 will be sought from Washington Gas and \$955 from the architect.

November 1996

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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL
 Charles A. Robinson, Jr.
 Albert J. Boudreau George E. Lovelace
 Steven D. Briglia Vincent J. Olson
 Martha Jo Garvie Rodger W. Seeman

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
 Deadline for January issue is Monday, December 16.

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for publication in the *Newsletter*. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number.
 (This information will not be published.)

Welcome New Vienna Businesses

The following business licenses were issued during October:

Allstar Sports Cards 260 Cedar Ln., S.E. #A2 207-0005	Caffi's Florist 512 Maple Ave., W. 281-3030	Cindy Moffitt (image & wedding consultant) 309 Plum St., S.W. 242-2731
PCS Heating & Air Conditioning 117 Kingsley Rd., S.E. 938-8252	Precision Corp. (dental lab) 307 Maple Ave., W. #K (301)622-1793	Same Price Cleaners 348 Maple Ave., E. 938-0637
Judith Rodgers (consulting/training) 101 Yeonas Dr., S.E. 242-0978	Rooney Bros. Construction 328 Owaissa Rd., S.E. 938-8138	Karin Lopez (home for the elderly) 516 Kingsley Rd., S.W. 242-2476
Lom International (management consultant) 205 Paris Ct., S.W. 938-4473	Liege System Science Corp. (consulting) 226 Maple Ave., W. #204 818-0962	

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Car Batteries December 7

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, December 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens with a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 255-6381.

Too often used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of used oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water; in this way tons of toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic are released into the environment. When recycled, cleaned of its impurities and re-refined, used oil is a valuable resource that can be remanufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia, it is illegal to dispose of automobile lead-acid (wet-cell) batteries with refuse.

NEW IN TOWN? The Public Information Office has prepared an information packet especially for new Vienna residents.

*Come by Town Hall and pick one up,
or call 255-6330 to have one mailed to you.*

Council Action

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- Awarded a contract for sanitary sewer rehabilitation to Miller Pipeline Corp. at a price of \$19,224.

- Adopted amendments to the business, professional and occupational license tax ordinance to bring it into conformance with new State law.

- Adopted amendments to the massage therapy ordinance to bring it into conformance with new State law.

- Following an executive session, approved a recommended settlement agreement in the case of *W. H. Tysons Page Corp. vs County of Fairfax and Town of Vienna* in the amount of \$14,719.96. Also at the executive session, discussed the possible acquisition of property by the Town.

Drinking & Driving A Deadly Combination

Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds you — The holiday season is a time of celebration. Keep it that way by serving non-alcoholic beverages. If you do serve alcohol, make sure there's also plenty of food. Remember that it takes the body approximately one hour per drink to metabolize the alcohol consumed.

The most dangerous time to drive is late Saturday night and early Sunday morning when people are leaving bars and parties. Watch for drivers who are weaving or swerving, driving at inconsistent or inappropriate speeds, braking erratically and responding slowly to traffic signals.

**NO MATTER WHAT THE SEASON,
REMEMBER THAT THE LAWFUL
SPEED LIMIT IN TOWN IS 25 MPH
UNLESS OTHERWISE POSTED.**

Comment from the Council Table

Rodger Seeman – A Truly Good Man

By Steven D. Briglia
Vienna Town Councilman

"Vienna is my home town." "It's a wonderful life in Vienna." "It's an exciting time in Vienna." Rodger Seeman liked to characterize his feelings about Vienna in his campaign literature, but he was just as likely to tell you in person how he felt about Vienna. As bad news often travels quickly, especially in such a close knit community as Vienna, many have already heard that Councilman Rodger Seeman passed away on November 6. Anyone who knew Rodger, even casually, knew that he truly loved Vienna and the quality of life that he and his family enjoyed here.

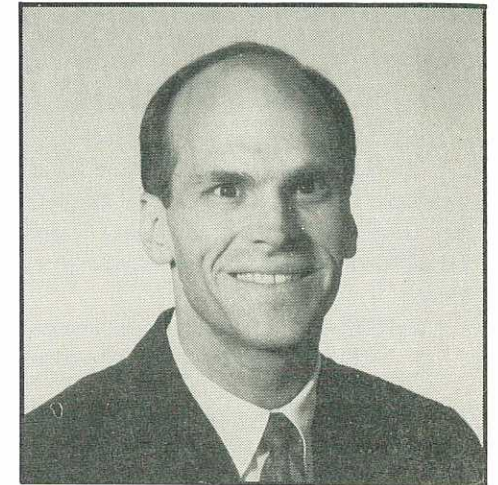
A town resident since 1968, Rodger and his wife Jane raised their family in Vienna and actively participated in youth and educational endeavors. It seems just like yesterday that Rodger was one of my VYI football coaches. I also have fond memories of running with Rodger's son Bill on the gridiron at Madison High School. Of course, Rodger was not only on the sidelines, but was also a VYI officer and an enthusiastic High School Booster. His participation was often dedicated to the time-consuming and unrecognized aspects of organizations such as administration and fund raising. His sense of community extended to numerous other community groups. He was an active member of Vienna Presbyterian Church, the Optimist Club, the Vienna Wireless Society, Vienna Hills Civic Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars . . . and on and on.

First elected to the Vienna Town Council in 1983, Rodger had long been active in Town matters, serving on both the Planning Commission and Transportation Safety Commission. His experience as an engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers brought to the Town a wealth of knowledge and insight helpful to the Council's consideration of public works projects. While on the Town Council, Rodger was nothing less than diligent in ensuring that the Town's public works and capital improvements programs were based on sound engineering principles. Rodger clearly enjoyed quizzing project engineers and architects on the sufficiency of design specifications and site plans. Meanwhile, other members of Council

would sit back and wait for the English translation. Without Rodger, there is no doubt that plan and design deficiencies might have gone unnoticed.

Many residents might also have noticed that Vienna has a number of construction and road improvement projects in progress. Rodger Seeman was an avid supporter of capital improvement projects that preserved the Town's public works infrastructure and improved its appearance. The police station, renovation of Church Street and Maple Avenue, completion of Vienna's parks program, and sewer and water projects were high-priority items for Rodger. Rodger's support for Vienna's successful and cost-saving recycling program marked him as a progressive and pragmatic Councilman.

As a new member of the Vienna Town Council I often look to the "veterans" on the Council to observe their different approaches to multi-faceted issues. With the passing of Rodger, there is more than an empty seat at the dais where he used to sit, there is a void that will be difficult and most likely impossible to fill. Unfortunately for myself and the other Council members, we



Councilman Briglia

are no longer able to look to Rodger for his insight and unique point of view.

Although Rodger's passing is cause for sadness to the Seeman family and the Town, it does give us the opportunity to recognize the dedication and commitment of a truly good man. The next time you turn on your water, drive over a freshly paved road, walk on the new brick sidewalks, or set something out for a special pickup, pause to remember that someone thought about how those projects and services could not only be provided, but provided better. Rodger certainly did.

Police Offer Tips to Protect Your Home When You Are Away for the Holidays

Going out of town this holiday season? Your Vienna Police Department has some tips to keep your home safe from burglars while you're away:

- Let a neighbor know you are going to be away and where you can be reached.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail, packages and newspapers.
- Ask a neighbor to shovel your walk if it snows.
- Ask a neighbor to use your trash cans, or set his or her trash and recyclables at the curb in front of your home on collection days.
- Invite a neighbor to park a car in your driveway to give your home a more "lived-in" appearance.
- Remember to thank your neighbor!
- Light and noise are a burglar's worst enemies. Lights and radios turned on and off by timers give the impression that someone is at home.
- Have good locks. A high-quality, one-inch deadbolt lock on every outside door is a basic requirement.

For more information about safeguarding your home and about your area's Neighborhood Watch program, call the Police Community Services Office at 255-6396.

Tax Exemption Proposed For Home Improvements

At its December 2 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to provide a partial real estate tax exemption for the renovation, rehabilitation or replacement of single-family homes. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend and express their views.

In brief, the proposed ordinance requires the following:

- The structure must be for residential use and in compliance with all zoning ordinances.
- The structure must be at least 15 years old.
- The improvement must increase the assessed value of the structure by a minimum of 25%. (At Council's request, the Planning and Zoning Department and the Finance Department have prepared a comparison of the proposed 25% increase versus a 20% increase, which will be available prior to the public hearing.)
- A building permit must be received and a certificate of occupancy issued for the completed work.
- The exemption will run for ten years, with the first five years at 100% and the remaining five years tapering the exemption percentage down to zero.
- The exemption is non-transferable between owners.
- Only one exemption may be granted per ten-year period per property.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for review in the Planning and Zoning Department at Town Hall. For more information, call 255-6341.

Attention Vienna Organizations

Due to the large number of requests received from community organizations to display banners across Maple Avenue, any organization that desires to display a banner next year must make a written request to the Town Manager after January 1. Requests will be reviewed on a first come-first served basis to ensure fairness. Send requests to John H. Schoeberlein, Town Manager, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180-5799. REQUESTS POSTMARKED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 1997, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Each banner accepted may be displayed for no more than two weeks. The following dates in 1997 are not available and should not be requested: April 22-May 27 and October 15-November 10.

If your organization's banner is approved for display, you will be provided with specifications for the banner.



**Convenient Location & Friendly Service
DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING
IN VIENNA**

**Support Our Hometown Businesses
"I shop here myself" — S. Claus**

Beauty Spot from Your Community Beautification Commission

Vienna's Community Beautification Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for improvements to their property, volunteer cleanup efforts, and other worthy beautification projects.

The latest "Beauty Spot" awards go to:

- Molly Ormland, 517 Heritage Ln., N.W., for her year of service as the James Madison High School student member of the Beautification Commission;
- Cabbage Rose, 213 Mill St., N.E., for the unique charm surrounding the outside of the shop; and
- Park Terrace Condominium, Park Terrace Ct., S.E., for the attractive flowers and foliage displayed on balconies and front stoops.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 255-6360.

Interested citizens are invited to attend the Beautification Commission's monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of the month. Meetings are held in the Council Chamber at Town Hall at 8 p.m.

☞ Please note: Beginning with the February 1997 meeting, Beautification Commission meetings will convene at 7:30 p.m.

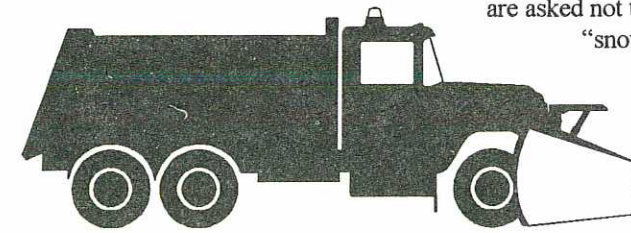
BEAUTY TIP: May we suggest, this winter season, the use of an alternative to salt on snow and ice for the protection of sidewalks and steps.

MAKE IT YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TO DO YOUR PART TO KEEP VIENNA BEAUTIFUL.

Voluntary Parking Plan Designed For More Efficient Snow Removal

The Public Works Department has developed a snow removal plan that incorporates voluntary citizen parking restrictions to improve snowplowing efficiency. Components of the plan are listed below:

- The Public Works Department will mobilize equipment and manpower at the first notification of snowfall.
- Snowplowing operations will be implemented whenever snow accumulation is two inches or more.



- When snowplows are at work, residents are asked not to park on any street posted as a "snow emergency route," and on non-snow emergency routes residents are asked to park only on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses. This parking plan is voluntary but strongly recommended to

enable snowplows to maneuver more easily and, therefore, do a more thorough job. The Street Maintenance Division will note any areas where parked cars are creating a problem so that additional alternatives can be developed to improve snow removal in those areas.

- Plowing and chemical treatment will continue on the primary and secondary streets until an accumulation of 12 inches is reached. For accumulations greater than 12 inches, the Public Works Department will concentrate on maintaining clear roadways on the primaries until the snow stops and then go on to open up all secondary streets.

To receive a copy of the Snow Removal Program & Winter Weather Guide published in last month's newsletter, call the Public Works Department at 255-6381.

Have a Fire Safe Holiday Season

Every year, people suffer injuries, burns and even death due to carelessness with holiday decorations. Trees, lights, ornaments, and fireplaces produce extra hazards in the home at the same time that holiday visitors and activities distract attention from fire safety. Here are some safety tips from your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department to ensure that your holidays are safe and happy:

- ✓ Make sure your natural tree is a fresh one. Fresh needles won't break when you bend them. Once you get your fresh tree home, cut off one to two inches of the trunk and place the tree in a stable holder. Keep the holder full of water and keep the tree away from sources of heat to keep it from drying out.
- ✓ Use only flameproof decorations. Make sure your electrical decorations are tested and labeled, and check the wiring before you put them up. Avoid using extension cords to run your electrical decorations.
- ✓ Don't use real lighted candles as part of decorations.
- ✓ Don't use your fireplace as a disposal site for wrapping paper, gift boxes or tree.
- ✓ Keep an eye on friends and family members who smoke. During hectic holiday activity ashes and cigarettes can fall into chairs, gifts and wrapping paper. Don't empty ashtrays into the trash.
- ✓ Clean and test your smoke detectors to make sure they are working properly, and make sure your portable fire extinguisher is pressurized and not blocked by holiday packages and decorations.

Sign Up Today For Snow Shoveling Jobs This Winter

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has established a data base of workers for hire this winter by residents who need help shoveling snow. Individuals and businesses interested in jobs clearing snow from sidewalks and driveways are encouraged to register now with the "Snow Bank" — before it snows! To sign up and for more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 255-6360.

Annual Financial Report Wins Award

The Town of Vienna has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for its 1995 comprehensive annual financial report.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment is important to the Town in maintaining its excellent bond rating.

Dog Tag Reminder

1996 Town dog licenses expire on December 31, and all licenses must be renewed by January 31. Dog tags are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall or by mail. The fee is \$10 for a fertile dog and \$5 for an infertile dog. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be shown to obtain a license, and a spay/neuter/infertile certificate must be shown for a reduced price license. Call 255-6323 for more information.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 255-6360. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

BUS TRIPS

Ski Seven Springs on Thursday, December 26. A charter bus will leave at 8 a.m. and return around midnight. The cost is \$83 for transportation, lift ticket, ski equipment rental, and lesson; \$73 for transportation, lift, and rental; \$58 for transportation and lift; and \$27 for transportation only. Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult over 21. Reservation deadline December 18; gift certificates available.

Get "That Holiday Feeling" at Burn Brae Dinner Theater on Sunday, December 15. A charter bus will leave at 11:15 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. The cost of \$42 per person includes transportation, buffet lunch, and tickets to the show. Reservation deadline December 2.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Have lunch with Santa on Saturday, December 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Talk to Santa and enjoy a special lunch prepared by Santa's elves (with the help of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary). Santa's favorite clown will also be there. Tickets are \$3.50 each and may be purchased for immediate family members only. At least one parent must accompany children, and a ticket must be purchased for each parent as well as each child.

"Boy Thirteen and Other Stories" will be presented at 2 p.m. Monday, December 30. Storyteller Linda Fang will introduce the Chinese way of life through stories enhanced by costumes and cultural artifacts. Recommended for grade school aged children. Tickets are \$2 each and go on sale December 4.

Ceramic Christmas tree workshop for ages 7-12 will be held on Saturday, Decem-

ber 7, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Each child will finish and glaze a molded tree covered with little lights, which the instructor will fire for pickup at a later time. The fee of \$18 for town residents includes all materials.

Friday family skating for children aged 6-12 and their parents/guardians will be held December 6, 20 and 27 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Free admission December 6; other sessions 50¢ per person. Bring your own skates and safety equipment. Children must be accompanied by an adult over 18.

Holiday roller skating for children aged 3-12 will be held on Monday, December 30, from 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Children must provide their own skates and safety equipment. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Open gym hours for kids aged 11 and under accompanied by a parent are scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. each Monday through March 24 (no open gym January 20 and February 17).

AT THE TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center, located in the basement of the Vienna Community Center, is open on weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Teens can enjoy cards, ping pong, pool, air hockey, nintendo, foosball and other games and activities free of charge. Open gym hours for ages 12-17 are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5:30 p.m., with special holiday hours December 26 and 27 from 1 to 5 p.m.

"Friday Movie Madness" for ages 13-17 will be held December 6, 20 and 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Stop by the Community Center for a list of upcoming movies, all rated PG-13 or below. Teens must sign in and cannot leave until the movie is over.

The Teen Council assists the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department in planning events for Vienna area teens, including the great New Year's Eve party coming up for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. The Council

meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Let's go bowling at 1 p.m. Thursday, December 19. Bowlers of all ability levels are welcome. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$5. Participants carpool from the Community Center to the bowling alley. Please register at least a day in advance.

Free blood pressure check on Wednesday, December 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members of The Medical Team will be available to check your blood pressure. Advance registration requested.

The "Walking Wonders" walk along the W&OD Trail each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, leaving at 11 a.m. from the Community Center. Set your own pace and enjoy the exercise, fresh air and companionship. There is no fee for this activity.

More ongoing free activities for senior citizens include fitness class on Tuesdays and Thursdays; crafts program on Fridays; pickleball on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; table tennis on Tuesdays; and bocce (lawn bowling) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

POTPOURRI

Tips for staying healthy in the cold and flu season will be presented by Dr. Leah Griswold on Wednesday, December 4, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics discussed in this free lecture will include homeopathic and herbal remedies, exercise, nutrition, and specific treatments for pediatric illnesses that typically occur this time of year.

Arm chair traveler series takes you to Southern California on Friday, December 20, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to share their own travel stories. This program is free of charge, but advance registration is requested.

Police Updating Emergency Notification Files

The Vienna Police Department is in the process of updating its Voluntary Emergency Notification Registry files. As a service to town residents, the police maintain this registry to facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated persons in the event of an emergency. This service is provided free of charge and is strictly voluntary. The information provided by residents will be used only in emergency situations. To be listed in the registry or to update your current listing, complete the form below and return it to police headquarters, 215 Center St., S.

VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REGISTRY (Please print or type all information)

Name _____

Address _____

City Vienna State Virginia ZIP 22180 Home Phone (703) _____

Any medical problems that should be made known to the Police Department? If so, please explain:

In case of an emergency, please notify the individuals listed below in the order listed:

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Does this person have a key to your house? Yes or No (circle one)

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

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I understand that my participation in this program is purely voluntary. I am aware of the nature of this service and desire to participate. I release and agree to hold harmless the Town of Vienna and its employees from all liability for the consequences of their release or failure to release the data provided by me.

Signature _____ Date _____

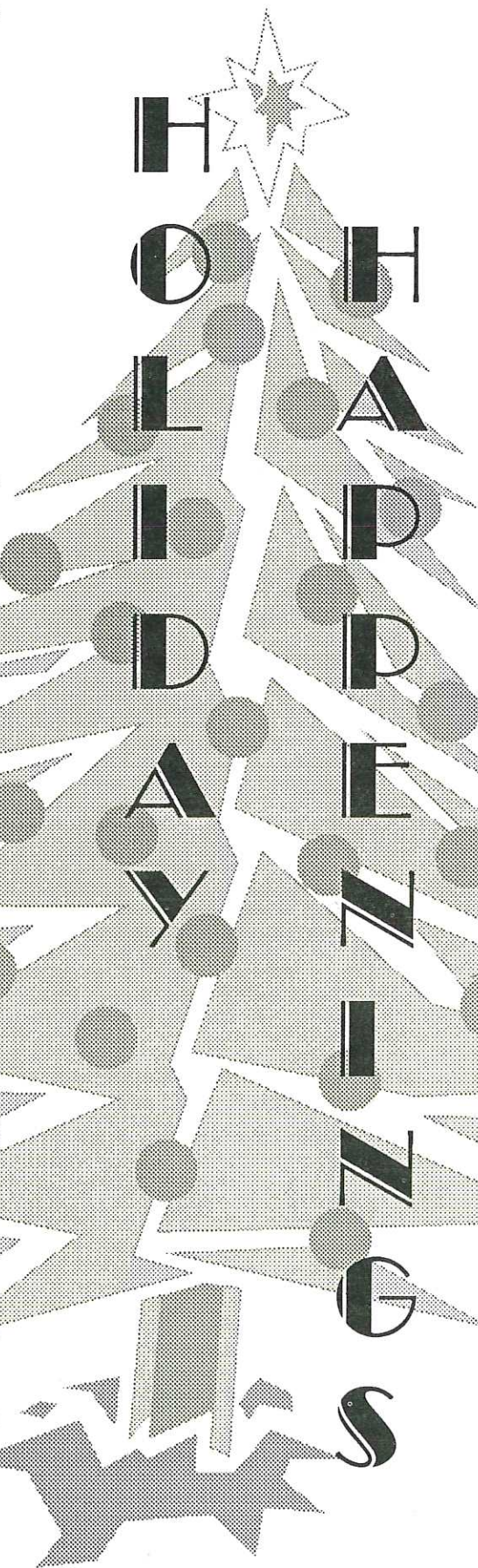
First annual Christmas Walk, sponsored by Church Street merchants, will be held on Sunday, December 8. Stores will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. and many will be serving refreshments. Enjoy music of the season, festive decorations and luminary lights along the newly renovated Church Street business district. As an added treat, the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will hold an open house at the Vienna railroad station, and the caboose will be open to visitors courtesy of the Optimist Club of Vienna.

Santa Claus will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on December 8 and 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. and also on December 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. during the Christmas Walk on Church Street. The old-fashioned general store and museum will be decorated for the holidays by the Ayr Hill Garden Club, with door wreaths provided by Five Hills Garden Club.

The Freeman Store will be open every Friday in December from 1 to 5 p.m., in addition to regular hours on Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. New items in the store for Christmas are sachet angels, moth-repellant cedar bags, scented candles, cookbooks of Virginia, Civil War books, and Christmas ornaments, as well as Christmas cards designed by Vienna artist Teri Christensen and the Vienna afghan, which depicts 11 historic sites in town from the artwork of Pauline D. Lorfano.

Holiday concert, sponsored by the Santa Maria Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Sunday, December 8, from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Performers will include local choral groups and the Vienna Community Band, directed by John J. Pickeral, Jr. For more information, call Matt Di Fiore, 938-1778, or Dominick Nuzzi, 938-3334.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold its annual Christmas tree sale on the Southern States parking lot at the corner of Maple Avenue and Park Street beginning Saturday, November 30. Prices are the same as last year's, with tabletop trees as low as \$10 and no tree, including the 10-footers, exceeding \$35. Wreaths and roping are also available. All profits go the club's sight, hearing, youth, and other community programs, including CHO.



Vienna Choral Society will be joined by the Oakton High School Chamber Orchestra in Saint-Saens *Christmas Oratorio* for its annual Christmas concert at 8 p.m. Saturday, December 14, at Vienna Baptist Church. "A Classic Christmas" will also feature choral pieces by John Rutter and Gustav Holst and instrumental pieces performed by the Oakton High School strings. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$20 for families with children under 18 years old. For more information, call 573-4018, 938-4839 or 876-1826.

Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 of the American Legion, 330 Center St., N. Santa will be there along with gifts, games and refreshments. Children wishing to attend should sign up before December 12. For more information, call Dan Dellinger at 255-1443.

1997 Entertainment Books, full of discount coupons, cost \$35 each and make great gifts. Save on restaurants, hotel accommodations across the country, car rentals, dry cleaners, florists, sporting events, movie and theater tickets, and much more. Coupons are good now through December 1, 1997.

The Entertainment Book is available from two local organizations: The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Vienna Chapter, will donate all profits to the Alzheimer's fund. For home delivery, call Wes Martin, Alzheimer's Chairman, at 938-6580. The Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna/Oakton uses sales proceeds for its community service projects. Call Carole Cole at 448-8772 to place your order for immediate delivery.

Annual potluck holiday dinner, sponsored by the South Vienna Association, will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, at the Vienna Community Center. Everyone in the community is invited to bring a dish to share and a donation of a wrapped new toy for a needy child.

Committee for Helping Others (CHO) needs your help to provide Christmas baskets for needy families in the Vienna area. On December 20, baskets will be filled with turkeys, dairy products and canned goods plus toys for the children.

Baskets will be delivered on Saturday, December 21. Donations and volunteer help are always welcome. For more information, call Carolyn Mysel at 938-7213.

CHO works year-round in our community, providing food, clothing, shelter, furniture, transportation and other basics to those in need. Did you know that CHO is the local sponsor of the Meals-on Wheels program? Drivers are always needed to deliver food. To volunteer and for more information, call Faye Adkins at 560-6765.

Philomela, the Washington-based women's ensemble, will present a free concert at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W., at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 1. Donations will be accepted to benefit CHO. Philomela was formed 20 years ago as a Renaissance ensemble and now has a repertoire ranging from classical to popular songs of the last four centuries. For more information, call the group's director, Kathy Kessler Price, at 938-5518.

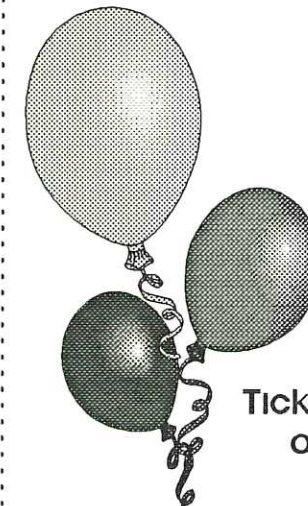
Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton will hold a holiday luncheon on Thursday, December 5, at the International Town and Country Club in Fairfax. The program will feature the annual collection for Toys for Tots, caroling and a gift exchange. For reservations and more information, call 281-3832 or 938-7690. Both new and long-time residents are invited to attend.

Tree of Lights — A Celebration of Life to honor the memories of loved ones will be held at the Hospice of Northern Virginia, 4715 N. 15th St. in Arlington on Saturday, December 7, beginning at 5 p.m. You may dedicate a light by donating \$10 or more to Hospice of Northern Virginia, which since 1977 has served more than 15,000 patients and their loved ones and is the largest hospice care program in the Washington, D.C., area and in Virginia. For more information, call Patti DeBuck at 538-2041.

"The Greatest Gift" will be presented at 7 p.m. Saturday, December 14, and again at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, December 15, at Vienna Assembly of God, located at the corner of Center Street and Ayrhill Avenue. The musical drama will feature the Kids in Action with the Vienna Assembly Choir. For more information, call 938-7736.

Vienna Baptist Players will present a double feature of holiday plays, Thornton

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
For 7th, 8th & 9th Graders
Tuesday, December 31, 9 p.m.-12:30 am
at the Vienna Community Center



Video/Karaoke DJ
Video Games
Sumo Wrestling
Bungee Run
Grand Door Prizes
Lots of Food
"Times Square" Countdown
Money Drop at Midnight

Tickets \$6 in advance/\$10 at the door
on sale beginning December 2

Sponsored by Vienna Parks & Recreation
& the Optimist Club of Vienna

Wilder's *The Long Christmas Dinner* and the Alexander Coyles comedy *Angels, Please Come to Order*, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Performances are scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, December 6, and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 7. Admission is free; donations will be received at the door. For more information, call Jack Price at the church, 281-4400.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold its monthly luncheon meeting on Thursday, December 12, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature a gift exchange and sing-along with pianist J. Patrick Forry. On Wednesday, December 4, the club is planning a tour of Oatlands Plantation, lunch and shopping in Leesburg. For reservations and more information, call 978-8572.

Book fair to benefit the James Madison High School library, will be held at the school December 3-5. Hours are 7:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 7:30 a.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday. Some 5,000 books will be available, including many titles recommended by school faculty members as class selections. Most of the books are paperback, but there will be some hardcover bargains as well. Visitors

are reminded that they must sign in at the main office during school hours.

1st Saturday Coffee House and "open mike" is held the first Saturday of every month from 7 to 9 p.m. at Epiphany United Methodist Church, corner of Old Courthouse Road and Country Club Drive, N.E. Drop in alone or with friends and family to enjoy live music, poetry readings and other entertainment, and refreshments free of charge. For information, call 938-3494.

Model railroad open house at the Vienna Railroad Station will be held on Saturday, December 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders invite the public to see an operating HO scale model railroad. The station is located at the corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Donations accepted. For more information, call 938-5157.

"Anger Management for Men," sponsored by The Women's Center, will be held on Saturday, December 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St., S.E. Learn productive ways to manage anger. The cost is \$18 per person. To register and for more information call 281-2657.