

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1987 — Beginning this month, the Department of Public Works has set aside one Saturday morning every three months to accept small amounts of waste oil from town residents at the Nutley Street property yard. The program got off to a very successful start, with 250 gallons of oil collected during a four-hour period on the first recycling day, December 5.

DECEMBER 1977 — A historic home located just outside the town limits is the Hunter House at Nottoway Park. The Fairfax County Park Authority has recently completed restoration of this house and will hold formal dedication ceremonies on December 3. The house will be used for meetings and recreational activities. Hunter House was built in 1890 by John C. Hunter and was a typical two-story farm house. During the 1920's a new kitchen was added and a basement excavated, which was used as a winery for many years. Another addition was made in the 1940's.

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

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE 255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE 255-6363

SPECIAL PICKUP 255-5727

Visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, December 6, 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.

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Real Estate Tax Due

The second installment on 1997 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.

Leaf Collection Ends

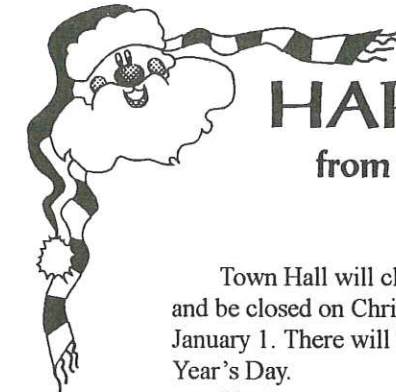
The last pass through town by leaf collection crews is scheduled for December 2-12 in north Vienna and December 13-31 on the south side of town. Please rake leaves just to the curbside, not into the street. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 255-6381.

Order Mulch Now

The Public Works Department is now taking orders for ground leaf mulch and ground wood mulch, delivered free of charge to town residents beginning in mid-January. See page 4 for details.

NEWSLETTER

December 1997



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 curbside recycling on Christmas or New Year's Day.

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.

Town Council to Consider Traffic Calming Recommendations

At its January 5 meeting the Town Council will consider approval of three traffic calming measures based on recommendations made by E. L. Tennyson, the transportation engineer who conducted a town-wide traffic calming study earlier this year. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Following a work session with the Transportation Safety Commission last month, Council has placed the following traffic calming recommendations on the agenda:

- Place a three-way stop at Park and Locust Streets, S.E.
- Place a three-way stop at Mill Street and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E.
- Convert the right lane of eastbound Courthouse Road, S.W., at Nutley Street to right turns only. Use the left lane for left turns and through traffic.

Mr. Tennyson has also recommended the use of residential traffic circles and speed dips, humps, or bumps; adjustments to traffic signals; no left turns at certain locations during peak traffic hours; installation or removal of stop signs; warning signs at pedestrian and bicycle crossings; construction of sidewalks; improvements in bus service; and other miscellaneous recommendations. The complete report is available for public review in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

The recommendations are based on comments received at meetings with residents from all quadrants of town and with Vienna business people, as well as analyses of traffic speeds, accident numbers and rates, traffic volumes, and traffic peaking rates.

FIRE & RESCUE
911
(Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE
EMERGENCY
938-4900 (Voice)
255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
255-6368 (Voice)
255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL
255-6300 (Voice)
255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
255-6360 (Voice)
255-5739 (TDD)

Vienna Town Hall
127 Center Street, South
Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799
Business Hours Monday-Friday,
8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 255-6330, TDD 255-5735.

Town Wins Award for Church St.

The Town of Vienna's Church Street revitalization project was recently selected by the Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia (CAA) as a winner of its 1997 award for "visually enhancing the built environment."

The annual awards recognize exemplary projects in public spaces, landscapes, streetscapes, and buildings.

According to the CAA awards committee, Church Street, Vienna's traditional "Main Street," is back on the map as a pedestrian-friendly commercial destination. The improvement program, a cooperative effort of the Town and Fairfax County completed last year, resulted in over a million dollars of investment in streetscape improvements. Brick sidewalks and crosswalks were constructed, period street lamps and benches were installed, and overhead utilities were consolidated to one side of the street.

The Town and business community have also embarked on a multifaceted plan to spark reinvestment in private properties. A new zoning ordinance has been crafted to prohibit auto-oriented land uses along the street and a particularly innovative incentive zoning program is under development. Once in place, the Town will offer incentives to encourage redevelopment consistent with the Town's vision for the street, reminiscent of "small town America."

COMING THIS SPRING A NEW LOOK FOR DOWNTOWN VIENNA MAPLE AVENUE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Look for a special report in the February newsletter on how this project will affect town residents and businesses

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Charles A. Robinson, Jr.

Albert J. Boudreau Vincent J. Olson
Steven D. Briglia Michael J. Polychrones
Robert P. McCormick Jane Seeman

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for January issue is Monday, December 15.

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.)

Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

OCTOBER 6, 1997

- Following an executive session to consider an appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals, recommended Louis James to the Fairfax County Circuit Court to fill the unexpired term of Robert Curry on the Board.

- Approved settlement of a claim by Falls Church Construction Corp. concerning the Town Hall renovation project in the amount of \$7,500.

OCTOBER 27, 1997

- Conducted an executive session to consider appointments to Town boards and commissions.

- Adopted a resolution in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Vienna Police Department.

- Designated the house at 308 East St., N.E., as a historic structure.

- Approved site plan modifications to lot coverage, driveway width, and loading space requirements; a waiver from storm water management requirements; and a deviation from the required tree canopy to permit additions to Marshall Road Elementary School, 730 Marshall Rd., S.W.

- Approved the request of the Police Department to purchase a replacement motorcycle with funds to come from a federal grant, a donation from the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce, and proceeds from the sale of surplus vehicles.

- Awarded a bid for printing/ mailing of the Town newsletter to Balderson's Printing and Graphics of Fairfax in the amount of \$13,823.28.

- Authorized preparation of an invitation for bids to renovate two restrooms in Town Hall.

December 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	1 Town Council	2 Leaf collection north side of town thru Dec. 12 Windsor Heights Board of Review	3 Planning Commission	4 Town/Business Liaison Committee	5 Real estate tax 2nd installment due	6 Recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries
14 Trash & yard waste first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	8 Town Council work session	9 Town Council	10 Board of Zoning Appeals	11 Architectural Review Board	12 Leaf collection south side of town thru Dec. 31	13
21 WINTER	15 Town Council	16	17 Hanukkah Town Hall closes at noon	18 Town Hall closed NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING	19	20
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An Open Letter to the Citizens of Vienna

Holiday Greetings,

While most of us are aware of, or have even been affected by the needless alcohol-related tragedies occurring within our community, deaths and injuries caused by impaired driving continues to remain a national problem. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 17,274 people died in alcohol related traffic crashes, an average of one crash every 32 minutes in the United States. More than a million persons were injured in alcohol-related crashes, an average of one person every 30 seconds. In Virginia, 346 persons were killed in alcohol-related crashes and 9,083 persons were injured in 1996.

It is sometimes difficult to remember these statistics or to even comprehend the enormous tragedy that they reflect. Yet, talk to one grieving father, mother, husband or wife. Talk to someone whose best friend died in an alcohol-related crash and these figures are no longer just numbers, they are people with names, loved ones who won't join in this year's holiday celebrations because someone chose to drink and drive.

As we approach this holiday season, let's make a commitment to ourselves, our families and our community to support safe and responsible holiday celebrations. Let's celebrate this holiday season with "**None for the Road!**"

Sincerely,


Dan Boring
Chief of Police

Comment from the Council Table

Citizen Involvement Is Vienna's Most Valuable Asset

By Robert P. McCormick
Vienna Town Councilman

During the past five months I have learned a lot about what it takes to serve the citizens of Vienna as a member of the Town Council. I have already attended almost 20 meetings relating to Town business, and recently I spent three days in Hampton, Virginia, at the annual Virginia Municipal League conference. I have experienced firsthand the commitment of my colleagues on the Council, the members of Town boards and commissions, the Town staff, the business owners in Vienna, and hundreds of residents. Together we are all trying to maintain the services that make our town great and to identify areas that hinder our progress and need to be changed.

In the upcoming months, the Town Council will be making decisions and choosing courses of action that will affect us all now and well into the next century. Probably the most important decisions relate to how we handle our current and future traffic problems. Cut-through traffic already threatens the residential character of many of our neighborhoods.

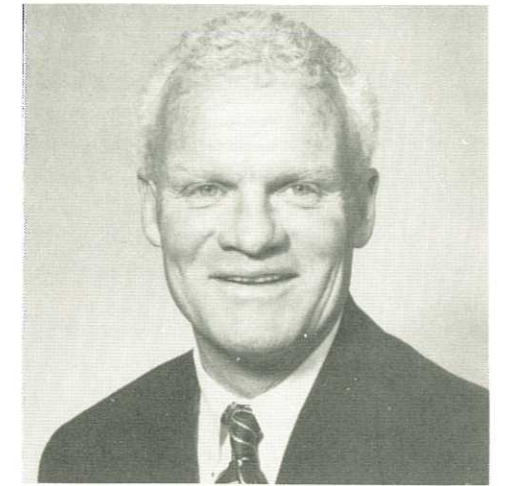
The Town is currently involved in a

fight to hold the developer of the Virginia Center, located just outside the southwest town limit near the Vienna Metro station, to an eight-year old agreement to develop 650,000 square feet of office space. At the eleventh hour, the developer is trying to add 200,000 square feet and 800 additional employees to an already congested area. Should this additional development be allowed by Fairfax County, our problems of cut-through traffic, already horrific, will only be exacerbated. *(See below for article on the Town Council's position concerning the Virginia Center development.)*

Next month, the Council will begin consideration of the first stages of implementing traffic-claming devices and measures throughout the town. This process will be an ongoing one that will most likely become a permanent program that constantly needs to be refined as circumstances change.

Besides traffic, several other concerns are currently being discussed by the Town Council:

- What will we do with future requests



Councilman McCormick

by telecommunications companies to place antennas in the town? There are over 133 telecommunications companies licensed in Virginia. The law requires us to provide space for their transmitting and receiving devices. The question becomes, where will these devices be located?

• A proposed ordinance scheduled for a public hearing next month would allow home and business owners in town who improve their properties under certain conditions to delay for ten years the increased real estate taxes associated with the improvements.

• Construction on the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project will begin in 1998. Once again, traffic will be a major concern.

• Several organizations are looking at what we as a town should provide for our teenagers. We must do more to offer them an alternative to hanging out with nothing to do and nowhere to go.

• The Northside Property Yard project needs to move ahead, but in such a way that the concerns of the surrounding residents are taken into account.

The most valuable asset the town has is an involved citizenry. Decisions regarding the above issues and others are going to be made by the Town Council. What we on the Council need is your input prior to a decision. Please let your voice be heard on these issues that affect you.

On a more personal note, serving on the Town Council is an honor. The work involved is challenging and rewarding. But most important to me and my family, I am enjoying myself! Thank you for your support.

Town Council Strongly Opposed To Virginia Center Expansion

The Vienna Town Council has taken a unanimous position in strong opposition to the Fairfax County comprehensive plan nomination APR No. 97-II-IV submitted by Hazel-Peterson to increase the commercial space allowance at Virginia Center from 650,000 to 850,000 square feet. Virginia Center is located on Vienna's southwest border near the Vienna Metro station.

According to the County staff report, this expansion of Virginia Center would increase overall daily traffic by 25% and peak hour traffic by 21%. The impact would be felt on Nutley Street, Marshall Road, Kingsley Road, Tapawingo Road, Courthouse Road, and throughout Vienna's southwest quadrant.

Town officials and concerned citizens testified against the proposal in September before the County Planning Commission and will be back when the Commission resumes consideration of the Virginia Center nomination next month. Written comments may be addressed to the County Planning Commission at 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 330, Fairfax, VA 22035-0042.

Free Mulch Available to Residents

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 27. To place your order and for more information, call the Public Works Department at 255-6382.

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."

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. 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.

Welcome New Vienna Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in October:

Encore Limousine (limo service) 396 Maple Ave., E. Suite #A 938-5900	D&K Design, Inc. (graphic design, writing) 304 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. 938-5800	Senior Card of VA (advertising program) 314 George St., S.W. 573-9175
Prestige Jewelers (jewelry repair & sales) 165 Maple Ave., E. Suite #A 301-704-2414	Popeye's (restaurant) 325 Maple Ave., E. 319-0700	Brown Construction Services, Inc. (consulting) 311 Maple Ave., E. 255-1089
Medical Review Foundations, Inc. (medical/legal consulting) 120 Beulah Rd., N.E. Suite #200 255-6133	C.T. Nails (nail service) 338 Maple Ave., W. 255-4992	Tammy Dibenigno (child care) 504 Old Courthouse Rd., N.E. 255-1635
	King of Kabobs (restaurant) 146 Maple Ave., W. 242-2427	



**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 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:

- Diane P. Johnson, 113 Battle St., S.E., for her lovely assortment of wildflowers; and

- Blane Stewart, owner of Stuff at 130 Maple Ave., E., for the welcoming flower arrangements in front of her shop.

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.

BEAUTY TIP: If your galvanized window wells stick out like a sore thumb, paint them to match the soil or mulch around them. It's cheap and quick, and then they'll blend in.

Drive Safely In Parking Lots

When out holiday shopping, and all through the year, safe driving should not end when you enter a parking lot. The standard "rules of the road" should be followed, including yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians, following designated traffic and parking patterns, and maintaining a safe speed.

In Vienna, public parking lots designed to accommodate 50 or more vehicles are subject to police enforcement of the same traffic regulations as on town streets, and a speed of 15 mph is the maximum allowed in these parking lots.

In addition, it is illegal to cut through parking lots to avoid traffic lights or stop signs at intersections.

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



**Video/Karaoke DJ
Video Games
Sumo Wrestling
Bungee Running
Medieval Joust
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 1**

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

Permit Required to Erect a Fence

The Town of Vienna requires homeowners to obtain a permit before erecting a fence on their property. The fence permit application must be accompanied by a plat of the property showing the location of the proposed fence and a \$5 fee.

On interior lots, a fence may be erected to a maximum height of four feet in front of the house and six feet beside and behind the house.

On corner lots, a fence may be erected to a maximum height of six feet except in the following locations:

- A fence built within 25 feet of the property line abutting the side street may be no more than four feet high.
- That part of the fence built within 25 feet of the corner may be no more than three feet high.
- If the house behind yours faces the side street, your back fence may be no more than four feet high from the front of your neighbor's house to your property line at the street. (If the two houses are back to back, then your back fence may be six feet high along the entire rear property line.)

All fences must be constructed within the property lines. The posts and supports must face inward toward your house, and the finished side must face outward toward the street or abutting property.

Remember, fence permits are required before construction begins. For more information and assistance, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

East Street Home Designated Historic Structure

The Town Council has approved adding to Vienna's register of historic structures, sites and places the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Proctor at 308 East St., N.E. The house, built in 1947 for Lt. Commander Tyrell Krum, may very well be "one-of-a-kind," with its unique stone construction and notable architectural features.

Any property owner may apply to be included in the register of historic structures, sites and places. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall and are evaluated by Historic Vienna, Inc., on the basis of age, historic significance and/or architectural features.

Designation as a historic structure or site does not give the owner any special responsibilities or privileges. The purpose of the register is simply to encourage recognition of and interest in historic places in Vienna.

Dog Tag Reminder

1997 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.

Hear a message from Santa Claus especially for the children of Vienna beginning December 15 through Christmas Day on the Vienna Newsline. Call 255-6333.

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 TRIP

Ski Seven Springs on Monday, December 29. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around midnight. Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult. 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. Reservation deadline December 19; holiday gift certificates available.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Volleyball specialty clinics in passing, setting and spiking, 7-10 p.m. December 9, 11 and 16 for beginner/intermediate players and December 18, 23 and 30 for intermediate/advanced players. Cost is \$15 per clinic.

Drop-in basketball for adults is held on Mondays and Wednesdays, and drop-in volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. These activities are free of charge for Town of Vienna residents and \$3 per session for out-of-town participants. Drop-in table tennis is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. No charge for table tennis.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

"Be a Successful Investor" is the title of a free presentation on Monday, December 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Merrill Lynch Assistant Vice President Keats Nicoll will discuss how to use information to your advantage, how to recognize and avoid the destructive behavior that harms investors, and how to develop the habits shared by the most successful investor. Advance registration recommended.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Dance and laser light show, open to Madison High School students, will be held on Friday, December 19, from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be available. Sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation and the Vienna/Madison Community Coalition.

The Teen Center, located in the basement of the Vienna Community Center, is open during the school year 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. Special events are held each Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Open gym hours are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, December 1-22, from 3 to 5:30 p.m., with special winter vacation hours from 1 to 5:30 p.m. December 26-28.

The Teen Center is always staffed by employees of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department.

Winter's coming! Time to sign up with the Town's Odd Job Bank, which matches teens with residents who have jobs to offer such as shoveling snow, raking leaves, mowing lawns, clerical work, baby sitting, house sitting, and dog walking. Job application forms are available at the front desk at the Community Center.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Tickets go on sale December 3 for the Ken Norris Magic Show, scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, December 29. The show includes lots of audience participation, dazzling illusions, and good clean fun. Tickets are \$3.50 per person, with children aged two and under admitted free of charge.

Holiday roller skating for ages 3-12, Monday, December 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. Free admission. Children must provide their own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents welcome to participate.

Open gym hours for kids aged 11 and under are scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. each Monday, December 1-22. Kids must be accompanied by a parent.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Let's go bowling on Thursday, December 18, at 1 p.m. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$5. Participants carpool from the Community Center to the bowling alley. Register at least a day in advance.

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

Ongoing free activities for seniors include fitness class, crafts social, table tennis, bocce (lawn bowling), pickleball, mah-jongg, and walking club along the W&OD Trail.

POTPOURRI

Tickets go on sale December 15 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of "To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday." Performances are scheduled for January. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens.

Arm chair traveler series takes you to Japan on Friday, December 19, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to share their own travel stories with the group. Free of charge but registration requested.

Our winter recreation brochure is available on-line at the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us.

Police Updating Emergency Notification Files

The Vienna Police Department is 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 _____

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

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

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

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 _____

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Santa Claus will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 14, from 2 to 4 p.m. 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 Fridays, December 5, 12, and 19, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., in addition to regular hours on Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

The first in a series of Christmas ornaments depicting historic sites around town is now available exclusively at the Freeman Store. This year's ornament features a hand-painting of the original Vienna Library. Also, the Vienna heritage afghan is back in stock for the holiday season.

Vienna Choral Society will once again welcome the Oakton High School String Orchestra under the direction of Anne Ruppert for its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. "Christmas in Vienna" will feature *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Ralph Vaughan Williams; *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, *Christmas Night*, and *What Sweeter Music*, all written or arranged by John Rutter, and other seasonal selections. 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 or 938-4839.

Vienna Little League registration for children aged 5-12 will be held at the Vienna Community Center on the following dates: Saturday, January 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Wednesday, January 14, 6-9 p.m.; Saturday, January 17, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; and Thursday, January 22, 6-9 p.m. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate for verification of age. In case of inclement weather, call 758-4073 for changes in the registration schedule.

Children are placed on teams according to age and skill, and everyone plays a mini-

mum of two games per week. Practice begins in mid-March, and regular season games are played from mid-April through June.

Vienna Community Band's saxophone quartet will present free concerts at two area malls during the holiday shopping season. At 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, the group will be in the Montgomery Ward Court at Springfield Mall, and the following Tuesday, December 9, the quartet will play at Fair Oaks Mall beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Navy Federal Credit Union, which was recently selected as one of several area companies to receive the CARE (Companies As Responsive Employers) Award. This annual award is presented by Northern Virginia Family Service to recognize "family-friendly" work policies. Navy Federal was cited for initiatives in the areas of dependent care, flexible work schedules, benefits package, employee development, and community involvement. Navy Federal, the world's largest credit union, is based in the Vienna Technology Park.

"The Many Styles of Mothering," sponsored by the Women's Center, will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, December 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. From June Cleaver to Roseanne Connor, there are as many styles of mothering as

there are mothers. Learn which style most closely resembles yours, so you can build on your strengths and correct your weaknesses. The cost for the program is \$25 per person. To register and for more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 281-2657.

1998 Entertainment Books, full of discount coupons, cost \$35 each and make great holiday gifts. Save on restaurants, hotel accommodations across the country, car rentals, florists, sporting events, theater tickets, cleaners, car washes, and much more. There is even a special section for Ocean City coupons. Entertainment Books are available from two local organizations: The National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Vienna Chapter, will donate all profits to Alzheimer's research; call Wes Martin at 938-6580. The Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna/Oakton uses sales proceeds for its community service projects; call Carole Cole at 448-8772.

Model railroad open house at the Vienna Railroad Station will be held on Saturday, December 13, 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.

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, 1998, AND HAND-DELIVERED REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Each banner accepted may be displayed for no more than two weeks. The following dates in 1998 are not available and should not be requested: April 21-May 24 and October 14-November 8. If your organization's banner is approved for display, you will be provided with specifications for the banner.

SVA (South Vienna Association) will host a Holiday Potluck at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, at the Vienna Community Center. All citizens are welcome to attend. Bring a dish to share and a new, wrapped toy for donation to the Committee for Helping Others. For more information, call Edythe Frankel at 242-7651.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. invites all Vietnam-era veterans and friends to attend the next general membership meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month except July and August at 7:30 p.m., featuring a speaker on a current veteran issue or a Vietnam War topic. Admission is free. The chapter has a wide range of veteran and community service projects. For more information, call 255-0353.

American Association of Retired Persons, Vienna Chapter 754, will host a legislative forum at the Vienna Community Center on Monday, December 8. Sessions on electric utility deregulation, managed health care, and long-term care will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. and again from 7 to 10 p.m. For more information, call Don Sullivan at 273-4285.

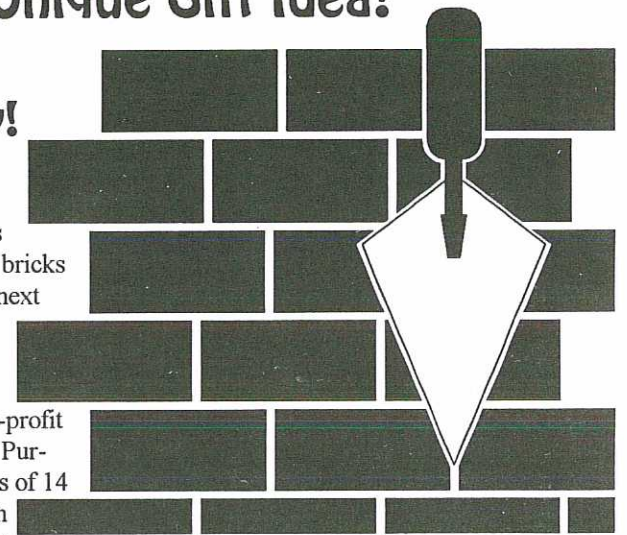
AARP is sponsoring a trip to the White House on Thursday, December 11. For reservations and more information, call Emily Larson at 938-1379.

Vienna Baptist Players will present "Steel Magnolias" in the Fellowship Hall at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W., at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, and at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 7. Admission is free; donations accepted at the door. Childcare provided on Saturday night. For more information, call the church office at 281-4400.

Christmas Bazaar will be held at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 6. Fresh green wreaths, holiday arrangements, topiary trees, and poinsettias will be sold, as well as crafts, baked goods, and Mrs. See's chocolates. The bazaar will also feature a silent auction and a Children's Room. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call the church at 938-3494.

Looking for a Unique Gift Idea? Buy a Brick — Be Part of History!

The Vienna Community Commemorative Project Committee is selling commemorative sidewalk bricks to be installed on Maple Avenue next year. The goal of the "Walk of History" project is to sell 10,000 paver bricks for \$100 each, with the net proceeds going to the non-profit organizations that sell the bricks. Purchasers may have up to three lines of 14 characters each imprinted on each brick. For more information about the project and to receive an order form for your commemorative brick, call Joyce Decker at 938-8597.



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 6, 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 18,000 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.

Vienna Arts Society invites town residents to a special show for the holiday season at its gallery, 133 Maple Ave., E. (between Fresh Fields and Patrick Henry Library). Admission is free. Entitled "Treasures," the show features pottery, jewelry, ornaments, cards, and small prints and paintings suited for gift giving. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call the gallery at 319-3971. The current solo show, "Stone" by Leonard Justinian, runs through December 6.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, will hold a

luncheon at 11 a.m. December 13, featuring a program entitled "Let's Go Caroling." Call 352-0857 for meeting location and more information.

Patrick Henry Library offers activities for pre-schoolers, school age children, and adults. Scallywags Puppet Theatre will present "Anna's Red Shawl" at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 27. This event is free of charge but space is limited. To register, call the library at 938-0405.

La Leche League of Vienna meets at Patrick Henry Library the third Friday of the month at 10:15 a.m. The topic for December 19 will be "Advantages of Breastfeeding." For more information, call Jennifer, 242-3839, or Celeste, 573-2832.

Friends of the W&OD invite bikers, skaters, joggers, walkers, and other fans of the Washington and Old Dominion Regional Trail to join their new organization, devoted to supporting the 45-mile trail through fund raising, promotion, historic research, educational programming, and maintenance. Membership dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families. For more information, call trail headquarters at 729-0596.