

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1988 — The Town Council has adopted an ordinance to establish a register of Vienna's historic sites. These sites will be marked with a special plaque and described in a pamphlet. Residents may apply to have their property included on the register by sending a letter to the Town Manager describing the site, its size and location, significant dates in its history, people or events of historic interest associated with it, and other pertinent information. The Town Council will act on applications after receiving recommendations from the Town Manager and the board of directors of Historic Vienna, Inc.

DECEMBER 1978 — The Vienna Police Department has recently acquired, through a grant, a composite drawing machine known as a Multiple Image Maker and Identification Compositor (MIMIC). With this equipment, police can create a facial picture from a verbal description of a criminal suspect, thus eliminating the need for an artist trained for identification work. MIMIC is basically a special projector with facial features stored on six 35mm film strips, one each for hairlines, eyes, nose, mouth, chin, ears, and accessories such as eyeglasses and beards. Thousands of combinations are possible.

DECEMBER 1968 — At its December 2 meeting, the Town Council approved semi-annual billing for Town real estate taxes. The first half of the 1969 taxes are to be paid in June and the second in December, rather than the entire amount coming due in December. Councilman Richard B. Dingman said, "We are not adding a bill, we are releasing residents from a Christmas time burden."

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE 255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE 255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP 255-5727

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

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.

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Real Estate Tax Due

The second installment on 1998 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on December 7. 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 1-16 in south Vienna and December 17-31 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 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 back page for details.

NEWSLETTER

December 1998

Town Council Approves Traffic Calming Measures

The Town Council has approved a number of traffic calming measures recommended by the Transportation Safety Commission, which were the subject of a public hearing last month. The measures approved are as follows:

NORTHEAST QUADRANT

- One speed hump in the 300 block of Ayrhill Avenue
- One speed hump in the 300 block of Church Street
- One speed hump on Broadleaf Drive, location to be determined in conjunction with residents on that street
- Town staff to determine whether construction of an intersection hump on Glyndon Street between Hilltop Road and Jean Place at Ainstree Court could cause drainage problems
- Four-way STOP sign at East Street and Creek Crossing Road
- Left-turn signals from Park Street and Center Street onto Maple Avenue
- Shorter green time by two seconds on Church Street at Beulah Road

NORTHWEST QUADRANT

- Three-way STOP sign at John Marshall Drive and Center Street
- One speed hump in the 400 block of Center Street, N.
- Four-way STOP sign at Lewis and Orchard Streets
- One speed hump on Orchard Street between Lewis and Nutley Streets
- Realignment of the crosswalk on Lawyers Road at Malcolm Road

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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.

Town Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, during the Town employees' holiday luncheon.

The Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees during January. Place trees at the curbside; they will be collected separately from trash and recyclables.

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.

Bulk Rate
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PAID
Vienna, Va.
Permit No. 36

The Town of Vienna does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Director of Administrative Services has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements.

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

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

- Adopted a resolution honoring Stephen G. Yeonas, Sr., the Yeonas family, and the Yeonas organization.

- Authorized an agreement with Fairfax County for installation of decorative street lights as part of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to declare "blighted" properties a nuisance.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to prohibit parking of certain commercial vehicles in residential zones.

- Designated the building at 214 Lawyers Rd., N.W., as a historic structure.

- Approved the final plat, waivers, and site plan for the Regency Ridge townhouse development, to be located off Center Street, N.

- Approved the Town's participation in the Virginia Department of Taxation's set-off debt collection program, which allows State tax refunds and certain lottery prizes

to be used to satisfy delinquent Town real estate taxes and utility bills.

- Approved reimbursement of \$14,046.77 to Tri-Tek Engineering for design and construction support services for the Delilah Drive Pond Remediation Project.

- Awarded a bid for a Police Department motorcycle to Burcham Cycles in the amount of \$9,119.

- Amended the motor vehicle code to provide for a demonstration program for a traffic signal violation monitoring system.

- Adopted an ordinance regarding telecommunication fees for public rights-of-way. Requested the Town Manager to recommend a designated use for the derived revenue.

OCTOBER 19, 1991

- Conducted a public hearing on the renewal of Vienna's cable television franchise (continued until November 16).

- Approved the installation of curb, gutter, and sidewalk in front of 915 Glyndon St., S.E., to be constructed in conjunction

with the recently approved Prescott Subdivision at an estimated cost of \$33,330.

- Accepted the public improvements for Carter's Glen Subdivision, Section II, into the Town's maintenance system. Reduced the developer's Letter of Credit to \$34,929.60, to be retained for two years.

- Awarded a bid for tennis court resurfacing at Meadow Lane Park to Finlay Asphalt and Sealing of Manassas in the basic amount of \$56,400, with an additional \$8,120 to provide for a roller hockey area.

- Approved a contract with Davey Resource Group to conduct a street tree inventory and provide the information in a computer software program in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 (\$6,000 to be reimbursed by a Virginia Department of Forestry grant). Approved an additional \$2,000 to purchase the necessary computer equipment for the project.

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- Adopted an ordinance to prohibit parking of certain commercial vehicles in residential zones.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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

Your Transportation Safety Commission Reminds You:

At your holiday celebrations serve non-alcoholic beverages or, 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.

December 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
6 Trash & yard waste first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	7 Real estate tax 2nd installment due Town Council	1 Leaf collection south side of town thru Dec. 16 Windover Heights Board of Review, 7:30 p.m.	2 Planning Commission	3 Town/Business Liaison Committee	4 Town Hall closes at noon	5 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Nutley St. property yard
13 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	14 Hanukkah Town Council work session	9 Board of Zoning Appeals	10 Architectural Review Board	11 Town Hall closes at noon	12 Town Hall closes at noon	19 Town Hall closes at noon
20 Town Council	21 Winter begins Town Council	16 Town Hall closes at noon	17 Town Hall closes at noon	18 Town Hall closes at noon	25 Christmas Town Hall closed NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING	26 Town Hall closes at noon
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Welcome New Vienna Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in October:

Financial Management Advisors, Inc.
410 Pine St., S.E. #310
255-9533

Vienna Wholesalers, Inc.
(wholesale jewelry)
504 Creek Crossing Rd., N.E.
626-4439

Hog's Breath BBQ, Inc.
153 Glyndon St., S.E.
281-7487

Nail Experts
301 Maple Ave., W. #B
319-1296

Millennium Luxury Car Rentals
431 Maple Ave., W. #E
242-9701

Nova Yard Masters
(power washing)
320 Glyndon St., N.E.
255-6254

Wei-Lea Kao, DDS
(dentist)
407 Church St., N.E. #B
255-9038

Pottery By Lynn
(handbuilt & wheel thrown pottery)
115 Kingsley Rd., S.E.
938-0622

New ownership:
La Provence
144 Maple Ave., W.
242-3777



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

Support Our Hometown Businesses

"I shop here myself!!" — S. Claus

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.

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

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 help 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.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has prepared a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

Comment from the Council Table

Is Our Glass Half Full or Half Empty?

By Robert P. McCormick
Vienna Town Councilman

As a town, where are we headed? Depends on your point of view. Similar to the proverbial half-full, half-empty glass, the view of the Town of Vienna is a matter of perspective. I have heard both very optimistic and very pessimistic predictions about Vienna's future.

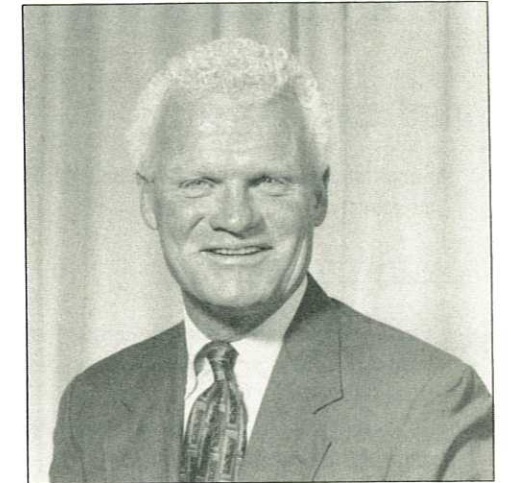
As a 25-year resident and current member of the Town Council, in the brief space that follows, I will attempt to share my very biased view of what is right and what is wrong with our town. First the negatives — traffic, traffic and traffic. Also, I still think we need a bridge across Maple Avenue, but . . . Now, the positives — We live in a very safe community. Our children can walk or take a short ride to the highest rated public and private schools in the country. Vienna has a healthy business community, including several of the finest restaurants in Northern Virginia. The best off-road biking and hiking trail in Virginia runs through the center of town. Thousands of citizens volunteer time and energy every year to keep Vienna alive and well. We are working on calming our traffic, updating the Community Center, remodeling Maple Avenue, building a state-of-the-art public works facility, all the while maintaining the highest financial rating possible. We have continually carried less than 10% of the debt legally allowed by statute. Throughout the year, citizens can participate in any number of "small town events": Halloween parade, 4th of July festival, ViVa! Vienna!, Celebrate Vienna, band concerts, local theatrical presentations, and even BINGO.

Obviously I'm looking at a glass half full when looking at our town. I have always felt that way, and two years on the Council have only deepened my conviction that we live in a unique and wonderful place.

Our successes are many and should not be taken for granted. But those who see the glass half empty can also provide a valuable service. We need to remain constantly vigilant and make changes as needed. As a Council, we are working on upgrading our infrastructure and adding sidewalks throughout the town as well as improving traffic flow. One area that I believe has been overlooked, until recently, is providing adequate

space and activities for our teenagers. Several like-minded citizens have recently formed the Vienna Teen Center Foundation (VTCF). They are working with the Department of Parks and Recreation to improve the facilities available to teens at the Community Center. I'm very hopeful that within the next year Vienna teenagers will have a place of their own. If you wish to help in this effort, please contact Linda Lammersen in Supervisor Bob Dix's office, 478-0283.

In addition to the teens, one other group badly in need of a permanent facility is the Committee for Helping Others (CHO). CHO provides food, clothing, furniture and financial assistance for many needy families throughout the Vienna area. Currently, volunteers work out of several cramped locations. Each location is a temporary facility and CHO volunteers have moved tons of donated goods several times during recent years. They need a single, permanent location to call their own. If you have any ideas or know of any available space, please call



Councilman McCormick

CHO Chairman Blaine Lotz at 281-0074.

Finally, at least once a month I ride my bike through the streets of Vienna. Many times it is easier to understand a particular issue by seeing firsthand the factors involved. To this end, if you would like for me to visit your neighborhood to discuss an issue affecting you or your neighbors, please call me at either 242-0564 (office) or 938-4125 (home) to schedule a time.

Help CHO to Help Those in Need

For 30 years in the Vienna area, the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) has been assisting families and individuals in need to obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, financial aid, and other necessities. CHO does not attempt to replace public and private social service agencies, but directs its efforts toward bridging the gap that occurs between the time a need arises and the receipt of assistance from those agencies. Donations, financial contributions, and volunteer help are always welcomed by CHO.

CHO's Clothes Closet is located at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Rd., S.W. Donations of seasonal clothing are accepted on the first Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon, and distributed to those in need during the same hours on the remaining Wednesdays. For more information or to volunteer to work at the Clothes Closet, call Loucille Kaericher at 938-8809.

The CHO Food Closet is located in the basement of the Town and Country Building on Maple Avenue. The building is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and food donations can be left at the CHO door in the basement. Especially needed are canned meats, canned or dried fruit, and detergent.

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.

Traffic Calming Measures Approved

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SOUTHEAST QUADRANT

- Installation of warning lights on Park Street at the bike trail and repainting of the crosswalk in a bright color

SOUTHWEST QUADRANT

- One speed hump on Kingsley Road between Olympian Circle and Frederick Street
- One dip (drainage swale) on Marshall Road between Mountfort Court and Lynn Street
- NO RIGHT TURN signs onto Moorefield Road from Courthouse Road prohibiting entry during morning rush hour
- NO LEFT TURN signs onto Princeton Terrace from Nutley Street prohibiting entry during afternoon rush hour

Implementation of these traffic calming measures will require a *minimum* of 30 days, depending on this winter's weather.

Sidewalk Hearing Rescheduled

The Town Council's public hearing on the construction of additional sidewalks in Vienna has been rescheduled from December 7 to February 1. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and all interested citizens are encouraged to attend and speak on the sidewalk projects proposed by a joint committee of the Transportation Safety Commission and the Planning Commission, or any other sidewalk improvements.

The Sidewalk Committee has established three priority groups of sidewalk projects based on the results of a citizen survey published in the May newsletter as well as a visual examination of the town by committee members and comments from civic associations. A list of these projects will be published in next month's newsletter, and they are also available for review in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

Junk That Old Clunker for Charity

If you have an older vehicle, or even a newer one, you would like to get rid of, there are several local non-profit organizations that will gladly accept it. By donating your vehicle to any of these groups, you will be able to claim a tax deduction for the value of the vehicle.

Call one of the following organizations to arrange for your vehicle to be towed from your house free of charge: Best Buddies, 1-800-213-8800; Boy Scouts, 1-800-626-1146; Jewish Heritage for the Blind, 1-800-2-DONATE; National Kidney Foundation, 202-244-7900; Salvation Army, 703-642-9270; Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1-800-285-VETS; Volunteers of America, 1-800-948-1414. Goodwill Industries accepts drop-offs on Saturdays at its Arlington and Manassas locations; call 202-636-4225.

A REMINDER FROM YOUR VIENNA POLICE DEPARTMENT: Keep garages and storage sheds closed and locked to discourage thefts of bicycles, lawn equipment and other items.

An open door with no one in sight is an invitation to a burglar.

Parking Permit Required In Some Residential Areas

All persons living in the restricted residential parking areas in southwest Vienna — 700 block Kingsley Road, 700-900 blocks Meadow Lane, 1000 block Delilah Drive, 600-700 blocks Tapawingo Road, 914 Myers Circle, and 715 Marshall Road — are reminded that their vehicles must display special decals in order to park on the street during the restricted hours.

The current decals expire at the end of this year. New decals are available at the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S., weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your driver's license and registration for each vehicle with you.

Temporary parking permits are available for guests of residents in the restricted areas. No permit is required for vehicles making delivery or service calls.

Recycling Day

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, and car batteries will be Saturday, December 5, 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.

Dog Tag Reminder

1998 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.

restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. LTC. Sherman W. Pratt (USA Ret.) will discuss his daily life during his tour of duty in the European Theater of World War II. For more information, call 255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305.

"Deck the Lectern" holiday open house meeting of Unity of Fairfax Toastmasters Club will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, at Hill House, Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and welcomes new members and guests who are interested in improving their speaking and leadership skills. For more information, call 369-7011.

Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 19, 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 938-9535.

Vienna Arts Society Gallery, located at 513 Maple Ave., W., in the Village Green Shopping Center, will feature "Small Pictures for Small Places" in addition to the regular monthly show and sale. This exhibit will run from December 7 to January 31. For more information, call 281-3933 or 938-3446.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet on Wednesday, December 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the lecture hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane. Photographer Chuck Veatch will discuss and demonstrate the use of a light table and multiple exposure to produce abstract images. The public is invited to attend, and new members are always welcome. For more information, call Mo at 816-2423.

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, an interfaith organization primarily for people over 50 years old, will sponsor its next "Adventures in Learning" program January 14-March 4 at St. Mark's Catholic Church on Vale Road. Classes are held on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and include Tai Chi, poetry workshop, history of philosophy, U.S.-China relations, and many more. The cost is \$30, or \$20 with a

This Was Virginia 1900-1927 By Connie and Mayo Stuntz

Local historians Connie and Mayo Stuntz have just published their latest book, *This Was Virginia 1900-1927 as Shown by the Glass Negatives of J. Harry Shannon, the Rambler*. The book contains almost 500 prints of the Rambler's glass negatives and accompanying excerpts from his newspaper articles in the *Washington Evening Star*. Readers will gain a realistic view of life and times in Virginia during the first quarter of this century.

Connie and Mayo Stuntz will sign copies of their new book on Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The 304-page hardback will be available for sale at the Freeman House general store and may also be ordered directly from the authors. Use the form below.

MAIL ORDER FORM

This Was Virginia 1900-1927

as Shown by the Glass Negatives of J. Harry Shannon, the Rambler
\$34.95 each plus \$1.57 tax (Virginia residents) and \$4 shipping & handling

Enclosed is a check for _____ copies. Ship to:

Name _____

Street _____

City & State _____ ZIP _____

Make check payable to: C.P. or M.S. Stuntz
2596 Chain Bridge Rd.
Vienna, VA 22181

yearly donation of \$25 to the Shepherd's Center. A registration luncheon will be held on January 7. Call 281-0538 by January 4 for reservations.

Winter Bazaar at Cunningham Park Elementary School, 1001 Park St., S.E., will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, December 4. There will be games and prizes, crafts, food, a small silent auction, and more. For more information, call the school at 281-3144.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, will hold a holiday luncheon, bazaar, and Christmas carol sing-along at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 12, at the Fairview Park Marriott. Call 352-0857 for more information.

Fairfax County Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 11, at Wes-

ley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St., S.E. Learn about using the Internet, AOL, Compuserve, and local genealogical bulletin boards; software and software reviews published in leading genealogical software publications; and other genealogical computer user groups worldwide. For more information, call George Archer at 264-1372 or e-mail garcher@bix.com.

Congratulations to Cordelia Grantham Sansone, a long-time Vienna resident who was recently recognized by the Fairfax County History Commission for her contributions to the study of Civil War figures. She has purchased a microfilm cabinet for the Virginia Room at the Fairfax City Regional Library and copies of the Compiled Service Records of Civil War Soldiers from Virginia on microfilm. This gift will make Civil War and family research at the Virginia Room a much more productive task.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Holiday time at the historic Freeman House — Santa Claus will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on three consecutive Sundays, December 6, 13, and 20, 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. In addition, a collection of Christmas penny postcards, popular from 1895 through 1918, will be on display.

The old-fashioned Freeman Store is open on Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Additional hours for holiday shopping have been scheduled December 4, 11, 18, 21, 22, and 23 from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Post-holiday sales are scheduled for December 27 and January 2 and 3 during regular weekend store hours.

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

Michael's Automotive, 340-B Mill St., N.E., will be a drop-off spot for the annual Toys for Tots campaign sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. New, unopened toys can be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays through Wednesday, December 23. For more information, call 255-0666.

Model railroad open house at the Vienna Railroad Station Saturday, December 12, 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 or visit the Railroaders' website at www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Plains/6120.

Vienna Choral Society will be joined by the Madison High School Orchestra in its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 12, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. "A Joyful

Noise" will feature J.S. Bach's *Sleepers Wake* and *Candlelight Carol*, Harry Simeone's *Twas the Night Before Christmas*, and the popular standard *Christmas Song* (chestnuts roasting on an open fire). A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance), and \$20 for families with children under 18 years old. For more information, call 573-4018 or 938-7567.

1999 Entertainment Books — full of discount coupons for theaters, restaurants, sporting events, cleaners, car rentals, hotels, and much more — cost \$35 each and make great holiday gifts! The books are available from two local groups: The Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna/Oakton donates profits to the Committee for Helping Others, The Women's Center, and other community service organizations; to place an order, call Carole Cole at 448-8772. The Vienna Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees contributes all profits to Alzheimer's research; for home delivery, call Wes Martin at 938-6580.

James Madison High School Madrigal Singers will perform music of the season in the lobby of the Vienna Post Office on Sunday, December 13, beginning at 2 p.m.

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 5. 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.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold its annual Christmas luncheon meeting on Thursday, December 10, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature pianist Patrick Forry who will sing and lead the group in traditional Christmas

carols. For reservations and more information about this and other club activities, call 938-4835. All newcomers to Vienna as well as long-time residents are welcome to attend and make new friends.

Holiday used book sale at Patrick Henry Library December 1-31. A wide selection of books in good condition will be available for holiday gift giving. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

Attention magazine and paperback book donors! Town residents who regularly contribute publications to detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, are asked to hold their donations through the winter. Project chairman Florence Roseborough is taking a well deserved break and will begin accepting donations again in March.

Green Hedges School invites the Vienna community to attend a Winter Concert on Thursday, December 17, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The school is located at 415 Windover Ave., N.W. For more information, call the school at 938-8323.

Community blood drive Friday, December 11, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Crestar Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. Sponsored by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce. To make an appointment and for more information, call the blood donor center at 698-3885.

SVA (South Vienna Association) will hold its annual Holiday Potluck meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 9, in the Vienna Elementary School cafeteria. Bring a dish to share and a wrapped child's toy for donation to CHO. For more information or to join SVA, call Edythe Frankel at 242-7651.

"Finding Pvt. Ryan (Fact or Fiction!)" Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., invites all Vietnam era and Gulf War veterans and friends to attend the December 17 meeting at Neighbor's Res-

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 _____

Community Center Renovations Scheduled to Begin This Month

During the renovation of the Vienna Community Center, scheduled to begin in December, classes and other activities that are normally held at the Community Center will be relocated or canceled. The building will reopen in the spring. Classes held at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center and sports league registration will be held as usual.

The major components of the renovation project are:

- ▶ Replacement and/or upgrading of all heating/air conditioning/ventilation systems throughout the building.
- ▶ ADA modifications and improvements, including a full-service elevator serving all four floor levels, two fully accessible restrooms, a "hi-lo" water fountain, widened doorways, and "push button" automatic door openers at the front entrance.
- ▶ A two-level addition of approximately 1,200 sq. ft. on the northeast end of the building. The addition is to compensate for storage space lost to the elevator installation and handicap accessible restrooms, and relocation of the temporary storage space now in the basement Teen Center.
- ▶ General interior refinishing to include new vinyl tile floors or carpeting in many areas, new ceramic wall tiles and trim, replacement of numerous doors with new wood doors, new ceiling tiles, and paint. The gym floor will also be repaired and refinished.
- ▶ Exterior improvements will include realignment and repaving of the front entrance driveway, refurbishing of the entranceway, screening of rooftop HVAC units, reroofing of the two older sections of the building, and installation of thermal pane window panels to replace existing single pane units.

The Parks and Recreation Department appreciates your patience during the Community Center renovation project.

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 255-6360.

BUS TRIPS

Ski Seven Springs on Monday, December 28. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. and return around midnight. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$85 for transportation, lift, ski equipment rental, and lesson; \$85 for transportation, lift, and snowboard equipment rental; \$75 for transportation, lift, and ski equipment rental; \$60 for transportation and lift; and \$27 for transportation only. Reservation deadline December 18.

Atlantic City Overnighter registration is underway. The trip is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 18 and 19. The cost of \$100 per person double or triple occupancy and \$120 for singles includes round-trip bus transportation from the Community Center, \$30 casino package, buffet dinner at the Hilton Casino, breakfast buffet at the Tropicana Casino, overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn on the boardwalk, baggage handling, and souvenir saltwater taffy.

SENIOR CITIZENS

Let's go bowling on Tuesday, December 8, at 1 p.m. The approximate cost for two games is \$3.50. Participants carpool from the Community Center to the bowling alley. Space is limited, so register early. Bowlers of all ability levels are welcome.

Introduction to the Internet on Friday, December 4. Participants will leave the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. for the Reston Library, where a library volunteer will answer questions about computers, the Internet, e-mail, and related topics in an informal group setting. Participants will return to the Community Center around 4 p.m. This activity is free of charge, but space is limited and registration is required.

"CrossingGuard" Video Camera Targets Red Light Runners

The Town of Vienna will soon be using CrossingGuard®, a video-based camera system for automated enforcement of red light running violations, at three major intersections: Maple Avenue and Follin Lane, Maple Avenue and Lawyers/Courthouse Roads, and Nutley Street and Courthouse Road. System testing and initial citation processing will begin in December and January.

The CrossingGuard system detects vehicles as they approach the intersection. An overview camera provides a "bird's eye" picture as each vehicle's speed, acceleration, and deceleration are monitored to determine the probability of that vehicle stopping for the red light. If it is determined that the vehicle will *not* stop, the recording camera is triggered. Only violations are recorded.

For each red light violation, the system records a full view as well as color close-up shots of the front and rear license plates of the violating vehicle and an image of the driver. These data are transmitted, via a telephone line, from the intersection to the Police Department and reviewed by a sworn police officer responsible for making the violation/no violation decision.

Citations are issued to the registered owner of the vehicle within five days of the violation. The citation shows the vehicle at the onset of the red light signal and the vehicle driving through the red light, and gives the time, date, and location of the violation, amount of time the light was red before the violation, and the vehicle speed. The back of the citation outlines the terms and conditions of the penalty (\$50 fine) as well as the process for contesting the violation.

CrossingGuard also offers a collision avoidance feature, scheduled to be tested in February and operational in March, that can assist in preventing red light running related accidents. If the system predicts that a vehicle will *not* stop for the red light, the cross traffic red signal is extended to prevent cross traffic from entering the intersection while the vehicle runs the red light. The violation is recorded and a citation issued.

A public education program on the red light camera system has been prepared by Nestor Traffic Systems, Inc., prime contractor for the project, and is available for presentation to community organizations. If your group is interested in scheduling a presentation, please call Capt. John Cheyne at the Police Department, 255-6392.

Talk with Your State Legislators

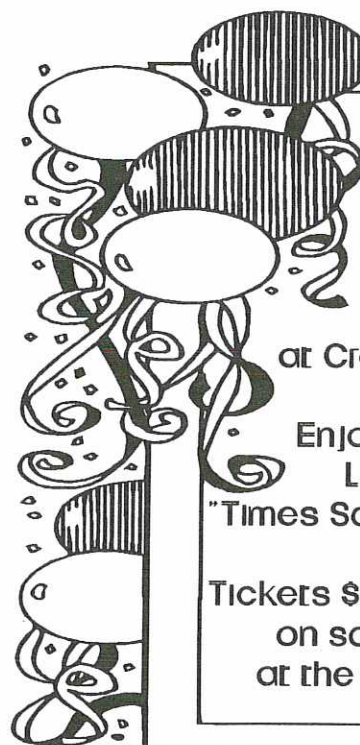
Virginia State Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Jeannemarie Devolites will host a town meeting on Wednesday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. They will give an overview of the issues to be considered in the 1999 session of the General Assembly and answer questions from citizens.

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:

- Stephen and Diane Nugent, 301 East St., S.E., and
- Benny and Sharon Leonard, 916 De-Sale St., S.W., for their tasteful landscaping and well-maintained homes.

BEAUTY TIP: HO! HO! HO! Beautification Commission members will be looking around town the third week in December, checking decorations and making their list for holiday Beauty Spot awards.



Vienna Parks & Recreation
NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
For 7th, 8th & 9th Graders
Thursday, December 31,
9 p.m.-12:30 a.m.
at Crestar Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E.

Enjoy Dancing, Exciting Games,
Lots of Food, Door Prizes,
"Times Square" Countdown to Midnight
Tickets \$6 in advance/\$10 at the door
on sale beginning December 1
at the Vienna Community Center

Attention Vienna Organizations! Maple Ave. Banners Will Require Deposit

Beginning next year, community organizations will be required to submit a \$150 refundable deposit when they apply to display a banner across Maple Avenue. The deposit will be returned if the applicant meets all conditions listed in the approval of the application, including picking up the banner by a specified date. If the organization fails to meet any of the requirements, the deposit will be forfeited.

Due to the large number of requests received from community organizations to display banners across Maple Avenue each year, any organization that desires to display a banner during 1999 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, 1999, AND HAND-DELIVERED REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Each banner accepted may be displayed for no more than two weeks. The following dates in 1999 are not available and should not be requested: April 20-May 4, May 17-31, and October 13-November 8.



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