

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1989 — Vienna Centennial souvenirs are now available. These items will be lasting reminders of the 100th anniversary of Vienna's incorporation as a town. Souvenir items include brass bells, watches, a historical calendar, bumper stickers, coffee mugs, lapel pins, stickers, buttons, balloons and commemorative coins, and are sold at Town Hall and the Freeman House.

DECEMBER 1979 — The Town's new aluminum can recycling center is now in operation on the BP Car Wash property on West Maple Avenue. The center was financed by a grant from the Virginia Division of Litter Control and built by students under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Dove of James Madison High School's Maintenance and Repair Shop assisted by the Town's Department of Public Works. Funds from the sale of aluminum cans will go to purchase trees, shrubs and other materials for improving the appearance of Maple Avenue and the town's business district.

DECEMBER 1969 — Continued growth in the town in 1969 is evidenced in several new office buildings, townhouses, and single family homes. Housing developments on the outskirts have proceeded at a rapid pace, bringing new business to Vienna's commercial areas. A new committee was added in 1969 with the establishment of the Highway Safety Commission to study traffic problems within the town.

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 29. 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.

TOWN OF VIENNA

The Town of Vienna, Committee 2000 Thanks These Sponsors

- ◆Baskin Robbins◆
- ◆Blockbuster Video◆
- ◆Crestar Bank◆
- ◆First Union Bank◆
- ◆Giant Food◆
- ◆Johnny's Pizza Restaurant◆
- ◆Johnson & Scarborough, CPA's◆
- ◆Marco Polo Restaurant◆
- ◆McDonald's Restaurant◆
- ◆Operational Technologies Services◆
- ◆Skandia Furs, Formals & Bridals◆
- ◆Tara Thai Restaurant◆
- ◆The Dress Code◆
- ◆Vienna Kwik-Kopy Printing◆
- ◆Worthington's Gift Shop◆

(Your business or organization can be a sponsor, too! Send donations to Town of Vienna, Committee 2000, c/o Town Hall.)

Y2K Celebration Souvenirs

- Men's & Ladies' Watches — \$30
- Glass Mugs — \$9
- Porcelain Ornaments — \$9
- Commemorative Clocks — \$75

Souvenirs are available now for the holidays at Worthington's Gift Shop, 113 Church St., N.W., and Freeman House General Store, 131 Church St., N.E. Souvenirs will also be sold at the Community Center on New Year's Eve

NEWSLETTER

December 1999

TOWN OF VIENNA YEAR 2000 CELEBRATION New Year's Eve – December 31, 1999

9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m.

Vienna Community Center
FREE FAMILY FUN!!!

Bring your family & friends, dress up or come casual. No tickets or reservations required. This will be a once-in-a-millennium event so join us for an evening to remember.

- ◆T-Birds Oldies Band◆
- ◆Clay Hunt & Pure Delight Big Band◆
- ◆DJ & Line Dancing◆
- ◆Club Phoenix Teen Center Open◆
- ◆For the kids – puppets, magician, videos & more beginning at 7:30 p.m.◆

FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT MIDNIGHT!!!

Snacks Available for Sale (No Alcohol Allowed)

Sponsored by Town of Vienna, Committee 2000.
Call 255-6330.

FIRE & RESCUE
911
(Voice & TDD)

**VIENNA POLICE
EMERGENCY**
938-4900 (Voice)
255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
255-6366 (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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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

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

OCTOBER 4, 1999

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Appointed David DiLillo as the student member of the Community Enhancement Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2000. Reappointed Philip Abraham to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for a two-year term. Reappointed Stuart Liss as the architect member of the Board of Architectural Review for a one-year term.
- Approved the final plat and waived on-site storm water management and public street improvement requirements for the re-subdivision of the property at 340 and 344 Glyndon St., N.E.
- Approved a contribution of \$9,000 toward the cost of paving the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority right-of-way on Dominion Road between Church Street and Ayrhill Avenue.
- Awarded a bid for a cab and chassis with dump body and hoist to Central Motor Company at a price of \$49,190.

- Awarded a bid for a cab and chassis with 25 cubic yard packer to Central Motor Company at a price of \$104,585.
- Waived the competitive bid process and awarded a contract in the amount of \$16,800 to Preston Signs of Falls Church for the construction of three town entrance signs and 20 reflective aluminum corporate limit signs.
- Approved the asphalt overlay and striping of the Freeman House parking lot by Newton Asphalt under the existing contract in an amount not to exceed \$16,000.
- Waived on-site storm water management to construct an addition to Appletree II School, 712 Tapawingo Rd., S.W.
- Waived on-site storm water management requirements and approved a site plan modification to construct an addition beyond the year yard setback line for Vienna Self Storage, 300 Mill St., N.E.

OCTOBER 12, 1999

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Appointed John Brunnow to the Com-

munity Enhancement Commission as a Town Council business community representative and Steve Bukont as the southeast quadrant representative, both for two-year terms. Reappointed Tom Kamstra for a two-year term as the architect member of the Windover Heights Board of Review.

OCTOBER 25, 1999

- Approved a donation in an amount not to exceed \$1,000 to the City of Franklin, Va., to help in its recovery from flood damage caused by Hurricane Floyd.
- Following a public hearing, authorized the transfer of the Town's cable television franchise from Media General Cable of Fairfax to Cox Communications, Inc.
- Directed the Police Department to obtain new traffic data in the 200 block of Church Street, N.E., and refer it to the Transportation Safety Commission for review and recommendation.

• Awarded a bid for private landfill usage to Lorton Landfill at a price of \$65 per single-axle dump truck, \$75 per large stake body truck, \$80 per tandem dump truck, and \$250 per demolition trailer.

• Approved the purchase of 20 Glock pistols with holsters and magazines. (*Approved unanimously.*) Funding in the amount of \$7,000 will be through a trade-in of existing weapons. (*Approved 6-1, McCormick voting nay.*)

Your Transportation Safety Commission wishes you a safe and happy holiday season, and reminds you . . . The most dangerous time to drive is late Saturday night and early Sunday morning when people are leaving bars and parties. During the holidays, take extra care and watch out for drivers who are weaving or swerving, driving at inconsistent or inappropriate speeds, braking erratically, and responding slowly to traffic signals.

December 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	6 Real estate tax 2nd installment due Town Council	7 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	8 Planning Commission	9 Town/Business Liaison Committee	10 Town/Business Liaison Committee	11 Hamukkah Recycle oil, batteries, antifreeze at Nutley Street property yard
12 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	13 Leaf collection north side of town thru Dec. 18 Council work session	14 Council work session	15 Board of Zoning Appeals	16 Architectural Review Board	17 Architectural Review Board	18 Architectural Review Board
19 Leaf collection south side of town thru Dec. 30 Town Council	20 Leaf collection south side of town thru Dec. 30 Town Council	21 Town Council	22 WINTER	23 Town Hall closes at noon	24 Town Hall closed NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING	25 Christmas
26 Town Council	27 Town Council	28 Town Council	29 Town Council	30 Town Council	31 Year 2000 celebration Town Hall closed NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING	

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Robert P. McCormick M. Jane Seeman

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

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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

New Year's Eve ecumenical service 5 p.m. Friday, December 31, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, Park and Church Streets, N.E. The service will include music, scripture readings, a children's choir and sermon by the Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith. The offertory collection will be donated to CHO (Committee for Helping Others). Sponsored by Vienna Presbyterian Church, First Baptist Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church and St. Mark's Catholic Church.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club Christmas trees will arrive December 4 at the Southern States parking lot, corner of Maple Avenue and Park Street. The stand will open at 9 a.m. on weekends and 11 a.m. weekdays. Colorado spruce, and Frazier and Douglas fir trees will be sold along with wreaths, pine roping and table top trees. All profits go the club's sight, hearing, youth, and drug awareness programs as well as CHO and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

Christmas Bazaar will be held at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 4. The bazaar will feature a silent auction, crafts and food. For more information, call 938-3494.

32th annual Living Nativity on the lawn at Vienna Baptist Church, corner of Ware Street and Marshall Road, S.W., 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 19. Other Christmas activities at the church will include the Vienna Baptist Theater Company's "The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever" December 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and December 5 at 3 p.m., and "Christmas Alleluias" performed by the church choirs at 11 a.m. December 19. For more information, call 281-4400.

Vienna Choral Society, with the Oakton High School Orchestra, will present its annual holiday concert on Saturday, December 11, at Vienna Baptist Church. "Christmas Traditions" will feature Handel's *Messiah*. 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 a family of two

adults with children under 18. For more information, call 573-4018 or 938-7567.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, will hold a Christmas luncheon, sing-along and bazaar at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 11, at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. Call 502-4995 for more information.

Vienna Light Opera Company will present the Christmas opera *Amahl and the Night Visitors* December 17 at 7:30 p.m. and December 18 at 3 and 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church. The program will also include holiday songs and a surprise visitor from the North Pole. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$9 for children age 16 and under, and \$35 for families. Tickets are available at the door and in advance at Joy Unlimited, 108 Church St., N.E. For more information, call 281-2570.

Five Hills Garden Club invites the public to a standard flower show, "Over the River and Through the Woods," on Tuesday, December 14, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Atrium at Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park. Admission is free. There will be Horticulture, Design and Special Exhibits Divisions. For more information, call chairperson Mary Ellen Alden at 273-3730.

Entertainment 2000 discount coupon book costs \$35 and makes a great holiday gift! Books are available from these community organizations:

- Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton; call Carole Cole at 448-8772.
- National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Vienna chapter; call Wes Martin at 938-6580.
- Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180; call Jim Kiefer at 938-9304.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet on Wednesday, December 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the lecture hall at Thoreau Middle School. Photographer Chuck Veatch will discuss and sign copies of his first book, *The Nature of Reston*. For more information, call Mo at 816-2423.

Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 2, at Riverbend Country Club in Great Falls. The program will feature a holiday celebration and a collection for Toys for Tots. For reservations and more information, call 938-9377.

Vienna Arts Society is holding a holiday show at its mini-gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center through January 8. Hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 319-3971

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 16, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Military Archivist Clifford L. Snyder will discuss local facilities available for veterans to research the Vietnam War. For more information, call 255-0353.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE), Vienna Chapter, will hold its annual holiday potluck luncheon/fried chicken feast at noon Tuesday, December 7, at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call 938-8180.

Wesley United Methodist Preschool, 711 Spring St., S.E., is forming a new class to begin in January for children who will turn three by April 30. It will meet once a week for three hours and will serve as a low-key introduction to preschool. For more information, call the preschool office, 938-3970.

Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 18, 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. Sign up before December 11. For more information, call 938-9535.

Madison High School Madrigals will perform holiday music at the Vienna Post Office at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 12.

Comment from the Council Table

Volunteers Needed for New Millennium

By Robert P. McCormick
Vienna Town Councilman

I consider it no small honor to be the person to write the final "Council Member" article of the 20th century for the Vienna Town Newsletter. (It should be noted that authorship is based on seniority and December, of course, is the *last* month of the year.)

Perhaps it is indicative of our current situation that the main focus of the millennium change is whether our computers will continue to work. Nationally, the question seems to be, "How will I be affected?" I'm happy to say that in and around the Town of Vienna many people are asking, "How can I help?" Help, not to fix our computers but to make our community a more caring, sharing and fun place to call home.

Volunteers are the backbone of the Town of Vienna. Without volunteers Vienna closes out the 20th century looking a lot different than it does now. There is no Community Center, no Yeonas Park, no Waters Field, no youth sports, no teen center, no police cycle building, no auxiliary police, no CHO, no Halloween Parade, no ViVa! Vienna!, no fire department, no Historic Vienna, no train station, no caboose, no Freeman Store, no Vienna Theatre Company, Vienna Choral Society, Vienna Community Band or other arts groups, and the list goes on.

Many of Vienna's volunteers have been here a long time and donated thousands of hours to our community. We will need additional people to step in and continue the tradition at the start of the next century. I am positive volunteers will always be the backbone of Vienna. Just in case you are wondering what you can do, please consider volunteering for:

1. *Year 2000 Celebration*. Vienna's way of bringing in the next millennium with music, dancing, fireworks and, in general, a big party. (See the front page of this newsletter for details.) To donate some time and expertise please call Jane Seeman at 938-2884.

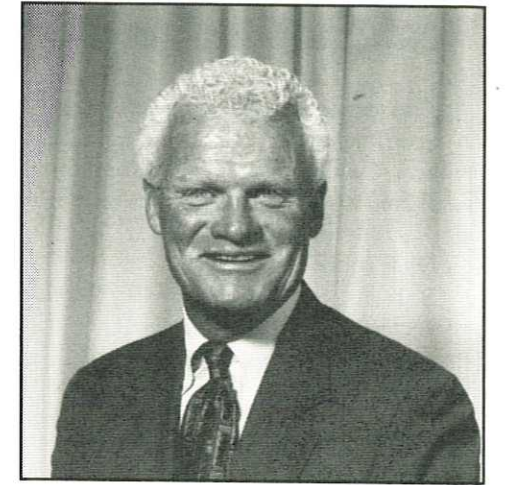
2. *Club Phoenix*. In September of this year, the Vienna Teen Center opened. It has been extremely successful. Finally, the teens of Vienna have a safe, drug-free environment in which to meet with one another. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis to

supplement an already overtaxed Town staff. If you can donate one or two nights per month to the Teen Center please call Pat Brandon, 319-8020, or Kathie Cutri, 938-3608.

3. *The Mural*. Across the bike path from the train station is a long, high blank wall with no doors or windows. The owner of the building, John Lang, has agreed in principle to allow a mural to be painted on the back of his building. The Vienna Arts Society has agreed to design the mural and coordinate the actual painting. Vienna Paint has agreed to donate the paint. We have the canvas, the artists and paint; now we need people to help get it done. This is a huge project. The canvas is 160' x 32'. You don't have to be an artist, just someone willing to help. If you think you'll have some time in the spring or summer of 2000, please call me, Bob McCormick, at 242-0564.

4. *Vienna Community Television, VCT (or Town of Vienna Television, TVTV)*. For this one you need to tune into Channel 23 (Herndon Community Television) on your cable system. By accessing Channel 23 when the bulletin board is being shown, you can use your touchtone phone to find out just about anything happening in and around the Town of Herndon. Vienna is currently exploring the possibility of having a similar channel available to our citizens. If you are interested please call Deborah Bair at 281-6098.

5. *Citizen Water Quality Monitoring*. While attending the Virginia Municipal



Councilman McCormick

League Environmental Quality Policy Committee meeting I learned about a citizen volunteer program being implemented throughout the state. Volunteers are used to periodically check on the quality of the water in our local stream beds. Citizens are involved in monitoring plant and aquatic life in and alongside streams. As with the community television idea, this project is in its infancy and is exploratory in nature. If you have an interest in this area, please call me at 242-0564 for additional information.

Obviously, the opportunities to volunteer in Vienna are many. I have mentioned just five and all of these are new and exciting areas that need people to make them a reality. Hopefully, the spirit of volunteerism will continue to be a part of the experience of living in and around the Town of Vienna. The question, "How will I be affected?" separates us from each other. The question, "How can I help?" brings us back together. Bring on the next millennium — Viva Vienna!

"Adopt-A-Spot" to Beautify Vienna

Adopt-A-Spot is a Town beautification program sponsored by the Community Enhancement Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department. Organizations, businesses and individuals are invited to make a two-year commitment to regular cleanup and/or beautification of an area such as neighborhood roadsides, parks, and school grounds. Current participants include garden clubs, youth groups and office workers.

There are a number of "orphan" spots in need of attention, or you can choose your own spot to adopt. For more information about adopting a spot, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 255-6360.

Real Estate Tax Due

The second installment on 1999 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on December 6. Mailed payments must be post-marked on or before that date to avoid penalties. 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.

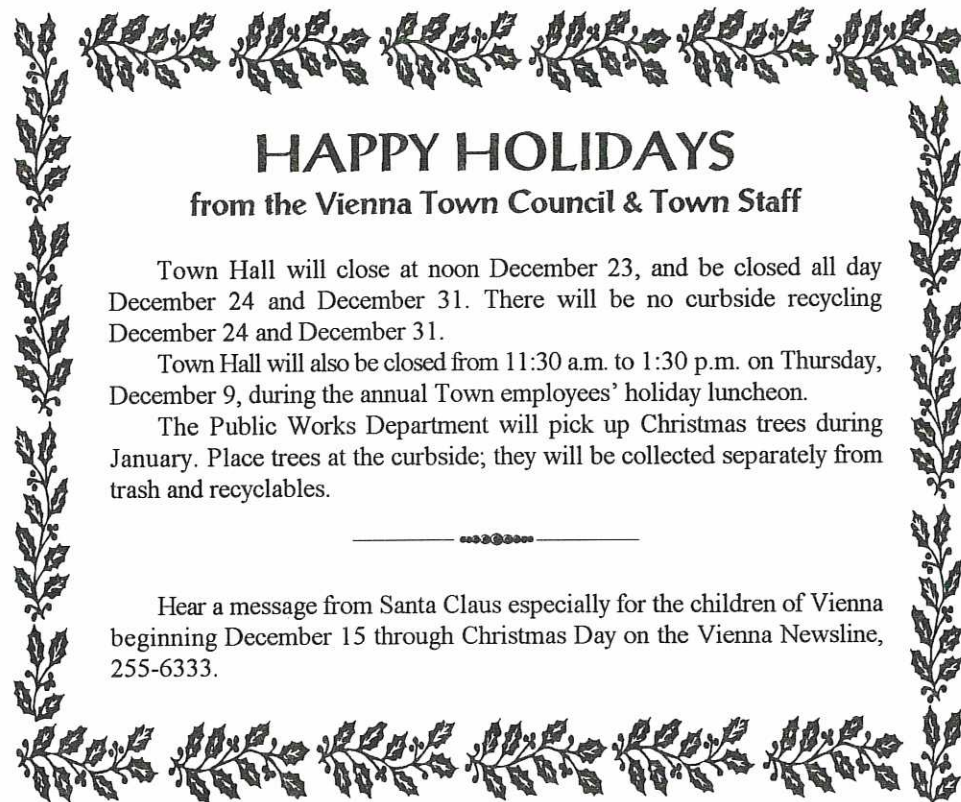
Leaf Collection Ends

The last pass through town by leaf collection crews is scheduled for December 13-18 in north Vienna and December 20-30 on the south side of town. **TO ENSURE PICKUP, ALL LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY FOR YOUR AREA. ONCE YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COVERED, CREWS WILL NOT DOUBLE BACK.** For more information, call the Public Works Department at 255-6381.

Dog Tag Reminder

1999 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.

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.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Vienna Town Council & Town Staff

Town Hall will close at noon December 23, and be closed all day December 24 and December 31. There will be no curbside recycling December 24 and December 31.

Town Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, during the annual 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.

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

All Town Computers Y2K Compliant

As the year 2000 approaches, there is much speculation about the possibility of interrupted services and resources caused by the "Y2K computer bug." The Town of Vienna has been working for several years to upgrade its computer systems to avoid any problems on January 1, and all Town departments are now fully Y2K compliant in hardware and software.

The Town government, of course, has no control over the delivery of electric power, natural gas and telephone service. These utility companies have also been preparing for the year 2000 and do not expect major or widespread outages. However, it is suggested that citizens prepare for any temporary service disruptions just as they would prepare for a winter storm or other emergency.

The Fairfax County government's automated Y2K telephone line, 263-2000, gives recorded announcements about actions the County is taking, what individuals and businesses can do to prepare, how to contact major utilities, and additional resources for Y2K information. A brochure published by the American Red Cross, "Y2K — What You Should Know," is available at Town Hall, and the Red Cross is also offering a free one-hour presentation on Y2K preparedness to community groups. To request a presentation, call 728-6489.

Bright Lights Can Annoy the Neighbors

Outside lighting around your house at night is a strong deterrent to would-be burglars, but those bright lights can be very annoying when they shine into a neighbor's window. Please try to position lights so that they illuminate your property but not others'. One resident suggests lights triggered by a motion detector as the best solution for protecting your home while conserving electricity and being a considerate neighbor.

8 p.m. The performance is free of charge; the only cost will be \$5 for Metro fare. No need to dress up but no jeans, please.

Build your own gingerbread house on Thursday, December 16, from 4 to 6 p.m. The cost is \$5 for supplies. Space is limited, so register early.

POTPOURRI

Holiday tea at The Tea Cozy in Old Town Alexandria is the next outing for the Lunch Bunch on Wednesday, December 15, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Meet new people, socialize, and enjoy a good meal. You pay for your order and a portion of the tip. Transportation provided for up to 13 people. Register at least a week in advance.

Beauty Spot from Your Community Enhancement Commission

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for improvements to their property, volunteer cleanup efforts, and other beautification projects. The latest Community Enhancement Service Award goes to:

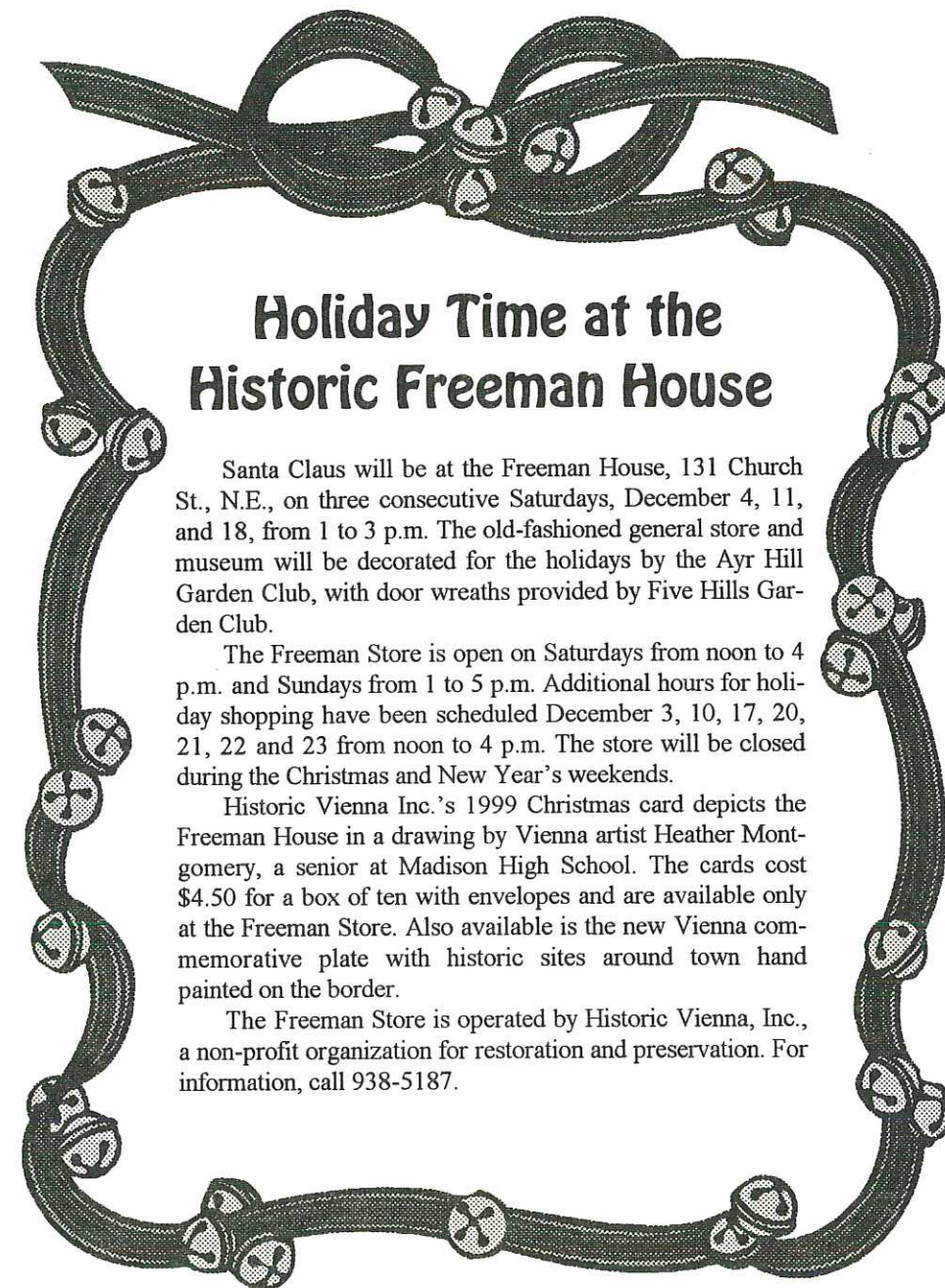
• Vienna Postmaster Alton L. Miller, Jr., for beautifying the Post Office grounds.

Citizen nominations for awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

YEAR 2000 TREE SEEDLING DISTRIBUTION — The Community Enhancement Commission has ordered 2,000 tree seedlings from the Virginia Department of Forestry for distribution to town residents to plant in celebration of the new millennium.

A variety of seedlings will be available to pick up free of charge at the Community Center in mid-March. Order forms are available at the Community Center and Town Hall.

Seedlings will include eastern red cedar, willow oak, green ash, bald cypress, white oak, sawtooth oak, black walnut and sweet gum. They will be shipped bare rooted. Planting instructions will be available at the time of pickup.



Holiday Time at the Historic Freeman House

Santa Claus will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on three consecutive Saturdays, December 4, 11, and 18, from 1 to 3 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 is open on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Additional hours for holiday shopping have been scheduled December 3, 10, 17, 20, 21, 22 and 23 from noon to 4 p.m. The store will be closed during the Christmas and New Year's weekends.

Historic Vienna Inc.'s 1999 Christmas card depicts the Freeman House in a drawing by Vienna artist Heather Montgomery, a senior at Madison High School. The cards cost \$4.50 for a box of ten with envelopes and are available only at the Freeman Store. Also available is the new Vienna commemorative plate with historic sites around town hand painted on the border.

The Freeman Store is operated by Historic Vienna, Inc., a non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For information, call 938-5187.

Model Railroaders Honored by NVRPA

The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders have been chosen by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to receive the 1999 Walter L. Mess Award for their contribution to remodeling the old Vienna railroad station and operating a train museum and model railroad showplace there for the last 20 years.

The Railroaders, who are celebrating the club's 50th anniversary this year, will hold their last open house of 1999 at the station on Saturday, December 11, from 1 to 5 p.m. The public is invited to see an operating HO scale model railroad featuring the Western North Carolina Railroad from Spencer/Salisbury to Asheville in the decade 1945-1955. Admission is free; donations accepted. The station is located at the corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. For more information, call 938-5157 or visit the web site at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6120.

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.

SPECIAL EVENT

Holiday concert, sponsored by the Santa Maria Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held on Sunday, December 5, from 3 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. Performers will include the Vienna Community Band directed by John J. Pickeral, Jr., and local choral groups.

BUS TRIPS

Ski Seven Springs on Tuesday, December 28. A charter bus will leave Vienna at 8:30 a.m. and return around midnight. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$65 for transportation and lift; \$75 for transportation, lift, and rental; \$85 for transportation, lift, rental and lesson; \$27 for transportation only; and \$90 for transportation, lift and snowboard rental. Reservation deadline December 17; gift certificates available.

See **"Shear Madness"** at the Kennedy Center on Wednesday, December 1. Leave the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. for the matinee performance and return around 6 p.m. The cost of \$15 per person includes transportation and ticket.

Tour Woodlawn Plantation by candlelight on Sunday, December 5, and enjoy cookies, punch and holiday music. Leave the Community Center at 6 p.m. and return around 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person for transportation and entrance ticket.

Atlantic City Overnighter registration is underway. The trip is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, March 16 and 17. The cost of \$100 per person triple occupancy, \$105 for doubles, and \$120 for singles includes round-trip bus transportation, \$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.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Specialty volleyball clinics 7:30-10:30 p.m. December 14, 16 and 21 for beginner/intermediate players, December 23, 28 and 30 for intermediate/advanced players. Skills covered will include passing, setting and spiking. The cost is \$15 per person per clinic. Co-sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Volleyball/Off the Net Volleyball Store.

Adult drop-in basketball is offered each Monday and Wednesday, and volleyball on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is free of charge for Vienna residents and \$3 for out-of-town players. Drop-in table tennis is also held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. No charge for table tennis. *Please note: No drop-in volleyball December 14-30.*

Wellness Group Seminars with Dr. Kathryn Thompson will present "Stress" on Tuesday, December 7, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Learn how stress affects the body and simple things you can do to reduce the negative effects of stress. Free of charge; registration required.

Free blood pressure check Wednesday, December 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members of The Medical Team will be available to check your blood pressure. Registration requested.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Retirement planning workshop on Wednesday, December 1, from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Financial advisor Kevin P. Davis and insurance coordinator Garth Williams will give an overview of retirement planning and long-term care. Free of charge; pre-registration required.

"How to Buy a Home for Less Than You Expected" will be presented on Wednesday, December 8, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mort-

gage consultant Edwin Peacock will explain how to buy a home with little or no down payment, how pre-approval can save you money, how to work with a buyer's agent, and more. Free of charge; registration required.

JUST FOR KIDS

Holiday roller skating for children ages 3-12 will be held on Monday, December 27, from 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. Children must provide their own skates and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix Teen Center features a big screen TV, jukebox, CD player, pool table, and food area. Regular hours of operation for high school students are 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday. For 7th and 8th graders hours are 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 3 to 10 p.m. Friday. New hours for 6th graders are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. Club Phoenix is open to all grades on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. Open gym hours for all grades are scheduled on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. *Please note: Club Phoenix will be closed December 23-26 and January 1-2 for the holidays.*

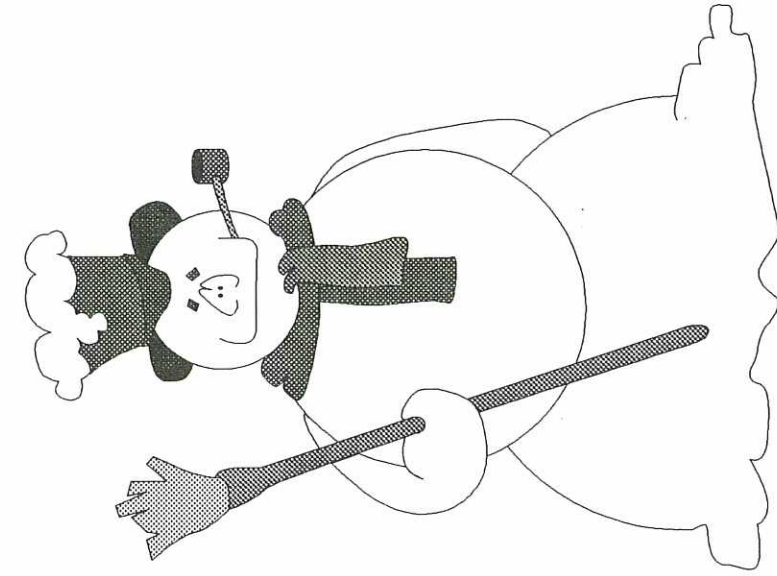
Middle school dance (6th graders invited) Friday, December 3, from 6 to 10 p.m. A live DJ will play your favorite songs. Cost is \$3 per person.

Swing dance exhibition for high school students Saturday, December 11, beginning at 8 p.m. Free admission.

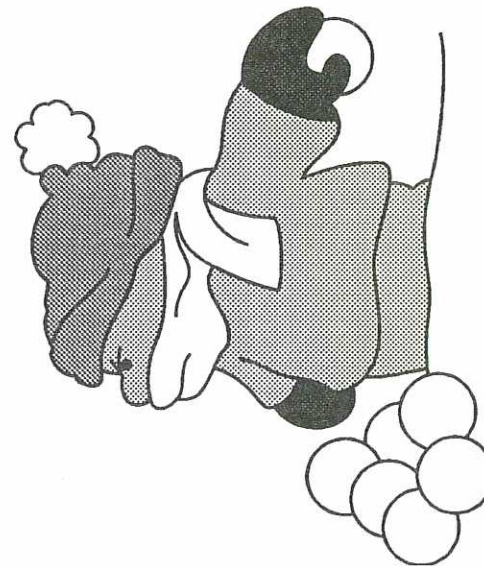
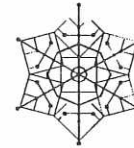
Live bands will perform for a high school dance on Saturday, December 18. Call Vienna Parks and Recreation for details.

Kennedy Center holiday concert trip Tuesday, December 14, from 4:30 to

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Town of Vienna
127 Center St., S.
Vienna, VA 22180-5799



Closings & Cancellations

For information on town government closings, cancellations and other snow-related items, residents can call the Vienna Newsline at 255-6363, or access the Town's Internet website at www.ci.vienna.va.us, 24 hours a day. Also stay tuned to TV and radio stations for updates.

The Vienna Community Center follows the Fairfax County Public Schools' snow schedule. If schools are closed, activities at the Community Center will be canceled.

Protect Yourself from the Cold

If you plan to work or play outside in cold weather, dress warmly in layers, wear a hat (50% of the body's heat loss is through the head), and know when to come in from the cold. Frostbite and hypothermia are serious conditions, and medical assistance should be sought immediately.

Keep These Phone Numbers Handy

Fire & Rescue Emergency 911
Vienna Police Emergency 938-4900
Public Works Department 255-6381
Weekends/Evenings 255-6366

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Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, December 4, 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.

Hazardous Waste Drop-off Program

Fairfax County's Household Hazardous Waste Program accepts products used in and around the home that are flammable, corrosive, reactive or toxic. These types of items should never be disposed of with regular household trash due to the danger of soil and water contamination.

Hazardous materials such as fuel tanks, paints, solvents, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, etc. can be disposed of through the Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. The drop-off center for hazardous waste is the I-66 Citizens' Recycling and Disposal Facility located at 4618 West Ox Road (just beyond the Fire & Rescue training academy). Call 324-5068 for hours of operation and further information.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in October:

The Schiff Group, Inc. (housing consulting) 501 Church St., N.E. #309 938-7373	Kimberlee Robinson (computer support) 103 Harmony Dr., S.E. 281-7351	Jinny Skin Care & Electrolysis, Inc. (sales & services) 125 Church St., N.E. #101 790-5971
The Animal Eye Clinic, Inc. (animal ophthalmology) 410 Maple Ave., W. #218 435-7393	White Tiger Restaurant (Indian restaurant) 146 Maple Ave., E. 242-0500	David M. Redman (training program) 1005 Echols St., S.E. 938-0730
Christopher Sterbenz (attorney) 450 Maple Ave., E. #201 281-1655	D.R. Horton, Inc. (builder/developer) 416 Maple Ave., W. #200 938-5050	

Corrections: Last month's newsletter gave an incorrect phone number for Gynekon PLC. The correct number is 255-6105. Also, the business classification for Ekas Consulting was listed incorrectly. The correct classification is QuickBook software consulting.



**Convenient Location & Friendly Service
DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN VIENNA
Support Our Hometown Businesses
"I shop here myself!!" — S. Claus**

Here's How to Apply for Maple Ave. Banners in the Year 2000

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 2000 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, 2000, AND HAND-DELIVERED REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Organizations are 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. If the organization fails to meet any of the requirements, the deposit will be forfeited.

Each banner accepted may be displayed for no more than two weeks. The following dates in 2000 are not available and should not be requested: April 18–May 3, May 22–30, October 11–26, and the entire month of December.

Snow Removal

Sanding and salting operations begin immediately at the onset of snow and ice. Plowing begins when snow has accumulated two inches or more, with the primary streets listed below receiving top priority:

Maple Avenue
Nutley Street (Marshall to Malcolm)
Park Street (Maple to Fardale)
Center Street (North and South)
Kingsley Road (Nutley to Cottage)
Courthouse Road
Locust Street (Branch to Park)
Lawyers Road
Malcolm Road
Old Courthouse Road
Creek Crossing Road
Cottage Street
Church Street
Tapawingo Road (Park to Nutley)
Follin Lane
Branch Road
Beulah Road
Cherry Street (Center to Park)
Marshall Road
Electric Avenue

Once these streets are passable, snowplows can then move into residential subdivisions following established routes. If the primaries require salting/sanding/plowing again after one pass, this will be done before going to the secondary streets.

Snow Emergency Routes

Snow emergency routes within the town are marked by signs. No parking is allowed on these main streets during snows so that plows can do a more efficient job. Vehicles must have chains or tires approved for use during snow emergencies.

Parking During Snows

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.

Clearing Sidewalks

Residents who are physically able are requested to shovel sidewalks next to their property for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. 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 clearing snow from sidewalks and driveways, and persons desiring to hire workers, are invited to register now with the "Snow Bank." To sign up and for more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 255-6360.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots are asked to make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. This creates a serious hazard for pedestrians.

Cleaning Fire Hydrants & Water Meters

Residents who can be asked to assist the Water and Sewer Division in clearing ice and snow from fire hydrants near their homes. In case of an emergency, firefighters will be able to respond much quicker if the hydrants are accessible.

During winter weather, please keep water meter enclosures clear of snow and ice. If the meter cannot be read due to obstructions, an estimated bill must be rendered.

Some Frequently Asked Questions About Snow Removal

- Q: Which streets are plowed first and why?
A: Primary streets, which are most important for emergency situations, followed by secondary streets and cul de sacs.
- Q: Why don't they plow from curb to curb?
A: Because the crews are trying to make an initial pass through the whole town and reach all residents as quickly as possible.
- Q: Why do I sometimes see a snowplow going down the street with its blade up?
A: It may be responding to a complaint, or it may be applying sand.
- Q: Why don't they plow my cul de sac better?
A: Maneuverability in cul de sacs is very difficult for snow plows, and cars parked on the street can make plowing nearly impossible.
- Q: Why do they plow the snow onto my yard?
A: This occurs mainly on corner lots in order to widen the intersection for increased safety.
- Q: Where should I put the snow when I dig my car out so it won't be plowed in again?
A: To the edge of the roadway.
- Q: Is there an ordinance requiring residents to shovel sidewalks?
A: The Town of Vienna has no such requirement, mainly because it would impose a hardship on elderly and disabled residents.
- Q: Who is responsible for clearing business parking lots?
A: The business owner.