

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

JANUARY 1990— Former Town Councilman Vincent J. Olson has been selected to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Councilman Richard L. Fisher, who was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in November. Olson, a Vienna resident for over 30 years and a Councilman from 1976 until he retired from Council in 1988, was appointed to serve out the remaining year of Fisher's two-year term. Fisher will take office this month as 35th District Delegate to the Virginia General Assembly. He has been a Councilman since 1985.

JANUARY 1980— A proposed ordinance to regulate garage sales will be the subject of a Town Council public hearing on January 14. The ordinance was proposed to control garage sale "businesses," which have become an annoyance in residential neighborhoods. If adopted, the ordinance would limit garage sales at any one address to two per year on two consecutive days or weekends.

JANUARY 1970— A New Year gift to the Town from United Virginia Bank of Fairfax was the small bank building on the Gem parking lot, no longer used since the new bank facility was built at Tysons Corner. The building will be used by the Town for offices at its maintenance yard. Since additions at the yard were being planned at an estimated \$20,000, the new building will offer the Town a considerable savings.

### 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](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us)

## Commercial Vehicle Overnight Parking In Residential Zones

The Town Code prohibits the parking of commercial vehicles for more than one hour in any 24-hour period in all residential areas.

However, one commercial vehicle not exceeding 12,000 pounds gross weight may be parked overnight and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays off the street and on the property of the vehicle's owner or custodian provided that, once parked, it is not moved or operated at any time for any profit-making business or professional enterprise. Between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. no commercial vehicle shall be operated, nor its engine run for any purpose whatsoever, nor be driven from its parked location.

Commercial vehicles may be parked on residential streets for more than one hour only while being loaded or unloaded, or while the custodian of the vehicle is actively performing services as long as the residence is not that of the custodian of the vehicle.

The Town needs the assistance of neighbors in order to enforce these regulations since every street cannot be patrolled around the clock. If you see a vehicle that appears to be in violation or if you have any questions, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.



### Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 31, for the New Year holiday and Monday, January 17, for Lee-Jackson/King Day. NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING DECEMBER 31. Trash will be collected as usual on January 17.

### Christmas Tree Pickup

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Place trees at the curbside on the second collection day of the week to be picked up along with recyclables. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel).

### Dog Tag Deadline

All Town dog licenses must be renewed by January 31. 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. For more information, call the Finance Department at 255-6323.

### Surplus Town Computer Equipment for Sale

The Vienna Purchasing Office is offering for sale surplus computer equipment. A detailed list of items along with bidding instructions will be posted by January 5 at Town Hall and the Community Center, and at the Town's web site, [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us). Sealed bids will be accepted on January 11 and 12.

# NEWSLETTER

January 2000

## VIENNA YEAR 2000 CELEBRATION

New Year's Eve – December 31, 1999

9:30 p.m.–1:30 a.m.

in & around the Vienna Community Center

**FREE FAMILY FUN!!!**

No tickets or reservations required.

- ◆T-Birds ◆Clay Hunt & Pure Delight◆
  - ◆DJ & Line Dancing◆Folkadelic Trio◆
  - ◆Club Phoenix Teen Center Open◆
- Souvenirs & Snacks Available for Sale  
(No Alcohol Allowed)

◆For the kids – Blue Sky Puppet Theater, storyteller, videos & more◆

7:30–9:30 p.m. at Faith Baptist Church

9:30 p.m.–midnight at the Community Center  
(ages 6 & under must be accompanied by an adult)

**FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT MIDNIGHT!!!**

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

## Clock to Be Lasting Symbol of Y2K

As part of its Year 2000 Celebration, the Town of Vienna will unveil a new clock in the tower at the Community Center on Friday, December 31, at 4 p.m. Citizens are invited to attend and get the first look at Vienna's "Millennium Clock," which will be a lasting reminder of Y2K.

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255-5739 (TDD)

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# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

## NOVEMBER 1, 1999

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Reappointed Shirley Damon to the Board of Architectural Review for a two-year term and appointed Paul Layer to the Board to fill the unexpired term of Neil Walp.

- Waived the competitive sealed bid procedure to purchase a pre-engineered pedestrian bridge for the Wildwood Park trail from REDD Team Manufacturing of Keystone Heights, Fla., in the amount of \$9,443.50 and a hand grab rail in the amount of \$660.

- Approved riding the Council of Governments' contract with Cargill, Inc., for 400 tons of road salt at a price of \$32.70 per ton.

- Approved construction administration fees for the Wall Street booster pumping station to Draper Aden Associates in an amount up to \$68,000.

- Revoked a telecommunications franchise granted to MCIMetro Access Transmission of Virginia at the company's request.

## NOVEMBER 15, 1999

- Approved closing Town Hall for two hours on December 9 for an employee holiday luncheon.

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions, and to receive a status report on the employee classification and compensation study.

- Approved site plan modifications pertaining to side yard setback requirements, lot coverage and off-street parking regulations for renovations to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

- Approved the final plat and waiver of storm water management requirements for the resubdivision of the property at 600 and 602 Nutley St., S.W., contingent on the posting of a \$46,692.32 bond within 60 days. The site is to be cleaned and cleared, including demolition of the existing hazardous structure, within 120 days.

- Approved funding for a "tot lot" on Branch Road at Locust Street, S.E., in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.

- Awarded a contract for GIS (geographic information system) consulting services to Engineering Systems as a sole source in the amount of \$6,965.

- Accepted a settlement agreement in the case of *Tyson's Page Corp. v. Town of Vienna, et. al.* as negotiated and approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

- Adopted a resolution regarding the draft Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan, in which Council endorses the concept of extending Metrorail to Centreville rather than widening Route I-66.

## Citizen Comment Who's Who List of Town Officials

*A Mashie Drive resident writes:* "It seems to me that very few citizens of Vienna know who the Town officials are, such as the Town Manager, Chief of Police and Town department heads. Since they are of such importance to us I think you should include their names and office phone numbers in each issue of the Town of Vienna Newsletter."

*(A good suggestion! See the box at left for a listing of Town officials and their phone numbers. The Town's new telephone system allows citizens to leave phonemail messages after hours.)*

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

Vol. CX, No. 1 Vienna, Virginia January 2000

### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

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

Town Manager — John H. Schoeberlein, 255-6370

Director of Public Works — Dennis W. King, 255-6381

Chief of Police — Col. Dan Boring, 255-6390

Director of Finance — Philip R. Grant, 255-6320

Director of Parks and Recreation — Richard S. Black, 255-6356

Director of Planning and Zoning — Gregory M. Hembree, 255-6341

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.

Deadline for February issue is Friday, January 14.

# January 2000

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	3 Town Council	4 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	5 Planning Commission	6 Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	7 Town/Business Liaison Committee	8 New Year's Day
9 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	10 Town Council mid-year budget review	11 Transportation Safety Commission	12 Board of Zoning Appeals	13 Town/Business Liaison Committee	14 Town/Business Liaison Committee	15 Architectural Review Board
16 Lee/Jackson King Day Town Hall closed	17 Town Council	18 Transportation Safety Commission	19 Planning Commission	20 Architectural Review Board	21 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	22 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.
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# “Rules of the Road” Are for Bicyclists of All Ages

By Officer Virginia Palmore, Vienna Police Department

Did Santa bring you a new bike? Then this is a good time to become familiar with the “rules of the road” for bicyclists. Anyone riding a bicycle on town streets is subject to the State Motor Vehicle Code and has all of the same rights and duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle. However, there are special provisions in the State Code applying to bicycles, one of which states that a person riding a bicycle across a roadway or a crosswalk shall have the rights and duties of a pedestrian under the same circumstances.

It should be noted that, generally speaking, where a bike path in the Town of Vienna crosses a public street or roadway, stop signs or other traffic control devices are placed so as to control the movement of traffic on the bike path, and the bicyclist must stop at such signs and yield the right-of-way to the traffic on the roadway.

Another special provision of the State Code allows bicycles to be ridden on sidewalks unless prohibited by the local jurisdiction. In the Town of Vienna, children under 11 years old may ride a bike on any public sidewalk, and bicyclists of any age may ride on sidewalks wherever it is hazardous to ride in the roadway. No one is permitted to ride a bike on a sidewalk in any private shopping center. A bicyclist on a sidewalk must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.

Although Fairfax County requires children aged 14 and younger to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle, the irony is that most of the bicycle-related complaints received by the Vienna Police Department involve the unsafe riding habits of *adult* cyclists. Many children are taught bicycle safety at school and have the rules of the road fresh in their minds. The following summary is offered to help cyclists of all ages refresh their memories on the laws applying to the operation of bicycles in Virginia:

## Traffic Control

- ⊗ Obey all traffic signs, signals, lights and markings. This includes stop signs.

## Where to Ride

- ⊗ Ride with the flow of traffic on the right side of the road.
- ⊗ Ride as close as possible to the right edge of the road, except when passing another vehicle, making a left turn, avoiding unsafe conditions, or when the lane width is too narrow to share with a motor vehicle.
- ⊗ Do not ride between two lanes of traffic moving in the same direction, unless one lane is a separate or mandatory turn lane.
- ⊗ Ride single file on streets. Bicyclists may ride two or more abreast on paths or other roadways designated exclusively for bike use.

## Riding on the Sidewalk (Vienna ordinance)

- ⊗ Children under 11 years old may ride a bike on any sidewalk.
- ⊗ Bicyclists of any age may ride on sidewalks wherever it is hazardous to ride in the roadway.
- ⊗ No one is permitted to ride a bike on a sidewalk in any private shopping center.
- ⊗ Always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on sidewalks.

## Changing Directions

- ⊗ Signal your intention to stop or turn with the left arm. Signals do not have to be given continuously if both hands are needed to control the bike.
- ⊗ Bicyclists may make left turns either as motorists or pedestrians do. To make a pedestrian left turn, continue straight across the intersecting road, obey the traffic signals, turn left at the corner, and proceed as usual. Bicyclists may also dismount and walk in the crosswalks.

## Equipment

- ⊗ Earphones may not be worn while riding a bike.
- ⊗ Bikes ridden after dark must have a white headlight visible for at least 500 feet and a red reflector visible for 300 feet to the rear. A red light visible for 500 feet to the rear may be used in place of or in addition to the reflector.
- ⊗ Bicycles ridden on roadways must have brakes that make the wheels skid on dry, level, clean pavement.

## Passing

- ⊗ Overtake and pass another vehicle only when safe to do so. You may pass on the right or left, stay in the same lane or change lanes, or ride off the road if necessary for safe passing. Please note that passing motor vehicles on the right side can be extremely dangerous if the motorist does not see the bicyclist and attempts a right turn.
- ⊗ Motorists must approach and pass a bicyclist at a safe distance and reasonable speed.

## Registration

- ⊗ Vienna residents are encouraged to register their bikes with the Police Department to help deter theft. If you would like to register your bicycle or have any questions concerning bike safety, please call the Police Department’s Community Services Office at 255-6396.

# Special Pickups Resume January 3

## Please Follow These Special Pickup Guidelines

The Town’s Special Pickup program will resume on Monday, January 3. To dispose of unwanted furniture, appliances, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording *promptly* at 255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is entitled to receive two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagen “beetle”). Additional pickups cost \$75 per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

*Residents are asked to follow the guidelines below to ensure an efficient Special Pickup:*

- Building materials — wood, broken concrete, building brick and block, fences, drywall and paneling — will be picked up. Masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. are limited to 300 pounds per pickup (about two wheelbarrow loads). Building materials generated by contractors and/or persons employed by homeowners to renovate, repair and/or perform maintenance on their homes will not be picked up.

- Sod, small stumps, brush, trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches and no more than 8 feet in length will be picked up. The Special Pickup crews do not collect any tree parts over six inches in diameter. Most logs are greater than six inches and, therefore, they are not acceptable. The reason for this regulation is that the tub grinder used by the Public Works Department to make wood mulch cannot handle tree parts over this size. Logs, stumps and other large tree parts can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station on West Ox Road or at the County Landfill in Lorton. Leaves are not picked up by Special Pickup crews.

- Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment will be picked up.

- Up to 300 pounds of scrap metal and small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires will be picked up. Tires must be removed from the rim. Whole automobile bodies will not be picked up.

- Two major appliances per residence will be picked up. These include stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners and furnaces.

- Old heating oil tanks, gas tanks, and pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon will not be picked up. Fuel tanks, paint cans, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, and other hazardous wastes, and biohazardous waste including needles and syringes, will not be picked up. For information about hazardous waste disposal, call 324-5068.

- Please separate brush, appliances, building materials, etc. from each other. This makes it easier for pickup crews to salvage recyclable items, reducing the amount of debris taken to the landfill.

- For the safety of Special Pickup crews, please separate large pieces of glass from other discards.

- Residents of corner lots are requested to place discards in front of the property, not on the side.

- Please keep Special Pickup items away from regular trash and recyclables, fire hydrants, water meters, gas valves, fences, utility poles, trees and shrubs, vehicles, etc. Place discards in an open area accessible to a crane truck.

## Please Call Promptly For Special Pickup

Residents are reminded to call the Special Pickup number, 255-5727, as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents’ failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard.

When an “illegal” pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. Otherwise, the debris will be collected anyway and that address charged for one of its two annual free Special Pickups, or if both pickups have already been made, it will be charged for an additional pickup.

**CHO NEEDS YOUR UNWANTED FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES** — Instead of using a Special Pickup to dispose of unwanted furniture and appliances *in good working condition*, consider donating them to the Committee for Helping Others (CHO). For 30 years in the Vienna area, CHO has been assisting families and individuals in need to obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, financial aid, and other necessities. Beds and mattresses are especially needed, as are dining tables and chairs. To arrange for a pickup of your donation, call CHO Furniture Chairman John Kliewer at 281-7614.



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# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

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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

**Quarterly coin and stamp show** January 29 and 30. Free admission. Hours are 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Sunday. About 45 coin dealers and 15 stamp dealers will participate. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club.

## BUS TRIP

**Ski Whitetail** on Monday, January 31. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 7 a.m. and return by 7 p.m. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$45 for transportation and lift; \$60 for transportation, lift, and ski or snowboard rental; and \$25 for transportation only. Ski lesson packages are also available. Reservation deadline January 17.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Spring co-ed softball league** games begin April 16. Games will be played on Sundays at Southside Park starting around 9 a.m. The registration fee of \$375 per team includes 14 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, and tournament play at the end of the season. Town of Vienna residents will be given priority registration January 4–February 4.

**Men's Early Bird Softball Tournament** will be held on Saturday, March 25. Two divisions of five teams each will play inter-division games, with the top two teams from each division competing in a single-elimination championship finale. The cost of \$130 per team includes a minimum of four games, umpire fees and awards.

**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.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY

**Investment seminar** will be held in two parts, January 13 and 27, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Kevin Davis of Capital Securities Corp. and co-host of Business Radio WRC-AM 750 will discuss everything from evaluating various stocks, bonds and mutual funds to how to read the ticker tape. Free of charge; registration required.

**Retirement planning workshop** Wednesday, January 12, 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; registration required.

## JUST FOR KIDS

**Monday afternoon roller skating** for ages 3–12 begins January 24 through March 20 from 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is 50¢ per child. Participants must furnish their own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents must stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

**Friday family skate night** beginning January 7 through February 25 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per child and 50¢ for participating adults. Bring your own equipment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## 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. 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 Monday from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday and Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Open mic comedy night** for high school students will be held on Saturday, January 22.

**Winter's here!** Time to sign up with Vienna Parks and Recreation's "Snow Bank," a data base of workers for hire this winter by town residents who need help shoveling snow. Job application forms are available at the front desk at the Community Center. The job bank also matches workers with residents who have jobs to offer such as raking leaves and other yard work, clerical work, baby sitting, house sitting, and dog walking.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

**Let's go bowling** on Thursday, January 13, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$3.75. Participants carpool to the bowling alley. Space is limited, so register early. Bowlers of all ability levels welcome.

**Free blood pressure check** Wednesday, January 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members of The Medical Team will be available to check your blood pressure. Registration requested.

## POTPOURRI

**Wellness Group Seminars** with Dr. Kathryn Thompson will present "Arthritis" on Tuesday, January 11, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Learn the cause of this disease and the non-drug approach to relief and prevention. Free of charge; registration required.

**Arm chair traveler** series takes you to China on Friday, January 28, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to share stories of their own travels. Free of charge.

**Career Change I: Identifying the Job for You**, a six-week workshop sponsored by The Women's Center, will begin on Thursday, January 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St., S.E. This program is for those returning to the workforce, temporarily unemployed, changing careers, or graduating from college. The cost is \$75 per person. To register and for more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 281-2657 or visit [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

**Concord Masonic Lodge #307 (AF&AM)** invites the public to the video presentation "What It Means to Be a Mason" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 4, at the lodge hall, 146 Church St., N.E. (above Pennywise Thrift Shop). Refreshments will be served following the program. Concord Lodge was chartered in Vienna in 1910 and is a recipient of the Historic Vienna, Inc., Heritage Preservation Award.

**Vienna Photographic Society** will meet on Wednesday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the lecture hall at Thoreau Middle School. Professional nature photographer Tony Sweet will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Mo at 816-2423 or visit [www.safeport.com/vps](http://www.safeport.com/vps).

**The Golden Girls** senior women's softball association brought home the gold from the National Senior Games in Orlando, Florida, in October. The 60+ team won a gold medal, the 65+ team a silver medal, the 50+ team a bronze medal, and the 55+ team took fourth place. The Golden Girls have a six-team league that plays locally. Women aged 40 and over are invited to call Donna Packard, 938-0387, for more information about the Golden Girls.

**Zip Code Day Revisited** will be held on Monday, February 21, to commemorate the original celebration 20 years ago when Vienna's Zip Code — 22180 — coincided with the date — 2/21/80. The opening of a time capsule and other Zip Code Day Revisited activities are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. at the Freeman House on Church Street. All Vienna residents, especially those who contributed to the time capsule, are invited to attend. Zip Code Day Revisited is sponsored by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Vienna Post Office and Historic Vienna, Inc. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 281-1333.

## Helpful Winter Water Tips

This time of year poses particular problems for a water system. Your Vienna Public Works Department appreciates citizen reports of water surfacing on roadways because this is a primary indicator of water main breaks. Water puddling around water meters should also be reported immediately.

Here are some tips for protecting pipes this winter:

- Locate and be able to operate the main shut-off valve, inside the house.
- Prior to freezing temperatures, cut off outside spigots, at inside valves, then drain spigots and leave open. If this is not possible, a trickle of water may be run from spigots as long as the temperature remains below freezing. Detach hoses from all outside spigots and drain them.
- Any interior water lines in unheated areas such as garages should be protected in some manner, for example, by insulation or draining.
- Interior water lines should be protected against drafts entering the house through holes in the walls or vents in crawl spaces.
- Interior water lines touching outside walls above ground level should be insulated.
- Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes. Instead, use a hair dryer.

## What to Do If the Power Goes Out

This time of the year there is always the possibility of power outages caused by winter storms. Virginia Power offers these safety tips to follow in the event of a power outage:

- Report the outage using Virginia Power's toll-free number, 1-888-667-3000.
  - Stay away from downed power lines, and treat them as if they are live and dangerous. Report any downed lines to Virginia Power.
  - Turn off all electrical appliances, such as irons, televisions and ranges, that may have been on at the time of the outage.
  - Turn off major appliances such as water heaters, electric heaters, electric furnaces, and heat pumps to relieve the strain on the system when power is restored.
  - Have a ready supply of bottled water and canned food on hand. A battery-powered radio, flashlights, a manual can opener, and wind-up clock also come in handy.
- Virginia Power reminds you that heating the outdoors is expensive and useless. Take steps to block leaks of air from your home. Virginia Power's web site, [www.vapower.com](http://www.vapower.com), offers a variety of tips to help keep you warm and comfortable this winter while saving money and energy and keeping your home in good repair.

## Don't Get Burned Buying Firewood

The Fairfax County Department of Consumer Services reminds citizens to exercise caution when buying firewood and dealing with door-to-door salespersons.

The Virginia Weights and Measures Law sets specific guidelines for the sale of "forest products." Under the law, firewood is measured by the cord or cubic foot. A cord is "the amount of wood contained in a space of 128 cubic feet when the wood is stacked and well-stowed." This means a well-stacked wood pile 4 by 4 by 8 feet, or 2 by 4 by 16 feet, or any other set of dimensions that will yield a volume of 128 cubic feet.

The terms "face cord," "load," "stack" and "rack" are frequently used by wood peddlers to represent a volume less than the 128 cubic feet required for a cord. The law states that when any term other than "cord" is used to identify the volume of wood, it must be followed by a statement indicating the exact number of cubic feet or fraction of a cord.

For more information, or to report complaints, call the Department of Consumer Services at 222-8435.



## 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.

**New Year's Eve worship service** will be held at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. The "Watch Night Vigil on the Eve of a New Millennium" will begin at 8 p.m. and will be followed by fellowship and dessert. For more information, call the church at 938-3494.

**Vienna Girls Softball League** will host walk-in registration at the Vienna Community Center January 22 and February 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This program is for ages 5-16. For more information, call the league hotline, 281-5216.

**Patrick Henry Library** will have new extended hours of operation beginning in January. The library will be open Monday-Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

### Banner Applications Accepted January 1

Beginning January 1, community organizations may apply to display banners across Maple Avenue during 2000. Application forms are available in the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall. Each application must be accompanied by a \$150 deposit, which 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. Requests will be reviewed on a first come-first served basis to ensure fairness. 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. REQUESTS POSTMARKED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2000, AND HAND-DELIVERED REQUESTS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

**Free, confidential tax help** for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age will be available each Wednesday, February 9 through April 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Crestar Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. (The elevator inside the bank's side door on Berry Street offers convenient access to the site upstairs.) Bring copies of your 1998 federal and Virginia returns; federal and Virginia tax forms and booklets for 1999; documents showing 1999 income; Social Security number for all dependents; and receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions. Tax-Aide is sponsored by AARP and the IRS.

**The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna**, an interfaith community ministry for people age 50 and over, has announced the winter term of its "Adventures in Learning" program January 20-March 9. Classes will be held each Thursday and include Tai Chi, crafts, book club, genealogy, beginning computer, and more. Kick-off and registration will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, January 13, at St. Mark's Catholic Church on Vale Road. For more information, including class fees, call 281-0538.

**Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton** will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 6, at Vienna's Ristorante Bonaroti. Guest speaker will be Leslie Milk, Lifestyle Editor of Washingtonian Magazine. For reservations and more information, call 938-9377 by noon January 3.

**Vietnam Veterans of America**, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 20, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. James G. Zumwalt will discuss his upcoming book, *Bare Feet, Iron Will*, a collection of personal interviews describing the war from the North Vietnamese side. For more information, call 255-0353 or visit [www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305](http://www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305).

**Daughters of the American Revolution**, Fairfax County Chapter, will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, January 7. Elizabeth Paige Lewis will speak on "The America's Creed." Call 502-4995 for more information and meeting location.

**Southwest Vienna Citizens Association** will hold its winter general meeting on Wednesday, January 26, at 8 p.m. in the Vienna Elementary School library. In case of inclement weather, the meeting will be rescheduled for February 2.

**Faith Baptist Academy**, 301 Center St., S., is currently enrolling children age 3 and 4 for pre-school with an extended day care option. Open houses are scheduled for January 13 and 21, and February 7 and 23. For more information, call the school office at 938-9688.

**Beanie babies** were received recently by a dozen children in war-torn Kosovo through a donation from the employees in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall. The donation was delivered by the Center for Mind-Body Medicine's team of U.S. doctors, psychologists and social workers assisting victims of the Kosovo conflict. For information about the international programs of the Center for Mind-Body Medicine, contact Tina Linden, Administrator of International Programs, at 202-966-7338.

**Vienna Rotary Club** recently donated \$1,000 to Marshall High School's award-winning electric car program. Club President Don Brown and member Agnes Leonard made the presentation to school personnel.

### "A Few Good Men"



**Thomas McNight, Dan Bridgforth, Jim Manclark and Greg Del Grande** are among the cast members in the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the Broadway and motion picture hit, "A Few Good Men," scheduled at the Community Center January 21, 22, 28, 29 and February 4 and 5 at 8 p.m. and January 30 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens.

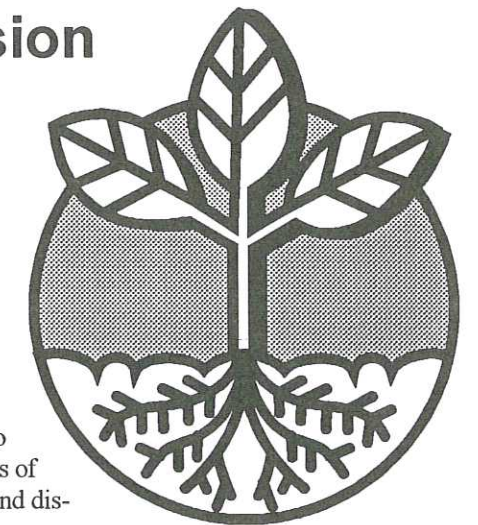
## Community Enhancement Commission Invites You to Plant a Tree for 2000

Vienna's 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.

The Community Enhancement Commission reminds everyone how much trees contribute to our lives. They provide beauty, shade and oxygen, promote property values, and act as reservoirs of rainwater. Unfortunately, trees do have a natural lifespan, and can succumb to stress, pollution and disease. That is why it is so important for us to plant more trees to offset the loss.



## New Regulation in Effect for Yard Waste Disposal

Due to changes in Fairfax County solid waste regulations effectively immediately, Vienna residents must now place yard waste in clear plastic bags or kraft paper bags for pickup by Town sanitation crews. Yard waste includes leaves, grass, small clippings, acorns, and other vegetation and is picked up on the first collection day each week, the same day as regular household trash pickup.

This new requirement will allow the sanitation crews to easily identify the contents of bags containing recyclable yard waste. When black or dark green bags are used, it can be difficult to determine what they contain.

All other regulations pertaining to yard waste disposal remain unchanged. The clear plastic or kraft paper bags of yard waste must be separated from the regular trash. There is a 20 bag maximum per pickup day and a 40 pound weight per bag maximum. Dirt is not accepted with yard waste.

If you have questions about this new regulation, please call the Department of Public Works at 255-6382.

## Free Mulch Delivery Available

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 through February 29. To place your order and for more information, call 255-6382.

When a resident requests mulch it is delivered by Town crews. If the mulch is unsuitable or in excess of the resident's needs, the unwanted mulch must be disposed of by calling for a Special Pickup. The mulch must be bagged and placed at the curb prior to calling the Special Pickup recording at 255-5727. It is suggested that residents contemplating a mulch order should view the quality of the mulch to be delivered by stopping by the Public Works Department mulch storage facility on Beulah Road, N.E., near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch & Wood Mulch."

Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount at the Beulah Road facility.



# Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in November:

Jammin' Java (coffee shop) 227 Maple Ave., E. 319-3240	Comprehensive Financial Solutions (financial service) 260 Cedar Ln., S.E. #2A 207-8500	Black Lab Productions (film productions) 1004 Hillcrest Dr., S.W. 242-4110
Better Events (bookkeeping) 381 Holmes Dr., N.W. 255-9649	Dependable Garage Door Service (repair service) 617 Truman Cir., S.W. 281-7161	Karla Colletto Swimwear (wholesale swim & sportwear) 319 Mill St., N.E. #D 281-3262
Joanne Burke, CPA (accounting practice) 705 Birch St., S.W. 319-8870	Clean Clothes (dry cleaner) 348 Maple Ave., W. 255-9898	Ambassador Day O. Mount (international environmental affairs) 603 Creek Crossing Rd., N.E. 242-7446
Salvatore's (gifts & men's clothing) 513 Maple Ave., W. 255-5102		

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Support Our Hometown Businesses

## FY '01 Donation Request Deadline

Friday, February 4 is the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in fiscal year 2000-2001. Applications should be addressed to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180-5799. All requests must include the following information:

- Name of the organization and names and addresses of its officers;
- Purpose of the organization and a description of its programs and activities;
- Percentage of members or participants who live in town or who own or are employed by town businesses;
- Organization budget showing all income and expenses for the year in which the donation will be used;
- Amount of funding requested from the Town;
- Purpose for which the donation will be used;
- Synopsis of the fund-raising activities being conducted during the current year;
- Statement signed by the principal officer that membership or participation is open to all residents and business people in town without regard to race, national origin, religion or sex.

Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding in the Town's FY '01 budget are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager in care of Town Hall. The deadline for comments is also February 4.

## Talk with Your State Legislators

Virginia State Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Jeannemarie Devolites will host a town meeting at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 15, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. They will give an overview of the issues to be considered in the 2000 session of the General Assembly in Richmond, solicit citizen input and answer questions.

Sen. Howell, Del. Devolites and other members of the Fairfax County delegation have scheduled a public hearing to receive citizen comments on the upcoming General Assembly session beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, January 8, in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center. Citizens who wish to speak at the hearing should call the Office of the Clerk to the Board, 324-3151, prior to January 8. Since many speakers are expected, all speakers are requested to limit their presentations to no more than three minutes.

## Election Officers Needed for February Presidential Primary

The year 2000 will be distinguished for many things, including a new Presidential Primary in Virginia. Election officers are needed to staff the polls for this Presidential Primary, which will be held on Tuesday, February 29. The pay is \$100 and hours of service are 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Applicants must be registered voters in Fairfax County and cannot hold elective office or be the deputy or employee of an elected official. All new officers are required to attend a voting machine training class.

All those interested in serving are invited to call the Fairfax County Electoral Board at 378-8683.

*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.*

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_