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Fellow Citizens of Vienna,

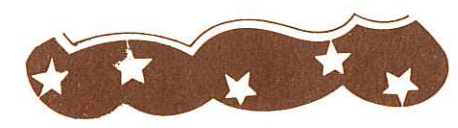
The war in Vietnam has been much on all our minds, with the protests, the anti-protests and what seems like a very real effort on the part of our President to put an end to it soon.

While we deplore the horror of war and the slaughter of our young men, let us not minimize their sacrifices. Down through the years men have fought and died believing their cause was just and that their country would be a safer place because of their bravery.

We honor these men on November 11. In Vienna, Veterans Day ceremonies are conducted on the steps of the Town Hall at 10 a.m. We hope that more people than ever will turn out this year to pay tribute to our service men, and to say a prayer for Peace. In case of rain the observances will be held at the Community Center.

In November we also observe Thanksgiving. May you and your families have a happy celebration, thankful for God's bounty on Vienna and our country.

Sincerely yours,
James C. Martinelli
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Mayor



PUBLIC FORUM



The November 25th meeting of the Vienna Highway Safety Commission will be a Public Forum to be held at the Community Center at 8 p.m.

Residents are urged to attend and to participate in the discussion which will be geared to area problems in highway safety.

Members of the panel will consist of a School Safety Officer, a member of the Police Department, and of the Rescue Squad, as well as other experts in the field of highway safety. Warren Carmichael of WEEL Radio will moderate the panel.

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PATRIOTISM!

Webster defines a Patriot as "one who loves his country and zealously supports its authority and interests."

We don't hear the word 'patriot' used very much these days, and yet without patriots our country would never have been born. And without patriots our country will cease to exist.

FUND DRIVE



The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department is having its annual fund drive. Since we are fortunate enough to have what is described as the best Fire Department and Rescue Squad in the State, we feel that citizens should go all out to support them.

The Fire Department receives \$6000 from the Town and some money from the County. The rest is raised from volunteer contributions. It is estimated that if each family sent in \$3, sufficient funds would be received to continue operations at the present high level. Those who can afford more will offset those who cannot give as much, but all are urged to give.

CATS



In response to some concern about the last NEWSLETTER's article on cats, we quote Mark Twain on the subject:

"Of all God's creatures, there is only one that cannot be made the slave of the lash. That one is the cat. If man could be crossed with the cat, it would improve man but it would deteriorate the cat."



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Mon., November 3 Council Meeting
- Tues., November 4 Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations
- Tues., November 11 Veterans Day Ceremonies 10 a.m. Town Hall
- Wed., November 12 Planning Commission
- Mon., November 17 Council Meeting
- Wed., November 19 Board of Zoning Appeals
- Thurs., November 20 Architectural Review Board
- Tues., November 25 Highway Safety Commission
- Wed., November 26 Planning Commission
- Thurs., November 27 Thanksgiving
- Mon., December 1 Council Meeting

All meetings are held at 8 p.m. in the Town Hall unless otherwise specified.



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PROGRESS REPORT

MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL



The swimming pool will be on the agenda of the Town Council on Monday, November 3. All of those interested in the pool are invited to attend the meeting, at Town Hall at 8 p.m.

SPEEDERS TAKE NOTE

It should be noticeable by now that Town radar is being put to greater use throughout the Town. Citizen complaints about speeding and a couple of recent serious accidents have led to a closer look into the speeding problems in the Town.

A reminder is given that the time to worry about getting a ticket is when the foot is on the accelerator, not after being caught. Residents are warned to be careful not to exceed the posted speed limits. Irate calls from those getting tickets will not receive a great deal of sympathy.

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NEW ORGANIZATIONS

A new organization in Town is the CHO, Inc. or "Committee to Help Others." The group consists of members from 13 churches who have banded together to lend a helping hand to those in immediate need. The group operates a Food Pantry and a Clothes Closet for needy persons, and hopes to raise enough money to be able to make loans to those who cannot obtain them elsewhere. If you are interested in joining this group, donating to them, or require help from them, call Chairman Charles W. Payne 281-3602 (home) or 347-3929 (office).

We also welcome the addition to the Town of a new chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which was recently formed in Vienna.

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NOTICE TO FAMILIES OF SERVICEMEN IN VIETNAM

The Mayor and Council would like to send a word of greeting at Christmas to Vienna servicemen in Vietnam. Since we do not have a record of these men, we would appreciate it if their families would call or write to the Mayor's office in Town Hall to give their names and addresses.



CONGRATULATIONS

On their own initiative, a group of students from Joyce Kilmer Intermediate School, took as their civic project, the cleaning up of the Greenhoot-Fischer parking lot (Super Giant).

Saturday morning, Oct. 18, they turned out to pick up trash and debris at the shopping center, and then celebrated with a picnic at Glyndon Park. Chairman for the project was Candy Youngblood.

The Town wishes to express its appreciation to the students, who have demonstrated their concern for their home town and their willingness to work for its betterment.

AUTO TAGS

Council consideration was given to the yearly matter of Vienna car tags. It was decided that metal tags would again be used in 1970, with the addition of a slogan, "Virginia's Largest Town." The new tags will be available in April.



BICYCLE SAFETY

Bicycle riders are reminded that bikes are subject to traffic regulations. The following rules were set up by the Bicycle Institute of America. We would appreciate your passing them along to your children.

12 RULES FOR SAFE BICYCLING

1. Observe all traffic regulations - red and green lights, one-way streets, stop signs.
2. Keep to the right and ride in a straight line. Always ride in single file.
3. Have white light on front and danger signal on rear for night riding.
4. Have satisfactory signaling device to warn of approach, use hand signals.
5. Give pedestrians the right of way. Avoid sidewalks.
6. Look out for cars pulling out into traffic. Keep sharp lookout for sudden opening of auto doors.
7. Never hitch onto other vehicles, stunt or race in traffic.
8. Never carry other riders -- carry no packages that obstruct vision or prevent proper control of cycle.
9. Be sure your brakes are operating efficiently and keep your bike in perfect running condition.
10. Slow down at all street intersections and look to right and left before crossing.
11. Always use proper hand signals for turning and stopping.
12. Don't weave in or out of traffic or swerve from side to side.

In addition, courtesy requires that bike riders pull to the side of the road to allow cars to pass.

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FALL LEAF ROUND UP



The Town of Vienna annual fall leaf collection operations will begin on November 1, and will continue through December 19. Residents are asked to keep other refuse and trimmings separate from leaves and to place the leaves at the curb line.

Objects other than leaves, such as stones and branches, will damage collection equipment and cause delays in route coverage. Leaves should not obstruct sidewalks or be placed in gutters where they could be washed into drains.

It is requested that residents not call the Public Works Department as all routes will be covered in rotation, and, as in the past, the program will be continued until all leaf piles are cleared.

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"Parents who allow their children to play in the street should be willing to give up their automobiles. Streets are for playing or for cars. Never both." Anon.



CARS AND KIDS DON'T MIX