

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1991 – The Town's Water and Sewer Division employees have received the Silver Performance Award from the American Water Works Association for reducing their disabling injury rate by 50% over the last three years. The drop in injuries is due largely to the implementation of a formal safety program, many features of which were suggested by the employees themselves.

DECEMBER 1981 – At its December 7 meeting the Town Council requested the Transportation Safety Commission to study the traffic situation in the Branch Road/ Beulah Road/Maple Avenue area. The study is to include the possibility of realigning traffic lights to provide a complete intersection or the installation of additional lights to accomplish that purpose.

DECEMBER 1971 – The Alcohol Safety Action Project has postponed its planned December road survey until after the new year. It was felt that results during the holiday season would not give an accurate sampling of typical driver conditions. (A sampling indicated that one-third of the drivers had had something to drink, which hopefully is not normal throughout the year.)

DECEMBER 1961 – Residents desiring to vote in the town election next year are reminded that poll taxes must be paid on or before December 12.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

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

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, December 1, 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 a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For information, call 703-255-6381.

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, releasing tons of toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic 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 batteries with refuse.

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Order Mulch Beginning Dec. 1

The Public Works Department will begin taking orders December 1 for ground leaf mulch and ground wood mulch, to be delivered free of charge to town residents beginning in mid-January. See page 10 for details.

Snow Brochure Inside

See pages 5 and 6 for a brochure on the Town's snow removal program. Tear it out, fold it up, and save it all winter as a handy reference.

Charge It!

Early next year, the Finance Department will be able to accept credit card payments for water and sewer bills and real estate taxes. Payments will be accepted in person at Town Hall, by phone, or over the Internet. Look for details in next month's newsletter.

Flood Insurance

The Town of Vienna participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The NFIP makes federally backed flood insurance available for all buildings, whether they are in a floodplain or not. Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including local drainage problems. Copies of the Flood Insurance Rate Map are available for review in the Department of Public Works. For more information, call 703-255-6381 or visit the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us.

NEWSLETTER

December 2001

HAPPY HOLIDAYS from the Vienna Town Council & Town Staff

Town Hall will close at noon December 24, and be closed all day on Christmas, December 25, and New Year's Day, January 1. There will be no trash pickup December 25 and January 1. For residents on the Tuesday/Friday collection route, both trash and recyclables will be picked up on December 28 and January 4.

Town Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 6, during the annual Town employees' holiday luncheon.

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).

Real Estate Tax Due December 5

The second installment on 2001 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on Wednesday, December 5. Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before that date to avoid penalties. For more information, call the Town's real estate office at 703-255-6325.

If you have not yet received your 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 received, please notify the real estate office immediately.

Leaf Collection Ending

The last pass through town by leaf collection crews is scheduled for November 26-December 4 in north Vienna and December 5-14 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 703-255-6381.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

FIRE & RESCUE
911
(Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE
EMERGENCY
703-938-4900 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
703-255-6366 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL
703-255-6300 (Voice)
703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
703-255-6360 (Voice)
703-255-5739 (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 Capital Projects Engineer 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 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

- Conducted a closed executive session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Peter VanderNat to the Planning Commission and Frank Johnson to the Transportation Safety Commission, both for two-year terms.
- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed increase in the meals and lodging tax rate.
- Authorized the purchase of right-of-way and easements required for Phase 2 of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project at a total cost not to exceed \$83,715.
- Adopted a resolution to authorize borrowing money through a bond issue, to satisfy U.S. Treasury requirements. (*Approved 6-1, McCormick voting no.*)
- Approved a contract with Micromedia Laboratories for microfilming services in an amount not to exceed \$16,700.

- Approved a contract with Insituform East for sanitary sewer rehabilitation at a proposed total cost of \$87,500.
- Approved a contract with Valk Manufacturing Co. for three snowplows and plow hitches at a cost of \$10,422.
- Approved the purchase and installation of a wireless communications system for the Public Works Department at a cost not to exceed \$49,662.50.
- Approved the purchase of diesel fuel with an estimated cost not to exceed \$35,000.
- Awarded a bid for actuarial services for three years to EFI Actuaries in the amount of \$7,499.
- Rejected all bids received for the Northside trail and bridge construction and authorized the project to be revised and readvertised for bids.
- Adopted amendments to the motor vehicle code to bring it into conformance with new state laws.

OCTOBER 1, 2001

- Adopted a resolution extending workers' compensation insurance benefits to Council members and to members of Town boards and commissions, with yearly premiums not to exceed \$300.
- Awarded a bid for silt removal from Accotink Creek at Tapawingo Road to R.M. Soderquist at a price of \$16,885.
- Approved the purchase of water meters from Sensus Technologies at a price of \$59,295.
- Approved change orders to the sidewalk improvements contract to construct improvements on Wolfrap Road, S.E., at a cost of \$24,000, and for drainage improvements on Knoll Street, N.W., extension of curb, gutter and sidewalk on Moore Avenue, and the extension of the concrete "V" ditch on Niblick Drive, S.E., at a cost of \$10,979.

OCTOBER 29, 2001

- Approved closing Church Street for the annual Holiday Stroll November 26.
- Waived the required curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements and the storm water management requirements in connection with the expansion of the American Legion Post at 330 Center St., N.
- Approved extension of certain employee benefits to Town employees called to active military duty under Operation Infinite Justice.
- Approved the purchase of a riding mower from Scotts Turf Equipment and Supply of Chantilly at a price of \$7,021.
- Approved the purchase of a front-end loader at a total price, with trade-in, of \$91,449.
- Adopted a resolution for the addition of various streets to VDOT's list for reimbursement of maintenance costs.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for January issue is Friday, December 14.

December

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise | | | | | | 1 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Nutley St. property yard 8 a.m.-2 p.m. |
| 2 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week | 3 Town Council | 4 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m. | 5 Leaf collection south side of town December 5-14 Real estate tax due | 6 Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m. | 7 | 8 |
| 9 | 10 <i>Hanukkah</i> Council work session | 11 | 12 Planning Commission | 13 Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m. | 14 | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Town Council | 18 | 19 Board of Zoning Appeals | 20 Board of Architectural Review | 21 | 22 |
| 23 | 24 Town Hall closes at noon | 25 <i>Christmas</i> Town Hall closed NO TRASH PICKUP | 26 | 27 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m. | 28 Trash pickup & curbside recycling for residents on the Tuesday/Friday collection route | 29 |
| 30 | 31 | | | | | |

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Call the "Mulch Hotline"

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. Orders will be taken beginning December 1 through February 28. To place your order, call the Public Works Department's "mulch line" recording, 703-255-6388, and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, type of mulch desired (wood or leaf), and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be about the size of a VW Beetle, or 2-2.5 cubic yards. Half loads are available on request.

Please note the following important conditions:

- Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house.
- Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

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.

Maple Ave. Banner Applications Accepted Beginning January 1

Beginning January 1, non-profit community organizations may apply to display banners across Maple Avenue during 2002. Application forms are available in the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall.

All groups wishing to display a banner must submit an application, including those which have had banners in previous years. Requests will be reviewed on a first come-first served basis.

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.

Each banner accepted may be displayed for no more than two weeks. The following dates in 2002 are not available and should not be requested: April 23-May 7, May 13-27, October 9-23, and the entire month of December.

REQUESTS POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2002, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. FAXED REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME.

Town Businesses Recognized for Milestone Anniversaries

As the year 2001 draws to a close, the Town would like to acknowledge the following businesses (both commercial and home occupations) for their many years of outstanding service to Vienna residents: 50 years – Ketterman's Jewelers; 40 years – CVS Pharmacy; 30 years – E.L. Cook, Plumbing & Heating; Magruders; Michael V. Farr, DDS; R.E. Stecher, DDS; Vienna International Travel; Virginia Gynecologists; 20 years – American Resources; Chimney Sweep Service; Cooper's Security Alarm System; Inez; Jack Weil; Kenneth A. Stenger; Music Instruction; Once Upon a Time; Patricia Bardavid Electrolysis; Pauline D. Lorfano; Vienna Door and Hardware.

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses licenses were issued in October:

Mark Bodwalk
psychotherapist
131 Church St., N.W. 2nd Floor
703-938-0227

PCCruisers
sales of model police cruisers
715 Center St., S.
703-319-7878

Shillelagh Travel Club
travel club
100 East St., S.E. #302
703-242-2204

Star Cottage Herbs
sales of herbs & gifts
131 Church St., N.W. 2nd Floor
703-938-3743

The Ancient Art of Acupuncture
acupuncture
346 Maple Ave., W.
703-409-7720

Convenient Location & Friendly Service

DO YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN VIENNA

Support Our Hometown Businesses

"I shop here myself!!"

— S. Claus

Comment from the Council Table

Developing a Vision for Vienna's Future

By Maud F. Robinson
Vienna Town Councilwoman

Beginning on November 1, a three-day "Charrette" (an esoteric name for workshop), sponsored by the Town of Vienna and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, was held at Town Hall. Participants included Town Council members, Town board and commission members, Town staff, business owners, civic association representatives, and some interested citizens.

The discussion facilitator, who did an excellent job, was David Wilcox, an economist from California. He was accompanied by Frank Fuller, an urban architect from San Francisco, and Kevin Heaue, a traffic consultant who lives in Alexandria. Accustomed to being invited to both small towns and large cities experiencing problems, they were pleased and surprised to find a pleasant, vigorous town that appeared to be doing reasonably well on its own.

However, they had not been asked to come on a rescue mission, but to help the Town build on its ongoing efforts at improvement and, most important, develop a sustainable vision for Vienna's well-being in the next 10 to 20 years. They and the participants met the challenge with a lively exchange of ideas, and discussion never lagged.

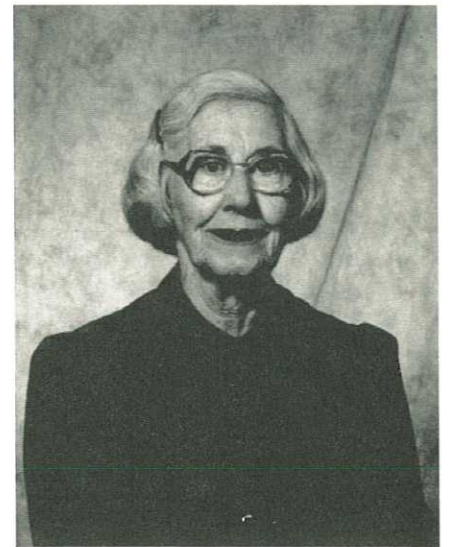
The focus was on downtown Vienna, with particular emphasis on the central commercial core encompassing Maple Avenue from Lawyers Road to Glyndon Street, Church and Mills Streets, and a

portion of Dominion Road. Topics explored included developing incentives for good building design, attracting businesses and services needed in town, and creating an attractive environment in which to operate a business and shop so that Vienna retains a sound commercial base. Another concern was enlisting the interest and cooperation of business owners. It should be noted that the business community generates approximately 35% of Town tax revenue, hence the emphasis on maintaining its viability.

Inevitably, the controversial question of creating an open green space on Maple Avenue arose. This naturally followed the experts' recommendation that a focal point be developed along the main travel corridor in order to establish a sense of place or destination (much as the town square still does in many smaller communities) to people coming into town, rather than just a thoroughfare of shops, banks, gas stations, traffic lights, etc.

The proposed town green sharing a common boundary with the Freeman House property opened up a whole new vista of possibilities with its relation to pedestrian oriented Church Street, its varied shops and the historical attractions of the Freeman House, the caboose and the soon to be restored old railroad station. It was generally agreed that this could, indeed, be a downtown community activity and gathering area.

The Charrette validated the need to



Councilwoman Robinson

look beyond the present, to have the courage to take new and innovative steps, to respect the past, but not become so entrenched in the familiarity of the present that we forfeit the future. In the 50 years I have lived here, Vienna, often in the face of protest, has consistently moved forward to become the fine town it is today. Let us keep up the momentum. Vienna deserves no less. Remember, when the idea of a Vienna Community Center was first proposed, we heard over and over that we didn't need one!

Your Transportation Safety Commission Reminds You:

At your holiday celebrations serve non-alcoholic beverages or, if you do serve alcohol, make sure there's also plenty of food. Remember that it takes the body approximately one hour per drink to metabolize the alcohol consumed.

The most dangerous time to drive is late Saturday night and early Sunday morning when people are leaving bars and parties. Watch for drivers who are weaving or swerving, driving at inconsistent or inappropriate speeds, braking erratically, and responding slowly to traffic signals.

Listen to a message from Santa on the Vienna Newline December 15 through Christmas Day. Call 703-255-6333.

Chief's Advisory Committee to Feature Presentation on Personal Preparedness

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 6, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. The meeting will feature a presentation on how citizens can prepare themselves to respond to anthrax threats and other emergency situations.

Representatives of Vienna organizations and individual citizens are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to discuss law enforcement and public safety issues within the community and also to learn about the various projects and programs of the Vienna Police Department.

For more information, call the Police Department at 703-255-6366.

Citizen Comment

Opinions on a Leash Law for Cats

The following responses were received regarding a citizen comment in the September newsletter advocating a Town leash law for cats:

From a Blair Road resident: "We think that there is no particular difference between dogs and cats regarding what they leave on public streets and on private property where they do not belong. We are not happy to see somebody's cat constantly walking in our yard, lazing on our picnic table and chairs, leaving the unpleasant smelling waste. We like animals very much. We also like to maintain good neighborhood relations in our community. But we want to protect our property from other people's pets.

"Our suggestions are very simple: Let what belongs to you belong to you. Keep your cats in your yard, not in our yard. Keep cats on a leash on public streets and clean up after them. There should be a Town regulation that cats, as well as other pets, are illegal on other people's property. Stray cats should be subject to trapping on private and the owners subject to penalties. We think it would be fair."

A Moorefield Hill Place resident writes: "The town resident wrote that he has five bird feeders, a squirrel feeder and two bird baths, which undoubtedly attract an inordinate amount of wildlife. Does the resident think the high concentration of birds, chipmunks, rabbits and squirrels stay only in his yard? They will certainly go into surrounding yards, the birds will leave their droppings, the squirrels and rabbits will dig in the gardens. His neighbors might not appreciate those visitors any more than he appreciates the neighbor's cats. It is not reasonable to put cats on a leash and leave those wild animals free to roam with impunity. What's more, those wild animals do not have shots or tags. Cats can be humanely scared away by throwing clean cold water at them.

"The resident is right, however, that outdoor cats need to be spayed or neutered and should always have a tag and bell on their collars."

Comment from a Tapawingo Road resident: "If the town resident who wrote about the problems with cats is, as he claimed, wildlife/animal knowledgeable person, then he should know that the family of cats is completely different from any other family of mammals. The family of cats, including the domestic cat, is a roaming hunter by nature, but also hunts down leaves moving in the wind and lots of field mice that otherwise flock into our houses in the wintertime. A cat is not an animal that you can tie up on a leash all day. To tie up a cat is to kill it, for it will struggle to get out of it till it chokes itself to death.

"On the other hand, there should be a law against chained dogs, and we have too many of those barking through the cold and rainy nights in Vienna."

Briefly, from a Ninovan Road resident: "To respond to the article about cats on a leash: I am against that."

Citizens are invited to submit comments for use in the Town of Vienna Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing and received at Town Hall by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Please give your name, address and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.)

Dog Tag Reminder

2001 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, by mail, or on line. The fee is \$10 for a fertile dog and \$5 for an infertile dog. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required to obtain a license, and a spay/neuter/infertile certificate is required for a reduced price license. Call 703-255-6323 for more information.

Sewer Backups Are Expensive! Backup Insurance Is Not!

All insurance companies writing homeowner policies in Virginia offer special coverage for damage resulting from backups of drains and sewers, and this additional protection is available at very reasonable rates. For information on obtaining sewer backup coverage, contact your insurance company.

The Town's insurance carrier rarely approves claims resulting from sewer backups unless negligence in maintaining the system can be shown. Therefore, residents are encouraged to protect their property by obtaining sewer backup insurance.

To help prevent sewer backups, the Public Works Department cleans the main sewer lines whenever residents notify the department that their service laterals have been rodded by a commercial sewer cleaning service. Pressure cleaning to remove material washed into the main sewer line from the service lateral may help prevent future blockage of the main line. If you have your sewer service lateral cleaned, please call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

The discharge of anything other than waste and toilet paper through residential sewers can cause a stoppage in the house line or in the main sewer, resulting in property damage. Items that should never be flushed down toilets include disposable diapers, paper towels and sanitary napkins. Even cigarette filters can get caught and cause problems. These items and any other non-fluid items should be disposed of with the regular household trash.

Remember, even at night or on weekends, help is only a phone call away for water and sewer emergencies. Public Works Department crews are prepared to respond to urgent problems 24 hours a day. For assistance after hours, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366. During regular business hours, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

Vienna Little League (VLL) registration will be held at the Vienna Community Center on the following dates: January 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; January 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and January 16, 23 and 30 from 7 to 9 p.m. Children registering for the first time must show a birth certificate and proof of residency in Virginia. The fee is \$75 for T-ball, \$85 for Rookie, and \$95 for all others. For more information, call 703-573-3339.

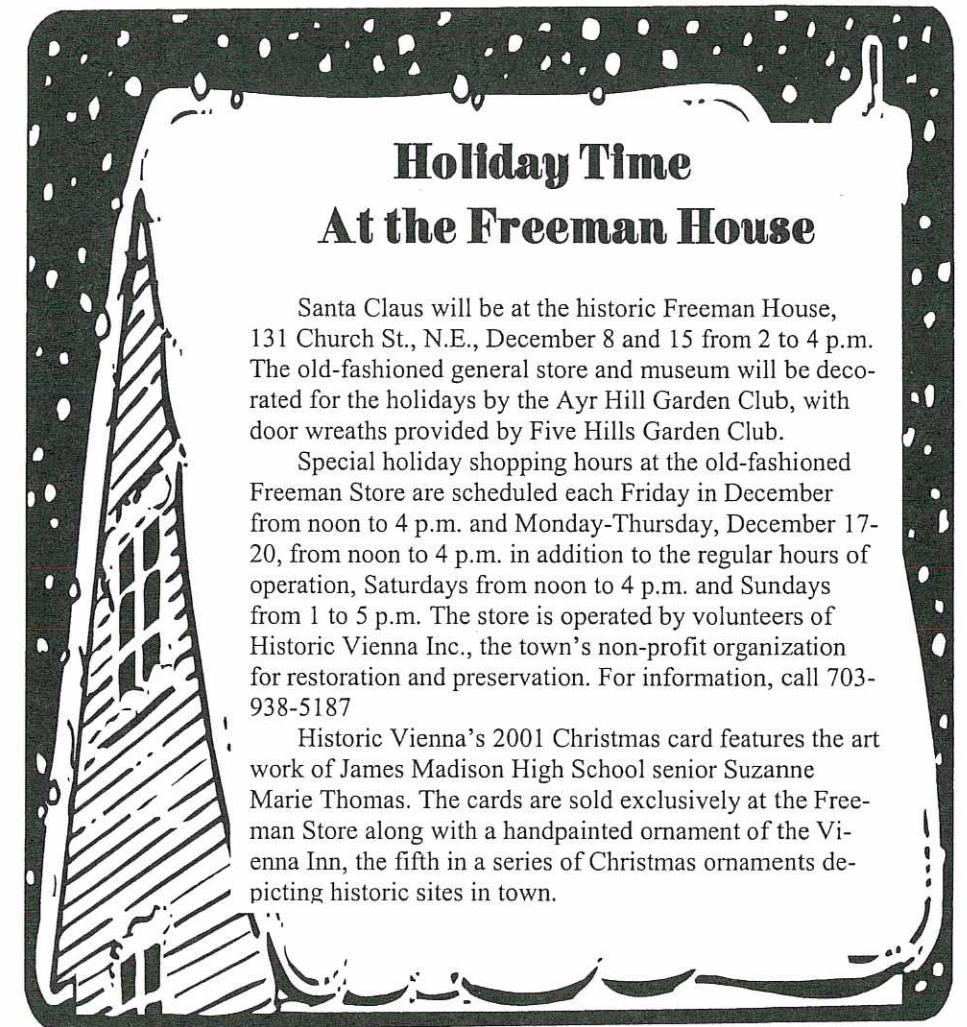
Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, will hold its annual Christmas luncheon and bazaar at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 8, at the Farview Park Marriot in Fairfax. For more information, call Barbara Brown at 703-242-1161.

Fight the Flu Campaign Saturday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E. Flu shots will be available for ages 18 and older. The cost is \$18, or Medicare Part B is accepted. Pneumonia shots will be available for ages 65 and older. For more information, call Inova toll-free at 1-877-895-5284.

Vienna Jaycees provide men and women between the ages of 21 and 39 the opportunity for community service, personal development and social activities. Upcoming projects include sponsoring a family for the holidays, a financial planning seminar, and a holiday party. For information, call Karen Evans at 703-281-1255 or e-mail Vienna_Jaycees-owner@yahoo.com.

Neighbors Night Saturday, December 1 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Explore the exhibits in the gardens' visitor center, purchase holiday gifts in the gift shop, and chat over cookies and cider at this free get-together. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road south of the Dulles Access Rd. For more information, call 703-255-3631.

National Capital Bird Club loves pet birds and encourages interest in exotic birds. The group will hold a holiday party at a member's house on Sunday, December 2. For more information, contact club president Tammy Ellison at 301-946-3511 or e-mail elton.tammy@verizon.net.



Holiday Time At the Freeman House

Santa Claus will be at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., December 8 and 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. The old-fashioned general store and museum will be decorated for the holidays by the Ayr Hill Garden Club, with door wreaths provided by Five Hills Garden Club.

Special holiday shopping hours at the old-fashioned Freeman Store are scheduled each Friday in December from noon to 4 p.m. and Monday-Thursday, December 17-20, from noon to 4 p.m. in addition to the regular hours of operation, Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The store is operated by volunteers of Historic Vienna Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For information, call 703-938-5187.

Historic Vienna's 2001 Christmas card features the artwork of James Madison High School senior Suzanne Marie Thomas. The cards are sold exclusively at the Freeman Store along with a handpainted ornament of the Vienna Inn, the fifth in a series of Christmas ornaments depicting historic sites in town.

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

Learning in Retirement Institute, an affiliate of George Mason University, offers daytime courses, lectures, trips and special events for senior citizens. There are no exams, no credits, and a college degree is not required. Attend as many activities as you wish for a \$260 annual fee. To receive the next catalogue of activities containing more information and a registration form, call 703-503-3384.

Job Hunters' Forum at The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Wednesday, December 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Active job seekers meet as a group with a career counselor for job-hunting tips, general guidance and support. The cost is \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. To register and for more information on this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657.

"Walk of Honor" will be built at American Legion Dyer Gunnell Post 180 to honor those who have served their country in the Armed Forces. You can honor a veteran by purchasing a brick engraved with up to three lines of text for \$50 each. Proceeds will benefit veterans' hospitals and the youth programs of the American Legion. For more information and order forms, call 703-938-9535.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Christmas trees will arrive Saturday, December 1, at the Vienna (Host) Lions Club stand in the Southern States parking lot at Maple Avenue and Park Street. The Lions will sell various sizes of Colorado spruce and Frazier and Douglas fir trees for \$30-\$45. Wreaths, pine roping and tabletop trees will also be available. The stand opens at 11 a.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. on weekends. All proceeds are contributed to local charitable and community organizations including sight, hearing, and youth development programs as well as the Committee for Helping Others (CHO) and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

The Optimist Club of Vienna's Christmas tree lot is open in the parking lot of the Maple Avenue (Giant) Shopping Center. Proceeds support youth programs and other community service activities.

Vienna Choral Society will present "A Holiday Celebration" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 15, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The program will feature Daniel Pinkham's Christmas Cantata and music by John Rutter. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance), and \$20 for families. For more information, call 703-255-5508.

Michael's Automotive, 340-B Mill St., N.E., is a drop-off spot for the annual Toys for Tots campaign sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. New, unopened toys can be dropped off between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays through Friday, December 21. For more information, call 703-255-0666.

James Madison High School Madrigal Singers will perform music of the season at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 16, at the Oakton branch Post Office, 10449 White Granite Dr. (next to Bob Evans restaurant). Light refreshments will be served.

Winter Concert will be presented by the James Madison High School Wind Symphony and Symphonic Bands in the

school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 13. The Jazz Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 11, in a joint concert with the Thoreau Middle School Band. Admission to both concerts is free of charge.

Christmas Bazaar will be held at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 1. The bazaar will feature a silent auction, crafts, door wreaths and table centerpieces, a fun room for children, and plenty of food. For more information, call the church office at 703-938-3494.

Fresh Fields Supermarket, 143 Maple Ave., E., will donate 5% of its profits on Wednesday, December 5, to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD). This contribution is especially timely since VVFD is currently purchasing new front line equipment and needs to do more fire station renovations. As a way of giving back to the community, Fresh Fields Supermarket regularly designates 5% from a given day's profits to be contributed to selected non-profit organizations.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites new residents to its luncheon meeting and variety/talent show at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 6, at Riverbend Golf and Country Club. For reservations and more information, call Sue, 703-281-9729, or Shelley, 703-476-8895

Entertainment Books offer discounts on restaurants, theaters, sporting events, car rentals and much more. Books cost \$35 each and are available from NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), which donates all profits to Alzheimer's research. To place an order, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, that led to the United States entering World War II, is Friday, December 7. Members of Northern Virginia-DC Chapter #1 of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association will

hold a ceremony that day at the Pearl Harbor Tree in Arlington National Cemetery. For more information, call chapter president Jay Groff at 703-569-4643.

"The Poetry of Light" exhibit at the Vienna Arts Society gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center opens December 4. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, December 15, from noon to 5 p.m. The public is invited to see an operating HO scale model railroad. 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 703-938-5157 or visit www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6120.

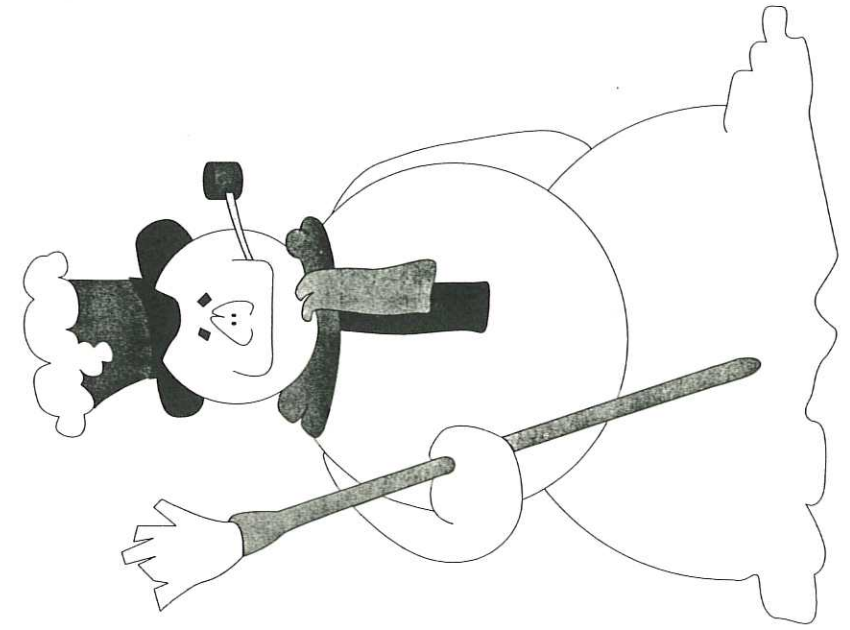
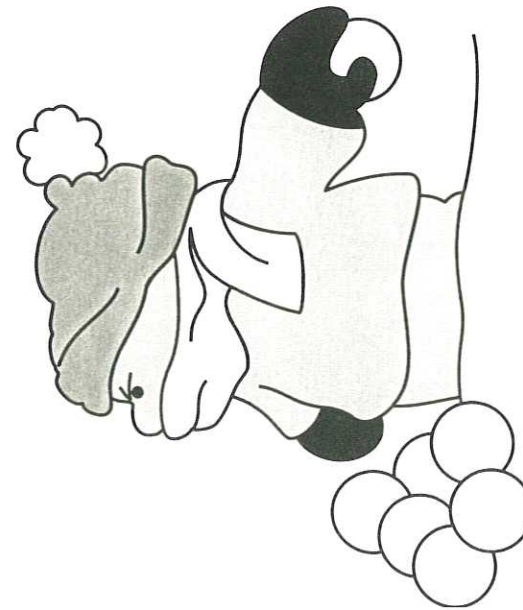
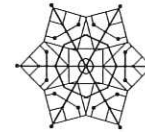
Greater Vienna Republican Women's Club generally meets the third Friday morning of each month at a member's home, featuring speakers on current affairs. This month a Christmas luncheon will be held at a local restaurant. For more information, call Sigrid Crane at 703-938-0954.

Wesley Preschool, an outreach program of Wesley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St., S.E. is now registering children for classes that will meet on Wednesday afternoons beginning in January. Children who will turn three years old by April 30, 2002, are eligible to enroll. Toilet training required. For more information, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

Travelers Aid at Dulles Airport needs more friendly volunteers to provide information, directions and assistance to visitors. Volunteers are asked to make a one-year commitment to work one 3-4 hour shift per week. For more information and to register for orientation, call 703-572-7350 or email volunteer@mwa.com.

Town of Vienna Snow Removal Program & Winter Weather Guide

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Closings & Cancellations

For information on town government closings, cancellations and other snow-related items, residents can call the Vienna Newsline at 703-255-6363, 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 703-938-4900
Public Works Department 703-255-6381
Weekends/Evenings 703-255-6366

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. Activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

Coalition Kids, a monthly after school drop-in program for 5th and 6th graders, 2-3:30 p.m. Monday, December 17. The group focuses on making new friends, learning team building, performing community service, and being involved with anti-drug and violence prevention programs. Registration required.

Babysitting Fundamentals for boys and girls age 12 and older 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, December 1. The fee of \$25 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Homebuyer's Strategies for a Competitive Marketplace with mortgage consultant Edwin Peacock and realtor Matthew Cockerham 7-9 p.m. Monday, December 3. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

POTPOURRI

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, December 12, by members of The Medical Team.

Monthly Tea Dance, a collaboration between the Reston Community Center and the Vienna Community Center, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, December 9, in Reston. \$3 per person. Register by calling the Reston Community Center directly at 703-476-4500.

The Book Club is a collaboration between the Patrick Henry Library and the Vienna Community Center. The day group will meet at 1 p.m. December 27, to discuss *Waiting* by Ha Jin. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. December 17, to discuss *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling. Books are provided with advance reservations through the Patrick Henry Library. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

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.

Club Phoenix open house for parents will be held on Wednesday, December 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. View the facility, share information, meet the staff, complete the required registration form, and discuss issues or concerns.

New Year's Eve party for 7th, 8th and 9th graders Saturday, December 29, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Enjoy music, games, food and fun. Tickets are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door, and will go on sale beginning December 3.

Holiday makeover 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, December 8. Mary-Kay Consultant Marcy Fahnestock will guide participants as they learn to apply makeup to their best advantage and offer tips on skin care and grooming. Free of charge; registration required.

High school students can enjoy concerts by live bands December 8 and 15 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5.

Middle school students are invited to enjoy music by a video DJ on Friday, December 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Free of charge.

Contests and tournaments for middle school students are held at Club Phoenix on Fridays at 4 p.m. Here's what's coming up this month: December 14 - candy hunt; December 21 - doubles pool tournament. Free of charge.

"GIRLSgroup" for grades 9 through 12 Monday, December 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The GIRLSgroup provides a setting where girls can talk about issues that concern them, make new friends, participate in community service projects, and, most important, have fun. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Warm Winter Wishes," celebrating diverse December traditions, will be presented by the Erika Thimey Dance and Theatre Company on Tuesday, December 11, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. The performance will include traditional folk tunes and familiar popular songs, ending with an audience sing-along. Admission is \$7 per person and reservations are required.

Vienna Community Band, under the direction of John J. Pickeral, Jr., will present a holiday concert at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, December 2. Free of charge.

BUS TRIPS

Miracle of Lights at Bull Run Regional Park Wednesday, December 5. Enjoy more than 179,000 sparkling, colorful lights in 250 moving displays. A bus will leave the Community Center at 4:30 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. \$10 per person.

Holiday tea and gift shopping at the Pineapple Restaurant and Gift Shop in Old Town Alexandria Wednesday, December 19. A small group will leave the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. The cost for transportation and refreshments is \$30 per person.

Ski Seven Springs on Thursday, December 27. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. and return about 11:30 p.m. Call for price information on the various packages available. Reservation deadline December 21.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

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

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 703-255-6360.

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.

Clearing 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.