

PROGRESS REPORT

December ended on a high note with the very successful Town Christmas program attended by the Austrian Ambassador and his wife, Congressman Scott, other dignitaries as well as many of our residents.

Town leaf pick-up resulted in 428 loads of leaves gathered before the snow. A record year for the three leaf-loaders.

NEW YEAR GIFT

A gift to the Town from the 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 in the Tysons' Corner shopping complex.

The building will be used by the Town for offices at its Maintenance Yard. One room will serve as a lounge and as a sleeping space for ice and snow crews who work around-the-clock.

Since additions at the Maintenance Yard were being planned at an estimated \$20,000, the new building will offer the Town a considerable savings. Costs of moving are expected to run no more than \$5000. The move is expected as soon as weather conditions permit.



PROCEDURE CHANGE FOR WATER BILLING

If the amount charged on your water bill seems more or less than usual, check the time covered. Changes are being made in the meter reading routes, so bills may not cover the usual two months period. However, the number of days covered will be noted on your bill and after the transition period billing will again be done every two months.



CLOSING STREETS FOR

It is occasionally possible to close some streets for sledding after a snowfall. To do so, residents must present a petition in writing to the Town Manager each time they want the street closed. Every resident on the street must sign it. The Town Manager then confers with the Chief of Police and Director of Public Works to determine the safety factors. This, of course, cannot apply to thru streets, only cul-de-sacs and dead end roads.

BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM

A bicycle safety program, sponsored by the Police Department and the Optimists will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 9:30 to 12 noon in the rear of the Town Hall. All bicycle owners are invited.

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AN END AND A BEGINNING



Discarded Christmas trees will be picked up by Town crews on January 2 and for the following week, if placed at the curb.

Trees will be unloaded at the playing field next to the Community Center. Individuals may bring their trees there if they wish.

On Saturday, Jan. 10, the trees will be lighted in a bonfire at 7 p.m. for the traditional "Burning of the Greens" ceremony, marking the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of the New Year.

A dance for high school students at the Center will follow, with a "Queen of the Greens" and Princesses chosen from Madison High School.

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AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

The Community Center is sponsoring a dance for teens on Saturday evening, Jan. 2 from 8-11 p.m.

Another session of pre-school for 4 and 5 year olds begins on Jan. 12. Registrations are now being taken at the Center.



Fellow Citizens of Vienna;

As we begin a new year, it is customary to look back on the accomplishments of the old year and ahead to the year upon which we are entering.

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

Less agreeable were the rise in interest rates on municipal bonds which hampered the sale of approved bond issues, and the heavy rains which caused flooding of yards and basements, and inconvenience to our citizens.

Many of the actions taken in 1969 will come to fruition in 1970. We expect our new Municipal pool to be completed at the Community Center this summer. The new County library is scheduled to be opened in October, and our Industrial Park will receive its first two tenants, Page Communications and Vega, which expect to begin building in the next few months.

With the renewal of hope that each New Year brings, the Vienna Town Council and I, wish each of you a happy New Year. May you enjoy peace, contentment and prosperity.

Sincerely yours,

James C. Martinelli
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Mayor



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS



While preparing a list of New Year's resolutions for 1970, there are two suggestions we would like to offer, to help make Vienna a nice place to live and raise our families.

LITTER

I WILL NOT LITTER. I will instruct my children not to throw discarded trash onto roads and parking lots.

The paper candy wrappers, beer cans and broken bottles that are daily thrown onto our roadsides and parking lots are the ugliest result of the increase in population and goods.

Individual carelessness and thoughtlessness is the cause, the result is national and community blight, costing thousands of dollars that could be put to use creating parks and recreational facilities.

SAFETY

I WILL WORK TOWARD MAKING THE STREETS OF VIENNA SAFE PLACES TO DRIVE, by keeping to posted speed limits, and by keeping my children from playing on them.

With the Town's radar equipment working 24 hours a day, a lot of drivers have become conscious of speed, some to their sorrow.

Children playing in the streets are a danger at any time, more particularly in the slippery winter weather when motorists are less able to control their cars. Early darkness is another hazard to children and motorists.

RIDING SLEDS IN THE STREETS CAN BE DANGEROUS. Several accidents have already occurred. Be safe! Be cautious!



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TIPS FOR WINTER DRIVING

Driving on ice and snow is hazardous for anyone, for those who have come to the area from southern and south western climates, it is even more so. Here are a few tips for safer winter driving.

1. Clear all car glass of snow, ice and fog before the car is driven.
2. A bag of sand, pieces of carpet or burlap kept in the car, are good insurance for getting out of slippery spots. (Letting some air out of your tires will also help get more traction.)
3. To get started in snow or slush, swing your front wheels from side to side to clear a path. Then accelerate gently. Don't spin your wheels. Rocking your car can help get you going -- but follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to rock your car without damage to the transmission.
4. Once underway, stay steady. Avoid sudden changes in either speed or direction.
5. If you start to skid, steer immediately in the direction the rear end is sliding. But don't oversteer. The instant you feel the car coming out of it, straighten the wheels to straight ahead.
6. Snow tires, chains or studded tires are a must in winter driving.



"MY KIND OF TOWN"
BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM 1970

Remember Egbert the Elf? He was our symbol for the Beautification Program in Vienna in 1967. With the cooperation of our citizens and the many fine organizations in the Town, much has been done. Much however, still needs to be done, and once again we ask everyone to help in a new all-out effort in 1970, to make Vienna the clean, attractive community we all want to live in.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The participation of the entire community, school children, individuals and organizations is necessary for a successful campaign. We ask each resident to support us in the following ways;

1. WHAT ARE THE THINGS YOU LIKE IN VIENNA? Make an inventory of everything that is beautiful, attractive, pleasant in your town.

 2. WHAT ARE THE THINGS YOU DISLIKE? Make an inventory of those things you find ugly, detracting, distasteful, unpleasant or unsightly.

 3. WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT? Decide what you can do to correct these undesirable aspects of your community.

- WHAT SHOULD THE SCHOOLS DO? _____
- WHAT CAN THE TOWN DO? _____
- WHAT CAN YOUR CLUB DO? _____

THIS IS OUR TOWN, OUR HOME. WE WANT IT TO BE CLEAN, ORDERLY, ATTRACTIVE.
YOUR SUGGESTIONS WILL BE OUR GUIDE. LET US HEAR FROM YOU.

Mail questionnaires to: Public Information Officer
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