

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1992 – As of January 1, Vienna will welcome about 300 new residents and four new businesses into town as the result of a boundary adjustment with Fairfax County. At the same time, several properties will be moved outside the town limits. The selection of parcels for inclusion in Vienna was guided by several criteria, including elimination of bisected lots and better delivery of municipal services.

DECEMBER 1982 – The 10-mile segment of Interstate 66 between the Capital Beltway and the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge is scheduled to open December 22. Week-days from 6:30 to 9 a.m., inbound lanes will be restricted to buses and carpools carrying at least four persons. The same restrictions will apply to the outbound lanes between 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER 1972 – Residents of the town and surrounding county areas have received survey forms asking their opinion regarding the location of the Vienna Metro Station as well as the amount of usage and probable impact on local streets. On December 11, the Vienna Town Council will hold a public meeting to discuss the results of the survey.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

MAPLE AVENUE HOTLINE – 703-255-5756

Visit the Town's web site at [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us)

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<p>COMMUNITY CENTER 703-255-6360 (Voice) 703-255-5739 (TDD)</p>		

## RecycleMotor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, December 7, 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 more 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.

## TOWN OF VIENNA

### Order Mulch Beginning Dec. 2

The Public Works Department will begin taking orders December 2 for ground leaf mulch and ground wood mulch, to be delivered free of charge to town residents beginning in mid-January. See page 5 for details.

### Inclement Weather Form Inside

The Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department are updating their Inclement Weather Program registry file. In the event of severe weather, widespread power outages or hazardous road conditions, those registered will receive a phone call to check on their welfare. See page 9.

### Dog Tag Reminder

2002 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 information.

*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.*

# NEWSLETTER

December 2002



## 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 Wednesday/Friday collection route, both trash and recyclables will be picked up on December 27 and January 3.

Town Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 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).

Residents and businesses are reminded that Town employees may not accept gifts; any items received by employees will be returned to the sender or donated to a local charity.

## Real Estate Tax Due December 5

The second installment on 2002 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on Thursday, 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.

To pay by credit card online, go to [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us) and click on "Services." To pay by phone with a credit card, call 1-888-2PAYTAX (1-888-272-9829), and use the Jurisdiction Code 1094 for real estate. Make sure you record the confirmation number given to you at the end of the transaction, as this will serve as your proof of payment.

## Leaf Collection Ending

The last pass through town by leaf collection crews is scheduled for December 2-9 in north Vienna and December 10-23 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.

## Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

OCTOBER 7, 2002

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Jerome Covel to the Board of Architectural Review and reappointed Paul Layer as the architect member of the Board, both for two-year terms.
- Approved the installation of two modified speed humps in the 100 blocks of Moore Avenue, S.E. and S.W., locations to be determined by the Department of Public Works.
- Awarded a bid for newsletter paper to Ris Paper Co. at a price of \$5,839.20 for a year's supply.
- Authorized publication of the delinquent real estate tax list and transmission of the list to Fairfax County to be posted and entered into County records.
- Adopted an ordinance revising the setback requirements for rear-yard decks.

## Vienna Police to Share in Federal Anti-terrorism Grant Funds

Fairfax County has been awarded a \$12 million Federal Terrorism Preparedness Grant to help offset public safety costs associated with anti-terrorism efforts. \$75,000 of the grant funds have been set aside to provide additional emergency response equipment specifically for the Vienna Police Department, which coordinates with County public safety personnel in response to area disasters.

Chief of Police Bob Carlisle said Vienna's department plans to use its share of the funding for a Reverse 911 communication system, a response utility vehicle to carry equipment and supplies to incident scenes, and a video surveillance security system for police headquarters.

The Reverse 911 is a computer-based system using a telephone number database to call a pre-determined set of numbers and provide verbal information or instructions through a pre-recorded message. The numbers can be from an established list or can be tailored to specific geographic areas. Whether in times of crisis, or simply as a service, these systems provide public safety agencies with a powerful tool for disseminating information to emergency personnel and to citizens.

## Boudreau Elected VML Vice President

Vienna Town Councilman Albert J. Boudreau has been elected Vice President of the Virginia Municipal League (VML) for 2002-2003. The VML, headquartered in Richmond, is a statewide non-profit, nonpartisan association of town, city and county governments established in 1905 to improve and assist local governments through legislative advocacy, research, education and other services. Membership includes 157 towns, 39 cities and 14 counties.

Councilman Boudreau has been active in VML programs since his election to the Town Council in 1992, including membership on the VML Executive Committee, Chair of the Town Section, Effective Government Committee, Editorial Board of the VML magazine, and Virginia State Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Albert J. Boudreau	Vincent J. Olson
Laurie G. Cole	Michael J. Polychrones
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Director of Parks & Recreation	Catherine L. Salgado	703-255-6356
Director of Planning & Zoning	Gregory M. Hembree	703-255-6341
Town Attorney	Steven D. Briglia	703-255-6305

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.  
Deadline for January issue is Monday, December 16.

## Residents Honored For Service to Seniors

Town of Vienna resident Faye Adkins has been selected to receive the Fairfax Area Commission on Aging's Louise B. Wagner Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to older adults and their families through her volunteer work with the Vienna Meals on Wheels Program and other community organizations. Town resident Shirley Martin was also nominated for the award.

The Commission on Aging seeks to identify and promote better understanding of the problems of the aging by planning and promoting activities that contribute to their well-being and maximize their independence. For more information, call the Commission at 703-324-5853.

		2002						
		Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	Holiday Stroll on Church Street 6-9 p.m. Town Council	Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.		Real estate tax due Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.		Drop off used oil, antifreeze & batteries at Nutley St. property yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	Town Council work session		Planning Commission	Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
		Town Council		Board of Zoning Appeals	Board of Architectural Review			
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
			Town Hall closes at noon	<b>Christmas</b> Town Hall closed NO TRASH PICKUP		Trash pickup & curbside recycling for residents on the Wednesday/Friday collection route		
	29	30	31					

# Vienna Police Department & Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Inclement Weather Citizen Contact Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICATION(S): \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CONDITION(S) (e.g. dialysis, heart condition, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that participation in this program is purely voluntary. I am aware of the nature of the service being provided and desire to participate. I release and agree to hold harmless the Town of Vienna, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, its employees or volunteers from all liability for the consequences of their release of, or failure to release, the data provided by me.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN OR MAIL TO:  
Chief of Police  
Town of Vienna  
215 Center St., S.  
Vienna, VA 22180-5731

## Comment from the Council Table

# Signs of the Season

By Laurie G. Cole  
Vienna Town Councilwoman

We are seeing the sure signs of December's arrival — shorter days, leaves falling off the trees in earnest, festive holiday decorations going up ... and real estate tax bills coming due. Obviously, some harbingers of the season are more welcome than others. But we can see some new bright spots on our streets, and even in some tax bills, this year.

It may seem hard to wrestle good news out of real estate taxes, especially in a year when many owners saw double-digit increases in their assessments. Of particular concern have been our elderly and disabled citizens on fixed incomes, who feared that rising tax bills would make the cost of living in their own homes too high. The good news here is that there is tax relief available to qualified property owners who are age 65 or older, or who are permanently and totally disabled. Even better news — a bright spot — is that in September the Council expanded the qualifying income levels, and extended the application deadline to December 31.

The program operates on a graduated scale, providing for real estate tax relief of 25% to 100%, depending on income and assets. The Town also provides qualified relief recipients with one Town vehicle sticker at no cost. Just under 200 properties have qualified for tax relief from the Town so far this year, a slight increase over the numbers for the past two tax years, and applications may still be filed.

This tax relief is available for both Town and Fairfax County real estate taxes, under separate programs offered by each jurisdiction. Property owners must file applications for both programs. Detailed in

formation about the program is available on the Town's website (click on "Departments," "Finance" and "Real Estate Tax") or by calling the Department of Finance at 703-255-6325. The staff can assist with any questions and will provide application forms for the Town program.

The bright lights of new seasonal decorations will be gracing Maple Avenue this month. Wreaths of greenery, illuminated by (electric) candles and decked with bows, will hang from the streetlight poles between Park Street and Lawyers Road, and a "skyline" of garlands and wreaths will arch over Maple Avenue.

The new decorations represent the culmination of months of work by the Community Enhancement Commission and the Department of Parks and Recreation, who were asked to explore options and propose designs for decorations to complement the Maple Avenue streetscape. (This is dangerous duty, as designs for public displays — no matter how thoughtfully considered or carefully chosen — often are the targets of heated debate.) Ultimately, the Commission recommended wreaths for the pole decorations and put the design choices before the Council last summer.

Sharp-eyed drivers in July may have noticed the odd sight of four wreaths hanging on poles along Maple Avenue at Park Street. This was the first round of selection, to choose among four vendors. Hints of December returned to the same poles in August, when three designs from the selected vendor were displayed.

When the wreaths go up for display on December 2, the setting should seem



**Councilwoman Cole**

more fitting. We can expect a chill in the air, and against the early darkness the lights will give a welcome glow.

As you bundle up against the chill, please remember those in our community who are in need whom you might help. And when you see the lights, please remember the volunteers who serve our community in many ways and tell them "thanks." Best wishes for a happy holiday season.

## Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

*Your Vienna Police Department reminds you, when out shopping this holiday season:*

- Stay alert and be aware of everything around you at all times.
- Park in well-lighted spaces and as close to the store as possible, lock your car doors, and hide packages in the trunk or under the seats.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash; pay with a check or credit card if possible.
- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put your wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- If you take your children shopping, teach them to go to a police officer or store security guard if they get separated or lost.

## Chief's Advisory Committee Meeting Dec. 5

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 5, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. 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.

## Eagle Scouts Complete Projects

Eagle Scout candidate Ben Fletcher has turned a Town right-of-way into a planting bed with a retaining wall. The right-of-way, located at Maple Avenue and Berry Street, had been covered in asphalt, rocks, weeds and trash, and trucks were continually driving over what dirt remained. Ben and many of his friends spent two Saturdays completing the project, which will provide a nice visual connection to the improved Maple Avenue streetscape.

The second Eagle Scout project was completed by Jimmy Gaughon, who focused on the new bridge and trail connecting the W&OD Trail to Northside Park. In just one day Jimmy and about 25 of his friends cleaned up the site and planted 20 trees in the open area around the bridge and path, planted marsh grasses under the bridge and constructed a rock erosion control wall. The area has been transformed into a very beautiful and tranquil spot for residents to enjoy.

*Many thanks to Ben and Jimmy, and the volunteers and Town staff who assisted them. If you are an Eagle Scout candidate looking for a challenging project, please call Cathy Salgado, Director of Parks and Recreation, at 703-255-6356.*

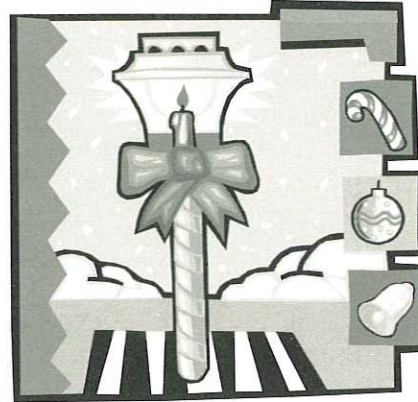
## Friends of W&OD Trail Receive Award

The National Recreation and Park Association has honored the Friends of the W&OD Trail (FOWOD) with one of its top annual honors, the 2002 Voluntary Service Award. The association is the national organization for park and recreation professionals.

FOWOD is a nonprofit citizens' organization dedicated to preserving, enhancing and promoting the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's nationally acclaimed Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail. The volunteer affiliate was established in 1992 to raise funds for capital projects associated with the trail. For information, call 703-729-0596 or visit [www.wodfriends.org](http://www.wodfriends.org).

## Holiday Stroll On Historic Church Street

Monday, December 2, 6 to 9 p.m.



Church Street will be closed between Lawyers Road and Mill Street, and visitors are invited to stroll along the street amid the sights and sounds of the holiday season.

Santa Claus will greet children at the Freeman House.

Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and the Town of Vienna  
For more information, call 703-938-5187

## Welcome New Businesses

*The following business licenses were issued in October:*

Travelhost of Metro Washington advertising sales 111 Moore Ave., S.E. 703-255-1100	Aziz Talebnejad contractor 303 Tapawingo Rd., S.W. 703-255-4619	Vienna Shell gas station & carryout 256 Maple Ave., E. 703-938-4888
Absolute Home Inspections home building inspections 103 St. Bernard Dr., N.E. 703-201-5367	Newsreader.com internet service 305 Ainstree Ct., N.E. 703-938-4152	Natta Thai Cuisine restaurant 153 Glyndon St., S.E. 703-242-4323
Kathy B. Kreations sales — hand-made items 415 MacArthur Ave., N.E. 703-319-0774	Good Feet Store arch supports 110 Lawyers Rd., N.W. 703-242-5956	Signature Title & Escrow title company 108 Center St., N. 703-319-6900

*Hear a message from Santa Claus especially for the children of Vienna beginning December 15 through Christmas Day on the Vienna Newslite, 703-255-6333.*

# Inclement Weather Program Registration Form on Next Page

December 2002

**TO: Residents of the Town of Vienna**

**FROM: Robert A. Carlisle - Vienna Chief of Police  
Donald L. Burns - Chief of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department**

The Town of Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department have united to implement an inclement weather program. In the event of severe weather, widespread power outages, or hazardous road conditions, a "check on the welfare" telephone call list will be activated and, if needed, a temporary emergency shelter will be opened and kept in operation either until the Fairfax County Disaster Operations Center can open a shelter or until the situation resolves itself.

This program was designed in response to the severe ice storm that struck the town during the winter of 1998-99 and is directed at citizens who have special needs, such as the elderly, the physically challenged and individuals with severe medical conditions. The purpose of the program is twofold: first, in the event of severe weather to provide a point of contact to check on the status of each individual on the list, and second, if needed, to provide a temporary shelter location until the power has been restored, a longer-term shelter is opened, or the weather and road conditions improve.

To register for this program, all that is required is that you fill out the form on the following page and return it to the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

For more information, contact the Vienna Police Department, 703-255-6366, or the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 703-938-2678.

# 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. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

## BUS TRIP

**Holiday ski trip** to Seven Springs is scheduled for Monday, December 30. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around 11:30 p.m. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Call for prices of the various combination packages. Reservation deadline December 20. Gift certificates available.

## JUST FOR KIDS

**Santa Grams** will arrive from the North Pole beginning at 8 a.m. Tuesday, December 17. To receive a message from Santa, mail your wishes to the Community Center by December 2. Be sure to include the child's full name.

**Kids Night Out** Friday, December 13, from 6 to 9 p.m. Kids can enjoy an evening of pizza, crafts and a movie. Admission for town residents is \$15 per child, \$6 for each additional child in the family.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY

**College planning strategies** Thursday, December 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investments will discuss the options for education plan investments and the tax advantages they provide. This program is free of charge, but reservations are required. Sponsored by the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**New Year's Eve Eve party** for 7th, 8th and 9th graders Saturday, December 28, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Enjoy music, games, food and fun. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door, and will go on sale beginning December 7.

**Holiday movie festival** for high school students Saturday, December 7, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. The movie marathon

will feature three comedies with a holiday theme. Free admission.

**Concert for high school students** featuring live bands Saturday, December 14, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5. Call 703-255-5721 to schedule a date for your band.

**Concert for middle school students** Friday, December 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission \$5.

**GIRLSgroup**, for grades 9-12, will meet on Monday, December 2, 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; to register, call 703-255-5721.

**Coalition Kids**, a safe and supervised monthly after-school program for 5th and 6th graders, will be held on Monday, December 16, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The group focuses on making new friends, learning team building, performing community service, and being involved with anti-drug and violence prevention programs. There is a one-time \$10 fee for refreshments and supplies, and registration is required.

## FITNESS & HEALTH

**Fitness Information Night** Wednesday, December 4, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Certified personal trainers John Mays and Nathan Greiner will answer questions related to diet, exercise programs, supplements and lifestyle changes. Free of charge.

**Lunch Bunch Aerobics** begins its new session January 8. The group meets each Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Both men and women are welcome to this low-impact, high-intensity workout designed to meet the needs of all levels of fitness. The fee for town residents is \$121 for 22 classes. Bring a bottle of water and a towel or mat.

## MATURE ADULTS

**Celebration Singers** present an American Christmas Thursday, December 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sing along to the season's most popular songs. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance; seating is first come, first served on the day of the show.

**Holiday concert** by the U.S. Army Band with guest artist Kathy Mattea at Constitution Hall Sunday, December 15. Leave the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. Tickets are free; transportation is \$10 for town residents.

**Morvan Park** holiday mansion tour Wednesday, December 18. Leave the Community Center at 9:30 a.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. The cost of \$45 for town residents includes transportation, tour and lunch at the Laurel Brigade Inn and Restaurant in Leesburg.

**Free blood pressure check** for senior citizens Wednesday, December 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. No advance registration required.

## POTPOURRI

**Preschool** for children ages 3 through 5 meets Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Children learn through games, songs, books, crafts, field trips, visitors, creative play, show and tell, and other fun activities. Children must be toilet trained.

A registration form and physical examination and immunization form must be completed. Also, bring a certified copy of the birth certificate, birth registration card, notification of birth (hospital, physician or midwife record), or passport with you for verification. Ask for the packet of information the day you register. This registration is for the school year 2002/2003. The fee for the program is \$125 per month for in-town residents.

## Beulah Rd. Hearing Next Month

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has scheduled a public hearing for the Beulah Road, N.E., improvement project on Tuesday, January 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

At the hearing, project engineers and other VDOT staff will be available to discuss construction plans, easements and right-of-way acquisition with affected property owners and other interested citizens.

Plans will be sent to the Vienna Department of Public Works and made available for public review in December. Plans may also be reviewed at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Pkwy., Chantilly.

## Call for Free Mulch Delivery

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 from December 2 through February 28. To place your order, call the "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.

## Banner Applications Accepted Jan. 1

Beginning January 1, non-profit community organizations may apply to display banners across Maple Avenue during 2003. 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 2003 are not available and should not be requested: April 22-May 6, May 12-26, October 15-29, November 17-29, and the entire month of December.

**REQUESTS POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2003, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. FAXED REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME.**

## *"Beauty Spot"* *From Your Community* *Enhancement Commission*

*TOWN CLEANS UP!* ... On Saturday, November 9, over 200 people scattered across Vienna to participate in Town Cleanup Day. A dozen community organizations as well as families and individuals spent the beautiful fall morning walking the streets, trails, parks and stream valleys, picking up garbage, debris and brush.

Among the groups that participated, the Townes of Moorefield tackled a large problem on Nutley Street — the invasion of grape vine! With the help of neighbors, two park employees, two trucks and lots of trips to haul off the brush, the invasive grape vine, which had taken over the trees along Nutley Street, was removed.

Students Against Destructive Decisions and Boy Scout Troop 872 helped to clean up several streams throughout town, gathering truckloads of garbage. Other groups including Northeast Vienna Citizens Association, Malcolm-Windover Heights Civic Association, Girl Scout Troop 1882, Girl Scout Troop 3165 and the Vienna 4-H Club volunteered to clean several Town parks. Girl Scout Troop 1060 and the Oakton Octagon Club chose to patrol the W&OD Trail and railroad station area. Finally, about 30 town residents, including families and individuals, volunteered and were assigned areas around town that otherwise might not have been cleaned.

The Community Enhancement Commission thanks Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado for her outstanding efforts in organizing the best Cleanup Day yet, and the Optimist Club of Vienna, which helped supply refreshments.

*BEAUTY TIP* ... December is an excellent time to prune holly and evergreens, and take cuttings of Nandina berries to decorate your home. Nandina berries will keep for a whole month and are safe around children. When using these cuttings to create wreaths and arrangements, extend the life of your decorations by spraying them with an anti-desiccant to reduce moisture loss. "Wilt-Pruf" or "Vapor Guard" are available at home and garden stores.

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Navy Federal Credit Union**, 820 Follin Ln., S.E., is an official collection site for the annual Toys for Tots campaign sponsored by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. New, unwrapped toys can be dropped off through Friday, December 20.

Navy Federal Credit Union recently donated \$2,750 to CHO (Committee for Helping Others). The funds were raised during the credit union's 10th annual 5k run/walk held in September. Over 220 people, ranging in age from under a year (in a stroller) to 73, participated. CHO has been helping the needy in the Vienna area since 1969.

**Vienna Choral Society** will present its annual Christmas concert featuring Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 14, at Vienna Baptist Church, 544 Marshall Rd., S.W. Tickets are \$15 general admission (\$12 in advance), \$10 for students and senior citizens (\$9 in advance), and \$25 for families. For information, call 703-255-5508.

**Christmas concert**, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Santa Maria Council, will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Sunday, December 8, from 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The concert will include a performance by the Vienna Community Band directed by John J. Pickeral, Jr.

**James Madison High School Madrigal Singers** will perform music of the season at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, December 12, at the Vienna Post Office.

**Holiday used book sale** at Patrick Henry Library Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A wide selection of books in good condition will be available. For more information, call the library at 703-938-0405. Sponsored by Friends of the Patrick Henry Library.

**Food drive for CHO** (Committee for Helping Others), sponsored by the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association, will continue through December 15. Especially needed are canned meats, canned fruits

and powdered milk, plus diapers and laundry detergents. Donations may be brought to Town Hall, Vienna Community Center, Patrick Henry Library, Accent on Flowers, Bikes@Vienna, Connell's Valet, Freedom Bank, Jammin' Java and Weichert Realtors.

**Christmas Bazaar** will be held at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., on Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will feature a silent auction, crafts, seasonal greenery and poinsettias, a fun room for children, and plenty of food. For more information, call the church office at 703-938-3494.

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, December 12, at Marco Polo Restaurant, featuring a Christmas carol sing-along. On December 9 the club will tour the Belmont Estate in Richmond. The club also sponsors several bridge groups. For information, call 703-281-4811 or 703-938-3505.

**Vienna Toastmasters** will meet at 7:30 p.m. December 11 and 18 at the Vienna Community Center. Anyone interested in developing the skills of effective communication is welcome to attend. For information, call Valerie Hall at 703-426-8073.

**La Leche League of Vienna** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 4, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd. Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend the discussion of "Why Breast Is Best." For more information, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872.

**Travelers Aid** is recruiting volunteers to work a weekly 3 or 4½ hour shift at Reagan National Airport. Volunteers welcome visitors, connect them with airport services and answer questions. To schedule an interview, call the Travelers Aid office at 703-417-3975. Training classes will begin in January and continue throughout the year.

**Chapter 1116 NARFE** (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) will hold a pot luck luncheon at noon Tuesday, December 3, at the Vienna Community Center. New officers will be installed, and the Merry Makers Chorale will entertain.

**Entertainment Books** make great holiday gifts, with 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.

**VIP Vienna** is a support group for visually impaired persons and their families to exchange ideas, find resources and hear informed speakers. The group's next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Patrick Henry Library. To register and for more information, call the Fairfax County Access Services Office at 703-324-8380.

**Stroll on Church Street** with the Vienna Jaycees on Monday, December 2. Meet at 6:30 p.m. in front of the Freeman House, stroll in and out of stores and wind up at the custard shop. The Jaycees' restaurant outing of the month will be held at VROOM! on December 17. Have fun and get to know some Vienna area 20 and 30-somethings! For more information, call Karen at 703-281-1255.

Again this year, the Jaycees are adopting two or more families for the holidays. To make a tax-deductible contribution, send a check payable to the Vienna Jaycees Foundation, P.O. Box 291, Vienna, VA 22183.

**James Madison High School Students Against Destructive Decisions** (SADD) will observe National Alcohol Awareness Week, December 3-7, by placing stickers on cases of beer in local stores to remind parents and teens of the danger of drinking and driving, and that it is illegal for any person under age 21 to possess alcohol.

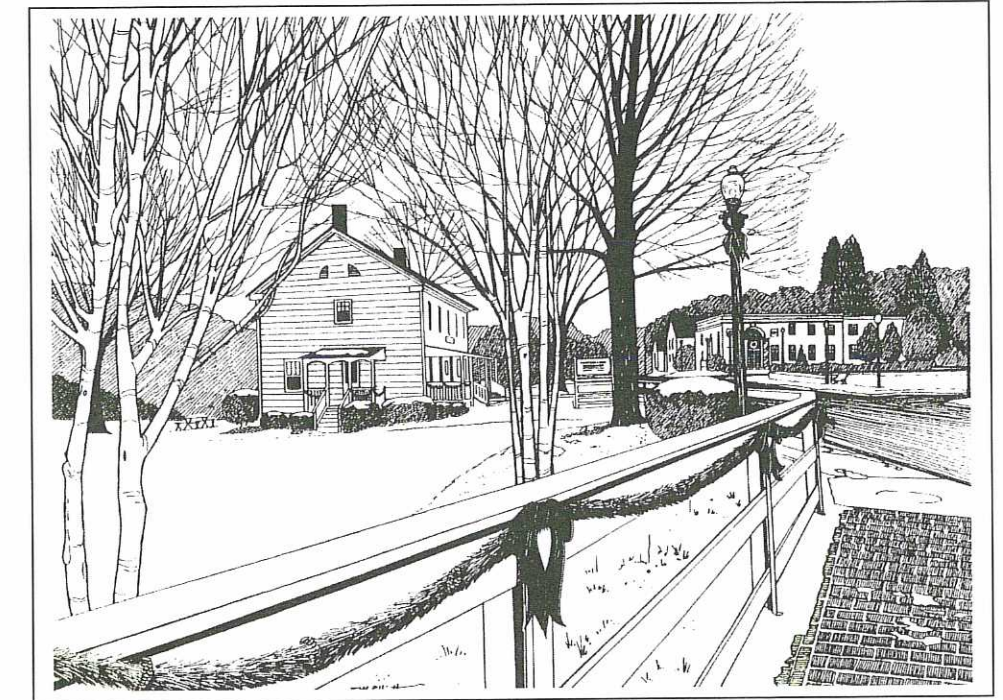
**Christmas trees** will arrive Sunday, December 1, at the Vienna (Host) Lions Club stand in a new location (not determined as of press time, look for the signs)! The Lions will sell Colorado spruce, and Frazier and Douglas fir trees plus wreaths, pine roping, tabletop trees and coloring books. All proceeds go to sight, hearing, and youth programs, and local charitable and community organizations. Used eye-glasses and hearing aids will be accepted at the tree stand.

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 Teen Foundation** recently presented its 2002 Outstanding Teen of the Year Award to Mary Ann Kearney from Madison High School and Dominique Dupras from Marshall High School. They were selected based on their exemplary achievements in the areas of community service, leadership and academics. The Vienna Teen Foundation, founded in 1998, provides funding and guidance for programs such as the Club Phoenix teen center, Support on Suspension, teen New Year's Eve party, and Ethics Day.

**Your old magazines** and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *only*. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call project chairman Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information. *Please, no donations during the month of December.*

## Holiday Time at the Freeman House



Historic Vienna's 2002 Christmas card features a pen and ink drawing of the historic Freeman House by Vienna Arts Society member D. Marshall Elliot. The cards are sold exclusively at the Freeman Store along with a handpainted ornament of Vienna's red caboose, the sixth in a series of Christmas ornaments depicting historic sites around town.

Santa Claus will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, December 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. In addition to Santa's visit on the 15th, "A Work in Progress" will lead a sing-along of holiday and folk songs on the lawn; dress warmly and bring folding chairs. The Freeman House 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 and Monday through Thursday, December 16-19, 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. A 50%-off sale on Christmas items will be held December 27-29.

The Freeman House is operated by volunteers of Historic Vienna Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For information, call 703-938-5187.

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Part-time paid positions available for storekeepers, tour guides, library attendants, program helpers  
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