

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

DECEMBER 1995 – Vienna has lost one of its leading citizens with the death of Town Councilwoman Martha H. Pruett on December 23. Mrs. Pruett was first elected to the Town Council in 1988 after serving on the Vienna Planning Commission for 17 years. She was involved in a wide variety of community service activities as a member of the Vienna Woman's Club, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Southwest Vienna Citizens Association, Marshall Elementary School PTA, Girl Scouts, and many other groups.

DECEMBER 1985 – Construction is underway to provide access to the Vienna Metro Station parking lots from the west via Route I-66. As part of the project, Nutley Street will be widened outside the town limits from four lanes to six and will be relocated westward to line up with Nutley on the south side of Lee Highway.

DECEMBER 1975 – Vienna residents will no longer be able to register their automobiles with a metal plate. Starting in 1976, all registrations of automobiles will be in the form of a decal on the front windshield, placed to the right of the state inspection sticker. Residents were given a choice of the two types of registrations in 1975 and the overwhelming favorite was the decals.

DECEMBER 1965 – Mayor Jim Martinelli wrote, "One of the highlights of 1965 was the abandonment of the Town's two sewage treatment plants, opening up approximately 13 acres for the development of Southside Park and approximately 35 acres for the development of Northside Park."

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Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, December 3, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. 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.

Dog Tag Reminder

All Town dog licenses must be renewed by January 31. Dog tags are available at Town Hall, by mail and online. 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.

Dogs trained and serving as guide dogs for the blind, hearing dogs for the deaf or hearing impaired, and service dogs for the mobility impaired must be licensed but are exempt from the license tax.

Cats must be inoculated against rabies but are not required to be licensed.

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In Case of Emergency

As a service to town residents, the Vienna Police Department maintains a **VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REGISTRY** to facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated persons in the event of an emergency. See page 9.

The Vienna Police and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department jointly sponsor an **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROGRAM** for residents with special needs such as the elderly, disabled and those with severe medical problems. In the event of widespread power outages or hazardous road conditions, a telephone check on the welfare of participants will be made. See pages 7 and 8.

Residents currently registered in either one or both of these programs must complete a new form(s), since the files are purged annually.

Leaf Collection Ending

The last pass through town by leaf collection crews is scheduled for November 28-December 10 in south Vienna and December 12-24 on the north 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.

NEWSLETTER

December 2005



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from the Vienna Town Council
& Town Staff



Town Hall will close at noon December 23, and be closed all day December 26 and January 2. Town Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 8, during the annual Town employees' holiday luncheon.

NO TRASH COLLECTION DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2.

Trash pickup and curbside recycling for residents on the Monday/Thursday collection route will be made December 29 and January 5.

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Place trees at the curbside on your 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 during the holidays or any other time; any items received by employees will be returned to the sender or donated to a local charity.

Real Estate Tax Due

The second installment on 2005 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on Monday, December 5. Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before that date to avoid penalties. For more information, call 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 and click on "Online Payments." 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.

NEW IN TOWN? There's 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.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

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

- Reappointed Frank Johnson to the Transportation Safety Commission and reappointed Carole Wolfand to the Town/Business Liaison Committee, both for two-year terms.

- Approved issuing a request for proposals for the Maple Avenue Feasibility Study.

- Approved \$1,500 to fund the Town/Business Liaison Committee's coffee social for town businesses.

- Approved the purchase of a belt-driven vacuum leaf loader from Old Dominion Brush in the amount of \$15,009.

- Approved the purchase of a 2006 Ford F-450 model truck cab and chassis

from Colonial Ford Truck Sales in the amount of \$28,941.15.

- Approved the purchase of two dual monitors and laptops for the Traffic Engineering Division from Dell in the amount of \$6,390.06.

- Directed that the delinquent real estate tax list be published in a general circulation newspaper, posted on the Town's Web site and sent to Fairfax County to be recorded. Liens will be recorded against those properties delinquent for more than two years.

- Adopted an ordinance concerning trespassing offenses.

- Agreed to contribute \$100,000 to the Waters Field turf replacement project sponsored by Vienna Youth, Inc. and the Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League. The Town will also act as project manager. As part of the project, awarded a contract to R.E. Lee Electric for light pole relocation

in an amount not to exceed \$24,320 and awarded a contract for architectural and engineering services to William H. Gordon Associates in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

- Accepted the resignation of John M. Scheib from the Planning Commission.

OCTOBER 4, 2005

- Approved the use of three blanket purchase orders for the Town's computer replacement program: Gateway Computer, \$5,000; Dell Computer, \$26,767; and PC Mall.Gov, \$12,000.

- Accepted the public improvements for the 300 and 302 Kingsley Rd., S.W., Subdivision into the Town's maintenance system.

- Approved the purchase of two Chevrolet Impalas for the Police Department at a total cost of \$36,600.

- Approved the purchase of generators to supply emergency power for the traffic lights from Valley Supply and Equipment Co. at a total cost of \$13,986.

- Approved the purchase of fencing for Waters Field from Long Fence Co. in the amount of \$17,774.87.

Town Council agendas and minutes are available online. Visit www.ci.vienna.va.us.

Chief's Advisory Committee

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 1, at Town Hall. The meeting will include a presentation on the new Jail Diversion Program that will divert individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues from jail to treatment. For more information, call the Police Department at 703-255-6366.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.
FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us
Deadline for January issue is December 15.

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	5 Real estate tax 2nd installment due Town Council	6 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	7 LEAF COLLECTION South side of town November 28-December 10 North side of town December 12-24 Leaves must be at the curbside by first collection date to ensure pickup	8 Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m. Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	9 Town Hall closes at noon	10 Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
11 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	12 Town Council work session	13 Town Council	14 Planning Commission	15 Board of Architectural Review	16 Town Hall closes at noon	17
18 Christmas Hanukkah begins at sundown	19 Town Council	20 Board of Zoning Appeals	21 Board of Zoning Appeals	22 Architectural Review	23	24
25	26 Town Hall closed NO TRASH COLLECTION	27	28	29 Trash pickup & curbside recycling for residents on the Monday/Thursday collection route	30	31

2005

Halloween Parade Winners

The Town of Vienna and the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce have announced the winning entries in the 2005 Vienna Halloween Parade held October 26. Winners were recognized at the November 7 Town Council meeting.

❖ *Best in Show:* Flint Hill Elementary

❖ *Adult Band:* 1. Gainesville District Volunteer Fire Department; 2. Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band

❖ *Youth Band:* 1. George Marshall Marching Statesmen; 2. James Madison Band; 3. Swanson Middle School Band

❖ *Youth Performers:* 1. Cuppett Performing Arts Center; 2. Fraternidad Caporales Santiago; 3. The Dance Company

❖ *Adult Performers:* 1. Red Hatters of Northern Virginia; 2. Gooddogz.org; 3. Bikes@Vienna

❖ *Float with Music:* 1. Merrifield Garden Center; 2. The Geek Squad; 3. Cox Farms Vienna

❖ *Float without Music:* 1. Flint Hill Elementary; 2. Brownie Troop 5804; 3. Vienna Stars Girls Fastpitch Softball

❖ *Antique Cars:* 1. Northern Virginia Corvette Club; 2. Drew Senko; 3. (tie) Vienna Theatre Co./Pilger Boring and Northwest Federal Credit Union

THANKS TO THE MANY VIENNA AREA BUSINESSES
THAT HELPED SPONSOR THIS YEAR'S PARADE

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in October:

Sumner Technologies
computer consultant
408 Adahi Rd., S.E.
703-850-6720

CAG Technology
technology consultant
909 Country Club Dr., N.E.
703-242-5198

The Personal Edge
fitness instructor
120 Cottage St., S.W.
703-255-7186

Mondia Jewelry
jewelry sales & repairs
394 Maple Ave., E.
703-281-0026

Perl Co
electronic reference library
1012 Aponi Rd., S.E.
703-992-7107

Ellen Murphy
psychotherapist
501 Church St., N.E. #206
202-957-0023

Bagan City Exhibits
arts, decorative items
421 Church St., N.E. #G
703-242-1695

Congratulations to Charsky Enterprises,
celebrating its 10th anniversary in business this month.

Convenient Location & Friendly Service
SHOP IN VIENNA — Support Our Hometown Merchants

Free Program on Tysons Development

"The Changing Face of Tysons Corner" will be presented on Thursday, December 8, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA), 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450. Topics will include real estate trends, planning for the future, the development process and rail to Dulles. There is no charge for the program and a continental breakfast will be provided. To register and for more information, call FCEDA at 703-790-0600.

Troops in Iraq Send Thanks for July 4th Banner from Vienna

During Vienna's July 4th celebration, many residents signed a banner that was sent as a token of support for U.S. troops stationed in Iraq. The banner read: "To Our Troops, Thank You for Keeping Us Safe. You are in our thoughts. Town of Vienna, VA, July 4, 2005."

Recently, the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department received the following letter along with a photo of a group of military personnel holding the banner:

To our friends of Vienna, VA

On behalf of all the personnel pictured and other U.S. personnel currently serving in Iraq, thank you for the incredibly supportive and encouraging messages that you provided on the magnificent July 4th banner.

Seeing the pictures of your town's July 4th celebrations and reading the messages on the banner reminded us all of how important our current duties are. All of the people pictured holding the banner have volunteered to come to Iraq. We have come to do our duty; we have come to make a difference.

Knowing that we have your support holds us steadfast to our nation's commitment. Your heartfelt comments have strengthened our personal convictions and increased our sense of patriotism. Irrespective of hardships and personal sacrifices that we are called upon to make along the way, your support will ultimately ensure that we see our duties through to ensure that the American way of life is preserved, whilst providing assistance with the rehabilitation of Iraq.

Thank you from Camp Victory
Baghdad, Iraq

Donations for wounded service men and women hospitalized in Iraq continue to be collected by the American Legion. Most-requested items include CDs, DVDs and pocket books, and new men's and women's underwear, socks, T-shirts, sport shorts, flip-flops/shower shoes and toiletry items. Town residents may drop off donations at Vienna American Legion Post 180, ATTN: Joyce, 330 Center St., N.

Comment from the Council Table Town's Accomplishments Continue

By Michael J. Polychrones
Vienna Town Councilman

December is here; break out the heavy coats, the holiday decorations, and the cheer. "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" or so Andy Williams and/or Johnny Mathis, as they croon this honored holiday favorite, would have us believe. Well, it is a wonderful time. It is a time for remembering and reflecting on the accomplishments of the past year and deciding what needs to be accomplished next year. Any successful group or organization does this. Your town government is no different; we can reflect on the accomplishments of the past year and decide the needs for next year.

I believe one of the major accomplishments of this year is that plans for the Town Green are moving forward. The planned park is to be along Maple Avenue and Mill Street and will merge into the Freeman Store property. An architectural design has been presented and agreed upon, and our Parks and Recreation staff will be coordinating the efforts to get the

project ready for the bid process and final approval.

It is my sincere belief that this park will be a wonderful addition to our downtown and a beautiful place for people to gather and enjoy. It will also be an opportunity for citizens and organizations to participate in making the park a beautiful place, by donating items for the park. Cathy Salgado, Director of Parks and Recreation, will be coordinating that effort. She will have a list of the items needed, and all interested civic and service clubs, individual citizens and businesses will have the opportunity to select the item they want to sponsor for placement in the park. I encourage all interested parties to contact Ms. Salgado to participate. Call 703-255-6356 or e-mail salgado@ci.vienna.va.us.

Another major accomplishment is the joint venture among Vienna Youth Incorporated (VYI), Vienna Babe Ruth Baseball, Fairfax County School Board, Fairfax



Councilman Polychrones

County and the Town of Vienna to refurbish Waters field at the corner of Center and Cherry Streets. This could not have been accomplished without the efforts of all of these parties working together for this project. It is a lofty goal and a considerable undertaking, but it will be accomplished by March of 2006. This field is used by so many of our groups for various activities that it has needed to be rehabilitated for years. Once completed, it will also be one of the community's greatest assets.

Of course, there are many other accomplishments, both large and small, but these two projects highlight accomplishments that can be seen and utilized by everyone. Once finished, they will be positive outlets for all of our citizens and proud treasures of our Town. On behalf of my fellow Council colleagues and everyone at Town Hall, I wish all of you the Happiest of Holidays and a Prosperous New Year.

Talk with Your State Representatives

Virginia Delegate Steve Shannon will meet with residents of the 35th District on Saturday, January 7, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Vienna Community Center. State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites Davis will hold a meeting at Town Hall on Saturday, January 21, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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.

SPECIAL EVENT

Vienna Community Band will present a free holiday concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 11. For more information, call Patricia O'Keefe at 703-281-4077 or visit www.seas.gwu.edu/~carroll/vienna.

DAY TRIPS

See the holiday lights on Candy Lane, the 50-foot tall Kissmas Tree and the ever-popular Chocolate World at Hershey Park on Saturday, December 17. Leave the Community Center at noon and return around 9 p.m. The cost of \$42 for town residents includes transportation and admission to almost all rides and events.

Holiday concert by the U.S. Army Band with guest artist Sylvia McNair at Constitution Hall Sunday, December 11. Leave the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. Tickets are free; transportation is \$15 for town residents.

Holiday tour and tea at the Strathmore Hall complex in Bethesda, Maryland, Wednesday, December 7. Leave the Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at 4:30 p.m. The fee of \$45 for town residents includes transportation, guided tour of the new music center at Strathmore Hall, refreshments and live music at the Strathmore Mansion, and a tour of the annual holiday miniature show.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Concert night for high school students featuring live bands is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission \$5. Students interested in booking a concert at Club Phoenix should call Brandy Mullen at 703-255-5721.

Year-end Fiesta for middle school students will be held on Friday, December 16, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The last party of 2005 at Club Phoenix will feature a DJ playing your favorite music, contests and Mexican food. Admission \$2.

Holiday cookie decorating for 6th graders will be held on Friday, December 9, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Admission and materials are free of charge.

*☞ Club Phoenix will be closed
December 22-26
& December 30-January 2.*

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Estate Planning for Normal People will be presented on Monday, December 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss probate for the poor, simple wills and trusts, property rights of husbands and wives, and dealing with bratty kids. Free of charge.

JUST FOR KIDS

The elves at the Community Center will be busy again this year sending "Santa Grams" from the North Pole to Vienna children. To receive a message from Santa, kids should mail or bring their wish lists to the Community Center by Decem-

ber 1. Moms and dads should be sure that children's full names and addresses including zip code are printed clearly on their letters.

POTPOURRI

Credit cards now accepted! You can now use your American Express, Discover, Visa or Mastercard to pay for classes and activities sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation.

Tickets go on sale December 6 for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of the romantic comedy "Enchanted April." Performances are scheduled for January 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 8 p.m. and January 22 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

Create a Santa jar as a gift or to decorate your home. The two-hour workshop will be held on Monday, December 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. The fee is \$30 for town residents plus \$12 for materials.

Town Cleans Up!

On Saturday, November 5, over 200 people scattered across Vienna to participate in Town Cleanup Day. Thirteen 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. A big thank you from the Community Enhancement Commission and the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department to the following groups who participated:

- ❖ Girl Scout Troop 1060
- ❖ James Madison High School SADD
- ❖ JP Brehony Homes
- ❖ Northeast Vienna Civic Association
- ❖ Madison Octagon Club
- ❖ Vienna Jaycees
- ❖ Ayr Hill Garden Club
- ❖ Brownie Troop 5708
- ❖ Brownie Troop 5701
- ❖ Golden Girls Softball
- ❖ Vienna 4-H Club
- ❖ Brownie Troop 5714
- ❖ Girl Scout Troop 6173

REMINDER - Any time is a good time to clean up our town. If your organization would like to help keep Vienna clean all year round, please call Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356.

VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REGISTRY

As a service to town residents, the Vienna Police Department maintains a Voluntary Notification Registry to facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated persons in the event of an emergency. This service is provided free of charge and is strictly voluntary. The information provided by residents will be used only in emergency situations. To be listed in the registry, complete the form below and return it to police headquarters, 215 Center St., S. **RESIDENTS CURRENTLY REGISTERED MUST ALSO COMPLETE A NEW FORM TO REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM SINCE THE FILES ARE PURGED ANNUALLY.**

VOLUNTARY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REGISTRY

(Please print or type all information)

Name _____

Address _____

City Vienna State Virginia ZIP _____ Home Phone 703-_____

Any medical problems that should be made known to the Police Department? If so, please explain:

In case of an emergency, please notify the individuals listed below in the order listed:

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Does this person have a key to your house? Yes or No (circle one)

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Does this person have a key to your house? Yes or No (circle one)

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____ Relationship _____

Does this person have a key to your house? Yes or No (circle one)

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

Signature _____

Date _____

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

Order Mulch Beginning December 1

The Public Works Department will take orders December 1-February 28 for mulch to be delivered free of charge to town residents beginning in mid-January. 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:

- All mulch deliveries are based on availability of mulch.
- 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 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday from January 2 through March 30. 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.

Vienna Police Helping Santa

Again this year, the Vienna Police Department is participating in "Santa's Ride for Children" to benefit children who are hospitalized or in need. The ride is sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department's Motor Squad and also includes participants from the County Sheriff's Department and the Virginia State Police.

Vienna residents can support this program by bringing donations of new toys, games, books and other gifts to the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S., by December 13. Cash donations are also welcome.

Shortly after 8 a.m. December 14, Santa is scheduled to arrive in Vienna, escorted by his squad of motorcycle elves, to pick up the donations.

Please Shovel Snow If Possible

Residents who are physically able are requested to shovel snow from sidewalks next to their property for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. Although some jurisdictions in our area have adopted ordinances requiring residents to shovel sidewalks, the Town of Vienna has no such requirement, mainly because it would impose a hardship on elderly and disabled residents.

Vienna area teens are available to shovel snow and help with other odd jobs. The teen and the person needing the work decide on the amount to be paid for the service. Teens can sign up at the Community Center, and residents can call 703-255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots should make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. Also, it is illegal to block handicapped parking spaces with snow.

The Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) presents snow removal awards to businesses and residents that do an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or help others in removing snow. Awards are presented at Town Council meetings. To make a nomination or for more information, e-mail tblc@ci.vienna.va.us or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

Branch Rd. Project Info Available Online

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has added the upcoming Branch Road Reconstruction Project to its Web site. Go to www.virginiadot.org/projects/const-project.asp?ID=316 for information about the project and a VDOT representative residents can contact.

The entire length of Branch Road, S.E., from Maple Avenue to Valley Drive, is scheduled to be reconstructed at its current width, including resurfacing the roadway, drainage improvements, and new curb, gutter and sidewalks. The estimated completion date is December 2007.

Vienna Names in the News

Sgt. Thomas T. Burt III has been named Police Officer of the Year by the Vienna Woman's Club. The award was established in 1967 to recognize outstanding service to the community. Sgt. Burt manages the Police Department's records, and he has played a key role in the implementation of the department's new Computer Aided Dispatch/Records Management System.

Amy-Jo Hendrix, Vienna Parks and Recreation Program Coordinator, received the Best New Special Event Award for 2004 from the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society. Amy-Jo was responsible for last holiday season's "Stockings for Soldiers" project, which collected hundreds of items for U.S. military personnel in Iraq.

Our Lady of Good Counsel School is among 295 U.S. schools named No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. The award recognizes those schools whose students achieve at very high levels and also those that make significant progress in closing the achievement gap for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

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

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Santa's on his way! The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) has once again been selected by the North Pole to escort Santa Claus around the Vienna area during the two weeks leading up to Christmas. Jolly Old Saint Nick will be riding around town in the VVFD's 1946 Maxim fire engine. To find out when Santa, his "sleigh" and firefighter elves will be visiting your neighborhood, go to the fire department Web site at www.vvfd.org.

Visit Santa at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., December 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. and December 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. Historic Vienna Inc.'s 2005 Christmas card and holiday gifts are available in the Freeman House old-fashioned general store. Cards are sold in a package of eight for \$7.50 and feature a sepia-toned photograph taken in front of the Freeman House of a family preparing to take a sleigh ride through the snow.

The Freeman House is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Christmas trees will arrive Saturday, December 3, at the Vienna (Host) Lions Club stand in the Safeway parking lot on Maple Avenue, E. The stand will open at 12 noon on weekdays and 9 a.m. on weekends. Used eyeglasses and hearing aids will be accepted at the tree stand.

The Optimist Club of Vienna's Christmas tree stand is open in the parking lot of the Maple Avenue (Giant) Shopping Center from 12 noon to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends.

Both the Lions and the Optimists donate all proceeds from Christmas tree sales to charitable and community service projects.

Vienna Choral Society will present "The Gift," featuring songs and carols of Christmas, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Tickets are \$15 general admission (\$12 in advance), \$12 for students and senior citizens (\$10 in advance), and \$25 for families. For information, call 703-255-5508.

Entertainment Coupon Books offer discounts on dining, travel, sports, movies and more. Coupon books cost \$25 each and are available from two local groups:

Louise Archer Elementary School to benefit school activities; e-mail Liza@ncomtech.com.

Vienna Chapter 1116, NARFE (National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees), which donates all profits to Alzheimer's research; call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will host an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., on Saturday, December 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See an operating HO scale model railroad. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

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

Vienna Baptist Church will present "The Living Nativity" at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 18, followed by cookies and hot chocolate in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at the corner of Ware Street and Marshall Road, S.W. Call 703-281-4400 for information.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold a luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, December 8, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The meeting will feature holiday music and collection of gifts for military personnel in Iraq. On December 21, the club will sponsor a trip to see "Damn Yankees" at Arena Stage. For more information, call Barbara Power at 703-978-8572.

Upcoming programs at Patrick Henry Library: High Country Basketry Guild will sponsor a basketweaving work-

shop for adults from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, December 3. Bring a lunch. On Thursday, December 8, at 7 p.m. former Merrill Lynch analyst Connie Drapeau will review the basics of investing and discuss how to better understand your personal approach to money. Both programs are free of charge; to register, call 703-938-0405.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites newcomers and other interested residents to its monthly luncheon at 11 a.m. Thursday, December 1, at Chantilly Country Club. Guest speakers will be *Washington Post* "Reliable Source" reporters Amy Argetsinger and Roxanne Roberts. For reservations and more information, call 703-242-0217 or e-mail Jtowers39@cox.net.

Weight Watchers is back! The weekly lunchtime Weight Watchers program, hosted by the Town of Vienna, will be meeting again at the Vienna Community Center on Tuesdays from 12 noon to 1:15 p.m. Open to the public, the cost is \$150 for each 12-week session, payable in advance. To register and for more information, call the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, 703-255-6350.

Vienna Vision Impaired Group, a support group for visually impaired persons and their families, will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, December 15, at Patrick Henry Library. The program will be "Christmas Memories." For more information, call Rhoda Stevens at 703-281-9679.

Wesley Preschool, 711 Spring St., S.E., is accepting registrations for a class in January for children who will be three years old by the end of April 2006. The class will meet on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. For more information, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center has announced its new hours of operation, Monday-Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, call 703-319-3220 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

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TO: Residents of the Town of Vienna

**FROM: Robert A. Carlisle – Chief, Vienna Police Department
Donald L. Burns – Chief, 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. **RESIDENTS CURRENTLY REGISTERED MUST ALSO COMPLETE A NEW FORM TO REMAIN IN THE PROGRAM SINCE THE FILES ARE PURGED ANNUALLY.**

For more information, contact the Vienna Police Department's Community Services Office, 703-255-6396, or the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 703-938-2678.