

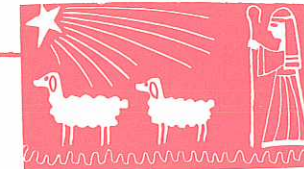


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# VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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## TOWN CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Each year Vienna officially opens the Christmas season with a program at the Community Center when the Mayor turns on the lights of the town Christmas tree. This is the signal for the turning on of Christmas decorations throughout the town.

This year's program will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Community Center and will include an Invocation by Father James P. Guinnessey of St. Mark's Catholic Church, carols by the James Madison Madrigals, the Sweet Adelines and the Vienna Girl Scout Chorus consisting of girls from grades 6 through 9.

A Christmas Ballet will be given by the Community Center Intermediate Ballet Class under the direction of Mrs. Lanny Blaine. This will be followed by a Christmas Message by the Rev. Lawrence Matthews of the Vienna Baptist Church and the Benediction by the Rev. Thomas B. Cox of Emmaus United Church of Christ.

Mayor Joseph R. Spriggs will light the tree, and the Town's Santa Claus (under whose trappings some may recognize a member of our Police Dept.), will have a treat for the children.



My Dear Friends,

As we come to the end of another year, and approach the season of Christmas, there is an increased bustle of activity, the momentum picks up, the tempo is faster. Everyone is busy with a thousand different details.

It is a close and happy time for families and friends, and especially for the children.

I join with the members of the Town Council in wishing each of you a happy and joyous Christmas. May the spirit of good will and neighborliness prevail in our Town throughout this Season and always, and may we create in Vienna an oasis of peace and brotherhood in a sorely troubled world.

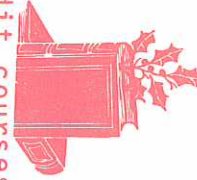
Sincerely yours,

Joseph R. Spriggs  
Mayor



## HIGHER EDUCATION

Outstanding credit courses are being offered to graduate students at VPI's Extension School at Reston, convenient to Vienna residents.



Courses are available in Business Administration, Agricultural and Resource Economics, Business Education, Regional Planning, Advanced Calculus, Advanced Circuit Analysis, Nutrition and many more at reasonable cost.

Classes will start in January so graduates anxious to further their education should contact Mrs. Hofeldt at 471-7568 soon.

## HOLIDAYS

Holidays at Vienna Town Hall will now coincide with those of the Federal Government. New this year will be Columbus Day which has just become a National Holiday. Mark your calendars.

The Town Hall will be closed on the afternoon of December 24th.



## MEETINGS CANCELLED IN DECEMBER

There will be no meetings of the Mayor's Advisory Committee, the Beautification Advisory Committee or the Highway Safety Commission in December. The Dec. 23 meeting of the Planning Commission has also been cancelled.

## DONATIONS

Groups or individuals wishing to donate food or money for the needy at the Christmas Season are referred to the COMMITTEE TO HELP OTHERS (CHO). Contact Mr. Paine at 281-3602.

## CLEAN-UP RESULTS

During Fall Clean-Up Week, 130 truckloads of brush and 70 truckloads of assorted discards were picked up by town crews. Leaf removal will continue as long as required. Garden enthusiasts should make note of the fact that leaves are dumped at both Northside and Southside Park. These should be well rotted by Spring and are available for mulch.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



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## PROGRESS REPORT



### SWIMMING POOL

Location for the swimming pool is still under discussion. The town has applied to the BZA for a Use Permit for placing the pool on the Bowman property on Center St. Council is not ruling out the possibility of locating the pool at another part of town if neither the Bowman tract or the Community Center prove feasible.

### W & OD RIGHT OF WAY

The Town is negotiating a lease for some of the W&OD right of way for a parking lot at Church and Old Dominion Rd., and will soon approve a lease for the railroad station. While Vepco had offered the station to the town if it were moved, moving costs proved too high.

### MINIBIKES

Following a public hearing, Council decided not to allow minibikes in the streambed parks. Northside Park is the only place now authorized for minibikes.

### FIREARMS

Police Chief, Major Vernon Jones requests that residents wishing to dispose of firearms or ammunition bring them to the police department to be destroyed. **DO NOT PUT THEM IN THE TRASH!** During our Fall Clean-Up week a gun was found by trash crews. It could have been discovered by a child.

### AGENDAS OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

For your information - Agendas of Monday night Council Meetings are available at the police dept. front desk over the weekend for the convenience of citizens who might wish to attend a meeting.

### LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT SOUGHT

The Town is in need of a man experienced in landscape architecture to plan and direct plantings in parks and public areas. A retired person would be ideal for this part-time position. He could arrange his hours to suit his preference. Interested persons may contact the Town Manager's office at 938-8000.

### HONORED

Councilman Richard Dingman has been reappointed to the Street and Highways Committee of the Virginia Municipal League, a post he has held for 4 years.

Patrolman Robert M. Bowler was chosen by the Vienna Women's Club as the Vienna Policeman of the Year.

### AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

Pre School Classes will be held on Jan. 11 for 4 weeks. Other classes will begin on Feb. 4 and March 11.

The Vienna Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons (ARP) have received their charter. A Xmas get-together will be held by the group on Dec. 19 at the Center for elections, installation of officers and a Christmas party.

The Vienna Coin Club will meet for the first time on Nov. 22 at 1 p.m. at the Center. Regular Club meetings will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Further details may be obtained by contacting the Center.

### FOUR WAY STOP SIGNS

Many residents are apparently confused about what to do at intersections with 4 way Stop signs. Major Jones reports that in the State of Virginia the basic direction is "when in doubt, yield to the traffic on the right".



## YOUR COUNCILMAN SPEAKS

### RICHARD B. DINGMAN

Vienna is a refreshing oasis in the midst of Northern Virginia's urban sprawl. One of the characteristics that makes our Town unique is its high level of citizen participation. Vienna's citizens have always demonstrated their willingness and ability to marshal their resources for any worthy cause. Endless hours of volunteer service by hundreds of adults make Vienna a virtual beehive of organized baseball, softball, football and basketball. Citizen initiative and donations provided the impetus for our Community Center. The Halloween Parade and the Fourth of July entertainment of foreign visitors are other examples of Vienna's spirit. Committees, clubs and individuals frequently solicit ideas and projects for community service. For this quality of public interest I heartily commend Vienna's residents. Your town government could never afford such services out of tax funds -- nor do I feel it should. The community's life blood is in the vigor and imagination of its people, and their desire to work together for the good of others.

Even though our town has set a standard for participation which is unsurpassed in Northern Virginia, there are still several areas in which your help is needed if we are to achieve those qualities of government, service and community appearance that most of us desire.

Your Town Council wants and needs your advice. You don't have to wait until an issue makes you angry before you call or come to a meeting. Your calm and reasoned comments are welcomed on any subject, pro or con. Whether the final vote of the Council supports your position or not, you will have rendered a valuable public service by speaking up. If you were a stockholder of a local, multi-million dollar business, you would never miss a stockholder's meeting, especially the annual budget and dividend meeting. Yet, I predict that: 1) next Spring's Town budget hearing will see only the usual 10-12 citizens present to see how their money is being handled; 2) no more than 40% of our registered voters will go to the polls to elect their Council members; and 3) citizens will continue to carelessly drop litter on the streets and parking lots.

Your Town needs YOU - YOUR ideas - YOUR help - and YOUR participation. Join in now to help keep Vienna "our kind of Town."



### REQUESTS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### CHRISTMAS CARDS TO SERVICEMEN

Following the custom begun last year, Mayor Joseph R. Spriggs requests that residents having sons or husbands serving in the Armed Forces overseas, call Town Hall to give their names and address to the operator (938-8000), so that they may receive Christmas Cards from the Mayor.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Brian Beck was appointed to the Highway Safety Commission as High School member for the school term.

Peggy Grant was appointed to the Human Rights and Community Relations Commission as teen representative and Nellie Duff as senior citizen representative.



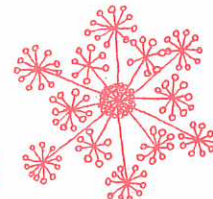
5. That all present rescue operation centers shall remain an integral part of the County's rescue system and shall be called upon for service in their respective service areas so long as qualified personnel and appropriate equipment are available for such service.

6. That volunteer companies be permitted and encouraged to continue their various fund raising activities to aid in the support of volunteer activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Vienna Town Council strongly urges that the Board revise the Fire and Rescue Services Plan to provide for equal policy authority of the Fire Commission and the new director, with adjudication of differences to be handled by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing recommendations be adopted prior to the selection and hiring of the new director.

Approved this 2nd day of November, 1970



SNOW EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

New to Vienna this year is the Snow Ban Ordinance which prohibits parking on Snow Emergency Routes during times of heavy snow or ice accumulation. These routes are Maple Avenue, Cottage Street, Park Street, Beulah Road, Lawyers Road and Nutley Road from Maple Avenue to the town limits. Also included are Tapawingo from Nutley Road to Park Street and Kingsley Road from Nutley Road to Park.

When the ban is to be in effect will be determined by the Town Manager on the basis of falling snow, sleet or freezing rain or a forecast of such by the U. S. Weather Bureau. It will remain in effect until a street area has been cleared of snow and ice from curb to curb for the length of the entire block. When necessary, the manager will prohibit parking on local streets as well, until cleared.

Snow tires are required in snow and ice conditions and a vehicle stalled because of lack of gas or battery failure will be in violation of the law. If your car stalls on such a Route, you should push it onto the nearest cross street or off-street parking area. Vehicles parked on Snow Emergency Routes will be towed away at the owner's expense and the owner will be subject to a fine.

The Snow Ban Ordinance will go into effect one hour after it has been announced at least twice on the radio between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. The parking ban will be in effect between 5 a.m. and 11 p.m. Snow Emergency Routes will be posted with signs specified by the State Highway Department.



VIENNA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



DUE TO MANY CITIZENS COMMENTS, WE ARE PRINTING THE RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY COUNCIL FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors adopted a new plan for fire and rescue services on October 21, 1970; and

WHEREAS, said new plan has resulted in considerable misunderstanding as to the actual and intended role of volunteers in Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, said misunderstandings have seriously diminished the morale and incentives of the Vienna Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the volunteers of Fairfax County have for many years rendered competent and dedicated service at little or no cost to Fairfax County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Town Council feels very strongly that Fairfax County should make every possible use of available and qualified volunteer personnel in fire and rescue operations; supplemented only by the minimum number of paid County personnel necessary to assure adequate fire and rescue services for the County; and

WHEREAS, the Vienna Town Council is confident that the action of the Board was intended only to strengthen County fire and rescue operations,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vienna Town Council strongly urges the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to publicly adopt a resolution which would serve as a public record of intent of the Board and would do much to settle the current, widespread misunderstandings as to the future role of volunteers, said resolution specifically to embrace the following points:

It is the intent of the Board:

1. To continue maximum utilization of volunteers in the administration and operation of fire and rescue services.

2. To retain or improve the present level and distribution of rescue operations throughout the County, supplementing the present rescue operation by the addition of paid rescue personnel at selected stations.

3. To continue supporting volunteer fire and rescue operations through the furnishing of equipment, vehicles, supplies and maintenance service, with no reduction from the present level of financial support.

4. That fire and rescue equipment staffed by volunteers may continue to render standby service and public assistance at various public events.