



# TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

December 2007

## In Case of Emergency

As a service to town residents, the Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department maintain an **EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REGISTRY**, to facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated persons in the event of an emergency, and an **INCLEMENT WEATHER REGISTRY**, for residents with special needs such as the elderly, disabled, and those with serious medical problems. In the event of severe weather that causes widespread power outages or hazardous road conditions, a telephone check on the welfare of participants will be made and temporary shelter provided if necessary.

Residents can sign up for either one or both of these programs on one form; see pages 5 and 6. Residents currently registered must complete a new form, since the files are purged annually.

## Leaf Collection Ending

The last pass through town by leaf collection crews is scheduled for November 28-December 14 in south Vienna and December 15-22 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.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**  
from the Vienna Town Council  
& Town Staff



Town Hall will be closed December 24, 25 and 31 and January 1 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Town Hall will also be closed from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, December 7, during the annual Town employees' holiday luncheon.

**NO TRASH COLLECTION DECEMBER 24, 25 & 31 AND JANUARY 1**  
**NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING DECEMBER 28 AND JANUARY 4**  
*Trash pickup ONLY for residents on the Monday collection route will be made December 27 and January 3.*

*Trash pickup ONLY for residents on the Tuesday collection route will be made December 28 and January 4.*

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 Deadline

The second installment on 2007 Town of Vienna real estate tax bills is due on Wednesday, December 5. Mailed payments must be postmarked on or before that date to avoid penalties and interest. For your convenience, an overnight drop box is located at the front door of Town Hall. For more information, call the real estate office at 703-255-6325 or e-mail [mpeng@viennava.gov](mailto:mpeng@viennava.gov).

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.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) 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 10, 2007

- Conducted a closed session to discuss appointments to Town boards and commissions.
- Appointed Charles Anderson to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.
- Following a public hearing, denied the proposed rezoning of the property at 117 East St. and 116 Berry St., S.E., from RS-16, single-family residential, to RM-2, multifamily residential.
- Approved the purchase of a vacuum leaf loader from Old Dominion Brush Co. at a price of \$17,298.
- Approved a blanket purchase order in the amount of \$14,812 for telephone, online and onsite support of the Town's wide area network from AAC of Tysons Corner during this fiscal year.

## SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

- Conducted a closed session to discuss appointments to Town boards and commissions, and to interview candidates for appointment.
- Reappointed Frank Johnson to the Transportation Safety Commission and reappointed Paul Brown to the Community Enhancement Commission, both for two-year terms.

## SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

- Conducted a closed session to discuss assignments, promotions and salaries of certain Town employees.
- Approved a consent document for use of the Locust Street, S.E., right-of-way for ingress/egress during renovations to Vienna Elementary School.
- Approved the Northern Virginia Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

- Approved site plan modifications for construction of a storage building at the Park Maintenance Yard, 249 Nutley St., N.W.

- Adopted an ordinance requiring completion of sidewalk for single-lot developments where adjacent property on either side has sidewalk.

- Extended the revitalization property tax exemption program until September 1, 2012.

- Awarded a four-year capital lease contract to Commerce Bank in the amount of \$600,000 to finance the vehicle and equipment replacement program for the fiscal year.

## OCTOBER 1, 2007

- Conducted a closed session to discuss potential litigation.

## OCTOBER 22, 2007

- Approved the installation of a speed hump on West Street, N.W., the exact location to be determined by the Department of Public Works. Traffic studies will be taken following the installation to determine if a second speed hump is needed. Directed the Department of Public Works to look into parallel striping on the street.

- Approved the final plat for the re-subdivision of the property at 407 Blair Rd., N.W., into two lots.

- Awarded a bid for the Northside Park Connector Trail to Webb Construction Co. in the amount of \$79,764.

- Accepted the public improvements for the Carters Glenn Phase III subdivision at 321 and 323 Nutley St., S.W., into the Town's maintenance system. Ten percent of the original bond will be retained for future maintenance.

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Genevro Cole      George E. Lovelace  
Daniel M. Dellinger      Michael J. Polychrones  
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Send news to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.  
FAX 703-255-5722      e-mail [pio@viennava.gov](mailto:pio@viennava.gov)  
Deadline for January issue is December 15.

## Comment from the Council Table

# The Greening of Vienna

By Daniel M. Dellinger  
Vienna Town Councilman

Is Vienna ahead or behind the curve when it comes to recycling and being environmentally responsible? We are hearing more about our need to be responsible with regard to our environment and the effect our everyday life has on our planet.

Some blame this summer's drought on global warming, and we are continually hearing that we are stripping away our natural resources by being environmentally irresponsible. Is it true? Are we all part of the problem? We all contribute, but is it enough to make a difference? I do believe it's not too late for our environment if we change our approach, put more effort into the greening initiatives, and work together to solve this problem.

Most of us have made adjustments since this summer to combat the shortage of water and the rising cost of fuel. Whatever adjustments you made were the first steps in the greening process. The conservation of water and fuels is an important step in being environmentally responsible.

As a community I think we are aware of the importance of being responsible citizens, and we are being proactive in our approach to solving this problem. The Town of Vienna exceeds the current standards set by the state for recycling, but we all realize we can do better.

The Town purchased a hybrid car this past year and is currently evaluating its performance and the possibility of adding additional vehicles as the vehicle replacement process takes its course. In addition, the Council has asked our state legislators to push several initiatives that would give local governments the ability to set more environmentally friendly standards.

There are many things all of us can do to assist in this endeavor, and maybe many are already ahead of the curve. Items such as switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs, reprogramming your thermostat, plugging air leaks in your house, buying local products, planting trees, and banking online, to mention only a few, are impor-



**Councilman Dellinger**

tant steps we can all take to be part of the solution. The items I listed are easy things to do and when added together help make a positive impact on our environment and in addition are cost savings to you. By doing the right thing, conserving, you assist in making our town and our planet a better and healthier place for our children and families.

## Change a Light, Change the World

"Change a Light, Change the World" is a national campaign to promote the small step of changing a light bulb as a way to protect the environment and preserve energy resources.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, replacing a 100-watt incandescent light bulb with a 32-watt compact fluorescent bulb saves at least \$30 in energy costs over the life of the bulb and gives the same brightness. If every American home replaced one light with an energy efficient one, enough energy would be saved each year to light 3 million homes and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.

The Change a Light, Change the World campaign is sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. For more information on how to protect the environment, visit [www.epa.gov/epahome/athome.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epahome/athome.htm).

## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, December 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. (entrance at the dead end of the street). 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.

## 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 11. Cash donations are also welcome.

Santa is scheduled to arrive in Vienna, escorted by his squad of motorcycle elves, to pick up the donations on Wednesday, December 12.

## Welcome New Businesses

*The following business licenses were issued in October:*

Busybees Day Care  
*childcare*  
1413 Ross Dr., S.W.  
703-876-2851

Yeske Buie  
*financial planner*  
301 Maple Ave., W. #600  
703-538-2116

Ryu & Ryu  
*law office*  
301 Maple Ave., W. #620  
703-319-0001

Kipps & Associates  
*Internet sales*  
302 Valeview Ct., N.W.  
888-734-8240

Laurie J. Smith  
*psychologist*  
380 Maple Ave., W. #303B  
703-938-2949

Brigitte Wiss, Cosmetheric  
*reflexology*  
305 Maple Ave., W. #D  
703-849-8422

Plaka Grill  
*restaurant*  
110 Lawyers Rd., N.W.  
703-932-8345

VTS Travel  
*travel agency*  
125 Pleasant St., S.W. #A  
703-319-9779

*New ownership:*  
New China King  
330 Maple Ave., W.  
703-938-3888

International  
Professional Services  
*consultant*  
306 Branch Rd., S.E.  
703-281-0635

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

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Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries in December: *30 years* – Amphora Restaurant; *20 years* – Vienna Quilt Shop; *10 years* – All World Groceries, Amma Vegetarian Kitchen, The Jewelry Doctor.

## Nominate a Business for Community Service Award

The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee's annual Community Service Award recognizes town businesses that demonstrate a commitment to the community through cooperation and sharing.

Award-winning contributions may be personal, in-kind, or financial and may benefit town residents, other businesses, non-profit organizations, the town government, or the community at large. Examples include shared parking or other physical resources, beautification projects, and support for youth sports teams and cultural groups.

To nominate a business or individual business owner, the following information should be submitted:

- Name, address and phone number of nominee;
- Description of the contribution/action to be considered and why (200 words or less);
- Name, address and phone number of person making the nomination.

Only in-town Vienna businesses are eligible for the award, and nominations must be received by January 30 to be considered. Send nominations to: Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Julie Morris, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180. Nominations marked "TBLC Award" may also be faxed, 703-255-5729, or e-mailed, [jmorris@viennava.gov](mailto:jmorris@viennava.gov).

*The Town/Business Liaison Committee is recruiting citizen members.*

*Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall and also at [www.viennava.gov/town\\_government/standardapplication.pdf](http://www.viennava.gov/town_government/standardapplication.pdf).*

*For more information, call TBLC chairman Bill Harrison at 703-255-5820.*

## Dog Owners Must Clean Up After Pets

The Town of Vienna has a "pooper scooper" ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't leave dog waste on the lawns of neighbors or next to curbs, mailboxes, fire hydrants or elsewhere. Use a "doggie bag" and take the waste away with you. Your neighbors also ask that you not deposit dog waste in their trash cans, which can result in a very unpleasant surprise.

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*Tip: The plastic sleeves used on newspapers make excellent pooper scoopers!*

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Signs are posted in several Town parks to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed on athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas because of the nuisance and potential health hazard to park users. The Town Animal Warden is authorized to fine pet owners found in violation of the law.

Any substance that goes into a storm drain goes directly into a local stream and eventually makes its way into the Chesapeake Bay. Dumped into a storm drain or left on the ground to run off with the next rain, animal waste contains bacteria that are harmful to the environment.

## Dog Tag Reminder

Town of Vienna licenses are required for all dogs four months of age or older and must be renewed by January 31 each year. Dog tags are available in the Finance Department at Town Hall, by mail, and online at [www.viennava.gov/Town\\_Regulations/licdog.pdf](http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Regulations/licdog.pdf). 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.

# Emergency Notification/ Inclement Weather Program Registration Form on Next Page

December 2007

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

**FROM:** Robert A. Carlisle – Chief, Vienna Police Department  
Jeff Gray – Chief, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

The Town of Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department are continuing with the Emergency/Inclement Weather Notifications Registry. In the event of severe weather, emergency, 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. Additionally it can provide the police with additional numbers in the event they need to contact someone regarding an emergency event.

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, check one or both choices 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 MPO Bill Murray, Vienna Police Community Relations Officer, 703-255-6396, [wmurray@viennava.gov](mailto:wmurray@viennava.gov), or the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 703-938-2678.

# EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION/ INCLEMENT WEATHER REGISTRY

As a service to town residents, the Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department maintain a voluntary Emergency Notification Registry and an Inclement Weather Registry. You may sign up for one or both. To facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated persons in the event of an emergency or to check on you during severe inclement weather 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 either 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.**

Please register me for: Emergency Notification Registry \_\_\_\_\_ Inclement Weather Registry \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print or type all information)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Vienna State Virginia ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Any medical problems that should be made known to the Police/Fire 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)

**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, and their employees or volunteers from all liability for the consequences of their release of, or failure to release, the data provided by me.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

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For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Holidays on the Green** – The Fairfax Academy for Communication Arts will present “Jingles, Bells and Tales” at 7 p.m. December 7, on the Vienna Town Green. The James Madison High School Madrigals will sing holiday carols at 7 p.m. December 14. Programs are free of charge. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating.

## BUS TRIPS

**Visit historic Occoquan** on Wednesday, December 5. Leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. The fee of \$50 for town residents includes transportation, luncheon tea at the Pink

Bicycle Tea Room and Gift Shop, and a short walking tour highlighting local history.

**Celebrate the holidays** with the U.S. Army Band and guest artist Louise Mandrell at Constitution Hall on Sunday, December 9. Leave the Community Center at 1:30 p.m. and return at 6 p.m. Tickets are free; transportation is \$18 for town residents.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Financial Basics for Teens**, a workshop to provide teens with the information they need to become financially responsible adults, will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

December 11 and repeated December 18. Topics include financial goal-setting, personal credit, opening accounts, paying bills, and identity theft. The fee of \$40 for town residents includes a reference workbook.

**Celebrate National Ice Cream Day** on Thursday, December 13, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The social will include ice cream, hot chocolate, and seasonal treats. Free of charge.

**Holiday party** is scheduled for Monday, December 17, from 2 to 6 p.m. Enjoy food and party games and activities. Free of charge.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**What to Feed a Living Trust** will be presented on Monday, December 10, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss Virginia trust law, funding your trust, what bankers don't know, trusts and mortgages, trusts and the IRS, record keeping, making amendments, and more. This seminar is free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

## POTPOURRI

**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 their wish lists to the Community Center by December 1. Moms and dads should be sure that children's full names and addresses including zip code are printed clearly on their letters.

**Break-It-Down Zumba** sample session to introduce this new aerobics dance class will be held on Saturday, December 8, from 10 a.m. to noon. Zumba incorporates movements from salsa, merengue, samba and other popular Latin dances to strengthen and shape the body. The fee is \$15 for town residents.

## *Halloween Parade Winners*

The Town of Vienna and the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce have announced the winning entries in the 2007 Vienna Halloween Parade held October 24. Winners were recognized at the November 5 Town Council meeting.

Best in Show – Coldwell Banker

Youth Band – James Madison High School

Adult Band – 1st Place: Fairfax County Deputy Sheriff Coalition Pipes & Drum Band; 2nd Place: New Line Brass Band

Float with Music – 1st Place: Northwest Federal Credit Union; 2nd Place: Cox Farms Vienna; 3rd Place: Navy Federal Credit Union

Float without Music – 1st Place: Coldwell Banker; 2nd Place: Vienna Stars Girls Fastpitch Softball League; 3rd Place (tie): Flint Hill Elementary School, Epiphany United Methodist Church

Youth Performing Groups – 1st Place: Rhythm Street Dance Center; 2nd Place: Cuppett Performing Arts Center; 3rd Place: Fraternidad Diablada Boliviana

Adult Performing Groups – 1st Place: Fraternidad Diablada Boliviana; 2nd Place: Fraternidad Folklorica Bolivia; 3rd Place: Patrick Henry Library Bookcart Drill Team

Antique Vehicles – 1st Place: Rex Turner National Capital Region Mustangs; 2nd Place: Northern Virginia Corvette Club; 3rd Place: Stalcup Hardware

Thanks to the following Halloween Parade sponsors for their generous contributions: Media Sponsor, Tysons Corner Center/Macerich; Stage Sponsor, Rotary Club of Vienna; Entertainment Sponsors, BB&T Bank-New Line Entertainment, Tysons Dodge Jeep (Redskins Marching Band); Gold Sponsors, Allegra Print and Imaging, BB&T Bank, Creative Framing, The Connection Newspapers, Vienna Pediatric Dentistry; Silver Sponsors, The Business Bank, Northwest Financial LLC; Patrons, Damon Galleries, Vienna Paint & Decorating, Accounting Financial Ltd., Crystalake Engravers, California Closets, United Bank-Tysons; Goodie Bags, Virginia Commerce Bank.

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

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**Santa Claus** will visit the old-fashioned Freeman House Store and Museum, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, December 1, from 1 to 3 p.m. and Sunday, December 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. Kids can give their wish lists to Santa while parents relax or shop in a stress-free setting away from the mall. The Freeman Store offers a selection of Vienna, Virginia, items for sale, including pottery, tea towels, afghans, pictures, cards and ornaments. Made in Virginia items are also a specialty. For details, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [sj@historicviennainc.org](mailto:sj@historicviennainc.org).

**Committee for Helping Others** (CHO) will be helping over 200 local families in need with food and gifts for the holidays. Vienna residents can donate food and food cards, coats and other winter clothing, new toys, gently used bikes, and gift cards on Friday, December 14, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. Volunteer assistance is welcome. For more information, call Carolyn Mysel at 703-938-7213.

**Food drive for CHO**, sponsored by the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) will continue through December 31. Bring donations to the boxes at Town Hall, the Vienna Community Center, Patrick Henry Library, and the Vienna Presbyterian Church book store, or drop off donations with the tellers at Commerce Bank.

**Vienna Choral Society** will present "Christmas in the Americas," carols and anthems from the U.S., Canada, and Latin America, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 8, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Tickets are \$18 general admission and \$14 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 703-255-5508 or visit [www.viennachoralsociety.org](http://www.viennachoralsociety.org).

**Author Joe Jamaldinian** will present his book, *Penguin Bob*, and draw with children age 3-8 at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 12, at Patrick Henry Library. To register for this free program and for more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

**Local author Jill Decker** will appear at the Freeman House from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, December 2, to sign copies of her new book, *Family Spirit*, a comic mystery/ghost story. Copies of the book are available at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [sj@historicviennainc.org](mailto:sj@historicviennainc.org).

**Soprano Debi Smith** will perform original songs and Christmas carols at 3 p.m. Sunday, December 9, at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. All tickets are \$20, and proceeds will benefit the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. For information, call 703-281-0538 or e-mail [office@scov.org](mailto:office@scov.org).

**Holiday alternative gift market** will be held on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 2, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E. This fair trade artisans' market will feature handcrafted toys, jewelry, home decor and other gift items from more than 30 countries. For more information, call 703-938-6521 or visit [www.holycomforter.com](http://www.holycomforter.com).

**Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of Carols"** will be presented by the Vienna Baptist Church chancel choir on Sunday, December 16, during the 11 a.m. worship service. The public is invited to hear these medieval carols accompanied by harp. The church is located at 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. for more information, call 703-281-4400 or visit [www.vbc-va.org](http://www.vbc-va.org).

**Christmas Bazaar** will be held at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., on Saturday, December 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The bazaar will feature seasonal greenery, crafts, See's candy, a silent auction, baked goods and a luncheon. For more information, call the church at 703-938-3494.

**Vienna Arts Society (VAS) Gallery** in the Village Green Shopping Center is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Beginning December 9 through January 20 the gallery will feature the work of Sharon MacFarlane. For informa-

tion, visit [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org) or call 703-319-3220. The Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., N.W., is open Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. featuring the work of VAS members and offering art classes for children and adults. For information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3971.

**Vienna Baptist Church** will present a Living Nativity, an outdoor dramatization of the story of Jesus' birth featuring angels, kings, shepherds and numerous live animals, at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, December 16, followed by refreshments in the Fellowship Hall. The church is located at the corner of Ware Street and Marshall Road, S.W. Gather on the sidewalk on the Marshall Road side. For more information, call 703-281-4400 or visit [www.vbc-va.org](http://www.vbc-va.org).

**Christmas Marketplace** will be open at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8601 Wolftrap Rd., December 1 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and December 2 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Over 40 vendors will offer crafts and holiday gifts. Visit the OLGC used book sale the same weekend.

**Writers Commitment Group** meets on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in the Quiet Room at Patrick Henry Library. Work on your writing project, then have lunch at the Vienna Inn. For more information, contact Lisa Leibow at [lleibow@cox.net](mailto:lleibow@cox.net).

**Lunch 'n' Life**, sponsored by the Shepherd's Center, will be held at noon Monday, December 10, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd. A special holiday program will be presented, and free blood pressure screening will be offered at 11 a.m. The cost for lunch is \$8 per person. For reservations and to arrange transportation, call 703-281-0538.

**Newcomers Club** will hold a holiday luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, December 13, at Marco Polo Restaurant. For reservations and more information, call Nancy at 703-938-4835. The club sponsors a bridge group, book exchange, bowling league, and day trips and tours.

**Christmas trees** – The Optimist Club of Vienna’s Christmas tree stand is open in the parking lot of the Maple Avenue (Giant) Shopping Center from 2 to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. The Vienna (Host) Lions Club stand in the Safeway parking lot opens at 9 a.m. December 1. Both the Lions and the Optimists donate all proceeds from Christmas tree sales to charitable and community service projects.

**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 15, 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](http://www.nvmr.org).

**Northeast Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, at the Vienna Community Center. The program will include a progress report on the Beulah Road reconstruction project by a representative from the Virginia Department of Transportation. For more information, call Dan Mulville at 703-938-1791.

**The Entertainment Book** is available from Vienna Chapter 1116, NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), which donates all profits to Alzheimer’s research. To order, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

**Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired Resource Group** will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, December 20, at Patrick Henry Library. Senior group exercise instructor Joey Wagner will present a program on chair-assisted exercise. For information or transportation, call Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515, or Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679.

**Karaoke night** at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N., happens the second Saturday of the month from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The breakfast buffet, sponsored by Auxiliary Unit 180 and the Sons of the Legion, is open the third Sunday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon, \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under age 12. Breakfast is served daily and lunch on weekdays. For information, call 703-938-9535.

**Historic “Little Library,”** located on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., hosts a children’s hour on the second Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. featuring stories and songs for ages 4-12. The library is open the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Members of Historic Vienna, Inc., provide a history of the building and its role as Vienna’s first library. Built in 1897, by 1969 it was the oldest continuously used library building in Fairfax County. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [sj@historicviennainc.org](mailto:sj@historicviennainc.org).

**“History Is Relative,”** an exhibit at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., traces the histories of five families who came together as one in the Vienna area before the Civil War. The exhibit is open during regular hours Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information or to arrange a group tour, call 703-938-5187 or e-mail [sj@historicviennainc.org](mailto:sj@historicviennainc.org).

**Vienna Toastmasters** will meet at the Vienna Community Center the second and third Wednesday in December at 7:30 p.m. Are you afraid to get up and speak in front of others? You are not alone, but Toastmasters can help you overcome your fears in a fun and friendly atmosphere. For more information, call Nicola at 703-268-5001.

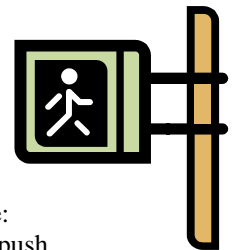
**Five Hills Garden Club** invites the public to participate in its Christmas greens workshop at 10 a.m. Tuesday, December 4, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Each year this workshop is Five Hill’s Christmas present to the Town of Vienna when Christmas wreaths and sprays are made to hang on the doors of area churches and public buildings. Each is made from fresh cut greens and adorned with a bright bow. The club has been donating time, talent, and materials for this project since 1955. Lunch will be served. For more information, e-mail Diane Rice at [therices3@cox.net](mailto:therices3@cox.net).

## Walk Smart, Drive Smart

Drive with care. Walk with caution. That’s the message the Town of Vienna wants all residents and visitors to remember as they make their way around our community. Here are a few tips to make your travels safer:

**Pedestrians:** When crossing Maple Avenue, go to the marked crosswalk and push the button. The pedestrian crossing system will not activate unless the button is pushed. (Please note: The pedestrian signal buttons should be activated with only one push. Repeated pushing will not speed up the set timing of the traffic signal and it can damage the signal mechanism.) Wait on the sidewalk. Look both ways to ensure safety and cross with the pedestrian signal. The pedestrian signal does not turn green until left-turn traffic has been stopped; therefore, there is a delay on the pedestrian signal. You have ample time to cross. If you approach the intersection once the flashing hand symbol is activated, do not enter the crosswalk. Push the button and wait for the next cycle. Where there is no signal, cross only at intersections or marked crosswalks. Pedestrians need to be especially cautious whenever they enter the roadway. Even when you are in marked or unmarked crosswalks, you must still exercise due care for your own safety, even though drivers are legally required to yield to you.

**Drivers:** Please drive with care. A red light means stop! Obey speed limits. Increase your awareness of walkers. Visibility is worse at night so proceed with even more care. Expect the unexpected and remember to watch out for children. The pedestrian has the right-of-way over a vehicle making turns into the roadway. There has been some confusion about pedestrians having the right of way. According to Virginia State Law 46.2-924, “No pedestrian shall enter or cross an intersection in disregard of approaching traffic. The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously.” Failure to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$500.



## Council Action

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- Approved the purchase of rock salt from International Salt Co. at a price of \$41,922 for 600 tons.
- Authorized continuation of the contract with Safeware for clothing, uniforms and accessories.
- Extended the contract with American Disposal Services for commercial trash service at the condominium units in town.
- Directed the Planning Commission to study parking issues in the Church Street commercial corridor and present recommendations to Council.
- Conducted a closed session to conduct interviews with candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions and to discuss personnel matters concerning salaries, promotions and adjustments.
- Appointed Alexander Cooley as the student member of the Community Enhancement Commission for a nine-month term.

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AVAILABLE AT WWW.VIENNAVA.GOV.*

## Names in the News

**Officer Kenny Smith** has been named Police Officer of the Year by the **Vienna Woman's Club**. The award has been given by the club to an outstanding member of the Town's police force each year since 1967. Officer Smith is a three-year veteran of the Police Department who has attended several classes to further his skills in interdicting drugs and has made several key arrests in his commitment to keep drugs off the streets of Vienna.

**Craig Burns**, pastor of the **Vienna Assembly of God**, recently celebrated 20 years of ministry at the church. Rev. Burns is known for his work on behalf of humanitarian causes worldwide, his involvement with Vienna youth sports, and his long-distance running.

## 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](mailto:tblc@ci.vienna.va.us) or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

## Call 811 Before You Dig

Planning a home improvement job? Planting a tree? Installing a fence or deck? WAIT! Here's what you need to know first: Whether you are planning to do it yourself or hire a professional, smart digging means calling 811 before each job.

811 is the new FCC-designated national number created to eliminate the confusion of multiple "Call Before You Dig" numbers across the country. The service connects callers with local One Call Centers that notify the appropriate local utilities to send crews to the requested site to mark the approximate location of underground lines for free.

Homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call – even small projects like planting trees and shrubs. The depth of utility lines varies and there may be multiple utility lines in a common area. Digging without calling can disrupt service to an entire neighborhood, harm you and those around you, and potentially result in fines and repair costs.

Call 811 at least two full business days (excluding weekends and holidays) before you wish to begin work. For more information, visit [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com).

## Solicitors, Peddlers Must Have Permit

A solicitor is defined as anyone who goes from door to door taking orders for merchandise such as magazines, or services such as home improvements, to be delivered at some future date, or requesting donations for a charitable purpose. Solicitors are required to obtain a license from the Town and to show it on request. They are also required to wear a badge containing the words "Licensed Solicitor."

A peddler is defined as anyone who carries goods such as candy or firewood from door to door for sale and immediate delivery. Peddlers are required to pay a license tax to the Town and must display the license on their vehicles.

The Town Manager may grant exemptions from licensing requirements to non-profit groups such as schools, churches and service organizations. If an exemption has been granted, it will be on file at Town Hall.

Residents who suspect that a solicitor or peddler is operating under fraudulent pretenses or that he may be "casing" the neighborhood for burglary targets should call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366.

# ***This Month in History***

*from the Vienna Newsletter archives*

DECEMBER 1997 – The Town Council has taken a unanimous position in strong opposition to a proposed increase in the commercial space allowance at Virginia Center from 650,000 to 850,000 square feet. According to the Fairfax County staff report, this expansion would increase overall daily traffic by 25% and peak hour traffic by 21%. The impact would be felt on streets throughout Vienna’s southwest quadrant.

DECEMBER 1987 – The Town Council has approved civil penalties for certain violations of the zoning code, which will make it easier for the zoning inspectors to enforce the law by allowing them to issue tickets for violations rather than going through more lengthy legal procedures. The person receiving the ticket may choose to pay the fine or stand trial.

DECEMBER 1977 – Town Manager C. Clay Harrell stated, “In the judgment of this office and that of the Chief of Police, juvenile vandalism is the most serious problem faced by the Vienna Police Department. During the first 10 months of this calendar year the estimated repair or replacement cost resulting from reported cases of vandalism is approximately \$23,000.”

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**HE’S COMIN’ TO TOWN . . . Hear a message from Santa Claus especially for the children of Vienna beginning December 15 through Christmas Day on the Vienna Newslne, 703-255-6333.**

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**INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY:  
Vienna Newslne — 703-255-6333  
To Order Mulch — 703-255-6388  
[www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)**

## **Order Mulch Beginning Dec. 1**

The Public Works Department will take orders December 1-February 29 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 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) 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.”



# December

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	<b>LEAF COLLECTION</b> South side of town November 28-December 14 (3rd pass) North side of town December 15-22 (3rd pass) Leaves must be at the curbside by first collection date to ensure pickup					<b>1</b> Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>2</b> Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	<b>3</b> Town Council	<b>4</b> <i>Hanukkah begins at sundown</i> Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> Real estate tax 2nd installment due	<b>6</b> Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	<b>7</b> <i>Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day</i>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Town Council work session	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Planning Commission	<b>13</b> Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	<b>14</b> Mayor & Council's Holiday Reception	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Town Council	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>20</b> Board of Architectural Review	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Town Hall closed Dec. 24, 25 & 31 NO TRASH PICKUP	<b>25</b> <i>Christmas</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> NO CURBSIDE RECYCLING Dec. 27 & 28 Trash pickup ONLY Dec. 27 for residents on the Monday collection route and Dec. 28 for residents on the Tuesday collection route	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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