



TOWN OF

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## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

The recent snow storm again pointed up a problem which we face every winter. Following every snow storm, the Town receives a great number of letters and telephone calls concerning the opening of sidewalks for our school children. Under Virginia law, the sidewalk is a part of the street. The opening of sidewalks therefore legally is a Town responsibility.

Even if the Town could afford to budget for the manpower necessary to open all of the sidewalks, we simply would not have manpower available. Our entire street force is busy with opening the streets so our commuter population can get to work. We have no choice therefore except to ask each home owner to clean the sidewalk in front of his home.

Quite often our snow plows add to the problem. Our curbs are too close to the sidewalks. This is a condition which we simply have to endure.

For the safety of our children and the adults who occasionally use the sidewalks, we again urge every citizen to accept the responsibility for cleaning the sidewalk in front of his property.

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My Dear Friends,

We have had our first heavy snow fall this winter season and we are all aware of the inconveniences it has caused. Again this year, as in the past, we are asking the residents, where possible, to park their cars off the streets. The snow plows then can do a faster and more efficient job. The sooner the snow is removed from the street, the less frequently our driveways will be plowed shut. I hope you will all also take note of the item in the Newsletter on sidewalk snow removal.

In this month's Newsletter, you will note the contribution card which has been inserted for the benefit of the Madison High School Madrigal Society's European tour. We believe that these fine young people deserve this opportunity, and while many of the expenses will be borne by parents of the boys and girls, there is still a considerable amount to be raised by public subscription and we know that the people of the Vienna area will come through generously, as always.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph R. Spriggs*  
Joseph R. Spriggs  
Mayor

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Two public hearings and a special meeting of Council will be held on Feb. 8 at 8 p.m. in the Council Room.

The first scheduled hearing will be on definitions for enclosures, including porches, carports, patios and terraces.

The second hearing will be a joint hearing of the Council and the Planning Commission, limiting the type of restaurant which will be accepted in Town in the future.

A special meeting of the Council will follow the Public Hearings to rescind the emergency trailer ordinance passed by Council and to re-instate that section of the ordinance referring to car tags.

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## CALENDAR CHANGES

Washington's Birthday will be celebrated on Feb. 15 this year according to Government ruling. The Council meeting scheduled for that evening has been changed to Feb. 22. Town Hall will be closed Feb. 15.

Printer's Error was responsible for Valentine's Day appearing on the Annual Report Calendars on Feb. 7. This remains on the 14th.



## EVENTS IN FEBRUARY



MONDAY - February 1 - 8 p.m.  
Council Meeting

TUESDAY - February 2 - 8 p.m.  
Commission on Human Rights and Community Relations

FRIDAY & SATURDAY - Feb. 5 & 6  
Registration for Little League at the Town Hall

MONDAY - February 8 - 8 p.m.  
Public Hearings and Special meeting of Council

TUESDAY - February 9 - 8 p.m.  
Mayor's Advisory Committee

WEDNESDAY - February 10 - 8 p.m.  
Planning Commission

SUNDAY - February 14  
Valentine's Day

MONDAY - February 15  
Washington's Birthday Holiday

WEDNESDAY - February 17 - 8 p.m.  
Board of Zoning Appeals

THURSDAY - February 18 - 8 p.m.  
Architectural Review Board

MONDAY - February 22 - 8 p.m.  
Council Meeting

TUESDAY - February 23 - 8 p.m.  
Highway Safety Commission

WEDNESDAY - February 24 - 8 p.m.  
Planning Commission

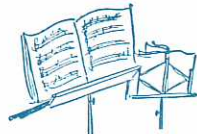
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## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL (cont'd)

There is one other matter which also creates problems for many of our children. Many residents thoughtlessly park in such a manner as to block the sidewalks. This invariably forces the youngster to have to climb over snow piles in order to get around the vehicle. Certainly a little more thoughtfulness will eliminate the problem. This is our town; these are our sidewalks; these are our children.



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## MADISON MADRIGAL SINGERS

Everyone who has lived in Vienna for any length of time knows of the extraordinary excellence of the Madison Madrigals, the rave reviews they have received from the music critics of the Washington papers after their many Washington and New York concerts, and the prestige they have brought to Vienna.

The Vienna Town Council is endorsing the European Tour this summer planned by the group at the invitation of the Institute of European Studies in Vienna, Austria. Concerts are planned in Luxembourg, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Innsbruck, Venice, Florence, Rome and Paris, bringing honor and prestige not only to themselves but to their town and community.

In order to raise the necessary \$17,000 they need the generous support of the residents of Vienna. Enclosed is a form which should accompany your donation which is tax deductible. The names of all patrons will be printed in the International Tour Program.

## PROGRESS REPORT

### APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

A. Raymond Gooding was named Chairman of the Highway Safety Commission on the resignation of Arthur Reuman. New members of the Commission are Charles Culkin, appointed for one year and Roy Compton, appointed for two years. Robert Skahan will be the Council representative to the Commission with Paul Lyons as his alternate. Walter Quitter and Eleanor Butler Butler have resigned.

Council also accepted the resignation of Wyndell Carter who found it impossible to continue on the Planning Commission due to the press of other duties. Council appointed A. R. Gooding to fill the vacancy, for a five year period.

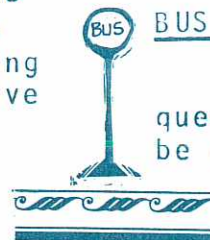
### CHARTER REVISIONS

Revisions to Vienna's Charter are now before the General Assembly. Under the changes Town elections this year will be held on the first Tuesday in May instead of June. Councilmen elected will take their seats in Sept., after this year however, Councilmen will be seated in June.

Also under consideration is a provision which will allow residents who desire curb, gutter and sidewalks on their street, to obtain them by presenting a request to the Town Manager signed by owners of 75% of the property on the street. Payments may be extended over a period of time.

### BUS QUESTIONNAIRE

Due to poor response to the bus questionnaire, no conclusions could be drawn.



## YOUR COUNCILMAN SPEAKS



PAUL M. LYONS

Have you ever heard the question, "why don't you come to Town Council meetings?" Well, I for one can appreciate a big reason being that we are all involved in one or more activities that benefit the community. Social, fraternal, religious and service organizations all add to make Vienna the vibrant community that takes it out of the large box known as the greater Washington Metropolitan area. Your active participation is the key to the success enjoyed by over thirty such organizations in the Town. We, as Councilmen, appreciate your efforts that support the community you have elected us to represent.

As one who has spent twenty years in various forms of the field of communication, I would like to take the opportunity of this Newsletter to elicit your participation, to whatever degree possible, in keeping your local government attuned to your desires and suggestions for the future of your Town.

We are all aware of how important it is to vote in electing the man or woman of our choice to represent us, but it is equally important to let our representatives know our views. Your thoughts and words are heard in a government of our size and structure. Your local representatives on Boards, Committees, Commissions and the Town Council spend many "off hours" seeking public opinions from friends, neighbors and fellow residents to provide, what I choose to call, "effective representation thru communication".

Maybe we can not all attend every meeting of our local government, but mere attendance just to express an objection to a particular issue is not enough. Share your hopes and dreams with members of Council - we need you! In this way, we can all become involved and committed to a better community -- Vienna.

## TOWN CRIER

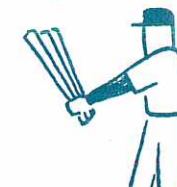


### PINNED

L. Dean Wallace has received a Service Pin from the Town for having served 10 years on Council. Five year pins, for five or more years of service were given to Mayor Spriggs, Charles Robinson, Richard Dingman and Town Attorney John Gionfriddo.

### LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION

Registration for Little League will be held at the Vienna Town Hall on Friday, Feb. 5, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



### TEEN WINNERS

High school students Chris Bagley, Susan Owen and Steve Fama were 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in the "Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored by the Vienna VFW. Winners will go on to the State competition.

Winner in the American Legion Oratorical Contest was Paul Dame from Flint Hill Preparatory School. This is also a national contest and the winner will go on to further competition. Certificates and awards will be presented to participants at their high schools.