# CALENDAR

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Windover Heights Board of Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - north side of town.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Mayor's Advisory Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - south side of town.

Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Town/Business Liaison Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY-12

Lincoln's Birthday.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Washington's Birthday. Town Hall closed. Trash pickup as usual on Monday:/Thursday route.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - north side of town.

Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

Vienna Youth Soccer registration, 7-9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

Ash Wednesday.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Board of Architectural Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Transportation Safety Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

NEWSPAPER PICKUP DAY - south side of town.

Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Vienna Wireless Society Winterfest at the Community Center.

COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

March 1 - Windover Heights Board of Review.

March 2 - Newspaper pickup for north Vienna.

March 4-6 - Spring Antiques Show & Sale.

March 5 - Waste oil collection day.

For Town Council agendas, Community Center events, and other Town news, call the VIENNA NEWSLINE, 255-6333.

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### "Super Tuesday" Voter Registration

The voter registration books will close on Saturday, February 6, at 5 p.m. for the March 8 Presidential primary election. Registration will be available at Patrick Henry Library on Wednesday, February 3, from 3 to 9 p.m.; Thursday, February 4, from 7 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional locations, call the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at 591-8523.

Anyone who has moved and has not informed the Registrar's Office should update his or her registration record by February 6. If you will be out of town on election day, you should call for information on absentee voting.

The Registrar's Office is located at 4031 University Dr. in Fairfax and is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It will also be open on February 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Candidate Deadline

The filing deadline for Town Council candidates is Tuesday, March 8. Candidate forms and petitions must be received by the Electoral Board no later than 7 p.m.

Three Council positions plus the office of Mayor will be on the ballot in May. To qualify as a candidate, you must be a Virginia resident for at least one year prior to the election, a town resident by the filing deadline, and a qualified voter.

Citizens interested in running for office may pick up the required forms in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 15, for Washington's Birth-Day. Trash will be collected as usual for residents on the Monday/ Thursday route.



# Councilman Olson to Retire

Town Councilman Vince Olson has announced that he will retire from the Council at the end of his sixth term on June 30. He has served since 1976.

His years on Council have spanned a period of intense development in surrounding Fairfax County. During that time, he says, "My efforts have been devoted to protecting the integrity of the town and maintaining first-class services at the lowest possible cost."

Prior to his election, Councilman Olson was a member of the Town Planning Commission and president of the East Vienna Woods Civic Association. He and his family have lived in Vienna for over 30 years.



Councilman Olson

# No Parking on Snow Routes

Residents are reminded that no parking is allowed on snow emergency routes during snowfalls so that plows can do a more efficient job. The designated snow emergency routes are:

Church Street; Cottage Street; Tapawingo Road, Park to Nutley; Kingsley Road, Park to Nutley; Courthouse Road, Maple to Nutley; John Marshall Drive, N.E., Beulah to Glyndon; Glyndon Street, N.E.; Beulah Road; Old Courthouse Road; Creek Crossing Road; Maple Avenue; Nutley Street; Lawyers Road; Malcolm Road; Park Street; Locust Street; Center Street; and Cherry

For more information, call the Public Works Department, 255-6382.

While vehicles have not been ticketed, the Town requests voluntary compliance with this law to make winter storms a little easier to handle.

## Council Action

**DECEMBER 21, 1987** 

- Increased the fee for drainage fixture units to \$2,500 for 1-30 units and \$83.33 for each unit thereafter.
- Awarded the contract for Police Department renovations to Hega Construction Co., Inc., of Washington, D.C., in the amount of \$11,218.
- Approved a change order to the contract for water system rehabilitation on MacArthur Avenue, McKinley Street and John Marshall Drive in the amount of \$7.254.72.
- Approved change orders #2 and #8 to the contract for the addition to the Vienna Community Center in the amount of \$7,813.
- Directed the Town staff to prepare engineering plans and cost estimates for drainage improvements at the end of Blair Road, N.W.

#### JANUARY 4, 1988

- Reappointed Martha Pruett, Don Chumley, Helmut Gramberg and Ted Thomas to the Planning Commission for two-year terms.
- Adopted revisions to the sign ordinance.

#### **COUNCIL INVITES COMMENTS**

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for use in the Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing and received at Town Hall by the 15th of each month to be included in the following month's Newsletter. Please give your name, address, and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.) Send comments to: Vienna Newsletter, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

### Citizen Comment

### Consider Pedestrians in Snows

A Tapawingo Road resident has these comments concerning snowfall and pedestrians:

I finished reading "Vienna Is Ready for Snowfall" in the January Newsletter. The article reminds me of last winter's problems with snow.

Snowplowing as done during last winter was without any consideration of the pedestrians. The snow was always piled by the snowplows at street corners and occasionally on the sidewalk. This not only makes crossing of streets difficult, but it is also hazardous to any pedestrian, including school children, who usually wait for their buses at street intersections. Snowplowing crews should be instructed not to pile up snow at street corners, on sidewalks or in front of driveways.

The last paragraph of the article requests that residents clear the snow from sidwwalks next to their property. This is very important but, based on last year's experience, it does not work well, although property owners along the route I use have done the best they could. Snow clearing of sidewalks is important on all streets, but

particularly so on those within walking distance (perhaps one and a half miles) from the Metrorail station.

Under normal weather conditions there are people who prefer to walk rather than drive to the Metro station. Last year during the snow storm even more so. Many people could not use their cars because they would not start or for other reasons and decided to walk to the station. It was not easy, though, because snowplows piled snow on the sidewalks (Nutley Street to the station) and because sidewalks were not cleared of snow.

Because of the well known problems of heavy traffic, parking and pollution, the Town of Vienna should encourage and give indirect incentives to pedestrians. Thus, I recommend that the sidewalks be cleared of snow by the Town rather than property owners. Although this would be an additional expense, the cost could be kept down by creatively using a combination of relatively low capital investment and voluntary commercial and private property owners participation. Such a program would benefit directly and/or indirectly all our citizens.

# Spring Cleanup: A Solution?

In the continuing dialogue about the Spring Cleanup, the following comments were received, one from a Welles Street resident and the other from a town resident who also has a business on Maple Avenue:

The beauty of the town is indeed marred each spring by the profusion of trash that lines the streets in anticipation of the spring Cleanup. Previous writers have correctly identified the problem. Unfortunately, they propose the wrong solution! Their proposal to terminate the Spring Cleanup would wrongly deny to all the town residents the ability to readily cleanse their property from the ravages of winter and rid themselves of trash not suitable for normal collection. A better solu-

tion to the problem might be a little better scheduling and the punishment of the few who violate the Cleanup regulations.

As a resident of Vienna for over 30 years, I have witnessed the Town staff do an increasingly efficient job of collecting and disposing of large amounts of trash. In an effort to minimize the amount of time trash is apparent on the streets, the Town provides a schedule for the Spring Cleanup and requires that trash not be put out in advance of that schedule. The Town staff also amends its regulations almost yearly to prevent abuses to the Cleanup concept. (The notice regarding the prohibition against the discard of building

(continued on next page)

## News from Vienna Parks & Recreation

For more information on any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 255-6360.

#### PHOTO SHOW ENTRIES

Entry forms will be available after February 20 for Vienna Parks and Recreation's annual amateur photography show, which will be held at the Vienna Community Center March 26 and 27.

The work of local amateur photographers will be judged in nine black & white and color categories. The exhibit is open to the public.

Photographers are limited to six entries, with no more than two in any category.

#### ATLANTIC CITY TRIP

Spend an exciting day at the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, February 25. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. for Resorts Atlantic and return about mid-

# Free Seedlings To Be Distributed

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring its annual free seedling distribution. Seedlings are available to individuals and groups in Fairfax County only. Orders may be placed by calling the District at 591-6660 until supplies are exhausted. Distribution of these seedlings will be on Saturday, April 16.

Seedlings available are loblolly pine, green ash, sweet gum, sycamore, bristly locust and bicolor lespedeza. Groups qualify for a total of 400 seedlings, with a maximum of 50 of each kind of hardwood or shrub. Individuals may order a total of 100 shrub or hardwood (no pine) seedlings, with a maximum of 30 of any one kind.

Orders will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. The District recommends placing orders as soon as possible to ensure a good selection. night.

The cost of \$20 per person includes transportation, \$12.50 in coins and a \$2.50 food coupon.

#### SKI LIBERTY

Enjoy night skiing at Liberty on Friday, February 26. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 3:30 p.m. and return at midnight.

Costs are: \$30 - transportation & lift; \$42 - transportation, lift & lesson; \$44 - transportation, lift & rental; and \$56 - transportation, lift, lesson & rental.

#### SPRING ANTIQUES SHOW

Vienna Parks and Recreation will hold its annual Spring Antiques Show and Sale at the Community Center March 4-6. Admission is \$3 per person.

Over 40 dealers from all over the East Coast will display and sell a variety of antiques. Exhibit hours are noon to 9 p.m. Friday, March 4; noon to 7 p.m. Saturday, March 5; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, March 6.

### Wireless Society Celebrating 25th

In celebration of its 25th anniversary, the Vienna Wireless Society, one of the largest ham radio clubs in the area, will be operating a special events radio station from the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, February 6, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The radio station, which has the callsign K4HTA, will be open to the public.

Demonstration of both voice and Morse code, contacts with other hams all over the world, and information about how to become a ham radio operator will be featured. For further information, contact Brian Treadwell, WV4V, at 938-1442.

The Vienna Wireless Society has met at the Community Center twice a month since the Center opened. The club is contributing to the expansion of the Community Center and will sponsor additional activities later this year in connection with its anniversary. The club's callsign belonged to one of its founding members and was reassigned to the club by the Federal Communications Commission in his memory.

### Meadowlark Gardeners Debut

Charter memberships in the new Meadowlark Gardeners, affiliate of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park just outside Vienna, are now available.

Through Meadowlark Gardeners, garden enthusiasts will have an opportunity to participate in the continuing enhancement of the 100-acre park located along Beulah Road near the Dulles Access Road. The Gardeners will also have special programs and social events. The first membership meeting will be held soon, and a newsletter will debut in the spring.

Lifetime charter memberships are available for \$125 until February 2. After that date, lifetime memberships will be \$250 each. Annual membership categories include individual, \$25; family, \$35; nonprofit organization, \$100; and corporate, \$250. Applications and information are available from Regional Park Authority head-quarters, 5400 Ox Rd., Fairfax Station, VA 22039, phone 352-5900.

When the park is fully developed in the 1990's, trails and bridle paths will link ponds and evergreen groves, wild-flower and azalea gardens, an orchard, a visitors center and an auditorium. The old springhouse will be restored and the hillsides covered with azaleas, daffodils and dogwoods.

Meadowlark Gardens opened to the public last May.

## The Right Way to Yield the Right-of-Way

by Sgt. Thomas Wolfe Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Dept.

Traffic . . . It seems to be getting worse every day. Add to that confusion a slew of emergency response vehicles with sirens and air horns blaring, and lights flashing like a disco dance floor. Now, we have a real mess!

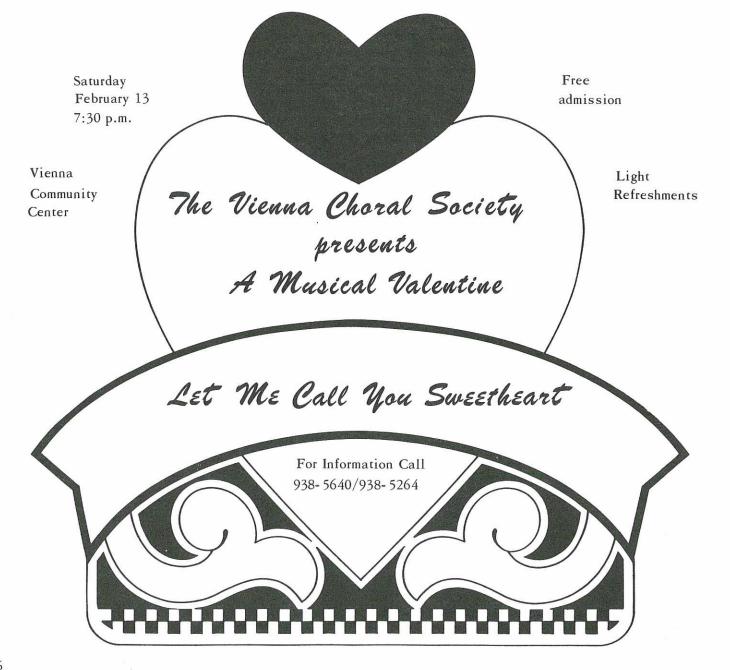
How should we, as drivers, respond to red lights and sirens? Commonwealth of Virginia laws clearly state that the driver of *every* vehicle shall immediately move to a position as near as possible and parallel to the *right-hand curb*, clear of any intersection or highway, and *stop* when an emergency vehicle is approaching with warning lights and sirens operating.

Drivers already in the right-hand lane should yield to drivers who are making a move to allow an emergency vehicle to pass. Remember, all lane changes require signals indicating same. You should not make a move to re-enter the traffic flow until you are certain that no more emergency traffic

is coming. Once you are certain that the road is clear, carefully re-enter traffic and return to normal driving conditions.

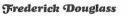
If we would all learn to obey this law, it would help ease this confusing situation, eliminate danger and help the emergency vehicle get to its destination quickly.

NOTE: Violation of this law constitutes failure to yield the right-ofway and is a moving violation, which could put three points on your driving record if convicted.





# Black History Month Specials At Library



Rev. Martin L. King

Patrick Henry Library will host a free lecture and panel discussion on blacks in the military on Tuesday, February 2, at 7:30 p.m. Also featured from February 1-19 is a traveling exhibit entitled "Don't Grieve After Me," documenting the black experience in Virginia from 1619 to 1986.

"Blacks in the Military" features retired Army Colonel William DeShields, a military historian specializing in blacks in the service since the Revolutionary War. Speaker Sylvia Taylor will discuss education of blacks and the effect on career perspectives. Taylor is a teacher at Louise Archer Elementary School, originally founded for blacks.

The exhibit title "Don't Grieve After Me" was adopted from a traditional Virginia song celebrating emancipation. The 25-panel exhibit features over 70 photographs selected from the picture collections of archives, museums and libraries throughout Virginia and beyond. The photos portray the establishment of black Virginia culture, the wide range of skills and professions of blacks, as well as educational achievements, community struggles and accomplishments. The exhibit also looks at family, community and religious expressions.

Organized by the Hampton University Museum, with cooperation from the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the exhibit was funded in part by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy.

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Support Our Hometown Merchants

Also as part of Black History Month, the library will present a free performance by storyteller and jazz musician Jamal Koram at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 27.

Jamal has performed on television and at area folk festivals. He combines jazz, black studies, child development and education, and an ability to fascinate and entertain all ages with his program. Jamal's stories and music are drawn from African and Afro-American folklore, traditions and oral history.

Space is limited, and registration begins two weeks prior to the performance. Call the library at 938-0405.

# Free Tax Assistance For Senior Citizens

Senior citizens in the Vienna-Oakton area will again be able to obtain free assistance with their federal and state income tax returns beginning February 2. This program is sponsored by the Vienna chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons and is a joint effort with the Internal Revenue Service.

A team of tax consultants will be available Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. till noon at the Vienna Community Center. No appointment is necessary. Senior citizens will be able to get answers to questions, obtain additional forms, have their filled-in returns checked, or have their returns prepared by one of the consultants.

Senior citizens who are unable to visit the Community Center may arrange for a consultant to visit their homes by calling Harry Thompson at 560-4293.

#### Citizen Comment

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materials generated by contractors cited in the January Newsletter is an example of their efforts to correct abuse.)

The more equitable solution to the problem of the town's unsightliness as a result of the Spring Cleanup then appears to be twofold. First, the Town staff should consider developing a more definitive schedule. Instead of the current type schedule that allots weeks for trash pickup in each of the four quadrants of town, the staff should consider developing a pickup schedule for smaller segments (e.g., northeast quadrant between Beulah Road and Park Street). Second, and perhaps more important, it is time to take action against those few of our neighbors who selfishly ignore the regulations and who care not a wit about the unsightly view they present to their neighbors. These are the people who put out their trasli days, weeks and sometimes months in advance of the s cheduled pickup. The Town should assess a special pickup fee and impose a sizable fine on these offenders. It would not take too many substantial fines before "the word got out" and the majority of residents who appreciate the Spring Cleanup could also appreciate the beauty of spring in

I have just read the "Citizen Comment" on the Spring Cleanup in the January Newsletter, and I couldn't agree more. I, too, have been a resident of this town for 22 years and am saddened by the mess around our town during this period of time. Please decide on another means of collecting all of this trash.

My neighborhood looks terrible, usually during the Easter season. There must be more than two people who feel so strongly about this situation. So for heaven's sake, do something about it, officials of Vienna.

### Radon Test Recommended

Radon, an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas, has been found in elevated levels in some homes in the metropolitan area. Exposure to elevated levels of radon has been associated with an increased risk of developing lung cancer. The Fairfax County government is encouraging citizens to test their homes for radon. Testing is simple, and there are many actions that can be taken to reduce radon if high levels are found in a home.

As part of its comprehensive program to address radon in the county, an additional 1,200 houses are being tested to determine the prevalence of radon. A two-year study, screening 2,400 homes over two winters, was begun in December 1986 and will conclude next month.

Radon is a naturally occurring gas produced by the radioactive decay of uranium and radium in soil and rock. There are several ways for radon to enter homes. It moves through natural cracks, fractures and joints in the soil and rock to reach the house. The soil gas containing radon can collect under basement or ground floor slabs, as well as open areas in the basement floor such as unfinished earth floors, sump pump cracks, floor drains, crawl spaces and openings around pipes.

In addition, pressure differences between the inside and outside of the house affect radon entry. Factors that result in lower pressures in the house relative to the outside atmosphere will enhance the movement of soil gases and radon into the house. These factors include high winds and rainstorms, home heating, and depletion of indoor home heating, and depletion of indoor air by furnaces and other appliances that draw indoor air in their operation.

The County Health Department has citizen information packets available that include the EPA's brochures "A Citizen Guide to Radon" and "Radon Reduction Methods." Also included are listings of radon testing and remediation firms. To obtain a packet, call the Radon Hotline, 246-2300.

## Countdown to Centennial

### Committee Seeks Old Photos, Memorabilia

The Town of Vienna will be celebrating the Centennial of its incorporation in 1990. The Vienna Centennial History Committee has been meeting for several months and is now ready to begin collecting information on the availability of old photos, news articles and artifacts for display during the Centennial year. The committee hopes that the citizens of Vienna will be eager to share some of the town's heritage.

This month, the committee is seek-

ing photos and memorabilia relating to Vienna's business community. Please bring them to Marie Kisner in the Public Information Office at Vienna Town Hall. Each item will be catalogued with the necessary information, any special instructions, and release forms. If the owner wishes, the items will then be returned until requested for display in 1990.

Community Invited

To Honor Tayares

First Lieutenant Joe Tavares is re-

tiring soon from the Vienna Police De-

partment after more than 25 years of

service. As Community Services Offi-

cer, he touched the lives of hundreds

of Vienna residents, and now the entire

community is invited to participate in a

or April. Details will appear in the

next Newsletter. Meanwhile, interested

citizens are needed to assist with all

the arrangements. If you can help,

please call Pat Jeanrenaud un the Of-

fice of the Chief of Police, 255-6390.

The reception will be held in March

retirement reception in his honor.

During the month of March, the committee will be seeking information on Vienna schools.

# General Assembly Information Daily

Daily access to the Virginia General Assembly legislative information is available for the 15th consecutive year through the Fairfax County Public Library. Any organization, individual, government agency or business may register for this free service offered by the Virginia Room at Fairfax City Regional Library, 3915 Chain Bridge Rd.

The library's on-line access to the General Assembly's legislative computer provides daily bill status, committee schedules and a "mini journal" of transactions in the House and Senate throughout the 1988 session. Printed subject indexes to legislation, copies of all bills and documents, and other improtant information is also available.

All library patrons who register for the service receive the Guide to the General Assembly, which lists the names, addresses and phone numbers of all legislators. The guide also includes maps showing the outlines of county house and senate districts.

To register for the Legislative Information Service, call 246-2123.

The '88 General Assembly session convened on January 13, and some 2,000 individual bills or resolutions were expected to be introduced, together with a line item \$22 billion budget.

# All Jaycees Welcome at Party

The Vienna Jaycees will celebrate their 30th anniversary with a party on Friday evening, February 27, at the Fairfax American Legion Hall on Oak Street in Fairfax. Tickets are on sale until February 13 at a cost of \$20 each for dinner and dance or \$8 for just the dance. A program book is being assembled with space for messages and ads; both businesses and individuals are invited to buy space.

Anyone who has been a Vienna Jaycee at any time since 1958 is invited to the party. For more information or to make sure your name is on the invitation list, call Maggie Bushlack, 938-7131; Anne Lee, 620-5110; or Owen Beirne, 524-3211.

The Vienna Jaycees were founded by the Arlington Jaycees. They are proud of their heritage, the many community leaders that have emerged from the chapter, and the achievements that attest to their service. These include contributions to the Vienna Community Center, the Madison High School refreshment stand and press box, the mobile intensive care unit and the Center Street playground. Other projects have been annual trips to camp for mentally retarded citizens, Special Olympics, a brace fund, landscaping at a local hospital, blood drives, assisting with the annual Halloween Parade, and the annual Needy Kids Shopping Spree at Christmas.



# Benefit Art Auction at Westwood

The Fairfax Choral Society, in cooperation with the Fine Arts Gallery of Ardmore, Pennsylvania, will present a benefit art show and auction on Friday, February 19, at Westwood Country Club starting at 7:30 p.m. The \$10 admission price includes a complimentary glass of wine with cheese, entertainment by the FCS Chorale, and eligibility for door prizes.

Featuring original oils, watercolors, sculptures, enamels, etchings, lithographs and other graphics, the auction will begin at 8:30 p.m., following a one-hour preview of the art. The majority of the art has opening bids ranging from \$35 to \$75. A Collector's Corner will include works by modern masters such as Rockwell, Calder, Delacroix and Miro.

For tickets and more information,

call the FCS office at 442-8212.

Founded in 1962, the Fairfax Choral Society is one of the oldest volunteer community choral groups in the area. Under the leadership of Robert McCord, the two performing groups of the FCS are the 85-voice chorus, which performs large choral works, and the 22-voice Chorale, which performs music from Bach to rock.

One of the organization's accomplishments has been the establishment three years ago of a Young Vocal Artists Competition, which gives both financial and professional encouragement to aspiring singers. Future plans include a Children's Chorus, a training program for community singers, and performances for various segments of the community.

# Final Call for 1988 Dog Licenses; Enforcement Begins February 15 by Animal Officer

Did you forget? 1987 Town dog licenses expired on January 31. All Vienna dogs should be wearing their shiny new 1988 tags.

There is no penalty for late purchase. However, the Animal Control Officer will be checking for current dog licenses and rabies vaccination certificates beginning February 15, and owners not having them will be subject to a summons.

For information, call 255-6323.

Cat owners are reminded that cats must also be vaccinated against rabies.