

Vienna Record



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NOTES FROM THE SELECTMEN

Due to the upcoming Holidays the following changes will take place:

Christmas Day is Wednesday, December 25 – **Trash Pickup** will be on Friday, December 27th.

New Year's Day is Wednesday, January 1st – **Recycling Pickup** will be one day late, on Thursday, January 2nd.

The selectmen will not meet the week of Tuesday, December 24th or the week of Tuesday, December 31st.



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

Selectmen's Meeting - September 24th

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Voted unanimously to accept State of Maine General Assistance Ordinance Appendices A & B-E for 2013-2014.
2. Reviewed and distributed mail
3. Read and accepted Minutes from previous meeting.
4. Dodi reported that the 2013 Tree Growth report has been completed.

Adjourned

Selectmen's meeting - October 1st

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Brian Church, Marti Gross, John Archard.

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant #19.
2. Read and accepted minutes from the previous meeting.
3. Reviewed and distributed mail
4. Entered into an Executive session with Code Enforcement Officer John Archard to discuss a legal issue regarding code violations on two properties in town. Executive session ended with an agreement on one property and further action to be taken on a second property.
5. Discussed concerns on the Davis Road: Gash in one culvert caused by the grader and large pot holes at the beginning of the

dirt section. Chris will discuss this with the road commissioner so he can repair the culvert and fix the pot holes.

6. Received from Lenny Meader (D.B.A Meader Construction) his certificate of General Liability Insurance for Winter Road Plowing.
7. Received notification from Kennebec Land Trust that a foot bridge was built on the Peter Miller woodland property.
8. Received and discussed the 2013-2014 contract from Waste Management Disposal.

Adjourned

Selectmen's meeting - October 8th

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and distributed mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes from previous meeting as amended.

3. The town will extend the contract with Riverside Disposal for one year with a 3% increase. This will continue our road side pick up and disposal. The (optional) one year contract will be signed at the November 22nd

4. Maine Fire Equipment Co. Inc. serviced the fire extinguisher at the Community



**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES CONTINUED**

Building, Fire Department and Town House earlier in the week.

5. Signed the certificated of Appointment for the Town Health officer: This is to be retroactive - Dan Onion was appointed for a three year term in March.

6. Received and discussed the current county valuation of the Town of Vienna – it is valued at \$67,400, 000.00.

Adjourned.

Selectmen's Meeting - October 15th

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeffrey Rackliff, Marti Gross, Seth Landry, Lenny Meader, Colleen Meader, Dan Goucher and Brian Church.

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant#20.
2. Opened and distributed Mail.
3. Read and accepted minutes from previous meeting.
4. Fire Chief Brian Church reported that the Fire Department has received the new forestry skid. Chimney cleaning has been completed for the year - 24 chimneys were cleaned.
5. Lenny Meader, snowplow contractor raised concerns about town road being ready for the upcoming winter plowing, i.e. tree limbs and brush over hanging into the road way. The selectmen and road commissioner agreed that we still have some areas that are in need of brush cutting and this will be completed before the winter plowing begins.

6. Dan Goucher, road commissioner reported that Davis Road has been graded and pot holes have been filled, Varney Road has been graded, Stream Road regraded and ditched.

The Road Commissioner is also to have a culvert on the Bessey road replaced and complete the trimming of trees. Patching will be finished within the next couple of weeks.

7. The Town has received permission from Game Warden Gary Allen to remove the beaver dam in order to replace the damaged culverts on the Egypt pond road. This is to be done with in the next few weeks.

Adjourned

Selectmen's Meeting - October 22nd

Present: Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Melinda Turner and Scott LaLiberte.

1. Opened and distributed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from previous meeting as amended.
3. Signed contract with Melinda Turner and Scott LaLiberte dba Riverside Disposal Service for curbside waste pick up (November 2013–November 2014).

Adjourned

Selectmen's Meeting - November 5th

Present: Chris Smith, Dodi Thompson, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross

1. Reviewed and signed Warrant 21.



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES CONTINUED

2. Reviewed and distributed mail.

3. Read and accepted minutes from previous meeting as amended.

4. Discussion with Dan Goucher, Road Commissioner: Bean Road will be patched and a culvert is to be replaced on the Egypt pond road. Culvert on the Davis Road will be repaired. Cold patch will be finished on the Bean road, Tower Road. Other town roads have already been finished. A portion of the Tower Road has been paved by Manzer Paving. Road Commissioner will be doing some shimming around culverts on the Davis Road.

5. The Town will be contacting licensed trappers to remove beavers from the following areas: Egypt Pond, Town Park on Flying Pond and Parker Pond.

6. Signed the Maine Municipal Workers Comp paper work for 2014.

7. Completed Maine Revenue Services Sales Analysis Report.

8. The town has received \$75.00 from ATC Realty, Inc. for the Permit application for the proposed tower on the Bessey Road. The town also received a \$1,000.00 check from Global Tower to be used for any expenses that may come from processing this application. The remainder of money will be returned to the Global Tower Company. A Public Hearing on this Permit application will be held at the Community room on the 20th of November. The meeting will be at 7:00 PM.

Adjourned

Selectmen's Meeting - November 12th

Present: Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff

1. Reviewed and distributed mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes from previous meeting as amended.

3. Due to the upcoming Holidays the following changes will take place: The selectmen will not meet the week of Tuesday, December 24th or the week of Tuesday, December 31st.

4. The Selectmen received a request to post information on a currently circulating Citizen's Petition (State) on the town website. The Selectmen agreed that this is not the intended use of the website. The individual will be told that he may place a notice in the town newsletter at the going rate.



Adjourned

Selectmen's Meeting - November 19th

Dodi Thompson, Chris Smith, Jeff Rackliff, Marti Gross, Brian Church, Barry Emery, Ernestine Emery, Dan Goucher, Annie Tibbetts .

1. Reviewed and dispersed mail.

2. Read and accepted minutes of last meeting.

3. Reviewed and signed Warrant 22.

4. Discussion with Road Commissioner, Dan Goucher: The culverts on the Egypt pond Road have been replaced. Bessey Road has been regraded. New road signs have been received – one “Dangerous Intersection” and two “Handicapped”. They will be installed later this week.

5. Seven of the Vienna Fire Fighters donated their pay (July through December) back to the Department. The money will be used toward payment for the new equipment (forestry skid tank) that the department needed.

6. A non-resident land owner has requested that the town remove a boat from her property. The boat was left on her property off Tower Road by unknown persons (she reported this to the State Police and/or Sheriff’s Department). The selectmen will contact her representative to say that this is a private issue, not a town matter.

7. The selectmen and Ernestine Emery, sexton, signed three deeds for lots sold at the Vienna Municipal Cemetery. Annie Tibbets acted as notary.

Adjourned

3. There was no new business. Selectmen had a general discussion of budget issues looking to the 2014 budget. March town meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8th

Adjourned

FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The town clerk’s office will be closed on December 24 and December 25 for Christmas.

Nomination papers for the March election will be available on December 11, 2014.

Dog registrations are now available. They need to be licensed by January 31, 2014 to avoid penalty.

Thanks and Happy Holidays!
....Annie Tibbets

SCOOP IT - IN PRINT OR PICTURES

Selectmen’s Meeting - November 26th



Dodi Thompson,
Chris Smith, Jeff
Rackliff.

1. Received and dispersed mail.
2. Read and accepted minutes from last meeting.

The *Vienna Record* is always looking for new and interesting information to include in this online newsletter. Please contact the editor of the *Record* with stories of interest to our community as they happen. Make this a real community newsletter by adding information about local events and activities or by submitting interesting photos taken in the Vienna area.

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PLANNING BOARD NEWS

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA
PLANNING BOARD HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House; regular members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Ed Lawless, Austin Harrell, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Dan McBride, Jonathan Lawless, and Blaine Hopkins and attorney Andrew Hamilton. At Alan's suggestion the Board held a moment of silence in memory of Nanou Laliberte. Minutes of the August 28 meeting were read and accepted.

The Board reviewed The Vienna Pond Association's application (see August minutes) and agreed to accept Dan McBride's word that as Vice President of the Association he is authorized to represent it in this process.

In making findings of fact the Board enumerated the criteria for roads and driveways listed in Section 15.H. of the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance (SZO) and received verbal assurances that the proposal meets the criteria listed, a number of the listed criteria were found to be irrelevant to this proposal. The Board voted 5 – 0 to authorize Creston to issue the usual permit-by letter for this proposal, on this condition: the berm 20 +/- feet from the pond is to be maintained. The material placed is to be placed so that runoff comes in sheets and not rivulets. Best management practices are to be employed throughout the project.

On Sept 18 the Board met with Robert Ames on the Andrew Rackliff property on Kimball Pond, tax Map 3 Lot 32 – K. It appears that the cutting we observed may constitute a SZO violation. It was agreed that the Board should take no further action until Code Enforcement Officer John Archard has dealt with the cutting. Creston will send Mr. Rackliff a letter stating that Mr. Ames requested the permit and will ask whether Mr. Ames is authorized to represent Mr. Rackliff.

Blaine Hopkins and Andrew Hamilton appeared as representatives of Global Towers Network, regarding the proposed cell tower on Besse Road (see Nov. 28 minutes). Blaine said that getting title insurance for the parcel is essential. He outlined some of the complications involving title to the parcel, it being the Cary Seamans property, tax map 6 lot 17. He says the title will be clear when all of the corrective measures have been taken, and that one Audra Klumb is doing a visual impact study. The Board mentioned the Floyds' concern in this regard. Andrew and Blaine would like a copy of any e-mail we have received in this regard.

Ed mentioned the proximity of Jonathan Lawless's property to the proposed site. Andrew noted the possibility of a conflict of interest in this regard.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

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Deadline

All Item or articles for the June/July issue of the *Vienna Record* must be received by me by **January 27, 2014.**

Format

Please send items online as rich text format (.rtf) or as a word document (.doc) or as a .jpg. Please no .pdf or other formats.

-Marianne Archard

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

Signing Up for Health Care: Medicare, Mainecare and "Obamacare"

5/1/13

Late fall is sign-up or re-up time for both Medicare and the new Affordable Care Act health insurance. And MaineCare, Maine's version of Medicaid, may be an option for many as well. These are very complicated programs, so complete descriptions are impossible. But broad outlines of who's eligible, what's covered, costs, and how to enroll may help you find your way. And I conclude with a final paragraph on why such coverage is crucial to the public health.



Medicare, like Medicaid, was created by the federal government in 1968 and was intended to cover the retired, over-65 as well as the permanently disabled population. It is made up of 3 major parts (A, B, and now D). Part A covers hospitalization costs, B covers out-patient services including doctor visits in or out of the hospital, and D (created in 2006) helps cover prescriptions. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, all insurers must also now cover

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appropriate, clearly effective preventive care, like flu shots, periodic health exams (“physicals”), pap smears, mammography, colon cancer screening, prostate testing, and others.

What is Part C? It is a combination of both Parts A and B, and usually also D, in the form of so-called Medicare Advantage plans. Several national companies offer such plans in Maine including United Health Care and Anthem, plus a uniquely Maine Plan, Martin’s Point Health Care of Portland, which insures over half of all Medicare Advantage enrollees in Maine (about 40,000). Unlike plain Medicare, these plans ask you to get your care from their panel of physicians; but most physicians in Maine are on most panels.

To enroll in Medicare, you must be disabled or over 65. Part A (hospitalization) is free, without a monthly premium. You should sign up for it, as I did, even though you continue employer health insurance, which will be designed to cover your hospital costs on top of Medicare Part A. Signing up is done at the same social security offices (in Waterville or Augusta, or elsewhere) you use to start Social Security payments. But even if you defer social security because you continue to work, you can still sign up for Medicare. There is a monthly premium for Part B, about \$100/month, which, if you are drawing your Social Security, will be deducted from that check. Both Part A and B also have what are called deductibles and co-pays; in other words, you are responsible for the first so many dollars of any bill, after Medicare has cut it to the discounted Medicare charge; and then you are responsible for 20% of the remaining charge. These deductibles and co-pays are not required now for the preventive services mentioned above. You can buy additional insurance to reduce these costs partially, so-called companion (“gap”) insurances, sold by a wide variety of health insurers in Maine including Anthem, AARP (a United Health Care product). And I find that many medical billers bill you before they’ve billed or received payment from Medicare, so knowing what you actually owe can be very confusing. Best advice: wait for all the insurances to pay their share first, at least 4 months, before paying a bill, and/or call the biller to ask if they’ve billed and collected from Medicare and your companion plan already.

And finally, Part D coverage of prescriptions is sold alone or as part of companion or Medicare Advantage insurances.

You sign up for Medicare when you hit age 65, the month before your birthday, unlike Social Security for which you now must be 67. You can change your Parts A, B, or C Medicare insurer (“open enrollment”) every fall, until December 7 this year. Medicare will send you a book in the fall every year explaining changes in what’s offered and some information about what choices are available to you in Maine. But the best place to shop for plans, besides asking your friends what they have, is to go on-line (url: <http://www.medicare.gov>). If you aren’t good at computers, find a kid who is to help you. Or many clinics have staff who can help you, like that at the Belgrade Health Center, or a hospital social services office. The site also lets you compare prescription Part D, and/or companion “gap” plans. It is really a very good site. By hitting the “explore Medicare Health Plans” button and then entering my zip code and medications, I quickly was able to explore tens of plans available to me in a large table showing monthly

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premium, estimated annual drug costs, deductibles and co-pays, coverage of my current prescriptions, and a national star rating (0 to 5) summarizing quality of care measures. My plan had 4.5 out of 5 stars. Most good ones rate at least 4 stars.

The new Affordable Care Act (“ObamaCare”) plans, which start January 1, will be very similar to the Medicare plan structure of coverage I described above, but without the A-D or companion plan parts. Instead those are all lumped together as one coherent plan. Sign up on-line (the Maine site for both Affordable Care Act and Medicare sign up: www.enroll207.com) has started, though with some bugs, and will continue through December 15. It has premium subsidies built into it for those with incomes between 140% and 200% of federal poverty levels (\$16,000 -\$46,000/year for a single person). Right now, people between 100% and 140% of federal poverty levels don’t get subsidies because the plan was designed to fit around a Medicaid (MaineCare) expansion, which has not been approved yet in Maine. Eventually that will be repaired, I think probably within the year.

MaineCare is an insurance program, funded roughly 80% by the federal government but 20% by the state of Maine, and administered by the state. It covers all the components I mention above for Medicare but is directed at those at or below the federal poverty definition (under \$11,500 annual income for singles), especially women and children. It has no premiums, fewer co-pays and deductibles, but can stop or start in months, depending on a person’s eligibility. Sign up is at state MaineCare offices, on-line (www.maine.gov/mymaineconnection), by mail or at hospitals and health centers.

Why is health insurance crucial to the public health in Vienna? Just like car insurance, it’s important for all of us to have health insurance. By doing so, we can diminish the number of us without health insurance, who demonstrably avoid medical care when they need it, thereby allowing medical conditions to worsen, and eventually either dying or seeking very expensive and imperfect emergency care. It is therefor no surprise that my colleagues and I have found that 40 years of programs to increase health care access and illness risk-factors (like smoking cessation programs) improve survival (lowered overall mortality) and sense of well being of residents of Franklin County, especially its most impoverished. We also save health care costs when we increase health insurance coverage, both because emergency care costs more than preventive care, and because of cross-subsidies that occur when a poor person uses the emergency room, can’t pay, and the hospital shifts that cost on to the insured and cash-paying customers. So it’s a worthy public health goal to get everybody insured. Shop for the best plan for you every holiday season.



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Blaine said that the evidence indicates that towers do not adversely affect property values.

It was agreed that the application will not be considered as accepted until the Board's October meeting. It was also agreed that the SZO standards do not pertain to the site in question. A tentative schedule for further progress in the application was outlined as follows:

October: formal acceptance of the application and a decision as to its completeness. However, it was clearly noted that the process could stretch out to future meetings, with November 20 a possible date for a public hearing, with the Board possibly rescheduling its regular meeting for that night in view of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Blaine will e-mail Waine a list of those communications experts with whom he's familiar.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

- Creston Gaither, secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VIENNA
PLANNING BOARD HELD OCTOBER 23, 2013

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM at the Town House; regular members present were Waine Whittier, Alan Williams, Ed Lawless, Austin Harrell, and Creston Gaither. Also present were Blaine Hopkins and attorney Andrew Hamilton and their visual impact consultant Audra Klumb and engineers Michael Deletetsky and Justin Desjarlais.

Blaine Hopkins is an employee of ATC Realty, a wholly owned subsidiary of Global Tower Partners (GTP). Andrew Hamilton is counsel for GTP. Minutes of the September 25 meeting were read and corrected and accepted.

The Board reviewed GTP's application for a wireless communications tower on the Seaman's property on Besse Road, shown on tax map 6 as lot 17. Mr. Hopkins outlined the requirements of The National Environmental Protection Act of 1969 (NEPA) and said that without a favorable NEPA report the proposed tower can't be built.

The application responds to NEPA requirements in its Exhibit P. As to the required scenic assessment, Ms. Klumb outlined the process of floating a 4 foot wide balloon from the tower site and proceeding to visit the critical locations designated by the Town's Comprehensive Plan (CP) to determine the visibility of the balloon. She noted that there are 18 such locations indicated by the CP. Photos taken at these locations appear in Exhibit K in the application. The balloon was only visible from two of the 18

Mr. Hopkins noted that the cabinet shown in Exhibit J may eventually have to be replaced by a building though this is unlikely in a community as small as Vienna. The evidence of financial ability required in Section 12 of the Town's "Wireless Telecommunications Facilities Siting Ordinance" (the Ordinance) was discussed. Waine said that an independent statement should likely be provided. Blaine said this could be provided.

A \$16,000 letter of surety for eventual removal costs was noted. It was also noted that the Board may need professional assurance that this amount is sufficient.

In response to Ordinance Item 6.2.B). 15., which requires "Evidence that a notice of the application has been published in a local newspaper of general circulation in the

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community," Mr. Hamilton said that they would advertise at least one week ahead of time in *The Kennebec Journal*, *The Lewiston Sun-Journal*, and *The Franklin Journal*.

At this point the applicants are not requesting any waivers of submission requirements (as per Sect 6.3 of the Ordinance). Sect. 6.4.C. requires notification of abutting landowners by certified mail. Mr. Hopkins has the letters ready but has not mailed them yet as the date of the public hearing has not been formally determined. He expects to mail them within 2 days. GTP will mail Waine the Notice of Application which the Ordinance requires to be posted in a public place.

At this point Ed Lawless recused himself from formal participation in the review process due to the potential for the appearance of a conflict of interest.

The Board then voted 4 - 0 that the application is complete. Creston will send the applicant a letter stating that the application has been found to be complete and has been accepted. Creston will advertise and post November 20 as both a Planning Board meeting and a public hearing, both to be held at the Community Center. The Board expects the requirements of Sections 6.2.B.12 and 6.2.B.13 and 6.2.B.15 of the Ordinance to be met. Mr. Desjarlais outlined the engineering considerations that are intended to ensure that if any portion of the tower falls it will fall within an 85-foot radius. He conceded that if a terrorist blew up the base of the tower the entire structure would fall over. Waine asked about the possibility that a higher force might attack the lower portion of the structure. The engineers agreed to respond to this. Mr. Hamilton stated that GTP is asking for a waiver of the Ordinance setback requirement, reducing it to 85 feet.

Concerns were raised about the proximity of the proposed tower site to the Jonathan Lawless house and the possibility that an alternative site may be available on the nearby Bobo and Berry parcels.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Creston Gaither, secretary



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**Mill Stream Grange welcomes you!**

Meetings 1st and 3rd Fridays each month
6:00 p.m. potluck supper
7:00 p.m. business meeting and program

**January 1 Potluck Supper & games 5:30pm
(not a regular meeting night)**

January 3 Bhutan - Courtney Gilman

January 17 Old Tyme Sing-a-long



BEAR HUNTING INITIATIVE

Dear Fellow Vienna Citizens:

I am gathering signatures for the citizen petition to put the Fair Bear Hunting question on the ballot for next November's election (2014).

The question will ask voters if they want to pass a bill that would prohibit the use of dogs to hunt or pursue bear, the use of bait to hunt or attract bear and the setting of a trap to hunt or capture bear.

The use of dogs, bait or a trap will still be permitted for certain scientific and research purposes or for state or federal employees when necessary to hunt or capture a specific offending bear that threatens livestock, domestic animals, threatened or endangered wildlife or public safety. Baiting is also permitted by owners or operators of commercial timberlands in order to prevent damage to commercial timberland.

If you haven't signed the petition and would like to do so, please email Bob Weingarten at bpw1@midmaine.com or call at 207-293-2630.

FIBER OPTIC FOR VIENNA?

The following is a preliminary survey to establish/confirm interest for a locally based (Vienna) high speed internet/phone service (broadband).

Law Communications Inc. of Vienna is conducting a preliminary survey to gauge interest in a proposed fiber optic network, exclusive to Vienna, to deliver highspeed internet and telephone service to the community.

The subscription rates for bundled phone and internet service will be \$44.99 for 4 Mb/s and \$54.99 for 10 Mb/s, plus a one time hook-up fee per residence.

Please send responses to Jim Anderberg at viennarecord@gmail.com

MARANACOOK ADULT EDUCATION

Spring classes

Maranacook Adult Education looks forward to welcoming you to 2014 winter-spring courses.

Online listings will appear in mid-December. Our print catalog will be delivered by mail in early January. Thank you for your support.



Please visit <http://maranacook.maineadulted.org> on the web. For more information about course offerings, email us at adulted@maranacook.org or call 685-4923, x 1065.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Mt. Vernon Community Center Café - Saturdays From 9:30-11:30 AM. Coffee, food and Conversation.

Men's Breakfast - Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 at the Mt. Vernon Community Center. Small donation appreciated.

McGaffey Mountain Woodcarvers - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each Month from 6:00-8:30 PM at the Vienna Community Center. New and experienced carvers welcome. For more information call Norma Wing at 293-3725 or Ed Beach at 685-4779.

Creation Station - Faith-based, arts-based after school program of the North Vienna UMC. Meets Thursdays during the school year. Open to all children grades K-6. For more information call Laura Church at 293-3892.

The Youth Group at North Vienna United Methodist Church - Most Sunday afternoons during the school year. Open to youth grades 6 and up. For more information call Laura Church 293-3892.

Free Potluck Dinner - Open to the public! Last Sunday of every month - 11:30 am, right after Sunday Service - For more information contact Ken Wright Sr. 293-2189

Vienna Union Hall Association - Second Wednesday of each month. 7:00 at the Vienna Community Center (Nov.- March.) at the Union Hall (April - Oct.) Welcome new members.

SPECIAL EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**Mt. Vernon Community Center**

Saturday, December 7th **Tree Lighting** - 6:30 PM

Santa Claus arrives at 7:00 PM

You may bring cookies to share. Hot chocolate provided.

**Vienna Union Hall**

Saturday, December 14 - **Northfield Christmas Concert** - 7:00PM suggested donation \$5.00

Saturday, December 13 - **A Winter Revels** - 7:00PM

Featuring The Loons, Babushka, a children's play, Maine Harp Circle, and Michael Cooper, the "Masked Marvel. Adults \$8.00 - Children 10 and under \$4.00.



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**MT. VERNON NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH WELCOMES VIENNA**

In the past few years neighborhood watch groups has become increasingly popular. There is a group called the Mt. Vernon Watch and there are several small groups set up in Vienna as well. Residents who are interested in becoming a part of this group may call Donna Seegers, secretary of Mt. Vernon Watch at: 293-2899. The purpose of the Watch groups are to be vigilant and report suspicious activity in your own neighborhoods.

The Mount Vernon/Vienna neighborhood watch group mission statement is:

Our mission is to have a cooperative neighborhood watch for the purpose of preventing crime, making the towns safer and helping neighbors in an emergency. We will exchange names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses and vehicle descriptions for this purpose. We agree to make and receive calls 24/7.

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DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY NEWS

We have kitchen ware to borrow! It is one of the ideas of sharing that libraries are embracing, and we've decided to try it. So far, we mostly have baking items: cake pans (a star, a Christmas tree pan); some small loaf pans and a brownie pan; some shaped muffin forms and holiday cookie cutters; a cake decorating kit; some tortilla forms. We include, in each packet, the packing instructions for the item and a recipe or two. We hope to add more items over time, so if you have a suggestion (canning kit?), please let us know. And – if you have a great recipe to share, feel free to add it to the packet!

Our busiest, most appreciated programming is approaching: Tax Help Days! Last year we had our two local AARP tax gurus with us, David Fuller & Chuck Wright (what a team!) and they're back with us again for this coming tax season. We will schedule appointments from 10-1 on the following Saturdays: February 22, March 1, and March 8. To make an appointment, please call the library at 293-2565 and leave a message. We'll get back to you to arrange a time. We are so grateful to David and Chuck for their generous community work.

Winter is upon us, so we want to remind you of our usual approach to keeping hours during bad weather. If there is ice or snow, or if the school has a snow day, please phone the library during our normal open hours (Mon 3-6, Wed 3-8, Sat 10-3) before venturing out. Some of the staff and volunteers live a few miles away and may have trouble getting to the library. We don't want you to make the extra effort of driving to the library only to find we aren't there. Give us a call at 293-2565.

Fedco seed catalog is now available, and we have a couple of copies for you to peruse. You can spend the long nights of December planning and dreaming of the bounty ahead.

Besides the new fiction we always display in the main room, we also now are using the mantel in the back fiction room as a "staff picks" – books that may be a few years old, but which we still consider favorites for a variety of reasons. Take a look and then check them out!

I just finished John Kenney's Truth in Advertising. What are you reading as you relax at the end of the day?

-- Mary Anne Libby



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