

New Communications Era Arrives

The Citizens Telephone Committee met with representatives from the Community Service Telephone Company (CSTC), the Public Utilities Commission and the Public Advocates Office on Thursday, April 17th. Following a lengthy meeting at the PUC's office, we reached the following agreement.

The CSTC will implement a two part, toll-free calling option plan for the 293 exchange. The **Economy** rate of \$4.35 per month will provide unlimited calling within the Mt. Vernon (293) exchange. The **Premium** rate of \$13.75 per month will provide unlimited calling within the Mt. Vernon, Farmington and Augusta exchanges.

Customers choosing the Economy plan may call the other two towns within the Premium area for \$.50 per call. In addition, customers in the 293 exchange will be offered an optional discounted toll plan for calling to the Readfield exchange, whereby customers pay a \$2.00 per month fee for 30 minutes of calling, with additional minutes of toll calling at a discounted rate of \$.07 per minute.

This agreement is the culmination of nearly 10 months of work and discussion. All parties involved are to be commended for their efforts. The next steps are the signing of the contract by the interested parties, the anticipated approval by the commissioners of the PUC (scheduled for May 23), the posting of the information in your phone bill, and a time allowance for you to choose whether you want the Economy Plan or the Premium Plan, and if you want the optional Readfield toll plan.

If all goes well and on schedule, you should have this service by August or September!

(Excerpted from the *Mt. Vernon Newsletter*, May 1995)

Merry Dumpsters Take The Prize

by Diane Friesse



The Maine Resource Recovery Organization and the Maine Waste Management Agency—at their annual meeting in May—recognized the Merry Dumpsters as the "Outstanding Recycling Committee" in the state for 1994-95.

The recognition was given for an "active visible committee who has continued to educate people in their community."

The award came as a surprise to the Dumpsters. We thank all Vienna residents who are recycling for helping us continue to have a successful recycling program. Let's all urge our non-recycling neighbors to join the program!

School Budget Information Meetings Planned

by Ann Dodd-Collins

As many of you know by now, the SAD #9 Board of Directors voted for a budget which is substantially greater than last year's budget, and which will have a considerable impact on our property taxes.

SAD #9 residents will vote on the school budget by referendum ballot this year, and there will be no opportunity for taxpayers to discuss the budget or modify the budget from the floor at a district-wide budget meeting. Therefore, we are having a number of information meetings throughout the district and one district-wide hearing so that residents can hear about the budget process, ask questions and express opinions. On Monday, June 12, there will be an information meeting for Vienna and New



Sharon residents at Cape Cod Hill School at 7 p.m. The district-wide budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 14, at Mt. Blue High School at 7 p.m. Although I would like to have had an information meeting in Vienna as well, I need to leave for Indiana on June 15 so that I may be with my parents to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. If you would like to attend an information meeting but cannot make the June 12 or June 14 meetings, call the superintendent's office (778-6571) for a schedule of meetings in other towns.

The budget referendum vote will be held on Monday, June 26, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Vienna Town Hall. Absentee ballots will be available from Jo-Ann Pillsbury. Regardless of how you vote on the school budget, please vote "yes" on Articles Two and Three.

Article Two is the "appropriation of foundation allocation". State money funds 70.2% of the SAD #9 budget. If this article is voted down, we will get no state aid for the coming school year.

Article Three is the "debt service allocation". Legally, we have to pay the debt we have incurred for building Cape Cod Hill School and other schools in the district. The State currently pays 77.2% of the debt service, and a yes vote is required to get that money for next year.

I voted for the SAD #9 budget. I know that in doing so I asked Vienna residents and other SAD #9 taxpayers to take on a huge financial burden. During the budget process I felt I was constantly balancing the needs of taxpayers against the needs of our children, and in the end, I voted for the children.

I would deeply appreciate hearing from Vienna residents on the budget and other issues. Please feel free to call me. I'm listed in the Vienna Town Report and in the phone book.

CONTRA DANCE

Saturday, June 17th - 7:30 - 11:00 P.M.

Vienna Union Hall

Band: *The Usual Suspects*

Caller: *Paul Krakauske*

Sponsored by Mill Stream Grange

TAX COLLECTOR AVAILABLE

Rachel Meader, Tax Collector for the town, wants to hear from you if you have had any problems getting your tax bills. Chances are your new address hasn't been accepted by our new computer system. (We are still making every effort to correct this problem.)

Rachel is usually home weekends and after 3:30 on weekday afternoons. If these times are not convenient, feel free to call and leave a message on her answering machine. She will return your call as soon as possible. If you plan to stop by to pay your bill, or for other tax information, please give her a call in advance—at 293-2970—to make sure she is at home.



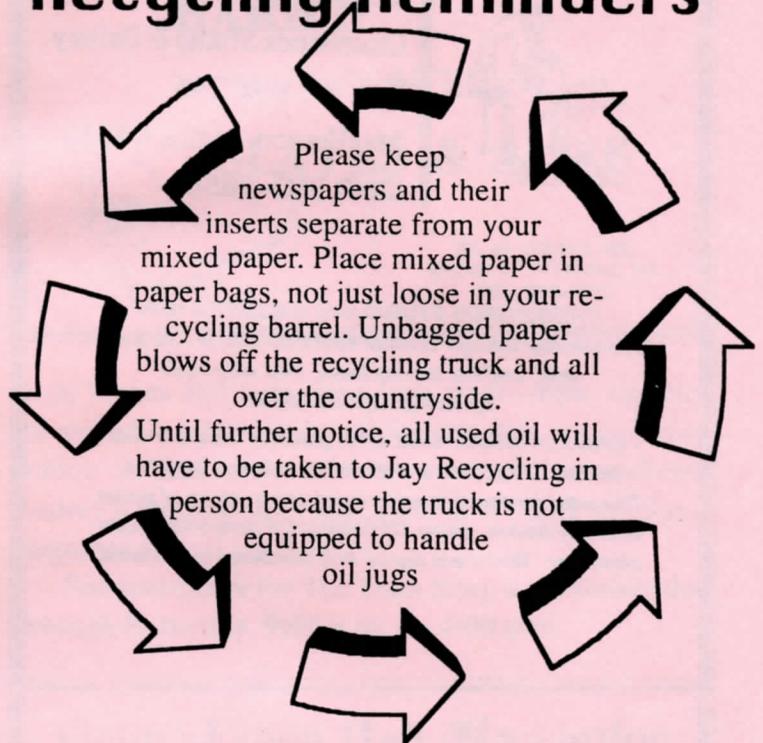
PLANNING BOARD HAS MANY RESPONSIBILITIES

The Vienna Planning Board administers the Town's land use ordinances; if you're planning construction or almost any type of intensive land use, it would be best to check with us before you proceed—especially if you're near a body of water!

Vienna's ordinances encompass subdivision of property, shoreline zoning, Notification of Construction (e.g. building permit), and flood hazards. There is no Town Building Code nor minimum lot size (outside of the Shoreline Zone), though the State minimum may apply. Vienna does have a Timber Harvest Ordinance—if you plan to cut more than 25 cords of wood in one year on one lot, you need a permit.

The Planning Board meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Town House—not all permits require a Board meeting. We welcome your questions and ideas, especially if you have the time and energy to carry them out.

Recycling Reminders



Please keep newspapers and their inserts separate from your mixed paper. Place mixed paper in paper bags, not just loose in your recycling barrel. Unbagged paper blows off the recycling truck and all over the countryside.

Until further notice, all used oil will have to be taken to Jay Recycling in person because the truck is not equipped to handle oil jugs

If you need to take items directly to the Jay Recycling Center, Vienna residents can gain entry by showing your car or truck registration. For out-of-state Vienna tax-payers, you can pick up a sticker from the Town Clerk, Jo-Ann Pillsbury. With the exception of used oil, you will be responsible for paying the disposal costs of materials taken directly to Jay.

FLOOD ZONE DATA NEEDED

With your help, Vienna might be able to establish a better base flood elevation for its ponds and—someday—might be able to save some one some construction costs, bank-imposed flood insurance premiums, or other potential hassles. If you have photos, marks on walls, or written records from which we could determine the high water levels for the flood of April, 1987, please contact **Creston Gaither** at 293-2909, or write to him at RFD # 1, Box 630, Mt. Vernon, ME 04352



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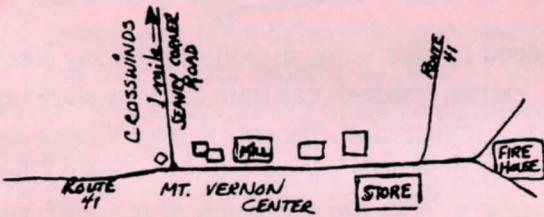
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CROSSWINDS STUDIO AND GALLERY is open Wednesday through Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; May, until the tourists leave; then afterwards by calling: 207-293-2858.

CROSSWINDS is noted for its gardens, sculpture and pottery. All pottery is dishwasher safe and lead-free. The artist continues to experiment with a variety of glazes and clay bodies, giving CROSSWINDS pottery its unique character. Works are signed and numbered by the artist.



Ablaze in the News

by Phil Pillsbury
 Assistant Chief

FIRE PERMITS This spring brought very dry conditions and a high fire danger for most areas in the State. Better conditions now exist due to much needed rain. Please remember, though, **you must obtain a permit to burn grass, brush etc.** Most burning permits are issued after 5:00 p.m. mid-week, because fire danger is lower then and there are more fire-fighters around if needed. To obtain permits, contact Jim Meader, Lenny Meader, Jon Ljunggren or Phil Pillsbury.

A question that is often asked is, "Can I burn paper in a barrel?" I'm sorry to say the answer is "No!" No residential open burning of paper or cardboard is allowed where a municipal trash collection exists that will accept these materials.

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Selectmen's Highlights

by Laura Reville

March 21st through June 6th

- The Town will collect on the bond for 1992 and 1993 outstanding taxes.
- New appointments: Donald Tibbetts as Animal Control Officer, John Archard as Plumbing Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer.
- Warren Doe still has recycling barrels available.
- The Road Commissioner's grant application to the State was approved. The Town will receive a State Road package (work site cones, reflective jackets, etc.) worth \$1,670 for only \$432.
- Foreclosure notices were sent to 5 people for non-payment of their 1992 taxes.
- Maine Equalization, Inc. started the revaluation of the Town on June 1st. The *Kennebec Journal* will carry notices as to what part of the town the assessors will be working.
- The Selectmen are considering locations for Spring Town Meeting. Suggestions are welcomed.
- Paving of the Cumner Road from the Bessie Road down to Nanou's, and of the Egypt Pond Road, will be completed this year.

IMPORTANT DATES

- School Budget Vote - Monday, June 26th. 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Summer Town Meeting - Tuesday, September 5, at 6:30 p.m.

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YOUR FAMILY HAIR CARE CENTER

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FIRE STATION ADDITION A committee has been formed to plan what steps to take in building the fire station addition. Gravel for the cement pad was hauled in last fall. To keep costs down, most of the labor will be volunteered. If you would like to help, just ask the Department.

NEW PAINT Special thanks to Ed Lawless, who recently painted our flag pole. A new coat of paint makes everything stand out. The hose cart has also received a new paint job from Leon Meader. "Thanks Leon. It looks great!"

CHICKEN BARBECUE The rain may have stopped the Memorial Day Parade, but—rain or shine—don't forget our chicken barbecue on July 30th. Come visit with friends and enjoy a great meal.

That's all for now - have a great summer!

The Dam Shop

The Dam Shop! In the Olde Vienna Post Office, overlooking Mill Stream. If you haven't checked out this little local gem of a store, you should. If you have been in, you'll be pleasantly surprised by the new merchandise.

A variety of very unusual and playful jewelry items made from the new, colorful acrylic clay are on display, plus lifelike blueberry, sunflower and pansy pins and earrings, all made by Maine craftspeople

In mid-June, The Dam Shop will offer a tasteful T-shirt bearing a Vienna scene drawn by local artist Jeannette Daly. These will be great gifts and Vienna souvenirs.

A line of handmade, brown ash baskets is now being stocked, produced by Ralph Smith, of Wilton—very attractive and reasonably priced. For the young and young-at-heart, there is a section full of great fun: life-like geckos and lizards, water rockets, pocket frogs and other delights.

Also new is "Nummies"—Audrey Nemeth's baked goods business in Mt. Vernon—now supplying The Dam Shop. If coffee and pastry is your thing, come by for delicious edibles, Green Mountain Roaster's coffee and friendly conversation. And carry away some of her home-

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made breads and tarts for a later treat—new varieties are available all the time. Delicious pies are a special feature on Saturdays, to tide you over the weekend. Audrey's recipes have appeared in *A Taste of Home* magazine and all are delicious.

Summer hours for The Dam Shop are **Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.**

Vienna Union Hall Association

by Dodi Thompson & Carol Hedden & Marti Gross

So far this has been a really good year for the Union Hall. In April, we presented the annual talent show (previously sponsored by the Vienna Historical Society). The show was a big success in many ways; an enjoyable community get together for young and old alike. We're hoping to make it an annual event at the Hall.

We would like to thank the Historical Society for their generous donation of \$800 for continuing renovation—specifically towards ceiling insulation.

Plans are underway for several fund-raisers for the rest of the renovation project. There will be a summer "Pie Sale Trilogy"—one in July, one in August, and one on Labor Day weekend. And we are definitely planning to have an auction in the summer of 1996. If you have

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anything you want to pass on we will accept donations of items from this publication on. Please call Dodi (293-2670), Carol (293-2075) or Marti (293-2552).

An exciting new event will be the 1st Annual Vienna Film and Video Festival at the Union Hall sometime next winter. Any one interested should attend an organizational meeting at **7:30 p.m., Thursday, July 20th** at the Hall.

The Vienna Historical Society will present three Beverly Wight Smith plays at the Hall on July 15th, at 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. This is always a cultural highlight of the summer season.

The Union Hall is available for rental to the public for a nominal fee. Our goal has always been to create a facility that can be a true community center. If any one has any ideas for a Union Hall fund-raiser, please let us know.

And remember—we may be calling you soon for a pie!



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