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This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.



Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, in observance of Washington's Birthday. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Temporary Chlorine Taste in Water

Beginning February 1 through May 17 you may notice a slight chlorine taste and odor in your drinking water. Vienna's drinking water supplier will temporarily switch the disinfectant it uses in the distribution system from chloramines to free chlorine. This temporary change is part of a regular process used to keep water mains clean and free from potentially harmful bacteria. As always, the Department of Public Works will continue to monitor the drinking water to ensure that it meets all federal and state drinking water standards.

If you are sensitive to the taste and odor of chlorine, you may be able to reduce the taste by refrigerating a pitcher of drinking water overnight. If you have questions, please contact Water and Sewer Superintendent Jim Calvert at 703-319-8610 or jcalvert@viennava.gov.

Ribbon-cutting Ceremony

Celebrate the completion of the Talahi Road, S.E., sidewalk project! Wednesday, February 10, at 3:30 p.m. Corner of Park Street and Talahi Road. Everyone invited, school age kids especially. Bring your scissors to help cut the ribbon!

Special Pickups Resume in February

Vienna's Special Pickup program resumes this month. To dispose of furniture, building materials, brush, and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris. Special Pickups can also be arranged online; go to www.viennava.gov/Town_Services/trash.htm #pickups.

See Page 4 for Special Pickup Guidelines

Please call the Special Pickup number as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard. It is illegal to place debris in the public right-of-way without arranging for a Special Pickup. When an illegal pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. If no action is taken by the resident after the notice is issued, the Town will seek legal remedy to gain compliance.

Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickup loads each year. Additional pickups may be arranged at a charge of \$75 per load for all items except brush; additional loads of brush will be charged at \$25 each. Each Special Pickup is limited to one single-axle dump truck load (about the size of a Volkswagen "beetle").

If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated waste material will not be picked up.

Special Pickups are for the sole use of the property where the trash has been generated and cannot be transferred to another property in the town. All items must be placed at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your property. Discards should not be placed so that they block the sidewalk or street, or under power lines or trees, or close to shrubs, walls, or vehicles. Place all piles in an open area accessible to a crane truck.

Business License Deadline

Business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) tax forms were mailed out at the end of January. Forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at www.viennava.gov. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by March 1 each year.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Those businesses with total annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

FEBRUARY 2000 – The year 2000 will be distinguished for many things, including a new Republican Presidential Primary in Virginia on Tuesday, February 29. The following candidates will appear on the ballot: George W. Bush, Gary Bauer, John McCain, Alan L. Keyes, and Steve Forbes. (*The Democratic Party held caucuses and a convention instead of a primary election.*)

FEBRUARY 1990 – Ring in Vienna's Centennial year with an outdoor ceremony February 28, the date on which the Town was incorporated 100 years ago, on historic Church Street, Vienna's original main street. The ceremony will begin with several songs played by members of local church bell choirs. Church bells throughout the town will toll, and citizens are invited to join in with their own bells. With this event in mind, the Vienna Centennial Committee has souvenir brass bells available.

FEBRUARY 1980 – What does the number 22180 mean to you? Why, it's the Vienna zip code, of course. But written another way, 2/21/80, the number stands for February 21, 1980. On this date, the Vienna Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring Vienna Zip Code Day with festivities to include special hand-cancellation of mail, parade of local mail carriers and special guests led by Washington Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann, reception at the Vienna Inn, and a Zip Code Day time capsule.

FEBRUARY 1970 – The Town Council has given the go-ahead to proceed with hiking and biking trails in Northside Park. The 40-acre park is scheduled for extensive development in the next few years. Picnic area, camping facilities, a pond and a small zoo are included in the plans.

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY
Vienna Newsline – 703-255-6333
www.viennava.gov

Last Chance to Order Mulch

February 26 is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call 703-255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be 2-2.5 cubic yards (about the size of a VW Beetle). Half loads are also available.

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) through March 30. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch."

Town Election Filing Deadline

Tuesday, March 2, is the filing deadline for candidates in the May 4 Town election. This year, voters will elect the Mayor and three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1.

Candidates must be qualified to vote for and hold the office sought, a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia for one year immediately preceding the election, and a resident, by the time of filing, of the Town of Vienna.

Candidates for office are required to file specific documents in order to appear on the ballot. The information packet for candidates is available at the State Board of Election's Web site, www.sbe.virginia.gov, or call toll-free 1-800-552-9745 and ask for the Election Services Division.

Mary Jane (M.J.) Cronin

Former Town Councilwoman Mary Jane (M.J.) Cronin died on December 23 at the age of 82. She served one term on Council from 1986 to 1988.

Ms. Cronin was a Vienna resident since the 1960s and raised her five children here. She was active in community activities, including girls' softball, Little League, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, and the League of Women Voters.

Following several years as a professor of Economics at Trinity College and George Washington University in Washington, DC, Ms. Cronin served in the federal government for over 30 years with the CIA, Labor Department, and Department of Health and Human Services.

*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 OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Laurie Genevro Cole	George E. Lovelace
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Director of Planning & Zoning	Gregory M. Hembree	703-255-6341
Chief of Police	Col. Robert A. Carlisle	703-255-6390
Director of Public Works	Holly M. Chu	703-255-6380

Send news to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.
FAX 703-255-5722 e-mail pio@viennava.gov
Deadline for the March issue is February 15.

Town Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

DECEMBER 7, 2009

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Reappointed Shirley Damon to the Board of Architectural Review for a two-year term.

- Appointed Peter Connor to the Town/Business Liaison Committee as a citizen representative for a two-year term.

- Recommended to the Fairfax County Circuit Court that George Creed be reappointed to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.

- Authorized a contract with Tri-Tek Engineering for the design of sidewalks on the west side of Plum Street from Tapawingo Road to Harmony Drive and on the north side of Harmony Drive from Cottage Street to the dead end at the Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club.

- Referred to the Planning Commission proposed revisions to the Town's Comprehensive Plan concerning encouraged locations for telecommunications facilities.

- Accepted the resignation of Orlene Grant from the Town/Business Liaison Committee.

- Conducted a closed session to discuss matters of potential litigation.

Minutes & Agendas
for the Town Council
and Boards & Commissions
Are Available Online at
www.viennava.gov

February	Sunday	7	All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	1	8	15	22	28
	Monday	1	Town Council	2	9	16	23	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week
	Tuesday	2	Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	3	10	17	24	
	Wednesday	3	Planning Commission	4	11	18	25	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.
	Thursday	4	Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	5	12	19	26	
	Friday	5	Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	6	13	20	27	Last day to call for mulch delivery in 2010 703-255-6388
	Saturday	6	Donation requests/citizen input due for 2011 budget					
2010								

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in December:

Ying Mai Specialized IT Service <i>consultant</i> 311 Center St., N. 703-509-8386	Cornerstone Renovation Management <i>contractor</i> 308 Patrick St., S.W. 571-830-5852
Body N Balance <i>massage therapy</i> 243 Church St., N.W. #100B 703-589-7665	Inga Erickson <i>massage therapy</i> 131 Church St., N.W. #6 703-938-7245
Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography <i>non-profit organization</i> 415 Church St., N.E. #204 703-766-1706	Vienna Tanning Salon <i>tanning salon</i> 424 Maple Ave., E. 703-319-9100

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

Some Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2010 include: *40 years* – Vienna Podiatry; *30 years* – Boring & Pilger; *20 years* – Contemporary Electrical Service, Debbie's Family Daycare; *10 years* – Andrew Thompson DDS, Badger, Sumrall & Co., Battle Street Designs, Baum Communications.

Sewer Backups Are Expensive! Backup Insurance Is Not!

The Town of Vienna makes every attempt to prevent sewer backups from occurring. Sewer lines are specially designed to reduce accumulation and stoppages. In addition, a maintenance crew is devoted to inspecting and cleaning sewer lines throughout the Town on a regular basis. Degreasing chemicals are also injected into lines in areas that are prone to stoppages, such as those near restaurants and apartments. Even with this rigorous maintenance schedule, however, backups can still occur.

All insurance companies writing homeowner policies in Virginia offer special coverage for damage resulting from backups of drains and sewers, and this additional protection is available at very reasonable rates. For information on obtaining sewer backup coverage, contact your insurance company. The Town's insurance carrier rarely approves claims resulting from sewer backups unless negligence in maintaining the system can be shown. Therefore, residents are encouraged to protect their property by obtaining sewer backup insurance.

Bicycle Committee Meets Monthly

You don't need to be a hardcore bicyclist or have participated in the Tour de France to join the Vienna Bicycle Advisory Committee (BAC). You just need to enjoy biking and want to help make our town more bicycle-friendly. The BAC will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 18, in the lower level conference room at Town Hall. Working with the Town's Transportation Safety Commission, the committee meets the third Thursday of each month to discuss ways to improve bike safety in Vienna.

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze & Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, March 6 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.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium, and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.

Here's a Frequently Asked Recycling Question:

**Why can't I put cardboard
pizza boxes in the recycling?
Is it because of the grease
soaked into them?**

Here's the Answer (which may surprise you):

**You CAN put those boxes in
the recycling! It is helpful if
any cheese or other residue is
scraped out first, but the
cardboard is recyclable, even
with grease on it.**

FY 2011 Budget Process Underway

Preparation of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 has begun. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein by Friday, February 5. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget at a public hearing during the May 10 Town Council meeting.

February 5 is also the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in FY 2011. For information on how to apply, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

FY 2010-2011 BUDGET CALENDAR

Monday, April 5	Distribution of proposed budget to public
Monday, April 12	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17	Budget work session, 9 a.m.
Monday, April 26	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, May 10	Public hearing on proposed budget, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 17	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 7	Public hearing on proposed tax rate, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 21	Budget adoption & appropriation of funds

Annual Financial Report Available

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2008-2009 is now available. Copies may be reviewed in the Finance Department at Town Hall or purchased for \$5 each.

The report summarizes the Town's financial position and the results of operations of the various funds and account groups. It also includes the auditor's report for FY 2009, information on internal controls for managing and safeguarding funds, and selected financial and demographic information covering the last 10 fiscal years.

According to the report, the Town ended last fiscal year in relatively good financial condition. General and Debt Service funds had combined revenues of \$20,777,233, an increase of \$52,588 or 0.3% over the previous year. Property taxes accounted for almost all of the increase due to moderate increases in property values and the tax rate.

Total expenditures of the General and Debt Service funds rose by \$496,194 or 2.2% over the preceding year. Annual personnel cost increases and capital grant expenditures in the public safety category account for most of the increase.

Last year's Water and Sewer operating revenues decreased \$428,161 from the previous year and totaled \$5,753,330 at year end. The 6.9% decline reflected a weather-related drop in billed consumption. Operating expenses for the year were \$5,304,706, an increase of \$171,877 or 3.3%. Most of the increase in expenses was due to higher water purchase and sewage treatment costs.

\$1,926,667 worth of 1996, 1998, 1999, 2002, and 2006 general obligation debt was retired last year, bringing total outstanding general obligation debt at year-end down to \$10,443,336. The balance represented a little less than 0.3% of the 2008 assessed property values, well within the Town's legal debt limit and its debt retirement capacity.

The Town's cash was invested in the Commonwealth of Virginia Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) and interest-bearing deposit and cash accounts during the year. Interest earnings for the year dropped \$622,786 or 59.8% to end the year at \$418,784. The decrease reflected the sharp decline in market rates that averaged 1.72% as compared to 2.59% the year before.

Group Concerned About Library Service Cuts

The proposed Fairfax County budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 is scheduled for release on Tuesday, February 23. The County is projecting a significant budget deficit for FY 2011 and will be forced to make difficult choices about the level of services it provides.

The Friends of Fairfax County Public Library, which includes members of Vienna's local Friends of Patrick Henry Library, is concerned in particular about the County Executive's request for a 15% budget reduction proposal from the public library system. The library and the park authority are the only two County agencies being asked to cut their budgets by this large an amount. According to the group, a 15% cut to the library budget will:

- Close your library two mornings and two evenings a week;
- Slash information and computer assistance for job seekers, students and readers;
- Eliminate outreach services for the disabled, homebound and senior centers;
- Eliminate weekend telephone and reference service;
- Cut audio, book and magazine funding by 50%;
- End weekend library programs; and
- Close community meeting rooms when libraries are closed.

The Friends of Fairfax County Public Library are asking supporters to sign an online petition at www.thepetitionsite.com/1/save-fairfax-county-public-libraries and to contact members of the County Board of Supervisors to urge a more equitable distribution of budget cuts in FY 2011.

"The library connects us with the insight and knowledge, painfully extracted from Nature, of the greatest minds that ever were, with the best teachers, drawn from the entire planet and from all our history, to instruct us without tiring, and to inspire us to make our own contribution to the collective knowledge of the human species. I think the health of our civilization, the depth of our awareness about the underpinnings of our culture and our concern for the future can all be tested by how well we support our libraries." – *Cosmos*, Carl Sagan

Please Review These Guidelines Before Calling for Your Special Pickup

The amount and type of debris are limited to the following:

1. Discarded furniture (except plastic), swing sets, and playground equipment (except plastic).
2. Sod and brush. Brush must be separated from other Special Pickup materials.
3. 300 pounds of scrap metal, small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions, and tires. All tires must be removed from the rim.
4. Trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches, and no more than 8 feet in length.
5. Building materials (not generated by contractor), which include the following items: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall, and paneling. Each residence is limited to 300 pounds (approximately two wheelbarrow loads) of masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. per pickup. If you employ contractors for home renovations or other services, they must take any waste away with them. The Town's Special Pickup program is meant to aid residents in disposing of bulky materials after performing the work themselves. Contractor-generated waste material will not be picked up.

All sharp items such as box cutters, razors, saw blades, and large panes of glass should be wrapped in several layers of newspaper. In the interest of safety, parents should caution their children not to play in or around debris placed at the curb for a Special Pickup.

The Public Works Department will not pick up the following items:

1. Gas tanks.
2. Fuel oil tanks.
3. Any motor powered by gas or diesel fuel.
4. Pressurized tanks such as propane, air, or Freon.
5. Mounted tires. (Town crews will pick up the tire and the rim as long as they are separated.)
6. Tree stumps and tree parts over 6 inches in diameter. Large tree stumps or tree parts over 6 inches can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station located on West Ox Road or at the Fairfax County Landfill located in Lorton.
7. Paint cans. Hazardous materials such as fuel tanks, paints, solvents, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, etc. can be disposed of through the Fairfax County Hazardous Waste Disposal Program. The drop-off center for hazardous waste is the I-66 Citizens' Recycling and Disposal Facility at 4618 West Ox Rd. (just beyond the Fire and Rescue training academy). Call 703-324-5068 for more information.
8. Biohazardous waste, including needles and syringes.
9. Contractor-generated material.
10. Brush and trash that are mixed.
11. Dirt.
12. White goods, including stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers, and furnaces.

PLASTIC ITEMS AND CARDBOARD ARE RECYCLABLE AND SHOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN A SPECIAL PICKUP. PLEASE PLACE RECYCLABLES OUT ON YOUR RECYCLING DAY.

No White Goods in Special Pickups

White goods are not collected as part of the Special Pickup program. White goods include stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, window air conditioners, whole house air conditioners, microwave ovens, large toaster ovens, hot water heaters, garbage disposals, washing machines, dryers, cook-tops, dehumidifiers, and furnaces.

Many appliance dealers will remove an old unit when a new one is delivered. Also, residents may take white goods to the Fairfax County I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd. (just beyond the Fire & Rescue training academy), phone 703-631-1179, or the I-95 Landfill Complex, 9850 Furnace Rd. in Lorton, phone 703-690-1703. For information online, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling.

Donations to CHO Help the Needy in the Vienna Area

Instead of using a Special Pickup to dispose of unwanted furniture and other household items, consider donating them to the Committee for Helping Others (CHO). You'll help a neighbor in need and you'll get a receipt for tax purposes.

CHO picks up donated household articles in usable condition, stores them in a space made available by the Town of Vienna, and redistributes the items to those in need. Volunteers drive several thousand miles each year in this service. CHO's warehouse stocks everything from beds and washing machines to knives and forks. To arrange for a pickup, call 703-281-7614.

Since 1969, CHO has been helping needy families and individuals in the Vienna area obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, financial aid, and other necessities. CHO does not attempt to replace public and private social service agencies, but directs its efforts toward bridging the gap that occurs between the time a need arises and the receipt of assistance from those agencies. To learn more about CHO, visit www.cho-va.com.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project, sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. Regular donors may leave publications in sturdy plastic bags at the usual location on the last Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

Potomac Valley Shetland Sheepdog Club will hold its two AKC-licensed unbenched specialty shows on Saturday and Sunday, February 20 and 21, indoors at the Catocin Kennel Club training facility in Point of Rocks, MD. For details on this event and other activities, visit www.PotomacValleySSC.com. The club sponsors numerous activities for members and area Sheltie fanciers.

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center is open Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The current show through February 14 features the work of Gabriel Riego de Vios. For information, visit 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. For information, visit the Web site or call 703-319-3971.

Is Your Organization on Our List?

Vienna's Public Information Office maintains a list of civic associations and community organizations that is made available to new residents and other interested citizens. The list is also used to notify organizations of Town meetings and other activities of interest to them, and in case of an emergency.

To have your organization added to the list, or to update your current listing, contact the Public Information Office, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180 or e-mail pio@viennava.gov. Please include your organization's mailing address, contact person with phone number and, if applicable, Web site and e-mail address.



Register Now for ViVa! Vienna!

Registration is open for vendor booth spaces at ViVa! Vienna!, the annual town festival on historic Church Street. This year's festival will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 29-31. Showcase your handcrafts, retail business products, professional services, political parties and candidates, or community non-profit organizations.

Booths will be set up on Sunday and Monday. The cost for a 10x10-foot space is \$225 (price increases to \$250 March 1). Booth space is limited. Register online and review the vendor guidelines at www.vivaviennava.org. Questions should be e-mailed to info@vivaviennava.org or call 703-255-4742 and leave a message.

ViVa! Vienna! is the major fund-raising project for the Rotary Club of Vienna, and profits are distributed to charitable, community, and humanitarian organizations.

CHO Says "Thanks Vienna!"

from Carolyn Mysel, chairman of CHO's Christmas distribution program held on December 12 at Vienna Presbyterian Church

"This past Christmas was the best response we've seen for the CHO (Committee for Helping Others) Christmas program. It was truly neighbors helping neighbors. In hard economic times, you gave us food cards, gift cards and new toys so that the 234 families (782 people) who came to us for help left with smiles on their faces.

"Your participation in the food drive for CHO sponsored by the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association, your response when we need clothing and furniture, and your monetary donations have enabled us to help in the community for 40 years. Thank you Vienna!"

Tax-Aide Program at SunTrust Bank

The AARP Tax-Aide program is the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation service, available to low- and middle-income taxpayers with special attention to those age 60 and older. AARP Tax-Aide is administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS.

Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to assist with filing the 1040 form and the more standard of the schedules, including Schedules A and B. (Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.) Approximately 34,600 AARP Tax-Aide volunteers, trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, now help more than 2.6 million taxpayers file their tax returns each year.

From February 2 through April 15, Tax-Aide volunteers will be at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E., Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. No appointment is required. **You do not have to be retired or a member of AARP to benefit from this free program.**

All tax returns will be filed electronically. All taxpayers MUST bring a government-issued picture ID and Social Security cards for all persons included on the tax return. For more information, call 1-888-227-7669 or visit www.aarp.taxaide.org.

The AARP Tax-Aide program also provides online tax counseling as a public service. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are trained to understand individual federal tax issues, especially the provisions of the tax code that affect older people. Please limit your questions to federal taxes only. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will review your questions, and you will receive an answer by e-mail within three to five business days. Visit www.aarp.org/money/taxaide/taxcounseling/ask_tax_question.html.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

The historic Freeman House store and museum, located at 131 Church Street, N.E., will be open on weekends only during February. Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The "Little Library" on the Freeman House grounds is open on the first Sunday of each month (except January) from 1 to 4 p.m. Tours of the Freeman House and Little Library may be scheduled by calling 703-938-5187. The popular exhibit "Vienna Remembers World War II" continues in the Freeman House exhibit room through April.

Calling all scrapbookers! Register now for "Crop for the Cure," a day of scrapbooking at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S., on Saturday, February 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost of \$40 includes new products and ideas, instruction, raffle, and lunch. A massage therapist will also be there for those who crop too long and need a break. Proceeds will benefit the local Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in May. To register and for more information, e-mail Rebecca DeGuzman at Rebecca_DeGuzman@yahoo.com or call 703 849-0809.

This month at Patrick Henry Library – Paul Elliott will discuss his new book, *Easy Hikes Close to Home: Washington, D.C.*, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 23. The Film Odyssey series goes to Italy in the spring at 4 p.m. Wednesday, February 3. A representative from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will "demystify" the naturalization process at 6 p.m. Tuesday, February 9. The Great Decisions roundtable discussion at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 23, will be "Halting Atrocities in Kenya." To register for these free programs and for more information, visit the library or call 703-938-0405.

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. Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center February 10 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call Jim at 703-201-6555 or visit <http://viennatmcfreetoasthost.ws>.

Vienna Choral Society will present "The Disney Songbook," featuring music from the classic Disney fairy tales highlighting the character and courage of the princesses, at 4 p.m. Saturday, February 13, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$14 for seniors and students, and free for children under age eight. Tickets are available online at viennachoralsociety.org or by calling 703-255-5508.

Chocolate Festival will be held on Friday, February 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. The festival will include a pasta dinner from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$20 maximum per family. Desserts and coffee will be sold for 50¢ each until 9 p.m. Stop by the craft station and make a valentine! All proceeds will benefit Doctors Without Borders. For more information, call 703-938-3494 or e-mail office@epiphanyumc.com.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, at the Vienna Community Center. Don Wiesnet, Elaine Fitzpatrick and Gayle Reed will share "Stories of Yesteryear – Members Profile." For more information about the meeting or about NARFE, call 703-698-1838 or e-mail shirleykeyes@aol.com.

Vienna/Oakton Vision Resources Group will meet at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, February 18, at Patrick Henry Library. John Cox will speak about his recent trip to the Holy Land. For more information or transportation, call Steve Sedgwick, 703-255-0515, or Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-9679.

Vienna Wireless Society, established in 1963 to foster and advance amateur radio in the Northern Virginia area, will meet at Oakton High School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. February 12 in the library (entrance through Door 1) and February 26 in the lecture hall (entrance through Door 2). You do not have to be a licensed ham radio operator to attend or participate in club

activities. For more information, visit www.viennawireless.org or contact VWS president Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or W4JTP@parsonage.net.

American Association of University Women, Vienna Branch, will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 9, at the City of Fairfax Library, 10360 North St. in Fairfax. Asian Pacific-American author, reporter and activist Jackie Bong-Wright will speak about her organization's efforts to resettle refugees, raise public awareness to fight human trafficking, and register Asian Pacific-Americans to vote. For more information, call 703-314-9609.

Epiphany Preschool, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., will be registering new students for the 2010-2011 school year and conducting tours of the facility beginning Monday, February 8. To schedule an appointment, call 703-938-2391 or e-mail epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com.

Vienna Woman's Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, February 17, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Roberta Huy of Guiding Eyes for the Blind, accompanied by one of the guide dogs, Fancy. The public is welcome to attend the program and to learn more about the club.

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Anyone over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Games are played in the Vienna area on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. For more information, call Donna at 703-938-0387 or visit www.goldengirls.org.

Bingo at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S., is held every Sunday, with all proceeds benefiting the fire department. Sales begin at 5 p.m. and games begin at 7 p.m. The minimum purchase is a \$10 game pack (20 games). Every regular game pays \$100 plus there is a \$1,000 jackpot. More than \$600,000 was paid out in 2009! For more information, visit www.vvfd.org.

Community Volunteers to Be Honored

MAYOR JANE SEEMAN INVITES YOU TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS/HER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF VIENNA. MAYOR SEEMAN PLANS TO HONOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MAYOR SEEMAN AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 1.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE VOLUNTEER WORK PERFORMED BY THE NOMINEE ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA AND WHY YOU FEEL HE/SHE DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

NAME OF NOMINATING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2010, TO:

MAYOR JANE SEEMAN
CHARLES A. ROBINSON, JR., TOWN HALL
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

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. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Final performances of the Vienna Theatre Company's production of "Colder Than Here" will be February 5 and 6 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 general admission and \$9 for students and senior citizens (65 and older).

Annapolis Bluegrass will perform in concert at 1 p.m. Saturday, February 20. Free admission.

Antiques show and sale will be held February 26, 27 and 28. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Dealers will show and sell a variety of furniture and collectibles. Admission is \$4.50 per person.

Family Skate Night will be held through March 26, Fridays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. (no skating February 26). Admission is \$1 per person. Bring your own roller skates or in-line skates and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

SPORTS & FITNESS

2010 Men's softball league registration deadline is Friday, February 26. Games will begin Monday, April 12, at Southside Park. The fee is \$500 per team, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. For a league information package, contact Enrique Guzman at 703-255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

Spring coed softball league games will be played at Southside Park on Sunday mornings beginning April 18. The team fee of \$450 includes 10 regular season double-header games, umpires, softballs, post-season play, and awards. For information, contact Enrique Guzman at 703-255-6352 or eguzman@viennava.gov.

Half-day Wellness Retreat will be held on Sunday, February 7, from 11:30

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The retreat will include musical chi gong, yoga for energy, breathing exercises, body awareness, eating awareness, nutritional snack, stress management, foot massage, deep relaxation, and take-home routines. The fee is \$65 for town residents. Participants can enroll their children (ages 3 and up) in a special kids' retreat featuring yoga, creative movement/dance, games and more. The fee for in-town children is \$30.

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) will be offered this spring. MBSR is a deep relaxation experience aimed at improving health, self-esteem, and enjoyment of life. An overview of the MBSR program will be presented on Sunday, February 28, from 3 to 5 p.m. There is no fee, but registration is required. For more information about MBSR, visit www.umassmed.edu/cfm.

Adult drop-in basketball is scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays and volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Free of charge for town residents; \$3 for out-of-town participants. Call ahead to check on the availability of the gym.

Youth open gym Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 6-11 and 4 to 5 p.m. for ages 12-17. Call ahead to check on availability.

Ongoing fitness activities for seniors include pickleball Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., table tennis Thursday from 8 to 9 a.m., and fitness class Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. (Registration required for fitness class; free of charge for in-town residents.)

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix features a big screen TV, jukebox, CD player, X-Box, Playstation 2, pool and ping pong tables and more. Hours for 6th graders are 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. For 7th and 8th graders

hours are 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday, 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 2:30 to 10 p.m. Friday.

Rent Club Phoenix! The Teen Center is available for rentals on weekends. Participating teens must be registered at Club Phoenix. Pick up an application at the Community Center or online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/teencenter.htm. For more information, call Brandy Wyatt, Teen Program Coordinator, at 703-255-5721.

The following activities are free of charge for students in grades 6-8:

Super Bowl Party kicks off at 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 5. Wear your team's colors and enjoy this pre-game party with football fun, snacks and prizes.

Valentine's Day Party is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Friday, February 12. A DJ will be spinning romantic tunes as you munch on sweet treats.

Friday night is movie night for middle school students. Watch a movie and snack on popcorn each Friday at 7 p.m.

After-school program for students in grades 6-8 is available on Monday from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. Kids can get help with homework and enjoy cooking classes, book clubs, sports and fitness activities, and more.

BUS TRIP

Philadelphia Flower Show is Wednesday, March 3. This year's theme is "Passport to the World," featuring international dance, musical performances, and a World Bazaar of exotic and decorative shops, as well as an International Wine and Spirits Garden in the Show's Grand Hall. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return around 7 p.m. The cost of \$68 for town residents includes transportation and admission to the show with all-day re-entry privileges.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Estate Planning Made Simple will be presented on Monday, February 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will explain the basics of estate planning in easy-to-understand terms. Free of charge; no registration required.

POTPOURRI

Women's self-defense class, commonly known as R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense), will be offered by the Vienna Police Department February 1, 3, 8 and 10 from 7 to 10 p.m. The program is designed for the average woman with no previous experience or background in physical skills training. Escape and response techniques are demonstrated in practical scenarios as well as ways to reduce the risk of becoming a victim. The fee for all four sessions is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Dining skills and etiquette for adults will be held on Saturday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics will include American and continental eating styles, duties of hosts and guests, and many other dos and don'ts. The cost is \$40 for town residents.

Photography contest applications will be available beginning February 1. The show is scheduled for March 20 and 21 and is open to amateur photographers. The entry fee is \$10 per person with a limit of four photos and a maximum of two in any one of eight categories, including animals, architecture, digital, nature, pictorial, photojournalism, portraiture, and scenic. There is a separate contest section for middle school and high school students. Local professional photographers will judge the entries and award ribbons to the winners.

Registration begins February 1 for town residents (February 8 for out-of-town participants) for the 10th annual Writing Your Personal History Symposium, scheduled for Thursday, May 6, and for the spring writing courses, Create Your Own Cookbook with Personal Memories, Foundations of Memoir Writing, and Writing Your Personal History for the More Independent Writer.

Register for Recreation Activities Online Without a Convenience Fee

WebTrac is the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department's online registration system. Go to the Parks and Recreation section of the Town Web site, www.viennava.gov, and click on the WebTrac icon. WebTrac is secured by Verisign-Thwart, and your credit card information is not viewable by any outside parties. Best of all, convenience fee charges are no longer assessed for online credit card transactions!

Picnic Shelters Available at Parks for Group Functions

Reservations for the picnic shelters at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks will be taken beginning March 1, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Visit the Community Center in person or call 703-255-6360 for more information.

The fee for Town of Vienna groups is \$25 for a maximum of five hours (\$50 for out-of-town groups) plus a \$25 refundable key deposit for use of the restrooms. The shelters can accommodate groups of up to 75 people.

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority also provide picnic areas for large groups. For information, call the County Park Authority at 703-246-5700 and the Regional Park Authority at 703-352-5900.

Winter Storms Still Possible

Residents who are physically able are requested to shovel snow from sidewalks next to their property and to clear ice and snow from fire hydrants near their homes. In case of an emergency, firefighters will be able to respond much quicker if the hydrants are accessible.

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.

Please keep water meters accessible to meter readers. In winter weather, meter enclosures should be cleared of ice and snow. When the meter cannot be read due to obstructions, an estimated bill will be rendered. If the customer desires an actual reading for billing purposes, a \$15 surcharge will be made for a second visit by the meter reader.

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.

If you feel that any businesses or citizens have done an excellent job in removing snow from their driveways and/or sidewalks, or helped others in removing snow, please nominate them for the Town/Business Liaison Committee's snow removal award. To make a nomination and for more information, e-mail tblc@viennava.gov or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

BEWARE OF DANGER IN THE COLD – Cold weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on the heart. If you add to this the strain of heavy physical activity such as shoveling snow, pushing an automobile, or even walking too fast or too far, you put yourself at risk. Wear a hat. Protect your face and cover your mouth to protect your lungs from very cold air. Wear mittens instead of gloves; they will keep your hands much warmer.

