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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

From the Vienna Newsletter archives.

AUGUST 2000 – Vienna celebrates a quarter century of recycling. As the Town completes the first year of its expanded curbside recycling program, it is also celebrating 25 years of progress and leadership in its recycling efforts.

AUGUST 1990 – For some two years now, the Public Works Department has been working with the Virginia Department of Transportation to develop plans for the reconstruction of Park Street, S.E., from Maple Avenue to Fardale Street. On August 27, a public hearing will be held at the Community Center for the purpose of receiving public opinion on the construction plans. Among other improvements, storm drainage pipes will be put underground, thus eliminating the deep ditches along Park Street.

AUGUST 1980 – All Town residents are invited to celebrate the inauguration of the Vienna-Oakton-Tyson's Corner Jitneybus System. Opening ceremonies and festivities will be held on August 2, at the Minipark, corner of Maple Avenue and Center Street. The two 17-passenger Jitneybuses will run on Route 123 between Tyson's Corner and Oakton, and within the town will carry passengers to the Community Center, Library, Post Office, Town Hall, the commercial areas on Maple Avenue and Church Street, and many parks and schools.

AUGUST 1970 – Trails have been constructed at Northside Park for the use of mini-bikes and riding will be allowed there as a result of action taken at the last Town Council meeting. Mini-bikes are illegal on public roads and sidewalks. Owners of the bikes will be required to have a permission slip signed by parents allowing them to ride on designated paths.

INFORMATION 24 HOURS A DAY
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VIENNA PARKS AND RECREATION SENDS OUT A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO ALL OUR VIENNA TOWN GREEN SPONSORS

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- ★ West Group
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2011 CALENDAR DEADLINE

Attention Vienna non-profit organizations!

September 1 is the deadline to submit information about your community events for next year to be published in the 2011 Town Calendar.

Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax 703-255-5722, or e-mail pio@viennava.gov.

TOWN EARNS AAA BOND RATING FROM STANDARD & POOR'S AND MOODY'S

Standard & Poor's Rating Services has raised the Town of Vienna's general obligation bond rating from "AA" to "AAA". The Standard & Poor's analysis stated that the rating increase was "based on (the Town's) continued strong financial performance, including consistently very strong unreserved fund balances."

In June, the Town was notified by Moody's Investor Services that its bond rating was raised from "Aa1" to "Aaa." The Town's move to a Aaa rating is due to Moody's recalibration of its U.S. municipal rating scale to its global rating scale in mid-April.

These excellent bond ratings enable the Town to sell bonds at more favorable interest rates compared with those of municipalities not so highly rated, resulting in substantial savings for Vienna taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

Town Receives Historically Low Interest Rate on Bond Sale

The Town received a 2.49% interest rate on the sale of its Series 2010 Public Improvement Bonds, which is more than 1.5% below the lowest rate the Town has received on a public sale in the last 15 years.

This historically low cost of capital can be attributed in part to the Town's recently received AAA Standard & Poor's and Aaa Moody's bond ratings. It can also be attributed to the fact that the bond sale included Build America Bonds. These bonds, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, are a new type of taxable bonds that receive a subsidy from the Federal government, thereby lowering the effective interest rate paid by the Town.

The recently sold Series 2010 Public Improvement Bonds will finance several projects contained within the Town's Capital Improvements Plan (CIP) including street improvements, storm drainage improvements, facilities improvements, and water and sewer system improvements.

TOWN RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Town of Vienna received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment is important to the Town in maintaining its excellent bond rating.

The Town's financial report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to communicate clearly its financial story to citizens.

Copies of the financial report are available for public review at Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South, and online at www.viennava.gov.



TOWN'S ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR RECEIVES VML RECOGNITION



Director of VML Insurance Programs' Member Services Greg Dickie and Town of Vienna Administrative Services Director Nancy McMahon.

At the July 12 Town Council Meeting, Mrs. Nancy McMahon was presented with a Risk Management Award by the Virginia Municipal League's Insurance Program. She was one of four individuals recognized by VML Insurance Programs in 2010 for outstanding efforts in the area of risk management.

Mrs. McMahon is the Town's Administrative Services Director and is responsible for handling injured employee claims, and the Town's auto, liability and property exposures, among other human resources activities. She has continually maintained a good working relationship with both VML and other Town Departments and employees, thus enabling her to effectively carry out her risk management responsibilities. Her efforts with risk management activities have resulted in a safer community for both the employees and residents of Vienna.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS BEGIN JULY 1

The Fairfax County Public Library has changed its hours as a result of countywide budget reductions. The Patrick Henry Library, as well as other community branches, will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays. The Library will not be open on Sundays.



SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

Next year marks the Sesquicentennial of the beginning of the four years of the Civil War. The Town of Vienna will be participating with other localities and states across the country in recognizing and learning from this tumultuous time in our Country's history. If you are interested in participating in the planning and execution of the Town's Sesquicentennial programs, you are invited to an organizational meeting on Tuesday, September 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall. Individuals and group representatives are invited to attend. For more information, call 703-994-9054.

AUGUST

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise.	2	3 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11 Planning Commission	12 Town/Business Liaison Committee 7 p.m.	13	14
	15	16 Town Council	17	18	19 Board of Architectural Review	20	21
	22	23	24	25 Planning Commission	26	27	28
	29	30	31 Transportation Safety Commission	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week.			

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HALLOWEEN PARADE WILL CELEBRATE VIENNA YOUTH SPORTS

Do you love a parade? Then the Vienna Halloween Parade Committee wants you! Join in planning for the 64th annual parade, or help out on parade night, October 27. For more information, call parade chairman Rebecca Diamond at 703-463-4241 or e-mail rebeccadiamond1@hotmail.com.

The theme of this year's parade is "Pride of Vienna: Sportsmanship through Players, Coaches and Fans." The Parade's Co-Grand Marshals will be Bill Cervenak, Chairman of the Vienna Little League and member of the Baseball Foundation and Vienna Youth, Inc. and Mark Meana, First Vice President of Vienna Youth, Inc., Chairman of the Fairfax County Athletic Council and Chairman of the Fairfax County Youth Football League.

Entry application forms and information about the parade can be downloaded from the Town's Website, www.viennava.gov, or call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. The entry deadline is Thursday, September 30. Since space is limited to the first 90 approved applicants, the parade may fill before the entry deadline. Completed applications do not guarantee entrance.

Become a Parade Sponsor

Invest in a memory! Become a sponsor of the Halloween Parade and help maintain the parade's excellent level of entertainment. Thrill your friends, kids, grandkids, office mates, or potential clients by putting your name (or theirs!) in front of thousands of parade watchers. For information, call the Vienna-Tyson Regional Chamber of Commerce at 703-281-1333 or e-mail parade Chairman Rebecca Diamond at rebeccadiamond1@hotmail.com.

SOME PET SUMMER SAFETY GUIDANCE

From Animal Control Officer John Barker and The Humane Society Of The United States (HSUS)

Summer is a time for both you and your pet to enjoy the sunshine and be outdoors. Along with the fun, the season also offers up some situations that can endanger your pet. By taking the necessary precautions, you can decrease the chance that disaster will happen. The HSUS offers some guidance for pet owners to keep their furry friends safe this summer.

Never Leave Your Pet in the Car

In nice weather you may be tempted to take your pet with you in the car while you travel or do errands. But during warm weather, the inside of your car can reach 120 degrees in a matter of minutes, even if you're parked in the shade. This can mean real trouble for your companion animals left in the car. Dogs and cats can't perspire and can only dispel heat by panting and through the pads of their feet. Pets that are left in hot cars even briefly can suffer from heat exhaustion, heat stroke, brain damage, and can even die. Don't think that just because you'll be gone "just a minute" that your pet will be safe while you're gone; even an air-conditioned car with the motor off isn't healthy for your pet. To avoid any chance that your pet will succumb to the heat of a car this summer, be sure to play it safe by leaving your pet cool and refreshed at home while you're on the road. And if you do happen to see a pet in a car alone during the hot summer months, alert local animal control or the police department immediately. With a little care, we can all enjoy this season together here in Vienna.

GREENING THE FREEMAN STORE

Energy Saving tips from your

Community Enhancement Commission

The Parks and Recreation Department currently sponsors seminars on energy conservation and other topics to help us learn more about being green. Recently, the Green Building Institute of Jessup, MD provided a seminar on home energy audits showing how many homes may reduce energy use and improve indoor air quality by simply closing up areas where outside air enters. The Town recently arranged for local home energy auditor Troy Tanner to perform an energy audit of the Freeman Store, which includes a "blower door" test used to reveal the locations of air leakage hidden from view. Mr. Tanner found total air leakage four times greater than recommended, significant leakage in the forced air ducts, degraded attic insulation, and more. His report includes a range of options that the Freeman Store governing Board will consider in light of the Store's historic preservation status.

Major sources of air leakage are often in full view. Look for a poorly fitting attic access panel or pull down attic stairs. The unsealed gap between the top of a basement wall and the structural sill board resting on it is another common source.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

Town Council minutes and agendas are online at www.viennava.gov.

APRIL 19, 2010

- ★ Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- ★ Conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance to adopt and reinstate the Town vehicle licenses and license tax.
- ★ Conducted a public hearing on the proposed ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation debt in the amount of \$4.9 million.
- ★ Appointed Margaret James to the Town Business Liaison Committee for a two year term.

- ★ Appointed Joanne Burke, Ross Shearer and Susan Stillman to the Community Enhancement Commission for two year terms.
- ★ Awarded bid to L.K Deal Electrical Contractors Inc. for BETA "The Edge" area lighting.
- ★ Approved the continuation of a Commonwealth of Virginia contract with Safewear, Inc. for the purchase of clothing, uniforms and accessories.
- ★ Awarded codification services to Municipal Code Corporation.
- ★ Approved to ride Prince William Service Authority contract with Davenport & Company, LLC for financial advisory services on proposed bond issue.

- ★ Approved a revised proposal from the firm of Hunton & Williams to provide bond counsel services on a public sale of general obligation bonds.

MAY 10, 2010

- ★ Conducted a public hearing on the proposed FY2010/2011 budget.
- ★ Adopted and reinstated the Town's Vehicle licenses and license tax.
- ★ Awarded a contract to Tri-Tek Engineering for the design of a sidewalk on Lawyers Road, NW.
- ★ Approved a site plan modification to permit the construction of a boundary fence at 144 Church Street, NW.
- ★ Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Vienna Little League for the use of Yeonas Park for the 2010 July 4th fireworks show.

MAY 24, 2010

- ★ Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- ★ Conducted a public hearing to solicit public comments regarding possible changes to the Town's council election process and terms of office.
- ★ Re-appointed Melvin R. McCoy to the Planning Commission for a two year term.
- ★ Re-appointed William A. Harrison to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for a two year term.

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Deadline for the September issue is August 15.

COMMENT FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

PUTTING WATER ON THE TABLE

By Councilwoman Laurie Genevra Cole

We need to talk about water.

We need to talk about where we get it from and why; how much we pay for it and why; and what the future holds.

First, some background: The Town of Vienna provides water and sewer service to Town residents and businesses. We also provide service to customers outside the Town limits. The Town owns and operates the delivery system for the water service (e.g. water mains, towers and pumps) but does not own its water supply. We have to buy water from another source—more on that in a minute.

Vienna owns and operates the sewer system that serves its customers. Our wastewater is treated at the Blue Plains and Norman Cole treatment facilities. We own rights to a certain amount of capacity at each plant, and pay treatment fees for what we use.

Vienna's history of providing water and sewer services is rooted in the time when the Town was a population center surrounded by undeveloped land. We took on customers outside the Town limits as, over the years, Fairfax County rezoned land for development in areas where the County could not provide service. We extended our water mains and increased our capacity to serve these customers at the County's request. Now, about 39% of our systems' customers are outside the Town's boundaries.

So, where does our water come from? Since 2008 we have bought all of our water from the City of Falls Church. For many years prior to that we purchased about a third of our water from the Fairfax County Water Authority (now called Fairfax Water), and the rest from Falls Church. We made the change

because, in simple terms, Falls Church sells to us at a rate (\$2.19 per 1,000 gallons) that Fairfax Water will not match.

It is interesting to note that Fairfax Water charges its residential customers \$1.93 per 1,000 gallons—yes, they charge their retail customers less than what they are willing to charge Vienna as a wholesale customer. Their explanation is that their wholesale customers paid to “buy-in” to the capacity of the system, and it would be unfair to charge Vienna a similar rate without that buy-in.

Why do we pay so much for water service? The two biggest components of our water rates are the cost of purchasing water and the personnel costs to operate the system. We set our rates by figuring the systems' expenses each year and dividing them by the estimated usage.

It is true that Vienna has the highest per unit rate in the area (\$3.99 per 1000 gallons). This is not a “We're #1!” status we are happy about. But I think we need to look beyond that one number to get the full picture.

Comparing Vienna to similarly-sized (that is, small) systems in our area shows we are not out of line with the going rate: City of Fairfax \$3.96; Falls Church \$3.03; Leesburg \$3.57; Manassas \$3.24. When other charges are factored in, such as service fees and excess use charges, on an annual basis, the Vienna customer will still pay more than the Fairfax Water customer but the difference narrows (\$732.72 vs. \$576.40, assuming 19,000 gal. per quarter). Again, we are on a par with the smaller water systems.

But no one wants us to have the most expensive water in the area. So what should we do? Keep running a small system or go in with a larger operator? The Town Council has been trying to make headway on this question for

several years. It has not been a fast-paced march to a conclusion. In December 2006 Fairfax Water wrote to the Town that it was not interested in taking over the Town's water system, but wanted to discuss being a wholesale provider. A year later, in November 2007, Fairfax Water and Fairfax County's wastewater department made a presentation offering to take over the Town's water and sewer systems. The offer proposed that the Town turn over the two systems (all the lines, towers, trucks, etc.). In exchange, Fairfax Water would freeze the Town's water rates for in-town customers until the rates for Fairfax Water caught up—which they estimated would happen in 2020. They would, however, lower the rates for the out-of-town customers. The Council did not believe this was a fair offer, or in the best interests of Town taxpayers.

We determined we needed an independent valuation of our systems' assets, to judge the fairness of any third party's offer to acquire our systems. Initially we planned to share the cost of the valuation study with Falls Church. We later decided to contract for the study on our own, and that process is finally underway. We are also evaluating the capital needs of our systems.

Another crucial factor, I believe, is the future of our Town personnel, who put the “service” in “water and sewer service.” They are an integral part of our system and our Town operations at large. How much value do our residents place on the service we provide, as opposed to just the commodity of water?

Space limits prevent the full treatment this issue deserves. Suffice it to say, we need to keep talking about water.



NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

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

Summer on the Green Concert Series is still in full swing! See who's playing in August:

- ★ 1st: Difficult Run Jazz Band
- ★ 8th: Dagmar and the Seductones
- ★ 13th: Elise Kress-Coleman's Cross
- ★ 15th: Wayne Tympanick Quartet
- ★ 20th: U.S. Navy Band-Commodores
- ★ 21st: Open Mic Night!
- ★ 22nd: Redstone
- ★ 29th: U.S. Navy Sea Chanters

The Vienna Family Scavenger Hunt continues through August 20! Submit your photo CD and entry form by August 20, for a chance to be Vienna's Number One Recreating Family! For more information, email eguzman@viennava.gov or visit www.viennava.gov and click on Parks and Recreation.

The Vienna Theatre Company will present *The Prisoner of Second Avenue* during the month of October and will be holding auditions on August 2nd and 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. For more information, visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org or call 703-362-8897.

SPORTS & FITNESS

The registration deadline for the **Adult Fall Tennis League** is September 5. The fee is \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. For more information or to register call 703-255-6360.

Stay fit with **Senior Fitness!** Parks and Recreation is offering fitness classes for mature adults that will include cardio, weightlifting and stretching, and will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays from September 7 through December 16, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. This class is free for residents and costs \$40 for non-residents. For more information or to register call 703-255-6360.

BUS TRIPS

Reserve your seat for the **Dover Downs Casino Day Trip** on Friday, August 20. Bus will depart the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return around 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$40 for residents and \$50 for non-residents and includes transportation. Call 703-255-6360 to reserve your seat.

JUST FOR KIDS

Youth Open Gym continues through August 20. On Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays the gym is open for kids 6 to 11 years old from 3 to 4 p.m. and for teens 12 to 17 years old from 4 to 5 p.m. Please call the Community Center before arriving at 703-255-6360 to ensure the gym is open. The gym will be closed on August 16 and 18, 2010. There will be no Open Gym August 23 through September 6.

Summer Stories and Sprinklers continues through August 11. Children and parents are invited to enjoy stories at the Historic Vienna Library on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. and then run through sprinklers on the Town Green lawn at 1:30 p.m.

JUST FOR TEENS

Club Phoenix Teen Center is open for the summer Monday through Thursday, 4 to 7 p.m. and on Fridays from 4 to 10 p.m. The Club is open for youth grades 6 through 8 on Mondays from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. and is open on Fridays from 2:30 to 10 p.m. during the school year.

During May and June, almost 800 youth participated in after school programs offered by Club Phoenix. Don't miss out on the fun! For more information on Club Phoenix or other Parks and Recreation special programming call 703-255-6360.

Hot Dog Appreciation Day is on August 11, at 5:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Come out and enjoy a hot dog with all your favorite toppings and a game of flag football!

Outback Fun Day is on August 20, at 4:30 p.m. Bring your friends and enjoy soccer, football, kickball and other fun outdoor games!

POTPOURRI

The Little Library is open on the first Sunday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The library will be open on Sunday, August 1, so stop by and check out Vienna's first public library.

Children ages 4 to 12 are invited to the Little Library on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10 to 11 a.m. for **Historic Vienna's Reading Program**. The next reading day will be on Saturday, August 14.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will be at the Reston Regional Library on Monday, August 2, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to hear from you. Walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, call 703-478-0283.

The **Western Fairfax PFLAG** group will meet on Tuesday, August 3, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax at 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton. For more information, e-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com.

The **Western Fairfax Youth Forum** will meet on August 3, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. and August 15, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax at 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton. For more information, e-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com.

The **Women's Center** will hold several workshops at the Women's Center, located at 127 Park Street, NE, throughout the month of August.

- ★ **Stress Management**, August 3, 7-9 p.m.
- ★ **Avoiding Divorce Court**, August 4, 7-9:30 p.m.
- ★ **Healthy Responses to Anger**, August 7, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- ★ **Child and Spousal Support**, August 9, 7-9 p.m.
- ★ **Getting a Head Start on the College Application Process**, August 17, 7-9 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit www.thewomenscenter.org or call 703-281-2657.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, in collaboration with the Vienna Arts Society, will hold its **Second Annual Silent Auction Benefit**. Items donated by local artists will be on display at the Vienna Art Center located at 115 Pleasant Street, NW, and available for bidding from August 3, until 4 p.m. on August 28. There will be a "Tea and See" reception on August 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call 703-281-0538.

The Vienna Adventist Academy will host a **day of preventative health screenings** for local residents on Friday, August 6. Life Line Screening will offer five screenings that scan for potential health problems. For cost information or to pre-register, call 1-800-324-1851 (code HSC3549).

The **Vienna Youth Players** present NARNIA, a musical based on C.S. Lewis' *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, on August 6, 7, 13 and 14, at 7:30 p.m. and August 8 at 1 p.m. at the Community Center. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$11 for students and senior citizens. For more information, call 703-255-6360.

Girl's Fall Softball registration is now open at www.vgsl.com. The Vienna Girls Softball will form teams in early September for girls 5 to 18 years of age. Walk-in registration is Saturday, August 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. On-line registration runs through August 23, 2010.

Koinonia Koffeehouse at Our Lady of Good Council Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, August 7, 7-10 p.m. 703-896-7424.

The **Vienna Wireless Society** will meet on August 13 and 27, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Oakton High School Lecture Hall located at 2900 Sutton Road. For more information, visit www.vienna-wireless.org or contact Jim Parsons at 703-392-0150 or W4JTP@parsonage.net.

All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet, hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, will be on August 15, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Post located at 330 Center Street, N. For parties of eight or more or for more information, contact Janet Renner at 703-25-5736.

The **Vienna Choral Society** is holding a series of workshops for area singers during August. All workshops will be held in the Vienna Baptist Church's

Fellowship Hall, located at 541 Marshall Road, SW, from 7 to 9 p.m.

- ★ Voice 101, August 16
- ★ Basic Music Notation, Rhythm and Sightreading, August 23

For cost information or to reserve a space, email viennachoralsociety@hotmail.com or call 703-255-5508.

Recycle your electronics (televisions, computers, printers, scanners, keyboards, mice, other external devices and fluorescent bulbs) on August 22, at the I-66 Transfer Station located at 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. The event is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The **First Annual All Star Game of the Golden Girls Slow Pitch Softball** will be on Saturday, August 28, at 10 a.m. at Southside Park.

Crafters and vendors are needed for the 50th Holiday Bazaar, sponsored by the Vienna Women's Club, on November 13, at the Vienna Community Center. To register or for more information, call 703-938-7716 or e-mail n.volpe8@verizon.net.

The **Vienna Choral Society announces its upcoming 2010-2011 season!** For information on the upcoming season or to learn how to join, visit www.vienna-choralsociety.org or call 703-255-5508.

The **11 and Under Vienna Stars** are looking for young ladies interested in joining a premier travel fast-pitch softball team. Tryouts for the 2010-2011 season will be held in early August. Interested families should contact the 11U Coach Art Ohanian at ajohanian@aol.com or visit www.viennastars.com for more information.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is having a Photo Contest! Submit your winter in Vienna photos by September 15, for a chance to have it selected as the 2010 HVI holiday card. Visit www.historicviennainc.org or call 703-938-5187 for complete contest instructions.

FY 2010/2011 BUDGET ADOPTED

The Town's adopted budget for fiscal year 2010/11, which began July 1, totals \$29,201,680 for all funds, a decrease of \$265,685.

The General Fund budget is based on a real estate tax rate of 24.48¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, an increase of 1.67¢ from last year's tax rate. Based on the estimated median market value from 2010 assessment data, the average Vienna property owner will pay an annual real estate tax bill of \$1,172.94, an increase of \$16.77.

In the Water and Sewer Fund, based on current revenue projections, it was necessary this fiscal year to increase the sewer rates by 46 cents per 1,000 gallons for all users. The Town is continuing to work on a wholesale water agreement and is also examining the feasibility of an acquisition by another area water authority by appointing a firm to value the Town's water and sewer systems.

The Debt Service Fund continues to be supported by receipts from the meals and lodging tax. During this fiscal year, the Town anticipates issuing \$4.99 million in general obligation bonds that will be repaid over 15 years.

A "Budget in Brief" summary is shown below. The complete budget is available online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/budget/budgetbrief.htm or to obtain printed copies, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

FY 2010/2011 Budget in Brief

GENERAL FUND		EXPENDITURES	
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Property Tax	\$8,625,671	Legislative	\$672,657
<i>(FY 10-11: \$.2448 per \$100 of assessed valuation)</i>		Administration	1,698,444
Other Local Taxes	6,775,200	Finance	1,372,979
Permits, Fees & Licenses	87,300	Police	5,698,252
Fines & Forfeitures	290,200	Public Works	6,782,419
Use of Money & Property	221,500	Tax Relief	285,162
Parks & Recreation Fees	705,000	Parks & Recreation	2,732,587
Special Services Fees	3,400	Planning & Zoning	736,250
Miscellaneous Revenues	65,850	Transfers & Reserves	303,161
Categorical Aid	1,933,844	PC Replacement	48,000
Interfund Transfers	812,000	Equipment Replacement	440,054
Use of Prior Year Reserves	1,250,000	TOTAL	\$20,769,965
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WATER & SEWER FUND		EXPENDITURES	
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Use of Money	\$4,400	*Water Division	\$3,587,788
Water & Sewer Charges	6,637,770	*Sewer Division	2,864,982
Miscellaneous Revenues	80,600	TOTAL	\$6,452,770
Use of Prior Year Surplus	0	<i>*Includes prorata share of support activities.</i>	
TOTAL	\$6,452,770		
DEBT SERVICE FUND		EXPENDITURES	
REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Other Local Taxes	\$1,576,900	Administrative Costs	\$900
Use of Money	12,000	Debt Service	1,978,045
Interfund Transfers	241,728	TOTAL	\$1,978,945
Use of Prior Year Surplus	148,317		
TOTAL	\$1,978,945		
TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS: \$29,201,680			

PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER RETIRES AFTER 27 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. Emil Attanasi was recognized at the July 12 Town Council Meeting for his service on the Town's Planning Commission. Mr. Attanasi has served on the Commission since 1983 and retired on July 1, 2010.

At the Town Council meeting, Councilwoman Laurie DiRocco commended Mr. Attanasi for his unwavering dedication to the Town and said, "Because of Mr. Attanasi, everyone had to work a little harder (on the Commission) to ensure that their efforts would pass his muster."

Planning and Zoning Director Greg Hembree agrees and adds that Mr. Attanasi's institutional knowledge was second to none and, in many ways, inspired him to perform at the highest level possible and learn everything he could about the Town.

Mayor M. Jane Seeman presented Mr. Attanasi with a certificate recognizing his many years of distinguished service to the Town of Vienna.



Mr. Emil Attanasi with Mayor M. Jane Seeman, his wife Diana and daughter Jennifer.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

The following business licenses were issued in June:

JBH Consulting
Consultant
1002 Echols, Street, SE
703-938-0305

William Chappell, Inc.
Contractor
101 James Drive, SW
703-281-0748

The Tango Boutique, LLC
Internet Shoe Sales
902 Woodnor Drive, NE
703-300-5942

Michael's Lawn Service
Lawn Care
309 Windover Avenue, NW
703-281-5449

Randi Simenson
Occupational Therapy
407 Church Street
703-314-0480

M.L. Exteriors
Power Washing
404 MacArthur Avenue, NE
703-600-9086

CHURCH STREET'S JOHN ROBERTS HAIR DESIGN CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

On August 1, John Roberts Hair Design, located at 103 Church Street, NE, will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Mr. John Kurcina has owned the salon since 1970, first starting in the red brick house also located on Church Street and later moving to its current location in 1981. Mr. Kurcina says the best part about owning a business in Vienna is "the community" and the many kid-focused events that often take place around town. Mr. Kurcina is grateful for the continual support he has received over the years and expresses his deep appreciation to the Vienna community.

DEPUTY FINANCE DIRECTOR COMPLETES VGFO CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

At the June 21 Town Council meeting, Ms. Marion Serfass, Town of Vienna Deputy Finance Director, was recognized for her completion of the Virginia Government Finance Officers Certificate Program (VGFOC). This program, sponsored jointly by the Radford University Governmental and Nonprofit Assistance Center and the Virginia Government Finance Officers Association, provides training in many job-related areas and support for those wishing to pursue the national Certified Public Finance Officer (CPFO) designation.

In order to fulfill the certification requirements, participants must complete a series of courses that focus on accounting, budgeting, cash management, debt, administration, internal controls, Virginia Law, and other topics pertinent to state and local governments.

Ms. Serfass joins a short list of municipal employees who have successfully completed the certification program.



Marion Serfass with her son Christopher and husband Mark.

SHOP IN VIENNA

Support Our Hometown Merchants

Some Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2010 include: 40 years- John Roberts Hair Design; 20 years – The Manus Center, PC; 10 years- Martha Weems, LTD; Neighbor's Restaurant and Sports Pub; Patricia Diamanti; and Solar Planet.

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.

VIENNA GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE RED ALL STARS WIN NOVA FASTPITCH ALL-STAR TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to the Vienna Girls Softball League Red All-Stars on winning the 10U competition at the 2010 Northern Virginia Fastpitch All-Star Tournament by defeating the Leesburg Freedom 11-8! Led by the strong pitching of **Samantha Rice** and **Marin Uher**, the Vienna team outplayed a field of 15 teams from across Northern Virginia, racking up 27 hits and 49 runs in two days of competition. The Vienna Red Champions are **Sierra Barnes, Emma Barrett, Georgia Brandt, Olivia Burke, Shawna Crystal, Joanelly Felix, Valerie Gooder, Sydney Jones, Nattie Koludrovic, Samantha Rice, Shaina Smith, and Marin Uher.**

SCAM ALERT UPDATE E-MAIL FRAUD

The Vienna Police have learned of a new scam wherein the criminal hacks into an existing e-mail account. The scammer then sends an e-mail to someone in the contact list requesting money.

This tends to look legitimate as the e-mail is actually coming from the friend's account. In one case, the e-mailer stated she was robbed and needed money from her friend to "pay her hotel bill as she was in another country."

Citizens are advised to be extremely cautious and always verify any suspicious or unusual requests for personal identification, passwords, account numbers, or money, made over the phone or via e-mail.

IDENTITY THEFT RULE OF THUMB: If YOU didn't initiate the contact regarding any personal information, passwords, account numbers, or money; it is probably a scam.

RECYCLE DROP OFF AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Recycle your keys, rechargeable batteries and cell phones at the Community Center. Please make sure your keys are metal and unadorned, i.e. no paint, plastic or other attachments. The recycling boxes are located in the lobby.

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR STUFF: LOCK YOUR DOORS

As the summer months roll in, there have been a number of incidents involving vehicle tampering. This type of incident can be prevented by simply removing valuables or hiding them from view and locking your doors.

As a reminder, the Town of Vienna Police Department asks that, if possible, residents remove all valuables from their vehicles while parked. Also, conceal any visible evidence suggesting the possible presence of valuable items in your vehicle by storing cables, mounts or other devices inside your home or in the trunk of your car.

Lastly, and most importantly, **LOCK YOUR VEHICLES.** The Vienna Police Department feels that the majority of these crimes of opportunity can be prevented by simply locking your doors. We have found that in most instances, individuals simply walk around neighborhoods trying door handles. If a door is unlocked and opens, they rummage through the vehicle. If something of valuable is left visible inside a locked vehicle, these individuals may attempt to break in and retrieve it.

For more crime prevention tips, visit www.viennava.gov.

RIDING OUT DANGEROUS HEAT WAVES

Heat Safety Tips from INOVA Health Systems

Extreme summer heat can be more than uncomfortable, it can be deadly.

Follow these tips to prevent overheating and protect yourself from heat exhaustion and heat stroke:

- ★ Schedule outdoor activities in the early morning or early evening.
- ★ Take regular breaks in shady areas or indoors.
- ★ Avoid direct sunlight whenever possible and always use sunscreen to reduce the heat your body absorbs.
- ★ Drink plenty of fluids and don't eat a heavy meal before going outside in hot weather.
- ★ Call 911 immediately if you suspect that you or someone else has had a heat stroke.

For more heat safety tips, visit www.inova.org/healthlibrary.