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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

January 2001: An office trailer and two large steel storage containers just inside the Ware Street entrance to Southside Park will be the temporary location of the Parks and Recreation Department's Parks Maintenance Division for approximately one year during construction of the new Public Works Department complex at the Northside Property Yard. The existing Parks Maintenance Division buildings at Northside will be demolished and the division will relocate to the Nutley Street Property Yard once the Public Works Department employees move into their new facility.

January 1991: Vienna Police Officer David Stein, a Sergeant in the Air Force Reserves who has been assigned to Operation Desert Shield, reports that one of the biggest problems facing our men and women stationed in Saudi Arabia is plain old homesickness. To help fill this need, the Vienna Police Association is accepting gift items to be sent to our armed forces overseas. The Town Council has adopted a resolution urging all residents, businesses and organization to fly the American flag daily until our men and women in Saudi Arabia return home.

January 1981: At its January 19 meeting, the Town Council will consider whether to join with other Northern Virginia jurisdictions in implementing the 911 emergency number for police calls. In the past, Council has expressed opposition to the "basic" 911 system that Fairfax County hopes to implement this summer. The concern has been that this system might actually slow down police response time to an emergency within the town. Town residents who dial 911 for a police emergency would reach a County dispatcher and then have to be transferred back to the Vienna Police Department.

January 1971: Each year, the Town Council faces the question: "Should Vienna discontinue the use of metal vehicle plates with the name of the town and issue windshield stickers in their place?" Each year, the \$1,500 which would be saved by using stickers is weighed against the boost to civic pride that seeing a tag with the name of one's own town gives. This year again, Council voted in favor of metal tags. A citizen survey; however, showed a definite preference for stickers, citing ease of installation.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The Department of Public Works will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Place trees at the curbside on your second collection day of the week to be picked up along with recyclables. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel.) Questions? Contact DPW at dpw@viennava.gov or 703-255-6380.

BUDGET INPUT WELCOME

Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding in the Town's FY 11-12 budget are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager in care of Town Hall. The deadline for comments is February 4.

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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Town offices will be closed on Friday, December 31, in observance of the New Year. There will be town-wide curbside recycling on Thursday, December 30. There will be no recycling collection on Friday, December 31.

Town offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. There will be regular trash collection for residents on the Monday route.

LEAF COLLECTION ENDING

The last pass through town by leaf collection crews officially begins December 22, in north Vienna and January 3, on the south side of town. Leaves should be raked to the curbside prior to the scheduled collection start day. Crews may take several days to finish in an area and inclement weather may cause delays. The crews will pass your address only once during the collection period. For more information about leaf collection, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

FISCAL YEAR 11-12 DONATION REQUESTS DUE

Friday, February 4, is the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Applications should be addressed to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

All requests must include the following information:

- Name of the organization and names and addresses of its officers;
- Purpose of the organization and a description of its programs and activities;
- Percentage of members or participants who live in town or who own or are employed by town businesses;
- Organization budget showing all income and expenses for the year in which the donation will be used;
- Amount of funding requested from the Town;
- Purpose for which the donation will be used;
- Synopsis of the fundraising activities being conducted during the current year; and
- Statement signed by the principal officer that membership or participation is open to all residents and business people in town without regard to race, national origin, religion or sex.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at www.viennava.gov/Town_Government/council_meeting_video_plus.htm.

September 13, 2010

- Held a public hearing and approved a request for a waiver of stormwater management for Park Street Properties with a substitution of stormwater management on Town property.
- Approved the placement of Vienna Elementary School in the Register of Vienna Historic Structures, Sites and Places.
- Awarded the Spring Street, SE sidewalk design contract to Wiley|Wilson. (1 abstention)
- Awarded the Dogwood Street, SW sidewalk construction contract to Espina Paving.
- Awarded the Glyndon Street, NE sidewalk design contract to Tri-Tek Engineering.
- Approved proposed amendments to the Town Code to permit small animal boarding.
- Approved proposed ordinance to amend the Code to add new Article 5, in Chapter 8, regarding Pawnbrokers.
- Approved the purchase of four Panasonic laptop computers and necessary equipment from GTSI Corporation for Police Department cruisers.
- Approved the purchase of software to support the Police Department's legacy Computer Aided Dispatch and Law Enforcement Records Management Systems from Creative Information Solutions Company.
- Awarded the GHD firm to perform the Vienna Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems Valuation study.

- Awarded a comprehensive water and sanitary sewer CIP development contract to Wiley|Wilson.
- Awarded a contract for architectural and engineering services for Town Hall HVAC renovations to Wiley|Wilson.
- Adopted a resolution endorsing a Fiscal Year 2012 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality application for traffic signal reconstruction funds.
- Approved the purchase of one Rear Loading Packer Refuse Truck from THC Enterprises Inc.
- Renewed the Town's contract for janitorial services to the Town Hall and Police Facility with Blue Chip for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.
- Approved a supplemental appropriation of \$81,075 from the Debt Service Fund reserves to fund payment of interest on the 2010 bonds.
- Authorized the Town Manager and Town Attorney to secure an appraisal of certain land located within the Town.

September 27, 2010

- Approved the installation of one new public use trailer at Cunningham Park Elementary.
- Awarded the Water and Sewer (CIP) complete overlay to Virginia Paving Company.

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

"Vienna At Your Service" Features the History of Green Hedges School

Tuesday, January 11, 7:30 p.m.

Join Mayor M. Jane Seeman at the next "Vienna At Your Service" meeting on Tuesday, January 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Town Hall. Representatives from Green Hedges School will provide a presentation on the rich and long history of Green Hedges School, founded in 1942.

"Vienna At Your Service" is designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about their community. Participants are asked to register with Parks and Recreation. For more information, call 703-255-6360.

JANUARY TOWN MEETINGS

Meetings are at 8 p.m. at Town Hall, unless otherwise noted.

- Monday, 3rd:** Town Council
- Tuesday, 4th:** Windover Heights Board of Review
- Monday, 10th:** Town Council Work Session & Mid-Year Budget Review
- Tuesday, 11th:** Mayor's Advisory Committee "Vienna At Your Service", 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 12th:** Planning Commission Meeting
- Thursday, 13th:** Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, 19th:** Board of Zoning Appeals
- Thursday, 20th:** Board of Architectural Review
- Monday, 24th:** Town Council
- Tuesday, 25th:** Transportation Safety Commission
- Wednesday, 26th:** Planning Commission
- Thursday, 27th:** Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

These businesses received business licenses during the months of October and November.

Bao Kim Bui Message Therapy 311-K Maple Avenue, W 202-705-7031	Comforts & Crafts Sales-Online 607 Niblick Drive, SE 571-438-8327	Plush Gelato & Coffee Sales-Italian Ice Cream 175 Maple Avenue, E 703-981-8358
Body Grace Sales 215 Mill Street, NE 703-255-2370	Culinaria Cooking School Cooking School 110 Pleasant Street, NW 703-865-7920	The Pure Pastry Company Bakery 128-C Church Street, NW 703-255-7147
Cafe Nemooneh Bakery 525 Maple Avenue, W 703-961-9222	PBH Strategies Consultant 408 Dove Circle, SW 202-365-4224	

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FAX 703-255-5722 • e-mail pio@viennava.gov
Deadline for the February issue is January 15.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. will meet on January 20, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center at 7:30 p.m. Marty Lazar will speak on "Children of Vietnam", a program providing aid to disadvantaged children in Vietnam. Call 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

The Vienna (Host) Lions Club will be holding its **48th Band Contest** on February 19, at 1 p.m. at the Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue. There are vocal and instrumental categories and contestants must be Virginia residents attending public, private, parochial, or home school, grades K through 12. For more information and an application call 703-938-7716 or e-mail n.volpe8@verizon.net.

The **Sesquicentennial Committee** will meet on January 18, at 7:30 p.m. in Town Hall to plan activities to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. The Committee is already in the planning stages for the reenactments of the so-called "Battle of Vienna" and of the succession vote at Lydecker's Store, now known as the Freeman House Store and Museum. Civil War buffs, re-enactors, teachers, students, genealogists, artists, business people, or anyone interested in the Civil War era are invited to attend and get involved! Contact: 703-994-9054 or stuntzag@aol.com.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Historic Vienna, Inc.'s Museum Committee is requesting the **loan of Civil War artifacts** for use in an exhibit recognizing the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. If you have any items to share, please contact 703-938-5187 or visit www.historicviennainc.org for more information.

Visit the new exhibit, **"Treasures in our Attic" at the Historic Freeman House**, 131 Church Street, NE. For more information, call 703-938-5187 or visit www.historicviennainc.org.

The Freeman House and Store, and the Little Library will be closed during January and February 2011 for inventory, cleaning and maintenance projects. The buildings will reopen on March 2, 2011.

Tickets for the Vienna Theatre Company's romantic comedy "Almost, Maine" went on sale December 8, at the Vienna Community Center. Show dates are January 21, 22, 28 and 29, and February 4 and 5, at 8 p.m. and January 30, and February 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$11 for students and senior citizens 65 and older.

The Western Fairfax PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support group will meet on January 4, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and on January 16, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. For more information, e-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com.

FLY (Fairfax Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning Youth), a support group for youth in grades 7 through 12, will meet on January 4, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. and January 16, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. For more information, e-mail wf.pflag@gmail.com.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna and Vienna Baptist Children's Center will hold a **Tupperware Fundraiser** January 9 through 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vienna Baptist Church, and January 13, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Adventures in Learning Open House at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax. 703-281-5088 or 703-281-2021.

Lorien Wood K-8 School will host open houses on January 10, at 7:30 p.m. and January 20, at 9:00 a.m. 8200 Bell Lane. RSVP to 703-854-1640 or visit www.lorienwood.org.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will hold an open house for its Adventures in Learning classes on January 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Unitaria-Universalist Congregation of Fairfax in Oakton. For more information, contact 703-281-0538 or office@scov.org.

Ayr Hill Garden Club will host a program on easy to grow plants on January 24, at 12:45 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Free. plhweiss@yahoo.com.

The **Vienna Wireless Society** will meet on January 14 and 28, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road. For more information, call 703-392-0150, e-mail W4JTP@parsonage.net or visit www.viennawireless.org.

Senator Chap Peterson and Delegate Mark Keam will hold a **Town Hall meeting** on January 15, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the American Legion Post #180, 330 Center Street, N, to discuss legislative priorities for the 2011 Virginia General Assembly session. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. 703-242-7651.

All you can eat breakfast buffet, January 16, 8 a.m. to noon, at the American Legion, 330 Center Street, N. Hosted by the American Legion Auxiliary, the breakfast is open to the public and offers all the breakfast standards, including omelettes to order. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. For more information or for parties of eight or more, call 703-625-5736.

The **Five Hills Garden Club** will meet on January 18, at 10 a.m. at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street, NE. Michael Alwn, retired Whitehouse Garden Foreman will speak and provide a slide presentation of the White House lawns and gardens. E-mail raykaren4334@cox.net.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENES JANUARY 12

The 2011 session of the Virginia General Assembly will convene on Wednesday, January 12. There are a number of online resources available at the Virginia General Assembly Web site, <http://legis.state.va.us>, to assist citizens in taking an active role in the legislative process.

Vienna's representatives are State Senator Chap Petersen, 804-698-7534/district34@senate.virginia.gov and Delegate Mark Keam, 804-698-1035/DelMKeam@house.virginia.gov.

The Vienna Town Council has conveyed the following legislative agenda for 2011 to the Town's representatives:

The Governor and General Assembly should:

- Immediately examine state requirements and service expansions to determine those that can be suspended or modified to alleviate some of the financial burden on state and local taxpayers. A specific example of what the state needs to do would be to empower local governments to deal with the problem of stormwater runoff resulting from construction activities. Local governments require the authority to review, inspect and maintain stormwater best management post-construction practices. Further, local governments require the authority to adopt their own fee schedules designed to meet local needs.
- Develop spending and revenue priorities. State tax credits, tax deductions and tax relief policies must receive the same scrutiny as spending programs. To do otherwise means that tax policies are more important than the education and well-being of our children, the safety of our families and other basic government functions.
- After all other actions have been taken, including eliminating unnecessary programs, achieving greater program efficiencies, and

streamlining service delivery, the state has the obligation to look at ways to increase revenues in order to meet its constitutional and statutory obligations to Virginia citizens.

The Governor and General Assembly should not:

- Restrict further local revenue authority or sources.
- Impose new funding requirements or expand existing ones on services delivered by local governments.
- Shift state funding responsibilities onto local governments, including law enforcement and public safety activities.
- Impose state fees, taxes or surcharges on local government services.
- Place additional administrative burdens on local governments.

The Town of Vienna Supports a change to the Payday Loan Act §§6.1-444-6.1-471, to authorize Cities, Counties and Towns to limit the number and location of Payday Loan businesses in their locality.

The Town of Vienna supports a change to the VDOT local road maintenance funding formula from lane mileage to lane volume: or, in the alternative, request changes that provide additional funding to localities that maintain their roads and have roads that exceed the statewide average traffic volumes for such types of roads by more than 20%.

The Town of Vienna requests local zoning authority related to the privatization of the Virginia ABC package stores.

The Town of Vienna requests that it remain in one senatorial and one delegate district.

The Town of Vienna requests an amendment to the Uniform State Building Code whereby building

permits for residential structures in specific zoning districts have a two year time limit for completion and issuance of an occupancy permit for any new structure or addition to an existing structure.

The Town of Vienna opposes any proposed reduction or elimination of the business, professional and occupational license tax authority of localities.

The Town of Vienna requests an amendment to Virginia Code §8.01-407 to restrict attorney issued subpoenas issued to elected or appointed officials (planning commissioners, board of zoning appeals members, etc.) unless authorized by the Court or if subject matter is unrelated to their official duties. The General Assembly currently enjoys legislative privilege pursuant to Article 4, Section 9 of the Virginia Constitution:

Section 9. Immunity of legislators. — Members of the General Assembly shall, in all cases except treason, felony, or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during the sessions of their respective houses; and for any speech or debate in either house shall not be questioned in any other place. They shall not be subject to arrest under any civil process during the sessions of the General Assembly, or during the fifteen days before the beginning or after the ending of any session.

Currently, an attorney may subpoena a council member, board of supervisor, etc., five days prior to a trial and there is usually no time to have a Judge quash the subpoena until the trial date.

The Town of Vienna opposes any changes to investment policies of the Local Government Investment Pool that would jeopardize the Pool's rating or compromise the long-term stability of the Pool.

HELP AVAILABLE FOR SNOW REMOVAL

Vienna teens are available to shovel snow and do 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 Vienna Community Center, and residents can call 703-255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

The Town requests that sidewalks be cleared of snow and ice for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. Although some jurisdictions in our area have adopted ordinances requiring residents to shovel sidewalks, the Town of Vienna has no such requirement, mainly because it would impose a hardship on

elderly and disabled residents.

The Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) presents snow removal awards to businesses and residents that do an excellent job of removing snow or help others in removing snow. To make a nomination or for more information, e-mail tblc@viennava.gov or call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

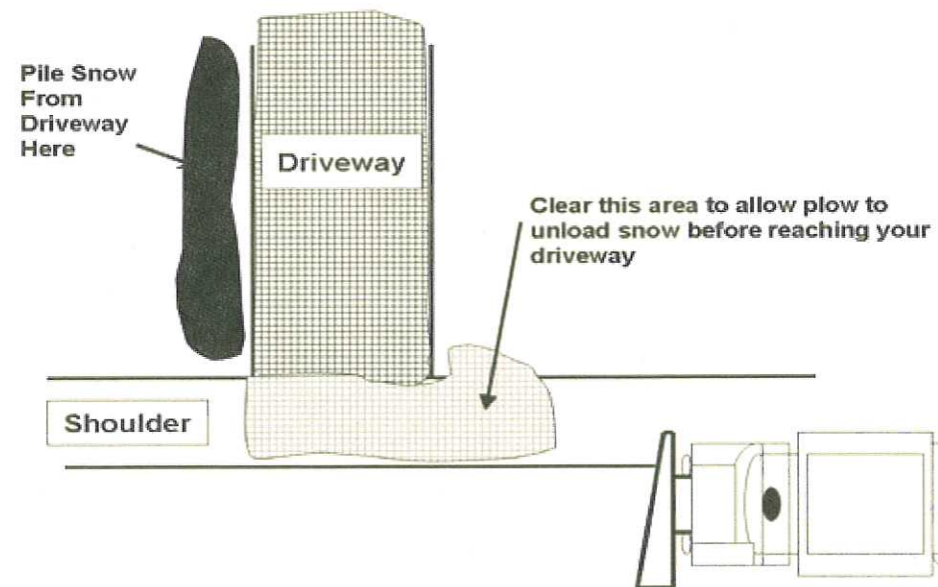
Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots should make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street.

PARKING DURING SNOWS

When snowplows are at work, residents are asked not to park on any street posted as a "snow emergency route." On non-snow emergency routes, residents are asked to park only on the side of the street with even-numbered addresses or in their driveway, garage or carport if possible. This parking plan is voluntary but strongly recommended to enable snowplows to maneuver more easily and clear more snow from the roadway. It is best not to clear your private driveway until the snow plow has cleared the street because it is not possible to keep snow from closing up the driveway area.

TIPS ON SHOVELING YOUR DRIVEWAY

The following diagram shows how you can minimize the amount of snow that is left in front of your driveway by passing snowplows. If you must shovel your driveway before snow removal crews come down your street, try to follow this diagram:



The Town of Vienna does not have any obligation nor are we able to clean snow out of driveways. Considering the large number of driveways in the Town, it would be too costly and impractical to use Town personnel and equipment to clean private driveways. The Town will make an exception to this policy for the elderly and the handicapped. Clearing driveways in these cases will be done when all other snow removal operations have been completed and only when the Town has been notified of the need. To ask for assistance, please call (703) 255-6380 to speak with a Public Works staff member or to leave a message.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

All classes are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, unless otherwise specified.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Have fun dancing to **Zumba**, an aerobics dance class with Latin and other exotic world beats, and become a fitter you! Class are held on Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m. January 3, through March 21 (no class January 17 and February 21), and on Saturdays from 10 to 11 a.m. January 8 through March 26 (no class January 29 and February 26.) The cost is \$100 for residents and \$125 for out-of-town participants. Attend the **Zumba introductory course** on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. January 7 through February 18. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$87.50 for out-of-town participants.

Family Skate Nights start January 14. Families can enjoy Friday evening skating in the Community Center Gym from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$1.00 per person and participants are required to bring their own skates and safety equipment- roller skaters and in-line skaters only. Parents are required to stay and are welcome to participate.

Ice Skating classes begin January 10 for ages 4-6; 7-13; and 14- adult. Students will work on gliding, forward and backward swizzles, backward wizzles and one-foot glides. The cost is \$119 for seven classes and includes free skate rental for lessons and practice and free use of helmet. Classes are held at Fairfax Ice Arena, 3779 Pickett Road, Fairfax. See the Winter 2010/2011 Parks and Recreation brochure for class information or call 703-255-6360.

JUST FOR TEENS

Babysitters Training for teens will be on January 29, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is taught by a certified American Red Cross instructor. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$87.50 for out-of-town participants. For ages 12 and up.

Theatrical Kids will teach youth improvisational theater techniques and write their own original sketches as they learn. Classes are on Saturdays, January 29 through March 26, for ages 11 to 15. The cost is \$108 for residents and \$135 for out-of-town participants.

The Teen Center will be closed December 23, 2010 through January 2, 2011.

Attend an **Indoor Carnival** on January 7, at 4 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center. There will be games galore and great prizes to be won!

Come out to the **Non-Sleep Over Pajama Party** at Club Phoenix on January 21, at 4 p.m. Wear your cozy pajamas and enjoy some party snacks, crafts, movies and sleep over games. No sleeping bag necessary!

Get prepared to tryout for your high school tennis team in the **High School Team Tryout Prep (Outside)** class. Classes will be held outside (in weather over 45 degrees) and will help get you acclimated for the difficult high school tryout weather. Classes will be held January 19 through February 19, on Wednesdays from 4 to 5:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 12 to 1:15 p.m. at Glyndon Park. The cost is \$225 for residents and \$281 for out-of-town participants.

JUST FOR KIDS

Dining Skills and Etiquette will be held on January 15 and 22 for youth ages 5 to 7, from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. and for ages 8-12, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for out-of-town participants.

POTPOURRI

The **Parent Program: Social Networking, Cyberbullying and Understanding the Importance of a Positive Online Digital Reputation** workshop will be held on January 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. The session will offer up-to-date information on the ever changing technology in your child's life. Free.

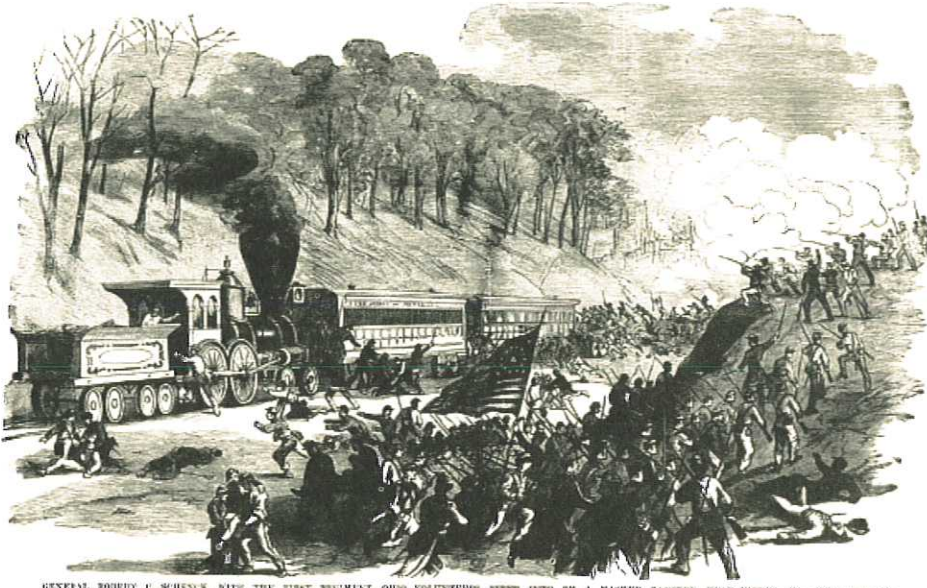
Dining Skills and Etiquette for Adults will be held on January 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for out-of-town participants.

Trace Your Family Roots course will help you learn how to research your family history. The class is held on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning January 20. The cost is \$50 for residents, 62.50 for out-of-town participants, and \$25 for residents over 65.

Hone your Bridge skills in **Bridge-Mini Lesson and Supervised Play** on Mondays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. from January 24 through March 28 (no class on February 21.) This class is designed for people who have a basic knowledge of the game and want to improve the quality of their game. The cost is \$90 for residents, \$113 for out-of-town participants, and \$45 for residents over 65.

SESQUICENTENNIAL MEETING: JANUARY 18

Help Vienna plan activities to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War, 2011-2015. Vienna's Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee is meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Town Hall. All are welcome. Contact Anne Stuntz at 703 994 9054 or stuntzag@aol.com if you have any questions.



Battle of Vienna, June 17, 1861

VIENNA THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS: "ALMOST, MAINE"



Residents of Vienna Theatre Company's mythical town "Almost, Maine" look up at the long-awaited Northern Lights. This romantic comedy will be presented weekends, January 21 to February 6 at the Vienna Community Center. Left to right: Actors Allison Shelby, Tom Epps, Jina Ames and Chuck Dluhy.

VIENNA HELPED SANTA

With the help of Vienna residents, the Vienna Police Department collected over 200 toys for the "Santa's Ride for Children" program, sponsored by the Fairfax County Police Department's Motor Squad. The toys collected in this program benefited children who were hospitalized or in need during the holiday season.



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Show dates are January 21, 22, 28 and 29, and February 4 and 5, at 8 p.m. and January 30, and February 6, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$11 for students and senior citizens 65 and older.

For more information, visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org or call Vienna Parks & Recreation at 703-255-6360.

WILDLIFE IN VIENNA, CAN WE COEXIST?

By Officer John Barker, Vienna Animal Control Officer

Every day the Vienna Animal Warden receives calls concerning the wildlife within the town. Vienna has an abundance of wildlife, including squirrels, raccoons, opossums, gray and red foxes, skunks, deer, woodchucks (ground-hogs), beavers, and waterfowl (ducks and geese). These animals have learned to coexist in an urban area even after their habitats are repeatedly invaded and destroyed. Animals that normally would never be seen by residents have grown used to everyday city noises. These animals are no longer afraid and are now seen frequently. This often causes alarm for citizens who do not understand why these animals are here. They live here; this is their home, too. They usually only become a problem when an opportunity arises offering them food and shelter.

Although many citizens call this office delighted that they have encountered some wild animal on their property, others simply want the animal removed because they don't believe it should be here or that it may be a danger to the public. There is some risk associated with these animals; however, with a little care and wildlife education we can all peacefully coexist.

Here are some tips that may help citizens with their wildlife problems:

- Do not feed wildlife. By feeding wildlife, they become dependent on humans and unnaturally tame. This keeps animals in the area that would have normally moved elsewhere due to a lack of food. Animals that lose their fear of humans become

BUSINESS AWARD DEADLINE

The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee invites nominations of businesses and business owners for the 2010 Carole Wolfand Community Service Award. The award is given each year to a town business entity or business owner in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

Anyone may submit a nomination. (No self-nominations will be considered.) The January 2011

a danger. The animals cannot distinguish between someone who is going to feed them and someone who wants nothing to do with them.

- Do not leave pet food outside. A raccoon does not know that the food you set out is only for your cat. Food left outside draws wildlife in.
- Secure trash inside metal or plastic trash cans. Garbage bags left out are great for raccoons, foxes, opossums, and crows to pick open and scatter all over your yard and street. If an animal does gain entry into your trash can, simply pour some ammonia in your next full can and put the lid on as usual. The next time the animal pops the lid off, he will not enjoy the smell that awaits him and he will remember to stay away. (This will not hurt the animal.)
- Do not install outdoor fish ponds, bird baths, etc. if you do not want animals to frequent them. A raccoon who finds a goldfish pond will simply move in and will not leave until every fish has been caught. A deer that finds your watering hole will return again and again, often trampling your landscaping while visiting.
- Enclose crawl space under houses and small spaces under decks. These are perfect places for wildlife to set up home. If you have wildlife that has already set up home, call the Animal Warden at 703-255-6377 for suggestions on how to safely get them to move on.
- Never try to corner or trap a wild animal. Any animal will bite when cornered, and even a baby squirrel can inflict a painful bite. If you find an injured animal or orphaned babies, call the Animal Warden at 703-255-

6377 for assistance.

- Be alert when driving. Deer are on the move in our area and frequently will cross our roadways with almost no warning at all. If you spot a deer crossing there is a very good chance that there are others close behind. Slow down and be prepared to stop if needed.

These suggestions are offered as alternatives to removing wild animals when they are causing a problem. (For more suggestions on an individual animal, please call the Animal Warden.) Since wild animals cannot be relocated as per Virginia Law, trapping is usually used as a last alternative for problem animals. If they are trapped, the majority of them are euthanized.

Another factor of utmost importance in dealing with wildlife is rabies; however, this does not mean that every raccoon or fox you see out during daylight hours has rabies. Animals that are acting lethargic, unaware of their surroundings, overly friendly, overly aggressive, or drunk should never be approached. Animal Control should be called immediately. Animals that are seen eating, bathing, or sunbathing are doing what is normal and should be left alone. Trapping an animal simply because it walks through someone's yard is not feasible.

In summary, the Town of Vienna does indeed have foxes, deer, and other wildlife, but there is no reason to be alarmed. All citizens must try to understand that these animals live here and will continue to coexist with us if we let them.

- Name, address and phone number of person making the nomination

Entries should be typed or legible and must be received by January 29 to be considered. Send to: Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Julia Rackliffe, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180. Nominations may also be faxed to 703-255-5729 or e-mailed to jrackliffe@viennava.gov (put "TBLC award" in subject line).

BE SEEN WHILE EXERCISING OUTDOORS IN THE DARK

By MPO Bill Murray, Vienna Police Department

During late fall and winter, most people's work schedules prevent them from walking, running, or bicycling in the middle of the day. Folks that exercise or walk dogs outdoors tend to do so early in the morning before work or in the evening after work; both times when it is dark.

Researchers at Carnegie Mellon University have found that during the month of November there is a 186% jump in the risk for fatal crashes involving pedestrians. This is due in large part to drivers adjusting to light and darkness changes.

To be seen, one should consider wearing reflective clothing. Avoid dark colored clothing; light colors reflect more light. And while light colored clothing is a good start, modern, highly reflective clothing that is designed for maximum nighttime visibility is much better.

Some tips for being seen while outdoors in the dark hours:

- Buy reflective tape that is designed to reflect light back to its source. Apply this tape liberally to your exercise clothing. Drivers from several directions will see the bright strips.
- Wear a reflective safety vest, similar to those worn by highway workers. It can be worn over exercise clothing to allow drivers to see a bright human outline. Additionally, it can be worn with any exercise outfit and does not require modifying your clothing.
- Many clothing companies sell exercise apparel made of highly reflective fabrics. This clothing is often sold as running gear, but can also be used for walking, bicycling or any other exercise. This highly reflective running clothing serves the dual purpose of making you highly visible at night and keeping you warm in winter weather.
- Adding LED safety lights with any of these options will increase your visibility.

WARMING YOUR CAR IN THE WINTER AND IDLING YOUR ENGINE- GOOD OR HARMFUL?

From your Community Enhancement Commission

Back in the day when auto engines had carburetors and older formulations of engine oil, it made good sense to allow your auto engine to warm up before taking it out for a spin, especially in cold weather. Today, with fuel injection systems, computerized engine management, harder engine wear surfaces, and better engine lubrication, there is no longer a need to warm up your car engine before driving. In fact, it may be harmful to leave your auto idling because the fuel doesn't burn as completely, especially in colder weather.

You'll also save money. According to a recent report from Texas A&M, idling American cars burn 2.9 billion gallons of gas a year. That doesn't count the damage done to idling engines by incompletely burned fuel. To warm up you car, even in the winter, it takes no more than 30 seconds. The best way to warm the engine is by driving it, albeit at a moderate speed. You'll save money on gasoline (we've all seen the prices rising of late) and emit less pollution, which is harmful to people's health.

When you have to wait for someone or if you only have to run into the store for a quick purchase it is best to turn off the engine rather than leave it running. All of the above reasons apply and folks that leave their cars running in the parking lot risk the possibility of having their car stolen.

Make a short auto warm up and the elimination of idling a New Year's resolution. Good for you, good for the environment!

DOG LICENSE RENEWAL

Town dog licenses must be renewed by January 31 each year. Applications are available at Town Hall, by mail, and online at www.viennava.gov. The fee is \$10 for a fertile dog and \$5 for an infertile dog. A current rabies vaccination certificate is required to obtain a license, and a spay/neuter/infertile certificate is required for a reduced price license. For more information, call 703-255-6323.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS TO BE HONORED

Mayor M. 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 12. Please fill out and return this form to Mayor Seeman at the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted before March 1, 2011.

NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2011, TO:
MAYOR M. JANE SEEMAN
CHARLES A. ROBINSON, JR., TOWN HALL
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH
VIENNA, VA 22180**