



# Town of Vienna

# Newsletter

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## HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Town offices will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. **NO TRASH COLLECTION ON MONDAY.** For residents on the Monday trash collection route, your refuse will be collected on Thursday, July 7; no recycling will be collected on Thursday, July 7. The next recycling collection for residents on the Thursday route will be Thursday, July 14.

## WATER QUALITY REPORT

See pages 4-8 for the 2011 Water Quality Report for the Town of Vienna and surrounding service area. Citizens are encouraged to read this information and contact the Town with any questions or comments.

## JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Monday, July 4, 2011, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Vienna Community Center

The Vienna Parks & Recreation Department invites you to enjoy food, games, rides, arts & crafts vendors, community booths, antique cars and music! In the event of rain, call 703-255-7842 for cancellation information. Ticket sales for rides and attractions ends at 3:30 p.m.

### MAIN STAGE

Vienna Community Band Concert, 11 a.m.  
Presentation of Colors by Vienna Police Color Guard, 12 p.m.  
Ron Moody and the Centaurs, 12:15-4 p.m.

### CHILDREN'S STAGE

Magician Chuck Bollinger, 1 & 2:30 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual 17th District American Legion All- star Baseball Game  
10 a.m.; Waters Field  
Arts & Crafts, Food, Chili Cook-off and Rides, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Antique & Classic Car Show, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m.

## JULY 4TH FIREWORKS SHOW

Southside Park, 1315 Ross Drive, SW  
Show begins promptly at 9:15 p.m.  
Music by Fat Chance at 7 p.m. at Yeonas Park

Seating available at Yeonas Park with limited seating available at Southside Park. Spectator seating areas open at 5 p.m. Lawn chairs are prohibited on baseball fields at Yeonas Park. Restrooms available. Vienna Little League concession stand open. No dogs, alcohol or glass items permitted.

The following streets will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 7:30 p.m.:  
Ross Drive from Cottage Street to George Street, Patrick Street and George Street from Cottage to Ross, Patrick Circle.

Parking available at Cedar Lane School and Thoreau Middle School.

Sponsored by Air Treatment Company of Vienna.  
Thanks to Vienna Little League for making Yeonas Park available.  
For a detailed map of the fireworks show site, visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

**Rain date for fireworks ONLY-Tuesday, July 5.**

## PET OWNERS, BE GOOD NEIGHBORS

It's getting nice outside and that means more people, and pets, are outside enjoying the weather. Please be reminded of the Town's laws as they relate to picking up after your pet and barking dogs.

The Town of Vienna has a 'pooper scooper' ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't leave your dog's waste on the lawns of neighbors, next to curbs, mailboxes, fire hydrants or elsewhere. Use a 'doggie bag' to take the waste away with you. Your neighbors also ask that you not deposit waste in their trash cans or with their bagged lawn debris or special pickups. Pet waste is not accepted with bagged lawn debris or special pickups; therefore, the Town will not collect the 'doggie bag' deposited with a resident's bagged lawn waste. The end result is a very unpleasant surprise for your neighbor.

The Town Code specifies that if you violate the 'pooper scooper' ordinance, you will receive a warning for the first offense and a Class 4 misdemeanor for the second or subsequent offenses, which can result in a fine not to exceed \$250.

Also, it is unlawful to keep a noisy dog within Town limits. A noisy dog is one that has by 'loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling or crying, or other noises, caused annoyance or disturbed the peace or quiet in the neighborhood.' So, if your dog starts barking, think of your neighbors and quiet your dog.

If you are found to have a noisy dog, you may be summoned to appear before a judge who can order the removal of the dog from the Town.

## NOISE ORDINANCE ADOPTED

At Town Council's June 6 meeting, Council adopted changes to the Town's noise ordinance, Chapter 10, Section 10-20.1. These changes include:

- Prohibit the loading or unloading of commercial vehicles before **8:00 a.m.** on Sunday, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day;
- Prohibit the repair, collection from, or servicing of any trash or garbage compaction, processing or disposal equipment located on the exterior of any building before **8:00 a.m.** on Sunday and the six holidays mentioned above;
- Prohibit the erection (including excavation), demolition, alteration, or repair, and any and all activity necessary or incidental thereto before **9:00 a.m.** on Saturday, Sunday and the six holidays listed above;
- Prohibit the operation of lawnmowers and lawn maintenance equipment before **9:00 a.m.** on Saturday, Sunday and the six holidays listed above. The time limitations for Saturday, Sunday and the six holidays shall not apply to usual and customary maintenance activities associated with recreational uses as defined in Town Code Section 18-4. Notwithstanding the foregoing, No contractor or person performing the activities listed above for remuneration, except when it relates to a recreational use, shall be permitted to engage in such activity on Sunday.

Also, the ordinance will continue to prohibit home construction contractor work on Sundays.

The changes to the noise ordinance will go into effect on June 20.

The Town Code can be viewed online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov). For questions, contact Lt. Dave Pelto at [dpelto@viennava.gov](mailto:dpelto@viennava.gov) or 703-255-6393.

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Deadline for the August issue is July 15.

## “LEAVES OF THREE? LET IT BE!”

By Rebecca Greenburg, Vienna Parks and Recreation

This is the phrase commonly used in identifying Toxicodendron radicans, or as we know it, poison ivy. Summertime in Virginia is prime growing season for poison ivy, and what is a small vine today can take over an area by tomorrow. The leaves of poison ivy are best identified as growing in clusters of three leaflets ranging in size from 2-4”, with variations in leaf margins and color.

Once identified take care in its removal. DO NOT attempt removal with a string trimmer (weed whacker) as this will most likely result in the spraying of oil, which causes

the subsequent rash. Instead, spray the leaves of the vines with a herbicide containing the active ingredients dicamba, triclopyr or glyphosate. ALWAYS read the pesticide label. You can also contact your local extension agent at (703) 324-5369, for pesticide advice. It may take up to ten days to see dieback in the vines. Once the vine has died use caution in its removal. Always wear gloves, long sleeves, long pants and shoes to avoid exposure to the rash inducing oil produced by the plant if removing it by hand, either while alive or dead.

Remember our runners, walkers and bikers who utilize sidewalks! Please be sure to properly trim back poison ivy that grows from your property onto a sidewalk.

## COMMENT FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

### Technology Improves Access to Government

By Edythe Kelleher, Town of Vienna Councilmember

My son’s college offers peace of mind to parents in the form of an emergency alert system, via emails and text messages. After signing up for this wonderful service, I forwarded copies of college messages to Town staff and asked about getting a similar system for Vienna. Other Council members were interested as well, and today we have “Vienna Community Alerts,” where residents can choose to receive notifications about whatever information categories they prefer. For example, I received a text this morning letting me know that a certain street is closed for several hours for paving work.

Activation of Vienna’s cable television channel is another way to distribute general and emergency information. In addition, it will provide greater visibility of Council and commission meetings and encourage more participation of citizens in Town issues. Although Fairfax County activated its channels as soon as the original Media General franchise was granted in 1982 and the Town of Herndon founded its channel in 1991, Vienna struggled with the cost involved of staffing such a channel as cable franchise fees paid for hardware but not staff.

Since the Verizon FIOS franchise was added in 2005; however, the number of Vienna cable subscribers and franchise fees received has grown significantly. In that year, Vienna began to seriously consider activating our channel with the added benefit that advances in equipment automation allowed for fewer staff needed.

In mid-2010, we acquired agenda management software and installed cameras that allow the audio and video recording and subsequent posting of Council meetings to our website. You can view the meetings the next day after the meeting but they are not shown live. But in 2012, Vienna will activate its cable channels with Cox and Verizon. The first phase has already begun with the purchase of equipment to send signals to the two cable companies. In this phase, the broadcast will consist of a bulletin board containing Town information. Signals may also be streamed live to the Internet and “Video on Demand” service will give citizens the opportunity to watch segments created especially for this purpose.

As part of upcoming Town Hall renovations, the Council



Chamber will be configured for broadcast cameras, a camera control desk and presentation system components. Production equipment and editing hardware and software will be acquired. Town Council meetings will be broadcast live to both cable and the Internet, with the goal of airing other Town meetings live in the future.

Even though Vienna is using technology for faster and more accurate sharing of information, we remain a small, friendly town. You should always feel free to visit the staff in Town Hall and call upon your Mayor and Council. I look forward to the next time I see you in the grocery store!

To subscribe to the alert system, go to the Town of Vienna website ([www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov)) and click on the “Vienna Community Alerts” icon on the left side of the page.



# The Town of Vienna 2011 Annual Water Quality Report for the Town of Vienna and the surrounding service area

## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

This is the Town of Vienna's thirteenth annual report to inform you about your drinking water quality. As a part of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1996, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires all water utilities across the nation to mail their customers a Water Quality Report by July 1 every year. Our goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water and we want you to understand our efforts to protect your water supply.

The quality of your drinking water must meet state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We constantly monitor for various contaminants in the water supply to meet all regulatory requirements. The tables in this report list only those contaminants that had some level of detection. Many other contaminants have been analyzed but were either not present or were below the detection limits of the laboratory equipment. All of our water quality data is from testing done in 2010. However, the Commonwealth allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once a year because the concentration of these contaminants does not change frequently. Even though some of our data may be more than one year old, it is accurate.

Is your water safe to drink? Absolutely! We're proud to share our water quality test results with you. For further information, please call the contact number below.

Sincerely,

Mercury Payton  
Town Manager

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*This report contains important information about your drinking water. If you are not certain that you understand it, discuss it with someone who does or who can translate it for you if English is your second language. For more information, contact James Calvert, Town of Vienna Water & Sewer Superintendent by phone at 703-319-8610 or by e-mail [jcalvert@viennava.gov](mailto:jcalvert@viennava.gov).*

*El informe contiene información importante sobre la calidad del agua en su comunidad. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.*

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## OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Decisions concerning Vienna's water are made by the Town Council. Regular meetings are normally held the first and third Mondays of the month (except July and August) at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Substances (referred to as contaminants) in source water may come from septic systems, discharges from domestic or industrial wastewater treatment facilities, agricultural and farming activities, urban storm water runoff, residential uses and many other types of activities. Water from surface sources is treated to make it drinkable while groundwater may or may not have any treatment. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water possesses a health risk. More information can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. Environmental Protection Agency/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline.

## WATER SOURCES

For the calendar year 2010, the Town of Vienna was supplied with treated surface water from the Potomac River by the City of Falls Church. The Town purchases treated water from the Washington Aqueduct supplied by Falls Church.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER FROM WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. Overnight on October 20-21, 2010, we did not monitor or test for turbidity for two of our 48 filters, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. Concurrent monitoring of the other 46 filters and the final treated water showed no problems. The operators were re-trained on proper monitoring procedures. This notice is for informational purposes and no action on the part of consumers is required. For additional information, please contact Tom Jacobus, Washington Aqueduct, 5900 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Washington DC 20016 (telephone 202-764-0031).

## HOW DO I READ THIS CHART?

Our water is tested to assure that it is safe and healthy. Contaminants in the drinking water are routinely monitored according to Federal and State regulations. The table contained in this report shows the most recent results of our monitoring. Typical sources of contamination show where this substance usually originates. The following definitions are provided to help you better understand terms and abbreviations.

- The Washington Aqueduct sampling program includes cryptosporidium. Their results and information are included.
- Non-detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present.
- Parts per million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- Parts per billion (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- Parts per trillion (ppt) - one part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU) - nephelometric turbidity unit is a measure of the clarity, or cloudiness, of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person. Turbidity is monitored because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of the filtration system.
- Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Treatment Technique (TT) - a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

## HOW DO I READ THIS CHART? *Continued*

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set at very stringent levels by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In developing the standards EPA assumes that the average adult drinks two liters of water each day throughout a 70-year life span. EPA generally sets MCLs at levels that will result in no adverse health effects for some contaminants or a one-in-ten-thousand to one-in-one million chance of having the described health effect for other contaminants.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – the maximum level of total chlorine allowable by regulation.

## PERCHLORATE RESEARCH

Perchlorate is a naturally occurring as well as man-made compound. Its presence in drinking water is currently unregulated and utilities are not required to monitor for it. The Washington Aqueduct has been voluntarily monitoring for perchlorate since 2002. The EPA initially established a reference dose of 24.5 parts per billion (ppb) for perchlorate and beginning in 2009 has proposed an interim health advisory of 15 ppb. A reference dose is a scientific estimate of a daily exposure level that is not expected to cause adverse health effects in humans. The reference dose concentration was used in EPA's efforts to address perchlorate in drinking water and to establish the interim health advisory.

In 2010, finished water sample results for perchlorate collected by Washington Aqueduct at both treatment plants ranged between none detected and 3.7 ppb. If you have special health concerns, you may want to get additional information from the EPA at [www.epa.gov/safewater/contaminants/unregulated/perchlorate.html](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/contaminants/unregulated/perchlorate.html) or contact the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, TTY711.

## LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Vienna is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in private plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 15 to 30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead) or by calling the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791, TTY 711.

## TURBIDITY IN DRINKING WATER

Turbidity has no health effects. However, turbidity can interfere with disinfection and provide a medium for microbial growth. Turbidity may indicate the presence of disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites that can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea and associated headaches.

## 2010 SOURCE WATER *CRYPTOSPORIDIUM* INFORMATION

The Town's water supplier has been monitoring the source waters for compliance with the EPA's Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2ESWTR). The EPA created this rule to provide for increased protection against microbial pathogens, such as *Cryptosporidium*, in public water systems that use surface water sources. *Cryptosporidium* was monitored in the source water monthly in 2010 but was not detected in any sample. The only detection of *Cryptosporidium* that has occurred since the initiation of source water monitoring was in October 2005.

## WATER QUALITY RESULTS

I. Microbiological Contaminants – Were there any detections? (X) Yes, as described below. ( ) No.  
Laboratory results indicated that coliform bacteria were present in one test out of 360 samples.

II. Lead and Copper Contaminants – Were there any detections? (X) Yes, as described below. ( ) No.

Contaminant	Units of Measurement	Action Level	MCLG	Results of Samples for the 90 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Value	Action Level Exceedance?	Sampling Year	# of Sampling Sites Exceeding Action Level	Typical Source of Contamination
Lead	ppm	0.015	0	0.001	NO	2009	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Copper	ppm	1.3	1.3	0.10	NO	2009	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

III. Turbidity – Were there any detections? (X) Yes, as described below. ( ) No.

Contaminant	Treatment Technique Limits	Level Detected	Violation?	Violation ?	Sampling Year	Typical Source of Contamination
Turbidity***	1. 1 NTU maximum 2. 0.3 – 95% of the time	0.18 = highest single hourly measurement. Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting turbidity requirements = 100 %	NO	NO	2010	Soil runoff

Notes:\*\*\* The turbidity level of filtered water shall be less than or equal to 0.3 NTU in at least 95% of the measurements taken each month and shall at no time exceed 1 NTU.

IV. 2010 Finished Water Characteristics, Source Monitoring for Regulated Parameters – Were there any detections? (X) Yes, as described below. ( ) No.

Inorganic/Synthetic/ and Metals	Units of Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Violation?	Range of Detection at Sampling Points	Sampling Year	Typical Source of Contamination
Arsenic	ppb	0	10	0.8	NO	ND – 0.8	2010	Erosion of natural deposits; runoff from orchards/manufacturing of glass and electrical products
Barium	ppm	2	2	0.07	NO	0.03 – 0.07	2010	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Beta/photon emitters*	pCi/L	0	50**	4	NO	ND - 4	2008	Decay of natural and man-made deposits of certain minerals that are radioactive and may emit forms of radiation known as photons and beta radiation
Cadmium	ppb	5	5	0.2	NO	ND – 0.2	2010	Corrosion of galvanized pipes; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from metal refineries; runoff from waste batteries and paints
Chromium	ppb	100	100	4.4	NO	ND – 4.4	2010	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from steel and pulp mills
Combined radium 226/228*	pCi/L	0	5	2	NO	ND-2	2008	Erosion of natural deposits
Ethylene dibromide (EDB)	ppt	0	50	10	NO	ND - 10	2010	Discharge from petroleum refineries
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	1.2	NO	0.5 – 1.2	2010	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories

Nitrate (Nitrogen)	ppm	10	10	3.1	NO	0.06 – 3.1	2010	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite (Nitrogen)	ppm	1	1	0.09	NO	ND-0.09	2010	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	ppb	50	50	1.3	NO	ND – 1.3	2010	Erosion of natural deposits; discharge from petroleum refineries; discharge from mines
Total Organic Carbon	% ppm removal	N/A	TT (0% - 25% required)	37%	NO	25% - 51%	2010	Naturally present in environment

Notes: \* Most recent monitoring for this parameter was 2008.

\*\* The MCL for Beta particles is written as 4 mrem/year. EPA considers 50 pCi/L to be the level of concern for Beta particles.

Contaminants/DBPs/Disinfection Byproducts	Running Annual MCLG (ppb)	Average MCL (ppb)	System Annual Average (ppb)	System Running Average	System Range (ppb)	Violation ?	Sampling Year	Typical Source of Contamination
TTHMs [Total Trihalomethanes]	N/A	80	48		22-70	NO	2010	Byproduct of chlorination
Haloacetic Acids(5)	N/A	60	35		16-51	NO	2010	Byproduct of chlorination
Total Chlorine	4 ppm	4 ppm	2.53 ppm		2.0 – 3.0	NO	2010	Disinfection additive

## TICKS ARE NO SMALL PROBLEM

By Kathy Meyer, Vienna Resident, Member of Virginia Lyme Disease Task Force

Our picturesque state is working to address a growing public health crisis—Lyme and other tick-borne diseases. Virginia’s Governor Bob McDonnell stepped up to the plate this fall and appointed an advisory panel, the Virginia Lyme Disease Task Force, to hold hearings to determine the best steps to slow the spread of Lyme disease and see to it that physicians more accurately diagnose the disease. The Task Force held nine public hearings throughout the Commonwealth starting last November and met to vote on findings and recommendations on June 30.

Three primary concerns were highlighted by expert testimony:

1. The CDC does NOT advise physicians to use blood tests for Lyme as a sole diagnostic tool since the tests are designed for tracking the disease and are not sensitive enough for diagnosis, especially in the first weeks after a tick bite. Those first weeks are the best window of time to keep the disease from advancing so early treatment is important. Lyme is a clinical diagnosis and serology is only supportive. A bull’s eye rash is diagnostic, but it does not occur in all cases, may not be seen if it occurs in the hair or hard-to-see places and often does not appear as a bull’s eye, but may fill in or be elongate or may be mistaken for a spider bite or other rash.
2. There is consensus about the treatment of early Lyme disease, but since there is no way right now to test for cure of the disease, controversy exists about how to treat later stage or persistent Lyme. More research is needed and physicians need to stay updated on the scientific literature and use clinical judgment.
3. Education is needed to help residents, schools, parks and community organizations such as sports clubs and scouts do what is necessary to prevent tick bites. Many of our back yards, schools and parks are riddled with mice and other small animals that breed infected ticks and with the deer that transport them. One out of four nymph deer ticks the size of poppy seeds carry Lyme in the warm months and one out of two adult ticks carry it even in cooler months and lay 3,000 eggs per female in the leaf litter. Protecting our children from ticks needs to be a high priority. Ticks carry many diseases in addition to Lyme so more than one disease can be transmitted. Babesia, a malaria-like pathogen, just became nationally reportable by the CDC this year.

For more detailed information:

- American College of Physicians: [http://www.acponline.org/clinical\\_information/resources/lyme\\_disease/patient\\_diagnosis.htm](http://www.acponline.org/clinical_information/resources/lyme_disease/patient_diagnosis.htm)
- Fairfax County : <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/westnile/wvnlyme.htm>



# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

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

## SUMMER CAMPS

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has a variety of camps for youth of all ages that will keep them busy and learning through the summer. Try a dance camp, baseball camp, basketball camp, sport sampler camp, field hockey camp, computer camps, chess camp, fishing camp, fencing camp and more! To register or for more information, view the Summer Camp brochure online at [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360.

## JUST FOR KIDS

**Summer Stories and Sprinklers** is on Wednesdays now through August 10, at the Little Library. Children and parents come and enjoy stories at 1 p.m. and then take a romp through the sprinklers on the Town Green at 1:30 p.m.

**Turley the Magician** will be at the Vienna Community Center on Thurs., July 7, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets go on sale Wed., June 6, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$3 each and are required for all attending, including adults.

## JUST FOR TEENS

**Water Fun Day** is on Fri., July 8, at 4:30 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center. Enjoy a huge water balloon fight, other water themed activities and snacks! Free for Teen Center members.

**New Release Movie Day** is on Wed., July 20, at 4:30 p.m. at Club Phoenix Teen Center. Free for Teen Center members.

**Open Mic Night for Teens and Tweens** is on Fri., July 29, at 5 p.m. Youth will sing, recite poetry or share other talents on the Teen Center

stage. Sign up on the night of the event beginning at 4:30 p.m. or in advance at 703-255-5721. Free for Teen Center members.

## POTPOURRI

**Blood Pressure Checks**, Wed., July 13, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. No reservation required.

The **Vienna Scavenger Hunt** runs now through August 20. Be named Vienna's #1 recreating family by taking part in a six category photo scavenger hunt and submitting a photo CD by August 20. For more information, contact 703-255-6360 or [eguzman@viennava.gov](mailto:eguzman@viennava.gov).

**The next Movies in the Park** is on Fri., July 22, in Glyndon Park. Show starts at 8:45 p.m. or at dusk, whichever comes first. Call 703-255-7842 for movie information after 12 noon on the Wednesday before the show date and for weather information on the date of the show. Free.

**Tots and Teens on the Green** is held on Wednesdays from July 13 through August 10. Each Wednesday from 2 to 3 p.m., a different activity will be held on the Town Green for kids of all ages. Activities include arts and crafts, outdoor games, gardening, an obstacle course and more!

**CommonPlace**, a community online bulletin board, is coming to Vienna! Register online today at [www.vienna.ourcommonplace.com](http://www.vienna.ourcommonplace.com) to post and share information, events and requests with your neighbors. Vienna's CommonPlace is a free service that connects individuals, community groups and government in order to share information specific to our community.

## SUMMER ON THE GREEN JULY CONCERTS

### FRIDAYS AT 6:30 PM

- July 8: Cathy Ponton King  
Sponsored by Cafe Amouri
- July 15: Irresponsible  
Sponsored by Applegate Gallery and Custom Framing
- July 22: US Navy Band Country Current
- July 29: US Navy Band Sea Chanters

### SATURDAYS AT 6:30 PM

- July 23: Open Mic Night  
Sponsored by Gutter Helmet

### SUNDAYS AT 6:30 PM

- July 10: Richard Walton Group  
Sponsored by Gutter Helmet
- July 17: Tonics  
Sponsored by Dr. Garai
- July 24: Vienna Community Band
- July 31, 5:30 p.m.: NOVA Summer Brass Ensemble  
6:30 p.m.: The Village Jazz Band  
Sponsored by Pear Tree Cottage
- **WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM**
- July 6: Oh Susannah  
Sponsored by Whole Foods Market Vienna
- July 13: Peter McCory One Man Band  
Sponsored by Power Windows
- July 20: Doc Dikeman  
Sponsored by Michele F. Dandrea, CFP Morgan Stanley Smith Barney
- July 27 Emy Tseng  
Sponsored by Gutter Helmet

All performances are free of charge. For weather cancellations, call 703-255-7842 two hours before the event. Bring a blanket or chair and leave pets at home. No alcoholic beverages.

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Koinonia Koffeehouse**, Sat., July 9, 7-10 pm, Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road, 703-896-7424. Live music/open mic, light refreshments, good conversation. All ages.

**The Western Fairfax PFLAG** (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) support group and **FLY** (Fairfax Lesbian, Gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning Youth), a support group for youth ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet on Tues., July 5, 7:30 to 9 p.m. and on Sun., July 17, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. wf.pflag@gmail.com.

**The Vienna Multiple Sclerosis support group** will meet on Wed., July 13, at 7 p.m. in the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE. The group is for anyone with Multiple Sclerosis and/or their family and friends. To learn more, call Retta Yorns at 703-768-4841.

**The Vienna Community Band** invites band musicians who would like to join the Vienna Community Band to attend rehearsal at the Vienna Community Center, held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail tzcooper@verizon.net or visit www.viennacommunityband.org.

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180** will hold a Pancake Breakfast buffet on Sun., July 14, \*NEW DATE FOR JULY\* from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$7, children \$3. Open to the public. 330 Center St. N. For parties of eight or more, call 703-625-5736.

**Vienna Girls Softball League on-line registration** for the fall season is now open at [www.VGSL.org](http://www.VGSL.org) and walk-in registration will be held Sat., Aug. 6, at the Vienna Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. VGSL offers instruction and friendly competition for girls ages 5 to 18 starting in September and running through early November.

**The Vienna Saturday Farmers Market**, located in the caboose parking lot, is running at full steam now. Watermelon, corn, tomatoes and berries are all in abundance. Join us on July 2, when nonprofit guest Slow Food will be on hand to distribute information about their movement; plus, there will be red, white and blue giveaways and the return of the balloon man. We collect nonperishable food for the homeless on the first Saturday of the month as well. Facebook\Vienna-Farmers-Market or telephone 703-200.7806 or manager@viennafarmersmarket.com for more information.

**Your old magazines and paperback books** (no hard covers) are welcome 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.

**Supervisor Cathy Hudgins' First Monday** is on July 11, at Patrick Henry

Library from 1 to 3 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome or, if you prefer, you can schedule an appointment by calling 703-478-0283.

**Historic Vienna, Inc. has opened a new exhibit, "Vienna Awakens to War: 1861 to 1865,"** in the exhibit room of the Freeman House, 131 Church Street, NE. The artifacts loaned by members of the Vienna community include reproductions of uniforms, a dress of the period, bullets, ammunition, firearms, currency, original magazine stories on the Train Battle of Vienna, children's toys and games, cooking utensils and other photographs and memorabilia. The exhibit is open Wednesday through Sunday from 12 noon to 4 p.m. For information call 703-938-5187 or visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

**The Vienna Women's Club** is accepting applications for the 51st Holiday Bazaar to be held November 12 at the Vienna Community Center. Contact 703-938-7716 or n.volpe8@verizon.net for information or an application. Funds raised are for the Club's scholarship program.

## **Fairfax County July Recycling Events:**

- Wed., July 6, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., **Business Hazardous Waste Clean-up Day**, I-66 Transfer Station 4618 West Ox Rd., Fairfax.
- Sat., July 23, 8 a.m. - Noon, **Document Shredding Event**, South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria.
- Sunday, July 24, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., **Electric Sunday**, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd., Fairfax.

*Unless specifically noted as an event conducted or sponsored by the Town of Vienna, the events listed are published for informational purposes only. The listing of these events does not constitute an endorsement of the content of the event or necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna or its employees.*

# SUSTAINABLE GARDENING

By Maureen Alonso, Community Enhancement Commission

We all hear or use the word sustainable a lot these days referring to everything from energy to budgets. In addition, we use the word sustainable in the landscape to refer to specific types of gardens and plant types. When referring to sustainable landscapes we are generally referring to the ability of a system to continue indefinitely without external inputs. Let's explore how we can use this word in relation to our gardens.

When we look at reducing the inputs in our landscape we are referring to reducing water needs and the need for chemical pesticides and fertilizers. Plants that are well-adapted to our local climate will naturally be able to withstand the extremes of heat, drought and moisture that we experience seasonally. A quick search of sustainable plant suggestions can be found on local native plant society websites for our area.

Gardening practices such as mulching

will help conserve moisture during the summer months. Utilize the free composted leaf mulch from the Town of Vienna or Fairfax County. Composted leaf mulch is one of the best mulch types you can use on your garden plants in our area and it is free. Sustainable plant choices may refer to native plants for our area but are not limited to them. Check local sources and many non-native plant types are well adapted to hot sunny sites in our area.

Watering is necessary in our gardens, particularly during the hot summer months of July and August. New plantings are particularly needy during the first season of growth. Sustainable watering tips include watering with a leaky hose or a drip type of irrigation which delivers water at the ground level of the plants. Always use a timer on the hoses; simple hose timers may be purchased at local garden centers for less than twenty dollars a piece.

Water infrequently but deeply; during extremely hot spells, once per week up to an inch in depth is recommended. Use a rain barrel to capture rainwater for reuse around your home. Allow your lawn to go dormant during times of drought. You will be amazed how quickly the green of your turf will return once a rain storm occurs. Consider converting your lawn to a southern type turf grass such as Zoysia. It requires full sun to thrive but is an excellent alternative to traditional turf types in our area. Once established it requires no supplemental irrigation. Lastly, it is an excellent idea to plant a tree on the south or SW corner of your property to allow for shade to cool your home and shade your garden. A shade garden is far less thirsty than a garden in full sun.

For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/gardening.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/gardening.htm) or [www.vnps.org](http://www.vnps.org).

## BUFFALO SOLDIERS LICENSE PLATE

The Buffalo Soldiers' Motorcycle Club is in the process of petitioning the State of Virginia to develop a license plate which will honor the 9th & 10th Cavalry "Buffalo Soldiers". To create this new plate, we must obtain four hundred and fifty pre-paid applications and submit them to the Virginia General Assembly.

When the license plate is approved and created, the \$10 pre-paid application confirms your license plate and the new plate will be sent to the address on the application. After the approval, the DMV will make this plate available for purchase during the renewal process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joan Thomas at 703-586-8466 or [joanthomas17@hotmail.com](mailto:joanthomas17@hotmail.com).

## AYR HILL GARDEN CLUB BEAUTIFIES VIENNA

On Saturday, May 14, the Ayr Hill Garden Club celebrated thirty years of beautifying Vienna. The garden club members converted a rail bed (imagine lots of gravel and hard pan clay) by adding leaf mulch then planting and maintaining the garden at the intersection of the WO&D and Maple Ave. The Community Enhancement Commission would like to recognize the Ayr Hill Garden Club for this garden, which is enjoyed by cyclists, pedestrians and the motorists in Vienna. We understand that this is a significant effort and a labor of love. Thank you AHGC for your many years of service to our community and for helping make Vienna the attractive place that it is!

### JULY TOWN MEETINGS

Meetings are at Town Hall, 127 Center Street, South, at 8 p.m.

unless otherwise noted.

**Monday, 11th:** Town Council Meeting

**Thursday, 21st:** Board of Architectural Review

**Thursday, 14th:** Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, 21st:** Bicycle Advisory Committee

**Wednesday, 20th:** Board of Zoning Appeals

**Tuesday, 26th:** Transportation Safety Commission

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

*From the Vienna Newsletter Archives*

**July 2001:** For several years, pedestrian crossing signals have been in place on each side of Maple Ave., E, at the W&OD Regional Trail crossing. In addition, pedestrian signals are installed at three of the Town's 13 signalized intersections: Maple Ave., W at Courthouse Road; Maple Ave. at Center St.; and Maple Ave., E at Park Street.

**July 1991:** Some of Virginia's top baseball players, including the Greater Vienna Babe Ruth League, will compete in the Babe Ruth League State Tournament for ages 13-15 at Waters Field, corner of Center and Cherry Streets, SE, July 18-24. The opening game will feature the host Vienna team. The double elimination tournament will include champions of the eight Babe Ruth League districts in Virginia in addition to the host team.

**July 1981:** The Jitneybus has been granted a stay of execution by the Fairfax county Board of Supervisors. The Board agreed on July 20 to extend the Jitneybus service for an additional six months to determine whether changes in the system requested by the public will increase ridership. If ridership remains low at the end of this period, however, there will be no additional reprieve. Jitneybus service will be discontinued for good.

**July 1971:** After July 1, the \$2 fines on parking tickets that have not been paid within five days will be upped to \$5. Also effective July 1, the Vienna Court will accept checks for the posting of collateral. Until now, only cash or money orders were accepted.

## REAL ESTATE TAX DUE

The first installment on 2011 Town of Vienna real estate taxes is due on July 28, 2011. If you have not received your bill by July 15, please call the Town's real estate office at 703-255-6325.

## 2011 HALLOWEEN PARADE THEME

This year's Vienna Halloween Parade theme has been chosen: "Celebrating 65 Years of Tradition: Vienna Halloween Parade Through the Decades, 1946-2011." This year's theme was developed with help from the contributions of two Green Hedges students, Cecily Wolfe and Maya Glenn!

Since this year's theme focuses on the longevity of the parade and the community, we are seeking individuals who have lived in Vienna for 65 years (or close to) to serve as Grand Marshall. Send your suggestions to [csalgado@viennava.gov](mailto:csalgado@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6356.