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Meet With Your Legislators: February 1, 2014

Senator Chap Petersen and Delegate Mark Keam will discuss their legislative priorities and other anticipated issues for the 2014 Virginia General Assembly session at a public Town Hall meeting on Saturday, February 1, from 1 pm to 3 pm, at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Contact kathy@fairfaxsenator.com for more information.

Watch it LIVE on TVCN!

Can't make it to the meeting? The Town Hall meeting will be live broadcast on Cox channel 27, Verizon channel 38 and via the Town's website at www.viennava.gov. It will also be rebroadcast the next week; check www.viennava.gov for scheduling information.



Vienna At Your Service Features Local Historian Jim Lewis: January 14

The next meeting of Vienna At Your Service will be on Tuesday, January 14, at 7:30 pm in Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. This session will feature a presentation by local historian Jim Lewis who will present entertaining and enlightening information regarding the events and activities that occurred between D-Day and "The Battle of the Bulge." Next year marks the 70th anniversary of the battle, the costliest battle in terms of casualties for the United States during World War II.

Vienna At Your Service is a forum for citizens to learn more about Town departments, organizations, schools and local history. It is also an opportunity for representatives of Vienna area clubs and organizations to share information about upcoming events. Each session includes a report from the Police Department on recent department activities and statistics. All meetings are free and open to the public; no RSVP required. For more information, visit www.viennava.gov or call (703) 255-6311.

Holiday Closings

Town offices will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Refuse will not be collected; however, both the Wednesday and Thursday routes will be collected on Thursday, January 2. Residents should also hold yard waste, bulk and brush materials until their next regular collection day as crews will focus on recycling and trash collection on Thursday.

Town offices will also be closed on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Refuse will be collected as normal.

★ ★ Celebrate New Year's Eve Safely!

FIRST NIGHT VIENNA ~ December 31st

www.firstnightvienna.org

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Town Council Actions

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes.

The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567.

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

October 28, 2013

- Held a public hearing on general obligation debt ordinance regarding the 2014 capital improvement projects.
- Endorsed the Westbriar Elementary Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant application for Old Courthouse Road NE.
- Endorsed a cooperative agreement with Fairfax County to share stormwater service district fees.
- Adopted the Town's Capital Improvement Plan for 2014-2013 in the single year 2014 amount of \$6,500,000 and in the 16-year aggregate amount of \$44,245,000.
- Awarded a \$23,497.50 tennis and basketball court repair and resurfacing contract to American Tennis Courts, Inc. for Glyndon Park courts.
- Awarded a \$459,252 contract to Sagres Construction for Maple Avenue median improvements.
- Granted permanent and temporary easements to Fairfax Water at the Wall Street water tank.
- Awarded a contract for janitorial services at Town Hall and the Police station to 2Clean Commercial Services in the amount of \$24,392.
- Approved a request to ride a contract for the purchase of one Ford F-150 one-half-ton pickup truck from Hall Automotive in the amount of \$16,704.71.
- Accepted the resignation of Corinne Abbott from the Community Enhancement Commission.
- Approved the final plat for the three-lot resubdivision of existing property located at 350 Church Street NE. (*Approved 6-1, Polychrones Voting Nay*)
- Awarded a \$80,110.20 design contract to Whitman Reardon & Associates for the Nutley Street SW Culvert Replacement. (*Approved 6-1, Sienicki Voting Nay*)
- Approved the purchase of outside printing services for business license bills for \$1,329 and postage for business license, vehicle license and water and sewer bills for \$15,800 from Datamax.
- Approved a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$34,487.26 to the General Fund expenditure accounts from the General Fund encumbrance reserve balance and \$21,172 to the General Fund expenditure accounts from the General Fund carry forward reserve balance.

November 4, 2013

- Approved a resolution authorizing bank financing of 2014 capital improvement projects.

November 18, 2013

- Held a public hearing on the 2014 legislative agenda.
- Adopted a resolution supporting an exchange of a conservation easement on unopened Ninovan Road SE in exchange for NVRPA expansion of public parking at the Vienna Train Station.
- Awarded a \$23,500 contract to RDA for Maple Avenue traffic signal reconstruction design at Center Street and Courthouse/Lawyers Road intersections.
- Awarded a \$310,000 sewer lining contract to AM-Liner.

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Deadline for the February issue is January 15.

Upcoming Council Public Hearings

All public hearings are held at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S at 8 pm unless otherwise noted.

Upcoming Public Hearings:

No public hearings are currently scheduled for January 2014. View page 4 to see Town Council meeting dates.

General Assembly Convenes January 8, 2014

*Meet Your Legislators on Feb. 1
at Town Hall! (See cover.)*

The 2014 session of the Virginia General Assembly will convene on Wednesday, January 8. There are a number of online resources available on the Virginia General Assembly website at www.viriniageneralassembly.gov 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 2014 to the Town's representatives. The Town of Vienna:

1. Opposes any proposed reduction or elimination of the taxing authority of localities, including Business, Professional and Occupational License (BPOL) tax, Machinery and Tools (M&T) tax or excise tax, unless at a minimum, suitable revenue-neutral replacement sources are provided.
2. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is expected to recommend various transportation legislative proposals; however, the Town of Vienna would request specific legislation to HB 2313 to preclude disproportionate allocation of administrative costs on local transportation projects on Towns and Cities for transportation projects not occurring within a Town or a City.
3. 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%. In addition, the Town of Vienna supports a change to the composition to the Commonwealth Transportation Board to have greater representation to the urban/dense suburban areas of the Commonwealth.
4. Requests an amendment to the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC) 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.
5. Requests an amendment to Va. Code §15.2-2242 to add a provision that would permit towns within the Northern Virginia Transportation Management Area (TMA) to require dedication of land for construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter public improvements on the property being subdivided or developed if the sidewalk is designated on the localities' adopted pedestrian plan.
6. Requests amendments to Title 25.1 of the Virginia Code relating to eminent domain appraisal process that would require parties in condemnation proceedings to agree upon a single independent appraiser to determine the fair market value of the property in question.
7. Opposes any changes to investment policies of the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP) that would jeopardize the Pool's rating or compromise the long-term stability of the Pool.
8. Opposes devolution of state highway and road funding responsibilities where it shifts additional financial responsibilities to a locality.
9. Supports the General Assembly confirming the water and sewer rate authority of Towns and Cities operating water and sewer systems by the addition of clarifying language to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2143, as offered in the Attorney General's opinion July 19, 2013, preventing a county from the imposition of a limit or subjection to review or approval the water service rates set for those persons using the locality's water service including any customers residing outside the locality limits.
10. Supports restoration of full 599 funding to localities.
11. Supports the constitutional requirement for fair market valuation of property. State-imposed changes to the real estate tax must be "local option."
12. Requests the General Assembly to provide adequate funding for water quality improvements to localities for sewage treatment plants, urban stormwater, combined sewer overflows (CSOs), and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) as mandated by federal and state legislation, regulation and policies.
13. The Town of Vienna opposes any bill that reduces or eliminates local land use authority.
14. Supports revenue sharing mechanisms between localities and the state.
15. Endorses and supports the Legislative Policy Statement adopted by the Virginia Municipal League for the 2014 legislative session.
16. Supports the Town of Herndon in its request for legislation that clarifies when joint powers exercised by counties apply in their towns and when such powers do not apply in their towns.
17. Supports the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board's legislative agenda:
 - No changes to the cigarette tax code that eliminates the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board or limits the power of the Northern Virginia Cigarette Tax Board.
 - No changes that would limit any municipality's ability to impose or collect a cigarette tax.
 - Support allowing all municipalities the authority to impose a cigarette tax.
 - Oppose any legislation that would allow the State to collect the cigarette taxes for localities.
 - Support any legislation that combats illegal cigarette trafficking.

Start the New Year Right: Save Money by Conserving Energy

By Bernie Grace, Community Enhancement Commission

Each year as the holidays wind down we inevitably start to think about the new year and ways to improve our lives by starting fresh on January 1. Bring on the New Year resolutions. Often we vow wholesale changes only to find ourselves back to our old ways by February.

This year, consider saving money by reducing energy consumption.

- Planning on purchasing a new appliance in 2014? Consider an Energy Star appliance. While these appliances are going to cost you a little bit more up front, the long term energy saving benefits

of Energy Star appliances far outweigh the higher initial costs. Visit www.energystar.gov to learn more.

- Re-lamp your house with energy saving bulbs. The new LED bulbs use about 80 percent less energy than standard incandescents.
- Turn off unneeded lights - lighting is responsible for about 11 percent of a household's energy bills.
- Set your thermostat in winter to 68 degrees or less during the daytime. During the summer, set thermostats to 78 degrees or more.
- Use power strips to switch off televisions, home theater equipment and stereos when

you're not using them. Even when you think these products are off, together, their "standby" consumption can be equivalent to that of a 75 or 100 watt light bulb running continuously. Too much hassle? Consider installing timers on those power strips.

These are only a few examples. You can find many more in the Department of Energy's - Energy Savers Guide at energy.gov/energysaver/downloads/energy-savers-guide.

You can also visit www.viennava.gov and click on the going green tab in the community section for more ideas.

Leaf Collection Ending

Town crews expect to complete all three leaf collection passes by the end of December. If you have leaves after loose leaf collection has been completed, you will need to bag your leaves in clear plastic or kraft bags and place to the curb for pickup on your regular collection day. For information on leaf collection, please visit the Town's website at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163 or call the Department of Public Works at (703) 255-6380.

Order **free leaf mulch** from the Town of Vienna by February 28!
See the next page for details!

Dog License Due by January 31

Town dog licenses must be renewed by January 31, each year. The license fee for each dog is \$10. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be shown if the rabies vaccination expires by January 31, 2014, or for any dog new to town. Applications are available at Town Hall, by mail and online at www.viennava.gov. For more information, call (703) 255-6323.

January Recycling Events

The following recycling opportunity is provided by Fairfax County. For more information on this event, contact Ben Boxer at (703) 324-5052 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/recycling.

Sunday, January 12: *Electric Sunday*, 10 am to 3 pm, I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax

January Town Meetings

Meetings are at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, at 8 pm unless otherwise noted.

Monday, 6th: Town Council Meeting

Wednesday, 15th: Board of Zoning Appeals

Tuesday, 7th: Windover Heights Board of Review, 7:30 pm

Thursday, 16th: Board of Architectural Review

Wednesday, 8th: Planning Commission

Wednesday, 22nd: Planning Commission

Thursday, 9th: Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 pm

Thursday, 23rd: Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 pm

Monday, 13th: Town Council Work Session, Includes Mid-Year Review

Monday, 27th: Town Council Meeting

Tuesday, 14th: Vienna At Your Service, 7:30 pm

Tuesday, 28th: Transportation Safety Commission

Order Free Leaf Mulch Delivery or Pickup On Your Own

The Public Works Department (DPW) is taking orders now through February 28, for leaf mulch to be delivered free of charge to residents who live within the corporate limits of the Town. Delivery will likely begin mid-February. To place your order, call the "Mulch Line" recording at (703) 255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number and the number of loads to be delivered. You may also order leaf mulch online by visiting www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164. One load is approximately 2.5 cubic yards, which roughly equals 30 bags of mulch from a home hardware/lawn care store. Half loads are available on request.

Please note the following important conditions:

- All mulch deliveries are based on availability of mulch.

- Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house.
- Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up leaf mulch themselves in any amount between the hours of 9:30 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday (except holidays) from January 2, through March 30, while supplies last. Please call the DPW Administration office at (703) 255-6380 to arrange a pickup time so that we can ensure a staff member will be on site. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property at 442 Beulah Road NE, near Glyndon Park.

Businesses, Non-profits May Order Mulch

Free leaf mulch delivery is also available to all in-town businesses as well as churches, schools, the fire station, library and other non-profit organizations within the town limits. Call (703) 255-6388 to place an order. Please note the conditions outlined previously, which also apply to non-residential deliveries.

By grinding leaves into recyclable mulch the Town saves thousands of dollars in landfill fees each year. To save even more, citizens are encouraged to recycle grass clippings as mulch or compost. For how-to information, call the Fairfax County Recycling Hotline at (703) 324-5052.

Nominate Your Favorite Business for a Community Service Award

The Vienna Town/Business Liaison Committee invites nominations of businesses and business owners for the 2014 Carole Wolfand Community Service Award. The award is given each year to a town business entity or owner in recognition of outstanding contributions to the community life and spirit of Vienna.

To nominate a business or owner, submit: (1) business name of nominee, (2) business address of nominee, (3) business phone number of nominee, (4) description of contribution/action to be considered and why (200 words or less), and (5) name, address and phone number of nominator.

Submit entries by March 7, to Town/Business Liaison Committee, c/o Joseph Pudlick, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center Street South, Vienna, VA 22180 or by fax to (703) 255-5729 or e-mail to tblc@viennava.gov (put "TBLC award" in subject line.)

Welcome New Businesses

These businesses received business licenses during the month of November.

Illuminated Point Wellness

Acupuncture
421 Church St NE, E
(571) 234-1479

Dr. Nisha Patel *Ophthalmologist*

301 Maple Ave W, 340
(703) 263-3147

AZ Diabetic Supply *Medical Supply Fulfillment*

386 Maple Ave E, 113
(703) 356-5514

Wine Outlet *Beer & Wine*

278 Cedar Ln SE
(703) 288-2970

Vienna Nails Spa *Nail Care*

108 Lawyers Rd NW
(703) 537-0056

Buhi World *Skates & Snow Boards* 316 Dominion Rd NE (703) 362-8244

Unatattoo *Tattoo Removal* 431 Maple Ave W, E (301) 370-2597



Christmas Tree Collection

The Department of Public Works will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Simply place your tree to the curb on your regular refuse collection day. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel) and not wrapped in plastic or placed in bags. Questions? Contact the Department of Public Works at dpw@viennava.gov or (703) 255-6380.

Keep Sidewalks Clear of Ice and Snow This Winter

Help keep Vienna a walkable community by clearing your sidewalks of snow and ice this winter. We are asking all businesses and residents who are physically able to shovel snow from sidewalks adjacent to their property. This will help pedestrians, postal workers, shoppers and school children navigate safely throughout Vienna after snow events.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots should also make sure that they clear the sidewalks adjacent to their business so that customers can safely do their shopping. Snow

is not permitted to be piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. Also, it is illegal to block handicapped parking spaces with snow.



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 Public Information Office at (703) 255-6361.

If you need assistance, teens are available to shovel snow and help with other odd jobs. The teen and the person needing the work decide on the amount to be paid for the service. Teens can sign up at the Community Center and residents can call (703) 255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

Seeking Volunteers for the Vienna Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committees

The Vienna Town Council is seeking Vienna citizens to volunteer to serve on the re-established Vienna Bicycle Advisory Committee and the newly created Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Committees will serve as advisory boards to the Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) and members will be appointed by the Town Council. Each Committee will consist of six community members, in addition to a member of the TSC to serve as Chair.

The Committees will meet on alternate months at 7 pm prior to the Transportation Safety Commission meeting on the last Tuesday of each month at Town Hall. The goal of the Committees is to provide recommendations to the Transportation Safety Commission and the Vienna Town Council for improving the pedestrian and bicycle network in Vienna. The Vienna Town Council will consider applicants for appointment in December and January, with the expectation that the Committees will begin work in January.

Anyone interested in serving on the Bicycle Advisory or Pedestrian Advisory Committees should complete the Board and Commission application available online at www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=350 or in the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, 2nd floor. For questions on the application process, contact the Town Clerk's Office at (703) 255-6304.

Town Receives Top Honors in Governmental Budgeting for FY2013-2014 Budget

For the 20th consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada. The award is the highest form of recognition for governmental budgeting.

In order to receive the award, a jurisdiction must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device.

Representatives from the Town's Finance Department accepted the Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation during the December 17 Town Council meeting.

The budget can be viewed online at www.viennava.gov or in the Town Clerk's Office in Town Hall, 127 Center Street S.

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 Volunteer Reception on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. Please fill out and return this form to Mayor Seeman at the address provided below. Nominations must be submitted before March 3, 2014.

Nomination Form for Outstanding Volunteers

Name of Nominee: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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: _____ Email: _____

Please return this form before March 3, 2014 to:

**Mayor M. Jane Seeman
Charles A. Robinson, Jr. Town Hall
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180**

Vienna Theatre Company Presents: *This*

Vienna Theatre Co.'s production of "This" opens Friday, January 24, and runs Friday and Saturday nights at 8 pm through February 8, with Sunday matinee performances at 2 pm on February 2 and 9, 2014. Shows are held at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE.

Written by Melissa James Gibson and directed by Tom Flatt, "This" is a bright, tart and melancholy comedy that captures the uncertain steps of a circle of friends entering the choppy water of middle age. The New York Times dubbed "This" the best new play to open off Broadway in the fall of 2009.



(l-r) Shannon Benton as Jane and
Rikkie Howie as Marrell
Photo by Jocelyn Steiner

Tickets are \$13 for general admission and are available in advance at the Vienna Community Center or at the door. Reserve tickets by e-mailing vtcshows@yahoo.com. For more information, visit www.viennatheatrecompany.org.

Safe Winter Driving Tips

Provided by the United States Department of Labor, OSHA

With snow and ice storms under our belt this early in the winter season, it's important to remember some safe driving tips when you have to navigate hazardous road conditions. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommends the Three P's of Safe Winter Driving: Prepare for the trip, Protect yourself and Prevent crashes on the road.

Prepare

- **Maintain Your Car:** Check battery, tire tread and windshield wipers; keep your windows clear; put no-freeze fluid in the washer reservoir and check your antifreeze.
- **Have On Hand:** flashlight, jumper cables, abrasive material, shovel, snow brush and ice scraper, warning devices (like flares) and blankets.
- **Stopped or Stalled?** Stay in your car, don't overexert; put bright markers on antenna or windows and shine dome light,

and, if you run your car, clear exhaust pipe and run it just enough to stay warm.

- **Plan Your route:** Allow plenty of time, be familiar with the maps/ directions and let others know your route and arrival time.



- **Practice Cold Weather Driving!**
 - During the daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on ice or snow in an empty lot.
 - Steer into a skid.
 - Know what your brakes will do: stomp on antilock brakes; pump on non-antilock brakes.
 - Stopping distances are longer on water-covered ice and ice.

- Don't idle for a long time with the windows up or in an enclosed space.

Protect Yourself

- Buckle up and use child safety seats properly.
- Never place a rear-facing infant seat in front of an air bag.
- Children 12 and under are much safer in the back seat.

Prevent Crashes

- Drugs and alcohol never mix with driving.
- Slow down and increase distances between cars.
- Keep your eyes open for pedestrians walking in the road.
- Avoid fatigue – get plenty of rest before the trip, stop at least every three hours and rotate drivers if possible.
- If you are planning to drink, designate a sober driver.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

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

Register for Parks & Recreation classes online at: www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545.

SPORTS AND FITNESS

Vienna Men's Softball League begins in March - registration is now open! A temporary roster and a \$100 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of registration. Registration is accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Register by Fri., Feb. 21; league play begins Mon., Apr. 28 at Southside Park. For a registration packet, contact Brandy Wyatt at (703) 255-5721 or bwyatt@viennava.gov.

Mommy Boot Camp starts in January. Register now to reserve your spot - kids of all ages are welcome. For more information, call (571) 214-6667 or visit www.mommybootcamp.org.

JUST FOR KIDS

Intro to Minecraft teaches kids how to create and texture their own items and codes using the popular game Minecraft. Two sessions are available: Sat., Jan. 18 - Feb. 22, 1 to 2 pm; and Thurs., Feb 27 - Apr. 3, 6:30-7:30 pm. For ages 7 to 9. The cost per session is \$139 for residents, and \$173.75 for out of town participants. Register online at www.viennava.gov.

Lego Robotics Sports (for ages 6-10) and **Lego Robotics Vehicles** (for ages 8-14) combines the exciting world of Lego with programming to manipulate and program your own personal robots. Both sessions run during the evenings on Tuesdays, Jan. 14 - Feb. 18.

Jr. Video Game Design, for ages 6 - 10, gives kids the opportunity to see how professional games are made using Platinum Arts Sandbox. Two sessions are available: Thurs., Jan. 16 - Feb. 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm; and Sat., Mar. 1 - Apr. 5, 1 - 2 pm. Each session is \$139 for residents and \$173.75 for out of town participants.

JUST FOR TEENS

Club Phoenix After School Program for grades 6 through 8 runs Monday, 12:30 - 6:30 pm and Tuesday through Friday, 2:30 - 6:30 pm. Registration is required. Contact Tammy Funk at (703) 255-5736 to register your teen.

Teen Etiquette will be held on Sat., Feb. 1, 10 am - 12 pm and will teach your teen everything they need to know about table manners. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for out-of-town participants, plus a \$5 materials fee due the day of class.

POTPOURRI

Parent Workshop - How to Talk to Your Kids About Healthy Relationships will be held on Wed., Feb. 26, 7:30 - 9:00 pm at the Club Phoenix Teen Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. This workshop is designed to help parents understand what a healthy teen relationship looks like and the warning signs of an unhealthy relationship. Pre-register by contacting Tammy Funk at (703) 255-5736 or tfunk@viennava.gov. Free.

Indian Vegetarian Cooking class will be held on Sat., Jan. 11, 10 am - 12 pm. The class will teach you how to make a variety of Indian vegetarian dishes using garbanzo beans, curry, lentils, chilli spice, cumin and more. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for out of town participants.

Family Skate Nights are held on Friday nights, 6:30 - 8 pm in the Community Center gym. The cost is \$1 per person and is appropriate for the whole family! Participants need to bring their own skates and safety equipment; no scooters, roller skates and in-line skates only. Parents are required to stay and are invited to participate!

Indian Meal will give participants the opportunity to make a quick and delicious Indian meal with a vegetarian and non-vegetarian dish. The class will be held on Sat., Feb. 1, 10 am - 12 pm. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$50 for out of town participants.

JUST FOR MATURE ADULTS

Why We Hate Probate will be held on Mon., Jan. 13, 10 am - 11:30 am. No registration required.

Free Blood Pressure Check, Wed., Jan. 8, 10:45 am - 11:45 am at the Community Center. No reservation required.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

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

The Fairfax County Chapter of the National Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will meet on Fri., Jan. 3, at 10 am at the Penderbrook Community Center, 3704 Golf Trail Lane, Fairfax. Guests are cordially invited to attend. The program "Project Patriot" will be presented by Ms. Jennifer Minus. Please contact Mrs. Diane Wright at diwright.fairfaxdar@verizon.net or (703) 476-9705 if you are interested in attending or joining the DAR.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are also available. Hours are flexible to fit your schedule. Visit our website at www.scov.org or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (703) 281-5088 or email volunteer@scov.org.

High School Oratorical Contest, Sat., Jan. 11, at 10 am at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St. N. First prize \$150, second and third prizes \$50. For more info contact Ron Patterson, (703) 867-1285 or ronp5555@yahoo.com. Register by Jan. 3.

New Years Eve Party at Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St. N. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Chris Polk Band: \$35 single, \$50 per couple, benefits Legion National Emergency Fund. Call (703) 938-9535 for info/tickets.

Breakfast Buffet, Sun., Jan. 19, 8 am - 12 pm, Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N. Adults \$8, children \$3: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. Open to the public, proceeds benefit Girls State. For more information, call (703) 938-1379.

Any veteran needing help with a Veterans Administration claim may contact Phil Dunn, the Service Officer at American Legion Post 180 in Vienna. No need to be a Legion member, just an armed forces veteran. Contact Phil at (703) 938-9535 or post180.cmdr@gmail.com.

PFLAG Fairfax, a community group for Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and FLY, a social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently on Tues., Jan. 7, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Program Building at the Unitarian Universalist

Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY also holds Teen Lounges on the third Friday of every month, alternating movie/pizza nights at UUCF with meet-ups at various locations. Email wf.pflag@gmail.com or go to FLY's Facebook page for time and place. www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/

Vienna Adventist Academy, located at 340 Courthouse Road SW, is selling Florida Navel Oranges, Ruby Red Grapefruit and Minneola Honeybells this month. All orders must be placed by Mon., Jan. 13. The fruit will be available for pickup Fri., Jan. 24, and Sun., Jan. 26. For more information or to place an order, please contact the school office at (703) 938-6200 or viennaadventistacademy@gmail.com.

Koinonia Koffeehouse Holiday Performances, Sat., Dec. 14, 7-10 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, De Sales Hall, 8601 Wolftrap Road. Holiday themed open mic, light refreshments, good cheer. Information: Patrice Roe, (703) 896-7424, development@olgcv.org.

The Welcome Club of Northern Virginia is a social club offering activities that include monthly luncheons with program, a tea group, bridge/game groups, wine groups and a book review group, just to name a few - truly something for everyone! Whether you're a new or long-time resident, new friendships await. Thurs., Jan. 2, is our next luncheon with well-known Phyllis

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Verhalen presenting her first person portrayal of First Lady Helen Taft. For information about the Club and how to register for the luncheon, visit www.welcomeclubnvirginia.com.

Chapter 1116 NARFE Chapter Vienna Oakton will meet on Tues., Jan.14, at 1:30 pm at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. The speaker will be Ginny Ingelese from total Health Concepts, a new business in Vienna. She will be speaking about senior wellness. The meeting is free and open to all NARFE members and their guests. For further information please call (703) 281-5123.

“Winners’ Wall” features artists from around our region who won awards at the 44th annual Treasury of Art juried show and sale. The winners have been invited to exhibit a selection of their artwork at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. NW. Meet the artists at a reception Sun., Jan. 12, 2 - 4 pm. Through the month of January you can also view “SALON DES REFUSES”, Vienna Arts Society Gallery in the Village Green, 513 Maple Ave., W. This exhibition features artworks not accepted into juried shows (some of which have won awards in other shows), so you can be the judge! Exhibition hours at both shows are Tuesdays - Saturdays, 10 am - 4 pm, Jan. 7, through Feb. 1. (703) 319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

Come for a complimentary breakfast at American Legion Post 180, 330 North Center Street, on Sat., Jan. 4, 8 - 11 am, to celebrate Governor-Elect Terry McAuliffe’s Day

of Service. All are invited. Come meet with nonprofits, faith leaders and local elected representatives to find out about projects in the community that could use your help with good old fashion community building. On hand will be Town of Vienna representatives, a representative from Volunteer Fairfax, one of the best sources for hundreds of volunteer possibilities for teens through seniors in Fairfax County, and many local nonprofits to talk about their organizations and how you can help. Seeking a Promise of ten hours per person in 2014 as a goal. For more information please contact Cherie Lejeune at (703) 319-2023.

High Performance Aging (HPA) will be at the American Legion Post

Volunteer Community Breakfast on Sat., Jan. 4, 9:30 - 11 am demonstrating Google Hangout and Skype, and answering all mobile device questions. Madison High School volunteers will be helping with this informational session. For more information, contact Cherie Lejeune at (703) 319-2023.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 227 will meet on Thurs., Jan. 16, at 7:30 pm at Neighbors Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. Robert Tecklenburg will discuss his new book, “The Boys Next Door: A Marine Returns to Vietnam.” The public is invited to attend; admission is free. For information, call (703) 255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

Be Seen While Exercising Outdoors in the Dark

During the 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.

Here are some helpful tips for being seen while outdoors in the dark hours:

- **Be Reflective.** Darkness creates even more danger for exercisers. People driving to work before sunrise and returning home after sunset are not thinking about encountering walkers, joggers and cyclists. Likely they’re either waking up or zoning out. While bicycle lights of some type are required in all states for night riding, reflective clothing and gear helps cyclists and joggers stand out. A few popular and useful items to increase visibility: a reflective vest, glow-in-the-dark stickers that affix to your hat and shoes, and Velcro wrist and ankle bands.
- **Move in the Right Direction.** Bike with traffic and run against traffic. This rule of thumb applies for all times of the day. Running against the flow of traffic allows you to watch everything coming your way--cars, buses, bikes, etc. Even at a five minute per mile running pace, oncoming traffic can see you from afar and you should have reaction time to get out of the path of any oncoming danger.
- **Brighten Your Day.** Don’t wear black or other dark colors; wear light colors that reflect more light.

Adding LED safety lights will be sure to increase your visibility! Another good habit to develop while exercising outdoors is to carry your cell phone and an ID on you, just in case there is an emergency. You may also want to consider exercising with a friend for both safety and motivation!

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THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

From the Vienna Newsletter Archives

January 2004: Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project has been selected to receive a 2003 Community Appearance Award from the Community Appearance Alliance of Northern Virginia. The project areas, from Park Street to East Street, includes brick sidewalks on each side of Maple Avenue, new curb and gutter, brick crosswalks at all intersections, new asphalt pavement surface, increased turning radii at intersections and driveway entrances, improved street lighting with ornamental poles and fixtures, elimination of utility poles on the north side of Maple Avenue, planter areas for shrubbery and trees, trash receptacles, benches and new bus shelters.

January 1994: The Town Council will hold a public hearing at its January 24 meeting on the possible acquisition by the Town of the Lowe's property at 143 Maple Avenue E. Some uses that have been mentioned for the property are a park, parking facility and possible sale or lease of the property for retail shops. Lowe's current asking price is substantially above what similar property is bringing, and the Town is seeking an appraisal of the site to be discussed at the public hearing.

January 1984: The W&OD Trail is undergoing some new development. The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) has purchased an easement to connect the trail to a 90-acre tract near Vienna that it plans to develop as an arboretum.

January 1974: In response to inquiries about widening several Vienna streets, Town Manager C. Clay Harrell said that the Town has no plans whatsoever for the widening of any streets in the south quadrants of Town. Planners have indicated it may be necessary to widen several streets to handle increased traffic expected from high-density development adjacent to Vienna.

Vienna Business Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries in January 2014:

55 Years

- Vienna Septic
- Parkwood School
- J. Kenneth Bowman, D.C.

35 Years

- Dog World Pet Salon

30 Years

- Vienna Psychotherapy and Counseling

25 Years

- Burney Investment Services
- Jiffy Lube
- Rogowski/Maloney

20 Years

- Castle Realty
- Judith A. Moore
- Nancy C. Fretta, PhD
- Vienna Woods Studios

15 Years

- D's Collectibles
- Diane T. Salon, Inc.
- Happy Hours Day Care
- Scot A. Flanders, PC

- Vienna Jewelry & Estate Buyers

10 Years

- DeChristopher Insurance
- Edgar Adamson Global Security
- Miriam R. Retamoso
- Network Tuner, LLC
- Noodles & Company
- Patricia D'Alexander
- Union Free America
- Virginia Family Counseling
- Washington Pathology Services