

Town Cleanup Next Month

The townwide Fall Cleanup will begin on Monday, October 15. During the cleanup, Public Works crews will pick up free of charge anything left at the curbside. Discards may include building materials, furniture, scrap metal, household appliances, tree limbs, brush and other debris.

Residents should place items for pickup at the curbside, taking care not to cover up fire hydrants or water meters. Brush and branches should be placed in a separate pile to help the cleanup go faster.

Public Works crews will start the cleanup in the Southwest section of town and proceed clockwise through Northwest, Northeast and Southeast. The time needed to cover each section is hard to determine; therefore, all residents should have their debris at the curbside by October 15. Because cleanup crews comprise the same personnel who perform street maintenance and other necessary public works duties, there is time for only one cleanup sweep of the town. Once a section has been covered, crews cannot double back.

Boards and Commissions Offer Opportunity for Service

Membership on Vienna's boards and commissions provides citizens the opportunity to become actively involved in town affairs. Applications for membership are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.

The Town Council usually interviews each applicant and evaluates his or her interests, education, philosophy and work experience according to the functions of the board or commission on which a vacancy exists. Many members of Council believe it is desirable to have all areas of town represented and to encompass diverse philosophies and points of view, although members should be in general agreement with town policies and objectives.

The Planning Commission approves preliminary plats of subdivisions, prepares the comprehensive plan for the development of the town, hears and recommends to Council action on all rezoning requests and various other zoning and planning matters. The Planning Commission meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Board of Zoning Appeals is a semi-judicial body, the members of which are recommended by Council to the Circuit Court for appointment. The Board is authorized to hear and decide appeals of any decision made by the Zoning Administrator, grant variances from the zoning code, approve conditional use permits and interpret the zoning map. The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month.

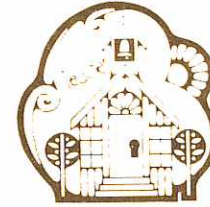
The Board of Architectural Review examines and approves plans for commercial buildings, signs and landscaping to ensure that new construction is not bizarre or garish and is harmonious and compatible with existing buildings. The Board is concerned primarily with the appearance and aesthetic factors in commercial construction. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

The Transportation Safety Commission studies intersections, traffic signs, speed limits and other matters relating to street safety and makes recommendations to Council. It meets the last Tuesday of each month.

The Windover Heights Historic Architectural Review Board approves new construction and major exterior alterations of buildings within the Windover Heights Historic District in northwest Vienna to ensure that they are in keeping with the old and historic aspect of the surroundings. Citizen members of the Board must reside within the historic district. Meetings are held whenever there is an application to consider.

Two vacancies currently exist - one on the Planning Commission and the other on the Transportation Safety Commission. If you would like to be considered for one of these appointments, please contact the Town Clerk to obtain an application.

September Calendar



- 3 -- LABOR DAY. Town Hall closed. No trash pickup.
- 4 -- Registration begins for fall classes and for the Fall Tennis Tournament at the Community Center, 8:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m.
- 10 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. (Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update on agenda items.)
- 11 -- Mayor's Advisory Committee meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 12 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pick-up Day.
- 14 -- Teen concert at the Community Center, 8-11 p.m. featuring Band 151. Admission \$1.25.
- 15 -- Public hearing on restoration of Moorefield, 10 a.m. at Marshall Road School.
- 17 -- Town Council meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall (rescheduled from September 24). Call the Vienna Newsline, 938-4499, the weekend before the meeting for an update items.
- 19 -- Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 20 -- Architectural Review Board meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 22 -- Jewish New Year.
- 25 -- Transportation Safety Commission meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Town Hall.
- 26 -- Planning Commission meeting, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Newspaper Pick-up Day.
- 28 -- Fall Tennis Tournament begins.
- 28-30 -- Vienna Jaycettes crafts fair at the Community Center.

The September 24 Town Council meeting has been rescheduled for September 17 so that Council members may attend the Virginia Municipal League Conference in Roanoke.

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Moorefield's Fate Is Subject Of Public Hearing Sept. 15

The Town Council will hold a public hearing on Saturday, September 15, to discuss the historic Moorefield property in southwest Vienna. The hearing will begin at 10 a.m. in the resource room at Marshall Road School, 730 Marshall Rd., S.W. Interested citizens, especially residents of Townes of Moorefield, are encouraged to attend.

Moorefield, located off Nutley Road in the center of the Townes of Moorefield subdivision, is the oldest house still standing in Vienna. It is listed on both the Virginia Historic Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places.

The house was built around 1790 as the home of Baptist minister Jeremiah Moore, who campaigned for absolute religious freedom and for the separation of church and state during our country's infancy. He was also an early advocate of the abolition of slavery.

Moorefield has stood unoccupied for many years and is badly deteriorated. The cost of restoration could be close to a quarter million dollars. Some financial assistance may be available, but not until a practical use for the house is decided.

Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's organization for historic preservation and restoration, has studied many possible uses for Moorefield and is recommending that it be restored as an archaeological museum and classroom. The purpose of the public hearing on September 15 is to determine whether this proposed use is acceptable to the residents of Townes of Moorefield and to the rest of the community. Once a commitment is made to restore Moorefield, the town will then be able to seek funding for the project.

(A more detailed discussion of Moorefield by the Mayor appears inside.)

Town Hall will be closed Monday, September 3, for Labor Day. There will be no trash pickup that day.

Fall Recreation Registration

Registration for fall classes at the Community Center begins on Tuesday, September 4. Class brochures containing registration forms were mailed to all town residents, and brochures are also available at the Community Center, Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library.

Classes include such favorites as art, crafts, dance, cooking and tennis. Some of the special interest courses are herb gardening, law for the layman, scuba and auto repair.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Vienna residents aged 65 and older may register free of charge.

The third annual Town Tennis Tournament will begin September 28. This tournament is open only to Vienna addressed players. Entries will be accepted from September 4 through September 25. Entry forms are available at the Community Center.

Categories are men's and women's singles and doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fees are \$3.50 for singles and \$6 per doubles team. Trophies will be awarded to the winner and runner up in each category.

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Moorefield - Demolish It or Restore It?

By Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr.

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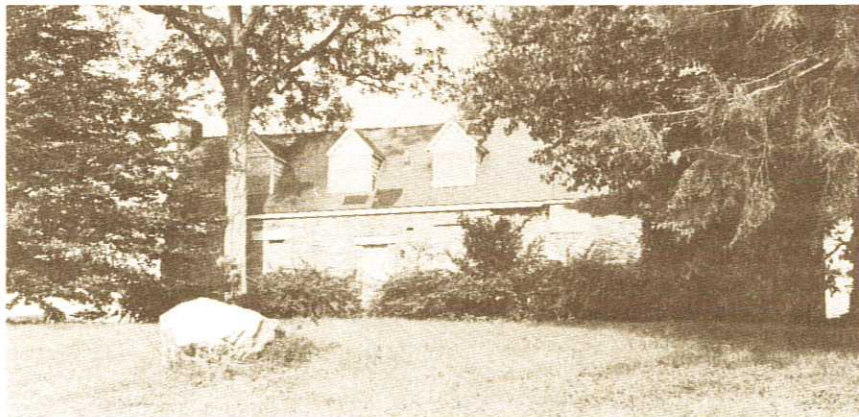
Jeremiah Moore (1746-1815) was an historic fighter for religious freedom in Virginia. He was in early life converted to the Baptist faith, and thereafter suffered many indignities in his struggle against the established Anglican Church to assure that people of all faiths would be free to worship God in Virginia according to the dictates of their conscience.

The house from which Jeremiah Moore traveled widely throughout Virginia preaching, establishing churches and urging the absolute separation of church and state still stands in the Town of Vienna. It is known as Moorefield, lies just south of Nutley Road in the Townes of Moorefield community and has fallen into a deplorable state of disrepair which is bordering on total ruin.

When the Townes of Moorefield neighborhood was approved for construction by the Vienna Town Council, it was agreed that the Moorefield house and approximately one-half acre of land surrounding it would be conveyed to the Town by the then owner of the tract, John DeLuca. Thus, the Moorefield property is now owned by the Town, and is without question one of the most historic sites and structures within the corporate limits. But, time is running out, and the Council must very soon decide whether to attempt restoration of the old house or simply demolish it, erect a small monument and turn the site into a neighborhood park.

The reality of Moorefield's historical significance was made very clear to me by the willingness of the Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission to list it in the Virginia Register of Historic Landmarks and by the willingness of the U.S. Department of the Interior to place it in the National Register of Historic Places. I am very happy to have assisted Historic Vienna, Inc., in achieving this much for the old house.

The big problem is cost. Architects qualified in the restoration of historic structures estimated two years ago that some \$200,000 would be required to restore Moorefield to usefulness. Inflation has no doubt raised that figure



somewhat by now. And, thus far, we have been unsuccessful in attracting outside financial support from either Federal or private sources.

Developing a practical use for the restored structure is the key factor in attracting financial help. With this in mind, a special committee was established by Historic Vienna, Inc., several months ago to suggest a use for Moorefield that would be both practical and compatible with the residential community surrounding it. After working with Fairfax County officials, the committee has recommended that the restored Moorefield house be used as a display building for archaeological materials unearthed by County archaeologists and for occasional small classes in archaeology and related disciplines.

The Town Manager, Brack Bentley, and I have met with officials of Fairfax County, including Centreville District Supervisor Martha Pennino, and with officials of the Fairfax County Park Authority, all of whom seemed to feel that restoration is desirable if the necessary money can be found. Brack Bentley and I also attended the June meeting of the Townes of Moorefield homeowners association. The approximately 40 persons present, after discussing at considerable length the proposal for restoration of Moorefield as an archaeological center, gave it an informal but very solid show-of-hands endorsement.

Members of the Vienna Town Council are understandably hesitant to spend large sums of money on historic preservation during these times when even the funds for necessary basic municipal services are hard to find. Personally, I would very much prefer to restore the home of Jeremiah Moore as a symbol of our recognition and appreciation of the principles which underlie our American heritage of guaranteed personal freedoms. These freedoms would never have been achieved without people like Jeremiah Moore, who were willing to and did risk their property and personal safety to assure their establishment.

It is possible, I think, that with Fairfax County, the Town of Vienna and perhaps some community organizations working together, we might raise the money to restore Moorefield. But, success, if it is to come at all, must await two developments: first, vocal support from Vienna townspeople, especially residents of Townes of Moorefield; and, second, a willingness by the Town Council to participate financially in some measure. In any event, unless we act with reasonable speed, the destructive forces of nature will render moot whatever we decide.

W&OD Past and Present

The now-defunct Washington and Old Dominion Railroad, a major landmark in Northern Virginia, is the subject of a presentation to be given at the annual meeting of Historic Vienna, Inc., at 8 p.m. September 25 at Vienna Elementary School, 128 Center St., S.

Once a major means of transportation for local residents, the railroad line was, until recently, just an idle railroad bed, cutting a path from Washington, D.C., to Loudoun County. Today, the line is being transformed into a biking, hiking and horseback riding trail.

The presentation, which is open to both Historic Vienna members and the public, will include a discussion of the history of the railroad and a short slide program on the park development along the railroad path.

In conjunction with this program, Historic Vienna is featuring an exhibit of sketches of the W&OD trail by artist Paul Worboys at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The sketches will be exhibited for one month, beginning the end of September, and may be seen during regular Freeman House hours, 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

Historic Vienna is the town's non-profit organization for historic preservation and restoration. Membership information is available at the Freeman House or from Mildred Monahan, president, at 560-0069.

W&OD Trail Opening Celebration

The grand opening celebration of the Vienna section of the W&OD regional trail will be held Saturday, October 20, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Festivities will include bands, clowns, children's circus and awards for the best decorated bicycles. Hikers, bikers and joggers are encouraged to take part in the opening of their trail. Community organizations are invited to set up tables and booths for fund-raising sales of balloons, baked goods, plants, coffee and other items.

The celebration is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and co-sponsored by the Town of Vienna and the Fairfax County Recreation Department. Organizations and individuals interested in participating should call the Regional Park Authority at 278-8880 for information.

Could the Fire Department Find Your House at Night?

Have you ever tried to find a street address at night? Suppose you are invited to a party and you're unfamiliar with the neighborhood. It is dark, the house number is hard to see and no cars are out front. Is this the right night? Is this the correct address? You fumble with a flashlight and finally find the house number. All is well and you enjoy the party.

Now imagine you are a member of the Fire Department or Rescue Squad responding to an emergency and you are looking for an address under the same circumstances. Minutes, even seconds, count and you can't see any house number. Either it is missing, grown over with shrubbery, too small or otherwise hard to see at night.

Tonight, after dark, why don't you drive by your own house and see if you can read the house number. If you can't, then you should do something about it.

White numerals on a black background, mounted so your outside light shines on it, are easy to see. Street-side mailboxes should have numbers that can be read from both directions. House numbers in script are decorative, but difficult to recognize at a glance and can be misread.

Perform your own test today. The next emergency call at 2 a.m. could be to *your* house.

EMERGENCY CALLS - COMPANY 2 - JULY 1979

Fire - 97	Medic Unit - 98	Ambulance - 98	Total - 293
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Tennis Tournament Winners

The Department of Parks and Recreation congratulates the following winners and runners up of this summer's Adult Tennis Tournament:

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Winner: Ann D. Reiter
Runner Up: Dee Tice

MEN'S DOUBLES

Winners: Ted Meyer
Herb Hopwood
Runners Up: Dave Carlton
Thad Hodgdon

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Winners: Sandy Simmers
Audrey Raphael
Runners Up: Page Demar
Mary Jackson

MEN'S 45 & OVER SINGLES

Winner: Jim Jeffries
Runner Up: Bob Chesley

MEN'S SINGLES

Winner: Bob Peach
Runner Up: Richard Smith

MEN'S 45 & OVER DOUBLES

Winners: Ed Kollock
Ed Filipek
Runners Up: Jim Jeffries
Bob Chesley

'Eve' to Speak at Community Center

The public is invited to hear writer and lecturer Chris Sizemore -- author of the best seller "I'm Eve" and subject of the movie "The Three Faces of Eve" -- at the Community Center at 8 p.m. September 19.

Mrs. Sizemore was diagnosed as having a multiple personality in 1952 and has been undergoing care and study since that time. She was the author of "The Final Face of Eve" in 1958 and in 1977 wrote "I'm Eve" in conjunction with her cousin Dr. Elen Sain Pittillo.

This program is sponsored by the Vienna Woman's Club and admission is free.