



**TOWN  
OF  
VIENNA**

# NEWSLETTER

January 2003

## Leaf Collection Update

As of mid-December, leaf collection was running approximately two weeks behind the published schedule due to winter weather and the large volume of leaves. Crews will be working through January to complete collection in all areas of town. If you still have leaves at the curbside awaiting pickup, please notify the Public Works Department, 703-255-6381.

## Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, for New Year's Day and Monday, January 20, for Martin Luther King, Jr., Day. **NO TRASH PICKUP NEW YEAR'S DAY.** For residents on the Wednesday/Friday collection route, both trash and recyclables will be picked up on Friday, January 3. Trash will be collected as usual on January 20.

## Christmas Tree Pickup

The Public Works Department will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Place trees at the curbside on the second collection day of the week to be picked up along with recyclables. Trees should be unadorned (no tinsel).

*NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.*

## Public Hearing on Beulah Rd.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has scheduled a public hearing for the Beulah Road, N.E., improvement project on Tuesday, January 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

At the hearing, project engineers and other VDOT staff will be available to discuss construction plans, easements and right-of-way acquisition with affected property owners and other interested citizens.

Plans are available for public review in the Public Works Department at Town Hall and at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office, 14685 Avion Pkwy., Chantilly.

## Visitor Parking Permit Proposed

At its January 6 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the residential permit parking regulations allowing for the issuance of a "visitor parking permit" good for three months. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall and all interested citizens, especially residents in the restricted parking areas, are encouraged to attend and express their views.

Those who live in restricted residential parking areas must display special decals on their vehicles in order to park on the street during restricted hours. The current regulations allow residents to obtain overnight guest parking permits for a specified period not to exceed two weeks and may renew the permits for an additional two weeks.

If approved, the proposed ordinance would allow residents to obtain one visitor parking permit valid for not more than three months and renewable for an additional three months.

## Please Shovel Sidewalks If Possible

Residents who are physically able are requested to shovel snow from sidewalks next to their property for the safety of pedestrians, especially schoolchildren. Although some jurisdictions in our area have adopted ordinances requiring residents to shovel sidewalks, the Town of Vienna has no such requirement, mainly because it would impose a hardship on elderly and disabled residents.

Town businesses that hire snowplows to clear their parking lots are asked to make sure that snow is not piled onto adjoining sidewalks or pushed into the street. This creates a serious hazard for pedestrians.

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

## OCTOBER 28, 2002

- Following a public hearing, affirmed a decision by the Board of Architectural Review to deny a sign application filed by Spokes Etc. Bicycles. (*Approved 6-1, Cole voting nay.*)

- Approved the installation of two speed humps on Walnut Lane, N.W. Traffic speed and volume counts are to be taken six months after installation.

- Approved the installation of a speed hump in the 200 block of Elm Street, S.W., to be reviewed after six months.

- Approved an installment payment agreement to connect a property to the Town's water system.

- Approved closing Church Street the evening of December 2 for the annual Holiday Stroll.

- Approved drainage improvements on Blair Road, N.W., and appropriated \$3,100 for the project.

- Accepted a federal terrorism preparedness grant in the amount of \$75,000 to purchase a reverse 911 communication system, a response utility vehicle and video surveillance equipment for police headquarters.

- Approved Town participation in the Northern Virginia Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Agreement.

- Approved a contract with Nestor Traffic Systems for photo red light monitoring equipment at three locations.

- Awarded fiscal year 2003 support services for the Town's central financial system to Sungard/Pentamation Enterprises.

- Urged all citizens to learn about the issues associated with the upcoming November 5 election and exercise their right to vote.

## NOVEMBER 4, 2002

- Approved the installation of two

modified speed humps on Patrick Street, S.W., between Cottage and DeSale Streets. (*Approved 4/3, Cole, Robinson, and Seeman voting nay.*) A follow-up study is to be made in six months.

- Approved the purchase of radio and newspaper advertisements, in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, announcing the near-completion of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project and encouraging people to re-visit the town.

- Approved change orders to the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project to extend telephone line conduits from East Street to Follin Lane in the amount of \$125,250, and to remove and replace materials unsuitable for backfill and lower water lines in the amount of \$12,172.

- Approved the purchase of water meters from Invensys at a cost of \$59,295.

## NOVEMBER 18, 2002

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions, and to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

- Approved the final plat and waived on-site storm water management requirements for the resubdivision of the property at 610 Park St., S.E.

- Adopted an amendment to the Town Code to bring it into conformance with State law concerning obstruction of justice violations.

- Referred to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation a proposed amendment to the subdivision ordinance concerning location of sewers, storm drains and utilities.

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.

Deadline for February issue is Wednesday, January 15.

## Special Pickups Resume Jan. 2

The Town's Special Pickup program will resume on Thursday, January 2. To dispose of unwanted furniture, appliances, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording *promptly* at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Residents are reminded to call the Special Pickup number as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard.

Each residence is entitled to receive two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon "beetle"). Additional pickups cost \$75 per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

### Before Calling for Your Special Pickup, Please Review These Guidelines:

- Building materials — wood, broken concrete, building brick and block, fences, drywall and paneling — will be picked up. Masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. are limited to 300 pounds per pickup (about two wheelbarrow loads). Building materials generated by contractors and/or persons employed by homeowners to renovate, repair and/or perform maintenance on their homes will not be picked up.

- Sod, small stumps, brush, trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½" and less than 6" and no more than 8' in length will be picked up. The Special Pickup crews do not collect any tree parts over 6" in diameter. Most logs are greater than 6" and, therefore, they are not acceptable. The reason for this regulation is that the tub grinder used by the Public Works Department to make wood mulch cannot handle tree parts over this size. Logs, stumps and other large tree parts can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station on West Ox Road or at the County Landfill in Lorton. Leaves are not picked up by Special Pickup crews.

- Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment will be picked up.

- Up to 300 pounds of scrap metal and small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires will be picked up. Tires must be removed from the rim. Whole automobile bodies will not be picked up.

- Two major appliances per residence will be picked up. These include stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners and furnaces.

- Old heating oil tanks, gas tanks, and pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon will not be picked up. Fuel tanks, paint cans, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, and other hazardous wastes, and bio-hazardous waste including needles and syringes, will not be picked up. For information about hazardous waste disposal, call 703-324-5068.

- Please separate brush, appliances, building materials, etc. from each other. This makes it easier for pickup crews to salvage recyclable items, reducing the amount of debris taken to the landfill.

- For the safety of Special Pickup crews, please separate large pieces of glass from other discards.

- Residents of corner lots are requested to place discards in front of the property, not on the side.

- Please keep Special Pickup items away from regular trash and recyclables, fire hydrants, water meters, gas valves, fences, utility poles, trees and shrubs, vehicles, etc. Place discards in an open area accessible to a crane truck.

## Call for Free Mulch Delivery

The Public Works Department will deliver ground leaf mulch and ground wood mulch to town residents free of charge beginning in mid-January. Orders will be taken through February 28. To place your order, call the "Mulch Line" recording, 703-255-6388, and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, type of mulch desired (wood or leaf), and the number of loads to be delivered. One load is estimated to be about the size of a VW Beetle, or 2-2.5 cubic yards. Half loads are available on request.

*Please note the following important conditions:*

- *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 mulch themselves in any amount. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign, "Free Leaf Mulch & Wood Mulch."

By grinding leaves and brush into recyclable mulch, the Town saves thousands of dollars in landfill fees each year while providing residents with tons of free leaf and wood mulch. Using one to two inches of mulch to cover bare spots in the garden and around trees, shrubs, and landscaped areas will conserve moisture, improve soil fertility, and reduce weed growth.

## Dog Tag Deadline

All Town dog licenses must be renewed by January 31. The fee is \$10 for a fertile dog and \$5 for an infertile dog. A current rabies vaccination certificate must be shown to obtain a license, and a spay/neuter/infertile certificate must be shown for a reduced price license. Application forms can be downloaded from the Town web site, [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us). For more information, call the Finance Department at 703-255-6323.

## FY '04 Donation Requests Due

Monday, February 3, is the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in fiscal year 2003-2004. Applications should be addressed to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180-5799. All requests must include the following information:

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

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## Citizen Budget Input Welcome

Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding in the Town's FY '04 budget are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager in care of Town Hall. The deadline for comments is February 3.

## Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance Amendments Mandated

The Town Council will hold a public hearing at its February 3 meeting on proposed amendments to the Town Code pertaining to "Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas" and amendments necessary to comply with adopted changes to Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Preservation Areas Designation and Management Regulations. All local governments must change their local program provisions no later than March 1, 2003.

The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act was passed by the General Assembly in 1989 and requires all jurisdictions in the Virginia tidewater area to provide for the improvement of water quality and the reduction of non-point source pollution. Even though Vienna is over 50 miles from the Chesapeake Bay, actions taken here are important to the Bay's health.

Revisions to the regulations include refining the definition of perennial streams, how these water bodies are determined, and the intent to preserve the entirety of the required 100-foot-wide buffer that adjoins them. These areas are considered the most sensitive of lands, which by virtue of their natural location and function are susceptible to pollution caused by construction and other human activities.

Vienna's proposed ordinance is structured so as to have minimal impact on homeowners while meeting the state-mandated regulations to protect the Bay. Because nearly all residential properties in these sensitive areas are also in the floodplain, the Town Code already severely restricts new construction activities there.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend the February 3 Council meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

## Town Budget Receives Award

For the ninth consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award, for the fiscal year 2002-2003 budget, 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. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all of these categories to receive the award.

Nancy E. Novak, Vienna's Director of Administrative Services, received a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation as the individual primarily responsible for achieving the award.

Copies of Vienna's budget are available for public review at Town Hall.

## Business License Deadline March 3

March 3 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by March 3.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Those businesses with total annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax forms will be mailed out this month, and forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us). For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

# Community Volunteers to Be Honored

MAYOR JANE SEEMAN INVITES YOU TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS/HER SERVICE TO THE TOWN OF VIENNA. MAYOR SEEMAN PLANS TO HONOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 8. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MAYOR SEEMAN AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 1.

## NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE VOLUNTEER WORK PERFORMED BY THE NOMINEE AND WHY YOU FEEL HE/SHE DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

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NAME OF NOMINATING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2003, TO:  
MAYOR JANE SEEMAN  
VIENNA TOWN HALL  
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH  
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180

# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.  
All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

The Vienna Theatre Company will present "Dangerous Liaisons" January 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and February 1 at 8 p.m. and January 19 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older.

## BUS TRIP

Ski Liberty trip is scheduled for Thursday, January 30. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return around 8:30 p.m. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Call for prices of the various combination packages. Reservation deadline January 17.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

Break It Down dance team training program will be held on Wednesdays, January 22-March 26, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. The program will provide technical training to aspiring high school dance team members and current team members who want to sharpen their dance skills. In addition to dance skills, the program will incorporate a fitness component of good nutrition and exercise habits to meet the needs of adolescents. The cost is \$100 for town residents.

GIRLSgroup, for grades 9-12, will meet on Monday, January 13, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The GIRLSgroup provides a setting where girls can talk about issues that concern them, make new friends, participate in community service projects and, most important, have fun. Free of charge; to register, call 703-255-5721.

S.P.A.R.C. (Student Program of Arts and Recreation Combined), designed with the 6th grader in mind, will be held on Friday, January 17, from 6 to 8 p.m. S.P.A.R.C. combines recreational activities, arts, and athletics as a way to build friendships, learn about teamwork, have

fun, and engage students in positive supervised activities. Participants take an active role in determining and selecting program ideas. Free of charge; advance registration required.

## JUST FOR KIDS

radKIDS, "resisting aggression defensively," gives children ages 7-10 the tools they need to escape violence. The program focuses on safety at home and away, dealing with strangers, and other topics to build self-confidence and self-esteem. Classes will be held on Mondays, January 27-February 24, from 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$50 for town residents.

Roller skating for children ages 3-10 will be held on Mondays, January 27-March 17, from 3 to 4 p.m. Admission is 50¢. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and participants must furnish their own skates and safety equipment.

Kids Night Out Friday, January 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. Kids ages 5-10 can enjoy an evening of pizza, crafts and a movie. Admission for town residents is \$15 per child, \$6 for each additional child in the family.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY

College Planning Strategies Saturday, January 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investments will discuss the options for education plan investments and the tax advantages they provide. This program is free of charge, but reservations are required. Sponsored by the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition.

Wills, Trusts and the High Cost of Dying will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, January 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include the many forms of wills and trusts, federal and state death taxes, common planning mistakes, and probate in Northern Virginia. Free of charge; no registration necessary.

## FITNESS & HEALTH

Female Boot Camp will be held January 6 through February 3, four days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). Choose the 6 a.m., 7:05 a.m. or 5:30 p.m. session. Camp will include cardio training and resistance training under the supervision of certified personal trainers. \$228 for town residents.

## MATURE ADULTS

Great Britain's Famous Gardens, a slide presentation by master landscape design consultant Barbara Conway, is scheduled for Monday, January 27, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. Free of charge.

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens Wednesday, January 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. No advance registration required.

## POTPOURRI

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts - January 27 and 29, and February 3 and 5 - from 7 to 10 p.m. Your instructor will be Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department. The class includes basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus practice in physical self-defense techniques. \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee; registration required.

Caring for Your Newborn, for expectant parents, will be held on Tuesday, January 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Brenda Murphy of Advanced Pediatrics will discuss choosing a pediatrician, preparing the nursery, nutrition, changing and clothing, carrying, bathing, umbilical cord care, car seat use, and when to call your doctor. Free of charge.

Etiquette and dining skills classes for all ages begin January 8. Build confidence and self-esteem through the practice of good manners. The cost is \$40 for town residents.

# Identity Theft: Stealing Your Name AND Your Money

*The following information is provided by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service:*

In what many are calling America's fastest growing type of robbery, crooks are working without the usual tools of the trade. Forget sawed-off's and ski masks; your Social Security Number (SSN) will do the trick. Or that blank, pre-approved credit application you tossed out with the coffee grounds. Even talking on your phone could allow someone you may never meet to rob you of the one thing you may have thought safe from attack: your identity.

Identity fraud is digging deep into consumers' pockets – millions of dollars were lost in the past year by financial institutions across the country. The perpetrator may use a variety of tactics to drain your finances: posing as a loan officer and ordering your credit report (which lists account numbers); "shoulder surfing" at the ATM or phone booth to get your PIN code; and "dumpster diving" in trash bins for unshredded credit applications, canceled checks or other bank records.

It may be months before you're aware you're a victim. But when you get turned down for a mortgage on your dream house because you've got a bad credit rating and you know you've paid the bills, beware: the ID thief may have struck again.

Do you carry your SSN in your wallet? Consider this: That nine-digit code gives crooks access to your medical, financial, credit and educational records. There are no legal restrictions on private company use of SSN's; in fact, a database of names with associated SSN's recently was found published on the Internet.

If you think you're safe after your wallet is stolen because you canceled your credit card and put a "stop" on your checking account, think again. Once identity thieves have the information, they may open new accounts or lines of credit – under your name – for their use.

## Securing Your Finances

- If you think you're a victim of fraud, call your credit card issuers to close or "flag" your accounts, and call your bank to put an alert on your checking accounts.
- Empty your wallets of extra credit cards (and ID's) – or better yet, cancel the ones you don't really use and keep a list of the ones you do use.
- Never give out personal information over the phone, such as your date of birth, mother's maiden name, credit card number, SSN or bank PIN code, except to someone you know or an established firm.
- Shred pre-approved credit applications, credit cards receipts, bills and other financial information you don't want before tossing them in the trash.
- Order your credit report once a year to check for accuracy or fraudulent use.

## Who to Call for Help

- Report credit card fraud to the three major credit reporting bureaus: Equifax, 1-800-525-6285; Experian, 1-888-397-3742; and TransUnion, 1-800-680-7289.
- If you've had bank accounts set up fraudulently in your name, call these check guarantee companies: Telecheck at 1-800-366-2425 and the International Check Services Company at 1-800-526-5380. They can flag your file so that counterfeit checks will be refused.
- If your SSN was used fraudulently, report the problem to the Social Security Administration's Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271. In extreme cases of fraud, it may be possible for you to get a new SSN.
- If fraudulent charges appear on your credit card account, call the Consumer Credit Counseling Service at 1-800-388-2227 for help in clearing false claims from your credit report.
- If you're a victim of identity theft that involves the U.S. Mail, call your nearest Postal Inspection Service office and your local police.

## Dean Wallace

The Vienna community was saddened by the death of L. Dean Wallace on November 26, his 89th birthday. Mr. Wallace served on the Town Council for 15 years, from 1959 to 1973, and was interim Mayor following the death of Mayor Guy M. Wilson in 1964.

During his tenure, Vienna experienced a large population increase and a dramatic transformation from a rural to a suburban atmosphere. Vienna's parks and playgrounds were desegregated and open housing legislation enacted, regular semiweekly trash pickup for residents was established, and construction began on a new Town Hall.

In addition to his service on Council, Mr. Wallace was a founder of the Vienna Girls Softball League, member of the board of directors of the Bank of Vienna, and member of the board of trustees of Vienna Presbyterian Church.

## Police Officer Exam January 4

The Town of Vienna's next written examination for the position of Police Officer will be held on Saturday, January 4, at the Vienna Community Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the exam begins promptly at 9 a.m. No late admissions will be allowed.

No pre-registration or advance preparation is required; candidates will be admitted on a first come, first served basis for the first 100 individuals in attendance.

The minimum eligibility requirements for police officer are:

- High school diploma or GED;
- 21 years old by date of hire;
- U.S. citizen;
- Valid driver's license with excellent record;
- Non-smoker;
- Drug-free background;
- Able to work 12-hour rotating shifts;
- Excellent physical condition.

For more information, call the Department of Administrative Services at 703-255-6350 or visit the Town web site at [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us).

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

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**Vienna Girls Softball League**, for ages 5-16, will hold walk-in registration at the Vienna Community Center January 11 and 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mail-in registration forms are available in the Community Center lobby and online at [www.vgsl.org](http://www.vgsl.org). Softball clinics begin this month, and league play is scheduled from late March to early June.

**Free, confidential tax help** for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age will be available on Wednesdays, February 12 through April 9, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. (The elevator inside the bank's side door on Berry Street offers convenient access to the site upstairs.) Bring copies of your 2001 federal and Virginia returns; federal and Virginia tax forms and booklets for 2002; documents showing 2002 income; Social Security number for all dependents; and receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions. This program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS.

**Learning in Retirement Institute**, an affiliate of George Mason University and member of the Elderhostel Institute Network, offers retirement age adults daytime courses, special events, trips, socials and other activities. Courses are offered in Fairfax City and Reston. Registration ends January 13 for the winter term, which begins January 27. For more information, call 703-503-3384 or visit [www.gmu.edu/departments/lri](http://www.gmu.edu/departments/lri).

**La Leche League of Vienna** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd. Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend the discussion of "There's a New Baby in Your Life." For more information, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872.

**Vienna Arts Society Gallery** in the Village Green Shopping Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The current show through January 25 is "My Images," featuring the work of Stan Voss. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org).

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, January 9, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Carolyn Dodeck of the Shillelagh Travel Club will present a program on Ireland. The club's monthly bus trip will be January 22 to see "South Pacific" at Arena Stage. The club also sponsors several bridge groups. For information, call 703-281-4811 or 703-938-3505.

**"The Silk Road,"** a program for all ages, will be held at Patrick Henry Library on Tuesday, January 28, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Storytellers from the Smithsonian Institution will present tales of the famous ancient trade route. Free of charge. Sponsored by the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation. To register and for more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

**VIP Vienna** is a support group for visually impaired persons and their families to exchange ideas, find resources and hear informed speakers. The group's next meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, January 16, at Patrick Henry Library. To register and for more information, call the Fairfax County Access Services Office at 703-324-8380.

**Northern Virginia Model Railroaders** will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., on Saturday, January 18, from noon to 4 p.m. See an operating HO scale model railroad. Admission is free; donations accepted. For more information, call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).

**Vienna Toastmasters** will meet at the Vienna Community Center January 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in developing the skills of effective communication is welcome to attend. For information, call Valerie Hall at 703-426-8073.

**Vienna Chapter of AARP** will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, January 20, at the Vienna Community Center with guest speaker Margaret Kennedy, Administrator of Historic Vienna, Inc. For information, call Emilie Larson at 703-938-1379.

**Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Contest** for students through grade 12 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 15, at the Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. Participants will compete for a chance to win scholarships at the state level. The contest is sponsored locally by the Vienna (Host) Lions Club, and the entry deadline is February 10. For application forms, call Rhoda Stevens, 703-281-0497.

**American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna** will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, January 8, at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. For information, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

**National Capital Bird Club** will meet at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, January 5, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. For information, call 301-946-3511 or visit [www.ncbc-dc.org](http://www.ncbc-dc.org).

**Chapter 1116 NARFE** (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, January 7, at the Vienna Community Center. A representative of the Virginia National Guard Bureau will discuss that organization's Counter-drug Program. Visitors are welcome.

**Vienna Little League (VLL)** is now accepting registrations for the spring 2003 baseball/tee-ball season. Boys and girls ages 5-12, and mentally and physically disabled children ages 5-21 are invited to participate. Online registration is available for returning players with the same addresses as last year at [www.eteamz.com/vienna\\_little\\_league](http://www.eteamz.com/vienna_little_league). All new players and returning players with new addresses must register in person at the Vienna Community Center on one of the following dates: January 18 and 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and January 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. Parents should bring a current driver's license, valid passport or military ID, and an original or certified copy of each child's birth certificate. For more information, call the Vienna Little League Hot Line, 703-573-3339, or visit [www.vll.org](http://www.vll.org).



# Helpful Winter Water Tips

This time of year poses particular problems for a water system. Your Vienna Public Works Department appreciates citizen reports of water surfacing on roadways because this is a primary indicator of water main breaks. Water puddling around water meters should also be reported immediately.

Here are some tips for protecting pipes this winter:

- Locate and be able to operate the main shut-off valve, inside the house.
- Prior to freezing temperatures, cut off outside spigots, at inside valves, then drain spigots and leave open. If this is not possible, a trickle of water may be run from spigots as long as the temperature remains below freezing. Detach hoses from all outside spigots and drain them.
- Any interior water lines in unheated areas such as garages should be protected in some manner, for example, by insulation or draining.
- Interior water lines should be protected against drafts entering the house through holes in the walls or vents in crawl spaces.
- Interior water lines touching outside walls above ground level should be insulated.
- Never use an open flame to thaw frozen pipes. Instead, use a hair dryer.

*Residents are reminded that even at night or on weekends, Town assistance for water and sewer emergencies is only a phone call away. Department of Public Works employees are prepared to respond to water line breaks and other urgent problems 24 hours a day. For assistance, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366. During regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.*

## Are High Heating Bills Burning You Up?

The U.S. Department of Energy urges consumers to be "energy smart" and take advantage of these inexpensive and easy fixes that can save up to 25% on winter heating costs:

### \* SEAL OUT COLD AIR

- Caulk and weatherstrip doors and windows
- Close chimney flue and seal unused fireplaces
- Seal exterior walls around pipes and wires
- Use plastic sheeting on the interior to make a temporary double-pane window

### \* TUNE UP HEATING SYSTEM

- Tune up furnace or heat pump
- Change filters
- Bleed trapped air from hot water heaters
- Seal leaky ducts
- Check that furniture, carpeting or drapes do not cover registers

### \* IMPROVE THERMOSTAT PERFORMANCE

- Install a programmable thermostat
- Reduce temperature to lowest comfortable setting
- Close registers in unused rooms

### \* PRACTICE WINDOW MANAGEMENT

- Close drapes on north-facing windows
- Close drapes on south-facing windows to capture solar heating

Consumers may also wish to consider longer-term solutions that can save up to 50% on heating costs. These include adding insulation to attic and walls, and insulating ducts; upgrading to a high efficiency furnace or heat pump and water heater; replacing windows with energy efficient models; and planting evergreen trees and shrubs to the north and northwest of the house to serve as a windbreak.

## Beware of Danger In the Cold

While working and playing outdoors this winter, please be alert to the dangers associated with cold weather. The following information has been provided by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department:

The human body has regulatory mechanisms to defend itself from internal cooling. Even a slight drop in body temperature triggers the regulatory systems to turn up the heat through shivering. Once the core temperature drops below 94°F, the regulatory system fails. As the temperature drops even further, the possibility of death increases; at 83° F cardiac standstill, or fibrillation, becomes common.

A decrease in body temperature is called hypothermia. A person with moderate hypothermia (94°-84°F) may be conscious, but will be lethargic, apathetic, cool to the touch, and pale. The high risk group for hypothermia is very likely elderly persons who can't afford high heating bills.

Frostbite is a more common, less serious result of exposure to cold. Many of us have experienced some of the following signs associated with frostbite: pricking pain, numbness, waxy-white or mottled-blue discoloration, hardness, and impaired movement. Do the following right away:

- Seek medical attention (go to the hospital or dial 911);
- Very gently remove covering (especially gloves and socks);
- Cover frostbitten nose or ears with warm hands;
- Place your frostbitten hand in your armpit;
- If unable to seek medical attention, place extremity in water at a constant 100°-105°F;
- Cover with dry sterile dressing and elevate injured part on a pillow.

Unfortunately, cold-related dangers occur frequently and often go unnoticed or untreated. This results in permanent injuries, amputations, and sometimes loss of life.

If you are going to be outside in cold weather, dress warmly in layers, wear a hat (50% of the body's heat loss is through the head), and know when to come in from the cold.

# Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in November:

Total Carpet Care <i>carpet cleaning</i> 121 Dogwood St., S.W. 571-233-6261	Quick Wins Consulting <i>consultant</i> 919 DeSale St., S.W. 703-319-8910	Simone Lambert <i>psychotherapist</i> 103 Beulah Rd., N.E. #200 571-276-5913
Vienna Real Estate <i>real estate broker</i> 380 Maple Ave., W. #100 703-242-1460	Just a Dollar <i>sales of \$1 items</i> 138 Maple Ave., W. 703-281-5707	Floor Ideaz <i>sales of ceramic tile</i> 137 Church St., N.W. 703-319-1465

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## Town Businesses Recognized For Milestone Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following businesses (both commercial and home occupations) celebrating anniversaries this month for their many years of outstanding service to Vienna residents: *40 years* – Sheets Wholesale; *30 years* – C&C Garage, County Transmissions, Daniel H. Framm, MD, J. Kenneth Bowman, Pampered Party, Ted P. Przybyla, DDS, Tommy Beach, Vienna Woods Swim & Tennis Club; *20 years* – Billy Weber's Tire Co., Krystal Maid Service, Natural Notes, Pre Press Express, Vienna Hardwoods, Warren's Plumbing & Heating; *10 years* – Counseling Services of Vienna, Drs. Fahy & Hines, Earl R. Durant, Horleang Chhea, John E. Walter, Lynne M. Leary; *In town as of 1993 boundary adjustment* – James Madison Shell, McDonald's Maple Avenue location, Pizza Hut.

## Maple Ave. Banner Applications Accepted Beginning January 1

Beginning January 1, non-profit community organizations may apply to display banners across Maple Avenue during 2003. Application forms are available in the Town Manager's Office at Town Hall. All groups wishing to display a banner must submit an application, including those which have had banners in previous years. Requests will be reviewed on a first come-first served basis.

Each application must be accompanied by a \$150 deposit, which will be returned if the applicant meets all conditions listed in the approval of the application, including picking up the banner by a specified date.

Each banner accepted may be displayed for no more than two weeks. The following dates in 2003 are not available and should not be requested: April 22-May 6, May 12-26, October 15-29, November 17-29, and the entire month of December.

**REQUESTS POSTMARKED OR HAND DELIVERED PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2003, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED. FAXED REQUESTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANY TIME.**



## "Beauty Spot" From Your Community Enhancement Commission

At the start of the new year, your Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) would like to take this opportunity to unveil our long-awaited logo. Formerly called "The Beautification Commission," which began more than 10 years ago, the CEC acts as the focal point for cleanup and beautification programs using a positive approach. Our two main events are Town Cleanup Day each November, and our local Arbor Day Celebration each April. We also assist the Town Council in the selection of holiday decorations for Maple Avenue.

We encourage your participation in our events and welcome your submission of any residential or commercial properties that you think have made a considerable improvement to (or beautification of) their structure or yard. Also, we solicit YOUR bits of wisdom or helpful hints for your fellow town residents for consideration as CEC's "Beauty Tips" selection each month in this newsletter. Any comments/submissions may be sent to Nancy Riddel at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180, or e-mail [prsec@ci.vien.na.va.us](mailto:prsec@ci.vien.na.va.us).

The Commission would like to thank fellow member Dan Wilkerson, our high school representative, for handling the task of logo creation. All those who participated in our November 2002 Cleanup Day are eligible for our first CEC "With Thanks" T-shirt bearing the new logo! If interested, please contact us at the addresses given above.

Citizens are welcome to attend CEC meetings, held the fourth Thursday of the month (except November) at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

# January

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise			<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> Town Hall closed NO TRASH PICKUP	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Trash pickup & curbside recycling for residents on the Wednesday/Friday collection route	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	<b>6</b> Town Council	<b>7</b> Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	<b>8</b> Planning Commission	<b>9</b> Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Town Council mid-year budget review	<b>14</b> Mayor's Advisory Committee	<b>15</b> Board of Zoning Appeals	<b>16</b> Board of Architectural Review	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Martin Luther King, Jr., Day</i> Town Hall closed	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Planning Commission	<b>23</b> Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Town Council	<b>28</b> Transportation Safety Commission	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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# This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

JANUARY 1993 – Beginning January 2, curbside collection of recyclable materials will be provided to all Vienna residents currently served by Town refuse collection. The program will be a bag based collection similar to bagged trash collection. The first collection day each week will be for the collection of trash, and the second collection day will be for the collection of recyclable materials.

JANUARY 1983 – Because of the current rabies epidemic in Northern Virginia, the Town Council has adopted an emergency ordinance requiring all cats over six months old to be vaccinated against rabies. The increasing incidence of rabies in wild animals has caused concern about the potential for rabies to spread to the domestic cat population.

JANUARY 1973 – After 14 years on the Vienna Town Council, L. Dean Wallace has announced that he will not seek re-election in May. Mr. Wallace said that he was making his announcement early in order that others would have time to get their signatures and make their preparations. This is typical of the thoughtfulness which characterizes Mr. Wallace – a true gentleman!

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

MULCH HOTLINE – 703-255-6388

Visit the Town's web site at [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us)

## Sewer Backups Are Expensive! Backup Insurance Is Not!

All insurance companies writing homeowner policies in Virginia offer special coverage for damage resulting from backups of drains and sewers, and this additional protection is available at very reasonable rates. For information on obtaining sewer backup coverage, contact your insurance company. The Town's insurance carrier rarely approves claims resulting from sewer backups unless negligence in maintaining the system can be shown. Therefore, residents are encouraged to protect their property by obtaining sewer backup insurance.

If you experience a problem with clogged sewer lines in your home, call the Public Works Department, 703-255-6381, before you call a commercial sewer cleaning service; you may save yourself the price of a service call. A public works crew will check out the main sewer line and, if the obstruction occurs there, will clean it out at no charge to you.

### FIRE & RESCUE

911

(Voice & TDD)

### VIENNA POLICE EMERGENCY

703-938-4900 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

NON-EMERGENCY

703-255-6366 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL

703-255-6300 (Voice)

703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER

703-255-6360 (Voice)

703-255-5739 (TDD)

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