



**TOWN  
OF  
VIENNA**

# NEWSLETTER

March 2003

## Business License Deadline March 3

Town businesses are reminded that 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 are 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.

## Meet Your Supervisor

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins invites citizens to a special meeting, "Budgeting in Times of Increasing Assessments and Decreasing Services," from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

Supervisor Hudgins' regular monthly meeting at the Community Center is scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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STREET-SWEEPING SCHEDULE.

## Car Tags Go on Sale March 17

2003 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals go on sale Monday, March 17, and must be displayed by midnight April 15. Decals may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall. (Military personnel must apply in person.)

Decals cost \$20 for passenger cars and trucks under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles.

Information for pre-printed application forms for 2003 decals was taken from 2002 records; therefore, if your vehicle was not registered in Vienna last year, you will not automatically receive an application form in the mail. Call 703-255-6323 or visit the Finance Department to obtain a form, or download it from the Town's web site, [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us).

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. For information about personal property tax, call the County Office of Assessments at 703-222-8234 or visit the County web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

## Tax Relief Forms Due April 1

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$52,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a disabled homeowner. 100% tax relief is given for total combined income of \$40,000 or less, 50% tax relief between \$40,001 and \$46,000, and 25% tax relief between \$46,001 and \$52,000.
- Total combined assets of no more than \$160,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.
- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides rental grants and relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household. The Town of Vienna provides all relief recipients one free auto decal.

Both Town and County applications must be filed. Applications for 2003 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of the year following the year the application was due for first-time filers or if hardship conditions exist which, through no fault of the applicant, prohibit applying by April 1.

For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325. For County applications, call 703-222-8234.

# Are You Registered to Vote In the May 6 Town Election?

Monday, April 7, is the last day to register to vote in the May 6 Town election. You are eligible to register if you are a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

You may register in person in the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at the County Government Center or by mail. Application forms are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, all public libraries and other locations around the county, and applications can also be downloaded from the County web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/goveb/vregis.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/goveb/vregis.htm).

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current name and address. Changes may be submitted either by mail (12000 Government Center Pkwy., Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035-0081) or by fax (703-324-2205). The notice must include your signature to be valid.

This year, Vienna voters will elect three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1.

LOOK FOR TOWN COUNCIL CANDIDATE PROFILES IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER.

## Street Sign Honors Hector Allen

A new street sign has been erected at the intersection of Mill and Cherry Streets, S.E., near the Vienna Community Center in memory of Hector L. Allen, Vienna's Director of Public Works from 1962 to 1982. He also served as Interim Town Manager in 1984 and oversaw the construction of the addition to the Community Center in 1988.

Rev. Craig Burns of the Vienna Assembly of God, where Mr. Allen was a Trustee, requested the Town Council to name the short stretch of Mill Street "Hector Allen Way." Residents will continue to use their official Mill Street addresses. Mr. Allen lived in the townhouses there and served as president of the townhouse association for many years.

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

**M. Jane Seeman, Mayor**

<b>Albert J. Boudreau</b>	<b>Vincent J. Olson</b>
<b>Laurie Genevro Cole</b>	<b>Michael J. Polychrones</b>
<b>Edythe F. Kelleher</b>	<b>Maud F. Robinson</b>

### TOWN STAFF

<b>Town Manager</b>	<b>John H. Schoeberlein</b>	<b>703-255-6370</b>
<b>Director of Public Works</b>	<b>Dennis W. King</b>	<b>703-255-6381</b>
<b>Chief of Police</b>	<b>Col. Robert A. Carlisle</b>	<b>703-255-6390</b>
<b>Director of Finance</b>	<b>Philip R. Grant</b>	<b>703-255-6320</b>
<b>Director of Parks &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>Catherine L. Salgado</b>	<b>703-255-6356</b>
<b>Director of Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	<b>Gregory M. Hembree</b>	<b>703-255-6341</b>
<b>Town Attorney</b>	<b>Steven D. Briglia</b>	<b>703-255-6305</b>

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.  
Deadline for April issue is Friday, March 14.

## Council Action

*All votes are unanimous  
unless noted otherwise*

**JANUARY 6, 2003**

- Approved two-hour restricted parking on the south side of Church St., N.W., Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Approved a bid from International Salt Co. for 400 tons of road de-icing salt for the 2002-2003 snow removal season at a price of \$39.23/ton for a total of \$15,692.

- Adopted amendments to the permit parking regulations.

- Accepted the resignation of Mary Ellen Larkins from the Transportation Safety Commission.

- Approved a proposal by Wescorp to underground fiber optic line for the photo red light system on Maple Avenue from Park Street to East Street at a cost of \$14,050.

**JANUARY 27, 2003**

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

- Recommended Robert Dowler to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for reappointment to the Town Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term.

- Reappointed Karen O'Meara to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term.

- Requested the Transportation Safety Commission to consider methods to control speeding on Glyndon Street, S.E., between Locust Street and Valley Drive, including a three-way stop at Glyndon and Cabin Road and a "No Right Turn" sign on Glyndon at Locust.

- Awarded a bid for replacement of the vertical wheelchair lift at the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center to Consolidated Elevator in the amount of \$11,250.

# Spring Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block.

## SECTION I MARCH 31-APRIL 4

West of Lawyers Rd. to town limit &  
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

## SECTION II APRIL 7-11

East of Lawyers Rd. to Beulah Rd. &  
north of Maple Ave. to town limit

## SECTION III APRIL 14-19

East of Beulah Rd. to eastern town limit &  
north of Maple Ave. to northern town limit

## SECTION IV APRIL 21-25

East of Glyndon St. & east of W&OD Trail  
to western town line & south of Maple Ave.

## SECTION V APRIL 28-MAY 2

East of Center St. & east of Lullaby Ln.  
to Glyndon St. & W&OD Trail &  
south of Maple Ave. to southern town limit

## SECTION VI MAY 5-9

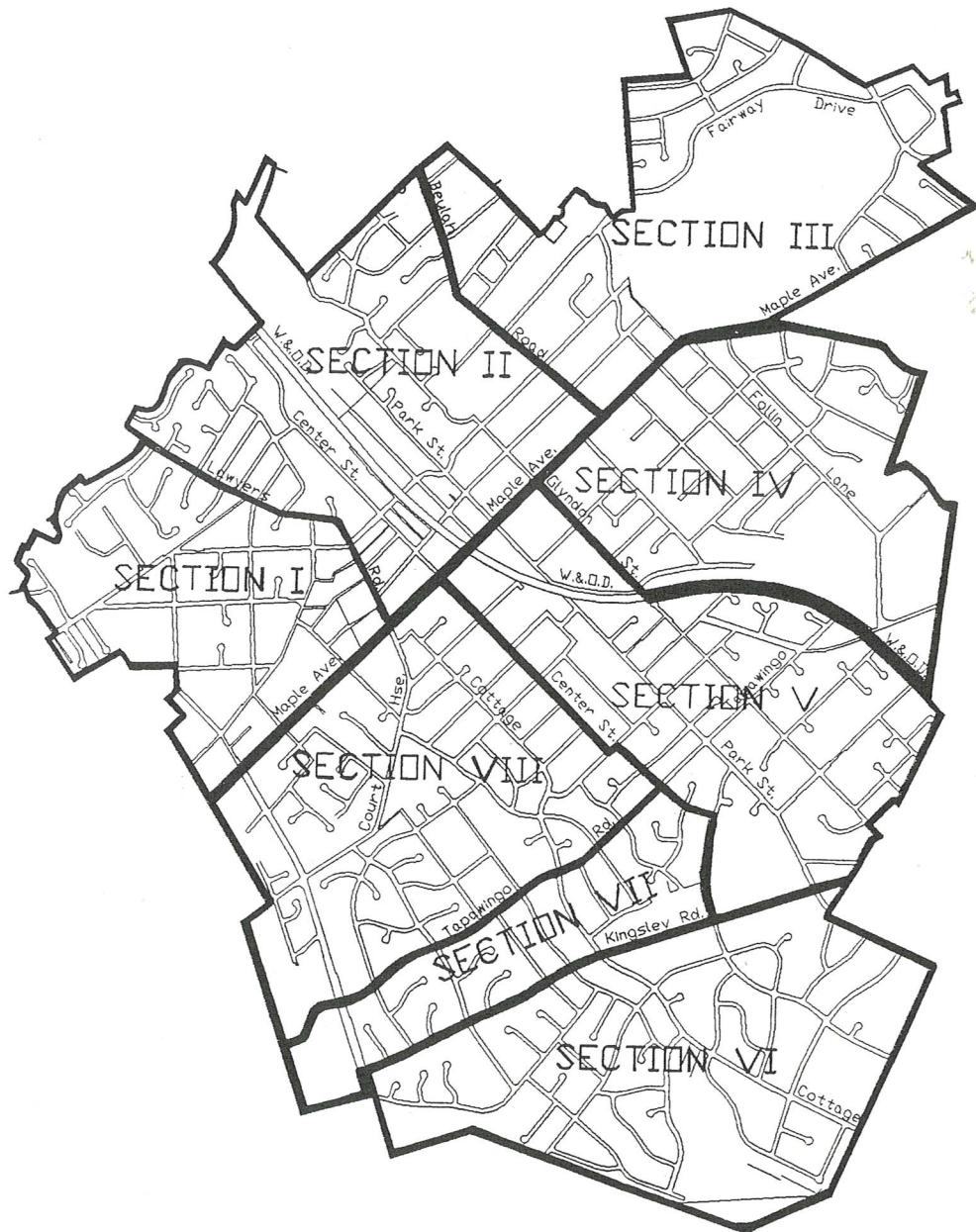
South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln.  
& southern town limit

## SECTION VII MAY 12-16

North of Kingsley Rd., west of Lullaby Ln.,  
south of Tapawingo Rd. & east of town limit

## SECTION VIII MAY 19-23

North of Tapawingo Rd., west of Center St.,  
south of Maple Ave. & east of town limit



# Police Rely on Alert Citizens To Report Suspicious Activities

In late January, more than two dozen homes in southwest Vienna were vandalized by someone who cut their telephone and cable TV lines. A suspect was arrested thanks to a resident who reported the suspicious activity to the police.

Crimes large and small are solved or prevented every day in Vienna thanks to alert citizens who are willing to call the police with their concerns. Please never hesitate to report anything that seems suspicious as soon as it occurs. An officer can be on the scene to investigate often within a matter of seconds.

Neighborhood Watch groups have been organized throughout town and have been successful in reducing crime. Signs posted on neighborhood streets and citizen patrols provide highly visible warnings to lawbreakers. In addition, individual citizens in these areas become more aware of and more willing to report suspicious activities. The active involvement of citizens in safeguarding their homes "hardens" an area against crime and causes burglars and other criminals to seek easier targets elsewhere.

Citizen/police partnership is a major factor in successful law enforcement in Vienna. To report suspicious activities, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 703-255-6366.



## *"Beauty Spot" Awards For Holiday Decorations*

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. Here are the winners of this year's holiday decorations awards:

- ✧ Claude & Catherine Hough and Angie Ambrose, 1303 Ross Dr., S.W.
- ✧ June & Tyron Holmes, 128 Nutley St., N.W.
- ✧ Shirley A. Martin, 200 Glyndon St., N.E.
- ✧ Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., E.
- ✧ Ayr Hill Garden Club, which decorates the historic Freeman House each holiday season.

# Motorists Urged to Watch for And Yield to Pedestrians

Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds you that the driver of any vehicle must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing the street at any marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of the block, or at any intersection.

The Code of Virginia states, "The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously. Pedestrians crossing at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians."

Motorists are urged always to be alert to the possible presence of pedestrians, especially when turning right on red, and to yield the right-of-way with courtesy.

Pedestrians must also act responsibly and not disregard approaching traffic. The American Automobile Association offers these safe walking tips:

- Cross only at designated crosswalks and at intersections.
- At signalized crosswalks, cross only on the proper signal.
- Look *all* ways (not just both ways) before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic where there are no sidewalks.
- Wear reflective material after dark.
- Always watch for cars even when you have the legal right-of-way.

## Newest Auxiliary Is an Old Friend

Terry Donaldson is back in Vienna, this time as the Town's newest auxiliary police officer. Terry was a police dispatcher, then served as animal warden until a year ago, when he left to work in the computer field. On January 27 he was sworn in as a volunteer auxiliary officer and will spend most of his time helping out with the Personal Safety for Women class held quarterly at the Vienna Community Center. Welcome back Terry!

# Water Mains Flushed in Spring

Each spring the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and flushing usually occurs between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**  
**IS MAY 5-9**



The Town of Vienna Department of Public Works will be celebrating Public Works Week with an open house at the Northside Public Works Facility, 600 Mill St., N.E., on Thursday, May 8, from 2 to 6 p.m. All residents, school and scout groups, and others interested in seeing the facility and a display of Public Works vehicles are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be "hard hats" and Clean & Green coloring books for the kids. Groups of five or more should call 703-255-6381 for reservations before May 1.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

# 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

**Amateur photography contest** and exhibit Saturday, March 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, March 23, from noon to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 21, from noon to 4 p.m. Photos will be judged by local professional photographers and ribbons awarded in eight categories in black & white and color divisions. There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12. The entry fee is \$7 per person. Entries are limited to five photos per person and two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

## SPORTS AND FITNESS

**Skating for the entire family** will be held on Fridays, March 14-28, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per child (17 and under) and 50¢ for participating adults. Bring your own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children.

**Adult spring tennis league** begins April 6. Men's singles games will be played on Thursdays and women's singles games on Sundays at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. Each league member will play a minimum of seven matches during the season. The fee is \$10 for town residents. Registration deadline Friday, March 28.

**Adult co-ed softball league** begins its spring season on April 20. All games will be played on Sundays at Southside Park. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes 14 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, awards, and a post-season tournament. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of 16 teams.

**Adult summer basketball league** June 23-August 8. Two 10-team divisions will play a round-robin schedule, with the top teams competing in a championship

tournament. The fee is \$500 per team (plus \$20 for each non-county player).

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Open house for parents** will be held at Club Phoenix on Thursday, March 13, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. View the facility, learn about programs and upcoming summer camps, meet the staff, complete the required registration form, discuss issues and concerns, or sign up to be an adult volunteer.

**"Neighborhood College,"** a free six-week community leadership program for 10th and 11th graders, will be held each Tuesday, February 25-April 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Our future community leaders will learn how to find out about and access Town and County services, how to run effective meetings, and how to solve community problems and make decisions with others. There is no charge for the program and a light dinner will be served at each session. For more information and to register, call Robin Patton at 703-787-4998 or e-mail [Robin.Patton@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Robin.Patton@fairfaxcounty.gov). The program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services in partnership with the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition.

**Concert for high school students** featuring live bands Saturday, March 8, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5. Call 703-255-5721 to schedule a date for your band.

**Concert for middle school students** Friday, March 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission \$5.

**GIRLSgroup**, for grades 9-12, will meet March 3 and 24, 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 im-

portant, 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, March 28, 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.

**Babysitting fundamentals**, for boys and girls age 12 and older, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 29. Learn how to care for infants and young children, including bathing, games/activities, basic first aid, diapering, and safety practices. The fee of \$30 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

## JUST FOR KIDS

**Summer playground program** priority registration for town residents will continue through March 6. Weekly sessions for children ages 6-11 are scheduled from June 23 through August 1, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The cost per session for town residents is \$60 per child. Supervised activities will include arts and crafts, games, special events and field trips.

**Roller skating** for children ages 3-10 will be held on Mondays through 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.

**Coalition Kids**, a safe and supervised monthly after-school program for 5th and 6th graders, will be held on Monday, March 17, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group focuses on making new friends, learning team building, performing community

service, and being involved with anti-drug and violence prevention programs. There is a one-time \$10 fee for refreshments and supplies, and registration is required.

### MANAGING YOUR MONEY

**What to Feed a Living Trust** will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, March 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Virginia trust law, funding your trust, what every banker doesn't know, trusts and mortgages, trusts and the IRS, and more. This seminar is free of charge, and no advance registration is required.

### MATURE ADULTS

**Spy tour**, guided by Gary Powers, Jr., Director of the Cold War Museum, and former Air Force intelligence officer Carol Bessett, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, March 7. The cost of \$55 for town residents includes transportation, tour guides and admission to the International Spy Museum.

**Wolf Trap Farm Park** behind-the-scenes tour 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, March 19. Go backstage and learn about set design, costumes and many other aspects of show production. Free of charge; transportation is on your own.

**Dynamic Walking** at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens March 28, April 4 and April 11 from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Learn Dynamic Walking and Dynamic Body Exercises. Individualized focus and hands-on coaching will help participants achieve their health and fitness goals. The cost for town residents is \$15 for all three sessions and includes a pass to walk at the park each Friday through May. Advance registration required.

**Writing Your Personal History** is an informal, group-run class for people interested in documenting their life stories for themselves and future generations. Class will be held each Thursday, March 6-May 29, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class members select topics about which to write and read their work to each other for supportive feedback. The class is free of charge; a donation of \$5 will be used to provide coffee and tea at each class. Advance registration is required.

**Free blood pressure check** for senior citizens Wednesday, March 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. No advance registration required.

### POTPOURRI

**July 4th** booth space applications will be available beginning March 1. Space is available for nonprofit organizations, commercial food vendors, and private and

commercial arts and crafts vendors. The celebration is scheduled for Friday, July 4, on the Community Center grounds. Booths are to be open from noon to 6 p.m.

**Etiquette and dining skills classes** for all ages begin the week of March 24. Build confidence and self-esteem through the practice of good manners. The cost is \$40 for town residents.

## Vienna Parks & Recreation Hosts Grantsmanship Training Program

Want to learn how to write competitive grant proposals for your nonprofit organization? The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a Grantsmanship Training Program at the Vienna Community Center April 14-18.

This five-day "hands-on" program will take you step by step through all aspects of researching grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources. It is designed for both novice and advanced grant seekers. Learn the most widely used proposal-writing format in the world, and investigate funding sources for your organization. You will team up with classmates to prepare and write a proposal. To maximize personal attention, registration is limited to 27.

The workshop will be conducted by representatives from the Grantsmanship Center, the world's oldest and largest training organization for the nonprofit sector. The tuition of \$775 per person includes a one-year membership in the Grantsmanship Training Program, which provides a variety of benefits and services such as proposal review and online discussion with trainers and staff.

For more information or to register call 1-800-421-9512.



### FAMILY FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

Thursday, April 3  
OR Friday, April 4  
7:30 p.m.  
at Glyndon Park

Tickets will be sold at  
the Vienna Community Center  
March 22, 8-10 a.m.  
March 24, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
\$3 per family member  
TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

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**Vienna Little League** tryouts for 9-year olds are scheduled for Sunday, March 9, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Kilmer Middle School. For details, visit [www.vll.org](http://www.vll.org). Opening Day is Saturday, April 12. A "Parade of Champions" (T-ball through Majors) will begin at 8:30 a.m. from Thoreau Middle School to Yeonas Park for a ceremony at 10 a.m., a Challenger Division game at 11 a.m., and Major games at noon. Town residents are invited to come out and show their support for these young athletes.

**Book and author luncheon**, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI), will be held at noon Saturday, March 15, at Marco Polo restaurant. Bebe Faas Rice will discuss her latest young adult novel, *The Place at the Edge of the Earth*, which deals with the U.S. government boarding schools for American Indian children. The author, a Fairfax County resident and Edgar Allan Poe Award nominee, will sign copies of the book, which will be for sale. Tickets are \$21 for HVI members and \$25 for non-members. For reservations and more information, call 703-938-5187. Reservation deadline March 4.

**Casino Night & Taste of the Town**, sponsored by the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, will be held at Westwood Country Club on Friday, April 11, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy games of chance and food samplings from local restaurants. The evening will also include raffles and an auction of prizes donated by area businesses. Admission is \$50 per person. For tickets and more information, call 703-281-1333.

**"Freedom from Headaches,"** a free seminar on the prevention and relief of migraines and headaches, will be held on Thursday, March 27, from 7 to 8 p.m. at New Life Wellness Center, 301 Maple Ave., W. Participants will learn effective non-surgical, non-drug solutions to headache pain. For more information, call 703-242-7474.

**Antiques appraisers** Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson will be at the

historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, March 8, from noon to 4 p.m. They will give a verbal appraisal of the approximate age and current value of any item, up to three items per person, for \$7.50 per item (\$5 for Historic Vienna, Inc. members). A photograph may be brought if the piece is too large. Appointments are required; call 703-938-5187. All proceeds will be donated to Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for preservation and restoration.

**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. The spring term begins March 21. For more information, call 703-503-3384 or visit [www.gmu.edu/departments/lri](http://www.gmu.edu/departments/lri).

**Free, confidential tax help** for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age is available each Wednesday 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.

**Vienna Toastmasters** will meet at the Vienna Community Center March 12 and 26 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.

**La Leche League of Vienna** will meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd. Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend the discussion of "Needs As Baby Grows." For more information, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872.

**Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Country Club of Fairfax. The program will feature fashions from Draper's and Damon's modeled by club members. For reservations and more information, call 703-281-2236 by noon March 3.

**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, March 15, 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).

**Chapter 1116 NARFE** (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) will hold a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4, at the Vienna Moose Lodge, 9619 Courthouse Rd. For reservations, call 703-255-5345.

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, March 13, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Susan Jones and Elizabeth Smart of the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Office will present "Let Consumer Protection Work for You." The club also sponsors several bridge groups. For information, call 703-281-4811 or 703-938-3505.

**Vienna Arts Society (VAS)** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 13, at the Vienna Community Center. Jackie Saunders will demonstrate pen and ink drawing with a live model. The VAS 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. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.viennaartssociety.org](http://www.viennaartssociety.org).

**The Vienna Jaycees** invite Vienna area 20 and 30-somethings to enjoy Happy Hour at the Tysons Corner On the Border Restaurant at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 13, and dinner at Johnny's Pizza Restaurant on Park Street at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20. The regular chapter meeting



will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the Vienna Community Center. And help the Jaycees man a drink station at the D.C. Marathon on Saturday, March 23. For more information, call Karen at 703-281-1255 or visit [www.geocities.com/vennajaycees](http://www.geocities.com/vennajaycees).

**In celebration of Women's History Month**, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will sponsor discussions focusing on the role of women in history March 11-13 at 15 locations around the county. For information, call 703-658-9150 or visit [www.lwv-fairfax.org](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org).

**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 on Thursday, March 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library. To register and for more information, call the Fairfax County Access Services Office at 703-324-8380.

**Vienna Choral Society** will present an early spring concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at Vienna Baptist Church, 544 Marshall Rd., S.W. The program will feature Gabriel Faure's 19th century Requiem and Maurice Durufle's 20th century Requiem. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and senior citizens, and \$25 for families. For information, call 703-255-5508.

**Vienna American Legion** Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 will hold a joint meeting, including the Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the Legion, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the post home, 330 Center St., N. For more information call 703-938-9535.

**"Single Mothers: Living, Loving, Learning"** will be presented on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Women's Center, 133 Park St., N.E. Learn strategies to cope with changes and new people. The cost is \$35 for Women's Center members and \$45 for non-members. To register and for more information, call 703-281-2657.

## Preparedness, Not Panic, Is Key to Coping with Emergencies

Since the events of September 11, 2001, the Vienna Police Department has been working closely with other law enforcement agencies throughout the Washington, D.C., area to share information and resources to combat terrorism. This effort is in concert with numerous federal agencies that are addressing the issue at the national level. Town police have continuous access and contact with the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force as well as the Anti-terrorism Task Force of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the eastern Division of Virginia. Information continues to be shared at ongoing briefings and through the news media.

Col. Bob Carlisle, Vienna's Chief of Police, advises residents that the best defense to terrorism at the local level is to be alert and observant for suspicious activity and to report it promptly to the Police Department for investigation. He also recommends that citizens familiarize themselves with "Your Guide to Emergency Preparedness," a comprehensive booklet offering detailed information on preparing for emergencies of all kinds, including terrorist threats.

Created through the cooperation of local Northern Virginia governments working together with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Your Guide to Emergency Preparedness was distributed last month to *Washington Post* subscribers as an insert in the February 16 issue and mailed to non-subscribers. The guide is also available at all Fairfax County Board of Supervisors offices and at all public libraries. This publication is also online at the Fairfax County government web site, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

Additional information is available at numerous other web sites, including the Federal Emergency Management Agency, [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), and the American Red Cross, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

## Pleasant Street Water Main Replacement Underway

A major water main replacement project, now underway on Pleasant Street, will entail several changes to traffic patterns in and around the project area.

The first of these changes will affect access to Pleasant Street, N.W., which will be limited to local traffic only. Church Street will be closed at the Pleasant Street end, and all commercial entrances on Pleasant Street will be closed. Patrons of the businesses in the 100 block of Pleasant Street, the 301 Maple Avenue, W., complex, and the Marco Polo Restaurant building will be required to enter from Maple Avenue or from the Lawyers Road end of Church Street. Church Street between Lawyers Road and Pleasant Street will be opened temporarily to two-way traffic.

Once the project moves to Pleasant Street, S.W., on the other side of Maple Avenue, access there will also be limited to local traffic.

It will be necessary to perform at least two limited shutdowns of the water system in the Pleasant Street area during the project. Notification will be distributed by the contractor, Martin and Gass, 48 hours preceding each shutdown. These will be done during nighttime operations or in a way to cause minimal inconvenience.

*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.*

# Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in January:

Paradigm Service Group <i>contractor</i> 501 Church St., N.E. #306 703-281-0763	Vienna Dental Care <i>dentist</i> 360 Maple Ave., W. #C 703-281-1311	Keith Listman <i>handyman</i> 449 Nelson Dr., N.E. 703-242-2397
Ryan & Wetmore <i>law office</i> 513 Maple Ave., W. 703-938-8800	Andre Luis Biauth <i>massage therapy</i> 380 Maple Ave., W. #304 703-255-1220	Global Finance Co. <i>mortgage brokerage</i> 103 Patrick St., S.E. 703-846-9215
Sarah Fashions <i>tailoring/alteration</i> 302 Maple Ave., W. 703-255-0439	Del Sol Tanning <i>tanning salon</i> 424 Maple Ave., E. 703-319-0119	June Poland <i>wellness consultant</i> 506 Council Ct., N.E. 703-319-8366
Jinny's Skin Care & Electrolysis <i>skin care</i> 125 Church St., N.E. #101 703-242-5080	USCare <i>personnel &amp; placement agency</i> 510 Meadow Ln., S.W. 703-338-3341	Home Appliance Repair <i>repairs - appliance</i> 501 Church St., N.E. #306 703-255-2440

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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: *20 years* – Diagnostic Imaging Associates, North American Office Products, Richard B. Dingman & Associates; *10 years* – Clearvision, Jean Coleman R.N., C.S., John Tsiaperas, Just \$1, McCormack & McCormack, RMK Marketing, Steve Vickery Design.

## No Dumpsters Allowed in Street

Residents are reminded that the large dumpsters used for the disposal of construction debris must be kept out of the street. If you are planning a major home improvement project requiring a construction dumpster, make sure it is located entirely on your property.

Also remember a building permit is required for major home improvements. A permit is required *before* work begins. For information, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

## NVRPA Seeks Old Films of W&OD Railroad Days

The staff of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's (NVRPA) Washington and Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park is seeking home movies, documentaries or other film that captures moments in the times of the old W&OD Railroad, which once traveled through Vienna from Alexandria to Bluemont in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

This railroad had various names in more than a century of service. The film footage plus railroad memorabilia and artifacts will be part of the agency's ongoing study of the park's history. More than 50 interpretive signs about the railroad's history will be installed along the 45-mile trail this spring. Materials from the trail archives were incorporated into the current Loudoun Museum exhibit at the Purcellville Train Station and contribute to educational projects.

To share information about available footage, call the trail office at 703-729-0596, e-mail [wodtrail@erols.com](mailto:wodtrail@erols.com) or write to the W&OD Trail Office, 21293 Smiths Switch Road, Ashburn, VA 20147.

NVRPA's linear, multi-use recreation trail follows the former rail route. The park extends from Purcellville through Loudoun County, Leesburg, Fairfax County, Reston, Herndon, Vienna and Falls Church to Shirlington in Arlington County. Connector trails lead both to Alexandria and on into Washington, D.C., and to Fairfax City and NVRPA's Gateway Regional Park, the trailhead crossroads for Fairfax City, Fairfax County and NVRPA trail systems.

In 1987, the U.S. Department of the Interior named the W&OD Trail a National Recreation Trail. The park is a model for rails-to-trails projects throughout the nation. For route information, see the maps on the Friends of the W&OD web site at [www.wodfriends.org](http://www.wodfriends.org).

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The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority is seeking groups, families and businesses to adopt sections of the W&OD Trail. For more information and to register as a W&OD Trail Adopter, call 703-729-0596 or e-mail [wodtrail@erols.com](mailto:wodtrail@erols.com).

# March

<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> Drop off used motor oil, antifreeze & batteries at Northside property yard, end of Mill St., N.E., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
<b>2</b> Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	<b>3</b> Business license renewal deadline Town Council	<b>4</b> Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Town Council work session	<b>11</b> Mayor's Advisory Committee	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Car tags go on sale Town Council	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Planning Commission	<b>20</b> Board of Architectural Review	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Transportation Safety Commission	<b>26</b> Planning Commission	<b>27</b> Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					

**COMING NEXT MONTH ...**  
 April 1 – Tax relief application deadline.  
 April 7 – Deadline to register to vote in May 6 Town Council election.  
 April 9 – Proposed FY 2004 budget available to public.

## 2003

# This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 1993 – A public meeting will be held March 20 at Patrick Henry Library to discuss construction and renovation plans for the facility. Plans incorporate features recommended by citizens, including maintaining a temporary facility on site during construction, which is expected to last approximately 75 weeks.

MARCH 1983 – At its March 21 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to regulate video games and other mechanical and electronic game machines. The ordinance would allow game machines in a business provided the building contains at least 1,000 square feet of floor space open to the public and the machines occupy no more than 5% of that area.

MARCH 1973 – The Virginia Department of Highways will hold a public hearing on the proposed widening of Park Street from Maple Avenue to Cedar Lane on March 14. The widening of Park Street is not a new proposal since it was agreed to by a majority of the Town Council in 1966. However, conditions have changed since that time and widening the street to four lanes may now be unnecessary.

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

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

## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries is Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St., N.E. **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW LOCATION!** This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 703-255-6381.

Too often, used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. Recycled oil is a valuable resource that can be re-manufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities.

<p><b><u>FIRE &amp; RESCUE</u></b> 911 (Voice &amp; TDD)</p>	<p>Vienna Town Hall 127 Center Street, South Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799 Business Hours Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>The Town of Vienna does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Capital Projects Engineer has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements.</p> <p>This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.</p>	<p>PRSRRT STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID Vienna, Va. Permit No. 36</p>
<p><b><u>VIENNA POLICE</u></b> <b><u>EMERGENCY</u></b> 703-938-4900 (Voice) 703-255-5730 (TDD) NON-EMERGENCY 703-255-6366 (Voice) 703-255-5730 (TDD)</p>		
<p>VIENNA TOWN HALL 703-255-6300 (Voice) 703-255-5735 (TDD)</p>		
<p>COMMUNITY CENTER 703-255-6360 (Voice) 703-255-5739 (TDD)</p>		