

# CALENDAR

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Labor Day. Town Hall closed. Trash collection as usual for residents on the Monday/Thursday route.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Windover Heights Board of Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - South side of town.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Waste oil collection, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Nutley Street property yard.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Mayor's Advisory Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - North side of town. Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Town/Business Liaison Committee, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - South side of town. Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Board of Architectural Review, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Transportation Safety Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - North side of town. Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Rosh Hashanah.

## COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

October 2 - Town Council meeting.  
 October 4 - Newspaper pickup for south Vienna.  
 October 6-8 - Antiques Show at Community Center.

Send news and comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.  
 Deadline for October issue is Friday, September 15.

## VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Vienna Town Council

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

Council Members

Robert B. Dix, Jr.  
 Richard L. Fisher  
 George E. Lovelace

Martha H. Pruett  
 Robert W. Robinson  
 Rodger W. Seeman

Business Hours - Monday-Friday, 8:15 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

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 127 Center Street, South  
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# VIENNA NEWSLETTER

## Recycling Programs Profitable

The Town of Vienna received \$20,591.70 from its recycling programs during fiscal year 1988-89. This included 956.31 tons of newspapers recycled for \$19,126.20 and 61.6 tons of scrap metal for \$1,465.50

Cans collected at the Town's aluminum recycling center, located next to the BP Car Wash on Route 123, are donated to the Northern Virginia Training Center. There,

mentally retarded residents are provided with work and earn money by washing, crushing and bagging cans for recycling.

Residents are reminded that newspapers and trash should not be placed at the curbside until the night before a scheduled pickup.

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TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, FOR LABOR DAY. TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED AS USUAL FOR RESIDENTS ON THE MONDAY/THURSDAY ROUTE.

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## Halloween Parade Has Lunar Theme

September 15 is the deadline for Vienna businesses and organizations to enter floats in the 43rd annual Vienna Halloween Parade. Floats should be designed in keeping with the parade theme, "The Sky Is the Limit!" celebrating the 20th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon. Floats may depict this special moment in history or the future of our nation's space program.

All entries must be approved by the Halloween Parade Committee. For parade entry application forms and more information, call the Greater Vienna Chamber of Commerce, 281-1333.

The Halloween Parade, scheduled for Wednesday evening, October 25, is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Vienna Jaycees.

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September 15 is also the deadline to submit nominations for the 1989 Citizen of the Year and Business Person of the Year awards, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. For nomination forms and more information, call the Chamber office.

## WASTE OIL COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, September 9, 1989

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Town Property Yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W.

IT'S EASY TO RECYCLE  
 USED MOTOR OIL

Here's how:

After changing the oil in your car or truck, funnel it into an unbreakable container - like a plastic milk carton. Bring it to the Town property yard on September 9, or to a service station displaying this sign:



Or, to locate the collection site nearest you, call toll-free in Virginia

1-800-552-3831 (Hours: 9 - 11 a.m. & 1 - 3 p.m. M - F)

Remember, "The job's not finished 'til the oil's recycled!"



# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

JULY 3, 1989

- Conducted a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on a proposed ordinance to require replacement of trees during land development.

- Denied an application to rezone the property in the 100 block of East Street and the 600 block of Pine Street, S.E., from RS-16 to RTH.

- Authorized the expenditure of up to \$5,000 to upgrade the sidewalk along Beulah Road.

- Accepted a \$15,000 grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of establishing a jitney bus service for Vienna. The Town staff is

to investigate sources for the additional \$15,000 required as matching funds.

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$7,321 to Landscape Structures, Inc., of Delano, Mn., for modular playground equipment at Glyndon Park.

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$13,950 to DCD Construction of Gainesville, Va., for Community Center meeting room renovations.

- Authorized a smoke test on the sewer line serving the 200 block of Elm Street, S.W.

- Adopted amendments to the Town employee pension plans.

- Approved the use of the

Vienna Centennial logo in color on 1990 Town vehicle decals.

- Referred to the Planning Commission a proposed ordinance regarding the minimum distance required between a one-story accessory building and the side or rear lot line.

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$13,893 to Topline Equipment Sales, Inc., of Raleigh, N.C., for a wood chipper.

- Appointed Martha H. Pruett as Mayor Pro Tempore for fiscal year 1989-90. Made the following Town Council committee appointments for the year: Robert B. Dix, Jr., Northern Virginia Planning District Commission; Rodger W. Seeman, Town Employee Retirement Plan Administrative Committee; Martha H. Pruett, Centreville District Citizens Park Advisory Council and liaison to Fairfax County School Board; George E. Lovelace, liaison to Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Robert W. Robinson, Vienna Centennial Committee; Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Richard L. Fisher, Robert W. Robinson, John H. Schoeberlein and John F. Gionfriddo, Charter Review Committee.

- Awarded a bid in the amount of \$68,815 to Mid-Atlantic Equipment Co. of Manassas, Va., for a front-end loader, with a three-year lease-purchase agreement.

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for use in the Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing and received at Town Hall by the 15th of each month to be included in the following month's Newsletter. Please give your name, address and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.) Send comments to Vienna Newsletter, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

## News from Vienna Parks and Recreation Dept.

For more information on any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 255-6360.

### FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

**Fall luncheon cruise on the Dandy** - Friday, October 13. Leave Community Center 11 a.m., return about 3 p.m. Transportation and lunch \$33. Register by September 1.

**Free blood pressure checks** - September 11 and October 2, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Vienna Seniors Walking Club** - Along W&OD Trail. 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning September 11.

**Cholesterol screening** - September 16, 1-6 p.m. On-the-spot results. \$7 per test.

**"Women Speak to Women About Their Health"** - Wednesday, September 27, 10-11 a.m. Slide/tape presentation with companion booklet on health issues affecting older women, told by women themselves. Free, but registration required.

**"55 Alive" mature driving program** - September 25 and 26, 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m. Cost \$7. Register by September 18.

**Drop-in activities** - For youngsters aged 9-12 at Community Center Mondays, September 10-December 4, 3-4 p.m. Ice cream making, table tennis, assortment of games and more. Free.

**Karate classes** - Start September 12. Sixteen one-hour sessions, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Beginners class, 5-6 p.m., Inter-

mediate class, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Cost \$40.

### ADULT SPORTS LEAGUES

**Tennis** - September 12-November 2. Vienna residents \$7, out-of-town participants \$8.75.

**"3 on 3" basketball** - Winter league. \$210 per team includes equipment, officials, awards, 14 double-header games.

**Co-ed volleyball** - Begins December 19. \$150 per team includes equipment, officials, awards, 7 week round-robin schedule.

**Atlantic City trip** - Thursday, September 21. Leave Community Center 9 a.m., return about midnight. Transportation \$23. Register by September 15.

**Open gym** - And game room at Community Center for teens, September 15, 22 and 29, 3:30-5 p.m. Basketball, volleyball, table tennis, foosball. Free.

**Teen dance** - Saturday, September 16, 8:30-10:30 p.m.,

## HVI Invites New Members

Historic Vienna, Inc., will hold a membership pot-luck picnic meeting on Sunday, September 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Members, their guests and prospective members are invited. Historic Vienna is a non-profit organization for restoration and preservation, and new members are always welcome.

Historic Vienna will provide

Community Center gym. DJ will provide entertainment. Cost \$2.

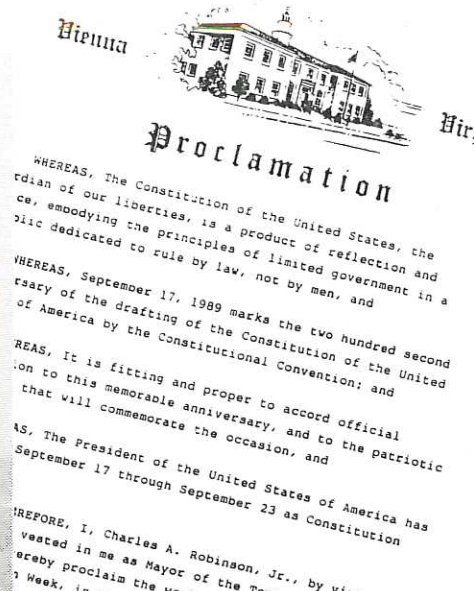
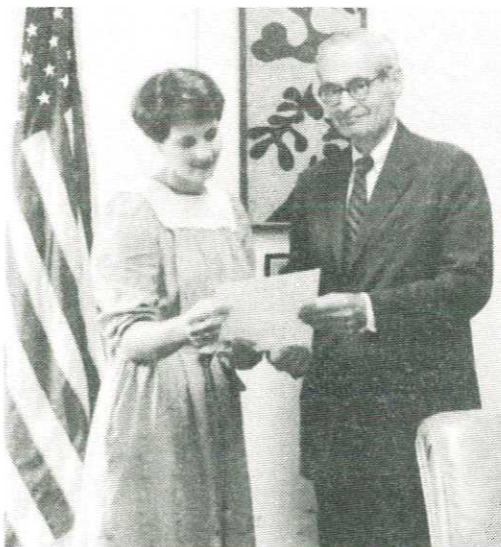
**Trip to Vanity Fair outlet stores, Reading, Pa.** - Friday, September 22. Leave Community Center 7 a.m., return about 8 p.m. Transportation \$17. Register by September 19.

**BMX freestyle competition** - Saturday, September 23, at Community Center. Registration 10 a.m.-noon, competition 1 p.m. Classifications are 13 & under, 14 & 15, 16 & over, each with novice, intermediate & expert categories, plus beginner category. \$15 for AFA members, \$10 for beginners.

**Basketball clinic** - At Community Center for youngsters 8-15. Saturday, September 30, 9 a.m.-noon for boys, 1-4 p.m. for girls. Meet high school basketball coaches and learn basic skills and techniques. Free, but registration required by September 25.

**Skateboard competition** - Saturday, September 30, on Community Center parking lot. Call for details.

## Constitution Week -



Constitution Week will be observed in the Town of Vienna September 17-23. Receiving Mayor Charles Robinson's proclamation is Jan Price, Junior Membership Chairman, Fairfax County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Vienna's Centennial in 1990 coincides with the DAR's Centennial Jubilee, giving the Fairfax County Chapter a double cause for celebration in the coming year. The Chapter was founded by eight Vienna residents in 1905, just 15 years after the national organization was founded. It is the second oldest chapter among 22 in District V, which includes Fairfax County and parts of Loudoun and Prince William Counties. Prospective members are invited to attend the Chapter's September meeting, featuring guest speakers Mayo and Connie Stuntz, authors of This Was Vienna, Virginia: Facts and Photos. For information, call 273-7371.

AN EVENING WITH

# Gershwin

Friday, September 15 - 8:00 p.m.

Vienna Community Center

THOMAS WRIGHT, pianist

as George Gershwin

Performing "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris,"  
"Porgy and Bess," and other Gershwin favorites

Tickets \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door

Call Vienna Parks & Recreation  
255-6360

## Opportunities to Serve Vienna

Membership on Vienna's boards and commissions provides citizens the opportunity to become actively involved in Town affairs. Applications for appointment are available in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, phone 255-6303.

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

The Planning Commission prepares the Town's Comprehensive Plan, approves preliminary plats of subdivisions, and makes recommendations to Council on rezoning requests and other planning and zoning matters.

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

The Board of Architectural Review examines and approves plans for commercial buildings, signs and landscaping. It also considers any construction in residential zones other than single-family homes.

The Transportation Safety Commission studies intersections,

traffic signs, speed limits and other matters relating to street safety and makes recommendations to Council.

The Town/Business Liaison Committee makes studies and offers recommendations to Council on matters affecting town businesses and their relationship to the community. Both commercial and residential interests are represented on the committee.

The Windover Heights Board of Review approves new construction and major exterior alteration of buildings within the Windover Heights Historic District in northwest Vienna. Citizen members of the Board must reside within the historic district.

## Fire Department's Letter Goes Astray

A message to Vienna residents from Pat Rooney, President, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department:

By now you may have received a letter from the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Department requesting a donation. Unfortunately, some of their fund drive letters were mailed to the wrong zip code areas. If you have a Vienna mailing address, you should not have received this letter. Please do not confuse this letter with the one that the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department sent you earlier this year.

We have received an apology from the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire Department, and they have assured us that this will not happen again. In addition, any money they receive from Vienna residents will be sent back to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Each volunteer fire department in Fairfax County has a specific area from which they solicit donations.

We have received a number of calls from citizens concerning this matter, so we felt an explanation was needed. If you have not sent in your donation to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, it's not too late to do so.

## "Miss Utility"

If you are building an addition to your house, converting a porch or patio into a finished room, installing a swimming pool or even planting shrubs, one of your first questions should be, "Where is my natural gas line?"

Rupturing underground gas lines can cause serious accidents, service interruptions or property damage. In addition, you violate federal and local safety codes when you build an enclosed structure over a gas line, or enclose an outdoor gas meter or the regulator vent from an inside meter.

To locate your gas lines quickly and conveniently, just phone "Miss Utility" at 1-800-257-7777, and ask for someone to come out and mark the location of your gas lines - and the locations of underground electric, cable TV and telephone lines as well. "Miss Utility" should be contacted at least 48 hours in advance for this service, which is provided to residents and businesses free of charge.

If you are employing a contractor, don't allow any construction to commence until underground utility lines have been marked by either spray paint, flags or stakes. Also, it is a law in Virginia that you must hand-dig within two feet on either side of the marked location of a natural gas line.

## More Metro Parking

This summer, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the sale of \$15.2 million in Metrorail Parking Revenue Bonds to fund construction of the Vienna Metrorail parking structure. Construction of the facility, which will provide 1,864 parking spaces, is now underway and is expected to be completed in September 1990. Meanwhile, park-and-ride users may use alternative parking and shuttle service at Hunters Branch, 9300 Lee Highway. For more information on the parking facility construction, call the County Department of Public Works, 246-5160.

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\* Convenient Location \*  
\* & Friendly Service \*  
\* SHOP IN VIENNA \*  
\* Support Our Hometown \*  
\* Merchants \*  
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## Antiques and Crafts for Sale

More than 40 antique and craft dealers will be featured at the 9th annual Antique and Craft Fair, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., on Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. (rain date September 23). Admission is free.

Dealers will offer antique furniture, jewelry, tools, glass and linens; historic photographs, documents, letters, stamps and coins; wood carvings; toys and fabric dolls; wreaths; quilting; clothing; and Christmas, Victorian and country crafts.

In addition, the Vienna Quilters will hold a quilting bee on the front porch of the Freeman House and display their Vienna Centennial quilt.

Free tours will be given of

## Community Band Resumes Rehearsals

After a short summer break, the Vienna Community Band will resume weekly rehearsals for its 1989 concert season on September 10. Rehearsals are held each Sunday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The Vienna Community Band plays for about a dozen occasions each year in Vienna. The next concert is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, during the annual Antique and Craft Fair at the Freeman House. The band plays a variety of music from traditional military marches to overtures, symphonic band pieces and selections from Broadway musicals.

The 45-member band, now in its 12th year of service to the community, performs under the direction of John J. Pickeral, Jr., an accomplished musician with extensive conducting experience, and is always interested in acquiring new players of any age or experience. No audition is required. For more information, call Linda Ekas, 281-2430, or David Rally, 759-4173. Or simply drop by the Community Center any Sunday evening.

the Freeman House and of the original Vienna Library, one of the first public libraries in Fairfax County, now located on the Freeman House grounds. The Vienna Community Band also will perform.

The old-fashioned Freeman House general store will be open for business, and refreshments will be sold. For information, call 938-5187.

## Lacrosse-Fest at Madison H.S.

Fairfax County's first-ever lacrosse festival will be held on Saturday, September 30, at the James Madison High School stadium. The Fall Benefit Lacrosse-Fest will feature a free youth coaching clinic from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by a scrimmage-game at 7:30 p.m. between the third-ranked Loyola Greyhounds of Baltimore and the eighth-ranked Navy Midshipmen of Annapolis.

Coaches and varsity players from both colleges will hold three player clinics from 4 to 6 p.m. for high school girls and for boys in grade 5 and up (both beginning and experienced players). There will also be radar-timed ball-throwing contests. Players should bring their own sticks and gear, but "loaners" will also be available, especially for inexperienced players. The clinics are an excellent way for new players to catch the game's flavor and excitement.

The clinics are free. Game tickets are \$5, with a \$10 family maximum. Refreshments, lacrosse equipment, T-shirts and other items will be for sale. All proceeds will go

## Music at Wesley

The U.S. Navy Band Brass Quintet will perform at Wesley United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 17. The church is located at 711 Spring St., S.E. For more information about this and other performances scheduled at Wesley this season, call 938-8700.

## Rabies Clinic

A low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held on Sunday, September 17, from noon to 2 p.m. at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 W. Ox Rd. The cost is \$4 for a one-year shot and \$6 for a three-year shot. For details, call the shelter at 830-1100.

to the Madison and Herndon lacrosse clubs and Vienna Youth, Incorporated. For more information, call 938-4427 or 281-4254.

According to the Lacrosse Foundation, Fairfax County is one of the country's lacrosse "hotbeds," with youth teams growing by about 50% a year. County players are also on a number of college varsity teams.

## Auditions Scheduled

### AYR HILL PLAYERS

The Ayr Hill Players will hold auditions for the three-act comedy "You Can't Take It with You," by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, at 8 p.m. Friday, September 8; 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, September 9; and 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, September 10, in Fellowship Hall of Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. For more information, call Audrey O'Shea at 938-0643.

### FAIRFAX CHORAL SOCIETY

The Fairfax Choral Society Chorus will hold auditions for its 1989-90 season September 8 and 9 at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St. in Fairfax City. This year's chorus schedule includes performances at Kennedy Center and the National Presbyterian Church. For audition information, call 978-4000.

## Countdown to Centennial

## Before Metro, Vienna Had Rail Transportation

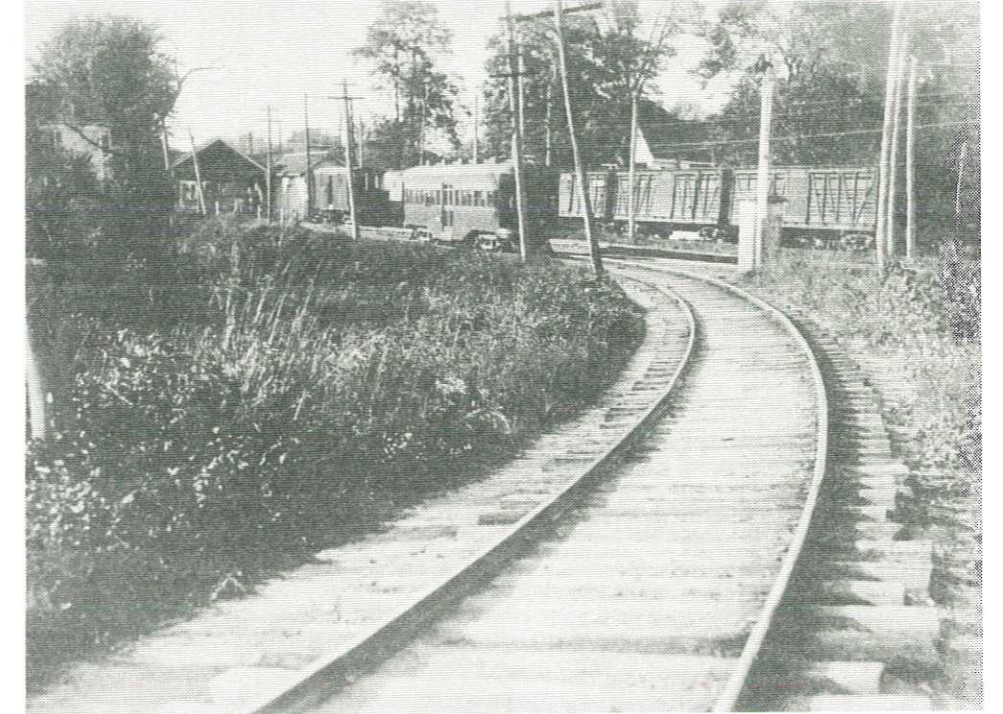
In 1859, the Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire (steam) Railroad came to Vienna with passenger and freight trains, which also carried the U.S. mail. Trains went both ways on the same single track, passing at double or side tracks. The railroad was devastated during the Civil War and had to be completely rebuilt.

The railroad company changed to the Washington & Ohio Railroad in 1870, then the Southern Railway System in 1894, when the line was extended from Round Hill to Snicker's Gap. It operated five passenger (and mail) trains each day through Vienna early in this century, with one or more freight trains daily.

In 1904, the electric trolley line was brought to Vienna with cars every hour. The "Toonerville Trolley" crossed over the steam railroad line, and the bridge abutment is still visible. The trolley line from Vienna to Oakton and Fairfax was parallel to Maple Avenue. In 1926, the line went bankrupt, and local people organized to carry on the hourly trolley service.

In 1912, the McLean family and Senator Elkins from West Virginia leased the Southern Railway and converted it to an electric railway. The new Washington & Old Dominion Railway bought 10 new electric passenger and mail cars, including an observation car with an open platform. The train ran 10 times a day through Vienna with a steam engine until 1919, when electric locomotives were bought. One car was a railway post office car (number 44) on which mail was postmarked and sorted en route.

Although the railway company declared bankruptcy in 1932, it continued to operate the line



through Vienna. In 1936, the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad took over from the McLean and Elkins estates. In 1941, passenger train service was suspended for the duration of World War II. On May 30, 1951, the last passenger train came to Vienna, while freight service lasted until 1968.

The Vienna Centennial Committee has designated September 1990 to spotlight the history of transportation in Vienna. Activities will include an antique car show and an open house at the Vienna railroad station. Anyone interested in assisting with plans for Transportation Month or sharing old photos and memorabilia for display is invited to call the Public Information Office at Town Hall, 255-6330.

Call these numbers 24 hours a day:

VIENNA NEWSLINE - 255-6333  
POLICE INFO LINE - 255-6363  
TOWN JOB LINE - 255-5720  
SPECIAL PICKUP LINE - 255-5727

## Choral Society Set For Concert Season

The Vienna Choral Society has a new music director, Dr. Judith Harrison. Dr. Harrison is currently music director at Fairfax Unitarian Church and adjunct professor of music at George Mason University where she is director of the Orff Schulwerk Teacher Training Program. In addition, she is music director of the Washington Revels.

Dr. Harrison and the Choral Society will present for its first concert of the season this fall Bernstein's Chichester Psalms and selections from Candide. In December, the group will hold its annual Messiah Sing-along. There will also be a Valentine program, a major choral work with orchestral accompaniment and other concerts.

Membership in the Vienna Choral Society is open to all singers, who are invited to attend the first rehearsal of the season at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 11, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. For more information, call 938-5640.