

# CALENDAR

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Town Council, 8 p.m. at Town Hall. Meeting will include public hearing on proposed changes in the fee schedule for use of the Vienna Community Center.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - South side of town.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - North side of town.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

## COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

November 1 - Newspaper pickup for south Vienna.  
 November 4&5 - Coin & Stamp Show.  
 November 3-5 - Vienna Theatre Co. Production.  
 November 6 - Leaf collection begins.  
     Town Council meeting.  
 November 7 - Election Day.



October 1989

# VIENNA NEWSLETTER

## Special Pickup Replaces Cleanup

Residents are reminded that instead of a Fall Cleanup this year, the Town has instituted a Special Pickup program to dispose of unwanted furniture, appliances, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection.

To order a special pickup, place discards at the curbside first, then call the Special Pickup Line recording at 255-5727. Orders are handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Each residence is allowed two free Special Pickups per calendar year.

### SPECIAL PICKUP GUIDELINES

- Building materials - wood, broken concrete, building brick and block, stones, fences, drywall and paneling - will be picked up. Concrete is limited to 300 pounds per residence. 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 no more than 8 feet in length will be picked up. Please separate brush and branches from other discards. 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. 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 will not be picked up.

- Paint cans, used motor oil and hazardous wastes will not be picked up.

- 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, fire hydrants, water meters, gas valves, fences and utility poles.

Reminder: Please make sure brush does not protrude from trash cans, which may cause injuries to trash collection personnel.

### NO SPECIAL PICKUPS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER

Fall leaf collection begins November 6. No Special Pickups will be made during November and December because the Public Works crews who normally make Special Pickups will be spending 12 hours a day to collect leaves.

The Town regrets any inconvenience this may cause and appreciates the understanding and cooperation of residents.

Call these numbers 24 hours a day:

VIENNA NEWSLINE - 255-6333  
 POLICE INFO LINE - 255-6363

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 9, FOR COLUMBUS DAY. TRASH WILL BE COLLECTED AS USUAL FOR RESIDENTS ON THE MONDAY/THURSDAY ROUTE.

## CHO's 20th

CHO, Inc. (Committee for Helping Others), an all-volunteer charity organization serving the needy in Vienna and surrounding communities, observed its 20th anniversary on September 10 by honoring the volunteers who support the organization's programs. In addressing the group, Mayor Charles Robinson commended CHO for its years of service and stated that had CHO not been active, many persons in the community would have suffered and the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County would have been required to spend thousands of dollars to alleviate their problems.

CHO renders most of the services a needy family may require and operates on donations from its member organizations (26 area churches and 3 civic clubs) and the general public. It has a continuing need for usable household furnishings and appliances. To make a donation or for more information, call Selma or Walker Smith, 560-1980. All contributions are tax-deductible.

TOWN JOB LINE - 255-5720  
 SPECIAL PICKUP - 255-5727

Send news and comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.  
 Deadline for November issue is Friday, October 13.

## 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

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 Rodger W. Seeman

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

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## Citizen Comment

# Do Vienna Residents Need Jitney Service?

The following letter comes from a resident of Gibson Drive, S.W.:

As a resident of Vienna for 32 years, I feel as if my opinion should be aired with respect to the "study" for the proposed jitney service for town residents.

If my memory serves correct, the jitney service has been tried on two previous occasions. Both were failures. The Virginia Department of Transportation and Town of Vienna from what I read are now going to spend \$30,000 on a so-called "study." I classify this as throwing money down the drain. It is a big, and I am emphasizing big, waste of money.

I would suggest you take the time to check the previous failures.

And, for your information, the seniors have the Assist bus service. This service picks them up and drops them off right at their door steps. The young and working people have cars. And, unless I am blind, there appears to be an over-used and poorly planned Metro Station at Nutley and Route 66.

So, what is the need of this expensive study when it is clearly not needed by town residents? More important, the jitney service will not be used even if the study recommends the need.

Why not send a mailing to residents asking them to voice their opinions instead of wasting \$30,000? Or, at least put a ballot in the next Newsletter to see if the town residents feel it would be feasible?

Most of my neighbors are in agreement with my feelings. They feel, along with yours truly, more serious items could be addressed than a totally unnecessary jitney service "study."

Mayor Charles Robinson replies:

Although some members of Council feel that a more convenient public transportation system is highly desirable in Vienna, particularly to discourage the use of single-passenger automobiles for

Metrorail access, it was, I think, never our intention to spend Town funds for this study. The Town was offered a 50% (\$15,000) grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), with the remainder originally to come from the Metropolitan Council of Governments (COG). COG money proved not to be available in the final analysis, although we did apply for the VDOT grant. Our hope is that matching funds might be available from some other source. We have now agreed to accept a no-cost offer from private sector organizations operating local transit systems in and around Fairfax County to assist us in evaluating our overall needs, and to advise us as to whether a local transit system is workable.

I do not contemplate that

any substantial Town funds will be committed to a study of this kind, but I do believe that if the Metrorail system is to effectively serve its purpose, we really ought to try to develop public transportation facilities sufficiently convenient to lure people in and around the Town of Vienna out of their automobiles. I also point out that many people in the community might find it convenient to utilize this kind of system for accessing the Maple Avenue corridor and our technology park. Existing programs offered by Fairfax County do help, but they are available only to a limited number of people and under a limited number of circumstances.

## Town Council Action

AUGUST 21, 1989

- Adopted as an emergency ordinance the following safety measures at Marshall Road Elementary School: establish a 20-mph speed limit for the existing school zone on Marshall Road; change the sign on the flashing light on Marshall to read "20 mph when flashing"; add a "school zone" sign at the Nutley Street entrance to the school; paint a crosswalk on Ware Street parallel to Marshall; support the school PTA's request for a school crossing guard at Marshall and Ware. The Town Manager is to conduct a study as required by the State to justify the lowered speed limit.

- Reduced the performance bond posted by Media General Cable from \$250,000 to \$50,000, subject to authentication of the company's list of subscriber units.

- Approved the final plat for the consolidation and re-subdivision of the properties at 426, 428 and 430 Glyndon St., N.E.

- Rejected all bids received

for the Mill Street extension project.

- Authorized the Town Manager to negotiate a contract for water tank inspection services at a cost not to exceed \$11,000.

- Awarded a bid for a one-ton dump truck cab and chassis to JKJ Chevrolet at a price of \$17,066.

- Awarded a bid for a dump body and hoist to Shade Equipment Co. of Winchester at a price of \$3,175.

- Awarded a bid for a single-axle cab and chassis to Truck Center of Tidewater, Virginia Beach, at a price of \$24,268.

- Awarded a bid for a 14-foot flat bed dump to Wilbar Truck Equipment of Springfield at a price of \$4,675.

- Authorized the Town Manager to refer items directly to the Transportation Safety Commission.

## Parks & Recreation News

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

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### FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER

**Free blood pressure checks** - October 2 and November 6, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Cholesterol screening** - October 24, noon-5 p.m. On-the-spot results. \$7 per test.

**"Osteoporosis"** - Wednesday, October 18, 10-11 a.m. Presentation will include how the disease develops, its prevalence, risk factors and treatment. Free, but registration required.

**"Breast Cancer/Mammography"** - Wednesday, November 1, 10-11 a.m. Presentation will include information about the new mammography benefit under Medicare provisions effective next year. Free, but registration required.

**"Health, Exercise and Living Program"** - Arthritis Foundation presentation. Three sessions October 24 and 31, and November 7, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Receive information on how to cope with the pain and limitations caused by your arthritis. Free, but registration required.

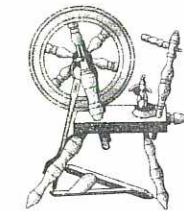
**Financial Workshop** - "Investments Appropriate for Senior Citizens." Tuesday, October 17, 10 a.m.-noon. Free, but registration required.

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**Babysitting Course** - For teens at the Community Center. October 10 & 11, 4:30-8:30 p.m. Fee is \$15. Those attending both sessions will become certified by the American Red Cross.

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**Atlantic City trip** - Thursday, October 19. Leave Community Center 9 a.m., return about midnight. Transportation \$23. Register by October 13.



## FALL ANTIQUES SHOW & SALE October 13-14-15, 1989

at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.  
Sponsored by Vienna Parks & Recreation

12 noon-9 p.m. Friday  
12 noon-7 p.m. Saturday  
12 noon-5 p.m. Sunday

Food & Drink Available

Admission \$3.50 each      \$3 with ticket

Managed by Johnson Enterprises

10222 Tamarack Dr., Vienna, Va.

## Fall Festivities

### GREEN HEDGES SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL FUN FAIR

Green Hedges School's International Fun Fair will be held on Saturday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school, 415 Windover Ave., N.W. Admission is \$5 per person.

Children's workshops will include woodcarving, stenciling, weaving, Chinese kites, London brass rubbings, doll blankets and Teddy bears. Music and dance performances will highlight percussion instruments from around the world; jazz, tap and ballet; and folk dances from Mexico, Sweden, Denmark and Germany. An assortment of international foods will also be available.

For more information, call Mary Betz at 255-5463.

### VALE COUNTRY FAIR

The 18th annual Vale Country Fair will be held rain or shine on Saturday, October 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Old Vale Schoolhouse, corner of Vale and Fox Mill Roads in Oakton.

Over 40 crafters will offer folk art and wood primitives, jewelry, pottery, stenciled and needle-crafted items, flower arrangements and framed art work.

The day will also include a bake sale, country lunch, children's entertainment, raffle, and verbal and silent auctions.

For more information, call Georgene Cecula at 620-4066.

### SPACE AVAILABLE FOR AUXILIARY BAZAAR

Space is available for hand-crafters at the annual Fall Bazaar sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary. The bazaar will be held at the fire station on Saturday, November 11. To reserve a table space and for more information, call Rose Schardt at 281-3191.



## Volunteers Spark Vienna Fire Department

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department stems from modest beginnings. The company was mustered in 1903 as the first organized fire protection in Fairfax County. The small band of volunteers was led by Leon Freeman, a prominent Vienna citizen who served the town as postmaster, keeper of the general store and first fire chief. The only piece of equipment was a hand-drawn chemical cart to create pressure for firefighting with the small tank of water on board. For years this cart was kept under the porch of the Freeman home on Church Street. In those days, volunteers received the alarm of fire when the bell in the nearby Vienna Presbyterian Church was sounded.

In 1919, the company became the first in the county to become motorized when it obtained a Model T Ford and modified it with three chemical tanks. By then the company had also found a new home in a garage attached to the old Town Hall on Center Street. In 1929, a firehouse was built on Church Street where the Full Cry Shop and Worthington's are now located. This building (shown at right in 1942 photo) featured two large equipment bays and a large underground cistern to ensure adequate water supplies. Real firefighting machinery was acquired, and a siren was erected on a makeshift tower behind the station to alert the volunteers.

In 1950, a rescue squad was formed by VVFD. The first ambulance was a used Cadillac. In 1958, the current firehouse was built on Center Street. The "house siren" followed and was placed on a tall pole behind the building.

All along, though, the key to VVFD's success has been people. During World War II, when manpower was scarce, local teens became firefighters. Whole families of men and women from all walks of life have served as volunteers: Savia, Hancock, Darcy, Pickell, Rohr, Swift, Ellis, Culp, Haney, Gesling, Wenning, Miller and more.



The Vienna Centennial Committee has designated October 1990 as Public Safety Month. Citizens having old photos or memorabilia of Vienna's police and fire departments to share for display are asked to call the Public Information Office at Town Hall, 255-6330.

## Centennial Souvenirs Arrive

The Vienna Centennial Committee has published a history of Vienna in a 1990 calendar format. Each date of the year has an anecdote from Vienna's past.

Did you know? On April 11, 1909, a railroad trolley smashed into a shed in Vienna. On May 3, 1930, there were only 903 people living in town. On August 1, 1866, the Presbyterian Church started Sunday services in the railroad freight house.

Do you remember? On February 19, 1940, the Town passed an ordinance stating that one could not drive a horse, mule or bike more than 10 mph. On March 9, 1955, the Vienna Lions Club organized Little League baseball in Vienna. October 31, 1946, was Vienna's first Halloween Parade.

The historic facts for the calendar were compiled by Paul S. Worboys with the assistance of the Vienna Centennial Committee. Worboys has published two previous historic calendars for Fairfax County.

For entertaining and inter-

### OPEN HOUSE AT VVFD

Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14. Everyone is invited to the annual open house at the fire station, corner of Center and Cherry Streets, S.E., on Saturday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

esting information about Vienna's history, accompanied by old photographs each month, you may purchase your Vienna Centennial History Calendar 1890-1990 for \$6 at the historic Freeman Store, 131 Church St., N.E., and at Town Hall.

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Other Centennial souvenirs available now at Town Hall include bumper stickers, coffee mugs, watches, buttons, balloons and stickers. More to come!!

**LOOK FOR  
CENTENNIAL GALA BALL  
RESERVATION FORM  
IN NEXT MONTH'S  
NEWSLETTER**

## Comment from the Council Table Vienna a Leader in Recycling

By Richard L. (Dick) Fisher  
Vienna Town Councilman

The Town Council is currently studying the feasibility of establishing a drop-off center to collect glass for recycling. This action should come as no surprise to town residents, since Vienna has always been a leader in recycling efforts.

Our newspaper pickup program was the first of its kind in Northern Virginia, beginning in 1975. Our aluminum recycling center has been in operation for almost 10 years, and in 1980 it received an environmental quality award from the Virginia Municipal League as being "innovative, practical, cost effective, used frequently by citizens and developed with their input."

In 1987, Vienna joined Fairfax County's new Waste Reduction Program, which requires "white goods" - stoves, refrigerators and other major appliances - to be recycled. This is why the Public Works Department asks residents to separate these items from other discards put at the curbside for a Special Pickup. Also in 1987, I suggested

that we try out a program for collection of used motor oil from town residents. As far as I know, Vienna is the only local jurisdiction to offer this service, and I am pleased to report that it is very successful, with an average of over 300 gallons brought in each quarterly collection day.

This year the Town Council approved the purchase of a brush chipping machine. Brush and branches have accounted for a large portion of the fee the Town must pay to use the Fairfax County landfill. At almost \$25 per ton, the savings in landfill costs will quickly pay for our new chipper. For a number of years the Town has stockpiled the leaves collected each fall and made the resulting leaf mulch available to residents free of charge. Soon, we will also have an abundant supply of wood chips!

As last month's Newsletter reported, the Town received over \$20,000 from its recycling programs in fiscal year 1988-89, in addition to the savings in landfill charges by recycling rather than dumping. The



Councilman Fisher

greatest benefits, of course, cannot be measured in dollars, and these are protection of our environment, conservation of resources and beautification of our community.

I am very proud of the leadership Vienna has shown in its recycling efforts and of the many citizens who have made our recycling programs work so well for so long. If you have ideas for improvements or innovations, please let us know at Town Hall. We value your comments.

## Jaycees to Honor Outstanding Young

The Vienna Jaycees will recognize a few Outstanding Young Men and Women from the Vienna community at a banquet to be held on November 2. In keeping with this year's theme, "Because They Believe," the Jaycees are seeking nominees who, because of their beliefs, have made significant contributions of their time, talent and energy to enhance and enrich the lives of others.

To nominate a deserving citizen between the ages of 21 and 40, or to make reservations for the banquet, call Cathy Tutty, 532-9159, or the Vienna Jaycee Hotline, 938-0088.

SHOP IN VIENNA



The Town's new chipping machine turns unsightly brush into useful wood chips, while saving hundreds of dollars in landfill charges.



## 35th District Forum At Marshall Road

The public is invited to attend a Candidates Forum at Marshall Road Elementary School, corner of Marshall Road and Nutley Street, S.W., on Tuesday, October 3, beginning at 8 p.m.

David Battaglia and Dick Fisher, candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates 35th District, will speak and answer questions. This forum is sponsored by the Southwest Vienna Citizens Association.

## Halloween Fun And Frights

### HALLOWEEN PARTY

Vienna's annual Halloween Party for children aged 6 through 12 will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, October 28, from noon till 2 p.m. Admission is free. Kids are invited to dress in their Halloween costumes for an afternoon of fun and games.

### HAUNTED HOUSE

The Vienna Jaycees dare you to experience their annual "Nightmare on Cherry Street" this Halloween. The haunted house will be held at the Vienna Community Center October 26 to 30 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Visit the haunted house during the children's Halloween party on October 28 and receive 50 cents off admission.

### PUMPKIN PATCH TRIP

The annual Vienna Jaycees Pumpkin Patch trip to Cox Farm in Centreville will be held on Saturday, October 14. Both young and old "kids" are invited to join in the hunt for the perfect pumpkin. For more information, call Marci Sullivan, 323-7138; Cheryl Yeazel, 266-1082; or the Jaycee Hotline, 938-0088.

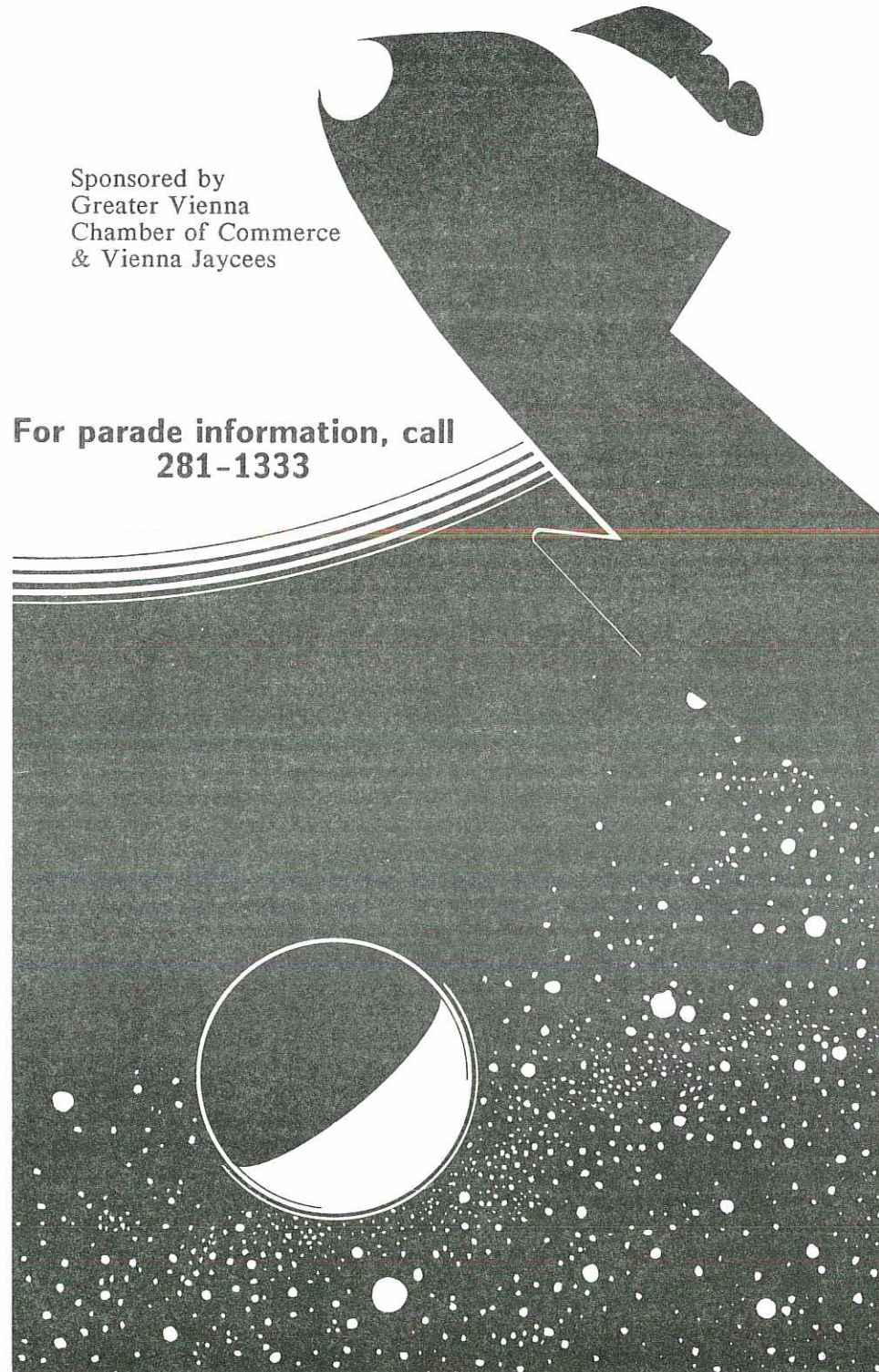
"The Sky Is the Limit!!"

43rd annual  
VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE

Wednesday, October 25  
7 p.m.  
on Maple Avenue

Sponsored by  
Greater Vienna  
Chamber of Commerce  
& Vienna Jaycees

For parade information, call  
281-1333



## Watercolor Show At Freeman House

A watercolor show, featuring the work of students of the Hunter Forest Watercolor Gallery of Vienna, will be held at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., October 14-15 and 21-22. The Freeman House is open on Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For information, call 938-5187.

The watercolors shown will be the work of both children and adults. Paintings will be hanging on the front porch, upstairs in the museum and in the basement gallery. A portion of the sales goes toward each individual artist's education fund.

## School Sales

Wesley United Methodist Preschool will hold its annual Consignment Sale on Wednesday, October 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, October 12, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The school is located at the corner of Spring Street and Moore Avenue, S.E.

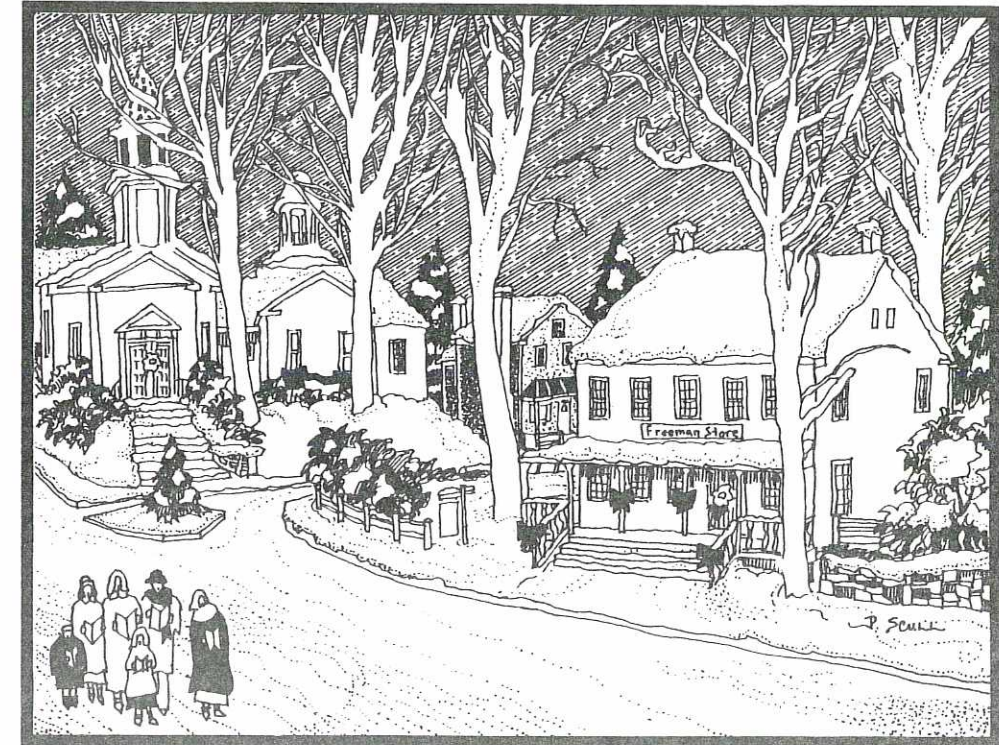
Second-hand children's clothes, non-violent toys, baby furniture, maternity clothes and many other items will be available. Participants tag their own items and bring them to the school to be sold on consignment. Wesley Preschool handles all of the publicity and sales. To participate, call the school at 938-3970.

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The 6th annual yard sale sponsored by the James Madison High School Band Parents will be held on Saturday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the school parking lot.

Crafts, household items and baked goods will be for sale. Vendors are welcome. The fee for a 12' x 12' space is \$15. For information, call 255-2590.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to help pay for music and uniforms for the marching band.



Historic Vienna, Inc. has chosen Pat Scull to design its Christmas card this year. A native of Northern Virginia, she has lived in Vienna for three years. Scull has worked as an artist in a number of cities and is currently an assistant in the silkscreen department at the Corcoran School of Art. The Christmas cards are packaged in sets of 10 for \$4. The design of the historic Freeman House and Vienna Presbyterian Church is done in pen and ink with red accents. The cards are available at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E.

## For a Healthy, Attractive Home -

### TROUBLED BY RATS?

Rats are attracted to residential areas by improper storage of trash, pet food or bird seed left outdoors for long periods, brush and debris lying in the yard, and similar causes.

How can you tell if you have a rodent infestation problem? Some of the signs to look for are golf ball-size holes around porches, sheds, wood piles and other places of shelter; narrow trails, especially around bird feeders; and droppings inside sheds and elsewhere.

For information and inspection services, Vienna residents should call the Fairfax County Health Department's office of housing hygiene and insect/rodent control at 246-2300.

### GRASS & WEED CONTROL

Grass and weeds growing up

through cracks in the sidewalk and between the sidewalk and street detract from Vienna's beauty. Although the Town government recognizes the problem of upkeep in rights-of-way, it simply does not have the personnel required to maintain these areas as it would like. The effort of individual citizens is necessary to keep our town looking attractive by controlling grass and weeds next to their property.

### TOWN HALL ART EXHIBIT

Vienna Arts Society members Concetta Scott and Norma Anderson will exhibit their work at Vienna Town Hall October 13 through November 27. Scott will show watercolors and Anderson hand-colored lithographs.