

# CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Collection day for waste oil, antifreeze and car batteries, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W.

Town Council budget work session, 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

## MONDAY, JUNE 3

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

NEWSPAPER PICKUP - North side of town.

## MONDAY, JUNE 10

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 13

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

## MONDAY, JUNE 17

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

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

## THURSDAY, JUNE 20

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 25

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26

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

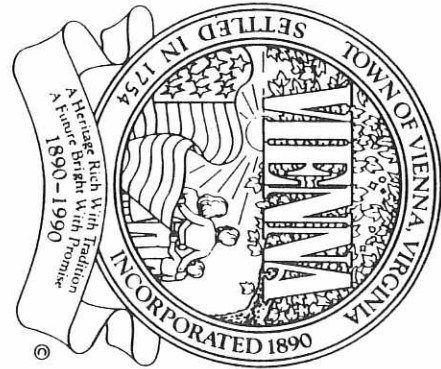
## COMING NEXT MONTH . . .

July 1 - Town Council meeting.

July 3 - Newspaper pickup for north Vienna.

July 4 - Independence Day.

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JUNE 1991

# VIENNA NEWSLETTER

## Reserve July 4 Booth Space

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting applications from local non-profit organizations for this year's July 4th celebration. Food, game and activity booths are welcome. Spaces are approximately 10'x10' and cost \$10 each. For applications and more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation at 255-6360.

The celebration is scheduled for Thursday, July 4, on the grounds of the Vienna Community Center (rain date for fireworks only July 5). Booths are to be open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. This is an opportunity for organizations to raise money while participating in a

community tradition that is enjoyed by thousands of Vienna residents and visitors each year.

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Private and commercial arts and crafts vendors interested in July 4th booth space should call the Vienna Jaycees at 242-1754, or write the Jaycees at P.O. Box 54, Vienna, VA 22183. Registration forms may also be picked up at the Community Center.

Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. The fee for each 10'x10' booth space is \$25. Application forms, along with checks payable to Town of Vienna, should be sent to the Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna, VA 22180.

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Vienna's July 4th All-American Chili Cook-off, sponsored by the Casinova Pod of the Chili Appreciation Society, Inc., for the benefit of the Optimist Club of Vienna, will be held at the Town's July 4th celebration. Those interested in participating in this year's cook-off should contact Bill Gratz, 307 Jade Ct., N.W., Vienna, VA 22180, or call 281-3135.

## Certain Park Areas Off Limits to Dogs

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has posted signs in several Town parks prohibiting pets from athletic fields and courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas. This was done because of the number of people allowing their dogs to defecate in these areas, creating a nuisance and a potential health hazard to park users.

The Director of Parks and Recreation is authorized to take this action under Chapter 20, Article 5, Section 19 of the Town Code.

People are still permitted to walk their dogs outside the restricted areas, in the stream valley parks and in undeveloped parks such as Northside, Moorefield and Beulah Road. Dogs are also permitted on the W&OD Trail as long as they are kept on a short leash to prevent them from crossing in front of oncoming bikers or pedestrians.

## Dangerous Intersections

According to Police Department records, the following intersections had the highest number of accidents for the period May 1, 1990, to May 1, 1991: Maple Avenue and Park Street (11), Maple and Glyndon Street (9), Park and Locust Street (9), Maple and East Street (6), and Maple and Court-house/Lawyers Road (5).

## Quarterly Recycling Day for Used Motor Oil/Antifreeze/Car Batteries

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Saturday, June 1  
8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Town Property Yard  
247 Nutley St., N.W.

## Public Hearing On Sewer Rate

Prior to its scheduled adoption of the Town budget for fiscal year 1991-92, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase in sewer service charges. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in Town Hall.

An increase of 19 cents per 1,000 gallons has been proposed to offset increased sewage treatment costs and keep the fund self-supporting. The average customer (quarterly water consumption of 25,000 gallons) will pay \$4.75 more per quarter, a 4.7% increase.

No change is proposed in the water rate.

## More Upcoming Hearings

June 3 - Town Council public hearing on proposed amendments to the sign ordinance concerning exempt and neon signs.

June 12 - Continuation of Planning Commission public hearing on the Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act.

June 17 - Town Council public hearing on proposed amendments to the zoning and subdivision ordinances concerning planting and replacement of trees.

## County Offers Daily Living Help To the Elderly

The Fairfax County Health Department has developed a program to help the elderly with the activities of daily living.

The program offers assistance with bathing, dressing, personal grooming, changing bed linen and other services.

The Activities of Daily Living Program is available to any resident of Fairfax County, including the Town of Vienna, who needs help with personal health care. Services are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Clients may use the program as needed; no minimum or maximum number of visits is required.

There is an hourly sliding-scale fee based on the income of the individual served, not the family. Initial nursing assessments, plans of care and ongoing assessments are provided at no cost.

The goal of the program is to help an older person remain at home or to ease the transition from illness back to independence by providing high-quality, low-cost services that meet the needs of individuals and their families.

For more information about the Activities of Daily Living Program, call 246-2411.



## TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

APRIL 1, 1991

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to give Council final approval of all site plans. This item will be on Council's June 10 work session agenda.

- Following a public hearing, voted to take no further action on a proposed ordinance to allow apartments in transitional zones.

- Following a public hearing, adopted an ordinance to allow bed and breakfast inns in commercial zones.

- Approved a site plan modification for Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E., waiving storm water management requirements. Also waived off-site public improvements and \$146,000 in escrow fees for those improvements.

- Approved an agreement with Media General Cable of Fairfax County covering the amount of the performance bond posted by Media General.

APRIL 15, 1991

- Following a public hearing, adopted an ordinance establishing a park and recreational zone.

- Following a public hearing, referred to the Planning Commission an amended proposed ordinance to allow an additional 5% lot coverage for decks over the 25% lot coverage limitation in single-family zones.

- Approved a request by the owners of 434 Knoll St., N.W., to continue occupying the existing house during construction of a new house on the same lot. A bond will be required to guarantee demolition of the existing house within 15 months from issuance of a building permit for the new house.

- Referred to the Planning Commission a proposed ordinance to allow display of banners by businesses. The Town/Business Liaison Committee and the Board of Architectural Review are also requested to comment on the proposal.

- Approved the ViVa! Vienna! Committee's plan to conduct a parade on May 25 to honor those who served in the Persian Gulf war.

- Donated \$200 toward the purchase of jackets for James Madison High School's state champion girls varsity basketball team.

- Scheduled a public hearing for June 3 on a proposed revision of requirements for neon signs.

### CATERPILLARS BUGGING YOU?

White webs in trees and caterpillars all over the ground are signs of infestation by the eastern tent caterpillar. For recorded information, call the Fairfax County Extension Service, 246-5394.

## Parks & Recreation News

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

### Summer Class Registration

Registration is underway for summer recreation programs. Brochures containing registration forms are available at the Vienna Community Center and Town Hall.

Classes include favorites such as arts and crafts, tennis, and a variety of exercise programs. Town of Vienna residents over age 65 may register for most classes free of charge.

In addition to classroom activities, Vienna Parks and Recreation offers trips, musical performances, and special events for children, teens and senior citizens, all described in the summer brochure.

### Summer Playground Program

The Town of Vienna's Summer Playground Program for children aged 6 through 12 begins June 24. The program will be held at the Community Center weekdays through August 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids will enjoy arts and crafts, games and special events in an outdoor setting.

The cost is \$25 per child for Town of Vienna residents and \$31.25 for out-of-town participants, plus a small additional fee for optional field trips. In-town youngsters will be given priority registration until June 7.

### Kings Dominion Trip

June 7 is the reservation deadline for a trip to Kings Dominion for ages 13 through 17. The trip is scheduled for Monday, June 24. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return about 9 p.m. The cost of \$29.50 per person includes transportation and admission to the park.

Discount tickets to Kings Dominion, good June 22 through July 7, are available at the Community Center. The cost is \$13.95 each for ages 7 and up, and \$12.95 for ages 3 through 6.

### Atlantic City Trip

Spend a day at the casinos in Atlantic City. Trips are scheduled for June 20, July 18 and August 22. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about midnight. The cost of \$27.50 per person includes transportation and casino package of quarters.

### School's Out Special

Children are invited to celebrate the end of school with Doctor Wonder, master magician, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 18. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$3.50 at the door. Children under 2 years old will be admitted free of charge.

### Dance into Summer

A dance for 7th and 8th graders will be held at the Community Center on Saturday, June 1. Enjoy the sound of "Insight" from 7:30 to 8 p.m. and DJ entertainment from 8 to 10 p.m. The cost of \$1 per person includes refreshments, door prizes and plenty of music. Dress is casual - T-shirts and shorts.

### Dance Class for Teens

A dance class especially for ages 11 through 15 will be held at the Community Center June 24 through July 29, each Monday from 4 to 5 p.m. Learn Broadway, funk and jazz routines. Instructor Kathleen McCort has studied in New York and Los Angeles, and auditioned for "A Chorus Line." The cost is \$24 for Vienna residents and \$30 for out-of-towners.

### Please Keep Sidewalks Free of Obstructions

Now that summer weather is here and more people are enjoying the out of doors, residents are reminded to keep tree branches, shrubs, vines and hedges trimmed so that they do not overhang sidewalks or obstruct the view of motorists. All the walkers in town will appreciate it!

## News in Brief

### Beware of Con Artists

Learn how to avoid con-artist scams at the next meeting of the American Association of Retired Persons on Monday, June 17, beginning at 12:15 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

The public of all ages is invited to hear guest speakers Ginger Palmore of the Vienna Police Department and Perry Knicely of the Fairfax County Police Department.

### "Arts Showcase"

"Arts Showcase," a juried show of 90 paintings by members of the Vienna Arts Society, is on display through June 26 at the Fairfax County Judicial Center, 4110 Chain Bridge Rd. in Fairfax. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 281-5516 or 352-0390.

### Farmers Market

The Fairfax County Farmers Market is at Notoway Park, just outside Vienna on Courthouse Road, each Wednesday till late November from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thirty vendors sell homegrown fruits and vegetables, bedding plants, cut flowers, herbs, eggs and baked goods.

### Free Tours Offered At Meadowlark Gardens

Free tours of Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park will be conducted at 10 a.m. June 1 and 29, July 13, August 17, September 21 and October 26. The park is located just outside Vienna off Beulah Road. Call 255-3631 to reserve a tour space or to schedule group tours.

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for publication in the Newsletter. The deadline is the 15th of each month for the following month's issue. Send written comments to Vienna Newsletter c/o Town Hall.



**Heaven Can Wait**  
by Harry Segall  
presented by  
**VIENNA BAPTIST PLAYERS**  
**Saturday, June 1**  
**Friday, June 7**  
**Saturday, June 8**  
*All Performances at 8:00 p.m.*  
*in the Fellowship Hall of*  
**VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
541 Marshall Road, SW  
Vienna, Virginia

Call 281-4400 for Ticket Information  
Contact Person: Jack Price  
**No Charge for Admission**  
**DONATIONS ACCEPTED**

## Dogs Can Suffer When Left in the Car

When you leave your dog in the car on a hot summer day, you could be risking his life.

The inside of a car heats very quickly. On an 85-degree day, for example, the temperature inside your car - with the windows slightly open - will reach 102 degrees in 10 minutes and 120 degrees in 30 minutes. On warmer days it will go even higher.

A dog's normal body temperature is 101.5 to 102.2 degrees. A dog can withstand a body temperature of 107 to 108 degrees for only a very short time before suffering irreparable brain damage -

or even death. The closed car interferes with the dog's normal cooling process, that is, evaporation through panting.

If your dog is overcome by heat exhaustion, you can give immediate first aid by immersing him in cold water until the body temperature is lowered.

### Think Before You Get a Pet

Many pets are abandoned because the owners are no longer willing to take care of them. Make sure you can care for a pet for its lifetime *before* you take it home.

## "Always a Bride" Doll Show Theme

The Gladys MacDowell Doll Study Club of Northern Virginia will host its 13th annual Doll Exhibit on Saturday, June 8, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Admission is free.

This year's show is entitled "Always a Bride" and will feature antique, modern and foreign dolls dressed as brides, past and present.

Visitors may bring dolls, old or modern, to be identified. A donation of \$1 per doll is requested for this service. There will also be sales tables of doll related items.

## Environmentally Safe Lawn Care

Increased environmental awareness has generated concern about the effects on people of pesticides and fertilizers commonly used to promote lawn growth. Children are of particular concern.

According to the Fairfax County Department of Extension and Continuing Education, the need for lawn chemicals can be reduced or eliminated by mowing at the proper height, cutting with a sharp mower blade, fertilizing at the proper time, and using new and improved insect- and disease-resistant grass varieties.

For more information and free publications about lawn care, call the Extension Department at 359-6585.

If you use a lawn service company, find out what fertilizers and pesticides are being applied and read the product labels. Your contract should give you the freedom to accept or refuse lawn service applications, and you should ask to be notified of applications before and after they are made.

You may check with the County Department of Consumer Affairs at 359-9161 to see if a lawn service company has had any complaints filed against it and how they were resolved.

### Comment from the Council Table

## More Trees for Fairfax County

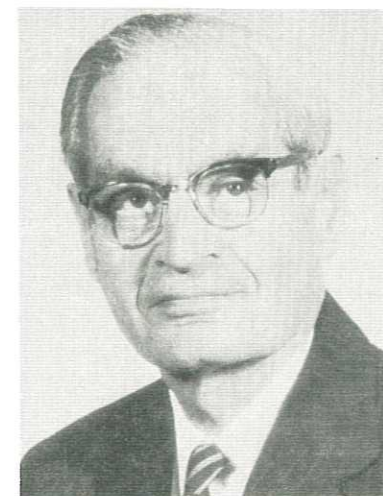
By Charles A. Robinson, Jr.  
Mayor, Town of Vienna

Historically, the first machine on site in the development of any new shopping center, new office building, or new subdivision is the bulldozer. Sometimes a few large trees can be saved, but in most cases the land is leveled, defoliated and denuded. Now, however, there appears to be some hope for the future.

**FAIRFAX RELEAF**, a program of the Fairfax County Tree Commission and the American Forestry Association, is working to achieve the planting of at least 200,000 trees and the reforestation of at least 100 acres of land in Fairfax County this year. **FAIRFAX RELEAF** will be asking state agencies to increase seedling giveaways during the next five years, and urging the Virginia Department of Transportation to step up its efforts to restore foliage to land under its control. In addition, the group will solicit the help of developers, businesses and the media to reverse the county's progressive deforestation.

Vienna's Director of Parks and Recreation, Richard Black, is a member of the **FAIRFAX RELEAF** Steering Committee, which also includes representatives of virtually all units of local government in Northern Virginia, the Virginia Department of Forestry, local businesses, and the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Even now, in 1991, 90,000 acres of land in Fairfax County are in forest, but the county has lost 35% of its tree canopy over the last 10 years, primarily to development. The long-term objective of **FAIRFAX RELEAF** is to maintain the forest cover in Fairfax County at or above its present level, replace dying and diseased trees, and improve the care and maintenance of existing healthy trees. Studies show that for every four trees removed in urban areas, only one is replaced.



Mayor Robinson

The need to reverse this trend toward defoliation is critical. Trees reduce "global warming" by absorbing carbon dioxide, help conserve energy by providing shade and wind breaks, and improve property values and the appearance of our communities. Even small forested areas supply wildlife habitat, watershed protection and noise abatement.

Residents and business people interested in further information on **FAIRFAX RELEAF**, and those who want to report the planting of one or more trees toward the goal of 200,000 this year, may call 1-800-287-8822 or (703) 273-3030.

### BZA Meeting Rescheduled

A special meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Wednesday, June 5, at 8 p.m. at Town Hall. The agenda contains items carried over from the May meeting, which was canceled for lack of a quorum. This month's regular BZA meeting will be held on June 19.



A PROGRAM OF  
THE FAIRFAX COUNTY TREE COMMISSION

Ask your local nursery or garden center about **FAIRFAX RELEAF** discounts!

## Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

The Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging is recruiting volunteer drivers to help deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound citizens. Volunteers should be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekdays and may choose to drive once a month or more. Drivers use their own cars and are reimbursed for mileage. Liability insurance is provided.

Prospective volunteers should call 246-5411 and ask to speak to a member of the Volunteer Development Unit.

Senior citizens who are interested in receiving Meals on Wheels should call 246-5411 and ask to speak to a member of the Home-Based Care Unit.

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The Agency on Aging provides outreach services, employment training, the monthly *Golden Gazette* newspaper and many other programs and services for older citizens.

This interest in Fairfax County's seniors reflects the fact that the American population is growing older, proportionally, with new problems and needs. Currently, the fastest-growing age group is 85 and over, and one in six Americans is 60 or older. Over a quarter of purchases made in the marketplace are made by citizens 55 and older.



Vienna's first auxiliary police officers are sworn in by Town Clerk Carol Orndorff. They are (left to right) Dalip K. Gupta, Walter Elliott, T.R. Cook, John F. Conifey and Robert F. Bodroghy. Auxiliary officers assist regular duty officers in patrol, traffic control, records processing and other assignments. After completing in excess of 125 hours of intensive training in police procedures, they are required to work a minimum of 24 hours per month. Town residents interested in volunteering as auxiliary officers should contact Col. Don Harper, Chief of Police, at 255-6390.

## Most Lawn Mower Accidents Are Preventable

Lawn mower accidents cause 62,000 injuries annually in the U.S. Most of these injuries can be prevented by following safety practices while working with lawn mowers.

Here are some tips for a safe lawn maintenance season from your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department:

- \* Never smoke while refueling your mower. Gasoline is very explosive.

- \* Never refuel a running mower. Wait for your mower to cool down before refueling. Wipe up spills immediately.

- \* Inspect electric mower cords for damage. Frayed insulation added to a metal mower and damp grass can cause lethal shocks or severe electrical burns.

- \* Never leave your mower without turning it off. It only takes a second for an unattended mower to cause an accident.

- \* Never reach under a mower while it is running. Disconnect the spark plug or unplug the electric cord before reaching underneath.

- \* Leave blade sharpening and electric repairs to the professionals.

- \* Riding mowers have also injured and killed. Never try to mow an area too steep; mowers can roll over, trapping and injuring the operator.

## Citizens Asked to Help Control Grass and Weeds

Grass and weeds growing up through cracks in sidewalks and streets detract from Vienna's beauty and can lead to costly concrete and asphalt repairs. The Town government simply does not have the personnel required to maintain these areas as it would like, and so asks citizens to help in controlling grass and weeds around their property.

## Vienna the Leader In Recycling Effort

The Town of Vienna is recycling more than any other Northern Virginia jurisdiction, almost 30% of its trash for the month of April. Recyclers deposited 27.26 tons of glass, 21.27 tons of cardboard, 3.47 tons of cans, and 2.85 tons of plastic at the Vienna Community Center facility.

(REMINDER: Whenever possible, flatten cans, boxes and plastic jugs to save space in the dumpsters.)

In addition, the Public Works Department collected 80.46 tons of newspaper, 16.38 tons of scrap metal, 2.35 tons of tires, and over 127 tons of brush for recycling.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Every ton of glass or newspaper recycled saves three cubic yards of critically needed landfill space. It's only waste if you don't make the effort to recycle!

## You Can Stop "Junk Mail"

Thanks to a town resident for providing the following information from *50 Simple Things You Can Do to Save the Earth*:

Almost 4 million tons of "junk mail" are sent to Americans each year, about 44% of which is never even opened.

The average American's annual junk mail requires 1.5 trees to produce. If only 100,000 people stopped their junk mail, it would save 150,000 trees annually. If a million people did this, 1.5 million trees would be saved.

If you would like to reduce the amount of direct-mail advertising you receive, write to:

Mail Preference Service  
Direct Marketing Assn.  
6 East 43rd St.  
New York, NY 10017

This service promises to reduce your junk mail by about 75% by keeping your name from being sold to large mailing list companies.

## Q & A on Brush Regulations

Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions about the Town's new brush collection policy. If you have additional questions, call the Public Works Department at 255-6382 Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Q. What are the new regulations pertaining to the collection of brush?

A. Fairfax County now requires brush to be separated from all other trash. Since the Town of Vienna uses County facilities for trash disposal, we have modified our regulations to conform with the County's requirements.

The new regulations pertain to small amounts of tree trimmings, bush twigs, and other brush. The brush must now be separated from the regular trash and placed at the curb on Thursday for the Monday-/Thursday route, on Friday for the Tuesday/Friday route, and on Saturday for the Wednesday/Saturday route.

Q. If I have a small amount of brush, what do I do with it?

A. Small amounts of brush less than 1 1/2 inches in diameter should be bundled and tied in lengths not to exceed four feet. Brush too small to bundle can be placed in a container.

Q. What if I place the brush in a bag with grass clippings and/or leaves and place it at the curb?

A. County regulations specifically require the separation of brush from all other trash; therefore, if it is mixed with other trash, the Town cannot pick up the brush.

Q. How do I dispose of grass clippings and loose leaves?

A. You can either start a compost pile, or bag your leaves and grass clippings and place them out with your regular trash. Please keep in mind that all yard waste (except brush) will go into the County landfill.

Q. I set out my brush on the second collection day and my trash was picked up by the trash crew, but they did not pick up the brush. Why?

A. A separate truck and crew follow behind the trash crew picking up just brush.

Q. What do I do if I have a large amount of brush to be picked up?

A. For large amounts of brush, you can call the Special Pickup Hotline at 255-5727 and leave the required information on the recorder. The Public Works Department will pick up your brush within 10 working days. If the amount of brush exceeds the two free truck loads allotted each year, you will be charged \$25 for the first additional load, \$35 for the second additional load, and \$50 for each additional load thereafter.

## Call these numbers 24 hours a day:

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

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

## Businesses Must Begin Recycling

Effective July 1, recycling will be mandatory for many businesses in Fairfax County, including those in the Town of Vienna.

The recycling plan is being implemented because of the need to conserve rapidly diminishing landfill space and to meet state regulations. Since businesses contribute 55% of the total waste in Fairfax County, recycling goals cannot be met without business sector involvement.

Businesses meeting or exceeding the following thresholds must implement recycling systems:

- \* Single businesses generating an annual total waste of 100 tons;

- \* Business complexes and institutions generating an annual combined waste of 100 tons; or

- \* Office buildings and office complexes having an annual average occupancy of 200 persons.

The building or property owner will be responsible for providing a recycling system encompassing source separation of recyclable material; collection, handling and storage of recyclables; and transportation of recyclables to a recycler.

All businesses, nonprofit institutions and government agencies in Fairfax County are also required to report recycling data annually, even if the business has a voluntary recycling program. To establish exempt status, small businesses that fall below the mandatory thresholds for program development must file an initial report; reporting thereafter is not required.

Where the property owner is required to implement the recycling system, he or she reports on behalf of the individual tenants. Any recycling initiative outside the mandatory system is to be reported by the individual business.

Violation of these state requirements is punishable by fines of up to \$500 per offense, each day counting as a separate offense.

For more information on mandatory business recycling and reporting, call the County Division of Solid Waste Collection and Recycling, 246-5436.