

CALENDAR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Police Chief's Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m. at Police Headquarters.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Recycle used motor oil/antifreeze/car batteries at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Yom Kippur.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Beautification Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Board of Zoning Appeals, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Planning Commission, 8 p.m. at Town Hall.

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CURBSIDE RECYCLING SECOND COLLECTION DAY
EACH WEEK.**

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255-5730 (TDD)
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VIENNA TOWN HALL
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255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
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Offer to Purchase Lowe's Rejected

In a letter to Mayor Charles Robinson, Lowe's has rejected the Town's offer to purchase the company's property at 143 Maple Ave., E. The July 26 letter from Lowe's Director of Real Estate, Brian Robbins, states, "I must inform you that we have been unable to accept your offer, and have now entered into a contract for sale of our former facility at our asking price of \$2,450,000."

The Lowe's property consists of three separate parcels with a total area of 110,724 square feet or 2.538 acres. It fronts on Maple Avenue, abuts the W&OD Trail along its entire length, and also includes about 100 feet of frontage on Park Street.

Following a public hearing last January at which the majority of citizens expressed support for acquisition of the property, the Town Council was unanimous in its decision to make an offer for the purchase. The Town's initial offer of \$1.5 million, based on current land values and a professional appraisal, was much less than Lowe's asking price of \$2.45 million. The Town's final offer was to purchase the two front parcels of the property for \$2 million, with Lowe's contributing the third parcel to the Town and recouping most of its value through tax deductions.

Although the Town regrets Lowe's rejection of its purchase offer, Council's position remains that it has no intention of jeopardizing Vienna's excellent bond rating, or adversely

impacting other capital improvement projects, by spending more on the Lowe's property than it can prudently afford. It is estimated that at Lowe's asking price, the total cost for the Town to raze the existing buildings and develop the property into parkland would approach \$2.8 million.

Council is hopeful that in the future, other parcels along Maple Avenue may become available for use as green space.

Halloween Parade Entry Deadline

The 48th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26. Vienna area businesses and community organizations are invited to enter floats in the parade, the theme of which is "Sports Around the World."

Scouts, school classes, athletic teams and other groups may also enter the parade as a marching unit, provided the parade theme is represented by costumes or props.

The deadline for parade entries is September 30. The Halloween Parade is sponsored by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Vienna Jaycees and the Town of Vienna. For entry applications and more information, call the Chamber office at 281-1333.

Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 5, for Labor Day. Trash will be collected as usual for residents on the Monday/Thursday route.

Recycle Oil/ Antifreeze/Batteries

Vienna residents can recycle used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W. Recycling days are held quarterly in March, June, September and December from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The next recycling day will be September 10. For more information, call the Public Works Department at 255-6381.

In June, citizens brought in 400 gallons of oil, 40 gallons of antifreeze and 15 batteries for recycling.

Public Hearing On Massage Salons

At its September 12 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal to allow "massage therapy salons" in Vienna as a conditional use, requiring a special permit. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. The hearing will also address a proposed reduction in the business license fees for massage salons and for individual masseuses and masseurs.

SPECIAL PICKUP DEADLINE - October 3 is the last day to call for a special trash pickup in 1994. No special pickups are made in November and December, the peak of fall leaf collection. To order a special pickup, call 255-5727.

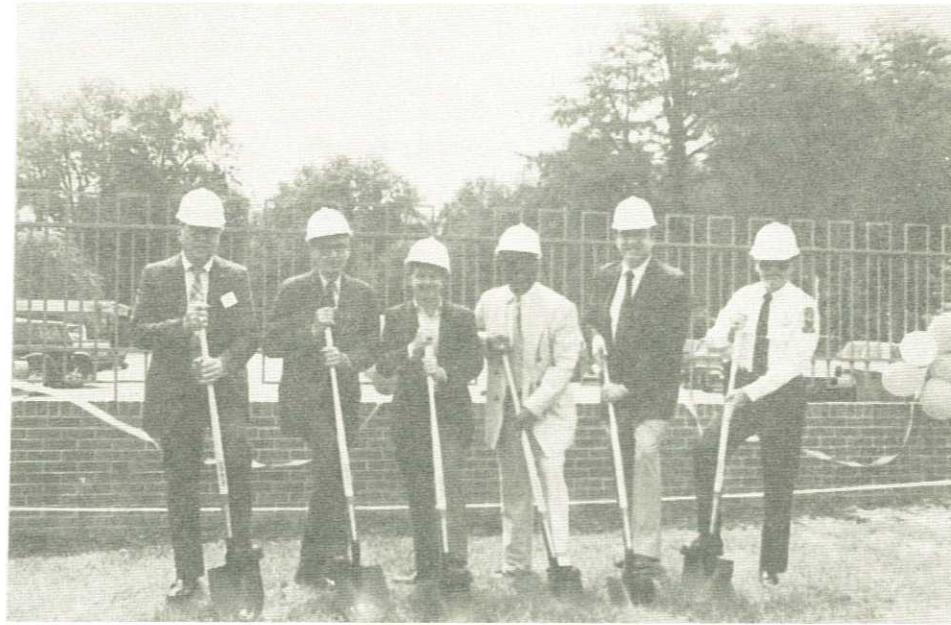
Cycle Building Project Update

Construction of the Police Department's new cycle building is now underway. As of mid-August, cash contributions for the project total over \$6,500 in addition to donations of labor and materials. The "Build a Cycle Building" Committee thanks everyone who has so generously contributed to the new facility, which will house the department's motorcycle and bicycle equipment.

New donors since last month's newsletter include:

- \$10-25 — Mr. and Mrs. L. Dean Wallace, Howard C. and Judith A. Bucy, Jean T. Reaney, Marguerite C. Burton, Emily Hazel Russell, Al Jamison, Walter W. and Constance E. Bliss, William D. and Florence A. Roseborough, Norma J. Montgomery, Elizabeth S. Ficklin, David B. and Linda K. Lellinger, Roberta A. Pratt, J.T. Marri- on, Nizam's Restaurant, Robert P. Sileo, Dale M. and Joann G. Krum- viede, Cecil Propps

- \$26-\$250 — Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr. and Maud Robinson, Councilman George E. Lovelace and Donald M. Lovelace, The Airston Group, Thomas W. and Paulina C. Brown, Abate of Virginia, Inc., Sarah K. Plumb, Ronald E. Yeager, John F. and Alice D. Gionfriddo, Robert P.



Ground was broken for the new police cycle building on August 1. Participating in the ceremony were (left to right) Oscar Hinshaw of the Vienna (Host) Lions Club; Mayor Charles Robinson; Hunter Mill District Supervisor Bob Dix; Councilman George Lovelace, Lions Club member and project chairman; Mike Byard of the Optimist Club of Vienna; and Chief of Police Danny Kerr.

McCormick, Potomac Investigations, Inc., Corporate Nurse, Inc., Vienna Wolf Trap Motel, Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce, Councilwoman Martha H. Pruett and Samuel M. Pruett

- \$251-500 — Hechinger Company, Vienna Police Association, Capital Building Supply, Inc., Anita's New

Mexico Style Mexican Food, Inc.

- \$501 or more — Johnson & Scarborough CPA's, R. D. Bean, Inc., Glen Gary Brick Co., Mister Concrete, Antonia Hoffman Letaw, ViVa! Vienna! Inc.

Thanks also to the members of the Police Chief's Advisory Committee for volunteering their time and effort on all phases of this project.

To show appreciation for the many services provided by the police to the town's business community, the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce has taken on the task of raising funds to purchase materials for the roof of the cycle building.

Donations are still needed and can be made at the police station, Vienna Town Hall, the Vienna Inn, Connell's Cleaners and Vienna One-day Cleaners. For more information, call Town Councilman George Lovelace, Vienna (Host) Lions Club member and project chairman, 938-8729 (evenings); Michael Byard of the Optimist Club of Vienna, 556-8130; the Town Clerk's Office, 255-6303; or Captain John Cheyne at the Police Department, 255-6392.

NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS AND RECREATION

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

"Guys and Dolls," the classic Broadway musical, will be presented by the Vienna Theatre Company September 16-17, September 23-24, and September 30-October 1. All performances begin at 8 p.m. Admission \$9 general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Fall Tennis League begins September 6. Men's singles games will be played on Tuesdays and women's singles games on Thursdays at Glyndon and Meadow Lane Parks. Each participant will play a maximum of seven matches during the season, with trophies awarded to the top finalists in each division. The fee is \$8 for Town of Vienna residents.

Ongoing drop-in basketball for adults is held on Mondays and Wednesdays, and drop-in volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. These activities are free of charge for Town of Vienna residents and \$3 per session for out-of-town participants.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, Monday and Tuesday, September 26 and 27, 9:45 a.m.-3 p.m. \$8 per person; advance registration required. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident

prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance.

Free blood pressure check on Monday, September 19. Members of The Medical Team will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m. to check your blood pressure.

Write your personal history for yourself, family members and future generations. Classes will be held each Thursday, September 22-November 10, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. No previous writing experience is necessary. Free of charge; advance registration required.

Let's go bowling on Thursday, September 15, at 1 p.m. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$5, payable at the bowling center. Participants carpool from the Community Center.

Ongoing activities for senior citizens include fitness class, crafts, walking club, pickleball, table tennis and bocce (lawn bowling).

MANAGING YOUR MONEY AND YOUR ESTATE

Mutual funds, stocks and bonds — find out what they are and how they work at a three-part workshop September 29, October 5 and October 13, each session beginning at 7 p.m. The workshop will be led by Kevin P. Davis of Koonce Securities. Free of charge; advance registration required.

BUS TRIP

Enjoy a day at the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, September 22. 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. Reservation deadline September 15.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS

Patrick Henry Library children's programs return to the Vienna Community Center this month. Programs include:

"Hey Ho for Hats" — hat stories and fingerplays for ages 3-5. Wednesday, September 14, 10:15 a.m. and Thursday, September 22, 2 p.m.

"Time for Twos" — food stories and fingerplays for 2-year olds and a guardian. Wednesday, September 28, 10:15 a.m.

Sign up for these programs at the library. For more information, call 938-0405.

POTPOURRI

Kings Dominion "Fall Fun Days" each weekend through October 2. Tickets are \$15.75 each, available weekdays at the Community Center.

Saturday night dance for adults September 24, 8-10 p.m. Admission \$5 per person. Waltz, swing, rumba and more to good music provided by dance instructor/DJ Joy Edwards. Dancers of all ability levels are welcome.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Charles A. Robinson, Jr., Mayor

Albert J. Boudreau	Vincent J. Olson
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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall. Deadline for October issue is Thursday, September 15.

The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for publication in the *Newsletter*. Please include your name, address and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.)

Public Hearing On Park Rezoning

At its September 12 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed rezoning of several Town-owned park properties to the new Park and Recreational (PR) zone. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

The properties involved are Meadow Lane, Southside, Glyndon, Moorefield and Wildwood Parks, and also the stream valley parkland on the south side of town.

Traffic Report

During the first month of the Vienna Police Department's stepped-up traffic law enforcement program, which began July 1 with the addition of another officer and an increase in operations to seven days a week, 536 citations were issued, 138 for speeding, 358 for other moving violations such as running red lights and stop signs, and 40 parking tickets.

Radar was operated during the period on Maple Avenue and the following residential streets:

- Southwest Vienna — Marshall Road, Kingsley Road, Nutley Street, Cottage Street, Harmony Drive, Courthouse Road, Tapawingo Road;
- Southeast Vienna — Park Street, Branch Road, Center Street;
- Northwest Vienna — Lawyers Road; and
- Northeast Vienna — Old Courthouse Road, Park Street, Center Street, Beulah Road, Creek Crossing Road, Fairway Drive.

Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds you:

"BIKE WITH A BUDDY"

For greater safety, and more fun, use the W&OD Trail with a friend.

Having a Garage Sale this Fall?

Each household in town may hold two garage/yard sales per year. Two advertising signs, no larger than four square feet each, may be displayed on the property where the sale takes place, and two directional signs, no larger than two square feet each, may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission. Signs are not permitted on public property, in the public right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement), or utility poles. Illegally placed signs will be removed.

Permit Required for Satellite Antenna

The Vienna Planning and Zoning Department reminds homeowners that a building permit must be obtained before erecting a satellite antenna on your property. The Town Code regulates the size and placement of satellite antennae as well as requiring specific screening.

GROUND MOUNTED: One satellite antenna dish not exceeding 14 feet in diameter may be installed at ground level on any residential lot. It must be located in the rear yard, no closer than 15 feet to the rear lot line or any side lot line, and no closer than 10 feet to the rear of the house. Ground-mounted satellite antennae may be no more than 18 feet high when positioned for operation.

All ground-mounted satellite antennae over 4 feet in diameter must be

screened from adjoining properties by a 6-foot high wood or masonry fence, or by a living screen of evergreens not less than 5 feet high at the time of planting and with trunks spaced no more than 5 feet apart, of a variety that will mature to a height of at least 6 feet.

ROOF MOUNTED: In lieu of a back yard location, one satellite antenna dish not exceeding four feet in diameter may be mounted to the roof of the house.

CORNER LOTS: On corner lots, no satellite antenna may be erected in front of the building line of any adjoining lot.

For more information and assistance concerning home satellite antenna regulations, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

"Beauty Spot" Award to Agro Lawn



Bucky Shaibani and Steve King of Agro Lawn Systems, Inc., 432 Mill St., N.E., stand by two of the 30 cedar trees their firm has planted along the W&OD Trail to help screen the rear of the business from trail users. With them is Karen O'Meara, chairman of Vienna's Community Beautification Commission, which presented Agro Lawn with a "Beauty Spot" award for its efforts. Also receiving awards this month are: Richard VanPelt, who has served on the Commission for two years and is now leaving Vienna to take a teaching position in the Dominican Republic; and Peter and Elizabeth Mirc, 401 Blair Rd., N.W., who have created a colorful and refreshing garden at the corner of Blair and Lawyers Roads. The Beautification Commission reminds neighborhood organizations, scout troops, service clubs and other groups to get ready to participate in Vienna's annual "Civic Pride, Cleanup Day" on Saturday, October 15.

Comment from the Council Table

Volunteers Foster Community Spirit

By Martha H. Pruett
Vienna Town Councilwoman

Volunteerism — what does it mean in Vienna? The Town of Vienna is a very special place in which to live because of its strong spirit of community, a spirit that is fostered by all of the volunteer activities that abound here. Each of our lives is touched in some way by the efforts of individuals who give freely of their time to help provide special services that make our town better and safer.

To begin the long list of volunteer organizations, how about our Vienna Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad? The men and women in those two groups give thousands of hours a year to assure our well-being. Of course, a person can't just casually decide to be a volunteer firefighter or medical technician; many hours of training are required to gain the special skills needed for fire control and especially to respond to medical emergencies. I can personally attest to the skills of the Rescue Squad because I wouldn't be alive today if it hadn't been for the fast and efficient action of the medics, both County paid and volunteer, who cared for me when I suffered a heart attack several years ago.

The VVFD Ladies' Auxiliary volunteers raise money through various activities to keep our fire and rescue squad one of the best equipped in Fairfax County.

Another huge group of volunteers can be found among Vienna's youth sports programs. Here again, you have thousands of hours given by parents and other individuals interested in providing an opportunity for our young people to learn the rudiments of baseball, softball, basketball, football, hockey, soccer, wrestling, swimming, etc. Just as important, the kids in these programs learn about sportsmanship and how to work together toward common goals.

How about the PTA's and their efforts to improve the educational programs in our schools? Vienna has

outstanding PTA volunteers who enrich the teaching and library activities and who also provide extra monies for special programs not underwritten by Fairfax County.

The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts for years have provided basic moral training and enrichment programs. The scouts themselves provide volunteer help, especially the Vienna Police Explorer group that assists the police with crowd control at ViVa! Vienna!, July 4th festivities and the Halloween Parade.

Our auxiliary police force is composed mostly of retired individuals who contribute the expertise gained in their professions to enrich the work of our paid police officers.

Space limitations prohibit me from mentioning the dozens of other volunteer groups that serve the citizens of Vienna, but to everyone who donates time to churches, charitable organizations, hospitals, garden clubs, civic associations and service clubs — thanks for being there and caring



Councilwoman Pruett

about the quality of our community.

Are you involved, or do you leave it to your neighbor to pitch in and make possible all of the programs that need unpaid, dedicated people to succeed? If you can't find the hours, perhaps instead you can provide financial backing. I encourage you to contact one of Vienna's volunteer organizations and offer your support.

(See page 5 for more volunteer opportunities.)

ViVa! Vienna! Donates Festival Profits

The ViVa! Vienna! board of directors has announced the disbursement of \$16,950 from the net proceeds of this year's town festival to the following community organizations and programs:

- Vienna Jaycees
- Vienna Youth Inc.
- Vienna Rotary Club
- Optimist Club of Vienna
- Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Town of Vienna (for Christmas decorations on Maple Avenue and

Church Street)

- Friends of Patrick Henry Library
- Vienna Police Association
- Vienna Volunteer Fire Department
- Vienna Community Band
- Historic Vienna Inc.
- Thoreau Intermediate School drug awareness program
- Centennial Park improvements
- Vienna Police Department cycle building
- Vienna Assembly of God youth program

Call these numbers 24 hours a day

Vienna Newsline 255-6333 Police Info Line 255-6363

Special Pickup 255-5727

Antique and Craft Fair, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., Saturday, September 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. (rain date September 18). Free admission.

Approximately 50 antique and craft dealers will offer antique furniture, jewelry, Depression glass, crystal, linens, china and silver; Oriental rugs; historic photographs, documents, stamps and coins; wood carvings; pottery; dolls and other toys; wreaths; quilting; clothing; Christmas, Victorian and country crafts; and baseball cards.

A few sales spaces are still available. Interested vendors should call 938-5187 for information.

Tours will be given of the Freeman House general store and museum, and the original Vienna library. The Vienna Community Band will perform at 1 p.m. The Vienna (Host) Lions Club will sell baked goods, breakfast rolls, sandwiches and coffee.

Open house at the Vienna railroad station Saturday, September 17, 1-5 p.m. The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders invite the public to see an operating HO scale model railroad. The station is located at the corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Donations accepted. For more information, call 938-5157.

Becoming Street Smart, a day of self-defense sponsored by The Women's Center, Saturday, September 17, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Virginia Palmore, the Vienna Police Department's Community Service Officer, will be among the speakers at this workshop, which will cover how to avoid fitting the "victim profile," what to do if you are approached by a potential attacker, and physical techniques that could keep you from harm. The cost for the workshop is \$20 per person. For registration information, call 281-2657.

American Legion Dyer Gunnell Post 180, in conjunction with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Vienna Police Department and Vienna (Host) Lions Club, will hold a ceremony to dispose of unserviceable American flags

Around Our Town

at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 24, in the fire station parking lot. Citizens are urged to bring their old and unserviceable flags to the ceremony so that they may be disposed of in a dignified and honorable manner.

John S. Mosby, the "Gray Ghost" of Civil War fame, will be the subject of a videotape/slide lecture at the next meeting of Vienna Chapter 1116, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 6, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speakers will be Jim Moyer and Bob Evans, charter members of the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society and authors of several books about Col. Mosby and his Rangers. For more information, call John Godbold at 281-3762.

South Vienna Association will discuss the Town's special trash pickup program at its meeting on Wednesday, September 7, at 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. All Vienna residents are welcome to attend.

Vienna Woman's Club is looking for creators of handmade crafts for its 34th annual Harvest Bazaar, scheduled for Saturday, November 12, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Well over 5,000 people attend the bazaar each year. To receive an application, call Betty Stone, 281-3832, or Beth J. Stone, 978-3425.

Care Fair '94 at Wesley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St., S.E., 4-6 p.m. Sunday, September 25. Free admission; donations of canned goods for the homeless accepted. The fair will include a moon bounce, police and fire equipment displays, face painting, health screenings, free hot dogs, child ID's (photo and fingerprints) provided

by Northern Virginia Masons, Teddy bear picnic (kids bring their favorite stuffed animals), puppet show, clowns, a short play and other activities for the family.

Historic Vienna, Inc. will hold a membership meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 21, in the restored sanctuary of the Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Rd. Elizabeth David of the Fairfax County Heritage Resources Branch will present a slide program entitled "The History of Fairfax County through Its Places and People." For more information, call 938-5187.

Tour Washington, D.C., with the Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends on Thursday, September 22. Visit the set of "Broadcast House Live" in the morning, and after lunch attend a performance of "The Foreigner" at Ford's Theater. The Newcomers Club monthly luncheon will be held at Marco Polo Restaurant on Thursday, September 8. For reservations and more information about these activities, call 560-8612 or 938-3505.

Vienna Assembly of God will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a commemoration service at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, September 25, followed by an old-fashioned "dinner on the grounds." The church, which held its first service in 1944 in a rented storefront on Dominion Road with a total attendance of five people, is now located at 100 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. For more information, call 938-7736.

Sully: The Biography of a House, long out of print, has just been reissued to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the home of Richard Bland Lee — planter, Northern Virginia's first representative to the U.S. Congress, and uncle of General Robert E. Lee. Copies of the book are available from the Fairfax County Park Authority sales shops at Sully Plantation and Colvin Run Mill for \$5 each plus tax. The book was reprinted under the auspices of the Sully Foundation, currently chaired by Vienna historian and author Mayo Stuntz.

Seniors More Vulnerable to Crime

The following article is taken from the *Southwest Vienna Citizens Association Crime Watch Bulletin*:

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, senior citizens tend to be more vulnerable to certain crimes — purse snatching, mugging and fraud. Here are some suggestions to reduce this potential when you are away from home.

1. If you must carry a purse, hold it close to your body. Don't dangle it.
2. Never carry a wallet in your back pocket. Put it in an inside pocket or front pocket.
3. Make sure someone knows where you're going and when you expect to return.
4. Avoid dark, deserted routes, even if they're the shortest.
5. Carry change for emergency telephone and transportation use.
6. Whenever possible, travel with friends to stores, the bank or the doctor. Check with your police or sheriff,

or senior citizen center about escort services.

7. When using the bus or other public transportation, sit near the driver if possible.
8. Don't overburden yourself with packages and groceries that obstruct your view and make it hard to react.
9. Have your car or house key in hand as you approach your vehicle or home.
10. Carry a shriek alarm.
11. When you drive, keep doors locked and windows up. If you have car trouble, be wary of strangers who offer help. Stay in your car and ask them to call a service truck or police.
12. If a friend or taxi takes you home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.
13. Communicate the message that you are calm, confident, and know where you are going. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave.



CONSTITUTION WEEK — Mayor Charles Robinson presents his proclamation declaring September 17-23 as Constitution Week to Mary Hilton of the Fairfax County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. September 17 marks the 207th anniversary of the drafting of the U.S. Constitution, and during that week all citizens are encouraged to study that document and pay special attention to the advantages of American citizenship.

Opportunities Available for Volunteers of All Interests

Looking for interesting volunteer work this fall? Then check out these opportunities for community service:

◆ **Help Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park bloom!** Join the volunteers who help staff the 95-acre park. Indoor and outdoor volunteer opportunities are available, and horticulture experience is not required. Volunteers staff the Visitor Center information desk and gift shop, help plan programs, lead tours, raise funds, and assist with plantings, weeding and other garden chores. Openings also exist for those with graphic art, computer, clerical, volunteer training and membership recruiting skills. Call 255-3631.

◆ **The Fairfax County Health Department** needs health center volunteers to provide medical and clerical assistance. Positions available include

doctors' and nurses' assistants, therapeutic recreation assistants, and receptionists. Bilingual volunteers and those who want to work with impaired seniors are especially needed. All volunteers are trained and offered a flexible work schedule. Call 569-1031.

◆ **Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court** has volunteer opportunities available for counselors, instructors, recreation leaders and mentors for court-involved youngsters. Clerical support is also needed. Call 246-4908.

◆ **Fairfax County's YIMBY (Yes, In My Back Yard)** program is looking for avid gardeners to demonstrate sound gardening practices such as mulching, composting and grasscycling to their friends and neighbors. Call the County Recycling Hotline at 324-5052.

◆ **Be a library volunteer** at Vienna's Patrick Henry or other Fairfax County branches. Volunteers assist with circulation, shelving, children's programs, data entry, mending books and other duties. Training is provided. Call Kate Wanderer, library volunteer coordinator, at 222-3173.

◆ **The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsmen Program** will conduct its next training course October 5, 6 and 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for prospective volunteers interested in serving as caring listeners, effective communicators and diplomatic advocates for senior citizens in nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. Applicants must successfully complete the entire training program and be available to volunteer four hours a week during working hours. Call 324-5411 now to schedule an interview.