

Newsletter Size Grows

With this issue, the *Town of Vienna Newsletter* is expanding from eight to twelve pages. This is the first size increase in over ten years and reflects not only the Town government's desire for more and better communication with citizens but also its philosophy that the *Newsletter* should cover the total Vienna community by including information about town businesses and organizations, and news from Fairfax County of interest to town residents.

In October 1960, the Town of Vienna published and distributed the first issue of a quarterly newsletter simply titled *News*, which was literally a letter from the Mayor to the citizens. It included information about the Town's water situation, including the five wells in use at that time; the new Chief of Police, James B. Pruitt; Saturday traffic; additional street lights; sidewalk repair on Maple Avenue; purchase of Christmas lights; and support of a County library in Vienna.



This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1986 — Fairfax County has implemented an upgraded 911 emergency telephone system. The highly sophisticated system permits call-takers to look at a video display screen and read the address and telephone number of the caller at the instant the call is received. The ability to know immediately the location of a 911 caller will be especially crucial when the caller is injured or otherwise unable to give vital address information.

SEPTEMBER 1976 — The Town was successful in its first bout with approximately 10,000 menacing starlings in southwest Vienna. A series of loud "bird bombs," special noise producing devices, were activated. The bombs discouraged the birds from roosting.

SEPTEMBER 1966 — In the budget adopted by the Town Council for the new fiscal year which began July 1, 1966, the one department which has received the greatest increase is our Recreation Department. For the first time, the Town will be operating the new Community Center, as well as providing a year-round recreation program. The new program anticipates very extensive capital improvements, including new tennis courts, shelters, restrooms, paved play areas, and a considerable amount of playground equipment.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

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

FIRE & RESCUE
 911
 (Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE
EMERGENCY
 938-4900 (Voice)
 255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
 255-6368 (Voice)
 255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL
 255-6300 (Voice)
 255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
 255-6360 (Voice)
 255-5739 (TDD)

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TOWN OF VIENNA

Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day. Trash will be collected as usual for residents on the Monday/Thursday route.

Call for Halloween Parade Entries

The 50th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 23. Vienna area businesses, community organizations, school classes, athletic teams and other groups are invited to enter floats in the parade, the theme of which is "Golden Reflections," celebrating the 50th anniversary of Vienna's unique Halloween Parade tradition.

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 application forms and more information, call the Chamber office at 281-1333.

Dog Must Be on Leash When Out for a Walk

It is against the law to let dogs run at large on public or private property. Dogs must be restrained by a dependable leash and controlled by a responsible person when off the property of the owner. Owners charged with dog-at-large violations must appear in court. Fines increase with each offense to a maximum of \$500.

NEWSLETTER

September 1996

Special Pickup Deadline October 1

Tuesday, October 1, is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Trash Pickup this year. Because of fall leaf collection, no Special Pickups are made in November and December.

To dispose of unwanted furniture, appliances, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording *promptly* at 255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is entitled to receive two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon "beetle"). Additional pickups cost \$75 per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

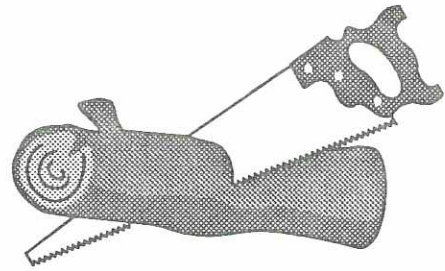
BEFORE CALLING FOR YOUR SPECIAL PICKUP
 PLEASE REVIEW THE SPECIAL PICKUP GUIDELINES
 ON PAGE 2 OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Police Rely on Alert Citizens To Report Suspicious Activities

The Vienna police recently apprehended a group of illegal immigrants after receiving a tip from a citizen that the occupants of a van appeared to be stealing produce from in front of Magruders grocery store. Last year a bank robber was arrested because a nearby resident had written down the license plate number of a suspicious-looking man.

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

The active involvement of citizens is a major factor in successful law enforcement in Vienna. To report suspicious activities, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 255-6366.



Please Follow These Special Pickup Guidelines

Residents are asked to follow the guidelines below to ensure an efficient Special Pickup:

● Building materials — wood, broken concrete, building brick and block, stones, fences, drywall and paneling — will be picked up. Concrete and other masonry items are limited to 300 pounds per residence (about two wheelbarrow loads). 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 a diameter greater than 1½ inches and less than 6 inches and no more than 8 feet in length will be picked up. 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. Tires must be removed from the rim. 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, gas tanks, and pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon will not be picked up.

● Paint cans, insecticides, and other hazardous wastes, and biohazardous waste including needles and syringes will not be picked up. For information about hazardous waste disposal, call 324-5068.

● Please separate brush, appliances, building materials, etc. from each other. This makes it easier for pickup crews to salvage recyclable items, reducing the amount of debris taken to the landfill.

● For the safety of Special Pickup crews, please separate large pieces of glass from other discards. Florescent light tubes will not be picked up.

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

Residents are reminded to call the Special Pickup number, 255-5727, as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard.

When an "illegal" pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. Otherwise, the debris will be collected anyway and that address charged for one of its two annual free Special Pickups, or if both pickups have already been made, it will be charged for an additional pickup.

A Word About Logs

The Special Pickup crews do not collect any tree parts over six inches in diameter. Most logs are greater than six inches and, therefore, they are not acceptable.

The reason for this regulation is that the tub grinder used by the Public Works Department to make wood mulch cannot handle tree parts over this size.

Logs, stumps and other large tree parts can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station on West Ox Road or at the County Landfill in Lorton.

Residents with questions about this regulation should call the Public Works Department at 255-6381.

Special Pickup Knuckleboom Truck Proven Effective

A recent review of the tonnage of asphalt laid on town streets in fiscal year 1996 compared with the previous year showed an 82% increase in asphalt work by Department of Public Works crews. This increase is attributable to the Town's "knuckleboom" truck, which was purchased for the Special Pickup program to speed up the collection of large amounts of brush. Use of the knuckleboom allows Town employees to spend more time on asphalt maintenance and less time making Special Pickups.

The amount of asphalt used in fiscal year 1995 was 1,245 tons; for fiscal year 1996, the figure was 2,269 tons.

NEW IN TOWN? The Public Information Office has prepared an information packet especially for new Vienna residents. Come by Town Hall and pick one up, or call 255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

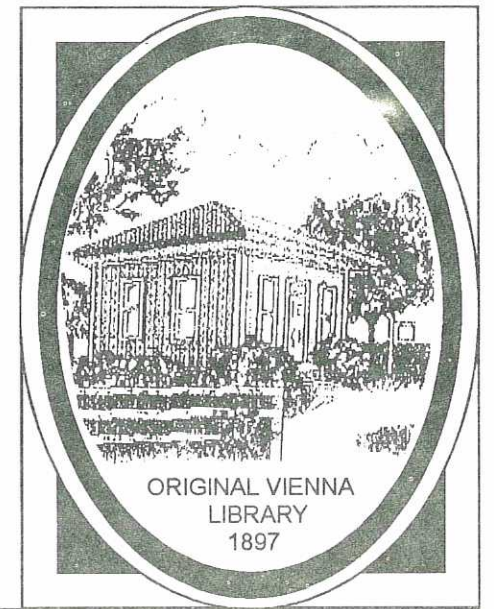
Heritage Afghans Available at Freeman Store

The first shipment of Historic Vienna, Inc.'s new "Vienna Heritage" afghans is scheduled to arrive this month at the Freeman House General Store, 131 Church St., N.E. Only the Freeman Store will be selling the limited edition afghans, featuring illustrations by artist Pauline Lorfano of 11 historic buildings, including the original Vienna library, shown at right, which will be 100 years old next year.

Other buildings depicted on the afghan are the Moorefield House, Town Hall, Vienna Railroad Station, the Caboose, First Baptist Church, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna Inn, Bowman House, Vienna Elementary School, and the Freeman House.

The afghans measure 70" x 48" and will be available in three color combinations: navy and natural, hunter green and natural, and country blue and natural. The cost for each afghan is \$50 plus tax. A sample afghan is on display at the Freeman Store.

The historic Freeman House, built around 1859, is staffed by volunteers of Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. The old-fashioned general store and museum is open on Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The original Vienna library, now located on the Freeman House grounds, is open on the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call 938-5187.



Vienna Woman's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, at the Vienna Community Center. A program on flower arranging will be presented by I. Young. For more information, call the Program Chairman, 281-9747, or Membership Chairman, 978-3425. Since 1955, the Vienna Woman's Club has united women in service to the community in the areas of education, welfare, philanthropy, civics, moral values, and the fine arts.

Vienna Farmers' Market at Notoway Park will feature "Bonus Days" during the month of September. Each week, vendors will offer prizes and sell a variety of locally produced items, including corn, tomatoes, watermelon, spinach, broccoli, cauliflower, cucumbers, squash, apples, pears, berries, baked goods, and flowers. Open Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine, the market also has a Plant Clinic from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, where master gardeners advise on planting problems. For more information, call 281-3530.

Photographing wildlife up close in the Galapagos Islands will be the subject of a slide presentation by Edgar Boshart at the next meeting of the Vienna Photographic Society at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call Carla Steckley at 476-6016.

Rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held 12 noon-2 p.m. Sunday, September 8, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy., Fairfax. All dogs and cats over four months old are required to have a current vaccination. Vaccine for animals over a year old costs \$6 and provides protection from rabies for three years. For animals under a year old, vaccine costs \$4 and protects for one year. When animals are brought to the clinic, dogs must be restrained by a leash and cats confined to a cat-carrier or other container. For more information, call the County Animal Shelter at 830-1100.

"How to Choose the Best Child Care" is the title of a program sponsored by The Women's Center scheduled for Thursday, September 5, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Martha Pauly, licensing specialist for the Virginia Department of Social Services, will explain how to make informed choices to ensure your peace of mind and your child's best opportunity for fun and learning. The cost is \$12 per person. For more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 281-2657.

Patrick Henry Library programs include story times for pre-schoolers, activities for school age children, and book discussions for adults, this month featuring *The*

Living by Annie Dillard at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 16, and *Pioneer Women* by Joanna Stratton at 1 p.m. Thursday, September 26. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

Grieving children aged 6-12 are invited to spend a weekend free of charge at Camp Begin-Again, sponsored by Hospice of Northern Virginia. Children who have lost a loved one will spend time sharing their feelings and participating in activities that promote trust, self-esteem and coping skills. The camp is located in a wooded setting among the hills and ponds near Middleburg. Camp begins at 5 p.m. September 6 and ends at noon on September 8. To register or for more information, call Hospice of Northern Virginia at 777-7866.

Hospice of Northern Virginia Thrift Shop will begin accepting donations of books, toys, clothes and other items on September 3. The thrift shop will be open Monday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 1309 N. Courthouse Rd. in Arlington. Donations should be taken directly to the thrift shop during business hours. For more information or to volunteer, call Eleanor Copeland at 538-2034. Since 1977, Hospice of Northern Virginia has served more than 15,000 patients and their loved ones and is the largest hospice care program in the Washington, D.C., area and in Virginia.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Antique and Craft Fair, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., Saturday, September 21, 10 a.m.—4 p.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. (rain date September 22). Free admission.

Approximately 50 antique and craft dealers will offer furniture, jewelry, Depression glass, crystal, porcelain, linens, china and silver; Oriental rugs; computer jewelry and clocks; wood carvings; pottery; dolls and other toys; wreaths; quilting; clothing; and Christmas, Victorian and country crafts.

The Vienna Community Band will perform at 1 p.m., and the Vienna (Host) Lions Club will sell baked goods, breakfast rolls, hot dogs and coffee. Both the Freeman House general store and museum, and the original Vienna Library will be open. For more information, call 281-1403.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold a luncheon meeting on Thursday, September 12, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Doris Schlenker will present a program on Civil War women and their fashions. For reservations, call 978-8572. The club's monthly bus trips will begin on September 18 with a visit to the Burn Brae Dinner Theater to see "Crazy for You." For more information, call 938-3505.

Vienna-Oakton Meals on Wheels needs volunteer drivers to deliver meals to local residents. A commitment of one day (about two hours) per month is requested. Substitute drivers are also needed on an "on-call" basis. For more information, call Sue Gilbert at 938-3202.

Vienna Woman's Club invites hand-crafters to participate in its 36th annual Harvest Bazaar on Saturday, November 9, at the Vienna Community Center. Well over 3,000 people attend the bazaar each year. To receive an application, call Sharon Fratis at 255-2571. Proceeds go to scholarships and community service projects.

Vienna Choral Society is recruiting new members, especially women, for its 1996-97 concert season. Rehearsals begin Monday, September 9, at 7:30 p.m. at



CONSTITUTION WEEK — Mayor Charles Robinson presents his proclamation of Constitution Week, September 17-23, to Meg Carter of the Fairfax County Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. September 17 marks the 209th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution.

Vienna Baptist Church. All voices are welcome, and no auditions are required. For more information, call Hazel Foote at 938-4839. Highlights of the coming season include an all-Rutter program with orchestra, a Christmas program with the Oakton High School Orchestra, a program featuring water music (without Handel), and an all-opera program with soloist James Shaffran.

American Association of Retired Persons Chapter 754 will meet at the Vienna Community Center at 12:30 p.m. Monday, September 16. For information about the meeting or the benefits of joining AARP, call Emilie Larson, 938-1379, or Mary Lou Pattan, 281-2377.

"Paint the Town" with the Vienna Arts Society on Sunday, September 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. on the grounds of the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. (rain date Sep-

tember 15). Arts Society members will display and sell their original works featuring historic sites, homes, businesses, parks, and other scenes around town. Historic Vienna, Inc. will receive 10% of the artists' commissions.

South Vienna Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, at the Vienna Community Center with guest speaker Robert B. Dix, Jr., Hunter Mill District Supervisor. All citizens are welcome.

Vienna Assembly of God, located at the corner of Center Street and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., is hosting two back-to-school programs. Junior and senior high school students are invited to a screening of "The Home Coming" at 7 p.m. Sunday, September 8. The movie addresses the issues of peer pressure, the need to belong, and making choices. Elementary school children can visit with "Geddy the Gecko" at the 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. services on Sunday, September 15. Geddy will share Bible lessons through stories, skits and songs.

Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton will hold a luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, September 5, at River Bend Country Club. Fashion consultant Carolyn Overholt will present "The Weekender" line of casual knits. For reservations and more information, call 281-3832. The club welcomes both new and long-time residents to attend.

Model railroad open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, September 21, from 1 to 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.

OOPS! In thanking those who contributed to the Madison High School All Night Graduation Celebration, one name was inadvertently left off the list. The Class of '96 thanks Dr. Joseph Bosco, a long-time supporter of this event.

Comment from the Council Table

Getting Ready for the Next Century

By Albert J. Boudreau
Vienna Town Councilman

Vienna has a proud history of being a small town with an identifiable character and a quality of life reminiscent of a "home-town." Over the years, the Town Government, composed of elected residents, has maintained a low density land use policy which has nurtured the growth of a single family residential town and encouraged the development of a supportive commercial retail and business community. Additionally, it has preserved much of its heritage by restoring some of its original buildings, notably the Freeman Store and old library building on Church Street. The success of that policy is what has maintained Vienna as a small town oasis in a sea of commercial and high rise development.

Vienna is now embarking on a path to continue its proud history as a small town with a personality by revitalizing its downtown and providing a stimulus for continuing improvements throughout town. Several shopping center and individual business owners in town have already renovated their exterior appearances and others have plans to do so. Additionally, the town is regarded as a highly desirable business location and has therefore attracted some major new retail and commercial establishments.

To maintain that image, the Town is now renovating Church Street, Vienna's original main street, from Lawyers Road, N.W., to Park Street, N.E. The project is intended to produce a streetscape reminiscent of an earlier day. As such it will provide for brick sidewalks and street crossings; period street lamps; cutouts for flowers and plantings; and undergrounding of all electrical, telephone, etc. service lines. (Complete undergrounding of all utilities was too costly to achieve.) It is hoped that this project will aid existing businesses and increase the desirability of Church Street for new businesses. Toward that end, the Town Council recently created a new "Pedestrian Commercial Zone" for the Church Street project area. A "Church Street Vision Subcommittee" of the Town/Business Liaison Committee is now attempting to develop voluntary guidelines and incentives for future redevelopment along the street to encourage and

foster a more pedestrian oriented shopping area. There are plans being developed to apply a similar concept to the corresponding sections of Maple Avenue next year.

Vienna is experiencing a redevelopment in its residential areas as well. A new wave of home buyers is purchasing some of the older homes and renovating them. Town officials are currently researching ways to encourage these types of renovations. Additionally, some of the larger lots are being developed into new cul-de-sac communities of single family homes.

To coincide with these activities, the Town has established a Capital Improvement Program to make sure that the infrastructure of the town is kept up to date so that the services we take for granted, such as police, water and sewer, trash removal, street maintenance, recycling, Community Center and parks can be sustained in the future. This program provides for the modernization or replacement of water and sewer lines; installation or repair of curbs, gutters, sidewalks and streets; and the establishment of new or refurbished parks and service facilities.

All of this work has been undertaken because you have told us you wanted this town to stay nice; to be a place where there is pride in home and business ownership; where it is pleasant and convenient to shop; where it is safe; and where services are faithfully performed. Your participation in the life of this town is the vital ingredient. You make it happen through your participation in civic organizations, service clubs, youth activities, charitable organizations, churches and, most important, by participating in your local government. We need and value your opinions and ideas. This is your town and you truly make it what it is.

As you are all well aware, there are always a few problems to be resolved. As a town ages and redevelopment occurs, there is generally an increase in the number of rental properties. That is happening in Vienna. Although not a problem in and of itself, some renters do not maintain the property to the same standards as most home owners. (Some home owners don't do a



Councilman Boudreau

good job either.) There is also a tendency toward the creation of multi-family dwellings by the conversion of basements to apartments or the subletting of several rooms within a house. These are violations of Town ordinances and tend to devalue and destroy the residential quality of the community. Additionally, we note the spreading use of homes for commercial purposes. Although modern technology increasingly permits home occupations, and the Town Code provides for the issuance of home occupation permits under certain conditions, the use of a residence for general commercial or retail purposes is not permitted. Through your civic associations and contacts with your elected officials and Town staff we must keep working together to meet these challenges.

What each of us does, from the morning wave to a neighbor; to the careful drive through our neighborhoods; to a smile and thank you to the shopkeeper; to the maintenance of our property; and to our participation in community activities — WE ARE VIENNA! Let's continue working together to keep it OUR KIND OF TOWN!

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Support Our Hometown Merchants

Public Hearing on Southside Park

At its September 16 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a revised site plan for improvements to Southside Park. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

The plan may be viewed at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 255-6360.

Home Businesses Require Permit

The Town of Vienna regulates the operation of in-home businesses by requiring that a home occupation permit be secured prior to start-up. A home occupation is permitted in any residential zone provided that the business complies with the following regulations:

- Is operated entirely within the home.
 - Employs no person other than a member of the immediate family living in the home.
 - Creates no external evidence of the home occupation, including any advertisement other than a name plate no larger than 1.5 square feet in area.
 - Does not use more than 2.5% of the gross livable floor area, including the basement.
 - Does not use any internal combustion engine as a power source and does not use more than a total of three horsepower in electric motors.
 - Will not emit any excess sounds, odors, or smoke beyond the property.
 - No merchandise may be sold on the premises.
 - Customers or clients may call by appointment only.
 - All merchandise and equipment must be stored inside the home.
 - Deliveries to and from the home may be made only between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.



September 27, 28 & 29
on the grounds of
the Vienna Community Center
& Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept.

featuring
Midway with carnival rides & games
"Taste of Vienna" food vendors
Petting zoo, clowns & other activities for kids
Juried craft show
Live music & family entertainment
AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!!

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Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce
281-1333

Welcome New Vienna Businesses

The following business licenses were issued during July:

Learning Times (child care) 1406 Cottage St., S.W. 573-1656	Maple Fashions (tailoring & shoe repair) 513 Maple Ave. W. 281-4488	Robin's Nest (consulting/sales) 214 Berry St., S.E. 255-6477
Sharp Details, Inc. (auto detailing) 112 Pleasant St., S.W. 255-9299	Jason E. McNutt, Esq. 333 Maple Ave., E. Suite #1050 281-0620	K.S. Lee, M.D., P.C. 301 Maple Ave., W. Suite #J 690-1778
Arkitex Software (Internet software development & consulting) 428 Dominion Rd., S.E. 319-8816	Mediterranean Corner (grocery store) 409 Maple Ave., W. 938-3663	Kadbanoo (instruction in Persian cooking & flower arrangement) 215 Berry St., S.E. 255-5320
Harvard Publishing Co. 215 Berry St., S.E. 255-5320	We Care Packages (package & mail "care packages") 506 Orrin St., S.E. 938-4975	E2 Technologies (technology service) 812 DeSale St., S.W. 319-0538

Vienna/Madison Coalition Team Learns About Violence Prevention

A team from the Vienna/Madison Community Coalition joined other community leaders from around Virginia at the Governor's Violence Prevention Institute held in Hampton last month. Vienna team members included David Gill from the Parks and Recreation Department, Officer Virginia Palmore from the Police Department, Tom Cooke from Madison High School, and parents Brenda Burns and Dreema Lamapat.

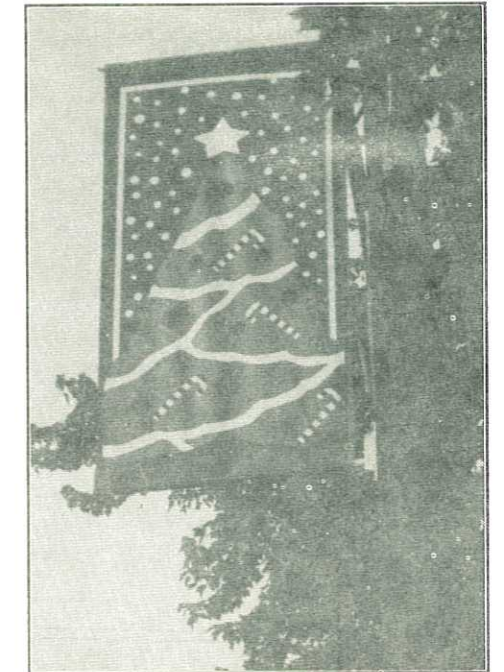
Throughout three days of training, institute participants became acquainted with programs and strategies that have been successful in curbing violence and involving young people in positive endeavors.

Teams received assistance in developing comprehensive action plans to address violence prevention in their own communities by looking at the risk and protective factors that research indicates are a key to prevention. Risks include illegal drugs, low neighborhood attachment, extreme poverty and a lack of education, while protective factors include strong role models, opportunities for meaningful participation, high expectations and effective schools.

Funding for the institute was provided through the U.S. Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act.

The Vienna/Madison Community Coalition was formed last year to address the presence of alcohol and other drugs, and violence among Vienna area youth. The coalition includes representatives from Madison High School, Thoreau Middle School, and the elementary schools that feed into them; area churches; civic organizations; businesses; and local government. For more information about the coalition, call David Gill at 255-5721.

"Beauty Spot"



CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST? No, just a sample holiday banner the Beautification Commission had mounted on a utility pole near the intersection of Maple Avenue and Center Street to get a better perspective on how such banners would look if approved for use this winter.

Vienna's Community Beautification Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for improvements to their property, volunteer cleanup efforts, and other worthy beautification projects.

The latest "Beauty Spot" awards go to the following residents for their well-cared for yards and attractive flowers:

- Eugene and Joyce Collins, 205 Tapa-wingo Rd., S.W.
- Jim and Nancy Riddel, 128 Woodview Cir., S.W.
- John James Bailes and Linda Thomas, 711 Ware St., S.W.
- Eric and Alejandra Frolija, 1013 Cottage St., S.W.
- Nancy Davenport, 701 Park St., S.E.
- Carroll and Jo Alice Sullivan, 101 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 255-6360.

Flood Insurance Costs Go Down

Home and business owners in the Town of Vienna will see a 5% reduction in their flood insurance premiums starting October 1. This reduction is the result of activities initiated by the Public Works Department and the Parks and Recreation Department as part of the voluntary Community Rating System of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The Community Rating System rewards communities that voluntarily undertake flood mitigation activities beyond what is required for participation in the NFIP. Vienna is one of only about 900 communities out of over 18,000 participating in the NFIP to have earned the Community Rating System's reduced insurance premium.

The steps Vienna has undertaken are:

- ✓ Complete and maintain NFIP certificates for all buildings constructed or substantially improved within the Special Flood Hazard Area.

- ✓ On request, provide information on the flood plain district in which a particular property is located, including the flood insurance number, panel number, index number, index date, zone, and base flood elevation or depth.

- ✓ Conduct an annual outreach program to notify the public about local flood hazards, flood hazard maps, flood safety, flood insurance, property protection, permit requirements, substantial improvements, and drainage maintenance.

- ✓ Provide interested property owners with general flood-related information that responds to their specific needs such as floor elevations and historical flooding of the neighborhood. Make site visits to review flooding, drainage, and sewer problems, and give "one-on-one" advice.

- ✓ Inspect Moorefield Creek, Piney Branch, Wolfrap Creek, Bear Branch, and all major ditches on a regular schedule.

- ✓ Check all "choke" points for the major culverts within the town limits and remove any debris that is found.

Federal law requires that a flood insurance policy be obtained as a condition of a federally backed mortgage or loan that is secured by the building. If you have such a mortgage or loan, a flood insurance policy should be obtained from a local insurance carrier.

Vienna Gets SMART



New Radar System Monitors Speed

Look for the Town's new SMART system (shown above) on the streets of Vienna. "SMART" stands for Speed Monitoring Awareness Radar Trailer. It is a portable, self-contained radar unit designed to promote speed limit awareness by displaying the speeds of oncoming vehicles.

The Town Council authorized purchase of the SMART unit following a trial period by the Vienna Police Department using a unit borrowed from Fairfax County. Both the police and the Transportation Safety Commission recommended in favor of the purchase, which was made at no cost to town taxpayers with \$15,030 in criminal asset forfeiture funds.

In addition to monitoring speed, the SMART unit can also be used to record the number of vehicles passing by. This information, which can be downloaded to a personal computer, is essential for studies of traffic and street improvements.

Drivers Must Stop For School Buses

Fairfax County public schools reopen on Tuesday, September 3. Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds motorists to DRIVE SMART, VIENNA, especially in and around school zones and school crossings.

The law requires motorists to stop for school buses taking on or discharging passengers and to remain stopped until the passengers are out of the street and the bus is again underway. This applies to drivers approaching from any direction. The Vienna Police Department will be making an extra effort to enforce this law and will charge violators with reckless driving. In addition, the bus driver is authorized to obtain a summons from a magistrate for the owner of any vehicle that illegally passes a school bus.

The only exception to the rule is when the motorist is physically separated from the stopped bus, for example, by a median strip on a divided highway or a service road.

Passing a stopped school bus is a serious offense that endangers the lives of Vienna's children. To report violations, call the Police Department at 255-6366. Children should be cautioned to look in all directions and make sure all vehicles are stopped before crossing the street to and from the bus.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m.	2 Labor Day Town Hall closed	3 Windover Heights Board of Review	4	5 Police Chief's Advisory Committee	6	7 Recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Town property yard 247 Nutley St., N.W.
8 Trash & yard waste first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	9 Town Council	10 Mayor's Advisory Committee	11 Planning Commission	12 Town/Business Liaison Committee	13	14 Rosh Hashanah
15	16 Town Council	17	18 Board of Zoning Appeals	19 Architectural Review Board	20	21
22 AUTUMN	23 Yom Kippur	24 Transportation Safety Commission	25 Planning Commission	26 Beautification Commission	27	28
29	30 Town Council work session					

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NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

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.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Adult fall tennis league begins September 10. Men's singles games will be played on Tuesday evenings and women's singles games on Thursday evenings at Glyndon Park. Each participant will play a maximum of seven matches during the season, with trophies awarded to the top finalists. The cost is \$8 for town residents.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Favorite family movies will be shown outdoors at Glyndon Park on September 6 and 27 at 8:45 p.m. Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Refreshments will be sold. Movies will be rated G; call for information on what films are scheduled. Parents are required to stay with their children during the show.

Open gym hours for kids aged 11 and under accompanied by a parent are scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. each Monday from September 9 through November 18.

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

Personal Safety, the popular crime prevention class for women, will be held on Monday and Wednesday, September 23 and 25, from 7 to 10 p.m. Your instructor will be Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department. The class includes basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures in addition to physical self-defense techniques. Please wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes. The cost for the class is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Health concerns of working women and mothers in the 1990's is the topic of a free lecture on Wednesday, September 18, from 10 to 11 a.m. Dr. Leah Griswold will

discuss how posture, ergonomics, diet and exercise, as well as herbs and homeopathy, can be used to treat certain non-emergency medical conditions and prevent illness without the use of medications.

"Common Cures for the Working Woman" is the title of a free program scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, from 6 to 7 p.m. Dr. Leah Griswold will give tips on ways to minimize stress and maximize energy, and how to incorporate good nutrition and exercise into a hectic lifestyle.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Investment seminar September 12, 19 and 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Financial advisor Kevin P. Davis will discuss mutual funds, bonds, stocks, tax consequences, when to buy and sell, and more. Free of charge; pre-registration recommended.

Learn how to meet your financial goals at a free seminar on Monday, September 30, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Merrill Lynch Assistant Vice President Keats Nicoll will discuss how to choose from among many investment opportunities and how to define and achieve your financial goals by following an investment process that has a definite beginning and ending. Pre-registration recommended.

BUS TRIP

Day at the casinos in Atlantic City Thursday, September 26. Charter bus will leave at 9 a.m. and return about midnight. The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline September 19.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons. Sign up for the Monday/Tuesday course, September 23 and 24, or the Saturday course, September 7 and 14, both from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$8

per person and advance registration is 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.

Virginia Weatherization Assistance program works year round to help senior citizens reduce their monthly fuel costs by making homes more energy efficient. This service is available free of charge to eligible homeowners and renters. Typical weatherization improvements provided include proper insulation, sealing of air leaks, replacement of windows, and installation of carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. To learn more about this program, please attend a free presentation on Thursday, September 5, from 10 to 11 a.m.

Bocce tournament (lawn bowling) for singles only on Wednesday, September 25, beginning at 9 a.m. No entry fee. The tournament will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

Let's go bowling at 1 p.m. Thursday, September 26. Bowlers of all ability levels are welcome. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$5. Participants carpool from the Community Center to the bowling alley.

"Walking Wonders" club walks along the W&OD Trail each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. This fall, walks will begin at 11 a.m. Set your own pace and enjoy the exercise, fresh air and companionship.

More ongoing free activities for senior citizens include fitness class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon; crafts program on Fridays from 1 to 2 p.m.; pickleball on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; table tennis on Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.; and bocce (lawn bowling) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m.

Free blood pressure check Wednesday, September 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members of The Medical Team will be available to check your blood pressure. Pre-registration requested.

"Personal History," designed for both beginning and experienced writers, is an opportunity to record your unique experiences for your children, grandchildren, and generations to come. The class will meet each Thursday, September 19–November 21, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center at the Vienna Community Center is open during the school year on weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Teens can enjoy cards, ping pong, pool, air hockey, nintendo, foosball and other games and activities free of charge. Open gym hours for ages 12–17 are scheduled on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

POTPOURRI

Open auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's fall production, "Rumors" by Neil Simon, will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 3 and 4, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Actors should come prepared with a comedy monologue.

Tickets for "Rumors" go on sale September 30. The cost is \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens. The play will be presented October 25, 26 and 27, and November 1 and 2.

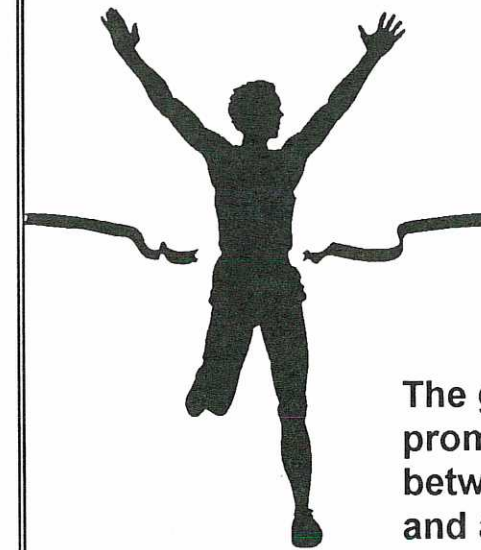
"Looking Back on the United Nations" will be presented on Friday, September 6, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Christopher Mitchell of George Mason University will discuss the original intentions of the founders of the UN, particularly the provision of security and the business of "keeping the peace" on a global basis. Free of charge.

"Fall Fun Days" at Kings Dominion are scheduled each weekend through October 6. Discount tickets are \$16.95 each, available weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

Arm chair traveler series takes you to Israel on Friday, September 6, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free of charge. Participants are encouraged to share their own travel stories.

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COPS AND KIDS FUN RUN



For Children Aged 6–14

10 a.m. Saturday,
September 28

at Police Headquarters
215 Center St., S.

The goal of this event is to promote good relations between the police and area children and to encourage kids to find alternatives to using drugs

Refreshments Provided
Free T-shirts for All Kids Who Participate

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration forms available
at the Vienna Community Center.
Children aged 6–8 must be accompanied
by a running adult.

For more information, call 255-6396

Advocates Needed for Senior Citizens

The Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program sponsors training for volunteers interested in becoming ombudsmen for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The next training session will be September 27, 28 and October 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and will address issues such as residents' rights in the long-term care system, interviewing skills, and resolving complaints.

Those who successfully complete the program are assigned to a specific long-term care facility and must be available to work four hours a week. For more information, call the Ombudsman Program at 324-5411.