

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Car Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens with a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For more information, call 255-6381.

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 1987 — The Town Council has appointed 14 citizens to serve on the Town Centennial Committee, which will coordinate the observance of Vienna's 100th anniversary as an incorporated town. The committee members appointed on March 2 are Bob Brad-dock, Ross Buckley, Phyllis Elkins, Bill Gratz, Paul Lyons, Ann Mar-tin, Jim Martinelli, Martha Pruet, Sam Savia, Nancy Shields, Daph-ne Sloan, Mayo Stuntz, Ted Thomas and John Wooden. These indi-viduals will work with committee chairman Bob Dix in planning for centennial activities during the next three years.

MARCH 1977 — Property owners will begin receiving 1977 real estate assessment notices about March 1. The notices will look different this year, but owners should read the fine print before they panic. Fairfax County is shifting its assessment base from 40% of fair market value, the assessment ratio for real estate since 1946, to 100% of fair market value. The change is required by state law. The shift will have little or no effect on individual tax bills, however, be-cause the law also requires that the tax rate automatically be shifted downward at the same time.

MARCH 1967 — The "My Kind of Town" campaign for the beautification and betterment of Vienna is beginning to gain mo-mentum. Mayor Martinelli and "Egbert the Elf," along with represen-tatives of the Vienna Police Association, have begun visiting all of the elementary schools, emphasizing anti-litter and "What I can do to help." Many organizations have already adopted projects. The Town has prepared a supply of certificates which will be presented regu-larly to individuals as well as organizations who make a significant contribution to the campaign.

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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This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 255-6330, TDD 255-5735.

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Spring Street Sweeping Begins This Month

The Department of Public Works is implementing a new street sweeping program this spring. The town has been divided into eight sections, beginning with those streets west of Lawyers Road to the town limit and north of Maple Avenue to the town limit, which will be covered March 31-April 4.

Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call the Public Works Department at 255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block.

Section II, which includes the streets east of Lawyers Road to Beulah Road and north of Maple Avenue to the town limit, is scheduled for sweeping April 7-11.

Attention Businesses!

All businesses in Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by May 1 each year. Look for the license tax form in the mail next month. The annual license tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. For more information, call the Business License Office at 255-6321.

SEE PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER FOR A "CLIP & SAVE" GUIDE TO RECYCLING IN VIENNA.

NEWSLETTER

March 1997

Final Traffic Calming Meeting Scheduled for SE Quadrant

Citizens in the southeast quadrant of Vienna are invited to discuss traffic problems affecting their neighborhoods with E.L. Tennyson, a transportation engineer engaged by the Town to conduct a town-wide traffic calming study, on Wednesday, March 5, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Meetings for the northwest and northeast quadrants were held in January and for the southwest quadrant in February.

At this meeting, citizens will be able to express their views on where the worst problems occur and offer their suggestions for corrective actions. Mr. Tennyson will facilitate the discussion and provide information from other jurisdictions on their traffic calming efforts. Following these meetings with citizens from all sections of town, and after analyzing current data such as vehicle speeds and volumes, Mr. Tennyson will present his findings and recommendations to Town officials for consideration.



MORE TRAFFIC NEWS — The Town Council has approved a one-year contract with Traffic Signals, Inc. of Brady Station, Virginia, for maintenance and repair of Vienna's traffic signal system. The company will handle any repairs that are beyond the expertise of the Town's Public Works Department and will also make available an "on-call supervisor" to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day.

Car Tags Go on Sale March 17

1997 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals go on sale Monday, March 17, and must be displayed by midnight April 15. Decals may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall. (Military personnel must apply in person.)

Decals cost \$20 for passenger cars and trucks under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles.

Information for pre-printed application forms for 1997 decals was taken from 1996 records; therefore, if your vehicle was not registered in Vienna last year, you will not automatically receive an application in the mail. Call 255-6323 or visit the Finance Department to obtain forms.

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. Personal property tax forms are available at Town Hall for the convenience of Vienna residents. For information about personal property tax, call the County Office of Assessments at 222-8234.

Memorial Plaque Will Honor Martha Pruett

The Mayor and Town Council invite all citizens to attend a ceremony honoring the late Councilwoman Martha H. Pruett on Saturday, April 5, beginning at 11 a.m. outside the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St., S. (In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held indoors at the Vienna Community Center.)

At the ceremony, a bronze plaque dedicated to the memory of Councilwoman Pruett will be unveiled. The plaque will hang inside the Bowman House as a tribute to her role in the restoration of the building as an arts and crafts center.

Councilwoman Pruett was serving her fourth term when she died in December 1995. She had previously served on the Planning Commission for 17 years.

During the 44 years she lived in town, Councilwoman Pruett was involved in a wide variety of community service activities, including the Vienna Woman's Club, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Southwest Vienna Citizen's Association, Historic Vienna Inc., Marshall Road Elementary PTA, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, American Association of Retired Persons, Vienna Centennial Committee, Vienna Metro Task Force, Vienna Metro Area Citizens Coalition, and many more.

Town Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

JANUARY 4, 1997

- Conducted an executive session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.

JANUARY 6, 1997

- Appointed Fred Skaer to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.

- Adopted an ordinance increasing the number of directional signs permitted for yard sales.

- Adopted an ordinance concerning the use of tents as accessory buildings.

- Appointed Michael Gelb to the Beautification Commission as the northwest quadrant representative to fill the unexpired term of Jane Seeman, which expires July 6, 1998.

JANUARY 13, 1997

- Conducted an executive session to interview candidates and discuss appointments to Town boards and commissions. Also discussed personnel matters with the Town Manager, including the selection of a new Chief of Police.

CLARIFICATION — The December 2, 1996, Council actions published in last month's *Newsletter* referred to three new positions in the Public Works Department that were added to the Town's classified service. This does not mean that three new employees will be hired, but rather that current employees will now have the opportunity to advance through three additional career levels as they acquire years of service and job skills. Similar programs have already been established for police and parks maintenance employees.

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.

Voter Registration

Monday, April 7, is the last day to register to vote in the May 6 Town election. You may register in person at various locations around the county, or by mail. For more information, call the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at 222-0776.

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current address.

To be eligible to vote in the Town election, you must be a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

March 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	3 Town Council	4 Windover Heights Board of Review	5 Traffic calming meeting for SE quadrant	6 Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	7	1 Recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, batteries
9 Trash & yard waste first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	10 Town Council work session	11 Mayor's Advisory Committee	12 Planning Commission	13 Town/Business Liaison Committee	14	8
16 Palm Sunday	17 St. Patrick's Day Car tags go on sale Town Council	18	19 Board of Zoning Appeals	20 Architectural Review Board	21	15
23 Easter	24	25 Transportation Safety Commission	26 Planning Commission	27 Beautification Commission 7:30 p.m.	28 Good Friday	22
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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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

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.)

County Handbook Available on WWW

The 1997 Fairfax County Citizens Handbook is now available on the County's home page on the Internet World Wide Web and on the County Information Network Bulletin Board.

Citizens may read the Handbook online at <http://www.co.fairfax.va.us> or download the file to a personal computer. To download from the computer Bulletin Board (802-3270), go to the Files Listing area and choose General Information Files. Download CTZHBK.ZIP.

The Handbook contains an alphabetical directory of government services and activities, important phone numbers, maps of supervisor districts and government offices, and information on the Board of Supervisors.

Because restricted funding would not cover distribution of printed copies as in the past, the County is making use of its web site to provide the information to all citizens who have electronic access.

Only a very limited number of copies have been printed and are intended for those citizens who do not have electronic access. The supply of printed Handbooks is being distributed through County libraries, Supervisors' offices, and the Citizens Assistance Desk in the lobby of the Government Center. Citizens may pick up a copy at any of these locations while supplies last.

Talkin' Some Trash

Residents are reminded that household trash and recyclable materials must be placed at the curbside by 7 a.m. on collection day and empty trash cans removed as soon as possible after pickup.

Trash should not be placed at the curbside until the night before a scheduled pickup. Please make sure cans are tightly covered so that crows and other "critters" cannot get inside and scatter trash through the neighborhood.



Did you know? Adding ammonia to trash bags before placing them at the curbside for pickup will help control odors and discourage animals and birds from tearing into the bags.

You and your guests are cordially invited to the

**4th Annual
VRCC CASINO NIGHT
&
TASTE OF VIENNA SHOWCASE**

at Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Avenue, East in Vienna

Saturday, March 8, 1997
Tastings begin at 7:00 p.m.
Games of Chance begin at 8:00 p.m.

\$40 Per person
(includes \$20 in chips) Outstanding prizes
Cash Bar

Send checks to Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce
513 Maple Avenue, West
Vienna, VA 22180
(703) 281-1333

Del. Lovelace's "Letter from Richmond"

This year's Virginia General Assembly session ended February 22. Vienna's representative in the House of Delegates has sent along the following report to his constituents:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Bills in support of education, public safety, local government, and the environment were top priority on my 1997 legislative agenda. I introduced a bill designed to reduce pupil-teacher ratio for grades K-3 in schools with moderate or high risk concentrations. The same bill provides for assistance in funding technology training for staff personnel, promoting parental involvement in the school, and family literacy.

My bill on defacement of structures gives local governing bodies the authority to require property owners to remove or repair the defacement of buildings, walls, fences, and other structures. After reasonable notice, the local government may remove the defacement if the owner fails to do so.

My bill on recycling requires local and regional solid waste planning units to maintain a 25% recycling rate. This includes all aspects of solid waste management, including waste reduction, recycling and reuse, storage, treatment, and disposal.

On February 17, I proudly introduced a bill commending the Woman's Advisory Board of George Mason University for establishing an endowment honoring Dorothy and Hugh McDiarmid. The late Dorothy McDiarmid represented Vienna in the House of Delegates for many years.

I would like to give special thanks to Mayor Robinson and the Town Council, the Town Hall staff, and members of the Vienna Police Department for their valuable suggestions during this legislative session. I am indebted to the citizens of Vienna for their support in communicating their views on proposed legislation. You may write me at P.O. Box 815, Vienna, VA 22183 or call me at 938-6146. Your ideas and concerns will go a long way toward my 1998 legislative agenda.

Sincerely,
George E. Lovelace

Guide to Solid Waste Collection in Vienna

ITEM COLLECTED	HOW TO PREPARE IT FOR PICKUP	HOW THE TOWN COLLECTS IT
Household trash	Place at curb in plastic bags or trash cans with lids	Picked up on first collection day each week
Grass, leaves and shrub clippings	Place at curb in plastic bags separate from household trash (limit 20 bags per pickup)	Picked up on same day as household trash
Recyclables: metal food and beverage cans; aluminum foil and plates; plastic bottles and jugs of all kinds; glass bottles and jars of all colors	Place at curb together in transparent plastic bags	Picked up on second collection day each week
Newspapers	Place at curb bundled with string or placed in brown paper bags (no plastic bags)	Picked up on same day as recyclables
Brush less than 1½" in diameter and cut in 4' lengths	Place at curb bundled and tied	Picked up on same day as recyclables
Brush greater than 1½" and less than 6" in diameter and cut in 8' lengths	Place at curb	Picked up through Special Pickup; call 255-5727
Furniture	Place at curb	Picked up through Special Pickup; call 255-5727
Major appliances: stoves, dishwashers, refrigerators, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners and furnaces	Place at curb (limit two per pickup)	Picked up through Special Pickup; call 255-5727
Scrap metal: small auto parts such as engine blocks and transmissions; playground equipment	Place at curb (limit 300 pounds scrap metal per pickup)	Picked up through Special Pickup; call 255-5727
Tires	Place at curb (separate from rims)	Picked up through Special Pickup; call 255-5727
Building materials: wood, broken concrete, bricks or block, fences, drywall and paneling (contractor-generated materials will not be picked up)	Place at curb (limit 300 pounds masonry items per pickup)	Picked up through Special Pickup; call 255-5727

Drop-off Recycling Sites

LOCATION AND HOURS	WHAT IS ACCEPTED
Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Daylight hours	Cardboard; metal cans; household batteries
Town Property Yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W. First Saturday in March, June and December, second Saturday in September, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	Used motor oil; antifreeze; car batteries
Fire and Rescue Training Academy 4600 West Ox Rd. in Fairfax 1-5 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m.-12 noon Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday	Hazardous materials: fuel tanks, paints, solvents, insecticides, cleaners, etc. Call 324-5068 for information
Giant Food, 359 Maple Ave., E. 24-hours a day through April	Telephone directories (no plastic bags or other materials) PLEASE — Do not leave phone books outside bin! If bin is full, please return later in the day

Carbon Monoxide Detectors Protect Your Family

Your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department recommends installing at least one carbon monoxide detector per household, near the sleeping area. A second detector near the home's heat source provides extra protection. Choose an Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed detector that sounds an audible alarm. A battery operated carbon monoxide detector continues to protect even in the event of a power outage. Hardwired AC models with battery backup are also available.

In addition to installing carbon monoxide detectors, consumers should regularly inspect and service potential problem sources of carbon monoxide. These include common home appliances such as gas or oil furnaces, clothes dryers, water heaters, fireplaces, charcoal grills, gas ranges, wood-burning stoves, and space heaters. Fumes from motor vehicles also contain carbon monoxide and can enter a home through walls or doorways if a vehicle is left running in an attached garage.

Carbon monoxide bonds with hemoglobin in the blood, displacing the oxygen. Although everyone is at risk, those with greater oxygen requirements, including the very young, the elderly, and people with respiratory or coronary problems, are at greater risk.

At low levels, carbon monoxide poisoning causes symptoms similar to the flu, such as headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, confusion, and irritability. As levels of carbon monoxide increase, vomiting, loss of consciousness, and eventually brain damage or death can result.

If you suspect you are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, get fresh air immediately, get everyone out of the house as quickly as possible, and call the fire department. The fire department will confirm the presence of carbon monoxide, attempt to identify the source, and ventilate the gas from the building.

For more information, call the Life Safety Education Branch of the County Fire Department at 246-3801.

Maple Avenue Enhancement Rescheduled for Spring 1998

The Town Council has approved a revised construction schedule for the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project. Originally planned for the 1997 construction season, the project is now set to begin in March 1998.

The new schedule will give the Town staff additional time to review and refine the design specifications, benefiting from their experiences with the recent Church Street project, which should help ease the impact of the construction on Maple Avenue businesses, keep restrictions on traffic flow to a minimum, and reduce the likelihood of change orders once the project begins. In addition, Council felt it would be unwise to begin work on Maple Avenue while the reconstruction of Cottage Street is still in progress.

The Maple Avenue Enhancement Project will be similar to the Church Street project, covering the area from Lawyers Road to Park Street and including brick sidewalks and street crossings, ornamental street lamps and plantings, and undergrounding of utility service lines. As with Church Street, it is hoped the improvements will aid businesses and give Maple Avenue a more "pedestrian-friendly" feeling.

Tax Relief Applications Due April 1 for Low-income Elderly and Disabled Citizens

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$40,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a homeowner who is permanently and totally disabled. Where the total combined income is between \$30,000 and \$35,000, a 50% tax relief is given, and between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a 25% tax relief.

- Total combined assets of no more than \$150,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.

- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides grants to senior citizens and disabled citizens who rent their residences. The County also provides relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household. The assets and income limitations for these programs are different from the real estate limits. The Town of Vienna provides all relief recipients one free auto decal.

Applications for 1997 for all programs are due April 1. Both Town and County applications must be completed. First-time filers and citizens filing late due to hardship have until December 31 of the current tax year to file an application for that year. Applicants filing late due to hardship must provide detailed substantiation that a hardship existed that prevented a timely filing.

For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 255-6325. For County applications, call 222-8234, ext. 4.

and the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

Mike Causey, who writes "The Federal Diary" column for the Washington Post, is scheduled to speak at the March 4 meeting of the Vienna Chapter of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees. The public is invited to the meeting, which begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center.

Easter egg hunt Saturday, March 29, 11 a.m. at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. Kids up to age 10 are invited to hunt for candy-filled eggs and enjoy a visit from clowns and the Easter Bunny. Light refreshments will be served after the hunt. For more information, call 938-3494.

Annual Unbanquet, sponsored by Our Daily Bread, Inc., will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at Fairfax United Methodist Church, 10300 Stratford Ave. in Fairfax. Guest speaker will be former Washington Redskin Art Monk. Tickets are \$20 per person. For reservations and more information, call Bob Rosenberger at 573-7658. Our Daily Bread is a volunteer, non-profit, interfaith organization that provides food and financial assistance to the needy in Fairfax County.

Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, Fairfax County Corps, will present its annual fashion show, luncheon and silent auction on Friday, March 14, at the Springfield Hilton, 6550 Loisdale Rd. in Springfield. Fashions will be presented by Mae's Dress Boutique of McLean. Tickets are \$25 each, and reservations must be made by March 6. Call Sylvia Laiti, 830-8849, or Pauline Mitchell, 533-8739.

American Association of Retired Persons, Vienna Chapter 754, will meet at the Vienna Community Center at 12:30 p.m. Monday, March 17. Coilin Owens of George Mason University will speak about the Irish-American Diaspora. For more information about the meeting or the benefits of joining AARP, call Emilie Larson at 938-1379.

Vienna Choral Society will present "Water Music — Without Handel" at 8 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at the Church of the

Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E. Hear an array of lighthearted compositions with a "watery" theme. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$10 general admission (\$12 at the door), \$8 for students and senior citizens, and \$20 for a family of two adults and children under 18. For more information, call 573-4018 or 938-4839, or visit the Choral Society's web site at <http://www.erols.com/thompat/vcs.html>.

Antiques show sponsored by Soroptimist International of Fairfax County to benefit Hospice of Northern Virginia will be held at the George Mason University Field House on Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 16, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 120 dealers from throughout the country will be featured. Tickets are \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door (children under 12 years old admitted free of charge). For tickets, call 538-2045.

Messiah College concert choir will perform a free concert of classical and contemporary religious songs at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15. A pot-luck dinner will precede the concert at 6 p.m. For more information, call 938-3494.

Time for spring cleaning! Remember that your old paperback books and magazines are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. The Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, thank Vienna residents on behalf of Sheriff Carl Peed for their continuing donations. Call project chairman Florence Roseborough at 281-2498 for information about making donations. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.)

The historic Freeman House museum and old-fashioned general store will reopen March 1 after its two-month winter closing with many new items for sale, including Easter bunnies and baskets; miniature blueberry baskets; vanilla beans in small jars to make fresh vanilla; herbal teas with spoon infusers; wooden checker boards; bird houses and bluebird nesting boxes; and lots of toys — skip ropes, yoyos, balls and jacks, books, musical cornhusk birthday dolls for each month of the year, puzzles, and old-time metal wind-up toys. In addition, a second shipment of the Vienna afghan has arrived, featuring drawings of 11 historic sites

by Pauline D. Lorfano. The Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., is open on Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m.

Original Vienna Library Centennial Committee is making plans to celebrate the 100th birthday of the "Little Library." The library, located on the grounds of the Freeman House, will be open on the first Sunday of each month, and every Sunday in April (National Library Month), from 1 to 5 p.m. If you've lived in Vienna long enough to have used the original library, please send your written remembrances of those visits to the Library Centennial Committee, c/o 401 Orleans Cir., S.W., Vienna, VA 22180.

Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton will hold a luncheon meeting on Thursday, March 6, at International Town and Country Club in Fairfax. Social hour begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12 noon. Local historian Mayo Stuntz will be the featured speaker. For reservations and more information, call 281-3832 or 938-7690.

Greater Vienna Republican Women's Club will meet at 11 a.m. Friday, March 21. Guest speaker will be Richard Dingman, vice president of the Free Congress Foundation and co-host of "American Family" on the National Empowerment Television Network. For reservations, meeting location, and more information, call Nancy Brown at 242-1835.

Katherine Graham of the Washington Post will be the featured speaker at the annual Leadership Conference sponsored by the Women's Center on Saturday, March 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the McLean Hilton. The cost is \$75 for Women's Center members and \$85 for non-members, including luncheon and networking reception. For more information, call 281-2657, ext. 333.

Landscape design series will be held March 8, 15 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park. Landscape designer Kathleen Wheeler will discuss the design process and garden styles. The fee is \$35 for all three sessions, and advance registration is required. For more information, call 255-3631. The park is located at 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Ct., just outside of town off Beulah Road south of Route 7 and the Dulles Access Road.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) will open its new gallery at the First Union Bank building, 133 Maple Ave., E., with a public reception on Sunday, March 2, from 2 to 5 p.m. The gallery will be managed by VAS, and only members will exhibit there. Regular gallery hours will be Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. VAS thanks First Union Bank for making space available for the gallery.

Antiques appraisers Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson will be at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, March 22, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. They will give a verbal appraisal of the approximate age and current value of any item, up to three items per person, for \$7.50 per item (\$5 for Historic Vienna Inc. members). A photograph may be brought if the piece is too large. All proceeds go to Historic Vienna's restoration projects. To make an appointment and for more information, call 938-9668.

Encore Players community dinner theater will present Neil Simon's "Prisoner of Second Avenue" upstairs at Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave., W., March 7-8, 14-16, 21-23, and 28-29. On Fridays and Saturdays, dinner is at 6:45 p.m. and the show at 8 p.m.; on Sundays, dinner is at 4:45 p.m. and the show at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person (\$23 for Encore members and senior citizens). For reservations and more information, call 866-5333. For information on discounts for groups of ten or more, call 448-0564.

Young artists will display their work throughout the year in the lobby of the Vienna Post Office. March will feature students from Louise Archer Elementary School, who are celebrating Art Appreciation Month.

Three college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each are available from the Vienna Woman's Club for graduating high school students with a Vienna zip code who have applied to a two-year or four-year college. Scholarship application forms are available from high school guidance offices

and must be completed and mailed by April 1. The scholarship program was established by the Vienna Woman's Club in 1962 and is financed by the annual Harvest Bazaar and other club fund raisers.

Coffee house/open mike is held the first Saturday of every month from 7 to 10 p.m. at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. The open mike is available for adults and kids to bring their acts onto the stage. The evening also features refreshments and live music by Epiphany's Praise Band. For more information, call the church at 938-3494.

Fairfax County Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has announced the winners of its annual DAR Good Citizen award. The award honors high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership qualities. This year's winners, who will be honored at the Chapter's May meeting, are Cassandra Victoria Scott of James Madison High School, Veshash Dayal Gupta of Oakton High School, and Julie Elizabeth DeMaester of Annandale High School.

Low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, March 9, 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.

Northern Virginia Seniors' Softball Association is open to women aged 40 and over, and men aged 50 and over. Spring training begins March 4 and opening day is April 15, with regularly scheduled games on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There are no try-outs, only assessments of playing skills for assignment to teams. Older seniors

may want to check out the low-key Pioneer Division (average age 72). For more information, call Dave Scheele, 524-5576, or Max Clay, 481-0200.

South Vienna Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at the Vienna Community Center. All are welcome to attend and hear George Mason University professor Colin Owens discuss "The Irish-American Diaspora."

"Tablescapes and Flowers for Party Tables" will be presented by Richmond floral designer and home decorator Mary Jones Helm on Tuesday, March 18, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. Refreshments will be served at 10:30 a.m. followed by the program at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased in advance by calling 476-8353 or 715-0404. This program is sponsored by the Five Hills Garden Club of Vienna, and proceeds support the club's community service activities.

Mamie Eisenhower Republican Women's Club will host its annual membership coffee at 10:30 a.m. Monday, March 3, at 700 Ware St., S.W. Guest speaker will be Lucy Norment, second vice president of the Virginia Federation of Republican Women, who will discuss the opportunities and rewards of involvement in a Republican Women's Club. For more information, call Myra McKittrick at 255-9005.

Model railroad open house at the Vienna Railroad Station will be held on Saturday, March 15, 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.

Tax counseling for elderly and disabled citizens will be offered free of charge at Patrick Henry Library each Saturday in March from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Organizations providing assistance include the American Association of Retired Persons

Welcome New Vienna Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in January:

Noelia Brush (childcare) 507 Woodland Ct., N.W. 938-1633	GP Building, Inc. (home improvement) 603 Gibson Dr., S.W. 319-1738	Stynchula Chiropractic 380 Maple Ave., W. Suite #304 255-1220
Nail Experts 301 Maple Ave., W. Suite #B 319-1296	Jerry A. McKnight (land surveyor) 106 Elm St., S.W. 938-3054	Ward's Studios (photography) 245 Maple Ave., W. Suite #200 255-3500
Anderson Leadership Group (consulting) 129 Park St., N.E. 938-9678	James Caesar Ghaisar (CPA) 513 Maple Ave., W. 938-3666	Easy Buy Services (auto buying) 120 Beulah Rd., N.E. Suite #200C4 319-1954
Duraclean Master Cleaners, Inc. (carpet/furniture) 312 Dominion Rd., N.E. 319-3635	Packaging Store (packaging/shipping) 502 Maple Ave., W. 242-0600	Maverick Computer Enterprises 512 Maple Ave., W. Suite #202 255-0655
Ronald M. Daly, Jr. (CPA) 301 Maple Ave., W. Suite #4C 319-3619	Sherry Lynn Dmytrewycz (trade association) 217 Ceret Ct., S.W. 242-0336	Titan Construction (contractor) 100 Battle St., S.E. 282-1852

Water Mains Flushed, Hydrants Tested in Spring

Each spring, the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April. Water mains are usually flushed between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water & Sewer Customer Service Office at 255-6385.

Historic Vienna Names Heritage Preservation Award Winner

Town resident Richard DeAngelis has been selected to receive Historic Vienna Inc.'s Heritage Preservation Award. The award, established in 1989, recognizes individual and institutional efforts in preserving Vienna's heritage.

Among his contributions, Mr. DeAngelis conducted research that contributed to the establishment of Vienna's historic district, wrote a brochure on the Moorefield House, developed the information for the annual "Walk on the Hill" self-guided tour brochure, and assisted Historic Vienna in applying for historic preservation grant funds.

Mr. DeAngelis will receive his award at Historic Vienna's general membership meeting on Wednesday, March 19, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. The meeting will also feature a presentation by William Page Johnson II, compiler of "Brothers and Cousins: Confederate Soldiers and Sailors of Fairfax County, Virginia." The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 938-5187.

"Beauty Spot"

The Community Beautification Commission's latest "Beauty Spot" awards go to:

- James and Kimberly Landefeld, 403 Nutley St., N.W., for their well kept house and yard; and

- Whole Foods, 143 Maple Ave., E., for the unique murals and general appearance of the building.

BEAUTY TIP: Be proud of your environment — your home, your neighborhood, your community. Take time to spruce up your yard. Congratulate your neighbors for their efforts, and share with Town officials and Beautification Commission members your ideas for improving the appearance of the community.

♣ SHOP IN VIENNA — SUPPORT OUR HOMETOWN MERCHANTS ♣

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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Amateur Photography Contest and Exhibit Saturday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, March 16, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 13, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, March 14, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Photos will be judged by local professional photographers and ribbons awarded in nine categories in black & white and color divisions. There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12. The entry fee is \$7 per person. Entries are limited to five photos per person and two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

Spring Antiques Show and Sale February 28 and March 1 and 2. Admission is \$4 per person. Hours are 12 noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. This is one of the largest antique shows in the Washington, D.C., area, where dealers from all over the East Coast display and sell a variety of furniture and collectibles.

Spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 23, presented by the Vienna Community Band directed by John J. Pickeral, Jr. Free admission.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Friday family skating for children aged 6-12 and their parents/guardians will be held March 7, 14 and 21 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Admission is 50¢ per person. Bring your own equipment. Children must be accompanied by an adult over 18.

Monday afternoon roller skating for ages 3-12 each Monday in March from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Admission is 50¢ per person. Participants must furnish their own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents are welcome to attend.

Open gym hours for kids aged 11 and under accompanied by a parent are scheduled for 1 to 3 p.m. each Monday through March 24.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center, located in the basement of the Vienna Community Center, is open 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 Wednesdays and Fridays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

"Friday Movie Madness" for ages 13-17 will be held March 7, 14 and 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Free admission. Stop by the

Community Center for a list of upcoming movies, all rated PG-13 or below. Teens must sign in and cannot leave until the movie is over.

Friday night blading blast March 7, 14 and 21 from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Admission for rollerblading is \$2. Bring your own rollerblades and safety equipment and enjoy the hottest tunes and a variety of games.

POTPOURRI

"Country Strutting" family dance party will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 9. Beginners are welcome; host Pinky O'Neil will teach the two-step and all the popular line dances on the spot. Tickets are \$5 in advance (\$2 for children aged 8-16) and \$6 at the door (\$3 for children). Advance reservations recommended. Bring a large bottle of soda and snacks to share.



FAMILY FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT

at Glyndon Park
Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.
OR
Friday, March 28, 7:30 p.m.



Tickets go on sale March 17-19
FOR TOWN RESIDENTS ONLY
\$1.50 per family member



Sewer Backups Can Be Costly, But Sewer Backup Insurance Is Not!

All insurance companies writing homeowner policies in Virginia offer special coverage for damage resulting from backups of drains and sewers, and this additional protection is available at very reasonable rates. For information on obtaining sewer backup coverage, contact your insurance company.

The Town's insurance carrier rarely approves claims resulting from sewer backups unless negligence in maintaining the system can be shown. Out of more than 25 sewer backups last year, only two claims were paid by the Town. Therefore, residents are encouraged to protect their property by obtaining sewer backup insurance.

To help prevent sewer backups, the Public Works Department cleans the main sewer lines whenever residents notify the department that their service laterals have been rodded by a commercial sewer cleaning service. Pressure cleaning to remove material washed into the main sewer line from the service lateral may help prevent future blockage of the main line. If you have your sewer service lateral cleaned, please call the Public Works Department at 255-6381.

Protect Yourself And Your Money

The Chief's Advisory Committee, established in 1993 to improve communication between citizens and the Police Department, offers these crime prevention tips:

✓ Destroy unwanted "starter checks" and credit card applications that come in the mail. It is easy for a criminal to put his address on the application by checking the change of address box.

✓ Destroy ATM account balance slips and dispose of them carefully. The numbers can be used to charge to your account.

✓ Put a fake pin number on your ATM card. Should it fall into the wrong hands, the machine will "eat" the card after three tries and the bank will return the card to you.

Protect Young Passengers With Car Safety Seats

It has been estimated that 70% of all child traffic deaths could be prevented if parents used approved child safety seats properly. Unfortunately, surveys show that most parents do not understand the correct way to install and use safety seats, so take a few minutes to read these tips offered by the Virginia Department for Children's PLEASE BE SEATED Program:

- **Don't take your child out of a safety seat simply because he or she turns four.** Virginia law requires safety seat use for children under four, yet most four year olds are not large enough to use adult safety belts. If the belt rides up on the child's stomach or the shoulder strap does not fit over the shoulder, your child needs a booster seat or belt positioning booster. Seats are readily available for children from birth through 60 pounds.
- **Use the right size child safety seat.**
 - For infants under 20 pounds: rear facing infant or convertible safety seat.
 - For toddlers 20-40 pounds: forward facing convertible seat.
 - For children 40-60 pounds: belt positioning booster seat if the vehicle has lap/ shoulder belts. Booster seat with front shield if the vehicle has lap belts only.
- **Use your safety seat properly.** Read directions.
 - An infant must face backwards and be reclined until he or she reaches 20 pounds.
 - Never use a rear facing safety seat in a seating position with an airbag.
 - Shoulder straps should be in the lower slot for infants facing backwards; in the upper slot for forward facing seats.
 - Safety belts generally go over the front of the seat for infant seats facing backwards and go through slots in the back of the seat for forward facing seats.
- **The child should be snugly secured in the safety seat.**
 - Take off bulky winter coats before fastening harness straps. Place the coat or a blanket over the child for warmth.
 - Shoulder straps should be snug — no more than one finger width between the strap and the chest.
 - Fasten the plastic harness tie, if your seat came with one, and place it at armpit level.
- **The safety seat should be very tightly secured in the vehicle.** If you can wiggle your safety seat, the safety belt is not tight enough. Push down hard on the safety seat with your knee or hand while pulling the safety belt tight. If your seat does not stay tight, check your vehicle and safety seat manuals. You may need a locking clip or have a safety belt that cannot be used with a child safety seat.
- **Never risk putting a child on a lap or two people in one belt.** A child belted in with an adult will likely be crushed in a crash. If you have more people that safety belts, make two trips or take two cars.
- **Do not move the car until everyone has buckled up.** If you have allowed your child to ride unprotected in the past, then start today securing him or her every time. Make no exceptions and children will soon realize you are serious about protecting them. Always wear your own safety belt.
- **If you can't afford a child safety seat, there are several programs offering free and discounted safety seats.** Call PLEASE BE SEATED at 1-800-732-8333 for more information. PLEASE BE SEATED can also answer questions about seat selection and proper use of safety belts.

If you observe a small child not protected by a child safety seat, please make a note of the time and place of the observation and the license number of the vehicle, and report the incident to the PLEASE BE SEATED Program. Postage-paid report forms are available at the Vienna Police Department. A friendly reminder will be sent to the vehicle owner to obey this life-saving law.