

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

JUNE 1988 — Vienna has been chosen to host the 1988 Virginia State Babe Ruth Tournament. The tournament games will be played at Waters Field next to the Vienna Community Center July 21–26. The tournament will have eight teams from all over the state in the 16–18 year old age group. As host, Vienna will automatically have a berth in the tournament, which will showcase some of the finest ballplayers in Virginia. Players traveling a distance of more than 50 miles from Vienna will be housed with “foster” baseball families in the Vienna area.

JUNE 1978 — At its June 5 meeting, the Town Council adopted a resolution of appreciation to retiring Town Manager C. Clay Harrell. A public reception honoring Mr. Harrell was held at the Vienna Community Center on Sunday, June 4. He will officially retire July 1 after serving as Town Manager for 15 years. He is past president of the Virginia Municipal League, past president of the Vienna Rotary Club, past vice president of the Vienna Chamber of Commerce, and was selected Citizen of the Year by the Chamber in 1971 and 1974.

JUNE 1968 — Speeding still plagues us. With approximately 50 miles of streets in the town, it is difficult to apprehend all violators. Speeding is always dangerous, but it is even more so during the summer months when children are at play for longer periods of time. Whether you are driving a car, riding a motorcycle or bicycle, or walking, please exert a little extra care and thought. A few precautionary measures can often avert a tragedy.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE 255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE 255-6363

SPECIAL PICKUP 255-5727

Visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, June 6, 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.

Too often used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of used oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water; in this way tons of toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic are released into the environment. When recycled, cleaned of its impurities and re-refined, used oil is a valuable resource that can be remanufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia, it is illegal to dispose of automobile lead-acid (wet-cell) batteries with refuse.



Yard Waste Reminder

Yard waste, consisting of grass, leaves, small clippings, acorns, walnuts, tree vegetation, etc. must be bagged. Heavy bags of grass are very difficult for the Public Works crews to lift, so please remember there is a 40-pound weight limit per bag. Sod or dirt must not be mixed with yard waste.

Budget Adoption June 1

Adoption of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 1998-99 is scheduled for the June 1 Town Council meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Also at that meeting, Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed water and sewer rates for next fiscal year.

The adopted budget will take effect July 1. For information about the budget or to obtain printed copies when they become available, contact the Administrative Services Office at 255-6350.

Noisy Dogs Prohibited

Dog owners are reminded that constant barking, especially late at night, drives your neighbors crazy! Please do all you can to keep your pet quiet.

The Town Code prohibits noisy dogs, which have “by loud, frequent and habitual barking, howling or crying, or other noises, caused annoyance or disturbed the peace or quiet of any person or persons in the neighborhood.” The owner of a noisy dog may be summoned before the District Court and, if found guilty, required to remove the dog from the town limits.

NEWSLETTER

June 1998

Board of Supervisors Hearing on Virginia Center July 27

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the Virginia Center development on Monday, July 27, beginning at 4 p.m. in the County Government Center. Citizens may call 324-3151 to be placed on the speakers list.

The County Planning Commission has recommended that the Virginia Center commercial space be increased from 650,000 to 750,000 square feet with the provision that *at least* anything over 650,000 square feet be used for a hotel. The Vienna Town Council has reiterated its unanimous opposition to any increase in commercial development at Virginia Center beyond the 650,000 square feet agreed to 10 years ago by the developer and currently approved by Fairfax County. Council also opposes a hotel.

Virginia Center is located just beyond the town's southwestern border near the Vienna Metro station. Town residents and community organizations have repeatedly expressed concern about the additional traffic load that the proposed increase in development will impose on the Marshall Road Elementary School area and nearby residential streets.

Real Estate Tax Due Next Month

The first installment on 1998 Town of Vienna real estate taxes is due on July 28. If you have not received your bill by July 15, please call the Town's real estate office, 255-6325.

If your Vienna taxes are paid through your mortgage company and you receive the tax bill, please notify your mortgage company immediately so it can make payment by the due date. If you have sold the property and are not responsible for the tax bill you receive, please notify the real estate office immediately.

A penalty of 10% or \$5, whichever is greater, and interest at the annual rate of 10% on the tax and penalty will be assessed for late payment as required by state law.

Town of Vienna property owners must also pay Fairfax County real estate tax, which is also due on July 28. For information on County tax payments, call 222-8234.

Thanks to everyone who completed the sidewalk survey in last month's newsletter. Several hundred survey forms were returned and will be reviewed by a joint committee of the Planning Commission and the Transportation Safety Commission.

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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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Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799
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The Town of Vienna does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Director of Administrative Services has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements.

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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VIENNA, VA 22180

Council Awards Contract for Maple Avenue Enhancement Project

At its May 18 meeting, the Town Council awarded the contract for construction of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project to Capco Construction Corp. at a total cost of \$1,751,537.76. Funding will come from the 1996 and 1998 capital improvement projects bond funds.

The construction period is scheduled to last approximately five months, with the project to be completed before the October 28 Halloween Parade. Obviously, this project will cause disruption to traffic on Maple Avenue and adjacent streets. This disruption will be held to a minimum by requiring the construction contractor to adhere to a traffic maintenance plan as part of the contract and to do much of the work at night when traffic volume is lightest.

The project will encompass Maple Avenue from Lawyers Road to Park Street and the segments of Lawyers Road, Center Street and Mill Street between Maple and Church. The project will provide new brick sidewalks on each side of these streets, new curb and gutter, brick crosswalks at all intersections, new asphalt pavement surface, increased turning radii at intersections and driveway entrances, improved street lighting with ornamental poles and fixtures, undergrounding of the power and telephone service lines, elimination of utility poles on the north side of Maple Avenue, planter areas for shrubbery and trees, trash receptacles, benches, and new bus shelters. These design elements will benefit both businesses and shoppers by improving the general appearance of the area and increasing safety. There will be no major changes to the width, capacity, speed or other transportation characteristics of Maple Avenue.

Any questions about the project should be directed to the Town's Project Engineer, Glen Bates, at 255-6319.

TOWN TARGET OF AERIAL SURVEILLANCE! Residents have been wondering about the survey work taking place around town this spring, which left behind pavement markings and stakes in the ground. These "targets" were put in place to guide the natural color aerial photography of the Baltimore-Washington area conducted by VARGIS, LLC of Herndon. The company will use the photos to produce digital color image maps that should be available in the fall. For more information, call VARGIS at 834-0225.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

Charles A. Robinson, Jr.

Albert J. Boudreau Vincent J. Olson
Steven D. Briglia Michael J. Polychrones
Robert P. McCormick M. Jane Seeman

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for July issue is Monday, June 15.

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

Council Action

(All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.)

APRIL 6, 1998

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

- Voted to continue to oppose any development of the Virginia Center site in excess of 650,000 square feet.

- Concerning the Northside Property Yard project, approved the proposals from Studio 3 Architects in an amount not to exceed \$205,900 for preparation of contract documents and related services, and from Tri-Tek Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$47,500 for site plan preparation. (Approved 4-2, Boudreau and Polychrones voting no, Olson absent.)

- Added to the Community Center renovation project the installation of conduit and wiring for a future public address system and video security system, and the addition of a second floor to the proposed storage room addition, increasing the estimated cost by \$45,000 to a new total of \$1,003,000. Acoustical ceiling panels, if required, will be installed by Town staff.

- Approved Avon Corp.; Bell Brothers, Inc.; CAPCO Construction Corp.; Century Concrete Services; Fort Myer Construction Corp.; Hitt Contracting, Inc.; and JSI Paving and Construction as prequalified bidders for the Maple Avenue enhancement project.

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

June 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	1 Town Council	2 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	3	4 Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.	5	6 Drop off used oil, antifreeze & batteries at Nutley St. property yard
14 Flag Day	8 Town Council work session	9	10 Planning Commission	11 Town/Business Liaison Committee	12	13
21 Father's Day Summer begins	15 Town Council	16	17 Board of Zoning Appeals	18 Architectural Review Board	19	20
28 Trash & yard waste first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	22 Town Council	23	24 Planning Commission	25 Beautification Commission 7:30 p.m.	26	27
	29	30 Transportation Safety Commission				

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Beauty Spot from Your Community Beautification Commission

Vienna's Beautification Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for improvements to their property, volunteer cleanup efforts, and other worthy beautification projects. The latest "Beauty Spot" award goes to:

- Karin's Florist, 527 Maple Ave., E., for its decorative and well-maintained property.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 255-6360.

BEAUTY TIP: Put a few brightly colored golf tees in your pocket just before mowing. When you come across a patch of weeds or crabgrass, drop a tee near it. After mowing, you can easily locate the problem plants and either remove them or spot-treat them with herbicide.

In observance of Arbor Day, the Beautification Commission sponsored a tree-planting ceremony April 23 at Moorefield Park, located on Courthouse Road, S.W., just west of Nutley Street.

The tree planted is a sapling derived from the famous "Wye Oak" on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It was donated to the Town four years ago by Vienna resident Tom Elliott and has been tended in the nursery area at Northside Park since then, growing from an 18-inch seedling to its current height of about five feet.

The Beautification Commission reminds everyone how much trees contribute to our lives. They provide beauty, shade and oxygen, promote property values, and act as reservoirs of rainwater. Unfortunately, trees do have a natural lifespan, and can succumb to stress, pollution and disease. That is why it is so important for us to plant more trees to offset the loss.

Having a Yard Sale This Summer?

Your Planning and Zoning Department reminds you:

- ▶ Each residence and/or family household may conduct no more than two sales during any calendar year. There is no permit required.
- ▶ Each sale must be conducted during daylight hours for no more than two consecutive weekends (Saturday and Sunday).
- ▶ To advertise your sale, two signs of not more than four square feet each are permitted at the residence where the sale is being conducted.
- ▶ Four additional signs of not more than two square feet each are permitted, as directional signs, provided permission is received from the owners of the property where the signs are to be placed.
- ▶ No sign may be exhibited more than two days prior to the start of the sale.
- ▶ Signs are not allowed in Town right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement) or on utility poles. All signs placed illegally will be removed.

If you have questions about these regulations or need more information, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

Welcome New Vienna Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in April:

BBQ Country (new ownership) (restaurant) 118 Branch Rd., S.E. 319-8746	F.S. Hunter (energy consulting) 120 Beulah Rd., N.E. Suite #201 938-8001	The Gypsy's Garden (decorative art/ painting consulting) 2410 Oak Vale Ct., N.W. 281-9027
The Tasty Palate (personal chef) 207 Paris Ct., S.W. 242-2273	Technology Strategies (computer consulting) 1107 Lakewood Dr., S.W. 281-1898	Donna Cloud (hair styling) 107 Melody Ln., S.W. 242-9799
Creative Healing Institute (psychotherapy) 103 Beulah Rd., N.E. Suite #200 255-3561	Young Won Trading, Inc. (wine storage) 226 Dominion Rd., N.E. 451-3799	Bikes@Vienna, LLC (bicycle sales) 128 Church St., N.W. Suite #A 938-8900

*Convenient Location, Friendly Service
Shop in Vienna and Support Our Hometown Merchants*

IS YOUR BUSINESS ON THE BIDDERS LIST? The Vienna Purchasing Office is updating its bidders list for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. If there have been changes in your business organization, or if you would like to be placed on the Town's bidders list, please call 255-6359 to receive an application form and return it by June 30. The Town of Vienna wants to do business with you!

Businesses are reminded that all current Town government bids are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of Town Hall and also are on file with the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Comment from the Council Table

Vienna Enjoys a Good Year in Richmond

By Charles A. Robinson, Jr.
Mayor of Vienna

It is frequently said that people's lives and property are in jeopardy so long as the Virginia General Assembly is in session. And, in some respects this is unfortunately all too true. But, there are compensating benefits, and of the three bills requested this year by the Town of Vienna, all three passed. Two have been signed by Governor Jim Gilmore, and he has advised our Delegate, Jeannemarie Devolites, that he will sign the third. We are very grateful to Jeannemarie and to Senator Janet Howell for their outstanding help in Richmond.

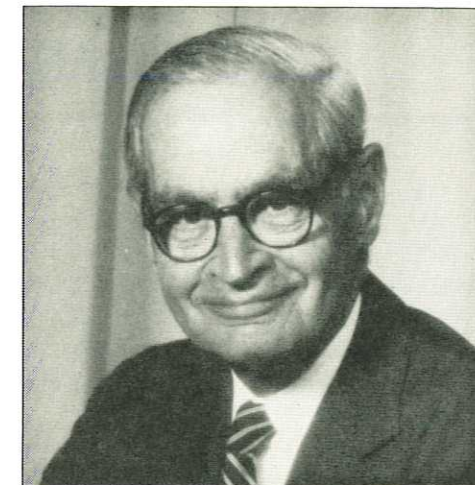
Probably the most significant of Vienna's bills was H.B. 764, which gives us additional power to remedy neighborhood devaluation caused by badly abused residential properties. The Town Council may now, after certified mail notice to the owner and a public hearing, adopt an ordinance declaring grossly deteriorated property to be a public nuisance. The Town may, thereupon, enter upon the property and physically remedy the offending deficiencies. Obviously, this is an unusually strong remedy. It is new law in Virginia, and may ultimately face judicial challenge. It, therefore, should be used with discretion and where lesser approaches are ineffective. Specifically, it can apply to properties which are dilapidated, obsolete, overcrowded, improperly designed, without light, ventilation or sanitary facilities, or exhibit any combination of these and similar conditions. In short, it is a remedy best applied as a last resort in worst case situations.

This legislation was drafted for Vienna by our Town Attorney, John Gionfriddo. However, as the bill gathered steam in Richmond, several other jurisdictions asked to be added, including Fairfax County, Prince William County, and the Cities of Alexandria and Lynchburg, among others. Governor Gilmore, at first, added an amendment which would have rendered the bill of no effect. However, Delegate Devolites went to bat for us and persuaded the Governor to change his mind and sign the bill. This additional authority will be available July 1, and Council has requested the Vienna Planning Commission to move the matter expeditiously so an ordinance can be

adopted promptly.

The second bill sponsored by Vienna (H.B. 95) strengthens the Town's authority, starting July 1, to prohibit on-street parking in residential neighborhoods of large vehicles, including trash trucks, tractor trailers, dump trucks, concrete mixers, tow trucks over 12,000 pounds, heavy construction equipment, and trailers carrying lawn care equipment. The Town Council has asked the Planning Commission to move promptly on this matter also.

The third bill requested by Vienna (H.B. 368) is designed to speed up approval by the Circuit Court of Fairfax County of our appointees to Vienna's Board of Zoning Appeals. For many years our appointments were, like other court orders, routinely signed by a single judge. A few years ago, the Chief Judge initiated a process requiring the signature of all 15 judges. On top of that, each appointee has recently been required to complete a personal history form (about 10 pages) identical to that demanded of all County police officer candidates; the final question being "Why do you want to be a Fairfax County Police Officer?" It was taking several months to gain approval for a BZA appointee; and I don't know of any



Mayor Robinson

such appointee who has ever had a criminal history or does drugs! Several are very well regarded practicing lawyers. We are very hopeful that with passage of H.B. 368 we will be able to work with the judges and Clerk of the Circuit Court to speed up the BZA appointment process.

As a last few words, I reiterate the Town Council's appreciation to our Delegate, Jeannemarie Devolites, and to our Senator, Janet Howell, for their diligence and effectiveness in Richmond on behalf of Vienna. They worked together in doing yeoman service for us on these and on other bills.

Police Rely on Alert Citizens To Report Suspicious Activities

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.

Neighborhood Watch groups have been organized throughout town and have been successful in reducing crime. Signs posted on neighborhood streets and citizen patrols provide highly visible warnings to lawbreakers. In addition, individual citizens in these areas become more aware of and more willing to report suspicious activities. The active involvement of citizens in safeguarding their homes "hardens" an area against crime and causes burglars and other criminals to seek easier targets elsewhere.

Citizen/police partnership is a major factor in successful law enforcement in Vienna. To report suspicious activities, call the Police Department's non-emergency number, 255-6366.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Last chance to buy buy bricks! The Vienna Community Commemorative Project Committee is selling commemorative sidewalk bricks to be installed along Maple Avenue. The goal of the "Walk of History" project is to sell 10,000 paver bricks for \$100 each, with the net proceeds going to local non-profit groups. Purchasers may have up to three lines of 14 characters each imprinted on each brick. For more information about the project and to receive an order form, call project chairman Joyce Decker at 938-8597. Order deadline June 6.

Used book sale June 13 and 14 at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. to benefit restoration of the Moorefield house, which was built in 1790 and is the oldest house still standing in town. For more information, call 938-5187. Book donations may be dropped off at the Freeman House general store from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, or left on the front porch when the store is closed. Please do not bring National Geographics or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or Reader's Digest condensed books.

Small and Minority Business Enterprise Program Advisory Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, June 1, at First Baptist Church, 457 Orchard St., N.W. This is the first of many meetings that will be held throughout Fairfax County to make citizens aware of opportunities for small and minority businesses and to receive input from the community. Anyone interested in starting a business or learning what services are available through this program are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Marvis Marshall, Purchasing and Supply Management Agency, 324-3212, or Commissioner George Lovelace, 938-8729.

"Women in the Driver's Seat," a clinic designed to help women maintain their cars, respond safely in an emergency, choose a repair shop, and buy or sell a car, will be held at the Vienna Seventh Day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse Rd., S.W.,

on four consecutive Sundays, July 19– August 9, from 2 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Door prizes furnished by local automotive related businesses. Registration deadline July 10. Call Ron Riegel at 620-4818.

POW-MIA flag raising ceremony is being planned at the Vienna Post Office for 10 a.m. Friday, September 18, which is National POW-MIA Recognition Day. The flag is a symbol of the nation's commitment to service men and women held prisoner of war or missing in action. Vienna Postmaster Al Miller invites all Vienna residents to attend the brief ceremony.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, will hold a pot luck luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 6. Call 352-0857 for meeting location and more information.

One Act Festival, featuring the Encore Players and the Vienna Theatre Company, will be presented upstairs at Marco Polo Restaurant, 245 Maple Ave., W., June 12, 13, 19 and 20. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7:45 p.m. and show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$28 each or \$25 each for groups of eight or more. For information and reservations, call 866-5333.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. invites all Vietnam-era and Gulf War veterans and friends to attend the June 18 meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center beginning at 7:30 p.m. Roy Houttekier, who served on the USCG Chase, will speak about "Operation Market Time," a joint Navy and Coast Guard action that reduced enemy supplies by sea to a trickle. For more information, call 255-0353 or visit the web page at www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305.

Congratulations to Navy Federal Credit Union, located in the Vienna Technology Park, which recently received the Corporate Volunteer in Education Award for its Business/School Partnership with Thoreau Middle School. The award was presented by the Volunteer Center of Fair-

fax County for Navy Federal's sponsorship of the Latino mentor program, Navy reader program, pen pal program for the mildly retarded and English as a Second Language students, and especially the "Flat Henry" program, which teaches students about geography with the assistance of Navy Federal's worldwide member service centers.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. For those who have participated in the past, please leave publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of each month *only* from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call project chairman Florence Roseborough at 281-2498 for information.

Vienna Photographic Society meets at the Vienna Community Center on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m., September through June, and is open to everyone with an interest in photography. On June 3, nature photographer, writer, and workshop instructor Jim Clark will present a musical/slide program entitled "A Natural Celebration." For more information, call Sharon Connolly at 250-9048.

Northeast Vienna Citizens Association will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, at the Vienna Community Center. The group will discuss the Northside Property Yard project and Beulah Road reconstruction. Election of association officers will also be held. All interested citizens are welcome to attend, and Beanie Babies will be offered as door prizes.

Amateur radio licensing course, sponsored by the Vienna Wireless Society, will be held at Patrick Henry Library beginning on Tuesday, June 16, from 7 to 9 p.m. Everyone with an interest in amateur "ham" radio, young or old, is welcome to attend. Upon completion of the course, students will be prepared to take the amateur radio

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 could receive a discount on their car insurance.

Bocce (lawn bowling) tournament 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 10. Free of charge; register at least a day in advance. The object of the game is to roll the bocce ball closest to the palina or target ball. In case of rain, the tournament will be played inside.

Pickleball tournament 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 24. This will be a doubles-only competition with partners chosen at random and prizes awarded to the winners. Free of charge; registration required at least two days in advance.

Let's go bowling on Thursday, June 18, at 1 p.m. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$5. Participants carpool from the Community Center to the bowling alley. Space is limited, so register early.

Free blood pressure check Wednesday, June 10, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members of The Medical Team will be available to check your blood pressure.

Ongoing free activities for seniors: The "Walking Wonders" walk along the W&OD Trail each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, leaving from the Community Center at 8 a.m. during warm summer weather. Set your own pace and enjoy the exercise, fresh air and companionship.

Crafts social meets each Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. The group works on a variety of projects to be used as gifts or to decorate the home.

Personal history class gives seniors the opportunity to record the story of their lives for children, grandchildren, and generations to come. The class is for both experienced writers and beginners, and is held each Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free of charge but registration required.

Pickleball games are played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Pickleball, a cross between tennis and badminton, is easy to learn and

can be played by anyone regardless of athletic ability.

Bocce (lawn bowling) is played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. The object of the game is to roll the bocce ball closest to the palina or target ball. Bocce can be played indoors or out by singles, doubles, or teams of four.

Fitness class each Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Exercises are designed to help build physical endurance, and the program is paced according to the participant's age and physical condition.

Table tennis Tuesdays 12:15–1:15 p.m. Players of all ability levels welcome.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center, located in the basement of the Vienna Community Center, is open during the school year on weekdays from 3 to 7 p.m. Beginning June 22, summer hours will be 12 noon 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 are scheduled on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5:30 p.m. The Teen Center is always staffed by employees of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department.

Battle of the Bands for students in grades 9–12 will be held on Friday, June 12, from 9 to 11:45 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be sold at Madison High School June 2 and 3. Any remaining tickets will be sold at the Community Center. Sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation,



WHAT ARE YOU DOING NEW YEAR'S EVE 1999?
MAKE YOUR RESOLUTION NOW
TO JOIN IN THE HOMETOWN CELEBRATION
BEING PLANNED TO RING IN THE YEAR 2000!
(Watch for details in future newsletters.)

Our summer recreation brochure is available on-line at the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us.

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

Father's Day Concert will be presented by the Vienna Community Band on Sunday, June 21, at 7 p.m. outside the Vienna Community Center. Free admission. Bring a picnic supper and a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a variety of classical and popular selections.

July 4th celebration booth spaces are still available for non-profit organizations and for private and commercial arts and crafts vendors. Registration forms are available at the Community Center. Application deadline June 19.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Health and Fitness Fair, free of charge to citizens of all ages, Saturday, June 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The fair will feature glaucoma, vision and hearing tests provided by the Lion's Club of Virginia District 24A. Tests will be scheduled every 15 minutes. Call Vienna Parks and Recreation to make an appointment. Additional health screenings, information booths and exercise classes will be provided by the following organizations: AARP Chapter 754, NARFE, The Medical Team, Family Chiropractic Center of Oakton, Sunrise at Hunter Mill, The Women's Center, Alzheimer's Association, Jazzercise (free class at 10:30 a.m.), Senior Fitness Exercise (free class at 12 noon), Mary Kay Cosmetics, and many more.

Fall co-ed softball league registration is underway. Games will be played weekday evenings at Southside Park beginning the week of August 24. The registration fee of \$400 per team includes 14 regular season double-header games, a double elimination tournament, umpire fees, softballs, score books and awards. A maximum of 16 teams will be accepted in the league on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adult summer tennis league begins July 14. Men's singles games will be played on Tuesdays and women's singles games on Thursdays at Glyndon Park. Each participant will play a minimum of seven matches during the season, with trophies awarded to the top finalists. The cost is \$8 for town residents. Registration deadline July 2.

Women's basketball league begins play August 24 through October on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Two divisions of four teams each will play a round-robin schedule, with all teams competing in a single-elimination championship tournament. To hold a spot, teams must submit a completed roster and team fee of \$400. Individuals are welcome to sign up as well.

SPORTS CAMPS FOR KIDS

Summer youth sports camps, held at various locations around town, teach kids the basic skills and fundamentals of baseball, basketball, tennis, softball, soccer, golf, lacrosse, field hockey, and football. Baseball, golf and tennis camps begin in June; other camps will be held throughout the summer. The cost is \$100 for all camps except tennis, which is \$75 per session, and golf, which is \$50. Discounts are available for multiple camps or for more than one family member.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

"An Introduction to Estate Planning" will be presented on Wednesday, June 3, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David G. Hoffman will discuss wills, trusts, life insurance, gifts, bequests, executors, guardians and more. This program is free of charge, but pre-registration is recommended.

"Be a Successful Investor" Monday, June 8, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Merrill Lynch Assistant Vice President Keats Nicoll will discuss how to use information to your advantage, how to recognize and avoid the destructive behavior that harms investors, and

how to develop the habits shared by the most successful investor. Free of charge; advance registration recommended.

Investment seminar June 11 and 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Kevin Davis of Washington Investment Corp., a frequent guest on WBZS radio, will discuss asset allocation, mutual funds, stocks and bonds, risk investing, IRA's, and more. Free of charge; registration required.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Auditions for the Vienna Youth Players' summer musicals, "The Further Adventures of Maide Marian" and "A Tale of Sleeping Beauty," will be held June 2 and 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Call to arrange an audition time. Children should dress comfortably and come prepared to sing a song of their choice. The production is scheduled for August.

Summer Playground Program for children aged 6-12 is held on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Session I is scheduled June 22-July 10, and Session II July 13-31. Supervised activities will include arts and crafts, games and races, and special events. The cost per session for town residents is \$60 per child. In-town youngsters will be given priority registration through June 16.

BUS TRIPS

Enjoy a day at the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, June 18. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about midnight. The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline June 11.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, will be held on Monday and Tuesday, June 22 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person and advance registration is required. The course

license examination. The only cost to students is the \$15 textbook. For more information, call 534-3905.

Open house/demonstration meeting for prospective members will be hosted by the Unity of Fairfax Toastmasters Club on Tuesday, June 9, from 7:15 to 8 p.m. at Hill House, Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Rd. in Oakton. A reception will follow. The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and welcomes new members and guests who are interested in improving their speaking skills. For more information, call 391-7418.

Green Hedges School first graders invite the Vienna community to attend their class play on Thursday, June 4, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Kilmer Hall, 415 Windover Ave., N.W. Admission is free. For more information, call the school at 938-8323.

Coffee house/open mike at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, June 6. 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. Free admission. For more information, call the church office, 938-3494.

Patrick Henry Library offers activities for pre-schoolers, school age children, and adults. At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 9, adult patrons are invited to learn how to use the latest technology in the job search. Jim and Robbie Kaplan will discuss using the Internet, electronic and scannable resumes, finding job sites, and options for applying for jobs on-line. This activity is free of charge but registration is required. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

1998 Fairfax Fair will be held June 5-7 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Admission at the gate is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages 2-12, and free of charge for children under age 2. Free parking and shuttle bus service will be available at Fair Oaks Shopping Center and on Fair Lakes Circle. The fair will include music, arts and crafts, carnival rides, fireworks, food, car show, children's activities, and more. For information, call 324-FAIR or visit the website at www.ffcfair.org/events.

"Magnificent White Oak" Is Vienna's Oldest Tree

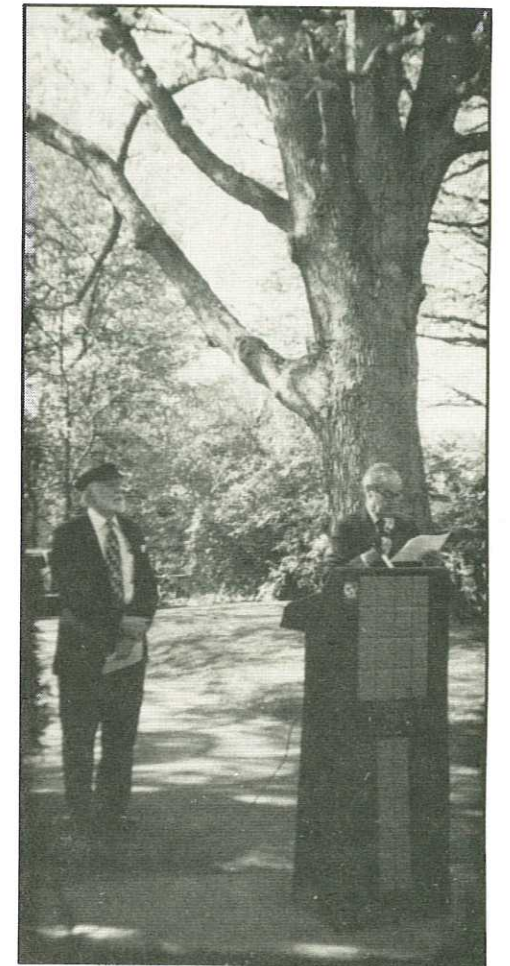
A 320-year old white oak located at 802 Marjorie Ln., S.E., was honored as the town's oldest tree in a ceremony held April 25. A plaque near the tree was unveiled, which reads, "This magnificent white oak before you began its life around 1680 and is believed to be the oldest tree in Vienna."

Coming in second in age among over 100 trees nominated for oldest is a 290-year old pignut hickory at 121 Carter Ct., S.W. The remaining eight oldest trees, all white oaks, are at 803 Park St., S.E., 271 years; 602 Upham Pl., N.W., 260 years; 311 Valeview Ct., N.W., 256 years; 441 Glyndon St., N.E., 250 years; 117 Courthouse Rd., S.W., 247 years; Meadow Lane Park, 245 years; 432 Druid Hill Rd., N.E., 237 years; and Navy Federal Credit Union, 236 years.

Councilman Bob McCormick, chairman of the Oldest Tree Committee, thanks committee members Patty Polychrones, Steve Bukont and Michael Wheat, and Town employees Mark Allen and Adam Levy for their work on this project. The committee thanks the following Vienna businesses for their donations to the ceremony: Brooke Rental Center, Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, Dunkin Donuts, and Manhattan Bagel.

The ceremony included remarks by Mayor Charles Robinson, historian Mayo Stuntz, and town resident Jean Pierre Osterwalder; songs from the Madison High School Madrigals and students from Louise Archer, Green Hedges and Marshall Road Elementary Schools; and a recitation of Joyce Kilmer's "Trees" by the poet's great-grandson, Timothy Hunter Kilmer.

Job hunter's forum will be presented at the Women's Center, 133 Park St., N.E., on Wednesday, June 10, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Career counselor Donna Brand will lead this informal session for active job seekers, offering help on resume writing, job interview preparation, and stress management. The cost for the program is \$5 per person; no registration required. For more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 281-2657.



Mayor Charles Robinson, who was emcee for the oldest tree ceremony, stands in front of the giant white oak. At his left is historian Mayo Stuntz, who also spoke at the ceremony.

SVA (South Vienna Association) will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 10, at the Vienna Community Center. All citizens are welcome to attend. The guest speaker will be Dot Dixon of CHO (Committee for Helping Others). Learn how CHO serves the needy in our community and what you can do to help CHO. For more information or to join SVA, call Edythe Frankel at 242-7651.

Town Employees Honored for Outstanding Service

Twelve Town of Vienna employees and three employee groups received 1997 Outstanding Performance Awards in a ceremony held recently at the Vienna Community Center. These annual awards recognize employees not only for their exemplary job performance, but also for their extra efforts in service to the public that go beyond the scope of their normal duties. Nominations from each department are reviewed by an impartial panel of judges, who make the final selection of award winners. The contributions of this year's winners, as expressed by their supervisors, are summarized on these two pages.

Denise Rose Adams, Administrative Secretary, Planning and Zoning Department. Last year when the department had two vacancies on its staff, Denise worked many weekends to cover the shortage. This work was WELL outside her secretarial duties and required her to patrol the town in a pickup truck, collecting illegal signs from the streets and telephone poles. She regularly worked through lunch to ensure the office had adequate coverage. She also helps keep the phone book recycling center clean on weekends without being asked. On very short notice she has covered night meetings for boards and commissions that are not her regular responsibility, and she frequently works after hours to help citizens meet filing deadlines for various zoning applications.

Carole Cole, Administrative Secretary, Criminal Investigations Division, Police Department. Carole possesses a special aptitude for creating and streamlining records and filing systems, increasing the efficiency of the department. Her new system for arrest files combines two sets of arrest records into one, saving time and eliminating duplicate records. She has also created a filing system for the department's efforts toward attaining state and national accreditation, and she initiated a more effective way of filing investigation case files by number rather than name. This will save much time at the end of each year when the previous year's case files are combined with central records. During 1997 Carole took on the additional task of helping to plan the department's 50th anniversary celebration.

Ricky Denny, Maintenance Worker IV, General Maintenance Division, Public Works Department. He is the consummate co-worker and, more important, he has a wonderful rapport with the residents of Vienna with whom he comes in contact on the job. In the course of a conversation with Ricky, an irate citizen slowly loosens up and often walks away contented with a situation that had him fuming just minutes before.

Ricky is truly a jack-of-all-trades – he paints, he fixes, he builds – but his specialty is concrete work. Ricky seems to work magic with a tool as simple as a trowel, masterfully finishing the roughest of jobs with confidence and competence.

Earl Fishback, Supervisor, Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Division, Public Works Department. Although they work with and around equipment such as arc welders, cutting torches, hazardous chemicals, high-pressure hydraulic systems, and all types of power tools, this division has stayed injury and accident free, in large measure due to Earl's promotion of safety procedures among the mechanics. He works through lunch to make repairs to equipment so that the other division crews can return to work when their lunch breaks are over with no down time. He has the ability to repair parts on vehicles and equipment that would normally be replaced, thus saving tax dollars and reducing down time waiting on parts.

Louis K. Forges, Master Police Officer, Patrol Division, Police Department. Lou led the division in arrests in 1997. Many of the 83 arrests he made were for narcotics violations. Lou pursues drug dealers and users with a fervor that sets the standard for his fellow officers. His experience allows him to be alert to subtle tell-tale signs that suggest drug use, and he uses aggressive patrol techniques and simple common sense to effect narcotics arrests and help keep drugs off Vienna's streets. While Lou is tough on crime, he is also helpful and compassionate to citizens in distress and has received many commendations for his humanitarian acts.

Kevin Jester, Maintenance Worker IV, General Maintenance Division, Public Works Department. When repairing concrete in the summer, Kevin operates the back-hoe with such skill that one might believe it is his third arm. As the concrete is poured, it seems Kevin blurs and is every-

where at once, doing the job of two or even three men. In addition to his regular hours, Kevin is also "duty man" every four weeks, responding to water main breaks and other emergencies whenever they occur, which often includes mealtimes, family holidays, and the middle of the night. Kevin quickly and compassionately responds to citizens at these times of crisis, giving them faith in "the system."

Edward Lane, Equipment Operator II, Sanitation Division, Public Works Department. During the spring and summer months, in addition to the regular trash collection, a large amount of brush and other yard waste is collected. Edward often works alone picking up the yard waste, which enables the other sanitation workers to pick up the trash without having to repeat the route after emptying the truck at the dump. If the crews had to cover the route a second time to get the brush and yard waste, there would often be times when they could not complete the job during regular work hours. Thus, Edward is saving the Town a substantial amount of money in overtime pay.

Daniel A. Marcey, Lieutenant, Property/Evidence Division, Police Department. In the spring of 1997, Dan voluntarily gave up a very prestigious and coveted assignment as Supervisor of the Traffic Squad to take on the difficult and time-consuming responsibility of managing the department's process of obtaining state and federal accreditation. During this process of writing up policies, procedures and regulations, Dan realized that the installation of additional software in a scanning computer would enable it to re-write the department's General Orders, making the process more efficient and greatly reducing the need to task other department personnel with large amounts of data entry.

Ernest Powers, Maintenance Worker III, Water and Sewer Division, Public Works Department. Ernie came to the



The Administrative Division, Public Works Department, received an Outstanding Performance Award for 1997. Last fall, the Town's Director of Public Works resigned and the position was vacant for nearly three months. During this time, the administrative staff combined their skills, knowledge and efforts to ensure the continued smooth operation of the office. And they didn't just carry on with the day-to-day activities; they also initiated new programs. When snow was forecast, the group prepared and had printed meal tickets, contacted local restaurants, and established charge accounts so crews would be able to eat any time of the day or night. The outstanding members of the Public Works Department Administrative Division are (left to right) Ed Rish, Joy Pelzel, Mike Bomgardner and Jeannette Brasek.

Water and Sewer Division with more than 12 years experience in the field, and he has taken on equipment operations normally performed by higher grade employees and repair duties requiring considerable plumbing expertise. His has been instrumental in troubleshooting and diagnosing appropriate repairs in several emergencies in which commercial establishments were out of water. In one case, he suggested a means by which temporary repairs were made to Westwood Country Club's water lateral which allowed service to be restored in time for the club to serve dinner.

Beverly M. Simmons, Administrative Secretary, Police Department. Last year Bev assumed the leadership of a number of special activities. 1997 was the 50th anniversary of the Vienna Police Department, and Bev's efforts were instrumental to the successful completion of several events

associated with this anniversary. These included the development of a 50th anniversary yearbook, a dinner dance, employee picnics, and decorating headquarters with police memorabilia for an open house. In addition to the anniversary activities, Bev coordinated the department's involvement in the annual "Santa's Ride for Children," a program to gather toys for seriously ill children at Christmas.

Julia Smith, Executive Secretary, Mayor's Office. During her first year as the Mayor's secretary, Julia introduced a number of improvements. These include a rolodex of persons and organizations likely to be called by the Mayor, computerization and updating of names and addresses of Mayor's Advisory Committee members, and a printed schedule of the Mayor's activities for the coming week. While using the latest technology to improve productivity, Julia also

recognizes the value of giving personal attention to citizens and government officials. And she is totally positive and professional in dealing with the public, especially difficult people and vexatious phone calls.

Jennifer L. Steingasser, Senior Planner, Planning and Zoning Department. Thanks to Jennifer's efforts in 1997, the Town will receive \$3,000 for the purchase of new hardware to augment and update its Geographic Information Systems (GIS) equipment, and \$124,000 to be used in constructing brick sidewalks connecting Maple Avenue and Church Street. Jennifer also assisted the Parks and Recreation Department in writing its grant application for trail construction in Wildwood Park, which received \$17,000 in funding. Also, Jennifer developed an improved zoning violation form for use in the field and transferred much of the clerical work to the secretarial staff, allowing the inspection staff to spend more time enforcing the zoning code.

"B" Squad, Patrol Division, Police Department. All outstanding individuals in their own right, the four officers and one dispatcher comprising "B" Squad are also an outstanding team. Among the officers on "B" Squad you will find high levels of proficiency in all phases of police work, which results in solid arrests and air-tight court cases. And the dispatcher is of great importance in maintaining the cohesion of the squad. All of them have received numerous awards and letters of commendation. The outstanding members of "B" Squad are Officers Melissa Borja, Gary Lose, Jamie Smith and David Stein, and Dispatcher Connie Williams.

Parks Maintenance Division, Parks and Recreation Department. During 1997 this division had an extraordinary year in conserving taxpayer dollars through a combination of its own efforts, the effective use of volunteers and "free labor" provided through the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department Work Release Program, and donated materials and supplies. With this assistance, the Parks Maintenance Division was able to keep up with a heavy work load while saving \$8,000 in part-time wages normally used to hire extra employees during the summer. The outstanding employees in the Parks Maintenance Division are Ron Crawford, Roger Hedge, John King, Billy Penny, Warren Reid and Herbie Runyon.