

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

APRIL 1989 — At its April 3 meeting, the Town Council adopted a resolution in support of the rezoning of the Virginia Center property near the Vienna Metrorail Station, which was recently enacted by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Instead of a high-rise office building and four high-rise apartment buildings, there will be two office buildings facing the station and 153 residential townhouses. Moreover, there will be no application for high-rise commercial rezoning on the adjacent 10 acres, which will also be developed in townhouses.

APRIL 1979 — At its April 2 meeting, the Town Council will consider a petition to pave and open Church Street from Lawyers Road to Pleasant Street. The petition by residents of the Windover Heights area asks that Church Street be opened in order to accommodate traffic that will be generated by the new 301 Tower Building on Maple Avenue and channel it away from the residential area, and to delineate more clearly the boundary between the commercial and residential zones.

APRIL 1969 — The plot of vacant land on Maple Avenue between Hawthorne's Drugstore and Center Street on one side and the Vienna Inn on the other is being graded and will be planted with greenery this spring as a temporary park. Although the land is privately owned, the Town has permission to make some improvements, on what has been an eyesore on the main street.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE 255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE 255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP 255-5727

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

Designated Streets For Truck Use

YOUR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMISSION REMINDS YOU

Trucks having a registered gross weight in excess of 7,500 pounds must use the truck routes designated within the town limits:

- When entering Vienna from the east or west – Maple Avenue
- When entering Vienna from the south – Park Street, S.E., and Nutley Street, S.W., to Maple Avenue
- When entering Vienna from the north – Beulah Road, N.E., to Maple Avenue

In addition to these designated truck routes, the following streets and not others are to be used for truck traffic:

- Church Street between Lawyers Road, N.W., and Park Street, N.E.
- Center Street, N., between Maple Avenue and Church Street
- Mill Street, N.E., from Maple Avenue to its northern terminus
- Glyndon Street, S.E., between Maple Avenue and Locust Street
- Branch Road, S.E., between Maple Avenue and Locust Street
- Dominion Road, N.E., from Church Street to its northern terminus
- Follin Lane, S.E., from Maple Avenue to Electric Avenue to the town limits



Town Budget Preview

A look at the proposed Town of Vienna budget for fiscal year 2000 is included on pages 5-8 of this newsletter. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public review in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall and at Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call 255-6350.

Bond Issue Hearing

At its April 5 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed 1999 bond issue. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. If approved, an estimated \$5,000,000 in general obligation bonds would be issued to fund Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project, traffic signal system upgrade, street improvements, water main cleaning and lining, water tank rehabilitation, improvements to the Community Center and Nutley Street property yard, and other major public improvements.

BPOL Tax Due May 3

The deadline for filing business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) returns this year is May 3. All town businesses, including home occupations, should receive license tax forms in the mail this month. Forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall. For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 255-6321.

NEWSLETTER

April 1999

Curbside Collection of Cardboard, Mixed Paper Begins April 1

Great news for Town of Vienna recyclers! Beginning April 1, Vienna residents may begin to recycle cardboard and "mixed paper" (magazines, catalogs, junk mail, telephone books) at the curb along with their other recyclables.

The Town currently collects newspaper, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, and metal food and beverage cans. These will continue to be collected as usual.

The cardboard and mixed paper may be included with newspaper. **CARDBOARD MUST BE FLATTENED and may be either bundled or placed in paper bags.** No "peanuts," styrofoam packing, or plastic wrap should be left in any cardboard box. Peanuts may be taken to local mailing or packaging businesses.

Glass, plastic, and metal recyclables must be placed in plastic bags for curbside collection.

In addition to the convenience of expanded curbside recycling, it is estimated that 100 tons of mixed paper will be diverted from the waste stream, creating a potential savings of \$3,600 each year in disposal fees. Also, the Town will no longer need to rent and service the bin for telephone books in the Giant Food parking lot, saving approximately \$3,900 annually.

For more information, call Vienna Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Steingasser at 255-6341.

Car Tag Deadline April 15

1999 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals are available by mail and in the Finance Department at Town Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 for passenger cars and trucks weighing under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles. Decals must be displayed by midnight April 15.

Additional hours for last-minute car tag sales have been scheduled in the Finance Department at Town Hall on Saturday, April 10, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesday and Thursday, April 14 and 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 255-6323.

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. The County Department of Tax Administration mailed 1999 Personal Property Filing Notices in February. If you still own the vehicle listed on your notice, and all of the information is correct, you do not need to do anything else at this time. You will be billed this summer, with payment due October 5. If any of the information on the form is incorrect, write the correct information on the form and send it back immediately. If you own a vehicle not listed on the form, contact the Department of Tax Administration as soon as possible at 222-8234.

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Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799
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8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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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.

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)

Town Election Day May 4

Vienna's annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 4. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Town elections are non-partisan, and Town Council members are elected at large.

This year, incumbent Council members Vincent J. Olson, Michael J. Polychrones, and M. Jane Seeman are seeking reelection to two-year terms beginning July 1. W. Samuel Althoff is a Council candidate for the first time.

For election results, call the Vienna Newslite, 255-6333, one to two hours after the polls close on May 4, or visit the Town's website at www.ci.vienna.va.us.

Voters who will be out of town on election day or who are physically unable to go to the polls may request an absentee ballot from the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office. Call 222-0776 for information.

Voter Registration Deadline April 5

Monday, April 5, is the last day to register to vote in the May 4 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.

Town Council Candidates Night

All Vienna voters are invited to attend the Southwest Vienna Citizens Association Candidates Night on Wednesday, April 21, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Elementary School. Each of the four Town Council candidates will be given the opportunity to address the group and answer questions.

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 May issue is Thursday, April 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.)



W. SAMUEL ALTHOFF is seeking election to the Town Council for the first time. He has served as an officer of the Southwest Vienna Citizens Association since 1994 and is also a Neighborhood Watch block captain. The father of three school-aged children, he is active in the Marshall Road Elementary and Thoreau Intermediate School PTA's. A Vienna resident since 1986, he lives at 600 Yeonas Dr., S.W., and works for the federal government as a computer specialist.

"During my 13 years in Vienna, I have been actively involved in keeping the small-town atmosphere we all enjoy. In addition, I have coached and currently referee Vienna Youth Soccer, and play in the adult soccer league.

"As a board member of the Southwest Vienna Citizens Association for over five years, I have had the privilege to see, first hand, the value of community involvement, the benefits of living in a small town, and the importance of a caring, responsive Town Council. I was a member of the second Vienna Metro Area Citizens Coalition (VMACC). The coalition brought together residents of Vienna and neighboring communities to defeat the proposed additional commercial development near the Vienna Metro Station. As a family man, I chose the small Town of Vienna to live in because residents can enjoy a walk or bike ride in safe, friendly neighborhoods and participate in myriad town activities.

"I have always loved to call the Town of Vienna my home. I would appreciate the opportunity to apply what I have learned to serve the citizens as a member of the Town Council. Please vote on May 4."

1999		April		1999		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Easter Daylight savings time begins	5 Town Council	6 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	7 Proposed FY 2000 budget available	8 Town/Business Liaison Committee	9 Good Friday	10
11	12 Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m.	13 Mayor's Advisory Committee	14 Planning Commission	15 Board of Architectural Review	16	17 Town Council budget work session 9 a.m.
18	19 Town Council	20	21 Board of Zoning Appeals	22 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	23	24 Town Council budget work session 9 a.m. (if needed)
25	26 Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m. (if needed)	27 Transportation Safety Commission	28 Planning Commission	29	30	

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

“Walk on the Hill” through lawns and gardens of homes in the Windover Heights Historic District 2–5 p.m. Sunday, April 25 (rain date May 2). Free admission. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and historic district residents. For more information, call 938-5187.

Free tax help for middle to low income taxpayers each Wednesday through April 14, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. at Crestar Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. Sponsored by AARP and the IRS. For more information, call 1-888-AARP NOW.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, at Neighbor’s Restaurant. Gary Powers, Jr., son of the U-2 pilot shot down over Russia in 1960, will discuss his effort to preserve Cold War history with a permanent museum. For more information, call 255-0353.

World War I posters and other memorabilia will be on display through April and May at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The old-fashioned general store and museum is open on Saturdays, 12 noon–4 p.m., and Sundays, 1–5 p.m.

Open house at the Vienna Railroad Station Saturday, March 13, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders invite the public to see an operating HO scale model railroad. Donations accepted. For more information, call 938-5157.

Vienna Arts Society gallery, 513 Maple Ave., W., in the Village Green Shopping Center, is open 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Friday and 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturdays. Stop by and see “Paintings for April Showers,” on display through May 2.

Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton monthly luncheon meeting 11:30 a.m. Thursday, April 1, at Chez Francois in Great Falls. Naturalist and wildlife rehabilitator Sherry Mitchell will speak on sanctuary gardening. For reservations and more information, call 938-9377.

Vienna Baseball Hall of Fame induction celebration 7–11:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Flame Room. Emcee Sam Savia will introduce the new inductees, Carter Gibson, Dave Gushee, Bill Hayden, Mike Ladd, Steve Segar, Dean Sissler, and the Yeonas Brothers. The evening will also include refreshments and dancing. Tickets are \$20 per person. Call Janet, 938-3507; Nan, 938-6962; or Hope, 573-1614.

Historic Vienna Inc. membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 22, at First Baptist Church. Connie and Mayo Stuntz will discuss their book *This Was Virginia 1900–1927*, and HVI’s Heritage Preservation Award will be presented to Theodore R. (Ted) Thomas, Sr. For more information, call 938-5187.

Your next job may be just a few keystrokes away at the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce on-line job bank. Visit the Chamber web site, www.viennacc.org, for job descriptions and information on how to apply.

Northern Virginia Seniors’ Softball Association, open to women aged 40+ and men aged 50+, begins play April 13, with regularly scheduled games on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For more information, call Dave Scheele, 524-5576, or Max Clay, 481-0200.

Spring cleaning? Don’t forget, your old magazines and paperback books 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. Call project chairman Florence Roseborough, 281-2498, for more information.

Community blood drive Friday, April 2, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. at Crestar Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. Sponsored by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce. To make an appointment and for more information, call the blood donor center at 698-3885.

Easter egg hunt 11 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. Kids aged 2–9 are invited to enjoy refreshments, singing and clowns. For more information, call 938-3494.

Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 8, at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St. Tom Powell, founder and director of the National Center for Floral Studies, will demonstrate the basic elements of floral design. For more information, call 534-4142.

South Vienna Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, at Vienna Elementary School. State Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Jeannemarie Devolites will discuss the 1999 Virginia General Assembly session. For more information, call Edythe Frankel at 242-7651.

Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna, an interfaith organization for people over 50 years old, will sponsor its next “Adventures in Learning” program April 15–June 3 at St. Mark’s Catholic Church on Vale Road. Classes are held on Thursdays from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and include Tai Chi, poetry workshop, creative writing, financial concerns for seniors, personal safety, and more. The cost is \$30, or \$20 with a yearly donation of \$25 to the Shepherd’s Center. For more information, call 281-0538.

Used books wanted for a sale to be held in June at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. 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 Geographic or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or Reader’s Digest condensed books. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., to benefit restoration of Moorefield, built in 1790 and the oldest house still standing in town. For more information, call 938-5187.



VINCENT J. OLSON was first elected to Council in 1976. A 42-year Vienna resident, he lives at 603 Valley Dr., S.E., and is a member of the Ayr Hill Lions Club and Historic Vienna, Inc. He recently retired as a distributor for *The Washington Post*.

“‘Vienna, My Home Town.’ Yes, you have heard me say that many times over the past 20+ years. I say it because I believe it. I have worked throughout my time on the Town Council to maintain the close-knit, small-town atmosphere that is Vienna. If you re-elect me, I shall continue this effort.

“The past two years have been exciting times for Vienna. The first phase of the Maple Avenue renovation is completed. The Community Center renovation will be completed this spring, and a volunteer-led effort to establish a Teen Center in the basement is going ahead. The volunteers have raised considerable funds to furnish the Teen Center. (Your contribution would be most welcome.) The Town Council has agreed to furnish \$50,000 for construction. This combination of volunteers and government working together is a perfect example of what makes Vienna such a wonderful place.

“In the next two years we must continue to work on traffic calming. There is also the need for sidewalk construction throughout town. Both the Transportation Safety Commission and Council have spent much time developing a schedule for this work. We have set aside more than \$400,000 for new sidewalks. And in the spring of 2000 we will start Phase II of the Maple Avenue renovation.

“As always I will work to maintain top quality services at affordable tax levels.

“I look forward to seeing you at the polls on May 4.”



MICHAEL J. POLYCHRONES was appointed to Council in 1996 and was elected to a full term in 1997. He is a member of the Vienna (Host) Lions Club and is a past president and life member of the Vienna Jaycees. He is Assistant Vice President, First Virginia Insurance Services, and lives at 1411 Patrick Cir., S.W.

“For the past 39 years I have called Vienna my home, and like most who have lived here for a while, I have seen many changes. Some of this change has been positive, but other changes have left Vienna with serious challenges.

“I and my Town Council colleagues have taken steps toward addressing these issues. Certain traffic calming measures have been implemented and others will be soon. I have voted for increases in funding for sidewalk construction and will continue to support additional funding for the Police Department to keep our neighborhoods the safest in Northern Virginia. The new Teen Center, as proposed, will provide a safe and positive environment. In addition to addressing current issues, I still feel that a long-range plan or vision for our town is important and will continue to work toward that goal because I want Vienna to remain a great place in which to live and raise our families.

“I will continue working to keep the balance between growth and modernization and maintaining Vienna’s small-town character. It is the most important part of being a Council member and I will not shrink from this responsibility. This is the town I grew up in, the town I love, and I will work to keep it that way for everyone. I would appreciate your support and your vote on May 4.”



M. JANE SEEMAN was appointed to Council in 1996 and was elected to a full term in 1997. She has been a town resident for over 30 years at 600 Blackstone Terr., N.W. She currently serves on the Fairfax County Library Board of Trustees and is Vice President of the ViVa! Vienna! Town Festival. She is a member of Historic Vienna, Inc., the Ayr Hill Garden Club, and the Friends of Patrick Henry Library, where she has volunteered well over 1,000 hours. She recently retired as director of the Vienna Community Center preschool program.

“This is an exciting and challenging time in which to live in Vienna. Many projects are underway or have been successfully completed such as the first phase of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project and the Vienna Community Center renovation. We are moving forward with photo red light monitors at three intersections, traffic calming measures, and a sidewalk building program.

“Sewer and water lines are constantly monitored, and are relined and replaced as needed. Our street maintenance program is ongoing. Our curbside recycling program has been expanded. We are also planning a New Year’s Eve celebration for everyone to welcome in the Year 2000.

“Finding funds for these and other projects is challenging, and the Town Council is committed to making prudent decisions based on your needs and wants. I am committed to bringing you the services you want while keeping costs. I am committed to serving you to the best of my ability. I am committed to listening to you and working for you. Please remember to vote May 4.”

Beauty Spot
from Your Community
Enhancement Commission

"Adopt-A-Spot"

Adopt-A-Spot is a Town beautification program being implemented by the Community Enhancement Commission and the Parks and Recreation Department. Organizations and individuals are invited to make a two-year commitment to regular cleanup of an area such as neighborhood roadsides, parks, and school grounds. For more information about adopting a spot, call Vienna Parks and Recreation, 255-6360.

The Vienna Stars Pathfinders, a youth group that meets at the Vienna Seventh Day Adventist Church, is leading the way in the Adopt-A-Spot program. Since late last summer, the Pathfinders have been picking up litter each Sunday along Courthouse Road between Nutley Street and Maple Avenue.

Trim Those Branches

Residents are reminded to keep tree branches, shrubs, vines, and hedges trimmed so that they do not obstruct the view of motorists or endanger pedestrians or bicyclists using sidewalks. A good standard to follow is to keep shrubs and hedges cut back 6" from the edge of the sidewalk and tree limbs elevated to an overhead height of 8'-10'.

The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for monitoring and enforcing this ordinance. Violations may be reported by calling 255-6360.

The Community Enhancement Commission is interested in efforts made by other communities in Virginia to improve the appearance of their commercial, industrial, public, and residential areas. Citizens are requested to submit comments and suggestions to Chairwoman Patricia Polychrones, c/o Town Clerk, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180

**Sewer Backups Are Costly!
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. 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.

Summer Jobs Available

The Town of Vienna has a limited number of openings in the Public Works Department for temporary seasonal laborers beginning in May. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (plus occasional weekend and holiday work for parks employees). The salary is \$7 per hour.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor, and work a minimum of six weeks. Apply in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, or call 255-6350 for more information.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in February:

Asia Research Associates (consulting) 405 Center St., N. 242-7840	Walker Cleaning Services 468 West St., N.W. 328-6507	Sunburst Deck Co. (deck work) 1205 Cottage St., S.W. 938-9658
<i>New ownership:</i> The Dress Code 125 Church St., N.E. 242-3929	Production Strategies, Inc. (consulting) 104 Yeonas Dr., S.W. 281-7377	Business Modeling Techniques, Inc. (computer software development/consulting) 380 Maple Ave., W. #302 319-9890
Anvicom (communications) 380 Maple Ave., W. #101 242-7204	James Gill (DJ) 306 Tapawingo Rd., S.W. 281-7008	Ellen Kilman (consulting) 600 Longview Ct., N.E. 255-3861
Robert James (commercial writing) 718 Upham Pl., N.W. 281-2877	Ivy Marie Ellis (child care) 540 Orchard St., N.W. 319-9335	

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

Vienna Theatre Company presents "The Foreigner" April 30, May 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 8 p.m. and May 2 (signed performance) and 9 at 2 p.m. (Please note, these dates differ from those in the spring brochure.) Tickets \$8 general admission, \$7 for students and senior citizens.

Quarterly stamp and coin show April 24 and 25. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. About 15 stamp dealers and 45 coin dealers will participate. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club.

FAMILY FUN

Friday family skate night at Meadow Lane Park April 9-May 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Admission 50¢ per person. Bring your own equipment. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Enjoy a movie outdoors at Glyndon Park at 7:45 p.m. Friday, April 23. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Call for information on which "G" or "PG" rated film is scheduled. Parents are required to stay with their children during the show.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Investment workshop April 1 and 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Town Hall. Kevin Davis of Washington Investment Corp. will discuss both long-term and short-term stock investing. Free of charge; registration required.

"Managing Your Taxes" Wednesday, April 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will

discuss tax deferral, tax-free income, and IRA's. Free of charge; registration required.

BUS TRIPS

Enjoy a day at the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, April 22. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about 11 p.m. \$30 per person; includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline April 15.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk Sunday, May 2. Set your own pace and enjoy the view along the 4.3-mile long bridge. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 7 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for transportation; no charge for the walk. Space is limited, so register early.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Specialty volleyball clinics 7:30-10:30 p.m. April 13, 15 and 20 for beginner/intermediate players, April 22, 27 and 29 for intermediate/advanced players. Skills covered will include passing, setting and spiking. \$15 per person per clinic. Co-sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Volleyball/Off the Net Volleyball Store.

Adult spring tennis league begins April 20. 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 April 9 or until full.

Tennis classes for both adults and children begin the week of April 19. Classes will be held twice a week for six weeks at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. The cost is \$30 for town residents.

JUST FOR TEENS

See the Cherry Blossom Parade in Washington, D.C., followed by paddle boating on the Tidal Basin on Saturday, April 10. Meet at the Vienna Metro station at 10 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. Participants must bring at least \$10 to cover the Metro fare and paddle boat rental, a bag lunch, and any extra spending money. Advance registration required.

POTPOURRI

"Personal Safety for Women," will be held in four parts, April 5, 7, 12 and 14, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Crestar Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department will provide basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures in addition to physical self-defense techniques. \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee. Please wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes.

TOWN OF VIENNA YEAR 2000 CELEBRATION!!!
New Year's Eve - December 31, 1999
in & around the Vienna Community Center
FREE FAMILY FUN!!!
"Oldies" band ♦ dance band playing all types of music ♦
line dancing ♦ food vendors ♦ Teen Center open ♦
For the kids - clowns, juggler, magician, sing-along, videos & more
FIREWORKS DISPLAY AT MIDNIGHT!!!
Bring your family and friends, dress up or come casual
No tickets or reservations required

Cost of Living – Town v. County

The following comparisons of the cost of living in Vienna versus Fairfax County are based on the assumptions listed below:

1. Vienna property tax rate of 31¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation.
2. "Blended" federal income tax rate of 22.87% and "blended" Virginia rate of 5.45%.
3. Average monthly electric bill of \$75.
4. Average monthly gas bill of \$50.
5. Average monthly telephone bill of \$25.
6. Two cars registered with Town.
7. Two special trash pickups per year.
8. County resident is part of leaf collection and community center district.

ASSESSED VALUATION OF \$219,675 (median market value in town)

Description	Town of Vienna	Fairfax County
Town Real Estate Tax	\$ 680.99	\$ 0.00
LESS Federal & Virginia Tax Deduction	-192.89	-0.00
Utility Tax – Electric ¹	36.00	48.00
Utility Tax – Gas ¹	36.00	48.00
Utility Tax – Telephone ²	36.00	66.60
Vehicle Sticker ³	45.00	50.00
Leaf Pickup/Community Center ⁴	0.00	65.90
LESS Federal & Virginia Tax Deduction	-0.00	-18.67
Special Trash Pickups ⁵	0.00	100.00
Trash/Recyclables Pickup ⁶	0.00	300.00
Mulch delivery ⁷	0.00	30.00
TOTAL ANNUAL COST	\$641.10	\$689.84
ANNUAL SAVINGS	\$ 48.73	

¹ Town rate 20% of first \$15; County rate 8% of first \$50.

² Town rate 20% of first \$15; County rate 22.2% of first \$50.

³ "Blended" rate, as Vienna charges \$20 or \$25 based on vehicle weight.

⁴ County residents in leaf collection districts are charged an additional 1¢ and county residents in community center districts a minimum of 2¢ annually per \$100 of assessed valuation.

⁵ Estimated at \$50 per pickup.

⁶ Private hauler rates average \$25 per month for weekly trash and recyclables collection.

⁷ Mulch delivery charges by lawn and garden retailers estimated at \$30.

ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT COMPARISONS

\$175,000 assessed valuation	\$541.84 Town of Vienna \$680.23 Fairfax County	Savings = \$138.39
\$200,000 assessed valuation	\$597.39 Town of Vienna \$685.61 Fairfax County	Savings = \$88.22
\$250,000 assessed valuation	\$708.48 Town of Vienna \$696.36 Fairfax County	Cost = \$12.13

No dollar value has been assigned to certain advantages to living in town, such as the rapid response of the Police Department; prompt and efficient snow removal; extra recreation opportunities; local control over land use, streets and sidewalks; responsive local elected officials and staff; and the enhanced sense of community enjoyed by in-town residents.

Town Has Top Bond Rating

The Town of Vienna's general obligation bonds are rated "Aa2" by the Rating Committee of Moody's Investors Service. This is the highest bond rating attainable by a local government the size of Vienna, and one that has been achieved by less than 10% of all jurisdictions nationwide.

This rating enables the Town to sell bonds at more favorable interest rates compared to those of municipalities not so rated, resulting in substantial savings for Vienna taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

Moody's noted that its high rating is based on Vienna's location and economic base, overall debt capacity, healthy financial condition, and relatively rapid retirement of debt. Standard & Poor's financial analysts have also given Vienna a high bond rating.

To protect its excellent credit rating, the Town Council has adhered to a policy of keeping a low ratio of net debt to market value of taxable property, and a ratio of debt service to general fund disbursements below 10%.

The Town of Vienna borrows money by issuing tax-free general obligation bonds to finance major capital projects such as construction of new buildings, water and sewer system improvements, and upgrading of park facilities. Bond financing spreads the cost of these capital projects over a period of many years, rather than charging the full cost to today's taxpayers.

VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Town of Vienna, Virginia A Look at the Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 1999–2000



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

We were directed by the Town Council to craft a budget that, while continuing all services and expanding our recycling program, requires no increase in the real estate property tax rate. The proposed budget for FY 1999–2000 meets this goal even though many of our revenue sources have not increased to any substantial degree.

The proposed FY 1999–2000 budget is based on a real estate property tax rate of 31¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation — the same rate as in FY 1998–99 — but it does represent a 2.45% effective tax rate increase. The effect of this rate will vary by property but, on average, Vienna taxpayers should see a small increase in their Vienna real estate tax bill equivalent to approximately \$2 per month.

We have been able to produce a budget with no increase in the tax rate in large part due to personnel reductions made during FY 1997–98. We have reduced the Town workforce from 165.5 employees in FY 1997–98 to 161.6 employees in the proposed budget — a reduction of 3.9 full-time equivalent positions.

The proposed Water and Sewer Budget, if adopted as presented, requires no rate increase. We have been able to control our expenses to the extent that no change to any of the rates (either in or out of town) is necessary. We will also be able to fund our share of the improvements to the Fairfax County Wastewater Treatment Plant as rates were increased in FY 1998–99 for this purpose.

Sincerely,
John H. Schoeberlein
John H. Schoeberlein

FY 1999–2000 BUDGET CALENDAR

Monday, April 12	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 17	Budget work session, 9 a.m.
Saturday, April 24	Budget work session, 9 a.m. (if needed)
Monday, April 26	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m. (if needed)
Monday, May 17	Public hearing on proposed budget, 8 p.m.
Monday, May 24	Budget work session to discuss public hearing comments, 8 p.m. (if needed)
Monday, June 7	Budget adoption & appropriation of funds

All meetings held at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S.
For more information, call the Administrative Services Office, 703-255-6350.

Glossary of Budget Terms

Budget – A specific plan which identifies the program of operations for the fiscal year, states the expenditures required to meet the program, and identifies the revenues necessary to finance it. The annual Town budget is established by the Town Council by resolution.

Debt Service Fund – The fund in which transactions related to the payment of interest and principal on the Town's long-term debt are housed.

Expenditure – A decrease in net financial resources. These include payment in cash for current operating expenses, debt service and capital outlays.

Fiscal Year – The year running from July 1 through June 30, designated by the calendar year in which it ends.

General Fund – Accounts for the general operations of the Town. This fund accounts for all financial transactions and resources not required to be accounted in an enterprise fund.

Licenses & Permits – Documents issued to regulate businesses and other activity. A degree of inspection may accompany the issuing of a license or permit, as in the case of building permit, and in most instances a fee is charged, generally to cover all or part of the cost of administration.

Reserve – An account used either to set aside budgeted revenues that are not required for expenditure in the current budget year or to earmark revenues for a specific future purpose.

Revenue – An increase in assets or financial resources which does not represent an increased liability, a repayment of an expenditure already made, a cancellation of certain liabilities, or an increase in contributed capital.

Water & Sewer Fund – An enterprise fund where the costs of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis are financed or recovered through user charges.

PROPOSED FY 1999–2000 BUDGET IN BRIEF

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES

Property Tax	\$ 4,480,738
Public Service Taxes	125,000
Penalties & Interest	15,000
Other Local Taxes	4,329,665
Permits, Fees & Licenses	43,900
Fines & Forfeitures	463,275
Use of Money & Property	223,200
Parks & Recreation Fees	229,000
Special Services Fees	6,600
Miscellaneous Revenues	41,500
Non-categorical Aid	506,619
Categorical Aid	974,517
Reimbursements	91,467
Interfund Transfers	635,588
Use of Prior Year Reserves	211,730
TOTAL	\$12,377,799

EXPENDITURES

Legislative	\$ 539,495
Administrative	931,664
Finance Department	747,452
Police Department	3,648,614
Public Works Department	3,971,155
Tax Relief	89,400
Parks & Recreation Department	1,430,127
Planning & Zoning Department	396,437
Transfers & Reserves	217,500
Equipment Replacement	405,955
TOTAL	\$12,377,799

WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES

Use of Money	\$ 95,000
Water & Sewer Charges	4,190,086
Miscellaneous Revenues	25,000
TOTAL	\$4,310,086

EXPENDITURES

Operations & Maintenance	\$2,785,066
Meter Maintenance & Reading	293,196
Billing/Customer Service	119,260
Transfers	1,052,963
Reserves	23,907
Equipment Replacement	35,694
TOTAL	\$4,310,086

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES

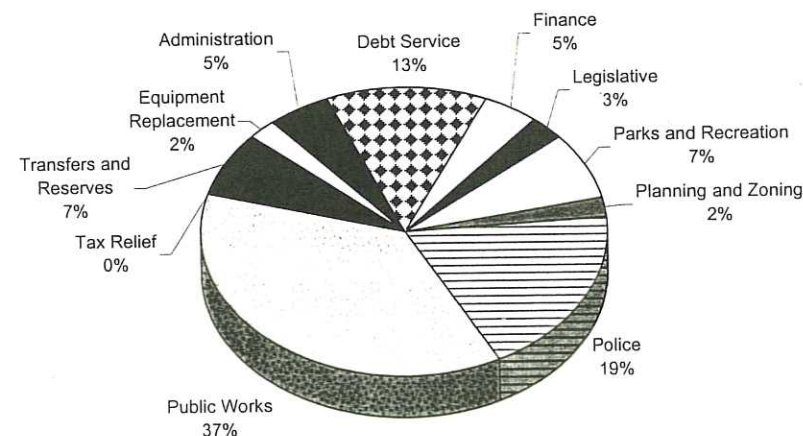
Other Local Taxes	\$1,377,300
Use of Money	103,500
Interfund Transfers	417,375
Use of Prior Year Surplus	574,813
TOTAL	\$2,472,988

EXPENDITURES

Administrative Costs	\$ 1,300
Debt Service	2,471,688
TOTAL	\$2,472,988

TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$19,160,873

TOTAL DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES



Your Tax Dollars at Work – Town Services

POLICE

The Police Department's Patrol Division has the primary responsibility for law enforcement in Vienna. Officers patrol both residential and commercial areas, and respond to thousands of calls for service each year. The detectives of the Criminal Investigations Section investigate major crimes, and their case closure rate is consistently higher than the national average in almost every area.

The Community Services Officer conducts home and business security inspections, teaches Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) at elementary schools and Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) training, speaks to community groups about crime prevention, and coordinates the Neighborhood Watch Program. The Youth Resource Officer investigates runaway cases, acts as liaison between schools and the department, tracks gang activity, and targets at-risk youth for early intervention in an effort to prevent crime.

The Traffic Section's primary responsibility is the enforcement of Vienna's traffic laws. It also provides escorts and traffic control when necessary, performs child safety seat inspections, and conducts training for both Town employees and the public in defensive driving, accident reduction, and other traffic safety issues.

The Town's Animal Warden is also part of the Police Department.

PARKS & RECREATION

The Vienna Community Center has recently reopened following a \$1 million renovation project, which included the installation of a full-service elevator and other ADA compliance items; replacement of the aged, inefficient heating and air conditioning system; addition of 1,200 square feet of storage space; improvements to make the basement more functional as a teen center; and a general interior facelift. The Community Center provides space for a large variety of youth and adult classes; drop-in activities in the gym and Teen Center; meetings and seminars; and numerous other activities and special events such as the annual July 4th celebration, antique shows, theatrical productions, and band concerts. On December 31, 1999, the Community Center will be the site of a hometown New Year's Eve celebration to ring in the year 2000.

The Parks Maintenance Division maintains the grounds at all Town owned buildings, parks, athletic fields and courts, playgrounds, and specified right-of-way medians and utility strips. The division began a townwide inventory of street trees in the public rights-of-way in the fall of 1998. The primary benefit of the project

will be the long-term effect on preservation of trees along the Town's 60 miles of public roadway. With the completion of the street tree inventory, the Town arborist can better plan and schedule preventive maintenance work. The tree management computer software will provide reports and tracking of work required and work completed, as well as data for the annual tree maintenance budget and strengthening of tree protection ordinances. Department staff will be able to provide residents and Town officials more accurate information regarding specific trees within a much shorter time period than before.

FINANCE

The Finance Department provides overall management and supervision of the Town's financial operations, provides cash management, and coordinates capital financing and debt management. The department has completed a substantial number of Y2K related computer system conversions and upgrades to ensure that essential Town services to citizens will not be interrupted, and anticipates its system being 100% Y2K compliant when the year 2000 arrives.

PUBLIC WORKS

The Department of Public Works' many services include street maintenance; snow removal; leaf collection; asphalt repair; collection of trash, recyclables, and special pickups; mulch processing and delivery; storm drainage maintenance; street sweeping; maintenance of traffic signals, signs and markings; maintenance of all Town buildings, vehicles and equipment; repair and replacement of concrete curb, gutters, sidewalks and driveway aprons; and operation and maintenance of the water and sewer system. As of April 1, 1999, the Department's curbside recycling program has been expanded to include cardboard and mixed paper.

PLANNING & ZONING

The Department of Planning and Zoning provides current and long-range planning for Vienna as well as administration of the zoning code. The staff reviews applications for building and occupancy permits, and investigates zoning violations. In 1998, over 200 new zoning violations were investigated, including prohibited activities on private property, inoperative vehicles, illegal signs, weed and debris violations, and work performed without a building permit. Over 95% of these cases had been closed as of January 1999.

