

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

**JUNE 1989** — Residents on portions of Yeonas Drive, Ware Street and Marshall Road are cautioned to expect increased traffic on their streets this summer due to the closing of Dellwood Drive off Nutley Street. This detour is caused by the construction to relocate Nutley between Virginia Center Boulevard and Route 29. It will be in effect for approximately three months.

**JUNE 1979** — The Vienna Woman's Club is asking town organizations and individuals to participate in the landscaping of a garden approximately 80'x40' at Commonwealth Doctors Hospital. At present the space is unused and patients see nothing from surrounding rooms but a gloomy plot of weeds. The garden will cost approximately \$8,000. A major portion of this cost is for a cement walkway. Names of those who donate over \$250 will be listed on a plaque in the garden.

**JUNE 1969** — A proposal to change the name of Beulah Road to Symphony Hill Road has been dropped by the Town Council. There will, therefore, be no public hearing on June 2 as previously announced. The name change was suggested because of the impact the new Filene Center at Wolfrap Farm Park for the Performing Arts will have on the town in future years. One of the outcomes of the proposed change was the discovery of the origin of the name Beulah. It was an early Methodist church, the congregation of which later divided and one section formed the Antioch Christian Church, still located on Beulah Road.

### 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](http://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 5, 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.



## Permit Parking Proposed for Knoll St. And Jade Ct., N.W.

At its June 21 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal to establish permit parking for Knoll Street, N.W., between Nutley and Lewis Streets, and all of Jade Court. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

If approved, vehicles parked on the street in the restricted areas between the hours of 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday would be required to display special decals. The decals would be issued to residents and their guests; no decals would be required for service vehicles making deliveries or performing work in the neighborhood.

Copies of the proposed ordinance are available for review in the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall.

## Big Fines Will Target Aggressive Drivers

The Town Council is scheduled to adopt an ordinance at the June 7 meeting imposing a mandatory \$100 fine for certain speeding violations. The ordinance will become effective July 1.

The ordinance, which comes in response to citizen complaints about aggressive driving in Vienna's residential neighborhoods, allows for a civil penalty of \$100 for any motorist who exceeds the speed limit by 20 mph or more on residential streets.

# NEWSLETTER

June 1999

## Town Has Aa1 Bond Rating

The Town of Vienna has been notified by Moody's Investors Service that its 1999 general obligation public improvement bonds have been rated "Aa1." This high bond rating for a local government the size of Vienna is enjoyed by very few towns in the United States.

This rating enables the Town to sell bonds at more favorable interest rates compared to those of municipalities with lower bond ratings, 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 healthy economy, sound financial condition, and rapid debt retirement.

The Town of Vienna borrows money by issuing tax-free general obligation bonds to finance major capital projects. The \$4.8 million of public improvements funded in the 1999 bond issue include 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 Nutley Street property yard, and other major public improvements.

Bond financing spreads the cost of capital projects over a period of many years, rather than charging the full cost to today's taxpayers. Also, the Town's policy of using meals and lodging tax revenues for a large portion of annual debt amortization payments limits the need for property tax increases to fund these projects.

## Real Estate Tax Due Next Month

The first installment on 1999 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. For information on County tax payments, call 222-8234.

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

**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)

Vienna Town Hall  
127 Center Street, South  
Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799  
Business Hours Monday-Friday,  
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.**



# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

## MARCH 15, 1999

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the zoning code revising the definition of "town house."

- Adopted a resolution formally establishing the Town of Vienna Committee 2000, which is planning a community New Year's Eve celebration for December 31, 1999.

- Directed the Town Attorney and Town Manager to negotiate a telecommunications franchise and/or license agreement with VYVX of Virginia, Inc. A public hearing will be scheduled when the document has been drafted.

- Approved closing a portion of Cherry Street adjacent to the Community Center and the fire station during the bicycle safety rodeo on May 15.

- Recommended to the Fairfax County Board of Elections the following persons to serve as election officials at the May 4 Town election: Constance Wax, Thomas Cook, Joanne Scott, Joanne Cook, Audrey

Sullivan, Walter Knick, Corrine Hanna, Margie Trout, Beverly Harris, Linda Gaines, Theresa Pyszka; chief election officer, Regina Jordan; assistant chief election officer, Arnold Perko; alternate officer, Kathleen Battaglia. Approved the expenditure of \$1,475 for wages for election officials and \$150 for lunch.

- Approved a \$200 contribution to the Virginia Municipal League to help fund the defense in *Coca-Cola of Roanoke v. Bote-tourt County*.

- Adopted an ordinance to prohibit roving vendors from any community event that is held in public streets or parks.

- Adopted amendments to the sign ordinance to restrict the use of telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses on free-standing and facade signs (*approved 5-1, McCormick voting nay*) and to establish master sign plans (*approved unanimously*).

- Directed the Town staff to proceed with a bond issue to fund the 1999 capital improvement projects. Retained the firm of Hunton and Williams as bond counsel at a fee not to exceed \$13,000 plus expenses. Waived procurement procedures for the

acquisition of financial advisory services and retained Government Finance Group as financial advisor under the same terms and conditions as that firm's 1997 agreement with the Town.

- Conducted an executive session to discuss the sale and acquisition of real property and to discuss the appointment and re-appointment of various members of Town boards and commissions.

## APRIL 5, 1999

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

- Reappointed Jim MacIntosh and Maud Robinson to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for two-year terms.

- Following a public hearing, awarded e.spire Communications, Inc., a non-exclusive telecommunications franchise to install fiber optic cable in the Town of Vienna for a period of 20 years, with payment to the Town of 50¢ per linear foot as the initial franchise fee.

- Following a public hearing, authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds in the maximum amount of \$4.8 million to fund the 1999 capital improvement projects. Approved the preliminary official statement, notice of sale, official statement and continuing disclosure agreement for the bond issue.

- Approved a lease agreement for use of the parking lot behind the Freeman House.

- Approved a change order for the Delilah Drive pond remediation project in the amount of \$26,188.22 for final quantities of excavation, fill and sod in excess of the bid quantities.

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1999		June		1999		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.				Drop off used oil, antifreeze & batteries at Nutley St. property yard
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	Town Council		Planning Commission	Town/Business Liaison Committee		
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
	Flag Day Town Council work session		Board of Zoning Appeals	Board of Architectural Review		
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Father's Day	Summer Begins Town Council		Planning Commission	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.		
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			
		Transportation Safety Commission				

## 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 Tuesday, 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.)



# Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in April:

The Brambled Nest (gifts & furnishings) 141 Church St., N.W. 295-0750	Tuyen Huu Nguyen (hair salon) 139 Church St., N.W. 242-1614	Direct Research (consulting) 506 Moorefield Rd., S.W. 242-0092
Deborah Ross (psychotherapy) 243 Church St., N.W. Suite #100E 319-8440	Emcon Construction Corp. (contractor) 736 Ninovan Rd., S.E. 255-6451	White Swan (bridal shop) 152 Maple Ave., E. 281-0037
Mommies Kneaded (massage therapy for women) 606 Birch St., S.W. 242-1964	Anna Loloyan (alterations) 609 Plum St., S.W. 938-7438	Treasures and Trifles (antiques & collectibles) 111 Church St., N.W. Suite #101 281-6770
Philip's Barber Shop 101 Park St., S.E. 281-9831	Smart Solutions, Inc. (consulting) 301 Maple Ave., W. Suite #2E 938-0505	

Convenient Location & Friendly Service  
SHOP IN VIENNA  
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.

## "Collect-a-Cop" Winner Announced

Congratulations to Thomas Gray, a 3rd grader at Louise Archer Elementary School, who was the first person to collect the full set of 47 Town of Vienna Police Department "Collect-a-Cop" trading cards. For his efforts, Thomas received a \$100 U.S. Savings Bond from Chief of Police Dan Boring and Community Services Officer Virginia Palmore.

The objective of the Collect-a-Cop program is to enhance the introduction and acceptance of police personnel among Vienna's children. Each card contains a photograph of an officer with his or her name and rank, service history, and a message from the officer.

The project is funded entirely through donations from two community service organizations, the Vienna Rotary Club and the Optimist Club of Vienna. For more information about the program call the Community Services Office at 255-6396.

## TOWN OF VIENNA YEAR 2000 CELEBRATION!!!

New Year's Eve  
December 31, 1999  
Vienna Community Center

FREE FAMILY FUN!!!  
"Oldies" band ♦ dance band  
playing all types of music ♦  
line dancing ♦ karaoke ♦  
food vendors ♦  
Teen Center open ♦  
For the kids - clowns,  
 juggler, magician, sing-  
along, videos & more ♦  
FIREWORKS DISPLAY  
AT MIDNIGHT!!!

WHY WAIT TILL  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
TO CELEBRATE?  
Look for Year 2000  
Celebration Souvenirs  
at the Freeman House,  
open each weekend,  
& at the Vienna  
July 4th Festival

Men's & Ladies'  
Y2K Watches \$30

Glass Mugs \$9

Porcelain  
Ornaments \$9

### Comment from the Council Table

## Major Public Improvements Will Help Maintain Vienna's Quality of Life

By Charles A. Robinson, Jr.  
Mayor, Town of Vienna

Recognizing that renewal, reconstruction, and upgrading of infrastructure are indispensable to the liveability and vitality of any community, the Town of Vienna recently sold \$4.8 million of bonds for these purposes at the extraordinarily low interest rate of 4.17%. We enjoy a double A rating from both Moody's and S&P, but our bonds trade like triple A paper. Our General Fund debt service is 100% defrayed by the 3% meals tax. However, debt service on the \$2.075 million of this issue to be used for the second phase of the Maple Avenue revitalization project will be repaid from Federal Transportation Act money made available via Congressman Tom Davis. The remaining bond proceeds will be used for reconstruction of some residential streets, upgrading of the water and sewer system, side-

walks and storm drainage.

Plans for two additional major projects, Beulah Road reconstruction and upgrading of the Northside Property Yard, are also in process. Residents of Beulah Road neighborhoods have expressed their concerns to us about VDOT's (Virginia Department of Transportation) initial proposals; width of paved surface; sidewalk location and width; taking of property; and saving of large trees. And, we are encouraged that our recent meetings with VDOT officials indicate some design flexibility in these areas. The existing plans are quite preliminary, and we are hopeful of being able to work out a design acceptable to both VDOT and the neighborhood. Maintenance of Beulah Road, in its present state, is disproportionately expensive; especially so considering



Mayor Robinson

that a VDOT reconstruction would be 98% state funded, and would include safe sidewalks, storm drainage, and new water and sanitary sewer lines. To leave the road in its present shape does not appear to be a really advantageous choice.

Our objective in rebuilding the Northside Property Yard is to substantially reduce its noise and visual impact on nearby neighborhoods and provide an efficient work environment for our Public Works Department. The original Northside sewage treatment plant and, more recently, the Police Department firing range have been closed. And, we have now arranged for Fairfax County to process our brush into mulch so the tub grinder will no longer be operated at Northside. Plans for the new facility include "drive through" vehicle facilities, which will minimize the "beeping" noise produced by federally mandated backup signals. Supplies and equipment will be housed in buildings and the entire facility shielded by earth berms and trees. Parking areas will be landscaped and paved to eliminate dust. The improved trail requested by residents to connect nearby neighborhoods with the W&OD bikeway should be under construction this year.

As we go about planning for the future, your Town Council and staff are committed to only one objective: the delivery of effective services at the least possible cost while, at the same time, maintaining the ambiance and character of our community. We will continue working with you to achieve these goals.

## Tax Exemption Provided For Home Improvements

The Town of Vienna provides a partial real estate tax exemption for the renovation, rehabilitation or replacement of certain residential and commercial structures.

For single-family homes, the following requirements must be met in order to qualify for the exemption:

- The structure must be at least 25 years old.
- The improvement must increase the assessed value of the structure by a minimum of 25%.
- The improved structure may not exceed the total square footage of the footprint of the original structure by more than 30% and may not cause lot coverage of the site to exceed 25%.
- A building permit must be obtained before any construction begins and a certificate of occupancy issued for the completed work. Property owners will apply for the tax exemption at the same time they apply for the building permit.
- Applications for tax exemptions must be made before September 2002.

The exemption will run for ten years at 100%, with the exemption percentage tapering down to zero over the next four years. The exemption is non-transferable between owners.

For more information about the Town's tax abatement program, call the Real Estate Office at 255-6325. Fairfax County also has a tax abatement program; for more information, call the County Department of Tax Administration, Real Estate Division, at 222-7594.



## Council Action

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- Awarded a contract for replacement weapons for the Police Department to D&P Shooting Range and Sporting Goods, Inc., at a price of \$4,783.70, with \$4,090 to come from grant funds and the remainder from the Police Department budget (approved 5-2, Boudreau and Polychrones voting nay).

- Adopted an amendment to the zoning code revising the definition of "town house."

- Approved a revocable agreement with the Town of Herndon and Media General Cable for the loan of Vienna's cable TV access channel hub site to Herndon.

- Accepted the resignation of Louis M. James from the Board of Zoning Appeals and authorized the Mayor to issue him a Certificate of Service. Recommended Marshall O. Potter to the Fairfax County Circuit Court to fill the vacancy left by Mr. James.

- Approved the purchase of a Year 2000 compliant central computer system. Waived competitive procurement procedures for the acquisition of operating system software and engineering services as a sole source procurement from Pentamation Enterprises, Inc. Authorized funding of \$48,665.

## Budget Adoption June 7

Adoption of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 1999-2000 is scheduled for the June 7 Town Council meeting, which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

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.

**DRIVE DEFENSIVELY, NOT AGGRESSIVELY** — The last school day for Fairfax County Public Schools is Wednesday, June 23. Your Vienna Transportation Safety Commission urges drivers to watch out for children at play this summer, especially around parks and ballfields.

## 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.

## Recycling Site Closing

Citizens are reminded that the recycling drop-off site located at the Vienna Community Center will close on June 30.

Alternate recycling sites include the Blake Lane Park, 10031 Blake Ln. in Oakton, and the National Wildlife Federation, 8925 Leesburg Pk. (just beyond the toll road). These are full-service sites and collect cardboard, mixed paper, telephone books, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles and jugs, newspaper, button batteries, and metal food and beverage cans. For more information about these sites, call the Fairfax County Recycling Information Line at 324-5052.

## Zip Code Day Time Capsule

What were you doing on February 21, 1980? If you lived in town back then, you might have been participating in Vienna Zip Code Day, when the date - 2/21/80 - matched the Zip Code - 22180. The Zip Code Day time capsule, left for safekeeping in the Freeman House, is scheduled to be opened on February 21, 2000. A ceremony and celebration are being planned for that date, and everyone who contributed items to the time capsule are especially invited to be present. Look for details in future newsletters.

## Town Council Election Results

In the Vienna Town Council election on May 4, incumbent Council members Vince Olson, Mike Polychrones, and Jane Seeman were re-elected for new two-year terms, defeating challenger Sam Althoff. The vote totals were:

Seeman	857	Olson	703
Polychrones	791	Althoff	527

A total of 1,074 Vienna residents voted in the election, out of 9,507 active registered voters, an 11.3% voter turnout.

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 donated in the past, please leave publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the 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.

**South Vienna Association** will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at Vienna Elementary School. The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department staff will discuss recreational facilities and programs available to town residents. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Edythe Frankel at 242-7651.

**Vienna Woman's Club** has awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each to two James Madison High School graduating seniors: Melissa A. Wright, who will attend William & Mary University; and Brandy M. Carter, bound for Virginia Commonwealth University. Another \$1,000 was awarded for continuing studies to Sharon Hoyt, who is in the registered nurses' program at Northern Virginia Community College. The Woman's Club has been awarding scholarships annually since 1962.

**"How to Buy a Home,"** sponsored by The Women's Center, will be presented on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Before beginning your househunting, arm yourself with important facts about buying a home and discover programs that will make a new home more affordable. The cost for the program is \$20 per person. To register and for more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 281-2657 or visit [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

**Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park** invites the public to tour the Herb Potpourri Garden on June 5 and the Stout Medal Daylily Collection on June 26. Both tours begin at 10 a.m. and are free of charge. For reservations and more information, call 255-3631, ext. 301. The 95-acre park is located at 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, off Beulah Road south of Route 7 and the Dulles Access Road.

## Garden Clubs Keep Vienna Blooming All Year Long, Year After Year

### AYR HILL GARDEN CLUB

Vienna's venerable Ayr Hill Garden Club celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. On May 21, 1929, a group of bridge players organized a club to stimulate interest in gardening and beautifying Vienna. Mrs. Joseph Berry was elected as the first president. Some of the club's first projects included landscaping the grounds around the bank, library, school, Post Office, and Masonic Hall.

The club became a member of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs in 1936, and through this organization helped with State projects such as the Blue Star Memorial Highway and the Nature Camp. In 1950, Ayr Hill participated in the organizational meeting and became a charter member of the National Capital Garden Club League, now known as the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs.

From 1971 to 1983, the club sponsored the annual spring "Walk on the Hill" in the Windover Heights neighborhood to highlight Vienna's past and create interest in maintaining, as close to their original states as possible, those areas of the town where history is evident. The walk still takes place each spring through the efforts of Historic Vienna, Inc., and residents of the historic district.

Ayr Hill Garden Club was represented on the working committee for restoration of the Freeman House, which was first opened to the public during the U.S. Bicentennial summer of 1976. The Vienna area garden clubs supervised and helped finance the landscaping of the property.

Some of the club's continuing projects include the landscaped garden on Maple Avenue at the W&OD Trail; the upkeep of Salsbury Spring; and plantings around the caboose on Church Street and the courtyard at Patrick Henry Library. Club members make and deliver May Day baskets and Christmas baskets for shut-ins and Hospice patients. The club also has a booth at the annual ViVa! Vienna! Town Festival where members bring specimens from their own gardens to share with the public.

The current president of Ayr Hill Garden Club is Nancy Berry Keeran, granddaughter of the first president and the third generation of Berrys to serve as president. Her daughters, Michelle Keeran Voytko and Grace Berry Cumings, are also members, joining the many people who have provided inspiration and willing hands for the club's important community service work throughout the last 70 years.

### FIVE HILLS GARDEN CLUB

Five Hills Garden Club invites all Vienna residents to a short ceremony on Tuesday, June 8, beginning at 2 p.m. to formally donate to the Town of Vienna the newly planted garden in front of the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center, 211 Center St., S.

The garden was designed by Lenna Vasur and Ellaveen Barnby, members of the Landscape Design Critics' Council, planted by Five Hills members with the assistance of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, and funded by a grant from Shell Oil Company's PETALS program (Protect the Environment Through Action, Learning and Service), which promotes landscaping projects nationwide.

Five Hills Garden Club is dedicated to educating the public concerning horticulture practices, floral design, environmental awareness, conservation, and landscape design. The club is a member of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (NCAFGC), Central Atlantic Region; National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.; American Horticultural Society, and Historic Vienna, Inc. Five Hills also contributes to the NCAFGC Scholarship and World Gardening Funds.



## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Used book sale** June 12 and 13 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. Last-minute book donations may be left on the front porch of the Freeman House. Please do not bring National Geographics or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or Reader's Digest condensed books.

**Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA),** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Joseph P. Vaghi, who was a Navy beach master at Omaha Beach on D-Day, will discuss his personal experiences in getting the troops ashore. Mr. Vaghi's appearance is part of the chapter's program to recognize the sacrifices of World War II veterans and to support VVA's financial pledge of \$58,214, (one dollar for each name on "The Wall") for construction of a World War II memorial. For more information, call 255-0353 or visit the web page at [www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305](http://www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305).

**Vienna Farmers' Market** at Nottoway Park is open each Wednesday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine. Local vendors sell fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, honey, jams and jellies, baked goods, plants and flowers. The adjacent Plant Clinic provides free advice on tree and plant problems from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Plenty of parking is available with convenient handicapped spaces. For more information, contact Market Manager Ed Bieleci at 281-3530.

**Vienna Choral Society** and the English group Gaudeamus will present a program of favorite songs from both sides of the Atlantic in "The British Are Coming - A Transoceanic Reunion" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 5, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. They will also be joined by members of the Andrew Chapel

Choir with a full orchestra in *Te Deums* by Kodaly and Verdi, and the premier of a newly commissioned work by Washington, D.C., composer Daniel Gawthrop. A reception will follow the concert. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance), and \$20 for a family of two adults with children under 18. For more information, call 573-4018 or 938-7567.

**Congratulations to town resident Aggie Dix**, who has been named Coach of the Year in the Independent School League "A" Division. She led her Madeira School basketball team to a 22-6 record and won both the season and tournament championships, the first dual championship in the school's history.

**National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)**, Vienna Chapter 1116, will celebrate its 30th anniversary this month. Chapter membership is approaching 600 federal retirees who volunteer their time and talents to the Vienna community. For more information, call Bob Stankey, 591-6310, or Elaine Fitzpatrick, 938-7791.

**Daughters of the American Revolution**, Fairfax County Chapter, will hold a gourmet luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 5. Bring your favorite dish to share. Call 352-0857 for meeting location and more information.

**Northeast Vienna Citizens Association** will meet at 8 p.m. Monday, June 7, at the Vienna Community Center. The meeting will focus on the Beulah Road reconstruction project presented by Bill Yauss, chairman of the association's Beulah Road Committee. The public is invited, and door prizes will be awarded.

**Vienna Photographic Society** will meet on Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the lecture hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane. Dave Carter, one of the area's leading experts in night photography whose work includes a broad selection of landscapes and abstracts, will present "Ad-

ventures in Visual Design." The public is invited to attend, and new members are always welcome. For more information, call Mo at 816-2423 or visit [www.safeport.com/vps/](http://www.safeport.com/vps/).

**American Association of Retired Persons**, Vienna Chapter 754, will hold its annual charter anniversary celebration at Marco Polo Restaurant on Monday, June 21, beginning with an 11:30 a.m. mixer. Congratulations to Emilie Larson, past president of Vienna's AARP chapter, who was honored recently at the Senior Recognition and Awards Dinner sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Recreation and Council on Aging.

**Vienna Arts Society (VAS)** will celebrate its 30th anniversary with a reception on Friday, June 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the VAS gallery, located at 513 Maple Ave., W., in the Village Green Shopping Center. Regular gallery hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. An All-VAS member show, "Life in America," begins June 13 through August 29.

**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department** will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2003, and VVFD's History Committee is collecting memorabilia. Anyone previously connected with the Fire Department or its Ladies' Auxiliary is invited to contact the Committee at P.O. Box 1115, Vienna, VA 22183-1115, or call Committee Chairman Thomas B. Bonner at 938-7158.

**Patrick Henry Library** offers programs for preschoolers, school age children, and adults. At 1:30 p.m. Monday, June 28, children aged 6-12 are invited to participate in "The Magic in You," as Joe Romano presents a lively program of magic and music. This activity is free of charge, but space is limited and advance registration is required. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

**Your old magazines** and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by

## Keep Burglars at Bay When You Are Away from Home

Your Vienna Police Department has the following tips for residents who plan to be away on vacation this summer:

- Let your neighbors know you are going to be away and where you can be reached.
- Ask a neighbor to pick up your mail, packages and newspapers.
- Ask a neighbor to mow your lawn.
- Ask a neighbor to use your trash cans or set his or her refuse at the curb in front of your home on trash collection day.
- Invite a neighbor to park a car in your driveway to give your home an even more lived-in appearance.

*REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR NEIGHBOR!!*

- Make your home look like you are there. Lights turned off and on by timers give your home that lived-in look while you are away.
- Have good locks. A high quality, one-inch deadbolt lock on every outside door is a basic requirement.
- Never leave your home unlocked, even for a brief trip to the store or a visit to the neighbor across the street. Many homes have been burglarized in just such short periods of time.
- Do not hide a key outside your home. Leave that extra key with a trusted neighbor or friend. If you have deadbolt cylinder locks, you must use a key to lock the door and cannot possibly lock yourself out.
- Do not put a name or address tag on your house or car keys. That is an open invitation to an unwelcome visitor should you ever lose your keys.
- Plug a radio into a timer set to go on when you are away. Set the radio to an all-talk station, leave the volume low, and give a would-be burglar the impression you are talking to someone. Light and noise are burglars' worst enemies.
- Have a free home security inspection and be an active participant in Neighborhood Watch. REMEMBER: A thief wants to take the path of *least* resistance; your participation in Neighborhood Watch provides the *most* resistance!



House check request forms are available at police headquarters, 215 Center St., S. For more information, please call the Police Department at 255-6366.



# 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

**The Vienna Community Band** will present a Father's Day concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 20, on the grounds of the Community Center. Free admission. Bring a picnic supper and a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy a variety of classical and popular selections. In case of rain the concert will be held indoors.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Health and Fitness Fair**, free of charge to citizens of all ages, Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m.-3 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, safety presentations, and exercise classes will be provided by the following organizations: The Medical Team (blood pressure checks), BeautiControl (image consultant), New Life Chiropractic and Wellness Center, bikes@vienna, INOVA Fairfax Hospital (blood drive), Alexander Chiropractic Center, Jazzercise (free class at 10 a.m.), Senior Fitness (free class at 10:45 a.m.), and martial arts demonstration by the Mountain Kim Karate School at 2 p.m.

**Annual Vienna Tennis Tournament** June 18-20 at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. Categories are open men's and women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles, and ages 35+ and 45+ men's singles. The entry fee is \$10 for singles and \$15 per doubles team. Entry deadline June 10.

**Adult summer tennis league** begins July 13. 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 1 or until full.

**Adult drop-in basketball** for Town of Vienna residents *only* is offered each Monday from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. A valid photo ID with proof of residency must be presented at the door. Both in-town and out-of-town participants are invited to play basketball on Wednesday nights and volleyball on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Admission is \$3 for out-of-town players and free of charge for Vienna residents. Drop-in table tennis is also held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. No charge for table tennis.

**Allergies and chemical sensitivities** is the topic of a free presentation on Tuesday, June 8, from 7 to 8 p.m. Dr. Kathryn Thompson of The Wellness Group will discuss common allergies, the body's natural response to toxic substances in the environment, and a non-drug approach to handling allergies.

## BUS TRIPS

**St. Michael's**, on Maryland's Eastern Shore, is the destination on Thursday, June 24. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 8 a.m. and return by 8 p.m. The cost of \$48 per person includes transportation, cruise on an old-fashioned steamboat, and lunch at the famous Crab Claw restaurant. An optional tour of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is available for an additional \$6. Reservation deadline June 17.

**See the Baltimore Orioles** play the Milwaukee Brewers at Camden Yards on Saturday, July 17. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 4 p.m., giving participants time to visit Baltimore's Harbor Place before the 7:05 p.m. game time. The cost of \$33 per person includes transportation and game ticket in upper reserve seating. Reservation deadline July 2.

**Enjoy a day at the casinos** in Atlantic City on Thursday, June 17. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m.

and return about 11 p.m. The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline June 10.

## CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

**Summer Playground Program** for children aged 6-11 begins this month. Weekly sessions are scheduled from June 28 through August 6, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost per session for town residents is \$30 per child. Supervised activities will include arts and crafts, games and races, and special events. In-town youngsters will be given priority registration through June 14.

**Enjoy a family movie outdoors** at Glyndon Park at dusk (about 8:45 p.m.) Friday, June 25. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Call for information on the film scheduled. Parents are required to stay with their children during the show.

**Auditions** for the Vienna Youth Players' summer production of "Godspell" will be held June 2 and 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call to schedule an audition time for youth aged 10-18. Participants should dress comfortably and be prepared to move and sing a song of their choice (bring sheet music). The show is scheduled for August.

**Summer youth sports camps** for ages 7-14 will be held at various locations around town beginning the week of June 28 through the second week of August. The camps teach kids the basic skills and fundamentals of baseball, tennis, softball, soccer, golf, field hockey, and football. The cost is \$105 for each camp, and discounts are available for multiple camps or for more than one family member. The camps are sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation and Greater Vienna Sports Camps.

**Thanks to Fresh Fields, Whole Wheel Velo Club, and bikes@vienna for sponsoring the May 15 Children's Bicycle Safety Rodeo.**

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**Investment workshop** June 3 and 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Kevin Davis of Capital Securities Corp. and co-host of Business Radio on WRC-AM 750 will discuss everything from evaluating various stocks, bonds and mutual funds to how to read the ticker tape. Free of charge; registration required.

**"Why Good Wills Go Bad"** will be presented on Monday, June 7, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David G. Hoffman will discuss will copies, do-it-yourself tax plans, and much more. Free of charge; advance registration recommended.

**"The Basics of Long-term Care Insurance"** will be presented on Wednesday, June 16, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will discuss how to protect your assets and explain the myths and mystery behind Medicaid and Medicare coverage. Free of charge; registration required.

## JUST FOR TEENS

**Registration is underway** for the "Beat the Summertime Blues" program for students in grades 6-8. The program will be held each Thursday, July 8-August 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes trips to the National Zoo, Chinatown and the MCI Center, Washington National Cathedral, Hemlock Overlook Park, Air & Space Museum, Harper's Ferry, and Old Town Alexandria. There is a fee for each activity.

**Summer open gym hours** for ages 13-17 will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

**55 Alive Mature Driving Program**, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, will be held on Monday and Wednesday, June 21 and 23, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$8 per person and advance registration is required. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates could receive a discount on their car insurance.

## **Madison H.S. Grads to Party All Night at Community Center**

James Madison High School's 1999 All Night Graduation Celebration, "Crossing the Finish Line," will be held at the Vienna Community Center beginning at 11 p.m. Tuesday, June 22, and continuing until 5 a.m. the following morning. This and similar celebrations throughout the area are sponsored by Northern Virginia Project Graduation, an umbrella organization of volunteers representing 40 public and private high schools. The goal of these celebrations is to provide seniors with a tragedy-free graduation night and to instill in young people the idea that one can have fun without indulging in alcohol or drugs.

In support of "Safe Graduation Month," the Town of Vienna has once again waived all fees for use of the Community Center for the Madison High School celebration, and many Town employees, including police officers, have volunteered to be present all night.

**Pickleball tournament** Wednesday, June 23, beginning at 11 a.m. This will be a doubles-only competition with partners chosen at random and prizes awarded to the winners. Players of all skill levels welcome. Free of charge; registration required two days in advance.

**Let's go bowling** on Tuesday, June 8, at 1 p.m. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$3.50. Participants car-pool to the bowling alley. Space is limited, so register early.

Check out these 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. beginning June 2. Set your own pace and enjoy the exercise, fresh air and companionship.

**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, June 17-August 26, 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** games are played on Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Players of all ability levels are welcome.

## POTPOURRI

**June 23 is the deadline** to reserve booth space at this year's July 4th celebration. Food, game and activity booths must be sponsored by local non-profit organizations. The 10' x 10' spaces cost \$20 each. This is an opportunity for organizations to raise money while participating in a community tradition that is enjoyed by thousands of Vienna residents and visitors each year.

There are also approximately 100 spaces available at \$40 each for private arts and crafts vendors interested in selling items at the July 4th celebration. Handcrafted items of high quality will be given preference.

**Arm chair traveler** series takes you to the tropical rain forest of Costa Rica courtesy of the National Geographic Society on Friday, June 25, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Participants are encouraged to share their own travel stories with the group. Free of charge; advance registration requested.