

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

JULY 1989 — At its July 3 meeting, the Town Council will hold a joint public hearing with the Planning Commission on proposed ordinances that would require developers to submit a plan for planting and replacement of trees so that within 10 years a tree canopy exceeding five feet in height covers at least 20% of the property in residential zones and 10% in non-residential zones.

JULY 1979 — An arrangement has been worked out to make the Vienna Theatre parking lot available for Metrobus riders and carpoolers, replacing the space that was lost to commuters when residential development began on the former Metrobus fringe parking lot behind the Maple Avenue Shopping Center. Permits will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis on July 9 between the hours of 6 and 10 a.m. and 5:30 and 7 p.m. Permits will be issued for a monthly fee of \$25. All revenues will be used for the operation and maintenance of the parking lot.

JULY 1969 — Vienna is still waiting for a decision from the School Board on whether or not its municipal swimming pool can be located at Madison High School where it would receive year-round use. The Town Council passed a resolution to purchase a large portable pool for use at the Community Center this summer; however, the County Health Department ruled that this did not fulfill County regulations for commercial pools. Council regretfully had to abandon consideration of the portable pool.

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VIENNA NEWSLINE 255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE 255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP 255-5727

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Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799
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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)

Temporary Signs Usually Illegal

'Tis the season for temporary signs advertising garage sales, real estate sales, and all sorts of business services such as yard work and home improvements. These ads pop up on telephone poles, stop signs, street signs, in yards, and along public rights-of-way.

The Planning and Zoning Department reminds citizens that this clutter of signs is an eyesore and, in most instances, against the Town Code. The next time a yard sale or other activity prompts you to post a sign, please keep the following regulations in mind:

- It is unlawful to place signs on street lights, telephone poles, or permanent signs, or to place a sign without a permit within 10 feet of the curb or edge of pavement.

- A maximum of two real estate directional signs may be displayed on Saturdays and Sundays only.

- The following yard/garage sale signs are permitted: two signs of four square feet on the property where the sale will take place; and four directional signs of two square feet.

If you have questions about the Town's temporary sign regulations, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

TOWN OF VIENNA

Holiday Schedule

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Trash will be collected as usual for residents on the Monday route.

Real Estate Tax Due

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 at 255-6325. 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.

Yard Sale Reminder

Each household in town may hold two garage/yard sales per year. No permit is required. Two advertising signs, no larger than four square feet each, may be displayed on the property where the sale takes place, and four directional signs, no larger than two square feet each, may be placed on other private property with the owner's permission. Signs may not be exhibited more than two days prior to the start of the sale. Signs are not permitted on public property, in the public right-of-way (10 feet from the curb or edge of pavement), or on utility poles. Illegally placed signs will be removed. For more information, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

NEWSLETTER

July 1999

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION!!

Vienna Community Center Grounds
Sunday, July 4, 1999

12 noon-6:00 p.m.

- ★ Arts & crafts exhibit
- ★ Food & drink for sale
- ★ July 4th All-American Chili Cookoff sponsored by the CASINOVA Pod, Chili Appreciation Society, Inc., to benefit the Optimist Club of Vienna

MAIN STAGE PERFORMERS

- ★ Montana Sky
- ★ West of Sunset

CHILDREN'S STAGE

- ★ "Ralph The Great" magic show — 1, 2, 3 & 4 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ★ 17th District American Legion all-star baseball game — 10:30 a.m. at Waters Field
- ★ Family games & races — 2:00 p.m.
- ★ Greased pole climb — 4:00 p.m.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

- ★ Vienna Community Band concert of traditional marches & patriotic music — 8:00 p.m.
- ★ Fireworks display — 9:15 p.m.

Rain Date Monday, July 5
Vienna Parks & Recreation Department, 255-6360

All vendors are required to have a booth. Roving vendors are prohibited at any community event that is held in public streets or parks, including the July 4th celebration.

July 1999

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

4 Independence Day July 4th celebration at Community Center	5 Town Hall closed	6 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	7 Board of Zoning Appeals	8 Town/Business Liaison Committee	9	10
11 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	12 Town Council	13	14	15 Architectural Review Board	16	17
18 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	19	20	21	22 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	23	24
25	26	27 Transportation Safety Commission	28 Real estate tax 1st installment due	29	30	31

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TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

APRIL 19, 1999

- Awarded a telecommunications franchise to e.spire Communication, Inc., to install fiber optic cable in certain Town rights-of-way.
- Appropriated \$36,000 from asset forfeiture funds to purchase office furniture, laser radar equipment and training, and squad room computers for the Police Department.
- Approved a change order to the Community Center renovation project in the amount of \$3,233.62 for the testing and sealing of existing gas lines and placing two-inch asphalt surface course in the entrance drive.

APRIL 26, 1999

- Conducted an executive session for the annual performance review of the Town Manager and to discuss appointment of Council members to Virginia Municipal League standing committees for 1999-2000.

APRIL 27, 1999

- Awarded the sale of \$4.8 million of general obligation public improvement bonds to Sun Trust Equitable Securities at an interest rate of 4.1688%.

MAY 10, 1999

- Conducted an executive session to interview candidates for appointment and reappointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Carole Wolfand and appointed Lawrence Warren as Chamber of Commerce representatives to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for two-year terms.
- Approved the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce's request to conduct a carnival September 9-12 on the grounds adjacent to the Community Center, and approved Town police and trash pickup services and signage for the event. This approval is contingent on final Council approval following a meeting of Town officials and carnival organizers to discuss complaints from residents during last year's event.

- Approved an agreement with the Vienna Teen Center Foundation for use of a portion of the Community Center as a teen center.

- Approved the Town's organizational membership in Scenic Virginia at a cost of \$50.

- Appropriated \$2,500 for police training programs.

- Appropriated funds not to exceed \$20,000 for purchase of a digital camera, fuming cabinet/hood, and SMART trailer for the Police Department.

- Reduced the public improvements bond for Regency Ridge townhouse development from \$258,477 to \$129,238.50.

- Directed the name of Frank Lillis be submitted to the Fairfax County Circuit Court for pre-clearance investigation for future appointment to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Approved Town participation in the program being developed by the Virginia Municipal League to provide specialized legal counsel to local jurisdictions on matters involving telecommunications.

MAY 17, 1999

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 1999-2000.

- Directed that four seconds of green time be removed from the traffic light at Church Street and Beulah Road, N.E. Approved an additional speed hump in the 200 block of Church Street. The matter of additional speed humps on Church Street and Ayrhill Avenue will be revisited at the October 25 Council meeting.

- Appropriated \$9,000 for a handicap accessible customer service counter and

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for August issue is Thursday, July 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.)

Avoid Health Problems by Heeding Color-coded Air Pollution Alerts

Are summer's sweltering days getting you down? It may be more than the heat; it may be the physical effects of ground-level ozone pollution. Daily ground-level ozone forecasts are issued through the local news media by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). The forecasts, which are prepared by a team of meteorologists and technical staff from Virginia, Maryland and COG, rank air quality according to colors: Code Green = Good; Code Yellow = Moderate; Code Orange = Unhealthy for sensitive groups; and Code Red = Unhealthy.

When a Code Red alert is issued, the following actions are recommended: Children and the elderly should reduce outdoor activities. Healthy individuals should limit strenuous outdoor work or exercise. Individuals with heart or respiratory ailments, emphysema, asthma, or chronic bronchitis should limit their outdoor activities and if breathing becomes difficult, move indoors.

In addition to the local news media, citizens may obtain the daily forecasts by calling the COG Air Quality Hotline at 202-962-3299 or visiting the COG website at www.mwco.org.

Ground-level ozone can cause health problems such as lung damage, eye irritation, breathing difficulties, coughing and chest pain. On a typical summer day, about 60 to 70 percent of the pollutants that cause ozone are created by cars, lawnmowers and other gasoline-powered garden equipment, oil-based paints, and common household products.

During ozone alerts, individuals can help keep ozone levels to a minimum by these actions: drive less but if you must drive, combine errands; keep car tuned and tires properly inflated, refuel cars after dusk to limit daytime pollution releases, and limit engine idling as much as possible; take mass transit or carpool; avoid using aerosols and use environmentally safe paints and cleaning products; don't mow your lawn with a gas-powered mower; conserve electricity and set air conditioner thermostats at 78°.

Businesses can also act to reduce air pollution by considering telecommuting and flex-time for employees; encouraging carpools and use of mass transit; refueling fleets after 6 p.m.; and delaying painting, mowing, and other outdoor maintenance work.

Lightning CAN Strike Twice

Your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds you that these are the dog days of summer, those hazy, hot and humid days when there is always the chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. And thunderstorms bring lightning. Several people have been struck, and some have been killed, by lightning in our area during the last several years. Please be aware of approaching thunderstorms and take precautions to avoid becoming the victim of a lightning strike.

There are some locations that are extremely dangerous and should be avoided during thunderstorms. These include open fields; athletic fields; golf courses; swimming pools and other bodies of water; and areas around wire fences, clothes lines, overhead wires, railroad tracks and isolated trees. Also, you should not talk on the telephone or take a shower during a thunderstorm.

If you notice a thunderstorm approaching, take refuge in a location that offers protection from lightning. The best places to be during a thunderstorm include inside a home, large metal frame building, automobile with metal top (not convertible) and city streets shielded by nearby buildings.

CORRECTION: The phone number for information about Fairfax County's tax abatement program for certain home improvements is 222-8234. Last month's newsletter listed the TTY number for the hearing impaired.

Police Dept. Earns State Accreditation

The Town of Vienna Police Department has been awarded the Certificate of Accreditation by the Virginia Law Enforcement Professional Standards Commission. Achievement of this award demonstrates the department's compliance with recognized standards of professionalism in law enforcement.

To fulfill the requirements and standards for accreditation the department made a number of changes, including revising and updating most of its written directive system, and conducting audits of its property control process.

The department's ultimate goal is the achievement of national recognition through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

Dry Spell's Effect On Town Trees

By Mark R. Allen
Town of Vienna Horticulturist

Whenever we experience a lengthy period of dry weather, the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department receives calls from concerned citizens stating that certain Town trees look "bad" and need watering. Unfortunately, the department has neither the manpower nor the equipment to water all the Town's trees, so the general rules we follow are:

- Trees in their first growing season are watered once a week.
- Second-season trees are watered every other week.
- Third-season trees are watered once a month.

After the third season, trees are considered established and on their own. Trees planted in the last three years get priority because they will suffer severely or even die if not watered sufficiently. Older trees may drop their leaves and look bad; however, because they have established root systems and internal food/energy reserves, they will live through the drought and begin new growth again next spring when conditions are more favorable.

No Property Tax or Water Rate Increases in FY 2000 Budget

The Town Council has adopted Vienna's budget for fiscal year 1999-2000, which begins July 1. The budget for all funds totals \$18,837,372, an increase of \$727,132 or about 4% over last year.

The real estate tax rate was set at 31¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, the same rate as last year. Due to reassessments, the average Vienna taxpayer will see a small increase in the real estate tax bill equivalent to approximately \$2 per month.

Water and sewer rates also remain unchanged in the new budget. The water rate for town residents is \$2.44 per 1,000 gallons, and the sewer rate is \$3.16.

A "Budget in Brief" summary is given below; complete copies of the budget are available for review or purchase in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall.

FY 1999-2000 BUDGET IN BRIEF

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Property Tax	\$ 4,480,738	Legislative	\$ 545,423
Public Service Taxes	125,000	Town Manager	933,959
Penalties & Interest	15,000	Finance Department	756,446
Other Local Taxes	4,329,665	Police Department	3,700,648
Permits, Fees & Licenses	43,900	Public Works Department	4,007,697
Fines & Forfeitures	463,275	Tax Relief	89,400
Use of Money & Property	223,200	Parks & Recreation Department	1,462,418
Park & Recreation Fees	229,000	Planning & Zoning Department	401,075
Special Services Fees	6,600	Reserves & Transfers	67,216
Miscellaneous Revenues	61,500	Equipment Replacement	398,152
Non-categorical Aid	506,619	TOTAL	\$12,362,434
Categorical Aid	974,517		
Reimbursements	91,467		
Interfund Transfers	635,588		
Use of Prior Year Reserves	176,365		
TOTAL	\$12,362,434		

WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Use of Money	\$ 95,000	Operations & Maintenance	\$2,800,276
Water & Sewer Charges	4,190,086	Meter Maintenance & Reading	297,020
Miscellaneous Revenues	25,000	Billing/Customer Service	120,835
TOTAL	\$4,310,086	Transfers	993,182
		Reserves	63,079
		Equipment Replacement	35,694
		TOTAL	\$4,310,086

DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES		EXPENDITURES	
Other Local Taxes	\$1,377,300	Administrative Costs	\$ 1,300
Use of Money	103,500	Debt Service	2,163,552
Interfund Transfers	357,594	TOTAL	\$2,164,852
Use of Prior Year Surplus	326,458		
TOTAL	\$2,164,852		

TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$18,837,372

Council Action

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new carpeting in the auditorium at the Community Center.

- Awarded the meter reading system Y2K replacement to Radix Corp., with a one-time charge of \$15,939 and an annual maintenance cost of \$2,304.

- Awarded a bid for silt removal from Wolftrap Creek and Bear Branch to R.M. Soderquist, Inc., at a price of \$29,115.

- Awarded a bid for fire hydrant repair parts to U.S. Filter/Waterpro at a price of \$16,749.68.

\$100 Fine Approved For Excessive Speed On Residential Streets

The Town Council has adopted an ordinance imposing a mandatory \$100 fine for certain speeding violations. The ordinance, which becomes effective July 1, was adopted in response to citizen complaints about aggressive driving in Vienna's residential neighborhoods. It allows for a civil penalty of \$100 to any motorist convicted of exceeding the speed limit by 20 mph or more on residential streets.

Remember, the speed limit in residential areas is 25 mph unless posted otherwise.

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.

Citizen Comment

An Outstanding Vienna Business

A Westview Court resident writes, "This is the perfect forum to express my feelings about a particular business in Vienna."

"We have lived in Vienna for over 20 years. We moved from a Midwestern area, and after a long search, felt that Vienna offered a good replacement for that feeling of community found in small towns. Our feelings have not changed. Through the years our family has participated in many community athletic programs, family events, and community endeavors. As a family we have enjoyed being a part of Vienna.

"Now we have all had dry cleaner/laundry experiences. Last week I picked up an order from Ocean Cleaners at 237 Maple Ave., E. Nothing remarkable about that. However, soon after I realized I was missing a treasured piece of jewelry. The special pin was priceless more for its sentimental value than retail value. (However, it was 14K and attractive.) After a long search I realized that I may have left it attached to a garment sent to be cleaned. With little hope of recovering an item in such a situation, I

went to Ocean Cleaners and asked the lovely lady 'Sang' at the counter if perhaps she had come across such an item. After only a brief pause, she turned and retrieved my beloved pin.

"We live in threatening times. With terms like 'lock-down' being a part of our vocabulary, it is a challenge to trust one another. Yet, this lovely lady, Sang, has done more to boost my faith in humanity in general and Vienna in particular by her simple act of honesty and kindness than I thought possible.

"If there is a Citizens Award or an Outstanding Business Award, I nominate Sang of Ocean Cleaners. The Town of Vienna should be proud to have such a business in the community."

(Editor's note: The Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce presents Citizen of the Year, Business Person of the Year, and Business of the Year awards. This year's awards luncheon will be held July 15 at Cafe Renaissance. For more information, call the Chamber office at 281-1333.)

"Fan Care" Helps Seniors Keep Cool

The Virginia Department for the Aging and Virginia Power have teamed up to provide box fans to elderly Virginians who need help cooling their homes this summer. To be eligible for Fan Care, an individual must live in Virginia, be age 60 or older, have a need for cooling assistance, and meet income guidelines. Eligible clients can receive one fan per cooling season, and the fans become the property of the recipients.

Locally, the Fairfax County Area Agency on Aging administers Fan Care by screening applicants and distributing fans. For more information, call 324-5411. Tax-deductible contributions are welcomed. Businesses and organizations wishing to become Fan Care "partners" should contact the Virginia Department for the Aging toll free at 1-800-552-3402.

Be Alert for Y2K Consumer Scams

Virginia Attorney General Mark Earley urges all consumers to take common sense precautions to guard their financial transactions to avoid possible scams as the end of the year approaches.

Specifically, Virginia citizens should be aware of the following Y2K scams, which have been reported to consumer protection agencies:

- Bank examiner scam — A scammer, claiming to represent your bank, calls to tell you that your bank is having difficulty meeting the Y2K readiness requirements and that bank customers must transfer their money to a bond account, and then attempts to learn your account numbers and other personal information.

- Credit card scam — The scammer calls to tell you that due to Y2K concerns, you will need a special strip put on your credit card, and then attempts to learn your credit card account number.

You can check out complaint records by contacting the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs toll free at 1-800-552-9963 or online at www.state.va.us/~vdacs/oca-home.htm.

Play It Safe This July 4th

The Fourth of July just would not be the same without those breathtaking fireworks. Your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds you that those beautiful fireworks can turn your holiday into a tragedy within seconds. Many people are injured each year due to fireworks, and some are injured seriously and left with permanent damage.

Any firework that explodes, emits a flame or sparks higher than 12 feet, or acts as a projectile is prohibited by the Fairfax County Fire Prevention Code. A permit is required for the sale of all fireworks, and these permits are valid only from June 1 to July 15 of each year.

Many fireworks are not available in Northern Virginia because they are illegal. Firecrackers, cherry bombs and skyrockets are just a few examples of fireworks that may be purchased in other areas but are illegal here. Since even the possession of unapproved fireworks is prohibited in Fairfax County, these fireworks will be confiscated and the person possessing them will be charged with a Class I misdemeanor, which carries a maximum penalty of a \$2,500 fine or one year in jail.

Please adhere to the following safety tips for the personal safety of yourself and your loved ones:

- When displaying legally purchased, approved fireworks, place them on a flat surface, clear of any combustible material and clear of all buildings.
- Keep all bystanders at least 20 feet away from fireworks.
- Read the directions carefully.
- Do not permit young children to handle or light fireworks.
- Light only one firework at a time.
- Never throw fireworks.
- Sparklers can be very dangerous. Pieces can break off and burn bystanders.
- Young children should not use sparklers as these can attain a temperature as high as 1800° Fahrenheit.
- Store fireworks in a cool, dry place.

Please have a safe Fourth of July and stay away from dangerous and illegal fireworks. Remember that there are many public displays available that offer a safe way to view fireworks. If you have any questions about fireworks, call the Fire Prevention Division at 246-4849 or the Life Safety Education Section at 246-3801 or 385-4419(TTY).

JULY 4TH PET PRECAUTIONS

The sound of fireworks exploding can be terrifying to even the most placid pet. To ensure that pets have a safe and peaceful Independence Day, your Fairfax County Animal Shelter recommends leaving pets inside, with all windows and curtains closed and the air conditioner on at a normal level. This will muffle the frightening sounds outside. Pets not ordinarily allowed inside the house should be sheltered in the basement or garage, with plenty of fresh water. If a pet is particularly nervous, speak to a veterinarian about tranquilizing the animal during the holiday. Make sure all pets wear identification tags just in case they become lost. For additional advice, call the Animal Shelter at 830-1100.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in May:

Dave Shepherd Magic
(entertainment)
1111 Drake St., S.W.
242-3798

J. Lee Bailer
(gift items for sale)
410 Yeonas Dr., S.W.
255-9082

Dairy Queen
(ice cream parlor)
304 Maple Ave., W.
242-3820

Melissa Griffith
(psychotherapy)
501 Church St., N.E. #215
255-2209

Convenient Location & Friendly Service

SHOP IN VIENNA

Support Our Hometown Merchants

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Low-cost rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats will be held from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, July 11, at the Fairfax County Government Center. All dogs and cats over four months old are required to be vaccinated. Vaccine for animals over a year old costs \$6 and provides protection from rabies for three years. For animals under a year old, vaccine costs \$4 and protects for one year. When animals are brought to the clinic, dogs must be restrained by a leash and cats confined to a cat-carrier or other container. For more information, call the County Animal Shelter at 830-1100.

Golf Privilege Card benefits the American Lung Association of Virginia and entitles the bearer to free or reduced greens fees at over 300 courses, ranges and resorts in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina. Over 35 courses are in Northern Virginia, including Fair Oaks Golf Park, Dulles Golf Center and Sports Park, and XGOLF Swing Analysis and Training in McLean. Golf Privilege Cards cost \$30 each, plus \$1 for shipping and handling. Gift boxes containing a golf towel, three golf balls, tees, ball markers and a divot fixer are available for \$3. To place an order, call the Lung Association's Northern Virginia Area Office at 591-4131.

Cold War certificate, signed by the Secretary of Defense, is now available to military veterans and federal government civilian personnel who served during the Cold War era (September 2, 1945–December 26, 1991). To apply for a certificate you must submit a copy of any official government or military document with your name, Social Security number/military service number/foreign service number, and date of service during the Cold War era. Send to Cold War Recognition, 4035 Ridge Top

U.S. Census Bureau needs census takers & support personnel for the Year 2000 Census. Competitive hourly wages + mileage reimbursement for field jobs. For information, call 274-2062.

Rd., Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22030, or fax to 275-6749. For more information, call 275-6279.

Open house at the Vienna Railroad Station Saturday, July 17, from 1 to 5 p.m. The Northern Virginia Model Railroaders invite the public to see an operating HO scale model railroad. Donations accepted. The station is located at the corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. For more information, call 938-5157 or visit the Railroaders' website at www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6120.

Congratulations to Navy Federal Credit Union on the 10th anniversary of its award-winning business/school partnership with Thoreau Middle School. Navy Federal celebrated with a student art exhibit and reception at its headquarters in the Vienna Technology Park, which featured over 160 pieces of artwork. The Navy Federal/Thoreau partnership has been recognized by the Volunteer Center of Fairfax, Phi Delta Kappa, and Northern Virginia Family Services. Over 140 Navy Federal employees are involved in the program.

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) gallery is 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," continues through August 29.

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA), will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Greg Thorne will lead a discussion on past and current military and political events in

Vietnam. For more information, call 255-0353 or visit the web page at www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305.

Daylily sale at Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park Saturday, July 31, beginning at 10 a.m. Daylily divisions from the park's collection of more than 300 varieties will be priced from \$2 to \$4. Learn how to divide daylilies and hostas at a workshop at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 24. 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.

"Low Fat, Express Lane Cooking," sponsored by The Women's Center, will be presented on Saturday, July 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E. Nutritionist and cookbook author Robyn Webb will show you how to prepare healthy, great-tasting meals in under 20 minutes. 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.

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, 281-3530.

Patrick Henry Library offers programs for preschoolers, school age children, and adults. At 1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 1, kids aged 6–12 are invited to meet various live marine animals such as crabs, clams and sea stars. "Under the Sea" is sponsored by the Friends of George Mason Regional Library. This activity is free of charge, but space is limited and advance registration is required. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children

By Lt. Daniel A. Marcey
Vienna Police Department

The Vienna Police Department has joined thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide in declaring zero tolerance for drivers with unbuckled children. Operation ABC Mobilization, sponsored by the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign in partnership with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the U.S. Department of Transportation's Buckle Up America Campaign, is a stepped-up drive to enforce seat belt and child passenger safety laws and provide safety seat inspections, installation and education.

Traffic crashes are the leading cause of death for American children of all races. It's the law in all 50 states that children must be restrained. But because adults are breaking the law, children are crippled and killed in car crashes every day. In fact, six out of ten children who die in crashes are unbuckled. Of those, nearly half would be alive today if they had just been buckled up.

As an officer, I know firsthand that stepped-up enforcement of seat belt laws saves lives. We have seen results. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that the ABC Mobilization in 1998 played a key role in prompting 19 million more Americans to buckle up — the largest single-year increase in seat belt use in eight years. It is estimated that if these Americans continue to wear their seat belts, 1,500 lives will be saved this year.

Nothing is more devastating to an officer than breaking the news to parents that their child has been killed or critically injured. And, knowing that enforcement not only works but will also spare families a lifetime of pain and regret, it's time we insist on zero tolerance for drivers with unbuckled children.

On behalf of the Vienna Police Department, I am proud that we will be enforcing zero tolerance every day of the year for drivers who don't buckle up their child passengers.

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



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 Community Band, under the direction of bandmaster John J. Pickeral, Jr., will present its summer concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 25, on the Community Center grounds. 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.

Tickets go on sale July 16 for the Vienna Youth Players' production of the hit Broadway musical "Godspell." Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$6 for students and senior citizens. Performances are scheduled August 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and August 15 at 2 p.m.

JUST FOR TEENS

"Beat the Summertime Blues" program for students in grades 6-8. The program will kick off July 8 with a Summer Blast Party featuring both indoor and outdoor games and a cookout. Trips are scheduled via Metro to the National Zoo July 15, Chinatown and the MCI Center July 22, and Washington National Cathedral and the Old Post Office July 29. These are all-day programs (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and there is a fee for each activity.

Babysitting fundamentals for boys and girls aged 12 and older will be presented on Saturday, July 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn how to care for infants and young children, including bathing, games/activities, basic first aid, diapering, and safety practices. The fee of \$20 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Advance registration is required.

Skin care workshop Tuesday, July 20, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Learn how to care for your skin type and how to wear the right

makeup. An image consultant will analyze what colors of makeup and wardrobe look best on you.

Summer open gym hours for ages 13-17 are scheduled this summer on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 5:30 p.m.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

"The 5-step Estate Plan" will be presented on Monday, July 12, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss wills, trusts, taxes and probate in easy-to-understand terms. Free of charge.

Investment workshop July 15 and 29 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; pre-registration required.

"What's in a Name?" will explore investing in brand name companies such as Kellogg, Coca Cola and Gillette. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will discuss why some of the most established

companies also appear to be some of the most favorable growth companies and show you how to read an annual report. Free of charge; reservations required.

BUS TRIPS

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.

Old Post Office and Union Station are the destinations on a sightseeing trip to Washington, D.C., via Metro on Wednesday, July 21, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Participants pay for their own Metro fares (about \$5) and lunch.

Enjoy a day at the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, July 29. (Please note this date is different from that listed in the summer brochure.) 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 July 22.

Bicycle Rodeo Points Up Need For Bike and Helmet Inspections

Vienna Police Community Services Officer Virginia Palmore reports that out of approximately 190 participants at the spring bicycle rodeo for children held at the Community Center, only 20 had no problems with the condition of their helmets and only 12 had no problems with the condition of their bikes. Many children showed up with no helmet at all or one that needed to be replaced; 49 helmets were given out. Repairs to the bikes included tire pressure, brake adjustment, chain adjustment and lubrication, seat height adjustment, and handlebar adjustment.

In addition to the bike and helmet inspections, the rodeo included a safety video and discussion with Officer Palmore, and riding on four courses that taught kids important safety lessons: to look both ways before riding out of the driveway; to stop at stop signs and dangerous intersections; to look behind for traffic; and to control and balance the bike.

HEALTH & FITNESS

"Women's Health Issues" will be presented by Dr. Kathryn Thompson of the Wellness Group on Tuesday, July 6, from 7 to 8 p.m. Learn what specific nutrients are needed for women's special needs and how to deal with PMS and menopause naturally. Free of charge.

FAMILY FUN

Enjoy a family movie outdoors at Glyndon Park at dusk (about 8:45 p.m.) Friday, July 16. Free admission. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Call to find out what film is scheduled. Parents are required to stay with their children during the show.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, July 24 and 31, 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.

Skin care workshop Tuesday, July 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. Esmé M. Dettor of BeautiControl will demonstrate daily maintenance to help skin defy damage from stress, sun, and harsh environments and how the right makeup and fashion colors can help you look younger, healthier and more confident at any age. Includes a private color analysis.

Free blood pressure check Wednesday, July 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. Members of The Medical Team will be available to check your blood pressure.

POTPOURRI

Kings Dominion and Busch Gardens discount tickets may be purchased at the Community Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Checks only will be accepted payable to "VRPS" (Virginia Recreation and Park Society). "Kids Deal" tickets to Kings Dominion for ages 3-12 cost \$16.99 each and are good July 6-August 1.



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 ❖
Children's activities ❖
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