

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

AUGUST 1989 — The Pedestrian Task Force is seeking citizen input on the need for additional pedestrian facilities. Traffic is getting heavier, and demand for recreational opportunities, including walking, jogging and bicycling, is increasing, all combining to create safety hazards and a need for dedicated pedestrian facilities. In recognition of this need, funds for sidewalk construction have been budgeted for this fiscal year. The Town Council is very much interested in citizen suggestions regarding areas for construction of the new sidewalks, as well as areas for sidewalk improvements.

AUGUST 1979 — As the gasoline shortage continues, more Vienna residents are joining the Town's carpool system. If you would like to participate in the carpool system — as a driver, a rider, or both — complete a participation card (available at Patrick Henry Library) and return it to Town Hall. Your name will then be matched with those of others going to or near your work destination.

AUGUST 1969 — A joint public hearing of the Town Council and Planning Commission has been scheduled for August 25 on a proposed ordinance prohibiting the riding of horses and other animals on the streets and sidewalks within the Town limits.

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## Permit Required to Erect a Fence

The Town of Vienna requires homeowners to obtain a permit before erecting a fence on their property. The fence permit application must be accompanied by a plat of the property showing the location of the proposed fence and a \$5 fee.

**On interior lots**, a fence may be erected to a maximum height of 4' in front of the house and 6' beside and behind the house.

**On corner lots**, a fence may be erected to a maximum height of 6' except in the following locations: A fence built within 25' of the property line abutting the side street may be no more than 4' high. That part of the fence built within 25' of the corner may be no more than 3' high. If the house behind yours faces the side street, your back fence may be no more than 4' high from the front of your neighbor's house to your property line at the street. (If the two houses are back to back, then your back fence may be 6' high along the entire rear property line.)

All fences must be constructed within the property lines. The posts and supports must face inward toward your house, and the finished side must face outward.

For more information and assistance, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

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### 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.

### Trim Those Branches

Residents are reminded that tree branches, shrubs, vines, and hedges must be trimmed so they do not obstruct the view of motorists, or endanger pedestrians or bicyclists using sidewalks. The Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for monitoring and enforcing this ordinance. Violations may be reported by calling 255-6360.

*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.*

# NEWSLETTER

August 1999

## Incentive Development Approved For Church Street Businesses

The Town Council has adopted an ordinance to enhance the appearance and economic vitality of businesses in the historic Church Street commercial corridor which employs an innovative concept in commercial development — an incentive based development program called the Church Street Vision Plan — to preserve the unique character of what was once Vienna's main street.

As part of the 1996 Church Street Revitalization Project, a new Pedestrian Commercial Zone was created for the project area from Lawyers Road to Mill Street to set the stage for the development of a pedestrian-friendly area attractive to both businesses and shoppers.

Under the Church Street Vision Plan, property owners within the Pedestrian Commercial Zone will be encouraged to renovate and develop properties in accordance with adopted guidelines that will reflect a main street urban architecture reminiscent of the small town American streetscape of the late 19th century. In exchange, owners will receive additional building square footage, a reduction in parking requirements, and an expedited review process.

The plan, which is entirely voluntary on the part of property owners, has been created to achieve improvements on Church Street without the imposition of additional architectural requirements or the restrictions of an official historic district.

For more information about the Church Street Vision Plan for incentive development, call the Planning and Zoning Department at 255-6341.

## Public Works Divisions Earn National Safety Award

The National Safety Council has awarded its 1998 "President's Citation" to the Town of Vienna General & Street Maintenance Division, Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance Division, and Water & Sewer Division. The award was earned for a perfect operating record without any days lost from work due to an occupational injury or illness — a total of over 167,000 employee hours — through December 31, 1998.

This award recognizes the cooperation and effort made by Vienna's Public Works crews to complete each day safely, in spite of having to perform some of the toughest jobs, such as snow plowing and repairing water main breaks, at all hours and in extreme weather conditions.

The success of Town government programs depends on its employees' success. To identify and express appreciation for the contributions of its work force, the Town participates in this and other award and recognition programs.

**Beauty Spot**  
from Your Community  
Enhancement Commission

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for improvements to their property, volunteer cleanup efforts, and other beautification projects. The latest Community Enhancement Service Awards go to:

☼ Arthur and Susan McKay, 205 East St., N.E., for their lovely flowers, landscaped garden, and well maintained home; and

☼ Village Green Shopping Center Owners Association, 500 block Maple Ave., W., for the colorful flowers and well maintained grounds.

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



Interested citizens are invited to attend the next Community Enhancement Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 26, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

# Town Council Action

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

JUNE 7, 1999

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

- Adopted a resolution honoring Father Raymond G. Collins, Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, for his 40 years of service to the priesthood.

- Reappointed Steve Bukont to the Community Enhancement Commission for a two-year term.

- Conducted a public hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of Ninovan Road, S.E., and appointed Jerome Covel, Paul Henon and James Preston as viewers.

- Following a public hearing, approved a five-year license agreement between the Town and VYVX of Virginia, Inc., to place an underground fiber optic cable along the W&OD right-of-way, crossing under Park Street, Maple Avenue, Church Street and Ayrhill Avenue.

- Appropriated asset forfeiture funds in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 to purchase furniture for the Police Department's Criminal Investigations Section.

- Waived competitive procurement procedures for Standard & Poor's rating services on the 1999 bond issue.

- Renewed the July 4 fireworks contract for 1999 with Shaefer Pyrotechnics in the amount of \$7,500.

- Awarded a bid for Y2K compliant computer software for the Parks and Recreation Department to Vermont Systems, Inc., of Essex Junction, Vt., in the amount of \$17,195, and appropriated \$6,292 for the purchase of additional software through a State contract from Gateway Business of North Sioux City, S.D.

- Approved a proposal by Seimens to replace the telephone system at all Town facilities except police headquarters through cooperative procurement using the Fairfax County government contract. Accepted a proposal from Bell Atlantic as the sole source practicably available to suit the Police Department's telecommunication needs. Appropriated \$154,600 in bond funds for the purchase and installation of the replacement systems.

- Amended the motor vehicle code to bring it into conformity with newly enacted State laws.

- Adopted an ordinance imposing a mandatory \$100 fine for certain speeding violations.

- Authorized negotiation of a license agreement with Nextlink Virginia, LLC, for construction of a pass-through fiber optic cable system.

- Adopted the Town budget and set tax rates for fiscal year 1999-2000.

*The Vienna Transportation Safety Commission's August 31 meeting will be a work session at police headquarters to view the operation of the new photo red light monitoring system. Work sessions are open for the public to attend.*

# August 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall beginning at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	2 Town Council	3 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	4	5 Planning Commission	6	7
8 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	9	10	11 Planning Commission	12 Town/Business Liaison Committee	13	14
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22	23	24	25 Planning Commission	26 Architectural Review Board	27	28
29	30 Transportation Safety Commission	31				

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## 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 September issue is Monday, August 16.

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.)

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department** is eliminating smoke in the Flame Room! Consistent with VVFD's commitment to support and promote the health and welfare of the community, the department has adopted a non-smoking policy for its weekly bingo games effective September 5. Breaks will be inserted into the game schedule to accommodate smokers' needs, but the hall itself will be completely smoke free. The second floor Flame Room at the fire station, 400 Center St., S., opens its doors for bingo at 4 p.m. every Sunday, sales begin at 5 p.m., and games start at 7 p.m. The payout averages over \$4,400 per session. For more information, call 938-2678, ext. 3000.

**Fall Kickoff Festival** in the back parking lot at James Madison High School Tuesday, August 31, from 5 to 8 p.m. Free admission. Meet representatives from Madison clubs and sports teams, check out the dunk tank and Moonbounce, play games for prizes, and enjoy performances by the award-winning Warhawk Band and Dance Team. Rain date September 1.

**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.

August is Adopt-A-Pet Month. The Washintgon Animal Rescue League will display pets for adoption at the Farmers' Market this month from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. The \$30 adoption fee covers all immunizations and neutering/spaying. For additional adoption information, call 202-726-2556.

**Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** will conduct a training program for volunteers September 15, 16 and 23 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Those who successfully complete the training will be assigned to a specific nursing

home or assisted living facility. Volunteers are expected to be available at least four hours per week during regular business hours, helping residents resolve problems with the facility and intervening with the staff for residents who have dementia or who have lost the ability to communicate. For more information, call Nancy Cavicce, 324-5435, or Natalie Maiden, 324-5422.

**The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna**, an interfaith organization for people over 50 years old, will sponsor its next "Adventures in Learning" program September 16–November 4 at St. Mark's Catholic Church on Vale Road. Kick-off and registration will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Thursday, September 9. For more information, call 281-0538.

**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.

**Camp Superkids**, sponsored by the American Lung Association of Virginia, lets asthmatic children age 8 through 13 enjoy the experience of summer camp. The one-day camp will be held on Saturday, August 7, at George Mason University in Fairfax. Children will participate in arts and crafts and group games as well as hands-on educational activities related to their asthma. A doctor, nurses and respiratory therapists will be at the camp throughout the day. The fee is \$10 per child. To register and for more information, call 591-4131.

## Attention Organizations! Calendar Deadline Sept. 1

Wednesday, September 1, is the deadline for Vienna non-profit organizations to submit information about their community events for next year to be published in the 2000 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax to 255-5729, or e-mail to [pio@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:pio@ci.vienna.va.us). For more information, call 255-6330.

**Job Hunter's Forum** will be held at The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., on Wednesday, August 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. This is a discussion group designed for active job seekers and facilitated by career counselor Donna Brand, who will offer general guidance related to job search issues. The cost for the program is \$5 per person and registration is not required. For more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 281-2657 or visit [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

**Patrick Henry Library** offers programs for preschoolers, school age children, and adults. This month's adult book discussion groups will examine *Cold Mountain* by Charles Frazier at 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 16, and Arthur Golden's *Memoirs of a Geisha* at 1 p.m. Thursday, August 26. For more information, call the library at 938-0405.

**Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce** has announced the winners of its annual community service awards. Congratulations to Citizen of the Year for 1999, Jane Seeman; Business Person of the Year, Robert A. "Dr. Bob" Borgatti, Sr., owner of Vienna Drug Center; Business of the Year, Mortgage Investment Corp.; Entrepreneur of the Year, Marion Paul Spina, Jr., founder of Stickdog Information Service Co.; and Chairman's Award, Diane Glanz.

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

## Comment from the Council Table

# Vienna's Revitalization Continues

By Albert J. Boudreau  
Vienna Town Councilman

Vienna's current revitalization began with the streetscape project on Church Street a couple of years ago, followed by the first section of Maple Avenue last year. The next phase will extend from Park Street to Beulah Road. We plan to do that work next summer and fully intend to avoid some of the problems we experienced doing the first phase. It is important to note that none of the costs of these improvements come from your Town real estate taxes, but are funded by County and federal grants obtained with the assistance of Supervisor Dix and Congressman Davis and a bond issue financed by meals tax receipts. It is nice to see that improvements seem to spur improvements. Some businesses had previously expended considerable dollars in renovation, and since the Town has begun the streetscape improvements, more businesses have improved their appearance and others plan to do so.

The Town Council recently enacted an ordinance with specific design guidelines to encourage the further renovation of Church Street. Several years ago, a subcommittee of the Town/Business Liaison Committee was formed to create a "vision" for Church Street which would be reminiscent of small-town America at the turn of the century. The committee was aided by several citizens who devoted huge amounts of their time and talent to this effort. The committee developed a voluntary incentive program for Church Street property owners to encourage them to redevelop their properties in a pedestrian friendly manner suitable for small shops. We hope to see results from this unique undertaking in the near future.

Don't forget, homeowners can join in Vienna's revitalization by taking advantage of the Town and County tax abatement programs for the renovation, rehabilitation or replacement of certain residential structures.

Council is now exploring ways to create a "vision" for the entire town. An overall vision is important to make sure Vienna continues to be a truly distinctive community and does not become lost in the continuing massive urban development around its borders.

Traffic continues to be a problem for us

all. We cannot do much by ourselves about the volume of cars which comes through town each day, and we continue to work with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to find ways to lessen this volume in the future. We can, however, do something about speeding and unsafe aggressive driving. We have increased the number of police on traffic patrol, worked with the court system so that the related increase in the size of the court docket could be incorporated into their operations, and procured additional speed detection and warning devices. Because we believed that traffic offenders should receive serious consequences in regards to their acts, with the help of Delegate Devolites and Senator Howell, we obtained a change to the State law to require the imposition of a mandatory \$100 fine, not suspendable by the judge, and in addition to whatever other penalties apply, to drivers who speed in excess of 20 mph over the speed limit on our residential streets. Additionally, based on testimony and requests from many citizens last year, we have begun to install some "traffic calming devices." Several speed humps have been installed at various locations in town. At this early stage, some people think they help slow down traffic and want more of them installed and some people think they are a useless nuisance and we should remove them. We do not plan any more installations or removals until we gather new speed and volume statistics on the streets where these trial speed humps are installed and do a comparative analysis of their effectiveness based on previous statistics.

To further improve overall safety in our community and create a more pedestrian friendly environment, we plan to install a number of new sidewalks throughout town. This year we have allocated \$380,000 for sidewalk construction. A recent sidewalk study conducted by members of the Transportation Safety Commission and the Planning Commission, which included the survey responses of many citizens, produced a priority list of streets recommended for new sidewalks. Engineering plans and cost estimates are being developed and we expect to start construction on some new sidewalks



Councilman Boudreau

this fall. We obviously will not be able to do all that have been recommended, so we have established a special fund to continue this program in the coming years.

Plans are still being made to reconstruct Beulah Road. By State and Town standards the road is unsafe and the roadbed is deteriorating badly. We want to maintain the beauty and character of the street, however, and a preliminary set of plans was developed to save as many of the stately trees as possible. A walk-through of the street with many of the residents in the area produced further suggestions for improving the design. We are currently negotiating with VDOT to reduce, to some extent, the paved width of the street and to remove some turn lanes. Revised plans are being developed and we will have additional public hearings when they are ready. It appears, however, that the timetable for this job has been pushed back to about 2003.

Finally, the Town Hall and Police Station will soon receive new telephone systems. The telephone numbers will remain the same and calls will still be personally answered, but the new system will provide a voice mail service upon request and after business hours so residents can leave messages for Town staff. Additionally, all police 911 calls that are routed to the Town via Fairfax County's Public Safety Communications Center will now be relayed with all the emergency information on-line, eliminating the need for dispatchers to spell and reconfirm back the information.

Please feel free to call me at 938-6722 or e-mail me at [ajb6@aol.com](mailto:ajb6@aol.com) to discuss these or any other topics.

# 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 Youth Players** will present the hit Broadway musical "Godspell" August 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and August 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$7 general admission and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

**Amateur photography contest and exhibit** Saturday, August 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday, August 22, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Thursday, August 19, from 5 to 9 p.m. and Friday, August 20, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Ribbons will be awarded in eight categories in black & white and color divisions, including a new digital enhanced photography category. The entry fee is \$7 per person. Entries are limited to five photos per person and two per category.

**Quarterly stamp and coin show** August 7 and 8. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 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.

## SPORTS & FITNESS

**Captain's Choice Golf Tournament**, sponsored by the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society, will be held at Brambleton Regional Golf Course in Ashburn on Monday, August 9, beginning with a "shotgun start" at 8 a.m. The entry fee of \$220 per foursome includes greens fees, cart, bucket of balls for the driving range, beverages, snacks, lunch, door prizes, and trophies for the top three foursomes. Registration limited to 35 foursomes.

**Vienna Fours outdoor volleyball tournament** Saturday and Sunday, August 28 and 29, at Southside Park. Co-sponsored

by Mid-Atlantic Volleyball. Four levels of competition in men's, women's and co-ed divisions. Entry fee \$10 for Mid-Atlantic Volleyball members, \$15 for non-members. To register and for more information, call 301-881-7795.

**Fall co-ed softball league** games begin the week of August 23. Games will be played on weekday evenings at Southside Park.

**Vienna Men's Softball League** fall season begins September 11. Games will be played on Saturdays at Southside Park.

For both leagues, the registration fee of \$375 per team includes 14 regular season double-header games, a double elimination tournament, umpire fees, softballs, score books, and awards. A maximum of 16 teams will be accepted in each league on a first-come, first-served basis.

## BUS TRIPS

**Enjoy a day at the casinos** in Atlantic City on Thursday, August 19. 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 August 12.

## JUST FOR TEENS

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

**Babysitting fundamentals** for boys and girls age 12 and older will be presented on Saturday, August 14, 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, August 23, 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.

**"Beat the Summertime Blues"** program for students in grades 6-8 continues this month with trips to Hemlock Overlook Regional Park August 5, National Air and Space Museum August 12, Harper's Ferry August 19, and Old Town Alexandria August 26. These are all-day programs (9 a.m.-5 p.m.) and there is a fee for each activity.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**The living trust** will be discussed on Monday, August 2, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will explain how to use the most important alternative to traditional wills to beat probate, cut taxes, and simplify estate planning. Free of charge.

**"Global Investing"** is the topic of a free seminar on Wednesday, August 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will discuss investment opportunities in major markets outside the U.S., including Japan, where poor market performance in 1998 has made stock prices more attractive now. Reservations required.

## FAMILY FUN

**Enjoy a family movie outdoors** at Glyndon Park at dusk (about 8:45 p.m.) Friday, August 20. 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 Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24, 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, August 3, 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.

**Let's go bowling** on Tuesday, August 10, 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.

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

## POTPOURRI

**"Personal Safety for Women"** will be held in four parts, August 16, 18, 23 and 25, from 7 to 10 p.m. 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.

**Auditions** for the Vienna Theatre Company's fall comedy, "Lend Me a Tenor," will be held Wednesday and Thursday, September 1 and 2, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

**Arm chair traveler** series introduces you to the creatures of the Namib Desert courtesy of the National Geographic Society on Friday, August 20, 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.

**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).

## Citizen Comment

### Great Service from Another Outstanding Vienna Business

*A West Street resident writes:* "I read with great interest the *Citizen Comment* in your July issue entitled, 'An Outstanding Vienna Business.' I, too, would like to congratulate Ms. Sang for being such a great example to all of us for her honesty and great service.

"I have been searching for some way to publicly honor another great Vienna business person who, like Ms. Sang, exemplifies what all of us so very much appreciate in society today. Her name is Mary Looney, who is an employee of Fresh Fields on Maple Avenue. Here is what Mary did for me. Read it and you be the judge.

"Several weeks ago I was in Fresh Fields purchasing a few items and as I checked out I unknowingly dropped \$80 as I paid my bill. I then went to a couple of other stores and when I went to pay another bill I found that the money was missing. I retraced my steps to my truck, looked everywhere in the vehicle, and finding nothing I returned to Fresh Fields. I went back to Mary and asked if perhaps she had found some money that had been dropped. A big smile came on Mary's face and she said, 'I was hoping that you would come back,' as she handed me the bills which she had placed in an envelope and kept on the side of her cash register.

"Now Mary could just as easily have told me that she had not found any money and no one would have been the wiser, but she didn't. And Mary could have been very let down that I returned, but instead she was obviously quite happy. I'm sure that Mary could very well have used the \$80 and put it to good use. As a matter of fact, I was tempted to tell Mary to keep the money in exchange for renewing my faith in people, which has been slipping badly in recent years based on the publicity given to crime everywhere from the streets to the White House.

"I wrote a letter to Fresh Fields complimenting Mary to make sure that they knew how very fortunate they and we are to have her."

## Welcome New Businesses

*The following business licenses were issued in June:*

Blue Sky Design (graphic design) 617 Frederick St., S.W. 938-6745	Enterprising Solutions (contractor) 108 Center St., N. 2nd Fl. 242-6500	D.G. Koval, L.L.C. (consulting) 347 Lawyers Rd., N.W. 938-6561
Master Appliance Service (major home repairs) 124 Kingsley Rd., S.E. 241-9360	Estate Preservation & Management (consulting) 280 Windover Ave., N.W. 281-4694	Kingston Marine (USA) (ship brokerage) 261 Glen Ave., S.W. 319-3776
Sarah A. Hover, PhD (clinical psychology) 380 Maple Ave., W. #303B 938-5234	System Information Technology (computer repairs) 312-B Dominion Rd., N.E. 281-6005	Stratagem (wholesale colored stones) 360 Maple Ave., W. #C 319-1402
Videocache.com (internet video) 208 Patrick St., S.W. 560-8938		