

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

OCTOBER 1990 – The glass collection dumpster in the Park Street parking lot of the Community Center now has three companions – dumpsters for plastic, cans and cardboard. As with glass, the Town will realize no revenue from the deposited items; however, the savings in landfill costs will be substantial.

OCTOBER 1980 – The Town Council has adopted an ordinance to franchise and regulate cable television in Vienna. Franchises are expected to be awarded next year. The ordinance Council adopted October 20 parallels that of Fairfax County, and a joint Town/County solicitation of applications and award of franchises is planned. Once franchises have been awarded, construction of the cable system must begin within one year, and 20% of the system must be completed each succeeding year until the entire system is finished in five years.

OCTOBER 1970 – Vienna has purchased the Bowman property, which is located on Center Street and separated from Town Hall by the medical center. The location, which is convenient to Town Hall, the Community Center and the Fire Department, is an ideal location for the future expansion of Town facilities. The Board of Zoning Appeals will soon hold a public hearing on the Town's request for a use permit to construct a municipal swimming pool on the property.

OCTOBER 1960 – This is the first issue of a quarterly newsletter addressed to every citizen of Vienna from the Town government. Other issues will follow. It is dedicated to the mission of briefly informing all citizens of the principal events transpiring in the conduct of their Town government in the preceding quarter. Some events must be omitted to obtain brevity and others because their status is not sufficiently firm at the time of publishing to warrant a precise and correct statement. The preparation and distribution of these newsletters is accomplished entirely by Town employees and entails many hours of work, some after regular working hours, but is done cheerfully and enthusiastically in order to fully inform all citizens of the current operations of their government.

Windover Heights Board of Review

The Windover Heights Board of Review, established in 1979, approves new construction and major exterior alterations of buildings within the Windover Heights Historic District in northwest Vienna, one of the original residential sections of town and home to citizens prominent in the community's development.

Before issuing a Certificate of Appropriateness, the Board considers the relation of the proposed project to the old and historic aspect of the surroundings; the extent to which areas of historic interest will be preserved or protected; and architectural and other features that relate to the cultural and artistic heritage of the town.

The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month, if an application is submitted, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and interested citizens are welcome to attend. Members are Thomas Kamstra, Chairman; Jill Decker; Shirley Damon; Peter VanderNat; and Steve Bukont. For more information about the district and the Board, contact Brent Wilkinson, Senior Planner with the Planning and Zoning Department, at 703-255-6341 or e-mail sp@ci.vienna.va.us.



NEWSLETTER

October 2000

Leaf Pickup Begins October 16

Fall leaf collection will begin on October 16 in south Vienna and October 26 on the north side of town. Department of Public Works crews using leaf vacuum machines will collect leaves that residents have raked to the curbside.

The leaf collection crews will make one pass through town each month during October, November and December. **ALL LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY FOR EACH PASS THROUGH YOUR AREA. ONCE YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COVERED, CREWS WILL NOT DOUBLE BACK.**

If you miss your vacuum collection dates, the Public Works Department will still collect your leaves; however, the leaves must be bagged and placed at the curbside for pickup with your regular trash. Up to 20 bags of leaves will be picked up on any single refuse collection day throughout the year.

Please rake leaves just to the curbside, not into the street. Cars parked on leaf piles may catch on fire, and children playing in the leaves may be struck by a passing vehicle. Also, leaves may prevent rain water from reaching storm water inlets. Residents may wish to move vehicles off the street to avoid dust from the leaf vacuums when the weather is dry; the Town cannot be responsible for washing cars.

For more information about leaf collection, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

No Special Pickups During Leaf Collection

Because of fall leaf collection, no Special Trash Pickups will be made in November and December. The last day to order a Special Pickup this year is Monday, October 2. Call 703-255-5727.

2000 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves must be at the curbside prior to the first scheduled collection day for each pass through your area

SOUTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 16–25
NOVEMBER 6–17
DECEMBER 4–15

NORTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 26–NOVEMBER 3
NOVEMBER 20–DECEMBER 1
DECEMBER 18–29

54th annual Vienna
Halloween Parade
7 p.m. Wednesday,
October 25,
on Maple Avenue.
See page 5 for
parade information.

Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 9, for Columbus Day. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday route.

Personal Property Tax

October 5 is the deadline to pay Fairfax County personal property tax on motor vehicles. (If you moved into the county or purchased a vehicle after July 1, your taxes will not be due until February 15, 2001.) In this third year of the state-authorized tax reduction, taxpayers' personal property tax will be reduced by 47.5%, which is reflected in the bill they received from the County. Taxes may be paid in a variety of ways, including in person at the County Government Center and certain local banks, by mail, and over the Internet. For more information, call 703-222-8234 or visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/dta.

FIRE & RESCUE
911
(Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE
EMERGENCY
703-938-4900 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)
NON-EMERGENCY
703-255-6366 (Voice)
703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL
703-255-6300 (Voice)
703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER
703-255-6360 (Voice)
703-255-5739 (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 Capital Projects Engineer 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 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

JUNE 19, 2000

- Approved a five-year license agreement with Level 3 Communications for underground installation of fiber optic cable along Town right-of-way.

- Approved a review of a request from a local business for a partial refund of its gross receipts tax.

- Approved a contract with Insituform East for sanitary sewer rehabilitation at a price of \$213,242.

- Adopted amendments to the motor vehicle code to bring it into conformance with new State laws.

- Adopted amendments to the zoning code concerning public hearings for conditional use permits.

- Appointed Howard J. Springsteen to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term.

- Made the following reappointments for fiscal year 2001: Town Clerk, Carol A. Orndorff; Town Treasurer, Philip R. Grant; Town Attorney, John F. Gionfrido; and Town Manager, John H. Schoeberlein.

- Made the following appointments

for fiscal year 2001: representative to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Councilman Boudreau; representative to the Administrative Committee of the Town Employee Retirement Plan, Councilman Olson; representative to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Councilman Polychrones; representative to the Hunter Mill District and Providence District Advisory Councils, Councilman Briglia; representative to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Councilman McCormick. Named Councilman McCormick Mayor Pro Tempore.

JULY 3, 2000

- Appointed Kevin Kerwin as the student representative to the Community Enhancement Commission for a one-year term, and appointed Maud Robinson to fill the unexpired Council term of M. Jane Seeman.

- Adopted an agreement with TCG Virginia for a telecommunications franchise.

- Adopted amendments to the meals tax to comply with new State law.

- Approved payment of \$14,672 to Virginia Power for additional utility relocation costs for the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

- Decided not to renew automatically the current lease for the Vienna Railroad Station and to notify the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders that the Town desires to renegotiate the lease agreement.

- Awarded a bid for the Community Center sound system and closed circuit TV system to RCI Systems in the amount of \$28,590, with a contingency amount not to exceed \$1,410 for anticipated above-ceiling work.

- Awarded a bid for printing the Parks and Recreation Department program brochure to Chesapeake Publishing Corp. in the quarterly base amount of \$1,476.33 and not to exceed \$8,800 for the fiscal year.

- Authorized preparation of bid documents for improvement of the left-turn lane from northbound Nutley Street, S.W., onto westbound Courthouse Road, and also authorized the installation of a five-section traffic signal head to provide unrestricted turn movements.

- Approved a contract with Roof Depot for roof repairs at the Nutley Street property yard at a price of \$22,410.

- Authorized Spiniello Companies to clean and reline water mains under its existing contract at an estimated price of \$394,644.50.

- Awarded a contract to TML for the purchase of a digital printer/copier in the amount of \$21,820, including estimated first-year maintenance costs.

- Adopted an amendment to the subdivision ordinance allowing the use of escrowed improvement funds at locations other than those for which the funds were originally posted.

- Adopted amendments to the zoning code concerning procedures for appeals to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

- Appointed Charles Brewer to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term.

October 2000

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 Last day to call for Special Pickup in 2000 Town Council	3 Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	4	5	6	7
8 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	9 Yom Kippur Columbus Day Town Hall closed	10	11 Planning Commission	12	13	14
15 Leaf collection south side of town October 16-25	16 Town Council work session	17	18 Board of Zoning Appeals	19 Architectural Review Board	20	21
22 Leaf collection north side of town Oct. 26-Nov. 3	23	24	25	26 Planning Commission Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.	27	28
29 Daylight savings time ends	30 Town Council	31 Halloween				

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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

Albert J. Boudreau

Vincent J. Olson

Steven D. Briglia

Michael J. Polychrones

Robert P. McCormick

Maud F. Robinson

TOWN STAFF

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Director of Public Works	Dennis W. King	703-255-6381
Chief of Police	Col. Dan Boring	703-255-6390
Director of Finance	Philip R. Grant	703-255-6320
Director of Parks & Recreation	Richard S. Black	703-255-6356
Director of Planning & Zoning	Gregory M. Hembree	703-255-6341

Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for November issue is Monday, October 16.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in August:

Aerial Photographers <i>photography</i> 905 Plum St., S.W. 703-281-9300	NG Diamond & Jewelry Appraisals 1002 Moorefield Hill Pl., S.W. 703-242-9329	Beck Consulting <i>computer consulting</i> 914 Cottage St., S.W. 703-967-9480
Avant-Garde Gifts <i>gifts & collectibles</i> 111 Park St., N.E. #A 703-255-7014	Cathy's Crystals <i>handcrafted jewelry</i> 1120 Ware St., S.W. 703-242-3617	Third Stage Solutions <i>software development</i> 103 Beulah Rd., N.E. #203 703-989-4336
Culinary Insight <i>consulting</i> 413 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. 703-242-8176	Flashner Strategies <i>business consulting</i> 108 Shepherdson Ln., N.E. 703-281-2520	Oganes Jeweler <i>jewelry repair</i> 1002 Moorefield Hill Pl., S.W. 703-242-9329
John R. Clements <i>financial consultant</i> 386 Maple Ave., E. #101 703-242-4040	Payne's Home Improvement <i>remodeling</i> 915 Plum St., S.W. 703-283-0946	<i>New ownership:</i> Vienna Shell Gas Station 256 Maple Ave., E. 703-938-4888

Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up 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.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that when its year 2000 goals are reached, an estimated 4,200 deaths and 103,000 injuries will be prevented each year, translating to a savings in societal costs of approximately \$6.7 billion annually.

Here are some important actions all drivers should take:

- Use the right size child safety seat. 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.
- Use your safety seat properly. Read directions. The child should be snugly secured in the safety seat, and the safety seat should be very tightly secured in the vehicle. 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.
- 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 than 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.

The Vienna Police Department has joined thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide in declaring zero tolerance for drivers with unbuckled children. Police officers will gladly assist parents to install child safety seats properly.

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 Award goes to Debbie and Robert Gwaltney, 115 Harmony Dr., S.E., for their landscaping and reconditioning of their home.

Citizen nominations for awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Interested citizens are invited to attend the Commission's next meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 26, at Town Hall.

Comment from the Council Table Utility Deregulation is Coming! Are We Ready?

By Michael J. Polychrones
Vienna Town Councilman

At the September 11 Town Council meeting, one of the items of consideration was to change the Town of Vienna's consumer utility tax to a consumption-based tax. The net effect of making this change will not be apparent to you on your next electric and/or natural gas bill; the tax stays the same \$3 (for residents) and \$45 (for business) you have always paid. I am sure that you are probably asking yourself, "If there will be no difference then why are we changing?" Well, the answer is Utility Deregulation. What is it? How is it going to affect all of us as consumers? And how are we as a community and a local government preparing for it? I will attempt to cover these issues in the following few paragraphs. Now, I do not claim to be an expert on the subject of utility deregulation, but what I want to do is share with you some information and encourage you to follow this subject so that when the time comes all of us as consumers can make informed decisions about what we're buying and who we are buying it from.

First, what is utility deregulation? Currently, we purchase electric power and natural gas in what is referred to as a "bundled" service, meaning that the electricity we buy is generated and delivered to our homes by the same company. (The same applies to natural gas service.) Utility deregulation means that these services will become "unbundled," and the company that generates the power and the company that delivers it may be different. In addition, the charges on your utility bills will be broken out so that you can see what portion is for generation, distribution, and other costs.

Why are we going from the current system to a more deregulated environment? The utility companies say that consumers of all types and sizes want to have a choice. Virginia Power in its literature cites a survey conducted by Virginia Commonwealth University of 1,000 Virginians showing that supporters of "choice" outnumbered opponents 7-to-1. In addition,

many of those think that competition should begin sooner rather than later.

After studies in the late 1990's, the Virginia General Assembly enacted the Virginia Electric Utility Restructuring Act, which allows consumers to choose their energy supplier. Similar legislation was passed in the 2000 legislative session to create a retail supply choice program for natural gas customers. Both acts basically allow for consumers to have the opportunity to choose where they purchase the energy they use. The legislation also has provided for a timetable for customer choice, allowing for a phased in approach in making this fundamental change and giving the legislature working through the State Corporation Commission (SCC) time for further evaluation and study in an effort to correct unknown or unforeseen problems as they arise. Full retail competition for all customers will take effect by January 1, 2004.

How will this affect us as consumers and as a Town Government? Will we as individual consumers realize a savings and better prices as a result of this competitive and open market? All basic laws of economics say that as competition enters and customers have a choice, then those customers should realize a savings, but nobody can say for sure. As a Town government, if we can save on those energy costs and have the ability to contract with energy providers, then we can base our budget on those contract prices, thereby saving you the taxpayer on the costs of energy that the Town requires.

How successful this process will be depends in large part on customer education. A lot is required to make choices for all of us so that a competitive market can



Councilman Polychrones

develop and we as consumers will believe that adequate, safe, reliable and efficient energy services at fair and reasonable prices will continue as competition evolves. To give you better sources of information on this subject, let me recommend that you contact any one or all of the following organizations:

- The Virginia SCC has developed a program that includes a website, "Virginia Energy Choice." It is located at www.yesvachoice.com or you can call and inquire about the Virginia Choice program at 1-800-552-7945.

- Virginia Power's website is www.vapower.com. or you can call 1-888-667-3000.

- And finally, Washington Gas's Customer Choice Program has a website, www.washgas.com/custinfo/choice/va-qa.htm or call 1-800-752-7520.

I would encourage everyone, whether you are a town resident or not, to get as much information as possible so you can make an INFORMED decision about what energy plan will be best for you.

Have a great month of October and I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual Halloween Parade.

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 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

The Mayor & Council
of the Town of Vienna, Virginia,
Cordially Invite You to Attend
A Ceremony Dedicating
The Town Hall Building
To the Memory of
Mayor Charles A. Robinson, Jr.

Friday, October 6, 2000
10:00 a.m.
Vienna Town Hall
Town Council Chamber

Limited Seating
RSVP Mayor's Office
703-255-6311
Weekdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Voter Registration Deadline Oct. 10

Tuesday, October 10, is the last day to register to vote in next month's general election. Registration applications are available at various locations around the county, including the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, and may also be downloaded from the County web site, www.co.fairfax.va.us/eb. In addition, in-person voter registration will be held at Tysons Corner Center, JCPenney at Fair Oaks Mall, and JCPenney at Springfield Mall on Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. through October 8.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a Virginia resident, and at least 18 years old on or before election day.

If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for this election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current address and update it if necessary.

On the ballot in the November 7 general election are candidates for President and Vice President, U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and two proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia.

For more information, call the General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at 703-324-4700.

Meet Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites Hunter Mill District citizens to meet with her from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, October 21, at her office, 12000 Bowman Towne Dr. in Reston. For more information, call 703-478-0283. Meetings are scheduled the third Saturday of each month except August and December, alternating between the Supervisor's Reston office and Vienna Town Hall.

Political Signs Require a Permit

An article appeared in the September newsletter regarding the time, manner and placement of political signs. Because the election season is now in full swing, it is appropriate to again consider the Town's zoning regulations pertaining to these types of signs.

The Town Code requires **all candidates** for political office to first obtain a permit to erect signs from the Department of Planning and Zoning. The cost is \$15 for the temporary sign permit and \$25 for a sign bond that is refundable once the election is over and all signs have been removed. The permit entitles the candidate to post not more than five temporary signs not exceeding a total area of 20 square feet. Any such sign **must be posted** on private property and may be erected in that time period between 30 days prior to election day and five days after the election.

Property owners may erect signs for the candidates of their choice on their own property. Based on a ruling by the Town Attorney, citizens are **not** subject to the permit or time length requirements in the placement of signs on property that they own.

It is unlawful to place signs on street lights, utility poles, markers or other signs, or to place a sign within ten feet of the curb or edge of pavement.

For more information, please contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341.

conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. The cost is \$10 per person, and advance registration is required.

Let's go bowling at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 19. The approximate cost for two games and shoes is \$3.50. Participants carpool from the Community Center to the bowling alley. Pre-registration required.

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

Check out these ongoing free activities for seniors:

"Walking Wonders" walk along the W&OD Trail each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, leaving from the Community Center at 11 a.m. Set your own pace and enjoy the exercise, fresh air and companionship.

Pickleball games are played on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. to noon. 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 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 and Thursdays from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Players of all ability levels are welcome.

Mah-jongg games are played each Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. The first Thursday of the month is for beginners.

POTPOURRI

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts, Monday and Wednesday, October 30 and November 1, 6 and 8, from 7 to 10 p.m. Your instructor will be Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna

Police Department. The class includes basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures, and practice in physical self-defense techniques. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes. The cost for all four sessions is \$5 for Town of Vienna residents plus a \$15 materials fee.

Thinking about getting a puppy? Janet A. McMillan of Best Behaved Dogs will discuss how to choose the canine friend that's right for you and your family

on Thursday, October 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. Topics will include financial and time responsibilities, various breeds and their temperaments, and picking a dog from a litter or the shelter. \$10 for town residents.

Lunch Bunch will eat at Bistro Bistro in Reston on Wednesday, October 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet new people, socialize, and enjoy a good meal. You pay for your order, a portion of the tip, and \$5 for transportation. Registration required.



NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. All activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Vienna Theatre Company's production of "To Kill a Mockingbird" will be presented October 20, 21, 27 and 28, and November 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and October 29 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). General admission is \$8; students and senior citizens (65 and older) \$7.

Fall Antique Show and Sale October 13-15. Admission \$4.25 per person. Hours are noon-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

SPORTS & HEALTH

Basketball clinic for ages 7-12 will be held October 23 and 25 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Individual ball handling and passing will be emphasized and incorporated into half and full-court game situations. The cost is \$25.50 per person. (Please note the time and cost for this program are different from the information in the fall recreation brochure.)

Learn to skate clinic for beginning skaters age seven through adult at Meadow Lane Park Sunday, October 15, from 2 to 4 p.m. Learn the ready position, beginning stride, heel braking and turning, and how to use protective equipment. Session includes supervised practice time. The cost is \$25 per person plus \$10 equipment rental.

"Carpal Tunnel Syndrome" will be presented on Tuesday, October 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. Dr. Kathryn Thompson of the New Life Chiropractic and Wellness Center will discuss how to prevent and treat carpal tunnel syndrome through exercise and other non-surgical, non-drug solutions. Free of charge; pre-registration required.

BUS TRIP

Enjoy the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, October 19. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about 11:30 p.m. The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline October 12.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix Teen Center features a big screen TV, jukebox, Dreamcast, and more. During the school year, operating hours for high school students are 6:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 7 p.m. to midnight Saturday. For grades 7 and 8 hours are 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, and 3 to 10 p.m. Friday. For 6th graders hours are 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Club Phoenix is open to all grades on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Contests and tournaments for middle school students are held at Club Phoenix on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Here's what's coming up this month: outdoor scavenger hunt October 4; doubles pool tournament October 11; card trick contest October 18; outdoor candy hunt October 25. Free of charge.

Halloween dance for middle school students will be held on Friday, October 27, from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person.

Babysitting fundamentals for ages 12 and older will be presented from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 21. Learn how to care for infants and young children, including bathing, games/activities, basic first aid, diapering, and safety practices. Bring a bag lunch and a doll. \$25 per person; registration required.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Homebuyers seminar Wednesday, October 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mortgage consultant Edwin Peacock and realtor

Matthew Cockerham will discuss how to buy a home for little or no down payment, how pre-approval can save you money, how to work with a buyer's agent, and more. The cost is \$5 per person and advance registration is required.

Investment workshop October 5 and 19 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Kevin Davis of Capital Securities Corp. and co-host of Business Radio WRC-AM 750 will discuss stocks, bonds and mutual funds; how to analyze a company's financial statements; and more. Free of charge; advance registration required.

Investment basics will be presented on Wednesday, October 11, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will discuss many of the investment opportunities available today, money management tips and retirement planning. Free of charge; advance registration required.

"What to Feed a Living Trust" will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, October 23, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Virginia trust law, funding your trust, what every banker doesn't know, trusts and the IRS, and more. Free of charge; advance registration required.

"Retirement Strategies" will be presented on Wednesday, October 4, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. and repeated on Wednesday, November 1, from 7:30 to 8:15 p.m. Financial advisor Nicholas Yrizarry will discuss taxes, inflation, portfolio management and typical retirement dilemmas. Participants receive a workbook to keep. Free of charge; registration required.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by AARP, will be held on Monday and Tuesday, October 16 and 17, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road

54th Annual VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE



**Wednesday, October 25
7:00 p.m. on Maple Avenue**

**Parade Theme - "Character Counts!"
Grand Marshals - Former Elementary School Principals
Judith Azzara, Linda Clark, David Meadows & Veronica Minor**

**Kids are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes
No pre-registration required
Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Virginia Commerce Bank parking lot,
374 Maple Ave., E. (Maple Ave. & Branch Rd.)**

**Parade Information
Vienna Regional
Chamber of Commerce
703-281-1333**

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department annual open house will be held on Saturday, October 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the fire station, 400 Center St., S. Fun activities for all ages will reflect this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire Drills: The Great Escape!" For more information, visit the department at www.vvfd.org.

Silhouette artist Ann Woodward will be at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, October 28, from noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday, October 29, from 1 to 5 p.m. Two silhouettes are cut from black paper and mounted on white paper for \$20, one extra for \$5, with a maximum of three per sitting. Part of the proceeds go to Historic Vienna Inc. Reservations are required; call 703-938-9668.

Special holiday shopping hours at the old-fashioned Freeman House General Store begin Friday, October 6. The store will be open each Friday through December from noon to 4 p.m. in addition to its regular hours of operation, Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. The store is operated by volunteers of Historic Vienna Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation.

Annual fall yard sale, sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Church Preschool, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, October 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church, 711 Spring St., S.E. Sales spaces are available for \$10 each. For more information, call 703-938-3970.

Vienna Choral Society is recruiting new voices for all sections of the choir. No audition is required. Male voices are especially welcome. Rehearsals are held every Monday from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The first concert of the 2000-2001 season will be "VCS by Request" on Saturday, October 28. For more information, call 703-255-6860 or 703-319-3948.

A living legend, Col. Harry A. Shepard, one of the original Tuskegee Airmen of World War II, will speak at Concord

Masonic Lodge #307, located above the Pennywise Thrift Store at 146 Church St., N.E., on Tuesday, October 3, at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited and youngsters are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Jim Gruenebaum at 703-281-4177.

Fall Festival Craft Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Handcrafters' Guild, will be held October 28 and 29 at Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Rd., across from Springfield Mall. Admission \$1 per person. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Fifty juried crafters will sell jewelry, baskets, quilts, and many more handcrafted items.

Northern Virginia Carvers will present its 26th annual wood carving show and competition October 21 and 22 at the Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. The show will feature continuous carving demonstrations and a whittling contest on Sunday. For more information, call show chairman Mike Parker at 703-680-1194 or visit www.angelfire.com/va2/nvacarvers/index.html.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary is accepting applications for its annual Fall Arts and Crafts Bazaar, which will be held at the fire station from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, November 11. Tables rent for \$30 each, with proceeds benefiting the Fire Department. To receive an application form, call 703-818-0555.

Vienna Farmers' Market at Nottoway Park is open each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., rain or shine, featuring fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods, and live and cut flowers. Plenty of parking is available with convenient handicapped spaces. For more information, contact Market Manager Ed Bielecki at 703-281-3530.

National Capital Bird Club is a group that loves pet birds and encourages interest in exotic birds. Meetings are normally held at 3:30 p.m. the first Sunday of each month at Fairfax County's McLean

Government Center. For more information, contact Lori Pikkaart at 703-319-0677 or email Lspikkaart@juno.com.

Five Hills Garden Club will host a "Festival of Design" on Tuesday, October 17, at International Town and Country Club of Fairfax. A continental breakfast will be served at 9:30 a.m. followed by the program at 10:30 a.m. featuring Marion Zimmermann, an English floral designer and lecturer. Tickets are \$18 each. For more information, call Linda Dulin at 703-242-9496.

Historic Vienna Inc.'s membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 17, at the Vienna Community Center. Military historian Ted Ballard will speak about the Civil War battle of Vienna, which marked the first time a train was used in tactical warfare. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 703-938-5187. Historic Vienna Inc. is the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation.

Calling all crafters! The Vienna Woman's Club is accepting applications for its 40th annual Harvest Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. For more information and an application, call Nancy Volpe at 703-938-7716. Proceeds from the bazaar support the club's scholarship fund.

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) fall show will continue until October 14 at the VAS gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Former Torpedo Factory director Marsha Staiger will present a demonstration of abstract mixed media at the next VAS meeting on October 12 at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call program chair Jan Peterson at 703-319-3971.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult De-

tention 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 703-281-2498 for information.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 4, in the lecture hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Ln. Scott Bryant will speak about his experiences as a high-fashion photographer. For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

Auditions for "A Christmas Carol" will be held by the Vienna Baptist Church Theater Ministry on Saturday, October 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. and Sunday, October 15, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the choir room of the church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. For more information, call Michelle Vann at the church office weekday mornings, 703-281-4400.

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will host area meetings October 10-12 to discuss health policy topics of special interest during the election campaigns, including health coverage for the uninsured, managed care and patients' rights, Medicare reform, and prescription drug coverage. All interested voters are welcome. For information on the time and location of the League meetings, call 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

AARP needs volunteer tax aides to prepare federal and Virginia income tax returns for senior citizens. Class reservations are taken in October for a one-day orientation in December and five days of training in January. For more information, call 703-743-5017.

National Depression Screening Day is Thursday, October 5. This free and anonymous program provides an opportunity to complete a short questionnaire about yourself or a loved one and then speak with a mental health professional. Screening will be held at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd., on

October 5 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The phone number at the church is 703-938-2119.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 19, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Les Albers will speak about Task Force Smith, which was the first American combat force in the Korean conflict to engage the invading North Korean army during the summer of 1950. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305.

Northern Virginia Bead Society will present its 8th annual Bead and Jewelry Bazaar on Saturday, October 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 8, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Admission is \$4 per person.

Washington Vocal Consortium will conduct a hands-on workshop for all interested singers on Saturday, October 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The team of four experienced voice teachers/singers will focus on the basics of vocal technique. The cost is \$50 per person. For more information, call Kathy Price at 703-938-5518.

South Vienna Association will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 11, in the Vienna Elementary School cafeteria with special guest Cathy Hudgins, Hunter Mill District Supervisor. For more information, call Jerry Komandt at 703-938-1264.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia (formerly Welcome Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton) will hold its monthly luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 5, at Riverbend Country Club in Great Falls. The program will feature a fashion show by Chico's of Tysons Galleria. Reservation deadline October 2. For information, call 703-938-9377 or 703-757-5913.

Entertainment 2001 discount coupon books cost \$35 each and make great holiday gifts! The books offer discounts on restaurants, theaters, sporting events, car rentals and much more and are available from these organizations: Welcome Club of Northern Virginia (formerly Welcome

Wagon Club of Vienna-Oakton), call Carole Cole at 703-448-8772; Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180, call Jim Kiefer at 703-938-9304; and NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), call Wes Martin at 703-938-6580.

Vienna Health Fair will be held on Sunday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vienna Adventist Academy gymnasium, 340 Courthouse Rd., S.W. The fair will include free health screenings, medical consultations and referrals, and flu shot coupons. For more information, call 703-938-8383.

All-Saints evensong worship service will be led by the Vienna Baptist Church choir at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 1, at the church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the church office at 703-281-4400.

American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna will meet at noon Wednesday, October 11, at the Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. All interested citizens are invited to attend. For more information, call Emilie Larson at 703-938-1379.

Homeschooling Moms will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 12, in the Patrick Henry Library meeting room to discuss "Taking Care of Ourselves, Too." To reserve a space, call Vicki at 703-242-8827.

The proposed development of land near the Vienna Metro Station will be discussed at the next Southwest Vienna Citizens Association meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, at Marshall Road Elementary School. All Vienna residents are invited to hear a presentation by the developer and participate in the discussion.

Mark your calendar! Vienna Beautification Day is Saturday, November 11. Clean up your own neighborhood or one of the "Dirty Dozen" locations selected by the Community Enhancement Commission. Participants will be eligible to win prizes. To register and for more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.