

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

APRIL 1991 – A physical disability need not prevent kids from enjoying one of childhood's pleasures – Little League baseball. Vienna Little League has formed a special league for handicapped youth age 6 through 18. Team sponsors have been found, new uniforms provided, and games scheduled.

APRIL 1981 – Several Vienna residents will be spending Easter weekend, April 18-20, in Vienna's Sister City of Ceret, France. They are members of Les Compagnons de la Parole Francaise (Friends of the French Language), dedicated to promoting Franco-American understanding and friendship. Ceret has been home to a number of artists, including Picasso and Braque, and it is also known for its cherries, the first to arrive in the French markets each year.

APRIL 1971 – Minibikes will no longer be allowed to use previously authorized trails at Northside Park. Council's decision came as a result of a public hearing on April 12, attended by a majority of residents of homes abutting the park who protested the abuse of the trails by motorcycles, dune buggies, and even cars.

APRIL 1961 – As most citizens are aware, in the past there has been a serious traffic problem on Route 123 at the point of entrances and exits to the Glyndon Street Shopping Center. This has been especially acute on Saturdays when shopping is at its peak. However, this problem has been eased to a great extent by the cooperation of the Fairfax County Police who are now assisting Town Police in controlling traffic on Saturdays.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has 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.

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(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)

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Wildlife Abundant In Springtime

*YOUR TOWN ANIMAL WARDEN
REMINDS RESIDENTS:*

Spring is upon us. This means that it's baby season among area wildlife. For those of you who might see some of our furry or feathered friends around, don't be alarmed; they may be out and about with little ones in tow. This can be a joy to watch, but please follow these basic rules to fully enjoy the wildlife among us:

- Never approach or try to pet any wildlife.
- Do not feed any wildlife at any time.
- If young are found alone, leave them alone unless it is known that the mother is dead. If you're not sure, call Animal Control at 703-255-6377.
- Report all suspected injured or nuisance wildlife to Animal Control.
- If you find a baby bird or fledgling (young bird without flight), if possible place it back into its nest or someplace on the tree where the nest is located. Wear leather gloves and wash your hands afterwards. Try to keep your cats inside until the fledgling birds can fly. (Problems with human scent are just a myth.)

TOWN
OF
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Budget Schedule

Copies of the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2001-02 will be available for public review beginning April 18 in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall and at Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call 703-255-6350.

Town Council budget work sessions are scheduled for Saturday, April 21, at 9 a.m.; Monday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m.; and, if needed, Saturday, May 5, at 9 a.m. Work sessions are open for the public to attend. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the May 21 Council meeting.

Public hearings on the proposed FY 2002 Fairfax County budget have been set for April 2, 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium at the County Government Center, with a school board presentation scheduled on April 3 at 7 p.m. Citizens wishing to speak should call 703-324-3151 to place their names on the speakers list. The County budget is available for review at all public libraries and online at www.co.fairfax.va.us.

Correction

Last month's newsletter contained outdated information on the income levels required to qualify for tax relief for elderly and disabled citizens. The correct levels are: \$40,000 or less, 100% relief; \$40,001-\$46,000, 50% relief; and \$46,001-\$52,000, 25% relief.

NEWSLETTER

April 2001

Car Tag Deadline April 16

2001 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals must be displayed by midnight April 16. Decals are available by mail and in the Finance Department at Town Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 for passenger cars and trucks weighing under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles. For more information, call 703-255-6323.

Additional hours for last-minute car tag sales have been scheduled in the Finance Department on Friday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, April 14, from 8 a.m. to noon, and Monday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

County Assesses Town Real Estate

Last month most Vienna residents received notice of a change in their 2001 real estate assessments. The Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (DTA) sent notices to all county property owners whose assessments have been changed, representing approximately 92% of the taxable parcels in the county.

According to DTA, the majority of residential properties increased in value, reflecting the strong price appreciation and solid sales volume in the 2000 real estate market. Almost 94% increased by 20% or less; slightly more than 6% had assessment increases greater than 20%. Most classes of commercial property also increased in value due to increased demand.

Property owners can file an appeal with DTA if they believe their assessment is not equitable in comparison with similar properties or if they believe their assessment exceeds fair market value. For an appeal application and more information, call DTA at 703-222-8234 or visit DTA's homepage at www.co.fairfax.va.us/dta. Appeals should be filed by April 16 to ensure a timely response prior to the Board of Equalization (BOE) filing deadline of June 1.

Appeals can also be filed directly with BOE, a panel of nine taxpayers appointed by the County Board of Supervisors that conducts formal hearings and takes sworn testimony. All appeals to BOE must be filed by June 1. BOE appeal forms are also available at DTA's homepage or by calling BOE at 703-324-4891.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

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

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

JANUARY 22, 2001

- Conducted a closed executive session to discuss vacancies on Town boards and commissions.

JANUARY 29, 2001

- Concluded a public hearing (continued from December 18) on a request by Qwest Communications for a telecommunications franchise. It was the consensus of Council that no further action be taken until Qwest notifies the Town it has mapped the facility and is ready to go forward on a franchise agreement.

- Conducted a public hearing on an amendment to the business license requirements, changing the license renewal date from May 1 to March 1 each year.

- Conducted a public hearing on amendments to the Town Code regarding utility taxes, to comply with the deregulation of utilities.

- Appropriated the unallocated balance from the fiscal year 2001 General

Fund to specific budget accounts.

- Approved a \$3,900 increase in fees for inspection and engineering services for the Nutley Street water tank.

- Appointed Richard Denbow and J. Leonard Ignatowski to the Transportation Safety Commission; George Creed and Tagendra Singh to the Planning Commission; and Sharon Baum and Philip Friedlander, Jr., to the Town/Business Liaison Committee as citizen representatives. All appointments are for two-year terms.

FEBRUARY 5, 2001

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

- Reappointed Kevin McNiff to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.

- Approved an extension of the HVAC maintenance agreement for the Community Center for the second and third quarters of fiscal year 2001 in the amount of \$3,400.

- Approved a refund in an amount not to exceed \$175 for overpayment of real estate taxes on the property at 214 Locust St., S.E.

- Adopted amendments to the Town Code regarding utility taxes to comply with the deregulation of utilities.

- Adopted an amendment to the business license requirements changing the license renewal date from May 1 to March 1 each year.

FEBRUARY 12, 2001

- Conducted a closed executive session to discuss the compensation plan for Town employees.

FEBRUARY 26, 2001

- Approved participation with the Town of Wytheville in the Virginia Municipal League's "Virginians to Virginians" program.

- Conducted a closed executive session to discuss the possible sale and/or acquisition of real property.

- Directed that a subcommittee be created to review the sign ordinance concerning neon signs. The subcommittee will include two members each from the Planning Commission, Board of Architectural Review, and Town/Business Liaison Committee and, if possible, a professional sign maker.

Summer Jobs Available

The Town of Vienna has a number of openings in the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments for temporary seasonal laborers beginning in May. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The salary is \$8 per hour.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor, and work a minimum of six weeks. Apply in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, or call 703-255-6350 for more information.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL


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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2 Town Council	3 Windover Heights Board of Review	4 Planning Commission	5 Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	7
8 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 Town Council work session	10	11 Proposed FY 2002 budget available	12	13	14
15 All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise <i>Easter</i>	16 Car tag deadline Town Council	17	18 Board of Zoning Appeals	19 Architectural Review Board	20 <i>Good Friday</i>	21 Town Council budget work session 9 a.m.
22 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	23 Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m.	24 Transportation Safety Commission	25 Planning Commission	26 Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.	27	28
29	30					

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Adopt-a-Trail Volunteers Sought for W&OD

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) is seeking groups, families and businesses to adopt sections of the 45-mile Washington & Old Dominion Railroad Regional Park Trail in Vienna and other areas of Fairfax, Loudoun and Arlington Counties.

Volunteers will pick up litter along their section of trail at least four times a year and alert the trail office to any maintenance concerns. NVRPA will provide trash bags and pick up the filled bags. For more information and to register as a W&OD Trail Adopter, call 703-729-0596 or e-mail wodtrail@erols.com.

The 45-mile trail follows the old Washington & Old Dominion Railroad bed from Purcellville in Loudoun County through Reston, Herndon, Vienna, Falls Church and Arlington, ending in Shirlington. The multi-use trail offers parallel paved and gravel trails for 32 miles, from just west of Vienna to Purcellville. It has been designated a National Recreation Trail.

Fairfax County Office for Children Now Online

Through the Fairfax County Office for Children's web site, called Child Care Central, county residents can perform a variety of tasks online any time of day.

Parents can search for child care services and obtain information on child care costs and subsidized child care. Child care providers can find out how to apply for a child care permit and locate professional training opportunities.

Visit Child Care Central at www.co.fairfax.va.us/childcare. For more information, call 703-324-8147.

Please Trim Plantings for Safety

Citizens are reminded to keep bushes, hedges, and other plantings on their property trimmed so that they do not obstruct the vision of motorists or impede pedestrians and bicyclists. The Town Code restricts the height of plantings, fences and shrubbery to three feet above the curb level within 25 feet of an intersection. Keeping foliage trimmed makes it easier to see approaching vehicles. If you have questions or complaints about obstruction of vision at intersections, please call the Planning and Zoning Department at 703-255-6341.

The Town Code also prohibits tree branches and other vegetation from encroaching on any sidewalk or right-of-way. If you have questions or complaints about obstruction of sidewalks or rights-of-way, please call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6382.

Every resident's effort to keep plantings trimmed will help make Vienna a safer and more attractive community, and all the walkers and bicyclists in your neighborhood will appreciate it!

PLEASE NOTE: Before cutting any tree, shrub or other plant near your home, first make sure it is on your property and not a neighbor's. Also, cutting trees in parks or on other public property is prohibited. If you are unsure whether a tree is on your property or in the public right-of-way (within 10 feet of the curb or edge of pavement), check with the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

Although not required by the Town Code, citizens are also asked to help control grass and weeds growing up through cracks in the sidewalk and between the sidewalk and street. This unwanted growth detracts from Vienna's beauty and can lead to costly concrete and asphalt repairs. The Town government recognizes the problem of upkeep in rights-of-way, but it simply does not have the personnel required to maintain these areas as it would like and must rely on citizens to help in controlling grass and weeds around their property.

Open Windows Springtime Hazard

With the arrival of the pleasant days and cool nights of spring, we open our windows to let in the fresh air. Your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds you that an open window can lead to a fatal fall. Many parents and caretakers of young children do not realize the potential danger of an open window or how easily a child can fall out of it. Here are some safety tips to prevent children from falling from open windows:

- Always supervise young children. Life-threatening injuries can happen in seconds to a child left unattended.
- Close and lock windows whenever young children are around. If you need ventilation, open windows that children cannot reach. For example, open double-hung windows from the top only.
- Keep beds and other furniture away from windows. Children can quickly climb onto window ledges and fall.
- Keep blinds, cords, drapes and other window treatments out of children's reach. They may injure themselves climbing on them or be strangled.
- Do not depend on screens to keep children from falling out of windows. They are not childproof. They are designed to keep insects out, not children in.
- Purchase guards for windows and safety gates for stairways to prevent children leaving an area undetected by a parent or caretaker.

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses licenses were issued in February:

Christiane Salon & Day Spa 513 Maple Ave., W. #101 703-242-4301	White Castle Realty 402 Maple Ave., W. 703-938-2760	Admissions Consultants 1108 Hillcrest Dr., S.W. 703-242-5885
Roberts Appraisal Services <i>real estate appraisals</i> 624 Tazewell Rd., N.W. 703-255-7162	Arab Productions <i>music & video sales</i> 303 Mill St., N.E. #B 703-242-9295	Dr. Vincent Patterson <i>massage therapy</i> 320 Maple Ave., E. #A 703-242-9380
Public Service Associates <i>consulting</i> 1028 Moorefield Creek Rd., S.W. 703-281-0562	Sew Be It <i>designer fabricator</i> 139 Carter Ct., S.W. 703-319-0831	Stephen Scauuzzo <i>law practice</i> 380 Maple Ave., W. 703-319-8770
Judith S. McLaughlin <i>insurance sales</i> 810 Tapawingo Rd., S.W. 703-281-9873	Kousko Lahey Harris <i>legal service</i> 131 Church St., N.W. 703-281-8610	Tekamah Corp. <i>computer software development</i> 243 Church St., N.W. #100B 703-255-4850

Convenient Location & Friendly Service
SHOP IN VIENNA
Support Our Hometown Merchants

Timely Reminders from Your Public Works Department

SPRING STREET SWEEPING begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections for cleaning, and residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call 703-255-6381 for information.

WATER MAINS are flushed each spring beginning in early April to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. Some discoloration and sediment in the water may be noticed, but these conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. For more information, call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

CURBSIDE PHONE BOOK RECYCLING – Residents are reminded that old telephone books are picked up on your second solid waste collection day each week. Phone books, newspapers, flattened cardboard, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail must be bundled and tied with cord or placed in brown paper (not plastic) bags separate from other recyclables. No styrofoam packing, peanuts, or plastic wrapping should be left in any cardboard box. For more information, call 703-255-6382.

Vienna Seniors Eligible for Cab Ride Discounts

Fairfax County has launched a new senior citizen transportation pilot program, called Seniors-On-The-Go!, which offers discounted taxicab rides to senior citizens age 65 and older who reside within designated zip codes (including Vienna's 22180).

Seniors who meet the income criteria for the program – limit of \$50,000 per year for singles and \$60,000 for married couples – may purchase \$30 worth of taxicab coupons for only \$10. Seniors may purchase up to 16 coupon booklets within a 12-month period and use the coupons with all taxicab companies licensed in Fairfax County. There is no restriction on destination or day and time of travel.

After a one-year pilot period, the program will be evaluated to determine whether it should be continued.

For more information, call the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-324-1172 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Seedlings For Sale

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is conducting its annual seedling sale. Each seedling package contains 14 bare root shrubs and trees and is available for \$16.

A package includes two each of Indigo Bush, Graystem Dogwood, Red Osier Dogwood, and Arrowwood Viburnum shrubs and two each of Black Locust, Red Maple, and Eastern Red Cedar trees.

All of these seedlings are bare-root stock, not balled and burlapped, so an entire seedling package can be held easily in one grocery bag.

Orders must be placed by April 12 and be pre-paid. For more information or to receive an order form, call NVSWCD at 703-324-1460 or e-mail conservationdistrict@co.fairfax.va.us. Purchasers will be sent a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site (off Braddock Road, two miles outside the Beltway, near Rolling Road). The seedlings may be picked up April 20 and 21.

Town Council Election Tuesday, May 1

Vienna's annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 1. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Town elections are non-partisan, and Town Council members are elected at large. Voters who will be out of town on election day or who are physically unable to go to the polls may request an absentee ballot from the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office; call 703-222-0776 for information.

This year, incumbent Council members Vincent J. Olson, Michael J. Polychrones, and Maud F. Robinson are on the ballot along with challenger Edythe Frankel Kelleher. New two-year terms begin July 1. Information about the candidates appears on these two pages.

For election results, call the Vienna Newline, 703-255-6333, one to two hours after the polls close on May 1, or visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us.

The candidates profiled on these pages have shown their interest in the Town of Vienna by running for Town Council. Please show your interest by taking the time to vote May 1.

Are You Registered to Vote? Deadline April 2

Monday, April 2, is the last day to register to vote in the May 1 Town election. You may register at the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office at the County Government Center and other locations around the county. For more information, call 703-222-0776.

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

To be eligible to vote in the Town election, you must be a Vienna resident, at least 18 years old by election day, and a U.S. citizen.

Candidates Night Scheduled At Marshall Rd. School

The Southwest Vienna Citizens Association will host a Town Council Candidates Night beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at Marshall Road Elementary School, located at the corner of Marshall Road and Nutley Street, S.W. All town residents are invited to learn more about the candidates and tell them about your concerns.



EDYTHE FRANKEL KELLEHER is a Council candidate for the first time. She is currently president of Vienna Elementary PTA, a member of South Vienna Association, and serves on the Hunter Mill Land Use Advisory Committee. A town resident since 1994, she lives at 706 Park St., S.E., and works on the staff of Fairfax County Supervisor Penelope Gross.

"My family settled in Vienna because it is a wonderful community for our children. We want Vienna to remain this type of community, but we know change is inevitable. For Vienna to retain its character, we must embrace the changes that help us and reject those that do not.

"We all have much invested in Vienna, financially and emotionally. Vienna needs infrastructure updates combined with revitalization efforts to stimulate additional private investment, like the tax abatement program, and carefully crafted changes to zoning regulations.

"With redevelopment comes environmental concerns. Vienna must do more to protect our streams and trees from construction, erosion, and siltation damage, not simply the minimum required under the Chesapeake Bay Ordinance.

"I want to start a Vienna cable TV channel and create an e-village on the Internet. Residents must be fully informed of development proposals in their area, and encouraged to participate in discussions of the budget, regulations, programs, and the Comprehensive Plan.

"I want to put my education, intelligence, and experience to work in my community. Thank you for your consideration on May 1."

27th Annual Walk on the Hill

in the Windover Heights Historic District
Sunday, April 29, 2-5 p.m. (rain date May 6)
Free admission

Using self-guided walking tour maps, visitors may browse through lawns and gardens of homes marked with special "welcome" signs. The tour will also include an antique car display, Vienna Community Band concert at 3 p.m., stories of early Vienna by long-time residents at the Sloan/Marcy cabin, and refreshments. Parking available at 107 Pleasant St., N.W., and at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave., N.W.

Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and historic district residents.
For more information, call 703-938-5187.

National Capital Bird Club is a group that loves pet birds and encourages interest in exotic birds. The next club meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at Fairfax County's McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. For more information, contact Lori Pikkaart at 703-319-0677 or email Lspikaart@juno.com.

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

Recital of French music, featuring Anne-Marie Vacher, piano, and Michel Lempereur, flute, will be presented at 8 p.m. Friday, April 6, at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E. A free-will offering will be taken, and a reception will follow the con-

cert. For more information, call the church during the morning at 703-938-3494 or 703-938-2076.

Spring yard sale, sponsored by Wesley United Methodist Church Preschool, will be held on Saturday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to noon at the church, 711 Spring St., S.E. For more information or to rent a sales space, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

"**Taking Control of Your Life**," sponsored by The Women's Center, will be presented on Saturday, April 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Learn how to overcome "The Should Syndrome" to stop saying yes to things you really don't want to do, volunteering for extra work, and feeling guilty when you say no. The cost is \$25 per person. To register and for more information on this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657.

1st Annual Golf Tournament sponsored by Vienna American Legion Post 180 to benefit veterans hospitals will be held Friday, June 22, at Fairfax National Golf Club. The cost of \$75 per person includes greens fees, golf cart for each foursome, beverages, awards, and dinner. Make checks payable to Post 180 and mail to 330 Center St., N., Vienna, VA 22180. For more information, call Dan Dellinger at 703-938-9535. Cart sponsorships and hole sponsorships are available to businesses.

Free spring garden tour of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 2 p.m. Sunday, April 15, will feature blooming spring bulbs and more than 20 species of flowering cherry trees. For more information, call 703-255-3631, ext. 301. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road south of the Dulles Access Road.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Last-minute free, confidential tax help for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age will be available April 4 and 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. (The elevator inside the bank's side door on Berry Street offers convenient access to the site upstairs.) Bring copies of your 1999 federal and Virginia returns; federal and Virginia tax forms and booklets for 2000; documents showing 2000 income; Social Security number for all dependents; and receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions. This program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS.

Vienna Little League (VLL) Opening Day is Saturday, April 21 (rescheduled from April 7). A parade consisting of all 1,200 players in their uniforms, Challenger (handicapped) teams, and 300 girls from Vienna Girls Softball will begin at 9 a.m. from Thoreau Intermediate School down Park Street to Patrick Street and into Yeonas Park for a ceremony at 10 a.m. Town residents are invited to come out and show their support for these young athletes. VLL is looking for adult volunteers to umpire this year. For more information contact Mark Murphy at 703-862-4242 or e-mail MURFE94590@aol.com.

Used books wanted for a sale to be held in June at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Donations may be dropped off at the Freeman House general store from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, or left on the front porch when the store is closed. Please do not bring *National Geographic* or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Volunteers needed for the fifth annual Toucan 10k Run to benefit the Alternative House, a non-profit organization that works with abused, homeless and runaway youth. The race is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, from 8 to 10 a.m. at Vienna's Centennial Park (at the red caboose

next to the W&OD Trail). About 300 runners are expected to participate in the event, which will be held in conjunction with the Roadrunners Association. Volunteers will assist the runners and help clean up. For more information, call Judith Dittman, Executive Director of the Alternative House, at 703-698-7060.

Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at the Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council 4654, 214 Lawyers Rd., N.W. Wally Owen, historic site administrator at Arlington's Fort C.F. Smith Park and Historic Site, will present a slide show, "Occupation of Northern Virginia and Defenses of Washington." The public is invited and refreshments will be served. The meeting will also feature the presentation of HVI's Heritage Preservation Award to the Knights of Columbus in recognition of their efforts to preserve their headquarters building, which served as the First Baptist Church of Vienna from 1867 to 1957 and housed the first school for black children in Vienna. HVI is the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club has announced the winners of its 39th Bland Music Scholarship Competition. Congratulations to pianist Stephen G. Arico, 17, of Fairfax and mezzo-soprano Mari L. Oikawa, 17, of Reston, and runners-up pianist James Chou, 17, of Alexandria and alto Rebecca Coggin, 17, of Vienna. The annual contest is named in honor of James A. Bland, an African-American composer of the 19th century who is reported to have written over 600 songs, including "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny."

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, April 12, at Marco Polo Restaurant. A spring fashion show will be presented by Carole Martin of the Gazebo in Occoquan. For reservations, call 703-938-1077. The group's next bus trip will be Thursday, April 26, to Warrenton for a house and garden tour. For more information and reservations,

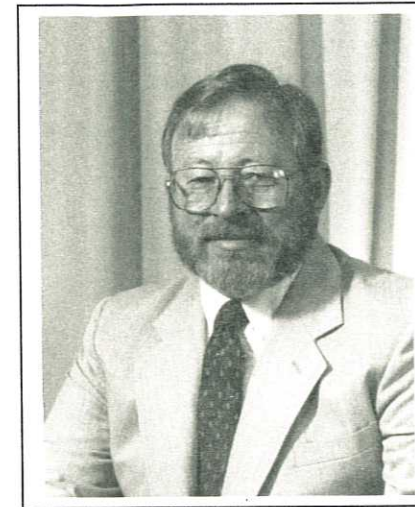
call 703-938-3505. Newcomers Club welcomes new residents, recent retirees, and anyone interested in making new friends.

Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, S.W., welcomes everyone to its Easter Sunday activities on April 15 with pancake breakfasts at 8 and 10 a.m., contemporary worship service with the Vienna Baptist Praise Band at 9 a.m., and traditional worship service at 11 a.m. For more information, call the church office at 703-281-4400.

Vienna American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180 will host an Easter egg hunt for children up to age ten on Saturday, April 7, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Post Home, 330 Center St., N. The facility is open to the public for breakfast daily and for lunch Monday through Friday. A dinner is held the second Friday of every month from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., and there is a breakfast buffet the fourth Sunday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of the month. This summer the Legion will be sponsoring a rising high school senior to spend a week at Boys State. For information call 703-938-9535.

Camp Superkids, sponsored by the American Lung Association of Virginia, lets asthmatic children between the ages of 7 and 13 enjoy the experience of summer camp. The one-day camp will be held on Saturday, April 28, at Groveton Elementary School in Alexandria. Children will participate in arts and crafts and group games as well as hands-on educational activities related to their asthma. Doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists will be at the camp throughout the day. To register and for more information, call 703-591-4131.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites residents new to the greater Northern Virginia area to attend its luncheon meeting on Thursday, April 5, at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Meadowlark Director Keith Tomlison will be the guest speaker. For reservations and more information, call 703-757-5913 or 703-758-1844.



VINCENT J. OLSON was first elected to Council in 1976. A 44-year Vienna resident, he lives at 603 Valley Dr., S.E., and is a member of the Ayr Hill Lions Club and Historic Vienna, Inc. He retired in 1999 as a distributor for *The Washington Post*.

"As I prepare for my 13th campaign for Council, I am struck not only by how much Vienna has changed but more so by how little has changed, the really important things like sense of community and a solid town government that delivers the services. These are what make Vienna 'My Home Town.'

"Of course, maintaining a first-class town like we have is expensive. That is why I will continue to scrutinize all proposals to be sure Vienna can afford them. In this era of a faltering economy and big assessment increases, I will advocate a decrease in Town real estate taxes by at least 1¢ and possibly 2¢. This will not help with the County tax bills, but at least we can keep our Town taxes under control and still do the things that are necessary to maintain the quality of life we enjoy here in Vienna.

"I will continue to oppose development that would damage the residential character of our town. At the same time, I will work to improve our existing commercial areas and business climate. We have a great opportunity for the Town and business community to work together as the revitalization of Maple Avenue moves forward this summer.

"If you share my vision of and for Vienna, please come out on May 1 and give me your support."

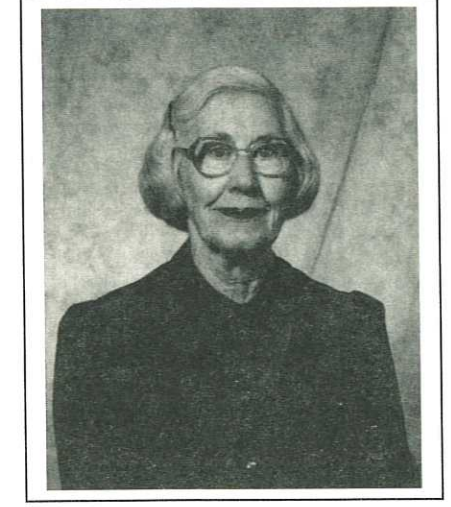


MICHAEL J. POLYCHRONES has been a Councilman since 1996. He is a member of the Vienna Host Lions Club, Sons of the American Legion, and past president and life member of the Vienna Jaycees. A title insurance and mortgage banking professional, he lives at 1411 Patrick Cir., S.W.

"For the past 41 years I have called Vienna my home and I have seen many changes. Any change brings challenges and those challenges bring opportunity.

"My Council colleagues and I have risen to the challenges and seized upon opportunities to improve our community. These include ongoing programs for traffic calming and sidewalk improvements, support for the Police Department to ensure that our neighborhoods are the safest in Northern Virginia, and the Teen Center, which has been a great success in providing a safe and positive environment for the youth in our community. The Church Street Vision is starting to take shape and I am excited about the opportunities that it will bring to strengthen Vienna's business community. It is equally important that we look to expand this program to our community as a whole so we as citizens are able to determine the direction of our town and not outside influences.

"I will continue working to keep the balance between growth and modernization to maintain Vienna's small-town character. It is the most important part of being a Council member. This is the town I grew up in, the town I love, and I will work to keep it that way for everyone. I would appreciate your support and your vote on May 1."



MAUD F. ROBINSON was appointed to Council last year. A resident since 1951 at 124 Courthouse Rd., S.W., she is a member of Historic Vienna, Inc., Ayr Hill Garden Club, American Legion, and honorary member of Vienna Rotary. She has served on the Board of Architectural Review and Town/Business Liaison Committee.

"My Council appointment has afforded me the opportunity to work to ensure retention of the quality of life we enjoy in Vienna, a goal I have actively pursued for many years.

"I am firmly committed to low-density land use, good municipal services, varied recreational programs, a revitalized Church Street, and the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project for the benefit of both the residential and business communities.

"Challenges arising from rapid growth around us must be recognized and resolved. In years past, rezoning applications and funding Town services were pressing problems. Today, protecting residential areas from traffic impact, sidewalk and street maintenance, and increased costs of providing municipal services require both action and fiscal prudence.

"Vienna is financially sound with an AA bond rating. The 3% meals tax funds all debt interest. Today's technology is employed to increase efficiency in all Town departments. I am committed to responsible use of tax dollars. I want Vienna to continue as a true community in every sense of the word.

"If elected May 1, I pledge my continued effort for responsive government and preservation of Vienna's small-town residential character."

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.

SPRING SPORTS

Adult Co-ed Softball League begins April 22. Games will be played Sunday mornings at Southside Park. The registration fee is \$375 per team and includes 14 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, awards, and a post-season tournament.

Adult Basketball League registration begins April 5. Two 10-team divisions will play a round-robin schedule, with the top teams from each division competing in a league championship tournament. The fee is \$500 per team (plus \$20 for each non-county player). League play will begin around June 25.

Adult drop-in basketball is offered each Monday and Wednesday, and volleyball on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:45 to 10:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for out-of-town players and free of charge for Vienna residents. A valid photo ID with proof of residency must be presented at the door. Drop-in table tennis is also held on Tuesday and Thursday nights. No charge for table tennis.

Kids' basketball clinic for boys and girls ages 7-12 will be held April 2, 4 and 6 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. The fundamental mechanics of the game will be emphasized and incorporated into game situations. The cost is \$40 per person.

BUS TRIP

Visit the Newseum on Friday, April 27. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. The world's only interactive museum of news allows you to relive great stories of the past through multimedia exhibits and displays of historic newspapers, news magazines, and news broadcasts. You can also try your hand at being a TV anchor or on-the-scene correspondent. The cost of \$25 includes transportation and snack on the bus; bring a bag lunch.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Club Phoenix Teen Center features a big screen TV, jukebox, CD player, VCR's, pool and ping pong tables, 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.

Teen job fair will be held on Wednesday, April 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. to inform students of upcoming summer employment opportunities. Sponsored by Vienna Parks & Recreation and the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition. If you are part of an organization that would be interested in reserving a booth at the fair, please contact Susanna Flint at 703-255-5721 for more information.

Babysitting fundamentals for boys and girls age 12 and older will be presented on Saturday, April 7, 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 \$25 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

High school students can enjoy a punk/ska concert by live bands on Saturday, April 7, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5 per person.

Middle school dance with DJ will be held on Friday, April 6, from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission \$3 per person.

High school midnight basketball "3 on 3" tournament will be held on Wednesday, April 11, from 11 p.m. to 2 a.m. Register in advance April 9 and 10 from noon to 7 p.m. or at the door beginning at

10 p.m. The cost per team is \$10. Teams can be sponsored, co-ed, and/or organized on the spot. Refreshments will be available.

"Girl Power" is a free skin care workshop that will be held on Saturday, April 21, from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Skin care and image consultant Julia Ferguson will show you the secrets of great skin and how to look beautiful, even if you oversleep for school and only have a few minutes to get ready!

Teen open gym hours for ages 13-18 are 4 to 5:30 p.m. Mondays and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by AARP, will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, April 21 and 28, 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 conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. \$10 per person.

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens from 10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, by members of The Medical Team.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY AND YOUR ESTATE

"What to Feed a Living Trust" will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, April 9, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Topics will include Virginia trust law, funding your trust, what every banker doesn't know, trusts and mortgages; trusts and the IRS, and more. Free of charge.

Live the good life and retire on your own terms with advice from financial consultant Mark Costello of Morgan Stanley

Dean Witter. Learn how to estimate the amount of money you will need for retirement, account for the impact of inflation, understand how you feel about risk, and more. Free of charge.

"How to Buy a Home for Less Than You Expected" Monday, April 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. Mortgage consultant Edwin Peacock and realtor Matthew Cockerham will explain the eight steps to a stress-free real estate transaction, how owning will translate to tax savings, strategies to locate homes quickly, and successful negotiating strategies. Free of charge.

POTPOURRI

"Caring for Your Newborn," Wednesday, April 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. is for expectant parents. Dr. Brenda Murphy will discuss choosing a pediatrician and when to call the doctor, preparing the nursery, what to expect the first few days, nutrition, safety, and many other infant care basics. Free of charge.

Discount tickets to Kings Dominion are available at the Community Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$26 for "Super Saver Days," each weekend in April plus Spring Break. (Regular daily admission is \$38.99 for ages 7 and up, and \$26.99 for ages 3-6.) Checks only will be accepted payable to "VRPS" (Virginia Recreation and Park Society).

Picnic Shelters At Parks Available For Group Functions

Group reservations for the picnic shelters at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks will be taken beginning April 3. The fee for Town of Vienna groups is \$15 for a maximum of five hours plus a \$20 key deposit for use of the restrooms. For more information, call Vienna Parks and Recreation, 703-255-6360.

For information about other parks in the area, call the Fairfax County Park Authority, 703-246-5700, and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, 703-352-5900.

Vienna Theatre Company Presents



THE GIN GAME

at the Vienna Community Center

April 27 & 28

May 4, 5, 11 & 12

8:00 p.m.

May 13, 2:00 p.m.

(signed performance)

In D.L. Coburn's Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, two senior citizens in a retirement home meet over a rancorous game of gin rummy that's anything but just a game.

**\$8 General Admission
\$7 Students &
Senior Citizens (65 and older)
Tickets Now on Sale
at the Community Center**



**For information, call 703-255-6360.
The Vienna Theatre Company musical, "Brigadoon,"
advertised in the spring recreation brochure,
will not be presented.**