

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

AUGUST 1991 – The Town Council will hold a public hearing August 26 on a proposed boundary adjustment with Fairfax County. The purpose of the boundary adjustment is the elimination of bisected lots, better delivery of municipal services, and simplification of the boundary. Overall, the Town would acquire an additional 71 acres of property and approximately 218 new residents.

AUGUST 1981 – The final report of the Vienna Metro Station Planning Task Force has been completed. Council appointed the Task Force last year to assess the impact on the town of the Vienna Metrorail Station, scheduled to open early in 1986. "The prospect of several thousand additional cars flowing into Vienna each morning and flowing out each evening represents the most serious potential problem for the community," the report says.

AUGUST 1971 – The Vienna Environmental Council reminds residents that the weekend of August 14 and 15 is Vienna's weekend for volunteers at the recycling depot in the Gem parking lot at Tysons Corner. The facility for recycling newspapers, glass and aluminum is open every Saturday and Sunday.

AUGUST 1961 – Grants from the state will defray a major part of road maintenance, which the Town was required to assume as of July 1. And with responsibility and supervision at the local level, improved maintenance can be expected.

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VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

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Police Officer Exam August 18

The Town of Vienna's next written examination for the position of Police Officer will be held on Saturday, August 18, at the Vienna Community Center. Doors open at 8 a.m. and the exam begins promptly at 9 a.m. No late admissions will be allowed.

No pre-registration is required; candidates will be admitted on a first come, first served basis for the first 100 individuals in attendance. A photo identification is required.

This exam, consisting of 100 questions, requires no advance preparation or study. The minimum passing score is 70. Those who pass will be placed on an eligibility list for current and future vacancies.

The minimum eligibility requirements are: high school diploma or GED; 21 years old by date of hire; U.S. citizen; valid driver's license with excellent record; non-smoker; able to work 12-hour rotating shifts; and excellent physical condition.

For more information, call the Department of Administrative Services at 703-255-6350 or visit the Town web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us.

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Recycle White Paper at Town Hall

Vienna residents and businesses are invited to bring white paper to the blue bins behind Town Hall to be recycled along with the Town government's office paper. "White paper" can include white bond, copier and computer paper. (Colored ink on white paper is acceptable.) Glossy-finish paper and contaminants such as adhesive labels and bindings cannot be recycled. White paper recycling reduces environmental pollution and saves taxpayers the cost of disposal.

Calendar Deadline September 4

Tuesday, September 4, is the deadline for Vienna non-profit organizations to submit information about their community events for next year to be published in the 2002 Town Calendar. Address calendar items to the Public Information Office, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180, fax 703-255-5722, or e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us.

Correction

Last month's article concerning rodent control in residential areas contained an outdated telephone number from a Fairfax County Health Department pamphlet on the subject. The correct number to call for information and assistance in dealing with rodent infestation is 703-246-2300.

NEWSLETTER

August 2001

Council Approves Continuation of Vienna Farmers' Market

At its July meeting, the Town Council approved continuation of the Vienna Farmers' Market through October in the parking lot behind Town Hall. The market is open each Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. In June Council had given temporary approval for the market to operate on Town property after the originally advertised location on Church Street became unavailable.

Depending on the season, the market offers a variety of locally grown, freshly picked fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers and other items. For more information about the Vienna Farmers' Market, call market manager Gary Powers at 703-786-8226.

Permit Parking on DeSale Street

In response to a petition from residents, the Town Council has established a permit parking zone on both sides of DeSale Street, S.W., from Sanoey Circle up to and including the area adjacent to the stream valley park between Casmar Street and James Drive. Restrictions take effect August 1.

Vehicles parked on the street in the restricted area between the hours of 7 p.m. and 6 a.m., seven days a week, will be required to display special decals.

Decals are available at the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S., weekdays from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Residents will be asked to provide the registration for each vehicle. Temporary parking permits are available for guests of residents in the restricted areas. No permit is required for vehicles making delivery or service calls.

For more information about residential permit parking, call the Vienna Police Department at 703-255-6366.

Yard Sale Reminder

Each household in town may hold two 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 703-255-6341.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

JUNE 4, 2001

! Following a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions, reappointed G. Lawrence Warren and Carole Wolfand to the Town/Business Liaison Committee for two-year terms.

! Following a public hearing, adopted an ordinance to permit a farmers' market in Vienna each Saturday from May through October.

! Adopted the Town budget and set tax rates for fiscal year 2001-2002.

! Authorized the purchase of equipment through a capital lease program.

! Accepted the resignation of Jill T. Decker from the Windover Heights Board of Review.

! Approved the following bid awards and contract extensions: Mt. Vernon Asphalt & Paving for asphalt repair; Hertz

Equipment Rental for supplemental backhoe equipment; Chantilly Crushed Stone for stone used in street work; Dubrook Concrete for hydraulic cement concrete; MEP-PBM/Limbach Service for HVAC maintenance; Lorton Landfill for private landfill use; AAA/Rainbow Recycling & Trash Removal Service for commercial trash service; Arlington County contract for underground utility marking; Council of Governments contracts for asphalt, uniform and walk-off mat rental, and oils, lubricants and greases.

! Approved Town sponsorship for a farmers' market in the Town Hall parking lot each Saturday morning in June.

JUNE 11, 2001

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! Following a public hearing, approved an application by Radio Shack, 322 Maple Ave., W., to place the corporate logo on its facade sign only, and denied a request to place the logo on all other signs.

! Approved a property exchange with the owners of 607 Niblick Dr., S.E., to allow for the relocation of the Wildwood Park trail.

! Renewed the contract with Gazette Newspapers in a total amount not to exceed \$7,200 for printing the Parks and Recreation Department's quarterly brochure for fiscal year 2001-02.

! Approved \$8,000 for Jack S. Cooper to appraise right-of-way and easements required for Phase 2A and 2B of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

! Approved change order #1 to the contract for construction of the Northside Public Works Facility in the amount of \$100,254 for additional earthwork operations and storm sewer piping.

! Approved funding under a contract with Virginia Paving Co. at an aggregate price not to exceed \$503,078 for asphalt milling, overlay and traffic marking this summer.

! Approved a letter of agreement with Paul Layer for use of his art work in the Pedestrian Commercial Zone regulations of the Town Code.

! Reappointed Town Treasurer Philip R. Grant, Town Attorney John F. Gionfriddo, Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein, and Town Clerk Carol A. Orndorff for fiscal year 2001-02.

! Approved a Certificate of Distinguished Service for Kevin Kerwin, who served as the student representative on the Community Enhancement Commission for fiscal year 2000-01.

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 September issue is Wednesday, August 15.

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise		Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.	Planning Commission	Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Board of Zoning Appeals	Board of Architectural Review		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Town Council		Planning Commission	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
		Transportation Safety Commission				

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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Vienna Mural Project Committee is putting the finishing touches on its creation, painted on the rear wall of the building on Mill Street, N.E., that houses Judd Tile and Vienna Glass. The mural, which highlights the role of the railroad in Vienna's history, is 25 feet tall and 108 feet long. It faces the bike trail in the heart of Vienna, near the old train station and the red caboose. Donations to help offset the cost of the project are welcome; send checks payable to Vienna Mural Project in care of Bob McCormick, McCormick Insurance Agency, 513 Maple Ave., W., Vienna, VA 22180. For more information, call 703-242-0564.

Lt. Ben Andrews, the Vienna police officer who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident last fall, would like to thank everyone who participated in the 22nd annual Duffer's Classic golf tournament and the 1st annual golf tournament sponsored by Vienna American Legion Post 180 for their generous donations of this year's proceeds. The Duffer's Classic, co-sponsored this year by the Vienna Outback Steakhouse and the Vienna Inn, is held annually to benefit Vienna Youth Inc., while proceeds from the Post 180 tournament go to veterans hospitals.

Vienna Choral Society is recruiting new voices for all sections of the choir with no audition required. Male vocalists are especially welcome. Concerts for the 2001-02 season will include Gilbert and Sullivan and PDQ Bach, December holiday program, and Mozart's *Requiem*. Rehearsals will be held each Monday beginning August 27 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. Dues are \$50 and newcomers may attend two trial rehearsals. For more information, call 703-255-5508 or 703-319-9697.

The Story of Oakton, Virginia: 1758-1990 by D'Anne Evans is back on the shelves at the old-fashioned Freeman House General Store along with *Moving Historic Buildings* by John Obed Curtis. The Freeman Store, operated by volunteers of Historic Vienna, Inc., a non-profit organization for restoration and preserva-

tion, is open on Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. For information, call 703-938-5187.

"Summer Season of Art" exhibit at the Vienna Arts Society gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center will continue through September 8. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

Vienna Jaycees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 13, at the Vienna Community Center. Individuals age 21-39 are invited to join this national organization, which provides opportunities for community service and social activities. For more information, call Karen Evans at 703-281-1255 or e-mail Venna_Jaycees-owner@yahoo.com.

Congratulations to Vienna Little League Colonial 9-10 All-Stars, winners of the District 4 championship, who advanced to last month's state tournament in Danville. The players are Grant Brennan, Joseph Caruso, Will Clarkson, Jamie Cleer, Alec Komanec, Jeremy Lewin, Ian McGinn, John McLaughlin, Chase McNall, Kevin Samson, Bobek Sharifi, and Bryan Whittington. Congratulations also to District 4 Majors Tournament (11-12) winners, Vienna American in Bracket A and Vienna Colonial in Bracket B.

Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners of its 2001 service awards. Congratulations to Business Person of the Year Michael Magnotti of Anthony Appraisers and Anthony Real Estate, Business of the Year Karin's Florist, Entrepreneur of the Year Nancy Brown of Gifts By Design, and

Citizen of the Year Steve Bukont of Ayr Hill Homes. Special recognition awards for outstanding service to the community were presented to Vienna Police Lt. Ben Andrews and to Chamber of Commerce Office Manager Emily Bernard.

Volunteers are needed for the Vienna Carnival, September 6-9 at Nottoway Park. The Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce and Vienna Jaycees need your help with parking and other tasks. For more information, call Karen at 703-281-1255.

American Legion Dyer Gunnell Post 180 is planning to construct a brick entrance walk honoring those who served their country in the Armed Forces. You can honor a veteran by purchasing a brick engraved with up to three lines of text for \$50 each. Proceeds will benefit veterans' hospitals and the youth programs of the American Legion. For more information and order forms, call 703-938-9535.

Caregiver Education and Discussion Group, sponsored by The Women's Center, meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Fresh Fields, 143 Maple Ave., E. Elder care consultant Joan Sears presents information and answers questions. The cost is \$25 per person. To register and for more information on this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657.

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens will host these special programs this month: Specimen Trees at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 5; and What's a Weed & What's Not? A Biodiversity Series Program at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 12. Reservations are required for these free activities; call 703-255-3631.

County Reapportionment Plan Won't Affect Vienna

The recent reapportionment of Fairfax County's supervisor districts will not affect the Town of Vienna. All of the Town's voting precincts will remain in the Hunter Mill District. In June the Board of Supervisors shifted all or portions of 16 precincts in the county to different supervisor districts based on information from the 2000 U.S. Census.

Comment from the Council Table

Looking Toward the Future While Preserving Vienna's Legacy

By Albert J. Boudreau
Vienna Town Councilman

I have always considered Vienna to be an "oasis in a sea of development," and as the high-density development around Vienna's borders continues, that phrase is even more realistic. That is why the Council has undertaken a number of projects to ensure that the small-town, family oriented community that is Vienna continues as a unique place and does not get lost in the sea of development. Let me bring you up to date on a few of these projects.

As you know, the second phase of the Maple Avenue revitalization is now scheduled to begin early next spring. It will extend to just beyond Beulah Road and include the bridge over Wolftrap Creek. We are planning to enhance the bridge area by adding a picturesque wall, benches and a planting area to create a scenic view of the stream near the entrance to the commercial corridor.

Another project designed to enhance and unite the community is the sidewalk program. We are expending approximately \$500,000 this year to expand sidewalks throughout the Town of Vienna. Our priority has been to connect various sections of sidewalk so there is a continuous sidewalk along one side of the busiest streets and where children walk to schools. We have now established a permanent source of funding for sidewalks so that we can install a significant number of new sidewalks each year based upon the Sidewalk Plan, safety criteria and citizen requests. The aim of this program is obviously safety but also to encourage a sense of community by providing the ability to walk around the town.

Traffic continues to be a major concern and although we may not be able to stop the traffic flow, we have taken steps to mitigate the effects of commuter traffic on our neighborhoods. In order to get some of the commuter traffic out of the residential neighborhoods we synchronized the traffic lights along Maple Avenue to speed up the traffic flow through town during the rush hours. We believed that if Maple Avenue traffic moved better,

commuters would use it more and stop using our residential streets as cut-through's. To test this theory I ran a few experiments. During the morning rush hour I traveled from the Post Office through town to Follin Lane by way of Church Street, Maple Avenue, and the residential streets in south Vienna. It is now faster to use Maple Avenue than our neighborhood streets.

In addition to increased police patrols, we have installed video cameras at several major intersections to identify motorists who run red lights, a frequent cause of severe accidents. We are planning to add several more. Contrary to what some believe, this system does not generate income for the Town but actually costs the Town some money. However, it appears to be effective in terms of both cost and safety. Statistics to date indicate that because we have these cameras there has been a change in motorist behavior. There has been a significant drop in the number of red light runners and a major decrease in severe accidents. We have also adopted a set of guidelines to determine the need for speed humps or dips when citizens collectively ask for such relief.

The Town of Vienna has a proud legacy that goes back over 200 years, and we have several historic properties located within the town. In conjunction with Historic Vienna, Inc., the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders, we plan to restore the Vienna Train Station and create a rail museum therein. (How many of you knew there was an electric trolley service from Washington, D.C., to Vienna and Fairfax in 1904?) There are plans to have the train station and caboose open to the public on weekends in the near future with hours of operation similar to that for the Freeman Store. The Model Railroaders currently have an extensive operating model railroad which can be seen during their scheduled open houses.

Last but not least is the plan to purchase the property at 144-152 Maple Ave.,



Councilman Boudreau

W., (across from Fresh Fields) for the purpose of creating a "Town Center Park." This property abuts the WO&D Trail and adjoins the current Town property where the original library building and Freeman Store are located. The Town would then own the entire block from Maple Avenue to Church Street, and from Mill Street to the WO&D Trail. The basic idea is to create an open green space in the center of town located adjacent to some of our historic buildings. Personally, I would love to be able once again to enjoy summer evening concerts in the park and perhaps ice skating in the park in the winter. The design of the park, however, will be up to you - the citizens of Vienna.

I have long proposed that we citizens of Vienna look to the future and develop a concept for what we want this town to look like in the year 2015. The Church Street Vision evolved from that proposal several years ago and the first new building designed under this vision is nearing completion. Vienna's distinction as a family town has encouraged new families to settle here, aided in part by the tax abatement program for residential renovations. This fall the Council is planning a series of town meetings to discuss the future of our commercial and industrial areas and the town in general. We want to hear your ideas for the future of Vienna. What is your vision for the town for the year 2015? Watch for more information about these town meetings in future newsletters and the local news media.

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

Quarterly coin and stamp show will be held August 4 and 5. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. About 15 stamp dealers and 45 coin dealers will participate. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club.

BUS TRIP

Enjoy the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, August 23. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about midnight. The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline August 16.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

Beat the summertime blues! Upcoming 7th, 8th and 9th graders are invited to travel to many exciting destinations this month, including the National Air and Space Museum, Harpers Ferry, National Aquarium, Gettysburg, National Zoo, Marriott Ranch, Chinatown and MCI Center, and bowling and mini golf in Centreville. Registration and completion of a travel tour form required. Trips are scheduled August 20-23 and 27-30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There is a charge for each trip and participants should bring a lunch.

High school students can enjoy concerts by live bands on Saturday, August 18, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$5 per person.

Middle school dance with DJ Friday, August 17, at 6 p.m. Free of charge.

SPORTS & HEALTH

Adult Co-ed Softball League begins its fall season the week of August 27. All games will be played at Southside Park. The registration fee is \$375 per team and includes 14 regular season games, umpire

fees, softballs, scorebook, awards, and a post-season tournament.

Learn to skate clinic for beginning skaters age 7 through adult at Meadow Lane Park Sunday, August 5, 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.

Summer youth sports camps scheduled in August will teach kids the basic skills and fundamentals of fencing, roller hockey, in-line skating, baseball, and basketball. Camps are held at various times and locations. The cost is \$105 for all camps except fencing, which is \$85. Discounts are available for multiple camps or for more than one family member.

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens Wednesday, August 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. Pre-registration requested.



The Vienna Youth Players will present the hit Broadway musical, "The Sound of Music," August 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 p.m. and August 12 at 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens (age 65 and over). Cast members include (front row) Ben Whitman, Sarah Wilson, Jeffrey Small, (middle row) Claire Burgess, Kristy Gooch, Kasey Dailey, (back row) Janelle Cheselka, and Julia Addis-Lieser.

POTPOURRI

Congratulations to town resident Charlie Morrison, whose 1935 Ford three-window coupe won the People's Choice award in the antique and classic car show at last month's July 4th celebration. Other Vienna car owners placing among the top ten entries include Arkom Pong (1970 Jaguar), Dave Foote (1972 Buick GS/Stage 1), and Robert Burke (1921 Ford touring car, the oldest car in the show). Thanks to everyone who participated in this event.

Auditions for the Vienna Theatre Company's fall production of "The Deadly Game," a mystery by James Yaffee, will be held August 14 and 15 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The cast includes four men or women age 55 and older, two men age 30 to 45, and two women age 25 to 35. Come prepared to do a cold reading from the script.

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses licenses were issued in June:

Christopher Bonacci, DDS
oral surgeon
301 Maple Ave., W. #H
703-255-9400

Manila Grille
Philippine restaurant
153 Glyndon St., S.E.
no phone # listed

Graphic Science Printing
silk screening
523 Lincoln St., N.W.
703-255-5962

Lu's Skin Care Clinic
skin care
1009 Cottage St., S.W.
571-276-0550

Monitor Title & Escrow
title company
133 Maple Ave., E. #202
703-281-8601

Conein Communications
consulting
513 Nelson Dr., N.E.
703-281-0223

Maxsus Systems
consulting
101 Fardale St., S.E.
703-641-5752

Sachdeva Management
Consulting
professional consulting
& management
430 Glyndon St., N.E.
703-242-8892

Cardiovascular Medicine
Associates
medical office
360 Maple Ave., W. #A
703-281-7800

Sherry M. Harnick
public relations consulting
713 Upham Pl., N.W.
703-766-0125

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SHOP IN VIENNA

Support Our Hometown Merchants

"Beauty Spot" from Your Community Enhancement Commission

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission wants to share Gary Lee Popp's account of how his two young daughters are learning the importance of planting trees to make life more pleasant for everyone in our town.

Seven-year old Marinda Popp and six-year old Fiona Popp, residents of Battle St., S.W., have been enjoying a project that began when tree seedlings were distributed at the Vienna Community Center during the spring of 2000. Marinda and Fiona picked out some black walnut, bald cyprus, and sweet gum. With the help of their mother and father, shovels, and small hand spades the girls planted the trees in their back yard. They promised to take good care of the trees and water them all summer.

This spring several of the large trees in the back yard were trimmed, allowing for full sun in new areas of the back yard. With Dad's help the girls transplanted some of their seedlings to new permanent growing areas. The rest will remain in the "nursery" area for another year and then be transplanted or given to Marinda's and Fiona's friends for planting in their own Vienna yards. The girls started with 25 seedling and 23 have survived.

Marinda and Fiona have planted and nursed a wide assortment of trees and flowering plants since moving into the house in December 1997 and have quite a successful survival rate. Marinda and Fiona receive the most enjoyment from watching the trees and flowers grow each spring and how they change during seasons of the year.

Lightning CAN Strike Twice

Your Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department reminds you: These are the dog days of summer, those hazy, hot and humid days when there is always the chance of an afternoon thunderstorm. And thunderstorms bring lightning. Please be aware of approaching thunderstorms and take precautions to avoid becoming a victim of a lightning strike.

There are some locations that are extremely dangerous and should be avoided during thunderstorms. These include open fields; athletic fields; golf courses; swimming pools and other bodies of water; and areas around wire fences, clothes lines, overhead wires, railroad tracks and isolated trees. Also, you should not talk on the telephone or take a shower during a thunderstorm. The best places to be during a thunderstorm include inside a home, large metal frame building, automobile with metal top (not convertible) and city streets shielded by nearby buildings.

Air Pollution Alerts Color-coded

Are summer's sweltering days getting you down? It may be more than the heat; it may be the physical effects of ground-level ozone pollution. Daily air quality forecasts are issued through the local news media according to colors: Code Green = Good; Code Yellow = Moderate; Code Orange = Approaching Unhealthful; and Code Red = Unhealthful.

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

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