

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1991 – The Town Council will hold a public hearing at its September 16 meeting on a proposal to reconstruct Beulah Road. The Virginia Department of Transportation has proposed that the road be reconstructed with a 33-foot paved width; however, VDOT officials have indicated that the Town could use a 30-foot width if it wishes.

SEPTEMBER 1981 – At its September 14 meeting, the Town Council directed the Transportation Safety Commission to undertake a review of intersections controlled by stop signs, taking into consideration both the usual warrants for traffic control devices and the local characteristics of each intersection. The Commission is to report to Council within six months with recommendations as to which, if any, stop signs should be downgraded from 4-way or 3-way to 2-way or less, and from 2-way or 1-way to “yield” or less.

SEPTEMBER 1971 – Congratulations and thanks to Fairfax County for the beautiful new Patrick Henry Library, which was dedicated on September 5.

SEPTEMBER 1961 – Recently, Mayor Wilson organized a Mayor’s Advisory Committee made up of representatives from all the different organizations in town. At the first meeting of this group, Mr. William Nutter, representing the Vienna Lions Club, explained the details of planning for a Vienna Community Center and asked the other groups represented to work with the Lions Club on this much needed recreational facility.

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

### 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)

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**This document will be made available in large print or on audio cassette upon request. Call 703-255-6330, TDD 703-255-5735.**

## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, September 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For information, call 703-255-6381.

Too often used oil is improperly poured down storm drains or into sewers. Just one quart of used oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water, releasing tons of toxic metals such as lead, cadmium and arsenic into the environment. When recycled, cleaned of its impurities and re-refined, used oil is a valuable resource that can be remanufactured into new fuels.

Antifreeze, like oil, can contaminate water and should never be disposed of in drains or sewers. In addition, antifreeze stored around the house presents a great danger to children and pets; it tastes sweet but is deadly poison.

Improper disposal of automobile batteries is a leading cause of lead contamination in landfills and energy recovery facilities. In Virginia, it is illegal to dispose of automobile batteries with refuse.

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## Meals & Lodging Tax Increase Proposed

At its September 24 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase the meals and lodging tax rate from 3% to 4%. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

The primary purpose of the proposed increase is to fund the acquisition of property at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Mill Street for the development and preservation of green space in the center of town. If adopted, the ordinance will become effective January 1, 2002, through June 30, 2008, at which time the rate will revert to 3%.

The meals and lodging tax has been in effect since 1990 and is used exclusively to finance bond issues for the Town’s Capital Improvements Program. It is anticipated that \$1.5 million will be generated from the meals and lodging tax this fiscal year.

## Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 3, for Labor Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

*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.*

# NEWSLETTER

September 2001

## Special Pickup Deadline Oct. 1

Monday, October 1, is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Trash Pickup this year. Because of fall leaf collection, no orders for Special Pickups are taken in October, November and December.

To dispose of unwanted furniture, appliances, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording promptly at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is entitled to receive two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon “beetle”). Additional pickups cost \$75 dollars per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

## Before Calling for Your Special Pickup, Please Review These Guidelines:

- Building materials — wood, broken concrete, building brick and block, fences, drywall and paneling — will be picked up. Masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. are limited to 300 pounds per pickup (about two wheelbarrow loads). Building materials generated by contractors and/or persons employed by homeowners to renovate, repair and/or perform maintenance on their homes will not be picked up.

- Sod, small stumps, brush, trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½" and less than 6" and no more than 8' in length will be picked up. The Special Pickup crews do not collect any tree parts over 6" in diameter. Most logs are greater than 6" and, therefore, they are not acceptable. The reason for this regulation is that the tub grinder used by the Public Works Department to make wood mulch cannot handle tree parts over this size. Logs, stumps and other large tree parts can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station on West Ox Road or at the County Landfill in Lorton. Leaves are not picked up by Special Pickup crews.

- Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment will be picked up.

- Up to 300 pounds of scrap metal and small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires will be picked up. Tires must be removed from the rim. Whole automobile bodies will not be picked up.

- Two major appliances per residence will be picked up. These include stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners and furnaces.

*(Special Pickup guidelines continued on next page)*



## Special Pickup Guidelines . . . (continued)

- Old heating oil tanks, gas tanks, and pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon will not be picked up. Fuel tanks, paint cans, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, and other hazardous wastes, and bio-hazardous waste including needles and syringes, will not be picked up. For information about hazardous waste disposal, call 703-324-5068.

- Please separate brush, appliances, building materials, etc. from each other. This makes it easier for pickup crews to salvage recyclable items, reducing the amount of debris taken to the landfill.

- For the safety of Special Pickup crews, please separate large pieces of glass from other discards.

- Residents of corner lots are requested to place discards in front of the property, not on the side.

- Please keep Special Pickup items away from regular trash and recyclables, fire hydrants, water meters, gas valves, fences, utility poles, trees and shrubs, vehicles, etc. Place discards in an open area accessible to a crane truck.

### Call Promptly for Your Special Pickup

Residents are reminded to call the Special Pickup number, 703-255-5727, as soon as debris is placed at the curbside. Piles of trash that go uncollected for weeks on end because of residents' failure to call for a Special Pickup are an eyesore and a potential health and safety hazard. When an "illegal" pile of trash is spotted by or reported to Town personnel, the resident will receive a notice to call for a Special Pickup within 48 hours. Otherwise, the debris will be collected anyway and that address charged for one of its two annual free Special Pickups, or if both pickups have already been made, it will be charged for an additional pickup.

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

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| Albert J. Boudreau  | Vincent J. Olson       |
| Steven D. Briglia   | Michael J. Polychrones |
| Robert P. McCormick | Maud F. Robinson       |

### TOWN STAFF

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Town Manager                   | John H. Schoeberlein    | 703-255-6371 |
| Director of Public Works       | Dennis W. King          | 703-255-6381 |
| Chief of Police                | Col. Robert A. Carlisle | 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 October issue is Friday, September 14.

## Please Don't Dump on Your Neighbors!

Be a good neighbor and call for a Special Pickup. It's much easier than dumping unwanted items illegally on a neighbor's yard or in a park, and it keeps our community looking clean and attractive.

## CHO Needs Furniture and Appliances

Instead of using a Special Pickup to dispose of furniture and appliances in good working condition, consider donating them to CHO (Committee for Helping Others). Beds, dressers, tables and chairs are in high demand. To arrange for a pickup of your donations, call 703-281-7614.

Since 1969, CHO has been helping needy families and individuals in the Vienna area obtain food, shelter, clothing, fuel, transportation, furniture, and other necessities. Donations, financial contributions, and volunteer help are always welcomed by CHO.

## Annual Financial Report Wins Award

The Town of Vienna has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for the year 2000. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the field of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment is important to the Town in maintaining its excellent bond rating.

Vienna's financial report was judged by an impartial panel to demonstrate a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" effort to communicate clearly its financial story to citizens. In addition, Finance Director Philip R. Grant received an Award of Financial Reporting Achievement as the individual primarily responsible for Vienna's having earned the certificate.

Copies of the financial report are available for public review at Town Hall.

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## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Crab Feast Saturday, September 22,** from 1 to 4 p.m. at American Legion Dyer Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Tickets are \$22 in advance and \$25 at the door (feast without crabs \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door). Kids eat for half price. For more information, call the Post at 703-938-9535. Also call the Post for information about the American Legion 17th District Golf Tournament on September 10.

**Calling all crafters!** The Vienna Woman's Club is accepting applications for its annual Harvest Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, November 10, at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call Nancy Volpe at 703-938-7716, leave your name and number, and your call will be returned. The Woman's Club will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 19, at the Community Center. All Vienna area women are welcome to attend.

**Vienna Chapter 1116, National Association of Retired Federal Employees,** will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Judy Park, NARFE Director of Legislative Affairs, who serves as advocate for federal retirees in the halls of Congress. For more information, call 703-938-8180.

**Vienna Photographic Society** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, in the Lecture Hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Ln. Guest photographer Jerry Smith will discuss basic studio lighting concepts. For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit [www.safeport.com/vps](http://www.safeport.com/vps).

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, September 13, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature Carroll the Magician. For reservations, call 703-938-1077. The group's next bus trip will be to Bel Air Mansion in Maryland on September 27. For more information and reservations, call 703-938-3505. The Newcomers Club welcomes new residents, recent retirees, and anyone interested in making new friends.

**2nd annual Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, September 8,** at Evolution Health & Fitness Center, 216 Dominion Rd., N.E. Testing will be offered for blood pressure, cholesterol, body fat, osteoporosis, carpal tunnel, dental, vision, and many others. (There is a charge for some tests.) The fair is sponsored by Evolution Health & Fitness, The Grove Center for Chiropractic & Wellness, and the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce with refreshments provided by Fresh Fields. For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 703-281-1333.

**First annual Box Turtle Benefit Saturday, September 29.** Rollerblade or bike the entire length of the W&OD Regional Trail from Purcellville to Shirlington, or sponsor a participant. Proceeds will benefit the Box Turtle Conservation Fund

and the Native Turtle Habitat at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Registration forms are available at [bikes@vienna](mailto:bikes@vienna), 128 Church St., N.W. For more information, call J.P. Brehony, 703-761-9441, or John Cardinal, 703-930-3547.

**The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna,** an interfaith community ministry for people age 50 and over, will hold registration for the fall term of its "Adventures in Learning" program from 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday, September 13, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd. Classes will be held each Thursday, September 20-November 8, and include Foreign Affairs, Tai Chi, Writing Your Own Story, Aging with Savvy, Beginner's Computer, and many more. For more information, including class times and fees, call 703-281-0538.

### Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Renovations Underway

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, located at 400 Center St., S., is in the process of replacing the front overhead doors with taller doors in order to accommodate the newer model fire trucks. To do this, the steel beam supporting the second floor has to be replaced, which requires temporary shoring. At the same time the Department has decided to renovate the entire front of the building, including replacing the front upstairs windows with more energy-efficient thermal pane windows.

To speed up the project so it is completed before cold weather arrives, a temporary tent has been set up in the rear parking lot to house the fire trucks and ambulances. Half of the parking lot is still available for parking, and additional parking is available for Sunday evening bingo at the Vienna Community Center and across the street at Faith Baptist Church after 6:15 p.m.

Bingo has always been one of the Fire Department's main fund raisers and is held every Sunday. Doors open at 4 p.m., sales begin at 5 p.m., and games start at 7 p.m. The minimum admission price is \$10 for 23 regular games, including a \$1,000 jackpot. Refreshments prepared by the Ladies' Auxiliary may be purchased during the evening. All proceeds go to building maintenance and renovations as well as purchasing new fire and rescue vehicles. (Those who do not play bingo may contribute to the department by sending checks to P.O. Box 1115, Vienna, VA 22183.)

The Fire Department is always in need of volunteers, both as active firefighters and medics, and as support and fund-raising staff. Those interested in serving are asked to call 703-938-2678 and leave a message and someone will contact you.

### Comment from the Council Table

## Why Live in the Town of Vienna?

By Steven D. Briglia  
Vienna Town Councilman

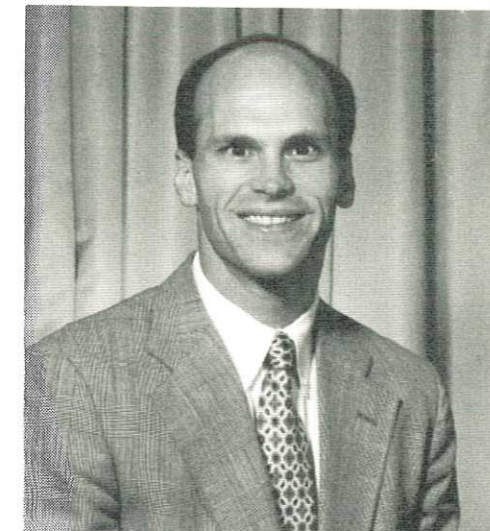
Forty years ago families moved to Vienna because it was a small town a little bit removed from the hustle and bustle of the city. Now families move to Vienna because it is a small town close to everything. The common element is that it is a small town, but why live in a town? In Virginia there are several types of local governments: counties, cities and towns. Towns are unique in that they are part of the surrounding county; however, towns are granted additional governing authority and local control. This additional authority enables towns to provide services to its citizens that are not offered in many areas of the county. We are lucky to live in Fairfax County, because our county provides terrific schools, police, fire and rescue and has a park authority as well. So, you may ask yourself, why live in the Town of Vienna?

Some of the reasons are underground or are not so obvious. For instance, the Town of Vienna offers water and sewer services to virtually all of its residents. Not all county residents have these services. Curbside trash and recycling pickup as well as two free special pickups per year are valuable services that are not offered to all county residents. While Fairfax County has a fine police department, the Vienna Police Department provides much more comprehensive coverage of the town, and its average emergency response time is about two minutes. Recently, a citizen's life was saved when two Vienna police officers observed him collapsed in his yard. The officers were able to resuscitate the gentleman with a portable defibrillator. The Town Council had authorized the purchase of portable defibrillators two years ago when it was pointed out that our police officers often arrive first at the scene of an emergency. In this case, no emergency call had even been made; the officers observed the citizen in distress as they were on routine patrol.

Another good reason to live in a town is that decision making is on the local level and any citizen who wants to get involved can do so. This local control enables towns to more quickly address citi-

zen concerns. Towns have their own zoning authority and the ability to perform and prioritize their own road repairs and improvements. Decisions relating to adding sidewalks and traffic-calming measures on our streets are not determined in Richmond, but by citizens in our Town Hall. Finally, the ability to directly operate our own Vienna Community Center and parks and recreation programs enables town citizens to enjoy themselves locally. Vienna's recent acquisition of the commercial property located at Maple Avenue and Mill Street for use as a "Central Park" demonstrates the advantages of a town form of government. With this land purchase, Vienna took a positive step in influencing the look and development of its central business district and town center.

There is, however, a monetary cost to living in a town since we pay real estate taxes in addition to the county real estate taxes. In Vienna, property owners pay 30¢ per \$100 of the assessed value of their property in addition to their Fairfax



Councilman Briglia

County tax assessment. The Town of Vienna has always had a reputation for being fiscally conservative, and the Mayor and Town Council members (all part-time elected officials who serve two-year terms) are keenly aware that they are charged with the public's trust. I can only speak for myself, but I believe the additional taxes are a small price to pay for the advantages of living in the Town of Vienna. That is why I live in Vienna.

## T/BLC Is Vienna Business Owners' Voice in Town Government

The Town/Business Liaison Committee (T/BLC) was created by the Town Council in 1985 to recognize the important contribution businesses make to Vienna's vitality and to establish a more structured and formal communication mechanism between the town government, businesses, and residents. The T/BLC evaluates Town policies that affect the business community and offers recommendations to Council.

The T/BLC invites business owners to participate in its meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. You can contact the T/BLC through Brent Wilkinson, Senior Planner with the Vienna Planning and Zoning Department; phone 703-255-6341 or e-mail [sp@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:sp@ci.vienna.va.us). In addition, the T/BLC is planning a page on the Town's web site, where you will be able to find meeting agendas, updates on Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project, and other important information of interest to businesses.

**NO CHIEF'S ADVISORY MEETING IN SEPTEMBER** – Members of the Police Chief's Advisory Committee are reminded that the date for the next meeting will be October 4. The September meeting date shown in this year's Town Calendar has been canceled.



## Motorists Urged to Watch for and Yield to Pedestrians

Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds you that the driver of any vehicle must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian crossing the street at any marked crosswalk, whether at mid-block or at the end of the block, or at any intersection.

The Code of Virginia states, "The drivers of vehicles entering, crossing, or turning at intersections shall change their course, slow down, or stop if necessary to permit pedestrians to cross such intersections safely and expeditiously. Pedestrians crossing at intersections shall at all times have the right-of-way over vehicles making turns into the highways being crossed by the pedestrians."

Motorists are urged always to be alert to the possible presence of pedestrians, especially when turning right on red, and to yield the right-of-way with courtesy.

Pedestrians must also act responsibly and not disregard approaching traffic. The American Automobile Association offers these safe walking tips:

- Cross only at designated crosswalks and at intersections.
- At signalized crosswalks, cross only on the proper signal.
- Look *all* ways (not just both ways) before crossing.
- Walk facing traffic where there are no sidewalks.
- Wear reflective material after dark.
- Always watch for cars even when you have the legal right-of-way.

## Peddlers and Solicitors Must Have Town Permit

A peddler is defined as anyone who carries goods such as candy or firewood from door to door for sale and immediate delivery. Peddlers are required to pay a license tax to the Town and must display the license on their vehicles. Call the Town's Business License Office at 703-255-6321 for more information on peddlers.

A solicitor or canvasser is defined as anyone who goes from door to door taking orders for merchandise such as magazines or services such as home improvements to be delivered at some future date, or requesting donations for a charitable purpose. Canvassers and solicitors are required to obtain a permit and a license from the Town and to show the license on request. They are also required to wear a badge issued and signed by the Director of Finance containing the words "Licensed Solicitor." Call the Director of Finance's Office at 703-255-6320 for more information on solicitors and canvassers.

The Town Manager may grant exemptions from licensing requirements to non-profit groups such as schools, churches and service organizations. If an exemption has been granted, it will be on file at Town Hall.

Residents who suspect that a solicitor or peddler is operating under fraudulent pretenses or that he may be "casing" the neighborhood for burglary targets should call the police, 703-255-6366.

Selling merchandise from a vehicle parked on a street or in a parking lot is prohibited.

**STOP FOR SCHOOL BUSES** – Fairfax County public schools reopen this month. Your Transportation Safety Commission reminds drivers that the law requires you to stop for school buses taking on or discharging passengers and to remain stopped until the passengers are out of the street and the bus is again underway. This applies to drivers approaching from any direction. Children should be cautioned to look in all directions and make sure all vehicles are stopped before crossing the street to and from the bus.

## Welcome New Businesses

*The following business licenses were issued in July:*

Jewelry, Coins & More  
(*jewelry, coins & collectibles*)  
167 Glyndon St., S.E.  
703-319-3232

Richard G. Saylor  
(*electronic reference libraries*)  
514 Kingsley Rd., S.W.  
703-281-4932

N.P. Acupuncture  
521 Maple Ave., W. 2nd Fl.  
703-319-3200

Nancy J. Helland  
(*massage therapy*)  
243 Church St., N.W. #100D  
703-938-4868

Vietsystems  
(*computer network*)  
268 Cedar Ln., S.E.  
703-560-9518

Ximena Skin Care  
112 Pleasant St., S.W.  
703-255-2555

Pop Up Times  
(*publish magazines*)  
227 Mill St., N.E.  
703-938-3722

Harrison Consulting Group  
(*business writing*)  
901 Cooper Ct., S.E.  
703-255-5820

One Task at a Time (*consulting*)  
Colours of Amber (*consulting*)  
386 Maple Ave., E. #209  
703-281-7920

*New ownership:*  
Vienna Family Medicine  
115 Park St., S.E. #300  
703-737-0602

*New ownership:*  
Vienna Town Cleaners  
145 Church St., N.W. #200 & 201  
703-242-6398

## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Celtic musical group** "Spud Dugery" will perform from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 15, on the porch of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The free concert will feature guest banjo player Betsy O'Malley, Stuart Neel on fiddle and mandolin, Carol Lash on hammer dulcimer and bodhran, Kevin Costello on flute and vocals, Jos Hindriks on recorder, Jo Hindriks on accordion and fiddle, and Jim Clark on guitar. The concert is sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

**Vienna Farmers' Market**, located in the parking lot behind Town Hall, is open each Saturday through October from 8 a.m. to noon. 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.

**Nottoway Park Farmers' Market** is open each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the adjacent Plant Clinic provides free advice on gardening/plant problems from 9 a.m. to noon. Plenty of parking is available with convenient handicap spaces. For more information, call market manager Ed Bielecki at 703-281-3530.

**Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary** is now 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 10. To receive an application form, call 703-818-0555.

**Your old magazines** and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention 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 **ONLY ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH FROM 9 A.M.**

**TO 7 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.

**Northern Virginia Model Railroaders** will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, September 15, from noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited to see an operating HO scale model railroad. Admission is free; donations accepted. The station is located at the corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. For more information, call 703-938-5157 or visit [www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6120](http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Plains/6120).

**Lt. Ben Andrews** and his family would like to thank all the Masons from Vienna and throughout Northern Virginia, the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and everyone who bought tickets for the spaghetti dinner held at the Community Center in July to benefit Lt. Andrews, the Vienna police officer who was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident last year.

**Beardless iris sale**, sponsored by the Chesapeake and Potomac Iris Society, will be held on Saturday, September 22, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens Park, 4601 Green Spring Rd. (off Little River Turnpike) in Alexandria. For more information, call Ruth Filsinger at 703-534-4142.

**Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 6, at The Country Club of Fairfax. Guest speaker Mary Foley will share her strategies to achieve personal and career success as an author and speaker. For reservations and more information, call 703-757-5913 or 703-476-8895.

**Pedals for Progress** reconditions used bicycles for people in developing countries, where they are put to work not only as basic transportation, but as ambulances, trash haulers, produce trucks, taxis, and farm machinery. A bike collection will be held on Saturday, September 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. in front of bikes@

vienna, 128 Church St., N.W. A donation of \$10 per bike is requested to defray shipping and administrative costs. For more information or to volunteer your time, contact John or Laura Scheib at 703-255-6865 or e-mail [Vienna\\_Jaycees-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:Vienna_Jaycees-owner@yahoo.com).

**Travelers Aid at Dulles Airport** is expanding from one to two desks and into the concourses, and needs more friendly volunteers to provide information, directions and assistance to visitors. Volunteers are trained to help with transportation, lodging, sightseeing and community service needs. For more information and to schedule an interview, call 703-572-7350.

**Triplet Club of Northern Virginia** (Virginia Families With Greater Multiples) will hold a yard sale at Epiphany United Methodist Church, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., on Saturday, September 22, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 703-866-4721.

**Charity golf tournament**, sponsored by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce to benefit CASA (advocates for abused, neglected and abandoned children), will be held at Westwood Country Club on Monday, October 1. For information on playing in the tournament or sponsorship opportunities, call 703-281-1333 or visit [www.viennacc.org](http://www.viennacc.org).

**Vienna Arts Society (VAS)** will sponsor a week-long watercolor workshop for intermediate and advanced students with artist Fred Graff October 22-26. The cost is \$325 for VAS members and \$350 for non-members. For location, and more information, call Janelle Seiberlich at 703-264-1799. Reservation deadline September 21.

**Homeschoolers' picnic** will be held at Glyndon Park on Tuesday, September 4, to give area homeschoolers (preschool through high school) a chance to get acquainted. Meet at 10 a.m. on the playground and bring a lunch. For more information, call Vicki at 703-242-8827.

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# Vienna CARNIVAL!

## September 6-9

**Nottoway Park**  
**9601 Courthouse Road**  
**Vienna, Virginia**

Hosted by the  
*Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce*

### Thursday

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

**Carnival Preview Night**

**Ride All Night for 1 Low Price (\$13.00)**

### Friday

5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

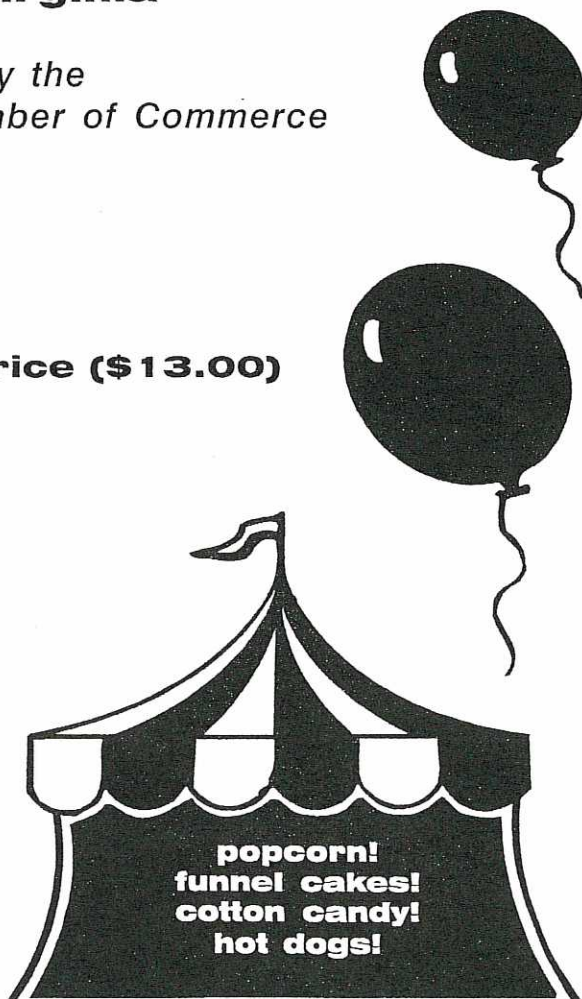
### Saturday

11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

### Sunday

11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information call  
(703) 281-1333 or visit  
[www.viennacc.org](http://www.viennacc.org)



### Citizen Comment

## We Need a Leash Law for Cats

*A town resident writes:* "Each morning for the past several months, I have had to chase a neighbor's two cats out of my back yard, in which there are five bird feeders, two bird baths and a squirrel feeder, along with an abundance of wildlife. I greatly enjoy watching the chipmunks, squirrels, birds and rabbits that visit each day. But they scatter and hide when these cats approach. From what I can tell, they do not wear warning bells, which can scare potential prey. I do not want my backyard wildlife caught and killed by these two quietly stalking cats.

"The local ordinances that govern animal regulation do not include all domestic animals. In fact, the 'animals' referred to in these ordinances include only dogs, and not cats.

"I phoned the Vienna Animal Warden's Office with my concerns, and was told that cats are not considered 'domestic' animals and instead are treated as 'wild' animals. All he could do, he said, was to make sure the cats in questions have current rabies tags. On a follow-up call from the Warden, he also provided some effective-sounding yet humane suggestions on how to prevent the cats from entering my yard.

"Why are leash laws so one-sided? We don't tolerate free-roaming dogs on our property, so why must we be subjected to trespassing cats? And why is a cat that is fed, sheltered and presumably has its rabies shots and other vaccinations not classified as domestic?

"Make no mistake - I am a long-time volunteer and member of several wildlife rescue and animal welfare organizations. I appreciate and respect all creatures, and the last thing I want to do is create a predicament for these cats or their owners. Still, I do not want cats using my yard as their hunting ground. Cats, even those that are well-fed, will hunt - but put them on a leash and let them hunt somewhere else!

"It is unlawful for a person to kill a wild bird that is protected under the federal Migratory Bird Act. But, unbelievably, if that person's cat kills a federally protected bird, it's too bad for the bird, and both human and cat get to walk away blameless.

"One could argue that if every town had a leash law for cats, there would not be enough manpower and/or funds to maintain and enforce the law. However, feral cat populations could be reduced if responsible cat owners would have their cats spayed or neutered. And there are alternative methods of allowing a cat to have 'roaming space' without intruding on private property.

"Until town, county, state and federal regulations are changed, we will continue to pit dog against cat, neighbor against neighbor, in the war over animal pecking rights. Let's change the leash laws and call a truce."

*The Town Council invites citizens to submit comments for use in the Town of Vienna Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing and received at Town Hall by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Please give your name, address and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.) Send comments to Vienna Newsletter, 127 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.*

## Cats at Risk When Allowed to Roam

Your Town of Vienna Animal Warden reminds cat owners that the safest place for your pet is indoors. Statistics show that cats who remain indoors live longer than those who venture outside. Cats that are allowed to roam free are exposed to many dangers, including disease, parasites, poisoning, other animals, cruel people, traps, traffic, and pet overpopulation.

Stray cats can also annoy neighbors by digging in their yards and leaving excrement. Improve your cat's health, safety and neighborhood popularity by curbing its instinct to wander.



## MEET THE VIENNA MURAL ARTISTS

A party to celebrate the completion of the mural near the Vienna Railroad Station will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, at the mural. Meet the artists, enjoy coffee, juice and dessert from Fresh Fields, and listen to live music from Bruce (Railroad) Hartley.

Attention parents! If your children helped paint the mural on "Kid's Day," please bring them to join in the festivities.

The mural, painted on the rear wall of the building on Mill Street, N.E., that houses Judd Tile and Vienna Glass is 25 feet tall and 108 feet long. It faces the W&OD Regional Trail in the heart of Vienna, near the old train station and the red caboose, and highlights the role of the railroad in Vienna's history.

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.

## Halloween Parade Deadline Sept. 28

The 55th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, on Maple Avenue. Vienna area businesses, community organizations, school classes, athletic teams and other groups are invited to enter floats in the parade. This year's theme is "Harvesting History" in honor of Grand Marshals Connie and Mayo Stuntz, local historians and authors.

Participation is limited to 80 groups on a first-come, first-served basis. The parade entry deadline is September 28. For entry application forms and more information, call the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce at 703-281-1333.



# 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.

## BUS TRIPS

**Wayside Theater** will present "Art – A Serious Comedy About Life" on Saturday, September 22. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10:30 a.m. and return at 5:30 p.m. The cost of \$65 per person includes transportation to Middletown, Virginia, buffet lunch at the Hotel Strasburg, and center orchestra show ticket. Full payment due by September 7.

**Enjoy the casinos** in Atlantic City on Thursday, September 20. 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 September 13.

## FITNESS & HEALTH

**Dynamic Walking Techniques** Wednesday, September 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This one-night class will demonstrate the importance of integrating walking with stretching and breathing, along with basics of walking. Meet at the front lobby of the Community Center. The cost is \$6 per person.

**Dynamic Walking at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens** September 14, 21 and 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Learn Dynamic Walking and Dynamic Body Exercises. Individualized focus and hands-on coaching will help participants achieve their health and fitness goals. The cost is \$18 for all three sessions.

**Caring for Your Newborn** Tuesday, September 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. is for expectant parents. Participants will receive information on choosing a pediatrician, preparing the nursery, what to expect the first few days, nutrition, bonding with your infant, changing and clothing, carrying, bathing, umbilical cord care, car seat use, and when to call your doctor. Free of charge.

**From Sensory Awareness to Meditation at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens** Friday, September 14, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Learn how to heighten sensory awareness through stillness, enhance concentration skills through breath awareness, and culminate your meditation with the creation of a poem or sketch about the environment. The cost is \$12 per person.

**Free Blood Pressure Check** for senior citizens Wednesday, September 12, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. Pre-registration requested.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Skin Care and Makeup for Teens** Saturday, September 22, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn the secrets of great skin and how to look beautiful even if you oversleep for school and have only a few minutes to get ready! Free of charge; advance registration requested.

**Babysitting fundamentals** for boys and girls age 12 and older will be presented on Saturday, September 15, 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 concerts by live bands September 15 and 29, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5.

**Middle school dance** with video DJ Friday, September 7, from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission \$3. Enjoy music with DJ Friday, September 28, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free of charge.

**Contests and tournaments** for middle school students are held at Club Phoenix on Fridays at 4 p.m. Here's what's coming up this month: September 7 – pool

tournament; September 14 – bubble gum blowing contest; September 21 – limbo contest; September 28 – ping pong tournament. Free of charge.

**Comedy Night at Club Phoenix** Saturday, September 22, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Comedy night will include not only professional comedians but aspiring teen comedians as well. Teens interested in performing must contact the Teen Center staff by September 8. Admission to the show is \$3 per person.

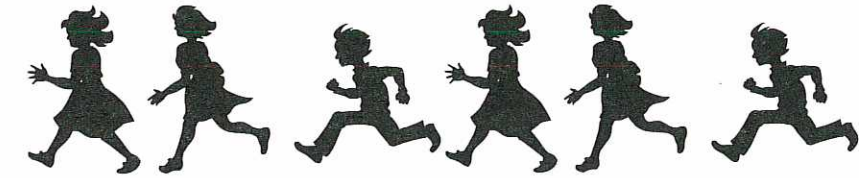
**Julia Roberts Movie Festival** Saturday, September 22, from 6 to 11:30 p.m. The movie marathon could include any three of the following films: Runaway Bride, Pretty Woman, Erin Brockovich, Pelican Brief, My Best Friend's Wedding, and Step Mom. Free of charge; popcorn and pizza will be provided by the Teen Center.

**"Girlspeak,"** to help girls ages 11–13 handle the challenges of adolescence, will be held each Saturday, September 15–October 27, from 10 a.m. to noon. The program is aimed at building confidence and assertiveness to help avoid the common problems girls face during their teenage years, including declining self-esteem and poor body image. The cost is \$20 per person.

**S.P.A.R.C. (Student Program of Arts and Recreation Combined)**, created by popular demand and designed specifically with the 6th grader in mind, Friday, September 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. S.P.A.R.C. will combine recreational activities, arts, and athletics as a way to build friendships, learn about teamwork, have fun, and engage students in positive supervised activities. Participants will take an active role in determining and selecting program ideas. Free of charge; advance registration required.

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## Vienna Police Department **COPS & KIDS RUN** for Ages 6-14



**10 a.m. Saturday, September 29**  
**Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., S.**

**This annual event promotes good relations between the police and area children and encourages kids to find alternatives to using drugs**

**Refreshments provided**  
**Free T-shirts for all kids who participate**  
**Children ages 6-8 must be accompanied by an adult running in the event**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
**Registration forms available at the Vienna Community Center**

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**Basics of Long-term Care Insurance** Monday, September 24, from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will discuss how to protect your assets, and the myths and mystery behind Medicaid and Medicare coverage. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

**What to Feed a Living Trust** will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, September 10, 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; advance registration requested.

**Homebuyer's Strategies for a Competitive Marketplace** Monday, September 24, 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

**Tickets go on sale September 24** for the Vienna Theatre Company's production of "The Deadly Game." Performances are scheduled for October and November. Tickets are \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens (age 65 and over).

**The Book Club**, a collaboration between the Patrick Henry Library and the Vienna Community Center begins this month. The day group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, September 27, to discuss *The Color of Magic* by Terry Pratchett, and the evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 17, to discuss *Gift from the Sea* by Anne Morrow Lindberg. All books are provided with advanced

reservations through the Patrick Henry Library. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

**Monthly Tea Dances**, a collaboration between the Reston Community Center and the Vienna Community Center, will begin Sunday, September 9, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in Reston. Dancers of all skill levels are welcome to foxtrot, swing, cha-cha, and waltz to the music of DJ Dale Ernest. Partners are not required. The cost of \$3 per person includes door prizes and light refreshments. Reservation deadline September 2.

**Drop-in for Children with Special Needs** Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 10 a.m. beginning September 11. This is an opportunity for families with children who have special needs to come together to play and socialize. Bring toys and games to share as no equipment will be provided. Each parent is responsible for supervising his or her child. Free of charge; advance registration required.