

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

OCTOBER 1991 – The Chesapeake Bay Preservation Act, adopted by the Virginia General Assembly in 1989, requires local jurisdictions to institute measures for improving water quality and reducing pollution. After considering the Act for almost a year, the Town Planning Commission has structured a proposed ordinance so as to have minimal impact on homeowners while meeting the state-mandated regulations to protect the Bay.

OCTOBER 1981 – Residents may have noticed the signs posted around the Malcolm-Windover Heights area announcing the new Neighborhood Watch program to reduce crime through increased citizen awareness. The Malcolm-Windover Civic Association began its Neighborhood Watch about three months ago and about 190 residents are now involved.

OCTOBER 1971 – The Town has purchased the old Arlington-Fairfax Railroad right-of-way through the Vienna Technology Park to the town limits for use as a second access road to the Park. Vienna will now have to look to Fairfax County to open the road on out to Woodford Rd.

OCTOBER 1961 – An informal get-together was held October 13 with the Mayors, Councilmen and Managers of Vienna, Falls Church and Fairfax to discuss the possibility of sharing certain types of municipal services now provided independently by each. A joint committee was formed to discuss and study the matter and will return recommendations for further action if such seems profitable and desirable.

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

Grass and Weeds Must Be Trimmed

The Town Code specifies that “owners of property within the Town shall not allow grass, weeds and other foreign objects to exceed 6 inches in height within 100 feet of any street or adjacent property line.”

Property owners found in violation of this ordinance will be sent a certified letter from the Department of Planning and Zoning giving them 10 days to cut their grass. If they do not, the Town will cut the grass and bill the property owners. Unpaid bills will be recorded as tax liens against offending properties.

The Town Code also restricts the height of bushes, hedges, and other plantings (and fences) to three feet above the curb level within 25 feet of an intersection. Keeping foliage trimmed makes it easier for pedestrians and bicyclists to see approaching vehicles.

Every resident’s effort to keep grass and plantings trimmed will help make Vienna a safer and more attractive community.

For more information, or to report violations, call the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341.



Halloween Parade

The 55th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 24, on Maple Avenue. See page 5 for parade information.

Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 8, for Columbus Day. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday route.

Thanks to Post 180 for Flag Display

On behalf of all citizens, the Town thanks Vienna’s American Legion Post 180 for placing U.S. flags along Maple Avenue and Nutley Street following the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C., last month. This inspiring display reminds us how fortunate we are to live in a country where freedom is cherished and protected.

Red Cross Donations

Donation boxes for the American Red Cross disaster relief fund to aid victims of the terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington, D.C., are available at Town Hall, the Vienna Community Center, and the Vienna Police Department. Checks should be made payable to “American Red Cross,” and the memo line on the check should designate “New York City/ Washington DC.” For more information, contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-HELP NOW.

NEWSLETTER

October 2001

Leaf Pickup Begins This Month

Fall leaf collection will begin on October 29 in north Vienna and October 31 on the south side of town. The complete schedule is given below.

ALL LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY FOR EACH PASS THROUGH YOUR AREA. ONCE YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COVERED, CREWS WILL NOT DOUBLE BACK.

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

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

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

2001 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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

NORTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 29 & 30
NOVEMBER 5–9
NOVEMBER 26–DECEMBER 4

SOUTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 31–NOVEMBER 2
NOVEMBER 12–21
DECEMBER 5–14

No Special Pickups During Leaf Collection

Because of fall leaf collection, no Special Trash Pickups will be made in November and December. The last day to order a Special Pickup this year is Monday, October 1. Call 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)

Vienna Town Hall
127 Center Street, South
Vienna, Virginia 22180-5799
Business Hours Monday – Friday,
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Vienna, Va.
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The Town of Vienna does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The Capital Projects Engineer has been designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements.

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

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

JULY 2, 2001

- Held a closed executive session to discuss possible acquisition of real property and to conduct the annual Town Council organizational meeting.

- Made the following appointments for fiscal year 2002: Mayor pro tem, Councilwoman Robinson; representative to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission, Councilman Boudreau; representative to the Administrative Committee of the Town's Employee Retirement Plan, Councilman Olson; representative to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Councilman Polychrones; representative to the Hunter Mill and Providence District Advisory Councils, Councilman Briglia; representative to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, Councilman McCormick.

- Following a public hearing, established a residential permit parking zone on both sides of DeSale St., S.W., from Sanoey Circle up to and including the area adjacent to the stream valley park between

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

Casmar Street and James Drive. Restricted parking hours are 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. seven days a week, including holidays.

- Approved the continuation of Town sponsorship of the Vienna Farmers' Market in the parking lot behind Town Hall each Saturday through October 2001.

- Approved renewal for fiscal year 2002 of the tree maintenance and removal contract with Davey Tree Expert Co. in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

- Rejected the bid received for Town Hall portico additions and directed that the project be re-advertised.

- Awarded a bid for traffic signal and pole replacement at Maple Avenue and Nutley Street to Dynatran at a price of \$125,878.04.

- Authorized tax deferred status for Town employees' contributions to the Virginia Retirement System for past service credit.

- Approved transmission of proposed Town Charter amendments to State Senator Howell and Delegate Devoiltles for presentation at the next session of the General Assembly.

- Awarded a bid for banking services to First Union Bank. A service performance review will be conducted in one year.

- Approved a sales contract for the purchase of real property at 144 Maple Ave., E., for the development and preservation of green space in the center of town.

AUGUST 20, 2001

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

- Re-appointed Patricia Polychrones to the Community Enhancement Commission as the southwest quadrant representative and Steve Bukont as the southeast quadrant representative for two-year terms.

- Following a public hearing, authorized the issuance of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. (Approved 5-1, McCormick voting no, Briglia absent.)

- Approved a request to have "Home of the Warhawks" painted on the Nutley Street water tank, subject to approval by the Board of Architectural Review.

- Approved an additional amount up to \$500,078 for asphalt overlay and traffic markings in fiscal year 2002.

- Approved the expenditure of \$38,090.99 for the emergency repair of the Town Hall sewer line by David S. Hooper, Sewer and Water.

- Awarded a bid for the Work Keys Curriculum for Town employees to

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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

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

TOWN STAFF

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 November issue is Monday, October 15.

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	1	2	3	4	5	6
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 pm unless noted otherwise	2001 Special Pickup deadline Town Council	Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 pm		Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	Columbus Day Town Hall closed Regular trash pickup	Mayor's Advisory Committee	Planning Commission	Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 pm		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Board of Zoning Appeals	Board of Architectural Review		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Town Council work session		Halloween Parade 7 pm on Maple Ave.	Planning Commission Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 pm		
28	29	30	31			
	Leaf collection north side of town Town Council	Leaf collection north side of town Transportation Safety Commission	Halloween Leaf collection south side of town through November 2			

2001

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses licenses were issued in August:

Brian V. Ebert <i>law office</i> 124 Park St., S.E. #201 703-281-9000	Kyoko Petersen <i>flower arrangements</i> 430 West Ct., N.W. 703-281-1551	Energy Cut <i>distributor</i> 1001 Westbriar Dr., N.E. 703-938-2958
Robert W. Mitchell III <i>accountant</i> 124 Park St., S.E. #201 703-938-6660	Big Boat Cards & Graphics <i>graphic design</i> 405 Ridge Rd., S.W. 703-242-9394	Frederick A. Churchill <i>consulting</i> 519 Brentwood Ct., N.W. 703-242-0674
Mitco Asset Management <i>financial consultant</i> 124 Park St., S.E. #201 703-938-6660	Biella Gallery <i>art gallery/antiques</i> 145 Church St., N.W. #A 703-242-6862	<i>New ownership:</i> Friendly Computer Services 239 Mill St., N.E. 703-281-6780

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

Town Maintains Excellent Bond Rating

The Town of Vienna has been notified by Standard & Poor's that its general obligation public improvement bonds continue to be rated "AA-." This rating enables the Town to sell bonds at more favorable interest rates compared to those of municipalities not so highly rated, resulting in substantial savings for Vienna taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

Standard & Poor's noted that its high rating is based on Vienna's economic demographics, tax base growth, sound financial management, and low-to-moderate debt burden with rapid debt amortization.

To protect its excellent credit rating, the Town Council has consistently adhered to a policy of keeping a low ratio of net debt to market value of taxable property, and a ratio of debt service to general fund disbursements below 10%.

The Town of Vienna borrows money by issuing tax-free general obligation bonds to finance major capital projects such as the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project, development of the Northside Public Works Facility, land acquisition, new sidewalk construction, and water and sewer system improvements. Bond financing spreads the cost of these capital projects over a period of many years, rather than charging the full cost to today's taxpayers.

"Beauty Spot" Award Presented

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest Beauty Spot award goes to:

Princess Fanny's Salon, 139 Church St., N.W., for the hard work and consistent effort in beautifying the front of the business.

Citizen suggestions for Beauty Spot awards are welcomed. Send them in care of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

Political Signs Require a Permit

With election season in full swing, it is appropriate to consider the Town's zoning regulations pertaining to political signs:

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

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

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

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

Time to Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Battery-powered smoke detectors need to have the batteries replaced annually or when the battery alarm activates. Start a life-saving habit by replacing your battery in the fall when you change your clock. On October 28, when you change your clocks back from Daylight Savings Time, also change your smoke detector batteries.

Over the years, smoke detectors have become a standard feature in nearly every home. Like other household appliances, they are often taken for granted. Little attention is paid to smoke detectors until tragedy strikes. But tragedy can be averted and lives saved with the help of properly installed and maintained smoke detectors.

Comment from the Council Table Our Changing and Challenging Times

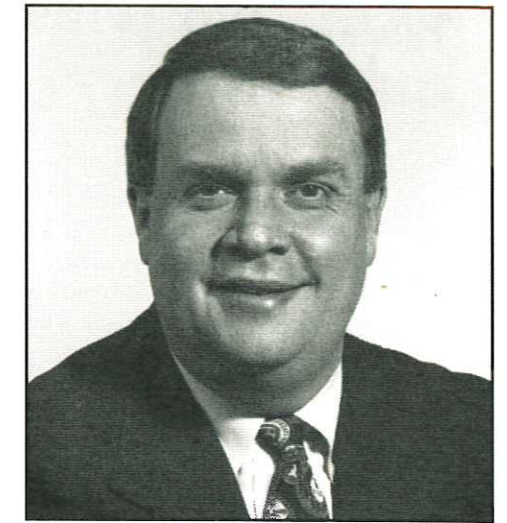
By Michael J. Polychrones
Vienna Town Councilman

I had planned to use this article to inform the citizens about the community planning session that the Town of Vienna will be undertaking at the beginning of next month (November 1, 2 and 3). I was going to write about how important this will be for the future of our town and encourage members of the public to come and take part in this event. However, the events of a few weeks ago have caused all of us to pause and revise our priorities and focus our attention on the future of our nation.

There is not a single one of us who has not been affected by the terrorist attacks at the Pentagon and the World Trade Center. Most of us know someone or have friends who know someone involved in one of the tragedies. On a personal note, my friends who work at the Pentagon are safe and sound and I thank God that they are; however, I am also mindful that others

are not so lucky and my thoughts and prayers are with them. As Americans we need to focus on the task of defending our way of life.

The important thing to remember is that our national leaders want us to get back to work and return to normal. This is a very important component in the fight against terrorism. That sends the message that you may hurt us, but you cannot defeat us! So, as a community we need to go forward with our activities and plans for the future. We need to start the community planning process at the beginning of November so that we can keep this town on a steady and prosperous course. This is going to be important to move our town and the Vienna area forward in the coming years. Many of us on Council ask the question, "What do you want this town to look like or be like in 20 years?" We are looking for input from all of you about the



Councilman Polychrones

way you want to see this community and how we preserve this town for our children and grandchildren.

As I stated before, this session will be held November 1, 2 and 3. The Town's Planning and Zoning Department is working in conjunction with the Northern Virginia Regional Commission to prepare what I know will be an interesting and informative program that will include many facets of community planning. However, this will not be a successful event if you do not attend and give your thoughts and opinions. We want to hear from you. So please mark these dates on your calendar and please plan to attend.

I wish you all well and ask that you all join me in extending our sympathy and support to all of the victims, rescue workers and families of those involved in the national tragedy and may we all come away with a new sense of purpose and renewed sense of vigor to keep our nation, our state and our community a place where freedom and democracy survive and thrive.

Citizens are invited 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.)

Fall Planting Tips for Gardeners

From your Community Enhancement Commission – As we enter that wonderful time of year known as Autumn, we would like to offer a few tips for fall planting:

- Be sure to clean up from around your perennial flowers, such as rose and peony. If left on the ground, leaves and stems can harbor diseases and provide convenient places for pests to spend the winter.
- Add mulch to your perennial border. A 1-inch layer of weed-free straw or chopped leaves will help conserve soil moisture, protect the root system, and reduce plant loss by soil heaving during the winter.
- As you clean out the flowerbeds, mark the spots where late starting perennials will come up next spring to avoid damaging them while working in the beds.
- Now is the time to start thinking about planting those bulbs for spring blooms. Tulips and Dutch iris need to be planted in cold soil so they do not send up shoots before roots are established. If tulips are planted deeply, they will produce large, uniform flowers for many years. Deep planting also makes the bulbs less susceptible to mouse and squirrel damage.

These and other tips can be found on the Virginia Cooperative Extension web site.

Just a reminder, it is not yet cold enough to kill off the mosquito population. Please make sure that you rid your lawns and those areas surrounding your home of standing water. Let's not give those mosquitoes a chance to increase their population.

Citizens Invited to Workshop on Planning Vienna's Future

The Town of Vienna has scheduled a planning workshop at Town Hall November 1-3 beginning at 9 a.m. each day. The workshop is designed to bring the community together to discuss the problems and issues that the town will face in the next year, five years, and twenty years. This intensive planning exercise will challenge Vienna's leadership and citizens to solve community problems through consensus building.

Everyone is invited to attend, including local and state elected officials, board and commission members, business owners, civic associations and other community groups, individual citizens, and the local news media.

The Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) will conduct the workshop. Planning exercises such as this have been completed in nine other communities in Northern Virginia. Topics of discussion have included location of a town hall and library, downtown parking, land use, traffic circulation, historic preservation, and housing.

Although the Vienna workshop is scheduled to last three days, you do not have to attend the entire event but are welcome to attend as your time permits.

An agenda and flyer announcing the details of the workshop will be available soon. For more information, contact the Mayor's Office at 703-255-6311 or e-mail myr@ci.vienna.va.us.

Voter Registration Deadline Oct. 9

Tuesday, October 9, is the last day to register to vote in next month's general election. Registration applications are available at various locations around the county, including the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, and may also be downloaded from the County web site, www.co.fairfax.va.us/eb. In addition, in-person voter registration will be conducted at Tysons Corner Center (upper level near Hechts), JCPenney at Fair Oaks Mall, and JCPenney at Springfield Mall on Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7, from noon to 5 p.m.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a Virginia resident, and at least 18 years old on or before election day. If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for this election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current address and update it if necessary.

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

Personal Property Tax Due

October 5 is the deadline to pay Fairfax County personal property tax on motor vehicles. (If you moved into the county or purchased a vehicle after July 1, your taxes will not be due until February 15, 2002.) In this fourth year of the state-authorized tax reduction, taxpayers' personal property tax will be reduced by 70%, which is reflected in the bill they received from the County. For more information, call 703-222-8234 or visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/dta.

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.

Council Action

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Worldwide Interactive Network in an amount not to exceed \$13,900.

- Awarded a contract for the final design of Phase 2C of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project to Lewis, Scully, Gionet in the amount of \$470,478.85.

- Approved an agreement with Cox Communications for relocation of cable television facilities for the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project Phases 2A and 2B, and payment of a \$12,193.44 deposit.

- Accepted the recommendation of the Transportation Safety Commission to continue to allow left turns from Mill Street and from the Fresh Fields parking lot onto Maple Avenue.

- Retained the firm of Hunton and Williams as bond counsel for the proposed 2002 public improvements bond issue at a cost not to exceed \$25,800, and retained ARD Government Finance Group as financial advisor on the bond issue at a cost not to exceed \$25,300.

- Approved the purchase of financial computer system maintenance and support services from a sole source supplier, Sun-guard/Pentamation Enterprises in an estimated amount of \$21,205.

- Directed publication of the delinquent real estate tax list, which will be entered into Fairfax County records according to law. Liens will be recorded against those properties that have been delinquent for two years.

- Approved draft legislation for proposed Town Charter amendments to be introduced during the 2002 Virginia General Assembly session.

Council agendas and meeting results are available at the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us

Community blood drive Friday, October 19, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Sponsored by the Vienna Regional Chamber of Commerce. To make an appointment and for more information, call the blood donor center at 703-698-3885.

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.

James Madison High School Band welcomes new director Michael Hackbarth. This year's marching musicians and flags will perform at the Vienna Halloween Parade as well as all Madison home football games. Good luck to the band as it participates in the Sherando marching competition in Stephens City October 13 and the VBODA state competition in Manassas October 27.

Northeast Vienna Citizens Association will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, October 16, at the Vienna Community Center. The agenda will include the Church Street Vision project, Northside Property Yard development, and Beulah Road reconstruction. All interested citizens are welcome to attend. For more information, call David Jodice at 703-255-0884.

Wesley Preschool's annual fall yard sale will be held in the parking lot at 711 Spring St., S.E., the morning of October 13. Sales spaces are available for \$10 each. For more information, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

Vienna Baptist Church will offer VBpraise, an interactive worship service, at 9 a.m. Sunday, October 21. It will feature contemporary Christian music and practical preaching. Dress casually and plan to enjoy coffee and fellowship afterwards. For more information visit www.vbc-va, then click on "worship" and "contemporary worship."

Vienna Woman's Club will present its annual Police Officer of the Year award on Wednesday evening, October 17. For more information and reservations, call Sara Hamilton, 703-938-2485, or Nancy Volpe, 703-938-7716.

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.

Vienna Chapter 1116, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 2, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Mike Causey. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 703-938-8180.

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

Vienna Jaycees reunion will be held at 8 p.m. Monday, October 15, at the Vienna Community Center. For information, call Karen Evans at 703-281-1255 or e-

mail Vienna_Jaycees-owner@yahoo.com. Anyone between the ages of 21 and 39 interested in community service is invited to attend the October 15 meeting. This month the Vienna chapter will host a Punt, Pass & Kick sectional competition, assist with the Halloween Parade, and clean up part of Maple Avenue.

Vienna Farmers' Market, located in the parking lot behind Town Hall, is open each Saturday through October from 8 a.m. to noon. The market offers a variety of locally grown, freshly picked fruits and vegetables, baked goods, flowers and other items. For more information, call 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 703-281-3530.

AARP needs volunteer tax aides to prepare federal and Virginia income tax returns for senior citizens next year. For more information, call 703-743-5017.

Historic Vienna Seeks Administrator

Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI), in conjunction with the Town of Vienna, will be contracting with an individual to enhance the preservation and promotion activities of Vienna's history and historic sites. Work will involve planning, organizing, implementing, and managing a variety of programs and tasks related to the operation and administration of the Town's historic facilities and preservation objectives as established by the Town Council and HVI's board of directors.

HVI is soliciting proposals from individuals for this service. It is anticipated that the contract hours will be 25 to 30 per week. The deadline for responses is Monday, October 15, and can be mailed to HVI, P.O. Box 53, Vienna, VA 22183, or faxed to 703-255-6399. Questions can be directed to Richard Black, Town staff representative to HVI, at 703-255-6356.

Is Your Organization on Our List?

Vienna's Public Information Office maintains a list of area organizations that is made available to new residents and other interested citizens. The list is also used to notify organizations of Town meetings and other activities of interest to them, and in case of emergency.

To have your organization added to the list, or to update your current listing, contact the Public Information Office at 703-255-6330, fax 703-255-5722, e-mail pio@ci.vienna.va.us.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Congratulations to the Vienna Little League Major All Stars, winners of this year's Virginia state tournament! The team went on to compete in the southeast regional tournament, the first time since 1983 that a team from Vienna progressed to that level of Little League tournament play. Team members are William Broussard, Jason Farley, Michael Fecher, Peter Gadell, Ryan Goss, Arman Moniri, Michael Padgett, Andrew Schrock, Greg Smagin, Brian Smith, Brig Tison, Keith Werman, Ted Williams, and Vincent Zieser.

Historic Vienna Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation, will celebrate its 25th anniversary with an open house from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 13, at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Activities will include tours of the restored Freeman House general store and museum, and live entertainment on the porch. Refreshments will be served and prize drawings held through the day. In addition, the original one-room Vienna Library on the Freeman House grounds and the caboose across the street will be open. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department is always in need of volunteers, both as active firefighters and medics and as support and fund-raising personnel. For more

information, call 703-938-7300 and leave a message, and someone will contact you.

Food drive for CHO (Committee for Helping Others), sponsored by the Northeast Vienna Citizens Association, will be conducted October 15 through November 30. Especially needed are canned meats, canned fruits, powdered milk, macaroni and cheese mix, laundry detergents, and Giant and Safeway gift certificates. Drop off donations at Town Hall, Vienna Community Center, Patrick Henry Library, bikes@vienna, Connell's Valet, Parcel Plus, Sun Trust, Uniquities, and Virginia Commerce Bank.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, October 20, from noon to 5 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.

Fall Festival Craft Show, sponsored by the Northern Virginia Handcrafters' Guild, will be held October 27 and 28 at Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Rd., across from Springfield Mall. Admission \$1 per person. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Over

60 juried crafters will sell wearable art, home accessories, gifts and ornaments.

Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter, will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, October 5. The program will be "Emergence of Women in the Civil War." For meeting location and more information, call Pat Wartell at 703-938-0764.

Historic Vienna Inc.'s membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 23, at the Vienna Community Center. Chet Hanson, owner of the Old Book Co. of McLean, will discuss rare books. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 703-938-5187. Historic Vienna Inc. is the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation.

Vienna Choral Society will present its fall concert, "VCS Strikes a Funny Chord," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., N.E. The program will include selections from Gilbert and Sullivan, and PDQ Bach. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance) and \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance). For more information, call Kathy Tugendhat at 703-319-9697.

Vienna Health Fair will be held on Sunday, October 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vienna Adventist Academy gymnasium, 340 Courthouse Rd., S.W. The fair will include free health screenings, flu shots, medical consultations and referrals. For more information, call 703-938-8383.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, October 11, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature a fashion show by "Weekenders." For reservations, call 703-938-1077. The club also sponsors several bridge groups and is always looking for new players. For information, call 703-281-4811 or 703-938-3505.

Chief's Advisory Committee to Feature Senior Citizen Safety Presentation

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 4, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. The meeting will feature a presentation on Fairfax TRIAD, a group formed in 1997 to address safety concerns of the growing senior citizen population.

Representatives of Vienna organizations and individual citizens are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to discuss law enforcement and public safety issues within the community and also to learn about the various projects and programs of the Vienna Police Department.

For more information, call Mary Ellen Larkins at 703-281-7847.

55th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade



**Wednesday, October 24
7:00 p.m. on Maple Avenue**

Parade Theme - "Harvesting History"

Grand Marshals - Connie & Mayo Stuntz, local historians & authors

Kids* are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes

No pre-registration required

**Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Virginia Commerce Bank parking lot,
374 Maple Ave., East (Maple Ave. & Branch Rd.)**

*** This year we are asking all Costumed Kids to bring "Kans for Kids" - canned or packaged food items to donate to CHO (Committee for Helping Others). Special CHO food collection boxes will be located in the Virginia Commerce Bank parking lot the night of the parade.**

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

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

Fall Antiques Show and Sale October 12-14. Admission \$4.50 per person. Hours are noon-8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday.

Vienna Theatre Company will present "The Deadly Game," a mystery by James Yaffe, October 19, 20, 26 and 27, and November 2 and 3 at 8 p.m., and October 28 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). General admission \$8; students and senior citizens 65 and older \$7.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

"Taking Control," a free financial management workshop and luncheon for women, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 20. Rose Gentile-Varca and Valerie P. Kaiser, registered representatives of NYLIFE Securities, Inc., will discuss the latest techniques for managing your money and helping it grow. Participants will also receive a 150-page *Taking Control Workbook* containing financial strategies, worksheets and self-analysis quizzes. Advance registration required.

Do you need a will? Learn the answer from attorney David Hoffman on Monday, October 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Using a "will check-list," participants will mark off (and understand) the reasons for having a will. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

Basics of Long-term Care Insurance 7:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, October 22. 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.

Homebuyer's Strategies for a Competitive Marketplace 7-9 p.m. Monday, October 22. 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; advance registration requested.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

High school Halloween party and dance 9:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday, October 27. Prizes awarded for the most creative costumes. Refreshments provided. Admission \$5 per person.

"The Toms" Movie Festival 6-11:30 p.m. Saturday, October 13. The movie marathon will include the most popular films starring Tom Hanks and Tom Cruise. Free of charge; popcorn and pizza will be provided by the Teen Center.

S.P.A.R.C. (Student Program of Arts and Recreation Combined), designed with the 6th grader in mind, 6-8 p.m. Friday, October 19. S.P.A.R.C. combines recreational activities, arts, and athletics as a way to build friendships, learn about teamwork, have fun, and engage students in positive supervised activities. Participants take an active role in determining and selecting program ideas. Free of charge; advance registration required.

"Girls Group," for students in grades 9 through 12, will meet on Mondays, October 1, 15, 29, and November 12 and 26, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The Girls Group provides a setting where girls can talk about their feelings, make new friends, learn about important issues and, most important, have fun. The group is facilitated by licensed clinical social worker Mimi Weisberg. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

Rap session, designed to give high school students an opportunity to address issues selected by and focusing on them, 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, October 17. Coordinated by teen center staff and local

high school counselors. Free of charge; refreshments will be served.

Skin Care and Makeup for Teens 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 20. 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 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, October 6. 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.

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: October 5 - outdoor scavenger hunt; October 12 - doubles pool tournament; October 19 - card trick contest; October 26 - outdoor candy hunt. Free of charge.

Middle school students are invited to enjoy music by a DJ 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, October 19. Free of charge.

FITNESS & HEALTH

"You Are What You Eat," co-sponsored by Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market, 9:45-10:45 a.m. Tuesdays, October 16-November 6. This nutrition and creative cooking program will include cooking demonstrations and tastings; discussions about alternative medicine, homeopathy, and the use of supplements; plus coupons, goodie bags, and other gifts. \$15 per person; advance registration required.

"Mindfulness Stress Reduction," a six-week series, will be held from 5 to 5:55 p.m. Tuesdays, October 23-November 27. By paying attention to how you

breathe, move, hold and release tension, eat, exercise, and think, you can improve your health. Integrating knowledge about healthy lifestyles with dynamic movement and meditation techniques can lead to positive change. \$30 for Town of Vienna residents.

Lunch and Learn is a series of four presentations each Tuesday, October 16, 23, 30 and November 6, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch and learn about beauty tricks, chiropractic therapies, memory enhancement, and mindfulness meditation. \$12 per person; advance registration required.

Nutritious Mediterranean appetizers will be on the menu 7-9 p.m. Thurs-

day, October 25. Learn how to make pita chips, tabouli salad, fava bean salad, and more in a party setting with flowers, candlelight, and Middle Eastern music. \$20 per person; advance registration required.

Caring for Your Newborn, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 9, 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.

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

POTPOURRI

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts - October 29 and November 7, 14 and 26 - from 7 to 10 p.m. Your instructor will be Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department. The class includes basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus practice in physical self-defense techniques. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and exercise shoes. \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee. Advance registration required.

Fall Foliage and Natural History Adventure at Great Falls Park, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, October 24. Join Keith Tomlinson, Director of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, for a three-mile hike through the woodlands overlooking the Potomac River. \$5 per person; advance registration required.

The Book Club, a collaboration between the Patrick Henry Library and the Vienna Community Center, will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 25, to discuss *The Farfarers* by Farley Mowat. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 15, to discuss *Nothing Like It in the World* by Stephen Ambrose. Books are provided with advanced reservations through the Patrick Henry Library. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

Monthly Tea Dance, a collaboration between the Reston Community Center and the Vienna Community Center, 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday, October 14, 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 October 7.

The "Lunch Bunch" will hold a Halloween luncheon at Vienna's That's Amore restaurant on Wednesday, October 31, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come in costume! The cost of \$20 per person includes choice of entree, salad, pasta, dessert, drink, tax and tip. Meet new people, socialize, and enjoy a good meal. Advance registration required.

