

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

FEBRUARY 1992 – The Town Council's public hearing on the proposed reconstruction of Cottage Street is set for February 24. The deteriorating condition of Cottage Street has led to this proposal. A recent soil analysis indicates that the subsoil structure is inadequate and the street needs to be undercut and filled with enough material to extend the life of the street by another 30 years.

FEBRUARY 1982 – The Town Council has created a citizen action team to assist the Town staff in planning for the Vienna Metrorail station. The three-man group is known officially as the Vienna Area Metro Station Citizen Action Team (VAMSCAT). Its members are Bennett Moss, Neil Walp and Frank Willingham, all selected by Council because of their expertise in the fields of transportation planning, land development engineering and urban affairs.

FEBRUARY 1972 – The Town Council is considering the advisability of a parking prohibition along one side of Cottage Street from Tapawingo Road to Cedar Lane, at least during peak traffic periods. A parking prohibition for the section of Lawyers Road near the Church Street intersection is also being considered, with no left turn being permitted from Lawyers onto Church.

FEBRUARY 1962 – Questions? Complaints? Suggestions? Ideas? You can bring them directly to Mayor Wilson's attention by dropping them in the Mayor's Mail Box in the Council Room at Town Hall.

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.**

## Checking Up On Contractors

Homeowners can check on the license and performance record of home improvement contractors based in Virginia by calling the State Board of Contractors, 804-367-8511. To check a Maryland contractor's license, call the Maryland Home Improvement Commission, 410-333-6309, and for Washington, D.C., contractors, call the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, 202-282-3272.

Call the State Board of Contractors if you have a complaint about the work of a contractor based in Virginia, 804-367-8504, or to report unlicensed contractors, 804-367-2195.

To complain about contractors licensed in Washington, D.C., call the Better Business Bureau of Metropolitan Washington at 202-393-8000. For complaints about Maryland contractors, call the local consumer affairs office, 240-777-3636 in Montgomery County and 301-952-4700 in Prince George's County.

Although it cannot recommend any specific contractor, your Town of Vienna Planning and Zoning Department can provide additional information on where to get help regarding contractors. Call the Zoning Inspection Office at 703-255-6348.

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### Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18, in observance of Washington's Birthday. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday/Thursday route.

### Meet Your Supervisor

Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites Hunter Mill District citizens to meet with her from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, February 9, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

### Inclement Weather Form Inside

The Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department are updating their Inclement Weather program registry file. In the event of severe weather, widespread power outages or hazardous road conditions, those registered will receive a phone call to check on their welfare. See page 7 for details.

### Hanukkah 2002

Hanukkah was inadvertently omitted from the 2002 Town Calendar. Hanukkah will be celebrated this year beginning at sundown Friday, November 29.

# NEWSLETTER

February 2002

## Phase II of Maple Ave. Project Scheduled This Spring

The Town of Vienna will continue its revitalization of the downtown commercial area this spring with Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project. The first phase of this revitalization, between Lawyers Road and Park Street, was completed in 1998. Phase II will include the area from Park Street to East Street.

The project will include brick sidewalks on each side of Maple Avenue, new curb and gutter, brick crosswalks at all intersections, new asphalt pavement surface, increased turning radii at intersections and driveway entrances, improved street lighting with ornamental poles and fixtures, elimination of utility poles on the north side of Maple Avenue, planter areas for shrubbery and trees, trash receptacles, benches, and new bus shelters. These design elements will benefit both businesses and shoppers by improving the general appearance of the area and increasing safety.

Obviously, this project will cause some disruption to traffic, but this disruption will be held to a minimum by requiring the construction contractor to adhere to a traffic plan as part of the contract and to do much of the work at night when traffic volume is lightest. The contractor will be required to maintain two lanes of traffic on Maple Avenue in each direction at all times, for a total of four lanes, and provide electronic message boards and lane arrows to direct drivers to the appropriate lane. To maintain the four open lanes, the center left-turn lane will be eliminated in the construction zone.

The construction is scheduled to be completed this fall (in time for the Halloween Parade!). Every effort will be made by the Town to keep the affected businesses, property owners, and the general public informed of the schedule and progress of the project by direct mailings, the Town newsletter and web site, press releases to local news media, and meetings with community organizations. Questions about the project may be directed to the Town's Capital Projects Engineer, Glen Bates, at 703-255-6319 or e-mail [projects@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:projects@ci.vienna.va.us).

## Credit Card Payments Accepted for Water Bills, Real Estate Tax

The Town of Vienna Finance Department is now accepting credit card payments for water and sewer bills and real estate taxes. Payments can be made in person at Town Hall, by phone, or over the Internet using Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover (NOVUS). A fee imposed by the service provider, Official Payments Corp., will apply to credit card transactions.

To pay online, go to [http://www.ci.vienna.va.us/Town\\_Departments/online\\_pay.htm](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us/Town_Departments/online_pay.htm) To pay by phone, call 1-800-2PAYTAX. You can also pay by credit card in person at the Finance Department counter. (Sorry, credit card payments cannot be made by mail at this time.)







# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Five Hills Garden Club** invites the public to "Gardens for Arrangers" on Tuesday, February 19, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Landscape design consultant Senor Simpson will discuss plant material that is useful for flower arrangements. The program will begin at approximately 11 a.m., following the club's business meeting.

**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 on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *only*. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call project chairman Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information. The DAR thanks area residents for their contribution of 5,701 magazines and 1,226 paperbacks last year.

**Northern Virginia Senior Softball** indoor spring training begins February 26, with opening day scheduled for April 16. This is a slow-pitch league open to women age 40+ and men age 50+ that plays Tuesday and Thursday mornings on fields around Fairfax County. You will be assigned to a team according to your skill level. The \$60 fee includes summer and fall seasons, hat and T-shirt. For more information, call Dave Scheele at 703-524-5576.

**Northern Virginia Model Railroaders** will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, February 16, 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.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).

**Antiques appraisers** Josephine Thrasher and Jim Johnson will be at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St.,

N.E., on Saturday, March 9, from noon to 4 p.m. They will give a verbal appraisal of the approximate age and current value of any item, up to two items per person, for \$7.50 per item (\$5 for Historic Vienna Inc. members). A photograph may be brought if the piece is too large. Appointments are required; call 703-938-1734. All proceeds will be donated to Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for preservation and restoration.

**Bland Memorial Music Scholarship Contest** for students through grade 12 will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 23, at the Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Ave., N.E. Participants will compete for a chance to win scholarships at the state level. The contest is named in honor of Jimmy Bland, best known as the composer of "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginia." The contest is sponsored locally by the Vienna (Host) Lions Club, and the entry deadline is February 16. For application forms, call Al Naurock at 703-938-3334.

**Free, confidential tax help** for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age will be available on Wednesdays, February 13-April 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturdays, February 16-April 13, from 9 to 11 a.m. at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave., E. (The elevator inside the bank's side door on Berry Street offers convenient access to the site upstairs.) Bring copies of your 2000 federal and Virginia returns; federal and Virginia tax forms and booklets for 2001; documents showing 2001 income; Social Security number for all dependents; and receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions. This program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS.

**Daughters of the American Revolution**, Fairfax County Chapter, will hold a luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 2, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program is entitled "A Friend of George Mason."

**Vienna Arts Society gallery** in the Village Green Shopping Center will open a new show of member artists' works on

February 26. 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](http://www.viennaartsociety.org).

**National Capital Bird Club** loves pet birds and encourages interest in exotic birds. The group's next meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, February 3, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. For more information, contact club president Tammy Ellison at 301-946-3511 or e-mail [elton.tammy@verizon.net](mailto:elton.tammy@verizon.net).

**Vienna Chapter 1116, National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)**, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 5, at the Vienna Community Center. Robyn Nobert of Weichert Realtors will address the housing concerns of seniors. Visitors are welcome and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 703-938-8180.

**Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 7, at The International Country Club. For reservations and more information, call Sue, 703-281-9729, or Shelley, 703-476-8895.

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, February 14, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature the Madrigal Singers from James Madison High School. The club will also sponsor a trip to West End Dinner Theatre on February 24 for a matinee performance of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." For reservations and more information, call 703-938-1077.

**Your Job Search** will be presented by author Robbie Kaplan at 7 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, at Patrick Henry Library. Kaplan will discuss her new book and share proven strategies for getting a new job, promotion, or career change. Free of charge. To register and for more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

## Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in December:

Gelb Strategies  
consultant  
104 Windover Ave., N.W.  
703-281-0313

DRG Group  
research analysis  
380 Maple Ave., W. #L4  
800-553-5807

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

Congratulations to Home Builders Trading Assn., 262 Cedar Ln., S.E., #M-6, celebrating its 30th anniversary this month.

## Business License Deadline March 1

March 1 is the deadline for payment of the annual business, professional and occupational license (BPOL) tax. All businesses in the Town of Vienna, including home occupations, must renew their business licenses by March 1.

The amount of the tax is based on gross receipts, and the rate varies according to the type of business. The gross receipts threshold is \$50,000, below which the tax does not apply. Those businesses with total annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less pay only the minimum license fee of \$30 per year.

License tax forms will be mailed out this month, and forms are also available in the Finance Department at Town Hall and online at [www.ci.vienna.va.us/Town\\_Regulations/business\\_license.htm](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us/Town_Regulations/business_license.htm). For more information or assistance in figuring license taxes, call 703-255-6321.

## FY 2003 Budget Process Underway

Preparation of Vienna's budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 has begun. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to Town Manager John H. Schoeberlein by February 1. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed budget at a public hearing during the May 20 Town Council meeting. February 1 is also the deadline for non-profit Vienna organizations to apply for donations of Town funds in FY 2003. For information on how to apply, call the Town Manager's Office at 703-255-6371.

### FY 2002-2003 BUDGET CALENDAR

Friday, February 1	Donation requests/citizen input due
Wednesday, April 17	Distribution of proposed budget to public
Saturday, April 20	Budget work session, 9 a.m.
Monday, April 22	Budget work session, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 27	Budget work session, 9 a.m. (if needed)
Monday, May 20	Public hearing on proposed budget, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 29	Budget work session to discuss public hearing comments, 8 p.m. (if needed)
Monday, June 3	Budget adoption & appropriation of funds

## FY 2001 Financial Report Available

The Town of Vienna's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 2000-2001 is now available. Copies may be reviewed in the Finance Department at Town Hall and purchased for \$5 each.

The report summarizes the Town's financial position and the results of operations of the various funds and account groups. It also includes the auditor's report for FY 2001, information on internal controls for managing and safeguarding funds, and selected financial and demographic information covering the last 10 fiscal years.

## Last Chance To Order Mulch

February 28 is the last day to order a free delivery of ground leaf mulch or ground wood mulch from the Public Works Department. To place your order, call 703-255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, type of mulch desired (wood or leaf), and the number of loads to be delivered. Please speak slowly and spell your name and street. One load is estimated to be 2-2.5 cubic yards (about the size of a VW Beetle). Half loads are available on request.

Mulch deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house. Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6382.



# Community Volunteers to Be Honored

MAYOR JANE SEEMAN INVITES YOU TO NOMINATE AN OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER IN RECOGNITION OF HIS/HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY. MAYOR SEEMAN PLANS TO HONOR THESE VOLUNTEERS AT THE MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM TO MAYOR SEEMAN AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN BELOW. NOMINATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BEFORE MARCH 1.

## NOMINATION FORM FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF THE VOLUNTEER WORK PERFORMED BY THE NOMINEE AND WHY YOU FEEL HE/SHE DESERVES SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF NOMINATING PERSON OR ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE MARCH 1, 2002, TO:

MAYOR JANE SEEMAN  
VIENNA TOWN HALL  
127 CENTER STREET, SOUTH  
VIENNA, VIRGINIA 22180

## 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. Activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Final performances** of the Vienna Theatre Company production, "The Lion in Winter," February 1 and 2 at 8 p.m. General admission \$8; students and senior citizens (65 and older) \$7.

### BUS TRIPS

**Ski trip to White Tail** on Saturday, February 23. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 7 a.m. and return by 7 p.m. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Call for price information on the various packages available. Reservation deadline February 14.

**Atlantic City overnight trip** March 14 and 15. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. Thursday and return about 7:30 p.m. Friday. The cost of \$145 per person single occupancy, \$115 double occupancy, and \$105 triple occupancy includes transportation, casino package, overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn on the boardwalk, baggage handling, and saltwater taffy. Registration deadline February 14.

### MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**Why Good Wills Go Bad** will be presented on Monday, February 11, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Join attorney David G. Hoffman for a discussion of Virginia will law, organizing your assets, when to change your will, talking to your executor, reducing probate, will copies, do-it-yourself tax plans, and much more. Free of charge; pre-registration requested.

**Basics of Long-term Care Insurance** with Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, February 4. Learn about the myths and mystery behind Medicaid and Medicare coverage and how to protect your assets. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

**Homebuyer's Strategies for a Competitive Marketplace** 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, February 25. 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.

### FITNESS & HEALTH

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

**Youth open gym hours** for ages 10-12 are scheduled on Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. The gym is open for ages 13-17 on Mondays from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**Mindfulness Meditation**, a six-week series, will be held from 5 to 5:55 p.m. Tuesdays, February 12-March 19. 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 for people of all fitness levels. \$30 for Town of Vienna residents; advance registration required.

**Caring for Your Newborn**, Tuesday, February 12, from 6 to 8 p.m., is for expectant parents. Dr. Brenda Murphy of Advanced Pediatrics will discuss 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 Wednesday, February 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. Advance registration requested.

### POTPOURRI

**Photography contest** applications will be available beginning February 1. The show is scheduled for March 16 and 17, and is open to metro area amateur photographers. There is also a separate contest section for middle school and high school students. The entry fee is \$7 per person with a limit of five photos and a maximum of two in any one of the eight categories, including digital, in black & white and color divisions.

**Auditions** for the Vienna Theatre Company's spring production of "Gigi" will be held February 11 and 12 from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Come prepared to do a cold reading, dance, and bring a prepared musical piece.

**The Book Club** is a collaboration between the Patrick Henry Library and the Vienna Community Center. The day group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday, February 28, to discuss *The Tulip* by Anna Pavord. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 11, to discuss *Stranger in the Forest* by Eric Hansen. Books are provided with advance reservations through the Patrick Henry Library. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Town of Vienna residents over age 65 may register for many recreation classes free of charge!



# Vienna Police Department & Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Inclement Weather Citizen Contact Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICATION(S): \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CONDITION(S) (e.g. dialysis, heart condition, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

2. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that participation in this program is purely voluntary. I am aware of the nature of the service being provided and desire to participate. I release and agree to hold harmless the Town of Vienna, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, its employees or volunteers from all liability for the consequences of their release of, or failure to release, the data provided by me.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

RETURN OR MAIL TO:  
Chief of Police - Town of Vienna  
215 Center St., S.  
Vienna, VA 22180-5731

## "Beauty Spot" Awards Presented for Best Holiday Decorations

Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission recognizes town residents and businesses for their beautification projects. The latest Beauty Spot awards go to the following for their outstanding holiday decorations:

- \* Mark and Kathe Albrecht, 510 Glyndon St., N.E.
- \* Tony and Teresa Clark, 221 Elm St., S.W.
- \* David and Terrie Dunbar, 311 Adahi Rd., S.E.
- \* Mr. and Mrs. Tyrone Holmes, 128 Nutley St., N.W.
- \* Once Upon A Time, 120 Church St., N.E.

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

## Chief's Advisory Committee Feb. 7

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, February 7, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. The meeting will feature an update on crime, traffic and other safety issues in town, and there will be ample opportunity for questions from the audience.

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.

*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.*

## Off-leash Dog Park Proposed

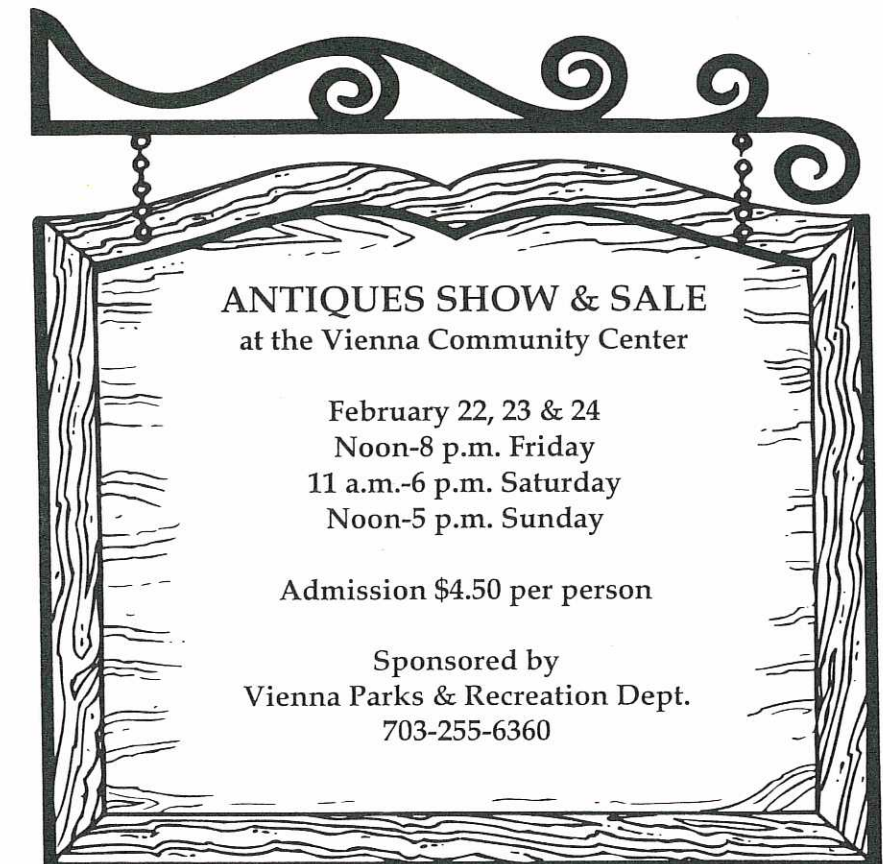
The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has proposed creating an off-leash dog exercise area at Moorefield Park, an undeveloped Town park located on Courthouse Road, S.W., just off Nutley Street and adjacent to Fairfax County's Nottoway Park.

Dog parks are being requested by dog owners across the country, and more and more communities are attempting to meet the demand by providing space in public areas where dogs may be permitted to run off-leash. The Fairfax County Park Authority has operated such a facility at Blake Lane Park in Oakton since the summer of 2000.

The proposed Vienna dog park would be 13,500 square feet (90x150 feet) enclosed by a chain link fence five feet high. The site would include benches, "doggie bag" dispensers and waste receptacles, and a source of water for the dogs. Creating space for the fenced enclosure would require clearing of some underbrush and small trees in the northeast portion of Moorefield Park just beyond the existing parking area. The larger trees would remain in order to minimize site disturbance and to provide shade for park users. A wood mulch ground cover is proposed for inside the fenced area.

The Parks and Recreation staff is recommending the dog park be open daily from 7 a.m. until dark and its use controlled by the same type of rules and regulations imposed at the Blake Lane Park facility, which include requirements that handlers must be at least 16 years old, maximum of two dogs per handler, handlers must "scoop the poop" and fill in any holes dug by their dogs, and no food (except doggie treats).

Vienna residents will be able to express their views regarding the proposed dog park at a future public hearing. In the meantime, you may contact the Parks and Recreation Department with questions or comments at 703-255-6360 or email [dpr@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:dpr@ci.vienna.va.us).





## **Citizen Comment**

### **Debate Continues on Leash Law for Cats**

*From Battle St., S.W.:* "We think that there should not be a regulation for cats. We know that they go on neighbors' property, but they hunt and keep rats and mice away. And yes, there is a particular difference between dogs and cats; cats cover what dogs leave uncovered on public streets and private property.

"I have two bird feeders and a bird house, and my cat doesn't bother them. We agree that both indoor and outdoor cats need to be neutered and vaccinated against rabies and other diseases. People should pay more attention to barking dogs."

*A DeSale St., S.E., resident writes:* "It looks to me that this cat on a leash thing is more of the same neat freaks wanting to control and pester others. Why can't they enjoy manicuring their lawns, the sun and fresh air, and their hobbies, and stop trying to control the neighborhood. I say no to leashing of cats because it will only be something more controlling next time."

*From Fairway Dr., N.E.:* "Cats aren't wild creatures that can fend for themselves; they're domestic animals that depend on man for survival. When left out in the wild, cats are lucky if they survive a year. There are all kinds of dangers out there for your pet, like cars, other animals to attack them, poisons from the garden, people who don't like them, and often their own curiosity. And they don't have nine lives.

"When you let your cat run wild in the neighborhood it's not always a happy occasion for your neighbors. Have you ever had a sand box for your toddler that the neighborhood cats thought was a great litter box? Cats will walk on cars, scratching the paint, and leave piles of feathers and small bodies everywhere, which is really disheartening if you love animals. If everyone had an outdoor cat there wouldn't be a rabbit or songbird left anywhere.

"I have four house cats that are happy and healthy. They have an enclosed outdoor area and don't scratch the furniture at all due to lots of scratching posts. I trained one of my cats to go for walks on a leash but the enclosed outdoor area works better.

"If people knew how many dead cats and dogs are found on the streets of Vienna each month as well as how many strays are turned in to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, maybe this might open people's eyes as to just what happens to their beloved pets when they are allowed to roam. I don't think cats should be allowed to roam any more than dogs are."

*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. When submitting comments, please include your name, address and daytime phone number. (This information will not be published.)*

## **Tree and Shrub Seedlings for Sale**

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) is conducting its annual seedling sale. Each seedling package costs \$16.95 and contains 14 bare root shrubs and trees (two each): black chokeberry and red osier dogwood shrubs; common witch hazel, common apple, and Washington hawthorn, which are small trees; and persimmon and hackberry, which are larger trees.

Pre-paid orders must be placed by April 12. For more information or to receive an order form, call NVSWCD at 703-324-1460, e-mail [conservationdistrict@co.fairfax.va.us](mailto:conservationdistrict@co.fairfax.va.us), or download an order form at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm). Purchasers will receive a confirmation receipt and a map to the pickup site. The seedlings will be available for pickup April 19 and 20.

## **Be Part of the Maple Ave. Project With a Walk of History**

### **BRICK**

As part of Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project, the Vienna Brick Committee (VBC) will sell commemorative sidewalk bricks to be installed along the project corridor in the area of the Wolfrap Creek bridge near Beulah Road.

*(See the front page of this newsletter for details on Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.)*

With the Town Council's endorsement, many local non-profit organizations are once again joining together to raise funds for their community activities through sales of the "Walk of History" commemorative bricks. During Phase I of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project in 1998, the VBC sold over 700 bricks to Vienna residents and businesses, and distributed approximately \$30,000 to the participating organizations. These bricks are located in front of Patrick Henry Library.

The VBC anticipates that the sale of bricks for the Phase II Walk of History will begin this month. Individuals, families, companies, and organizations may order 4"x8" paver bricks engraved with up to three lines of text, which will become a permanent part of downtown Vienna. Order forms will be available at Potomac Bank, 113 Maple Ave., E. For more information about the commemorative brick project, e-mail the VBC at [viennabrick@aol.com](mailto:viennabrick@aol.com).

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# **Inclement Weather Program Registration Form on Next Page**

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**TO: Residents of the Town of Vienna**

**FROM: Robert A. Carlisle - Vienna Chief of Police  
Donald L. Burns - Chief of Vienna Volunteer Fire Department**

**The Town of Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department have united to implement an inclement weather program. In the event of severe weather, widespread power outages, or hazardous road conditions, a "check on the welfare" telephone call list will be activated and, if needed, a temporary emergency shelter will be opened and kept in operation either until the Fairfax County Disaster Operations Center can open a shelter or until the situation resolves itself.**

**This program was designed in response to the severe ice storm that struck the town during the winter of 1998-99 and is directed at citizens who have special needs, such as the elderly, the physically challenged and individuals with severe medical conditions. The purpose of the program is twofold: first, in the event of severe weather to provide a point of contact to check on the status of each individual on the list, and second, if needed, to provide a temporary shelter location until the power has been restored, a longer-term shelter is opened, or the weather and road conditions improve.**

**To register for this program, all that is required is that you fill out the form on the following page and return it to the Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.**

**For more information, contact Lt. Mike Miller of the Vienna Police Department, 703-255-6366, or the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 703-938-2678.**