

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MARCH 1992 – At its March 16 meeting, the Town Council adopted a Community Beautification Ordinance to enhance volunteer efforts to improve the appearance of all areas of town. The ordinance establishes a Community Beautification Commission to act as the focal point for beautification programs. Commission membership will include four residents, one from each quadrant of town; four members from the business sector, and a student from James Madison High School.

MARCH 1982 – After a year and a half in operation, the Vienna-Oakton-Tysons Corner Jitneybus system has failed to meet the minimum ridership requirement of ten passengers per trip and will be discontinued. The last day of service will be March 6.

MARCH 1972 – Back at work in the Zoning Department is our Vietnam veteran, John Donnelly. Johnnie was just notified that he is to receive the Distinguished Flying Cross for his service as a helicopter pilot.

MARCH 1962 – The new Patrick Henry branch of the public library is now open to the citizens of Vienna. It is located at 325 Maple Ave., E., in the new shopping center. The library was made possible by the Friends of the Library, who raised \$7,500 toward the cost of the 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

Visit the Town's web site at [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us)

## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, March 2, 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.



# NEWSLETTER

March 2002

## Car Tags Go on Sale March 15

2002 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals go on sale Friday, March 15, and must be displayed by midnight April 15. Decals may be purchased by mail or in person in the Finance Department at Town Hall. (Military personnel must apply in person.)

Decals cost \$20 for passenger cars and trucks under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles.

Information for pre-printed application forms for 2002 decals was taken from 2001 records; therefore, if your vehicle was not registered in Vienna last year, you will not automatically receive an application form in the mail. Call 703-255-6323 or visit the Finance Department to obtain a form, or download it from the Town's web site, [www.ci.vienna.va.us/Town\\_Regulations/vehicle\\_reg.htm](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us/Town_Regulations/vehicle_reg.htm).

Town of Vienna residents do not need to purchase Fairfax County vehicle decals, but they must pay County personal property tax on motor vehicles. For information about personal property tax, call the County Office of Assessments at 703-222-8234 or visit the County web site, [www.co.fairfax.va.us](http://www.co.fairfax.va.us).

## Business License Deadline March 1

Town businesses are reminded that 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 were mailed out last 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.

## Northside Trail Construction to Begin

Construction of Phase I of the Northside Park Trail is scheduled to begin this spring. The trail will connect Northside Park with the W&OD Regional Trail via a bridge across Piney Branch. The Town has received grant funds totaling \$56,540 for the project from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, which will cover over half of the construction costs.

Phase II of the project will continue the trail through the park to Glyndon Street, N.E.

## Traffic Safety Measures Approved

The Town Council has directed that the right-turn lane from northbound Park Street, S.E., onto Locust Street, S.E., be removed. The turn lane created a safety hazard for motorists on Locust Street by blocking their view of through traffic on Park Street.

Council recently approved the installation of two speed humps in the 100 block of Kingsley Road, S.W. The speed humps were requested by residents to help reduce traffic speeding through the neighborhood.

Council also approved a multi-way stop and the installation of crosswalks at the intersection of Glyndon Street and Ayito Road, S.E., for the safety of children walking to Cunningham Park Elementary School.

## Street Sweeping

See page 3 of this newsletter for the spring street sweeping schedule.

## Police Survey Inside

The Vienna Police Department is seeking citizen opinion on the success of its services. See page 4.

*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.*

### 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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U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Vienna, Va.  
Permit No. 36

**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.**



## VVFD Enters 99th Year with Building Renovations, New Equipment

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD) is starting its 99th year of service to the Town of Vienna and surrounding community. The Department's senior leadership for 2002 includes Chief: Donald L. Burns; Suppression Captain: Howard Springsteen; EMS Captain: Jeff Gray; President: Howard Springsteen; Vice President: Gilman Aldridge; and Treasurer: Stan Ellis.

The station, located at 400 Center St., S., is owned and maintained by the VVFD, with Fairfax County providing 24-hour staffing coverage that is supplemented by volunteers. In January, the renovations to the front of the station were completed. This extensive project entailed putting an entire new brick facade on the building, and installing new larger and more energy efficient overhead doors to accommodate the newer fire equipment and new energy efficient windows in the community room upstairs. The renovations were funded from contributions received from the local Vienna community and funds the volunteers had saved up over the past several years from weekly bingo and annual fund drives.

The Department has on order a new front line engine and a new front line medic unit. Both vehicles are scheduled to be delivered in the late spring of this year and will allow the Department to continue to provide the latest emergency equipment for the Town of Vienna and surrounding community. New volunteers are always needed. Please visit the VVFD web site at [www.vvfd.org](http://www.vvfd.org) for directions on how to apply.

### Citizen Comment

## Debate Continues on Cat Leash Law

*From a Counsellor Drive resident:* "I think that this cat leashing issue needs to go beyond the town limits of Vienna for it to be truly effective. For those of us who live on the town line, some of the cats that come into our yards are from Fairfax County. So it's not really fair to make the neighbors who live in Vienna have their cats leashed if the neighbors just behind us in Fairfax County (technically) can let their cats roam anywhere."

*A cat owner who lives just outside of town on Rockport Road writes:* "This silly leash law for cats could affect me, too. What if my cat decides to bolt out of the house when someone knocks at my door? Would I run the risk of a Vienna fine (or worse, her impoundment by Animal Control)?"

*From a Blair Road resident:* "It's beneficial to review why municipalities have leash laws for dogs. The primary, overriding reason is public safety. Loose dogs, especially when running in packs, can become quite aggressive. As far as I'm aware, domestic cats do not pose this issue of public safety. All the complaints I've heard voiced about cats so far (paw prints on cars, catching an occasional bird, etc.) seem petty when compared to the issue of public safety posed by unleashed dogs."

*Finally, from a Frederick Street resident:* "Is there another jurisdiction with a leash law for cats? We wouldn't want to pass one and find ourselves looking as silly as our Maryland neighbors who tried to ban Santa and smoking in one's own home."

*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.)*

## Central Hotline Number Established For Poison Control

The American Association of Poison Control Centers has established a single toll-free telephone number to reach poison control centers across the U.S.

The new national hotline number, 1-800-222-1222, will automatically link callers to the closest poison center.

The country's 65 poison control centers receive approximately 2.2 million calls per year concerning suspected poisonings, mostly involving young children. About 75% of all poisonings can be safely handled at home with the help of a poison center aide.

The new national phone number will be accompanied by a print and radio-based education campaign urging children to avoid household poisons and urging parents to post poison control numbers near their phones.

Household cleaners and chemicals make up the bulk of poisonous substances in homes, although perfumes, medications, and insect and animal bites can also lead to poisoning.

Members of the public can obtain stickers, magnets, and other promotional materials by calling the toll-free number.

## Building a Deck?

The Town of Vienna requires homeowners to obtain a building permit before constructing a deck. The location of decks is restricted by specific setback requirements depending on the residential zone in which the property is located.

The Town performs a setback inspection of the footing/foundation and, in some cases, a final inspection after the deck is completed. All structural inspections are performed by the County.

For more information about setback requirements, call the Vienna Planning and Zoning Department, 703-255-6341; for building code information, call Fairfax County's Department of Environmental Management, Building Plan Review, 703-324-1645, or Residential Inspections Branch, 703-324-1850 or 703-324-1860.

## Spring Street Sweeping Schedule

The Public Works Department's spring street sweeping program begins next month. The town has been divided into eight sections to be covered according to the schedule below. Residents are requested not to park on the street during the scheduled time for their section to allow the street sweeper to do a thorough job. As the time for each section approaches, signs will be placed on streets as a reminder, and residents can also call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381 to obtain a more definitive date of when the street sweeper will be on their block.

### SECTION I APRIL 1-5

West of Lawyers Rd. to town limit & north of Maple Ave. to town limit

### SECTION II APRIL 8-12

East of Lawyers Rd. to Beulah Rd. & north of Maple Ave. to town limit

### SECTION III APRIL 15-19

East of Beulah Rd. to eastern town limit & north of Maple Ave. to northern town limit

### SECTION IV APRIL 22-26

East of Glyndon St. & east of W&OD Trail to western town line & south of Maple Ave.

### SECTION V APRIL 29-MAY 3

East of Center St. & east of Lullaby Ln. to Glyndon St. & W&OD Trail & south of Maple Ave. to southern town limit

### SECTION VI MAY 6-10

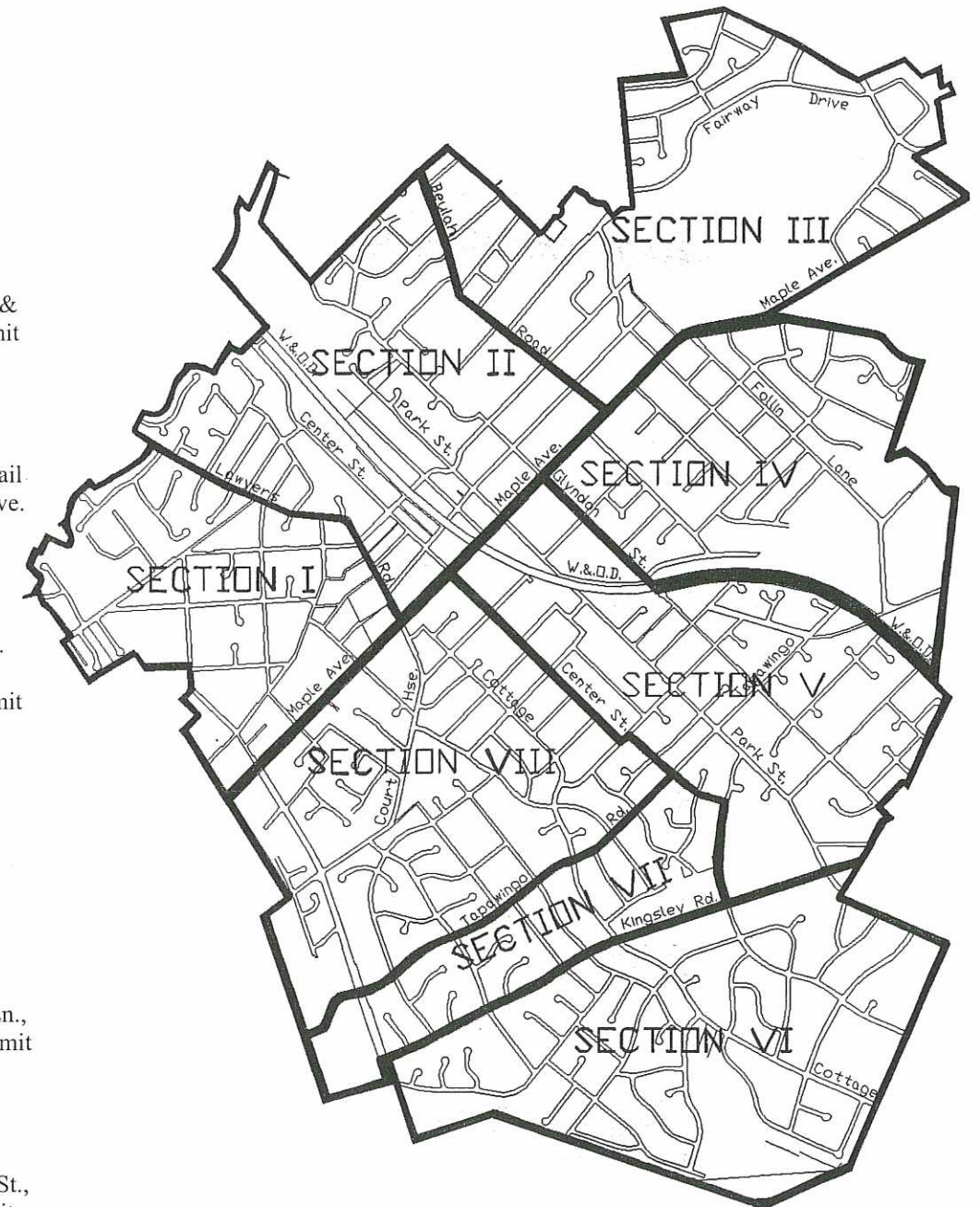
South of Kingsley Rd. to Cedar Ln. & southern town limit

### SECTION VII MAY 13-17

North of Kingsley Rd., west of Lullaby Ln., south of Tapawingo Rd. & east of town limit

### SECTION VIII MAY 20-24

North of Tapawingo Rd., west of Center St., south of Maple Ave. & east of town limit



# Town of Vienna Police Department Citizen Survey

The Vienna Police Department is conducting this voluntary survey to obtain feedback from the community on the success of police services. All information provided will be treated as confidential. Completed surveys may be dropped off or mailed to the Police Department at 215 Center St., S., Vienna, VA 22180.

- How safe do you feel in your neighborhood?
  - Very safe
  - Somewhat safe
  - Not at all safe
- Which of the activities listed below do you feel are a major concern in your neighborhood? (Check all that apply.)
  - Burglary (breaking and entering)
  - Delinquent juveniles
  - Drugs/alcohol
  - Sexual assault
  - Robbery
  - Domestic/family violence
  - Vandalism
  - Property theft
  - Assault/mugging
  - Vehicle theft/attempt
  - Traffic
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- What do you consider an appropriate response time for a non-emergency call? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever called the Vienna Police Department for assistance?  Yes  No
- If so, what was your opinion of the police officer who responded:
 

Neat in appearance?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Courteous?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Helpful?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Competent?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Interested in your situation?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Adequate in follow-up?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
- Were you satisfied with the way in which the police officer helped you?  Yes  No
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- How fair would you say that members of the Vienna Police Department are when dealing with people of various racial, religious and ethnic backgrounds?
  - Very fair  Fair  Unfair  No opinion
- How effectively would you rate the enforcement of traffic laws in the Town of Vienna?
  - Very effective  Effective  Not effective
- Getting a traffic citation (ticket) is never a pleasant experience. If you have ever received a traffic citation from a Vienna police officer, did you feel you were treated fairly?
  - Yes  No  Have never received a ticket
- Have you limited or changed your activities in the Town of Vienna during the past two years because of the fear of crime?  Yes  No
- Over the past few years, do you think that crime in your neighborhood has:
  - Increased
  - Decreased
  - Remained about the same
  - Don't know
- How confident are you about the ability of the Vienna Police Department to prevent crime?
  - Very confident  Somewhat confident  Not confident
- How safe do you feel in the following areas of town?
 

	<u>Daytime hours</u> (7 a.m.-6 p.m.)	<u>Nighttime hours</u> (6 p.m.-7 a.m.)
Your neighborhood	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure
Your residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure
Town parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure
Bike paths	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure
Parking lots	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure
Shopping centers	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure	<input type="checkbox"/> Secure <input type="checkbox"/> Insecure
- Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Vienna Presbyterian Church. While some people seem to have a naturally sunny disposition, it is now believed that the habit of optimism can be learned. The cost is \$35 for Women's Center members and \$45 for non-members. To register and for more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657.

**Getting Your Garden Ready for Planting** will be presented at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 16, at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens. Chief Horticulturist Doris Rodriguez will share ideas about how to remove unwanted existing vegetation, use of soil amendments and fertilizers, and preparing ground for planting. Guests also may tour the 95-acre garden park. The program fee is \$5 and reservations are required; call 703-255-3631. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens is located off Beulah Road south of the Dulles Access Road.

## Looking for a Speaker for Your Next Meeting?

If you are the program chairman for your organization, you will be pleased to know that informative speakers are available free of charge.

George Mason University's Faculty Speakers Bureau includes experts on a wide variety of topics, including politics, health, history, business, and many more. Call the University Outreach Office at 703-993-8846.

Audiovisual programs about the facilities and services of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, which operates Meadowlark Gardens Regional Park, the W&OD Trail, and 17 other recreational sites throughout Northern Virginia, may be scheduled by calling Park Authority headquarters at 703-352-5900.

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department offers speakers on many fire and rescue topics, and can tailor a program to meet the concerns of your group. For more information, call 703-246-3801.

The Road Runners Club of America offers a free 60-minute safety seminar. Call 703-836-0558 for information.

*Vienna - Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Hosts the 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual*

### CASINO NIGHT & TASTE OF THE TOWN



**Location: WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB**  
800 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna  
**Date: Saturday, March 9, 2002**  
**Time: 7 p.m. - Midnight**  
**Admission: \$45**

♣ *Featuring gourmet delights from many of the area's finest dining establishments*

♦ *Raffle prizes including jewelry, shows, gift baskets, gift certificates & romantic dinners*

♥ *No one under 21 years of age will be admitted*

♠ *Black Tie Optional*

**Tickets & Information: 703-281-1333**

## 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.

## HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**A Night of Jazz**, featuring some of the area's best school jazz ensembles, will take place on Friday, March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the James Madison High School auditorium. The featured ensembles include the McLean Jazz Ensemble, James Madison Jazz Ensemble, Hylton Jazz Ensemble, and the George Mason University Jazz Band. Donations accepted at the door.

**Vienna Choral Society**, with a full orchestra, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Rd., S.W. The program will feature the Mozart *Requiem* and Haydn's *Missa Brevis St. Johannes de Deo* (also known as the Little Organ Mass). Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance), and \$20 for families. For more information, call 703-560-8636 or 703-255-5508.

**Northern Virginia Model Railroaders** will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, March 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.

**Vienna Arts Society gallery** in the Village Green Shopping Center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. The current show, "Catching the Light," features

the work of Carol Higgs. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org).

**Free, confidential tax help** for middle to low income taxpayers regardless of age will be available on Wednesdays through April 10, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Saturdays through-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 meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday, March 1, at Patrick Henry Library. The program will feature the DAR Good Citizen Award presentation to students from Madison and Oakton High Schools.

**Vienna Chapter 1116, National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE)**, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, at the Vienna Community Center. Kathryn Dahl, an inspector with the Department of Health and Human Services, will speak concerning "Fraud within the Medicare System." Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For more information, call 703-242-6681.

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, March 14, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature a presentation by a medical expert from Bethesda Health Research entitled "Effects of Osteoarthritis in Our Life." For reservations, call 703-938-1077. The club also sponsors several bridge groups. For information, call 703-281-4811 or 703-938-3505.

**Host families are needed** for a group of visiting Austrian teenagers April 6-24. Families will provide them with housing, meals, and assistance in getting to and from the Vienna Metro station each day. For more information, call Euro-American Student Alliance Program Coordinator Francesca Contento at 703-237-0916.

**Epiphany Preschool** is now accepting applications for the 2002-2003 school year. Half-day classes are available for 3 and 4-year-olds. For more information, contact Epiphany Preschool, 1014 Country Club Dr., N.E., Vienna, VA 22180, phone 703-938-2391

**League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area** will host area meetings this month on the impact of women in political office at all levels of government. For information on the time and location of the meetings, call 703-658-9150 or visit [www.lwv-fairfax.org](http://www.lwv-fairfax.org).

**Travelers Aid at Dulles Airport** needs more friendly volunteers to provide information, directions and assistance to visitors. Volunteers are asked to make a one-year commitment to work one 3-4 hour shift per week. For more information and to register for training, call 703-572-7350 or email [volunteer@mwa.com](mailto:volunteer@mwa.com).

**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, March 3, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. For more information, contact club president Tammy Ellison at 301-946-3511 or visit [www.ncbc-dc.org](http://www.ncbc-dc.org).

**Stories and songs from the British Isles** for ages eight and up will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 27, at Patrick Henry Free of charge. To register and for more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

**Learned Optimism**, sponsored by The Women's Center, will be held on Saturday March 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at

## Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses licenses were issued in January:

Andy's Barber Shop  
*barber shop*  
431 Maple Ave., W. #D  
703-255-7131

RBV Design/Build  
*contractor - renovations*  
26820 Dix St.  
Damascus, MD 20872  
301-229-2643

Taxellent  
*law office*  
380 Maple Ave., W. #L1  
703-242-5829

The Artful Gift Shop  
*crafts*  
145 Church St., N.W. #A  
703-352-0161

Nancy Brutsche  
*psychotherapist*  
103 Beulah Rd., N.E.  
#200  
703-323-6788

ARRA Co.  
*investment advisory*  
301 Plum St., S.W.  
703-938-7043

International Program  
*Development engineer*  
105 Moore Ave., S.E.  
703-938-8918

Jan Dee Summers  
*massage therapy*  
320 Maple Ave., E. #A  
703-380-0369

Love Off Road  
*web sales*  
209 Battle St., S.W.  
703-319-8715

Martha L. Whitney  
*psychotherapist*  
513 Maple Ave., W.  
2nd Floor  
703-242-8937

Vienna Dental Care  
*dentist*  
360 Maple Ave., W. #C  
703-281-1311

Vienna Handyman  
*Services handyman*  
505 Delano Dr., S.E.  
703-242-2349

Wild Art  
*art & paintings*  
607 Niblick Dr., S.E.  
703-319-0950

Quality Language Service  
*translation*  
322 Broadleaf Dr., N.E.  
703-281-1715

## Tax Relief Forms Due April 1

Both the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County offer real estate tax relief for low-income homeowners who are 65 years old and over, or permanently and totally disabled. To qualify, the following requirements must be met:

- Total household income of \$52,000 or less. This amount excludes \$6,500 of income of relatives, other than the spouse, who reside in the household. Also excluded is \$7,500 of any income received by a homeowner who is permanently and totally disabled. Where the total combined income is between \$40,000 and \$46,000, a 50% tax relief is given, and between \$46,000 and \$52,000 a 25% tax relief is given.
- Total combined assets of no more than \$150,000. This amount excludes the value of the residence, up to one acre of land, and household furnishings.
- Disabled persons applying for the first time must show evidence of disability.

In addition to real estate tax relief, Fairfax County provides grants to senior citizens and disabled citizens who rent their residences. The County also provides relief from personal property tax for one automobile per household. The assets and income limitations for these programs are different from the real estate limits. The Town of Vienna provides all relief recipients one free auto decal.

Both Town and County applications must be filed. Applications for 2002 for all programs are due April 1. This date may be extended to December 31 of the year following the year the application was due if the applicant is applying for relief for the first time or if hardship conditions exist which through no fault of the applicant prohibit applying by April 1.

For more information and to obtain Town application forms, call 703-255-6325. For County applications, call 703-222-8234.

## Pay Water Bills, Real Estate Tax By Credit Card

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 on 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. No part of this fee goes to the Town of Vienna.

To pay online, log on to the Town of Vienna web site at [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us) and click on "services" or on the special notice box. To use the service by phone, call 1-888-2PAYTAX (1-888-272-9829), and use the Jurisdiction Code 1094 for real estate or 1095 for water and sewer. Make sure you record the confirmation number given to you at the end of the transaction, as this will serve as your proof of payment.

## Water Mains Flushed in Spring

In the spring of each year, the Town of Vienna flushes the water mains in its distribution system in order to maintain a high standard of water quality and to ensure proper and efficient operation of the fire hydrants. The preventive maintenance program begins in early April, and flushing usually occurs between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

Water mains are flushed by opening the fire hydrants and allowing the water to flow freely for a short period of time. The flushing cleans out sediment that normally accumulates during the summer and winter, and enables the Town to test and perform routine maintenance on the 800+ fire hydrants within its service area.

Flushing may result in some discoloration and the presence of sediment in the water reaching your home or business. These conditions are not harmful and should be of short duration. The Town appreciates your tolerance of this inconvenience. If you need more information, please call the Water and Sewer Customer Service Office at 703-255-6385.

# 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.

*DID YOU KNOW? TOWN OF VIENNA RESIDENTS OVER AGE 65 MAY REGISTER FOR MOST CLASSES FREE OF CHARGE.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Family flashlight Easter egg hunt** at Glyndon Park, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 28, OR Friday, March 29. Town residents may purchase tickets beginning March 16. The cost is \$2 per family member, limit six tickets per family.

**Amateur photography contest and exhibit** Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday, March 17, noon-4 p.m. Entries will be accepted Thursday, March 14, 5-9 p.m. and Friday, March 15, noon-4 p.m. Photos will be judged by local professional photographers and ribbons awarded in eight categories in black & white and color divisions. There will be a separate contest section for students in grades 7-12. The entry fee is \$7 per person. Entries are limited to five photos per person and two per category. Thanks to the Vienna Photographic Society for its assistance with this event.

**Skating for the entire family** will be held on Fridays beginning March 1 through April 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per child and 50¢ for participating adults. Bring your own skates or rollerblades and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children.

**Vienna Community Band**, under the direction of John J. Pickeral, Jr., will present its spring concert on Sunday, March 24, at 3 p.m. Free of charge.

## BUS TRIPS

**No more calls, please.** These trips are filled: National Press Club VIP tour and luncheon scheduled for March 11 and Library of Congress and Supreme Court tour and luncheon scheduled for April 12.

## FITNESS & HEALTH

**Adult spring tennis league** begins April 7 and continues through June. Men's singles games will be played on Thursday evenings and women's singles games on Sundays at Meadow Lane and Glyndon Parks. Each league member will play a minimum of seven matches during the season, with trophies awarded in each division. The fee is \$8 for Town of Vienna residents. Registration deadline Friday, March 29.

**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.

**Free blood pressure check** for senior citizens Wednesday, March 13, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. Advance registration requested.

## AT THE TEEN CENTER

**Spring break midnight basketball** will be held on Wednesday, March 27, from 10:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Register in advance or at the door beginning at 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per team. Teams may be coed and organized in advance or on the spot. Refreshments will be available.

**SAT prep workshop**, 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, March 5. Experts from SCORE

Prep!, the leading one-on-one, in-home tutoring company, will be on hand to answer your questions about the test. Come and learn tips and strategies to help you maximize your score potential. Free of charge; registration required.

**Talent show** for high school students, 7-11:30 p.m. Saturday, March 9. Prizes will be awarded to the best three acts as judged by Teen Council members and Teen Center staff. A \$5 registration fee is required for individual acts, \$15 for group acts. All acts must register by March 2 and attend a scheduled orientation.

**Everything you wanted to know about college but were afraid to ask**, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, March 21, is for high school students planning to attend college who have questions or concerns about the admission process or college life in general. The purpose of the session is to alleviate fears that many students have regarding college and to prepare students to meet the challenges of college life. Free of charge; registration required.

**Babysitting fundamentals**, for boys and girls age 12 and older, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, March 23. 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.

**"GIRLSgroup,"** for grades 9 through 12, Monday, March 11, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The GIRLSgroup provides a setting where girls can talk about issues that concern them, make new friends, participate in community service projects and, most important, have fun. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

**Girl Power!** 10:30-noon Saturday, March 23. Skin care and image consultant Julia Ferguson will show you the secrets of great skin and how to look beautiful, even if you oversleep for school and only

have a few minutes to get ready. Free of charge; registration requested.

**Tournaments and contests** for middle school students are held on Fridays at 4 p.m. Here's what's coming up this month: March 1 – limbo contest; March 8 – ping pong tournament; March 15 – candy hunt; March 22 – doubles pool tournament. Free of charge.

**S.P.A.R.C. (Student Program of Arts and Recreation Combined)**, designed with the 6th grader in mind, will be held on Friday, March 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. 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.

**Coalition Kids**, a monthly after school drop-in program for 5th and 6th graders, will meet on Monday, March 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The group focuses on making new friends, learning team building, performing community service, and being involved with anti-drug and violence prevention programs. Registration required.

**High school students** can enjoy concerts by live bands March 2 and 23 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5.

**Middle school dance**, 6-10 p.m. Friday, March 8. Admission \$3 per person.

## MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

**What to feed a living trust** will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, March 4, 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.

**Tax-free investing**, 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, March 4. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will discuss how you could save more for the future with tax-free investments. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

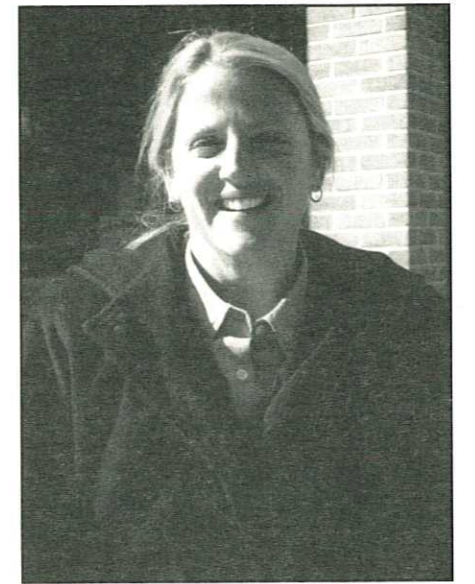
## New Parks & Rec Director

Catherine (Cathy) L. Salgado has been appointed Director of the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. She officially assumes her new duties following the retirement on March 1 of Richard S. Black, who served as Parks and Recreation Director since 1981.

Salgado was previously Senior Program Supervisor with the City of Falls Church Recreation and Parks Division, and has also held positions with the Upper Montgomery County, Maryland, YMCA and the City of Greenbelt, Maryland.

As Director of Parks and Recreation, Salgado will supervise a department of 18 full-time employees plus numerous seasonal workers and recreation class instructors. The department is responsible for the operation of the Vienna Community Center and all Town parks, maintains the grounds of all Town-owned land, and provides support to local non-profit organizations for their athletic programs, beautification projects and major community events.

Salgado received a Bachelor's Degree from Loyola University in New Orleans and a Master's Degree in Recreation Administration from the University of Maryland.



**Homebuyer's strategies for a competitive marketplace** 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, March 18. 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.

## POTPOURRI

**Tickets go on sale March 25** for the Vienna Theatre Company's spring musical, Lerner and Loewe's "Gigi." Performances are scheduled April 26 and 27, and May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and May 5 at 2 p.m. (signed performance). Tickets are \$9 general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

**Tickets go on sale March 1** for "Goldie Locks Has an Attitude," presented by "Glee Mania" featuring Sue Cournoyer. The performance, recommended for ages four and older is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26. Through silly cos-

tumes and props, audience volunteers become the characters of the story and learn lessons on easy bed-making techniques, proper teeth-brushing skills, privacy issues, safety tips, respect for others, problem solving, hospitality, and good nutrition. Tickets are \$1 per person.

**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, March 28, to discuss *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 18, to discuss *The First Man* by Albert Camus. Books are provided with advance reservations through the Patrick Henry Library. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

**Discount tickets to Kings Dominion** are available at the Community Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$27 for "Super Saver Days," which begin on March 23. Checks only will be accepted, payable to Town of Vienna.