

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

APRIL 1992 – During its first six months of use, Vienna’s tub grinder machine has saved the Town over \$12,000 in landfill fees while providing residents with tons of free leaf and wood mulch.

APRIL 1982 – The Vienna Bikeway Plan is being updated as part of a review of the Town’s Comprehensive Plan. The bikeway map is under revision to place primary emphasis on recreational, rather than commuter, bicycling. Using the W&OD Trail as the spine of the system, the proposed map will blend bike paths (in stream valleys and parks) and bike routes (on streets) into an integrated town-wide system.

APRIL 1972 – The Vienna Policemen’s Association will sponsor a one-day circus on April 19 on the playing fields between Vienna Elementary School and the Community Center. The Royal Wild West Circus will feature elephants and other wild animals.

APRIL 1962 –The Town has signed an agreement for an additional supply of water with the City of Falls Church, which receives its water from the Dalecarlia plant in the District of Columbia. Under the agreement, Falls Church is to supply Vienna with up to two million gallons of water a day and will give Vienna a surplus of water for many years to come. This supplements our present supply of well water.

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Summer Laborer Jobs Available

The Town of Vienna has a number of openings in the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments for temporary seasonal laborers beginning in May. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The salary is \$8 per hour.

Applicants must be at least 18 years old, be able to perform heavy manual labor, and work a minimum of six weeks. Apply in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, or call 703-255-6350 for more information.

Street Sweeping Starts in April

Spring street sweeping begins this month. The town has been divided into eight sections for cleaning, and 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 703-255-6381 for information.



Car Tag Deadline

2002 Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals must be displayed by midnight April 15. Decals are available by mail and in the Finance Department at Town Hall weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$20 for passenger cars and trucks weighing under 4,000 pounds, \$25 for cars and trucks 4,000 pounds and over, and \$10.50 for motorcycles. For more information, call 703-255-6323.

Additional hours for last-minute car tag sales have been scheduled in the Finance Department on Friday, April 12, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 13, from 8 a.m. to noon; and Monday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Application forms for Vienna’s special state license plate are also available in the Finance Department, where a sample plate is on display.

Budget Schedule

Copies of the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2002-03 will be available for public review beginning April 17 in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall and at Patrick Henry Library. A “Budget in Brief” summary may be obtained free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call 703-255-6350.

Town Council budget work sessions are scheduled for Saturday, April 20, at 9 a.m.; Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m.; and, if needed, Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. Work sessions are open for the public to attend. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the May 20 Council meeting.

NEWSLETTER

April 2002

Dog Park Hearing April 1

At its April 1 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on a proposed off-leash dog exercise area at Moorefield Park. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Moorefield Park is an undeveloped Town park located on Courthouse Road, S.W., just off Nutley Street and adjacent to Fairfax County’s Nottoway Park. The dog exercise area 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.

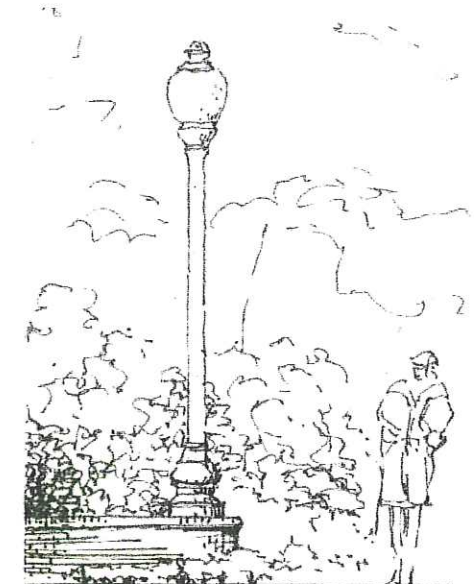
The Vienna Parks and Recreation staff is recommending the dog park be open daily from 7 a.m. until dark and its use controlled by the same type of rules and regulations imposed at Fairfax County’s Blake Lane dog park in Oakton, which include requirements that handlers must be at least 16 years old, maximum 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).

Maple Avenue Construction Scheduled to Begin in May

Barring unforeseen delays, Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project should be underway the first week of May.

The project area, from Park Street to East Street, 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



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TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise

JANUARY 28, 2002

- Following a public hearing, denied a request by Vienna Aquatic Club for exemption from Town real estate taxes.
- Following a public hearing, adopted a resolution requesting the General Assembly to approve several amendments to the Town Charter.
- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the zoning code regarding the time required between advertisement of a Planning Commission public hearing and the date of the hearing.
- Approved the installation of multi-way stop signs and a crosswalk at Glyndon Street and Ayito Road, S.E. (*Approved unanimously.*) Also approved a "Stop Sign Ahead" warning sign at the top of the hill and a fluorescent warning sign in the middle of the street. (*Approved 4-3, Briglia, McCormick and Olson voting no.*)
- Approved a one-year extension of the contract for engineering services with Tri-Tek Engineering with a 2.48% in-

- crease in hourly rates and miscellaneous fees.
- Approved a contract for the purchase of 400 tons of road/deicing salt this winter from International Salt Co. at a price of \$39.23/ton.
- Approved an agreement with Dominion Virginia Power for utility relocation for Phase 3 of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project at a cost of \$57,239.90.
- Adopted a resolution establishing a Maple Avenue Vision Committee.
- Awarded the financing of the 2002 debt issue to SunTrust Bank in the amount of \$4,900,000 for a term of 15 years at a fixed rate of 4.17%.
- Approved the purchase of a postage machine for a first-year cost not to exceed \$5,941.
- Approved the supplemental appropriation of \$299,993 from last fiscal year to the FY 2002 general fund.

FEBRUARY 4, 2002

- Conducted a closed session to interview candidates for appointment to Town boards and commissions.
- Reappointed Robert Bingham to the Transportation Safety Commission for a two-year term.
- Approved the final plat for McArthur Subdivision, 503 and 505 McArthur Ave., N.E. Waived on-site stormwater management requirements. Waived sidewalk installation, with monies placed in the sidewalk escrow fund.
- Approved the removal of the right-turn lane on northbound Park Street, S.E., at Locust Street.
- Approved the installation of two speed humps in the 100 block of Kingsley Road, S.W.
- Accepted matching grant funds from the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation in the amount of \$56,540 for the Northside Park trail project.
- Awarded a bid for a bridge for the Northside Park trail to REDD Team Manufacturing of Keystone Heights, FL, in the amount of \$40,650.

- Awarded a bid for Phase 1 of the Northside Park trail construction to Sumter Contracting of Fairfax in the amount of \$93,777 with a contingency reserve of \$14,067.

- Awarded bids to Central Motor Co. of Springfield for the purchase of four vehicles: a 1-ton dump truck for the Parks and Recreation Department at a cost of \$30,586; two 2-ton dump trucks for the Public Works Department at a cost of \$96,626; and a step van for the Water and Sewer Division at a cost of \$36,593.

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TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for May issue is Monday, April 15.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Town Council	Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.		Police Chief's Advisory Committee 7 p.m.		
	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Town Council Work session	Mayor's Advisory Committee special meeting honoring community volunteers	Planning Commission	Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.		
	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Car tag deadline Town Council		Board of Zoning Appeals	Board of Architectural Review		Town Council budget work session, 9 a.m.
	22	23	24	25	26	27
Town Council budget work session 7:30 p.m.		Planning Commission	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.		Town Council budget work session (if needed), 9 a.m.	
29	30	COMING NEXT MONTH... May 2 - Writing Your Personal History Symposium May 6 - Basics of Long-term Care Seminar May 7 - Town election				
		Transportation Safety Commission				

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HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Walk on the Hill in the Windover Heights Historic District will be held on Sunday, April 28, from 2 to 5 p.m. (rain date May 5). Free admission. Using self-guided walking tour maps, visit the lawns and gardens of homes marked with special "welcome" signs. The tour will also include an antique car display, Vienna Community Band concert at 3 p.m., stories of early Vienna by long-time residents at the Sloan/Marcy cabin, and refreshments. Parking is available at 107 Pleasant St., N.W., and at Green Hedges School, 415 Windover Ave., N.W. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., and historic district residents. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Used books wanted for Historic Vienna Inc.'s annual sale in June at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Donations may be dropped off at the Freeman House general store from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays, or left on the front porch when the store is closed. Please do not bring *National Geographics* or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Jaycees reunion party for former Vienna area Jaycees will be held on Saturday, April 6. For information, call Karen Evans at 703-281-1255 or e-mail Vienna_Jaycees-owner@yahoo.com.

Northern Virginia Senior Softball begins its 2002 season on Tuesday, April 16. This is a slow-pitch league open to women age 40+ and men age 50+. Seven-inning doubleheaders are played 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, April 13, from noon to 4 p.m. 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.

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, an interfaith community ministry for people age 50 and over, will hold registration for the spring term of its "Adventures in Learning" program from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 11, at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd. Classes will be held each Thursday, April 18-June 6, and include World Affairs, Tai Chi, Writing Your Life Story, Money Matters, Beginner's Computer, and many more. The program fee is \$30 (\$20 for Friends of the Shepherd's Center). For more information, call 703-281-0538.

Historic Vienna Inc. (HVI) membership meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St., S. Connie and Mayo Stuntz will speak on town history and sign copies of their book, *This Was Vienna, Virginia, Facts and Photos*, which will be available for sale. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. The meeting will also feature the presentation of HVI's Heritage Preservation Award to the Volunteer Fire Department for its continuous service to the community since 1903. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, April 11, at Marco Polo Restaurant. The program will feature Adrian Havill, author of *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold*. For reservations, call 703-938-1077. The club will sponsor a house and garden tour to historic Fredericksburg on April 23. The cost of \$48 for members and \$51 for non-members includes lunch at Merriman's Restaurant. For more information, call Betty Lynch at 703-938-3505.

Spring Fun Fair, sponsored by the Vienna Elementary School PTA, be held on Friday, April 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the school. Families are welcome to enjoy

games, food, prizes and fun. For more information call Suzanne Zolldan at 703-255-0488.

Chapter 1116, National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Vienna Community Center. State Senator Janet Howell and Delegate Jeannemarie Devolites are scheduled to speak regarding current legislative issues. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 703-242-6681.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Local resident James Ellenberger, who served as an Army infantry officer, will discuss his recent trip to Vietnam. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305.

Southeast Vienna Home Tour for ages 12 and over will be held on Saturday, May 11, from 1 to 4 p.m. Five custom homes designed and built by Steve Bukont and Doug D'Alexander will be open at 8620 McHenry St., 230 and 234 Moore Ave., 8621 Redwood Dr., and 850 Shady Dr. Tickets are \$10 per person, available at the homes on the day of the tour. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and Cunningham Park and Vienna Elementary Schools. For more information, e-mail Abukont@cox.rr.com.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, April 4, at Hidden Creek Country Club. Gary Crawford, Executive Director of Ford's Theatre Historical Association, will present "Abraham Lincoln: The Man, the Politics, the Assassination and the Conspiracy." For reservations and more information, call Sue, 703-281-9729, or Shelley, 703-476-8895.

Vienna Woman's Club will install new officers for the coming year at a luncheon on April 15 at Marco Polo Restaurant. For membership information call 703-281-2377.

Supervisor Hudgins To Discuss County Budget with Citizens

Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites Hunter Mill District citizens to meet with her from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 6, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall to discuss the proposed Fairfax County budget for FY 2002-03 and how it will affect Vienna residents. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

Public hearings on the proposed County budget have been set for April 8, 9 and 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the County Government Center, with the school board presentation scheduled on April 9 at 6:30 p.m. Citizens wishing to speak should call 703-324-3151 to place their names on the speakers list. All hearings will be televised live on cable channel 16. The County budget is available for review at all public libraries and online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Council Action

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- Approved contracts with Systems Furniture Gallery in the total amount of \$50,008.37 for the purchase of furniture and fixtures for the new Northside Public Works Facility.

- Approved a change order to the Northside Public Works Facility construction contract in the amount of \$68,400 for the addition of furnishings and equipment.

- Approved a license agreement with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for parking adjacent to 144 Maple Ave., E.

- Adopted a resolution approving the Virginia Energy Governmental Association's Joint Powers Association Agreement.

- Accepted the resignation of Kevin McNiff from the Planning Commission.

Maple Ave. Construction to Begin

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the general appearance of the area and increasing safety. There will be no major changes to the width, capacity, speed, or other transportation characteristics of Maple Avenue.

Construction will begin on the north side of Maple Avenue at Park Street, proceed up that side of the street to East Street, then come down the south side of Maple back to Park.

Traffic Management During Construction

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 contractor will construct crosswalks across Maple Avenue in five segments, allowing four lanes to remain open while one lane is constructed. The lane closest to the curb will be closed in conjunction with the adjacent side street crosswalk construction, then each of the three center lanes, then the lane on the opposite curb side of the street and the adjacent side street. Utility crossings will be accomplished in the same manner. The side streets will be temporarily closed to through traffic for short periods and traffic detoured to other routes to facilitate construction of crosswalks on those streets.

Shop in Vienna & Support Our Hometown Merchants

The Maple Avenue Enhancement Project will affect all Vienna businesses, but especially those located within the construction area. Town residents are urged to continue to patronize their favorite shops, restaurants and other businesses and to be patient with any inconvenience in reaching them.

The Town Council thanks these business property owners who have generously donated easements across their property to help ensure the timely completion of the project: Safeway Stores, Inc., Maple Avenue L.P. (Giant Shopping Center), Daniel P. and Diana S. Orlich (Danor Plaza), Cyprus Group (easement next to former Hour Eyes building), 374 Maple Avenue LLC, and Stonehouse Court Owners Association.

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 through direct mailings; the Town newsletter and web site; special Maple Avenue "hotline" recording, 703-255-5756; press releases to local news media; and meetings with business and community groups. 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.

"Walk of History" Bricks for Sale

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

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.

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. The total cost for each engraved brick is \$100. Order forms are available at Potomac Bank, 113 Maple Ave., E. For more information about the commemorative brick project, e-mail the VBC at viennabrick@aol.com.

County Assesses Town Real Estate

Last month most Vienna residents received notice of a change in their 2002 real estate assessments. The Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (DTA) sent notices to all county property owners whose assessments have been changed, representing approximately 95% of the taxable parcels in the county.

According to DTA, the majority of residential properties increased in value, reflecting the strong price appreciation and solid sales volume in the 2001 real estate market. About two-thirds of the properties increased by 20% or less; slightly more than 4% had assessment increases greater than 30%. Countywide, the average increase was 16.27%; within the Vienna zip code the average was 17.67%. The typical household in fiscal year 2003 will pay \$3,357 in County real estate tax, an increase of \$470 over last year.

Property owners can file an appeal with DTA if they believe their assessment is not equitable in comparison with similar properties or if they believe their assessment exceeds fair market value. For an appeal application and more information, call DTA at 703-222-8234 or visit DTA's homepage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta. Appeals should be filed by April 5 to ensure a timely response prior to the Board of Equalization (BOE) filing deadline of June 3.

Appeals can also be filed directly with BOE, a panel of nine taxpayers appointed by the County Board of Supervisors that conducts formal hearings and takes sworn testimony. All appeals to BOE must be filed by June 3. BOE appeal forms are also available at DTA's homepage or by calling BOE at 703-324-4891.

Town Council Requests Lower County Tax Rate

In response to the increase in Fairfax County real estate assessments, the Vienna Town Council adopted a resolution at its March 4 meeting requesting the Board of Supervisors to reduce the County real estate tax rate. County Executive Anthony H. Griffin's proposed budget for fiscal year 2003 contains no change in the tax rate.

Real Estate Assessment Info Available Online

Fairfax County real estate assessments are available on the Internet at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta. The assessment information includes property descriptions, sale prices, and assessed values for most properties in the county, including the Town of Vienna. No confidential information is accessible and visitors to the web site cannot change the information.

Assessment information is also available to the public at the Real Estate Public Information Counter in Room 333 of the Fairfax County Government Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extended hours on Thursday to 6:30 p.m. Citizens with a touchtone phone can also access a voice response system at 703-222-6740 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday to hear their choice of information from County real estate records.

Chief's Advisory Committee April 4

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 4, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. The committee serves as a forum for citizen input on police programs and policies, and the delivery of police services.

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.

Mulch Helps Your Yard Withstand Drought

A "Beauty Spot" tip from Your Community Enhancement Commission

During this time of drought conditions in the Mid-Atlantic, it is especially important to aid your plants and improve your yard appeal with proper mulching. Mulch helps minimize weeds, conserve moisture, moderate soil temperature and give added dimension to your yard.

Clear all the weeds and grass from the area you intend to cover to prevent them from growing up through the mulch. Cover the cleared area with two to four inches of mulch, away from the trunk or stems of the plant. Make a neat outer edge by leaving a small gap between the mulch and the surrounding lawn.

THERE IS STILL PLENTY OF MULCH AVAILABLE! Residents may pick up mulch themselves in any amount. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property off Beulah Road near Glyndon Park. Look for the sign "Free Leaf Mulch & Wood Mulch."

Citizen Comment

No Leashes for Cats

A Moorefield Creek Road, S.W., resident writes: "Cats are solitary and curious seekers who rid our neighborhoods of the mice and rats that would otherwise invade our homes in winter. They are neither threatening nor dangerous.

"Neither Vienna nor Northern Virginia is overrun by cats. It is NOT a problem! The proposal for a cat leash law is both unnecessary and ridiculous. Let us hope that the ultimate decision is made by sanity and reason rather than by the vocal minority who claim to love the little birds that litter their property and our property with excrement and disease."

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.)

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

Teen Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 17, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. to inform students age 13 and older of employment opportunities for the summer and long-term. Businesses interested in reserving a booth at the fair should contact Susanna Flint at 703-255-5721 for more information. Sponsored by Vienna Parks & Recreation and the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition.

Break It Down dance team training program will be held on Wednesdays, April 3-June 5, from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m. The program will provide technical training to aspiring high school dance team members and current team members who want to sharpen their dance skills. In addition to dance skills, the program will incorporate a fitness component of good nutrition and exercise habits to meet the needs of adolescents. The cost is \$100 for Town of Vienna residents.

Babysitting fundamentals, for boys and girls age 12 and older, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 13. 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 9-12, will meet on Monday, April 18, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This month's topic is prom makeup ideas. 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 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 27. 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

Three Days of ViVa! Vienna!

This year's ViVa! Vienna! town festival will be a three-day event, stretching throughout the Memorial Day weekend (Saturday, May 26-Monday, May 28). Vendors and organizations will have two days for booths on Church Street and Dominion Road, Sunday and Monday. Amusement rides and entertainment will be expanded to all three days of the festival.

ViVa! Vienna's! is co-sponsored by the Vienna Rotary Club, Navy Federal Credit Union and the Town of Vienna, and supported by many other local businesses and organizations. Navy Federal Credit Union - the town's largest employer - has joined as a major corporate sponsor this year. The Town of Vienna continues as a major sponsor, providing assistance from the Police, Recreation, and Public Works Departments along with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. The Rotary Club provides the festival management and event staffing.

Festival proceeds go to community projects and organizations, such as the Committee for Helping Others, youth and vocational scholarships, Vienna Police and Volunteer Fire Departments, scouting, Shepherd Center, Salvation Army and many more.

ViVa! Vienna! encourages the participation of Church Street and Dominion Road merchants as well as all other Vienna businesses, and seeks an eclectic mix of artisans, crafters, merchandisers, and organizations that reach out to a wide public interest. Vendors interested in booth space at ViVa! Vienna! should call 703-255-4742 to receive an application form.

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

Middle school guest DJ, 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, April 12. Admission \$3.

S.P.A.R.C. (Student Program of Arts and Recreation Combined), designed with the 6th grader in mind, will be held on Friday, April 19, 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 safe and supervised monthly after-school program for 5th and 6th graders, will meet on Monday, April 15, 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 April 6 and 20 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5.

POTPOURRI

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, April 25, to discuss *One Writer's Beginnings* by Eudora Welty. The evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 15, to discuss *Working at Play* by Cindy Aron. Books are provided with advance reservations through the Patrick Henry Library. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

Caring for Your Newborn, Tuesday, April 2, 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.

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

The Vienna Theatre Company will present the Lerner and Loewe Broadway classic, "Gigi," 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.

Quarterly coin and stamp show April 27 and 28. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free admission. About 15 stamp dealers and 45 coin dealers will participate. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Coin Club.

BUS TRIPS

Chesapeake Bay Bridge Walk Sunday, April 28. Set your own pace and enjoy the view along the 4.3-mile long bridge. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 6:30 a.m. and return by 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$18 for transportation plus \$1 shuttle fee; no charge for the walk. Reservation deadline April 24.

Spring hike along Difficult Run for ages 18 and older Tuesday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join Keith Tomlinson, Director of Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, for a three-mile hike through the woodlands overlooking the Potomac River. The cost is \$5 per person; registration deadline April 30.

Enjoy the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, April 18. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about 11 p.m. The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline April 11.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Adult Co-ed Softball League begins its spring season on April 21. All games will be played on Sundays at Southside Park. The registration fee of \$400 per team

includes 14 regular season double-header games, umpire fees, softballs, awards, and a post-season tournament. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of 16 teams.

Lunch Bunch Aerobics group meets each Wednesday and Friday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Both men and women are welcome to this low-impact, high-intensity workout designed to meet the needs of all levels of fitness. The fee is \$5 per session. Bring a bottle of water and a towel or mat.

Introduction to Dynamic Walking Thursday, April 11, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This overview session will demonstrate the importance of integrating walking with stretching and breathing exercises to increase vitality, improve circulation, and relieve pain. The cost is \$6 per person, and advance registration is required.

Dynamic Walking at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens April 26, May 3 and May 10 from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Learn Dynamic Walking and Dynamic Body Exercises. Individualized focus and hands-on coaching will help participants achieve their health and fitness goals. The cost is \$18 for all three sessions; advance registration required.

Mind-Body Evening Sampler Series is a five-week program to provide information from experts in the fields of massage, rolfing, acupuncture, gyrotomics and pilates, and chiropractic. The class will be held on Wednesdays, April 10-May 1, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$8 for Town of Vienna residents; advance registration required.

You Are What You Eat, co-sponsored by Fresh Fields Whole Foods Market, will be held each Tuesday, April 2-23, from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. This nutrition and creative cooking program will include cooking demonstrations and tastings plus information on the best foods for fitness and water's vital role in bodily functions.

The cost for the four-part series is \$15 per person; advance registration required.

SENIOR CITIZENS

55 Alive Mature Driving Program, sponsored by AARP, will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, April 6 and 13, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The course covers the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions, and accident prevention measures. Graduates of the course could receive a discount on their car insurance. The fee is \$10 per person and advance registration is required.

Personal History Class, for people interested in documenting their life stories for themselves and future generations to enjoy, will be held on Thursdays, April 4-May 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. No previous writing experience required! Memory stimulators and other activities will help you be creative. Participants write about a different topic each week and share their stories with classmates. Free of charge; a one-time donation of \$2 will be used to purchase snacks, coffee, tea, sugar and cream to be served at each class.

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

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

The 5-step Estate Plan will be presented on Monday, April 1, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Attorney David Hoffman will discuss wills, trusts, taxes and probate in easy-to-understand terms. Free of charge; advance registration requested.

Homebuyer's Strategies for a Competitive Marketplace 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 15. Mortgage consultant Edwin

April Is National Volunteer Month **Volunteer Recognition Day April 9**

Mayor Jane Seeman has proclaimed Tuesday, April 9, as Volunteer Recognition Day in the Town of Vienna to celebrate and promote volunteerism in the community. A special meeting of the Mayor's Advisory Committee will be held at 8 p.m. April 9 in the Council Chamber at Town Hall to recognize the individuals and organizations who were nominated as outstanding volunteers for 2002. The public is invited to attend the program.

Those who will be honored on Volunteer Recognition Day include: Michael A. Paruti, Robert P. McCormick, Gary Francis Powers, Jr., Ed Bielecki, Shirley Martin, Emily Bernard, Howard Springsteen, Vienna Stars Pathfinders, Sandra and Doug Allen, Stephen Keating, Joe Duffield, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary, Joyce Noe, Karen Price, Richard Plocica, Henry Perkins, Harris Miller, Andrew Lee, Edward E. Purcell, Becky Weaver, Vienna Community Band, and Carol Waite Brennan.

In her proclamation, Mayor Seeman states, "Volunteering of one's time and resources is an essential part of the tradition of our country and is essential to its spirit. The people of our community benefit from the deeds of these selfless and dedicated individuals and organizations."

Discover Volunteer Opportunities in Vienna

In recognition of National Volunteer Month, the Vienna Jaycees, Vienna-Madison Community Coalition, and Vienna Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a Volunteer Fair on Wednesday, April 17, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Come and discover the many opportunities for citizens of all ages to serve the community. Non-profit organizations wishing to participate should contact Karen at 703-281-1255 or e-mail vienna_jaycees-owner@yahoo.com.

VVFD Donates Ambulance

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department recently donated an ambulance to Los Camilleros, a rescue organization based in the Central American country of El Salvador. Giovanni Hernandez, Director of Los Camilleros (Spanish for "stretcher carriers"), drove the ambulance from Vienna back to El Salvador accompanied by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Technician Rony Avalos, a Salvadoran native.

Avalos, who has worked with Los Camilleros on several projects, discovered the need for an ambulance for the people of El Salvador in the aftermath of several major earthquakes in the region. He inquired about the 1989 Ford F350 ambulance for sale at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, and the VVFD members decided to donate the vehicle to this worthy cause.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in February:

KWE
communications
200 Niblick Dr., S.E.
703-359-4135

AZ Diabetic Supply
medical supply fulfillment
527 Maple Ave., E. #203
703-242-3655

Parcel Plus
packing supplies/
packaging & shipping
333 Maple Ave., E.
703-255-1448

SHOP IN VIENNA – SUPPORT OUR LOCAL MERCHANTS

Hector L. Allen

Hector L. Allen, who served as Vienna's Director of Public Works from 1962 to 1982, died on February 16. He also served as Interim Town Manager in 1984 and oversaw the construction of the addition to the Vienna Community Center in 1988.

A town resident, Mr. Allen was president of the Village Square Townhouse Association for 14 years and was a Trustee of the Vienna Assembly of God.

Before coming to Vienna, Mr. Allen had a long and distinguished career in the U.S. Army. An officer in the Corps of Engineers, he served with Gen. George Patton's 3rd Army in Europe during World War II and with Gen. Douglas MacArthur in Korea.

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.

Town Election Tuesday, May 7

Vienna's annual Town election will be held on Tuesday, May 7. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Town elections are non-partisan, and Town Council members are elected at large. Voters who will be out of town on election day or who are physically unable to go to the polls may request an absentee ballot from the Fairfax County General Registrar's Office; call 703-222-0776 for information.

This year, Mayor M. Jane Seeman is unopposed for re-election. Running for three Town Council seats are incumbent Council members Albert J. Boudreau and Steven D. Briglia, Laurie G. Cole and Edythe Frankel Kelleher. New two-year terms begin July 1. Information about the candidates appears on these two pages.

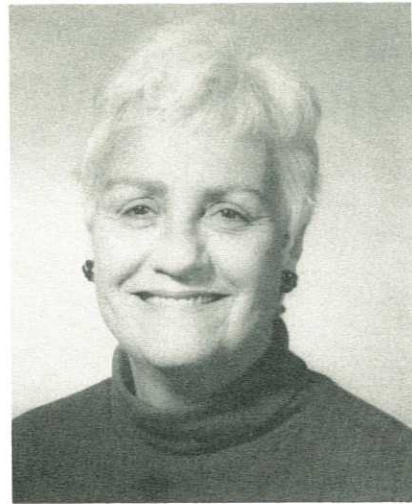
For election results, call the Vienna Newsline, 703-255-6333, one to two hours after the polls close on May 7, or visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?
DEADLINE APRIL 8
FOR INFO CALL 703-222-0776**

The candidates profiled on these pages have shown their interest in the Town of Vienna by running for Town Council. Please show your interest by taking the time to vote May 7.

Candidates Night at Marshall Rd. School

The Southwest Vienna Citizens Association will host a Town Council Candidates Night at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 24, at Marshall Road Elementary School, located at the corner of Marshall Road and Nutley Street, S.W. All Vienna voters are invited to learn more about the candidates' goals and views. There will be a question and answer period followed by informal visiting.



M. JANE SEEMAN is completing her first term as Mayor. She was director of the Vienna Community Center Preschool for many years and is a member of numerous community organizations, including Friends of Patrick Henry Library, where she has volunteered over 2,000 hours.

"Vienna has a character and a tradition that draws us together as a community. Our sidewalk building program and well-maintained parks are visible ways of connecting neighborhoods and keeping the small-town atmosphere we have come to cherish.

"I have worked to preserve Vienna's uniqueness. A successful Vision Workshop last fall helped plan the future of Vienna's commercial area. The Northside Property Yard is on schedule for completion in late spring. The first phase of the Northside Park connector trail will be dedicated in early summer. The second phase of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project will soon begin, thus completing the entire eastern portion up to East Street. The new Town Green planned at Maple Avenue and Mill Street will be a passive park adding much desired greenery to the commercial district.

"Historic Church Street is alive with activity as the first building under the new Pedestrian Commercial Zone is completed and occupied. The Holiday Stroll on Church Street is gaining in popularity every year and ViVa! Vienna! has been extended to a three-day festival.

"As Mayor, I pledge that I will work hard to preserve the uniqueness and the quality of life we all enjoy."



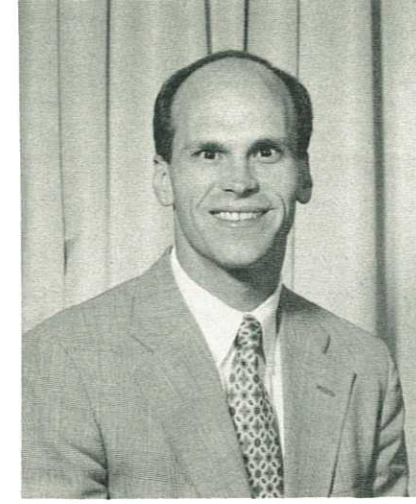
ALBERT J. BOUDREAU is a retired federal executive and part-time consultant to the U.S. Congress. A long-time resident of Vienna, he has served on Council since 1992, representing the Town on several state and regional commissions focusing on intergovernmental activities, transportation and environmental issues.

"I have worked to create a vision for Vienna to improve its unique character and small town atmosphere. The Church Street Vision, Maple Avenue enhancements, expanded sidewalk program, Community Center and parks upgrades, and traffic calming measures are all projects implemented to keep Vienna a family oriented community.

"Last fall the Town sponsored a three-day planning session to obtain ideas from the public for the future of Vienna, and we have recently established a Maple Avenue Vision Committee to develop the ideas presented for downtown revitalization.

"We still have some challenges ahead of us. One that is of particular concern to me is the ever increasing tax burden on Vienna residents by the rise in real estate assessments. I have asked the Town Manager to develop a budget that will allow us to once again reduce the Town tax rate, and my proposed resolution requesting the Board of Supervisors to reduce the County tax rate as well was overwhelmingly approved by the Council at our March 4 meeting.

"I want Vienna to keep its special identity and small town character and I will continue to work to maintain and strengthen it."



STEVEN D. BRIGLIA, a life-long Vienna resident, has been a Council member since 1996 and served as interim Mayor following the passing of Mayor Robinson. He is currently on the board of the Vienna Baseball Foundation. A former prosecutor in the Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, he is currently in private practice.

"I have always valued the 'home town' feeling people associate with Vienna. It has a reputation as a safe, friendly and well-run town. I have worked to ensure that the level of police protection, parks, recreation programs and public works services continue to meet the needs of the citizens. I have also worked to renovate the town's aging infrastructure. I have supported the implementation of traffic calming measures, improvements to the Community Center, the Teen Center, the Branch Road Tot Lot and the Maple Avenue renovations. The photo red light enforcement program is a success and we have modified our traffic signal system so our streets are safer.

"I have worked diligently to ensure that the Town can fund its renovation projects and provide the services that citizens expect without raising property taxes. Given the recent escalation of residential assessments, I have proposed a reduction of Vienna's tax rate to avoid unwarranted and unfair tax increases.

"We enjoy a level of public safety and community spirit in Vienna that other communities envy. We need to work together to ensure that our town remains a vibrant, safe and great place to live. If re-elected, I will work toward those goals."



LAURIE GENEVRO COLE has served on Town boards and commissions since 1994 and is currently a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals. She volunteers for her sons' school and sports activities. An attorney, she teaches paralegal students part-time at Marymount University.

"It all began with a stop sign. The Park Street reconstruction diverted traffic onto our side street. We neighbors united to request a stop sign to control the new traffic. The Town responded and a temporary sign was installed.

"I increasingly value the importance of participatory government as we face the challenge of guiding Vienna into the future. As a citizen, parent, and participant in Town government, I believe protecting what is best in Vienna depends on three key areas:

- *Citizen involvement.* Changes will, and should, occur in our town. But we must **foresee** and **plan** those changes, not just react to them. Involving residents as we plan makes for better decisions.

- *Commitment to youth.* The Town's continued support of the Teen Center and youth organizations – and the volunteers who make these programs possible – exemplify the public-private partnership that is at the heart of Vienna's character.

- *Working with business.* Vienna needs a positive business environment to support and attract places to work, shop and eat. The Town and business together must foster this environment and ensure we maintain a vibrant, livable community.

"We can work together shaping Vienna's future. Please support me on May 7."



EDYTHE FRANKEL KELLEHER is currently chairman of the Hunter Mill Land Use Advisory Committee and is past president of Vienna Elementary PTA and the South Vienna Association.

"My husband and I chose to raise our children in Vienna because of its small-town feeling, kid-friendly neighborhoods, and convenient services. It was a good choice, and our family, like yours, has much invested in Vienna, financially and emotionally.

"My experience in business, local government, and citizen groups will be put to good use on the Vienna Town Council. As a property manager, I balanced the interests of both landlords and tenants, while maintaining my clients' investments in a financially responsible manner. Working in local government gave me the skills to successfully translate citizens' desires into real development opportunities. My ability to coordinate with others has been honed by participation in the PTA, Hunter Mill Land Use Advisory Committee, and other citizen groups.

"I will work hard to maintain Vienna's vitality and community values, and to encourage citizens to participate in their government. So that residents may be fully informed about budget, emergency preparedness, and other important issues, I want to start a Vienna cable TV channel and create an e-village on the Internet.

As my children grow up, I want to expand my commitment to our community as we face the challenges of the future. Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully ask for your vote on May 7."