

## This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

MAY 1992 – A new farmers' market is now open at Nottoway Park on Courthouse Road just outside Vienna every Wednesday through fall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A variety of seasonal fresh vegetables, fruits, eggs, potted plants, cut flowers, baked goods and honey will be available at the market each week.

MAY 1982 – The gypsy moth, a major pest of trees, is headed our way. According to the Fairfax County Gypsy Moth Committee, Northern Virginia is in the path of the southward spread of the gypsy moth, and we can expect infestations beginning this spring.

MAY 1972 – Most controversial street proposals in the new Traffic Circulation section of the Comprehensive Plan, including Abbotsford Road as a circumferential highway around Vienna, were dropped from consideration following the public hearings.

MAY 1962 – A new organization, Community Center, Inc., will soon begin a fund-raising campaign for a community center building in Vienna. The center, once built, would be maintained by the Town and would be available for all civic and youth activities.

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VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

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## Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Town property yard, 247 Nutley St., N.W. This service of the Public Works Department provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products. For information, call 703-255-6381.

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

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

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

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### ★Memorial Day★

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday collection route.

Dyer-Gunnell American Legion Post 180's Memorial Day ceremony will be held at Flint Hill Cemetery in Oakton beginning at 10:30 a.m. with a concert by the Vienna Community Band. Mayor Jane Seeman will be the guest speaker. In case of rain, the ceremony will be held at the Post Home, 330 Center St., N.

The Post 180 Auxiliary will conduct its annual Poppy Promotion throughout Vienna during Memorial Day weekend, with proceeds going to veterans' hospitals in Virginia.

### Budget Hearing

At its May 20 meeting, the Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town budget for fiscal year 2002-03. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained free of charge at Town Hall, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call the Administrative Services Office at 703-255-6350.

A look at the proposed Town budget is included on pages 5-8 of this newsletter.

# NEWSLETTER

May 2002

**TOWN ELECTION TUESDAY, MAY 7**  
All Voting at Vienna Community Center  
Polls Open 6 a.m.–7 p.m.

*For Mayor*  
**M. Jane Seeman**

*For Council*  
**Albert J. Boudreau**  
**Laurie Genevro Cole**  
**Edythe Frankel Kelleher**

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*For election results, call the Vienna Newslite,  
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or visit [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us)*

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

## Vienna Named Tree City USA

The Town of Vienna has been named a Tree City USA, the first year Vienna has received this national recognition, thanks to the efforts of Community Enhancement Commission members and Parks and Recreation Department staff.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of Foresters and the USDA Forest Service. To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

The Tree City USA designation recognizes Vienna's understanding of the importance of trees in maintaining the health and beauty of our town.



**TREE CITY USA®**

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

## FEBRUARY 25, 2002

- Authorized the Vienna Jaycees to operate a Saturday Farmers' Market behind Town Hall beginning May 11 through October.

- Approved Town participation in the Vienna Elementary Replacement Lighting Coalition, with contributions totaling \$65,000 over three years toward the replacement of the lights at Waters and Caffi Fields.

- Awarded a bid for a trailer-mounted air compressor to Washington Air Compressor and Rental Co. at a price of \$13,189.

- Awarded a bid for a walk-behind roller to Rental Service Corp. at a price of \$8,898.

- Awarded a contract for the July 4 fireworks display to Schaefer Pyrotechnics of Strasburg, Pa., in an amount not to exceed \$8,525, including a postponement contingency.

- Referred a proposed bicycle connector route between Nottoway Park and the W&OD Trail to the Transportation Safety Commission for review and recommendation.

- Appointed Mary Flynn to the Fairfax Community Criminal Justice Board for a one-year term.

- Adopted an amendment to the zoning code regarding the time required between advertisement of a Planning Commission public hearing and the date of the hearing.

- Conducted a closed session to discuss potential litigation.

## MARCH 4, 2002

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

- Reappointed Mary Ellen Larkins to the Transportation Safety Commission, appointed Edward Powell as the Chamber

of Commerce business representative to the Town/Business Liaison Committee, and appointed John Scheib to the Planning Commission, all for two-year terms.

- Authorized the purchase of the required right-of-way and easements for Phase 3 of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project at a cost not to exceed the appraised value of the property.

- Approved the purchase of a telecommunication system for Northside Property Yard in the estimated amount of \$60,167.

- Adopted an amendment to the Civilian Town Employees' Retirement Plan.

- Adopted a resolution requesting a reduction in the County tax rate for next fiscal year. (*Approved 6-1, McCormick voting nay.*)

- Conducted a closed session to discuss potential litigation.

## Off-leash Dog Park Approved

Following a public hearing at its April 1 meeting, the Town Council approved the creation of an off-leash dog exercise area at Moorefield Park. The new facility is scheduled to open this summer.

Moorefield Park is located on Courthouse Road, S.W., just off Nutley Street and adjacent to Fairfax County's Nottoway Park. The dog exercise area will be 13,500 square feet (90x150 feet) enclosed by a chain link fence five feet high. A wood mulch ground cover will be laid inside the fenced area. The site will include benches, "doggie bag" dispensers and waste receptacles, and a source of water for the dogs.

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

M. Jane Seeman, Mayor

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

May

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**COMING NEXT MONTH ...**  
 June 1 - Recycling day for motor oil, antifreeze, batteries  
 June 2 & 3 - Auditions for Vienna Youth Players production  
 June 3 - Town Council meeting

# HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

**Vienna Farmers' Market** behind Town Hall will be open each Saturday beginning May 11 from 8 a.m. to noon. For information, call Karen Evans, 703-281-1255. The market at Nottoway Park will be open each Wednesday beginning May 8 from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with the adjacent Plant Clinic open from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call Ed Bielecki at 703-281-3530.

**Vienna Arts Society (VAS) Spring Trunk Show** will be held on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the VAS Gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [www.viennaartssociety.org](http://www.viennaartssociety.org).

**Vienna Choral Society** will present "Of Thee I Sing: American Composers, American Values" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Church of the Holy Cross in Dunn Loring. Tickets are \$12 general admission (\$10 in advance), \$9 for students and senior citizens (\$8 in advance), and \$20 for families. For information, call 703-255-5508.

**Used book sale** at Patrick Henry Library, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 25. Most hardback books cost \$1, most paperbacks cost 50¢, and a few very special books will be individually priced.

**Northeast Vienna Citizens Association** will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, at the Vienna Community Center. The program will include a presentation on home security by Vienna Police Officer Virginia Palmore.

**If you are between the ages of 21 and 39** and want to serve your community, you should check out the Vienna Jaycees. Upcoming activities include running the Vienna Saturday Farmers' Market, a June BBQ and assisting with activities at the Relay for Life. For more information, call Karen at 703-281-1255 or visit [www.geocities.com/viennajaycees](http://www.geocities.com/viennajaycees).

**Used books wanted** for Historic Vienna Inc.'s annual June sale at the Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. Donations may be dropped off at the Freeman

House general store or left on the front porch when the store is closed. Please do not bring *National Geographic* or other magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, or *Reader's Digest* condensed books. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

**Meet Vienna's garden clubs!** The federated garden clubs of Vienna will host an open house at Patrick Henry Library from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 1. Ayr Hill Garden Club, Five Hills Garden Club, Five Seasons Gardeners, and Hunter Mill Garden Club will display examples of flower arranging, horticultural exhibits, civic projects, and garden therapy projects.

**Newcomers Club of Vienna and Friends** will hold their regular luncheon meeting at noon Thursday, May 9, at Marco Polo Restaurant. Holly Pack of Saks' Fifth Avenue will present a history of fashion from 1920 to the present. For more information, call 703-938-1077.

**Daughters of the American Revolution**, Fairfax County Chapter, will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, May 3, at a member's home. The program will be "Star Spangled Banner Project." For more information, call Martina Caputy at 703-406-3183.

**Vietnam Veterans of America**, Chapter 227, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 16, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. The program will feature the student winners of the 2002 Vince Kaspar Excellence in the Arts Awards. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit [www.geocities.com/pentagon/8305](http://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 will be open at 8620 McHenry St., 230 and 234 Moore Ave., 8621 Redwood Dr., and 850 Shady Dr. Tickets are \$10 (minimum donation) 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 [Abkont@cox.rr.com](mailto:Abkont@cox.rr.com).

**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 Jeanne-marie Devolites are scheduled to speak regarding current legislative issues. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call 703-242-6681.

**Welcome Club of Northern Virginia** invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 2, at River Bend Country Club. A style show with the theme "Cruisin'" will be presented by Consigning Women of Springfield. For reservations and more information, call Sue, 703-281-9729, or Shelley, 703-476-8895.

**American Legion Auxiliary of Vienna** will meet at noon Wednesday, May 8, at Post 180, 330 Center St., N. For information, call Emilie Larson at 703-938-1379.

**Spring Fling 2002** at Cunningham Park Elementary School, 1001 Park St., S.E., will be held on Saturday, May 18, from 4 to 7 p.m. The annual school fundraiser will include food provided by Outback Steakhouse, games, raffles, silent auction, bake sale, and cake walk. Tickets will be sold at the door.

**Optimist Club of Vienna** meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 6:45 p.m. at Marco Polo Restaurant. The May 7 program will feature the Helping Hands program that reaches out to young students, and the May 21 meeting will include a visit from the Madison Robotics Club and a demonstration of the robot that club members made for a competition with funding assistance from the Optimists.

**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, May 5, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. For information, contact Tammy Ellison at 301-946-3511 or visit [www.ncbc-dc.org](http://www.ncbc-dc.org).

# Viva! Vienna!

## FESTIVAL

Along Viennas Historic Church Street



Saturday, May 25th

10 am - 11 pm

Amusements - Food - Music

Sunday, May 26th

12:30 pm - 11 pm

"Street Festival"

Monday, May 27th

10 am - 6 pm

"Street Festival"

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Arts & Crafts Vendors (May 26 & 27)

Live Music & Entertainment

Wide Assortment of Food & Drink

Carnival Rides for Adults & Children

For Information- Call 703-255-4742

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## “Safe Kids Day” May 4

A bicycle safety rodeo, fingerprinting and photo ID's, child safety seat check point, and fire safety activities will all be part of Vienna's Safe Kids Day on Saturday, May 4, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center and across Cherry Street at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. All activities are free of charge.

Advance registration at the Community Center is required for participation in the bike rodeo, which will begin at 10 a.m. for ages 5 and 6, 11 a.m. for ages 7 and 8, and 1 p.m. for ages 9-12. Kids will learn the “rules of the road,” have a bike inspection, and ride on bike safety courses. In-town residents can also register their bikes with the Vienna Police Department.

In case of rain, only the fire safety activities will be held. For more information, call the Vienna Police Department at 703-255-6366.

Community organizations are invited to volunteer their assistance at Safe Kids Day. To volunteer, call the Police Department's Community Services Office at 703-255-6396.

## Vienna Police Seek Support For Special Olympics Torch Run

The Town of Vienna Police Department will be participating in the 2002 Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, along with other police departments throughout the state. The run will begin on June 6 at the Iwo Jima Memorial in Arlington and finish on June 7 in Richmond.

The purpose of the Torch Run is to raise money for Special Olympics, the largest sports program for mentally retarded children and adults. The Vienna Police Department is asking the community for support through the purchase of Special Olympics T-shirts and hats, available at police headquarters, 215 Center St., S., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, contact Officer Donna Rippley at 703-255-6366.

## Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses licenses were issued in March:

Marilyn T. Carter <i>child care</i> 504 Echols St., S.E. 703-319-1468	Korba Consultants <i>computer consultant</i> 101 Pleasant St., N.W. 703-255-6296	Roger L. Anderson <i>home improvement contractor</i> 116 Moore Ave., S.E. 703-281-3456
MBH Settlement Group <i>real estate</i> 144 Church St., N.W. #200 703-242-2860	J&T Sporting Supply <i>sporting goods</i> 433 West Ct., N.W. 703-242-4383	El Punto Hispano Restaurante <i>restaurant</i> 262 Cedar Ln., S.E. #H 703-716-9040
Interior Flooring Systems <i>carpet sales</i> 422 Maple Ave., E. 703-742-9277	Iams Pet Imaging Center <i>veterinarian</i> 328 Maple Ave., E. 703-281-9440	Ameritech <i>recruitment of health care professionals</i> 206 Pleasant St., S.W. 703-938-8593

Congratulations to the following businesses (both commercial and home occupations) celebrating milestone anniversaries this month: 20 years – Booze Plumbing & Heating, Chester F. Phillips.

## Hike Vienna Trails on National Trails Day

A Family Hike in recognition of National Trails Day, sponsored by Vie de France, Fresh Fields and Snapple in cooperation with the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, will be held on Saturday, June 1, beginning at 8:45 a.m.

Come experience the trails of Vienna, and while on your hike get your “passport” stamped at local points of interest, including the historic Freeman Store, caboose, Vienna railroad station, and Northside Park. Once you have received a stamp at all of the various locations you will be eligible to win four tickets to Kings Dominion, or four tickets to the Vienna Youth Players summer production, “How to Eat Like A Child,” or the Vienna Theatre Company fall production, “Same Time Next Year.”

This hike is for all ages and will be approximately 2.5 miles, beginning and ending at the Vienna Community Center. Check-in time is 8:45 a.m., when hikers will receive their maps and passports. Snacks will be provided prior to and after the hike.

This activity is free of charge, but advance registration at the Community Center is required prior to June 1.

## A Quick Way to Decrease Yard Maintenance

A “Beauty Spot” tip from Your Community Enhancement Commission

Yard work shouldn't be hard work. An easy way to eliminate some of the maintenance in flowerbeds and borders is to lay down a brick or stone mowing path. The path adds definition and a “finished” look while it keeps grass from invading the beds. And you can push your mower so the wheels on one side ride right on top of this runway, cutting all the grass right up to the edging and not whacking at any of your border-front spillers.

Last year we gave out 2,000 tree seedlings. Let us know how our progeny is doing. Contact us at [dpr@ci.vienna.va.us](mailto:dpr@ci.vienna.va.us).

*Due to space limitations, no citizen comments are included in this month's newsletter. Comments will resume in June.*

## NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & REC

For more information about any of the activities listed below, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360. Activities are held at the Vienna Community Center unless stated otherwise.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Vienna Theatre Company's** production of “Gigi” continues May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m. and May 5 at 2 p.m. General admission \$9; students and senior citizens (65 and older) \$8.

**U.S. Navy Cruisers**, the Navy's premier rock ensemble, will perform at 8 p.m. Friday, May 31. Free admission. The group takes its name from the Navy's versatile, multi-missioned Cruiser ship and performs a variety of music ranging from classic rock to rhythm and blues and today's top 40 hits.

### BUS TRIP

**Enjoy the casinos** at Midway Slots in Delaware on Thursday, May 23. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. and return about 8 p.m. The cost of \$20 per person includes transportation and buffet meal. Reservation deadline May 16.

### FITNESS & HEALTH

**Adult summer basketball league** June 24-August 9. Two 10-team divisions will play a round-robin schedule, with the top teams competing in a championship tournament. The fee is \$400 per team (plus \$20 for each non-county player).

**Wondrous walks** are scheduled each Wednesday, May 15-June 19, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Meet outside the Community Center. No charge; registration required.

**Join Vienna Parks and Recreation's walking group** on Saturday, May 11, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. as they enjoy the sights and sounds at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Spring Festival. After the walk, stay and enjoy the open house festivities. No charge; registration required.

**Relaxation retreat** at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Friday, May 17, from 10:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. The retreat will in-

clude dynamic walking, yoga and meditation techniques and demonstrate how these practices can improve your health. The fee is \$12 per person; registration required.

**Free blood pressure check** for senior citizens Wednesday, May 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team. Advance registration requested.

### MANAGING YOUR MONEY AND YOUR ESTATE

**Basics of Long-term Care Insurance** 7 to 8:30 p.m. Monday, May 6. Learn about the myths and mystery behind Medicaid and Medicare coverage and how to protect your assets. No charge; registration requested.

**Homebuyer's Strategies for a Competitive Marketplace** 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, May 13. Learn how owning will translate to tax savings, strategies to locate homes quickly, and successful negotiating strategies. No charge; registration requested.

**Mortal Thoughts: Everything You Need to Know Before You Go** 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, June 3. Topics will include medical directives (living wills), gift planning, Medicaid, funeral and burial options, probate in other states, the new tax law, and wills and trusts. No charge; registration requested.

### JUST FOR KIDS

**Auditions for Vienna Youth Players'** summer musical production, “How to Eat Like a Child,” will be held June 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. and June 3 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Call to schedule audition times for boys and girls ages 11-18.

**Coalition Kids**, a safe and supervised monthly after-school program for 5th and 6th graders, Monday, May 20, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The group focuses on making new friends, learning team building, per-

forming community service, and being involved with anti-drug and violence prevention programs. Registration required.

### POTPOURRI

**Personal Safety for Women** will be held in four parts – May 13, 15, 20 and 22– from 7 to 10 p.m. Your instructor will be Officer Virginia Palmore of the Vienna Police Department. The class includes basic education in crime prevention and risk reduction measures plus practice in physical self-defense techniques. \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee; registration required.

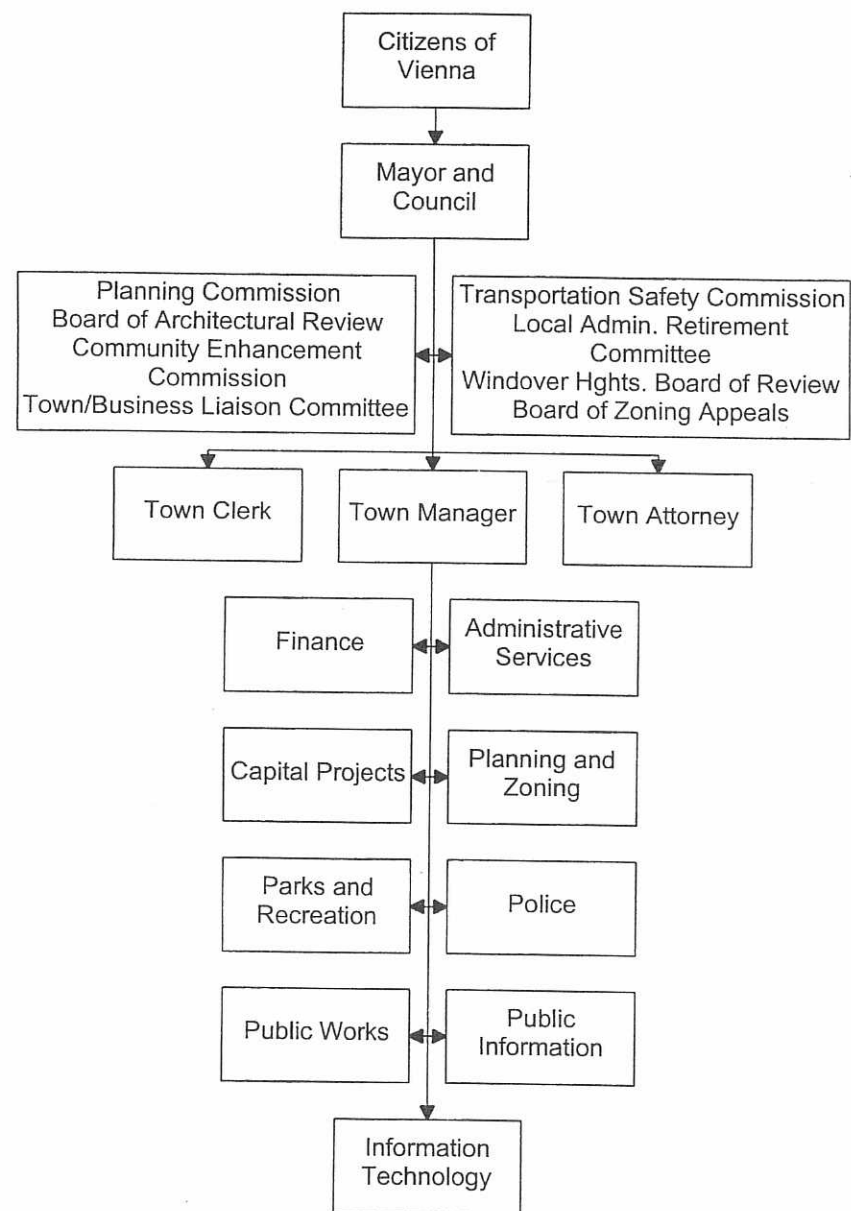
**Personal history symposium**, Thursday, May 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will include a presentation by author and teacher Robert W. Middlemiss, pieces written by members of the Community Center's Personal History Class, a discussion of writing with humor, and exercises designed to put you in touch with forgotten memories. The fee of \$2 per person includes beverages and a light dessert; bring a bag lunch. Registration required.

**Grilling Red, White and Blue Foods for Memorial Day** demonstration and dinnertime tasting Tuesday, May 21, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn to grill everything from meats to fruits and veggies! The fee is \$12; registration required.

**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, May 30, and the evening group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 20. For more information, call Karen O'Meara at 703-938-0405.

**Caring for Your Newborn**, Tuesday, May 7, from 6 to 8 p.m., is for expectant parents. Learn about choosing a pediatrician, preparing the nursery, nutrition, changing and clothing, carrying, bathing, umbilical cord care, car seat use, and when to call your doctor. Free of charge.

# TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA Organizational Chart



## Vienna Receives Budget Award

For seven consecutive years, the Town of Vienna has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. This award is the highest form of recognition given for governmental budgeting. In order to receive the budget award, a jurisdiction must satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well a government's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all of these categories to receive the award.

## Town Has Top Bond Rating

The Town of Vienna's general obligation bonds are rated "Aa1" by Moody's Investors Service. This high bond rating for a local government the size of Vienna is enjoyed by very few towns in the United States.

This rating enables the Town to finance debt at more favorable interest rates compared to those of municipalities with lower bond ratings, resulting in substantial savings for Vienna taxpayers over the life of the bonds.

Moody's noted that its high rating is based on Vienna's healthy economy, sound financial condition, and rapid debt retirement.

The Town of Vienna borrows money by issuing tax-free general obligation debt to finance major capital projects. The \$4.8 million of public improvements funded in the latest (2002) issue include acquisition of property at Maple Avenue and Mill Street for a Town Center Park and additional phases of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project.

Debt financing spreads the cost of capital projects over a period of many years, rather than charging the full cost to today's taxpayers. Also, the Town's policy of using meals and lodging tax revenues for a large portion of annual debt amortization payments limits the need for property tax increases to fund these projects.

### VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

**Mayor**  
M. Jane Seeman

**Town Council Members**  
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Steven D. Briglia  
Robert P. McCormick  
Vincent J. Olson  
Michael J. Polychrones  
Maud F. Robinson

# Town of Vienna, Virginia A Look at the Proposed Budget For Fiscal Year 2002-2003

## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER



The FY 2002/03 budget preparation presented us with a number of challenges in that we were under pressure from declining state revenues while certain other expenditures that are outside of our control have risen far in excess of a normal rate. We were also faced with a substantial increase in the assessed property valuation and the desire to mitigate a large real estate tax increase on our residents.

The FY 2002/03 budget is based on a real estate property tax rate of 29¢ per \$100 of assessed value — a decrease of 1¢ from the FY 2001/02 level. However, because of reassessments, the 29¢ tax rate still represents an effective tax increase of 11.62%.

Obviously the effect of the increase will vary by property but an "average" Vienna homeowner will see an increase in the real estate tax bill of approximately \$94.75 per year. The 29¢ rate will generate an additional \$674,184 from both residential and commercial properties while new construction and/or additions to existing properties will add an additional \$72,834. The Town of Vienna proposed budget for FY 2002/03, including interfund transfers and reserves totals \$23,178,728. This represents an increase of \$1,576,808 or 7.30% over the adopted 2001/02 budget.

Each year as we prepare the Town's annual budget our goal is to continue to provide a high level of service at the lowest possible costs. To keep our service delivery level high we not only have to keep our infrastructure properly maintained but we must also keep our compensation system competitive to be able to attract and retain qualified employees.

Over the past ten years we have been able to modernize our fleet of vehicles and computer systems, and construct facilities to house departmental operations that will improve both efficiency and productivity. It is our desire to continue with this progress over the next decade through improvements under our Capital Improvements Program such as the ongoing Maple Avenue revitalization, the construction of a new Town Center Park at Maple Avenue and Mill Street plus other capital improvements that will make Vienna an even more attractive place in which to live and shop.

All of the Town Departments are dedicated to providing first class service at the lowest possible cost and the department budgets submitted this year echo that effort. We are aware that we will face significant financial pressure through reduced state allocations but it is our opinion that the FY 2002/03 budget as proposed is capable of carrying the Town through the next year with no major adverse fiscal problems.

I invite you to read the entire budget message and proposed budget. The budget is available for public review at Town Hall and Patrick Henry Library. Citizens are also encouraged to attend the public hearing on the budget, which is scheduled for the Town Council meeting on Monday, May 20, beginning at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall.

Sincerely,  
*John H. Schoeberlein*  
John H. Schoeberlein

## Budget Preparation And Adoption

The Code of the Town of Vienna requires that by July 1 of each year, the Vienna Town Council adopt by ordinance a budget establishing the tax rate for the incoming year. Estimated revenues must be equivalent to estimated expenditures. It is mandated in the Code that the fiscal year begin on July 1 and end on June 30.

At least one public hearing must be held on the budget prior to its adoption. Seven days prior to this hearing, the Town Clerk must publish a notice of Council's intention to hold such an event. The budget cannot be adopted at the same meeting at which the public hearing is held. Two notices, again at least seven days apart, must then be published in a paper of general circulation announcing Council's intention to adopt the budget. Following this advertisement, Council may then adopt the budget. After this action is taken, the Clerk publishes the final notice of adoption.

The Town of Vienna's budget process begins in January of each year when Council presents to the staff its budget priorities for the upcoming year. Citizens who have suggestions about what items should be given priority for funding are encouraged to express their views in writing to the Town Manager. In addition, non-profit Vienna organizations may apply for donations of Town funds.

The Town Manager then prepares and submits to the Town Council his proposed budget, and copies are made available to the public. This year, budget work sessions were scheduled for April 20 and 22 and, if needed, April 27. The public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at the Town Council meeting on May 20, which begins at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. If Council considers it necessary, a final budget work session to discuss comments made at the public hearing will be held on May 29. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the June 3 Council meeting.

## PROPOSED FY 2002-2003 BUDGET IN BRIEF

### GENERAL FUND

REVENUES	
Property Tax	\$ 5,953,728
<i>(based on rate of 29¢ per \$100 assessed valuation)</i>	
Public Service Taxes	99,000
Penalties & Interest	25,000
Other Local Taxes	4,885,170
Permits, Fees & Licenses	37,500
Fines & Forfeitures	369,200
Use of Money & Property	277,000
Park & Recreation Fees	255,300
Special Services Fees	8,200
Miscellaneous Revenues	77,168
Non-categorical Aid	448,738
Categorical Aid	1,099,397
Reimbursements	27,682
Interfund Transfers	775,732
Use of Prior Year Reserves	590,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,928,815</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Legislative	\$ 585,727
Administration	1,234,997
Finance Department	945,276
Police Department	4,060,910
Public Works Department	5,060,137
Tax Relief	128,160
Parks & Recreation Department	1,722,340
Planning & Zoning Department	461,216
Reserves & Transfers	339,052
PC Replacement	50,000
Equipment Replacement	341,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,928,815</b>

### WATER & SEWER FUND

REVENUES	
Use of Money	\$ 125,090
Water & Sewer Charges	4,560,500
Miscellaneous Revenues	17,500
Use of Prior Year Retained Earnings	32,892
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,735,982</b>

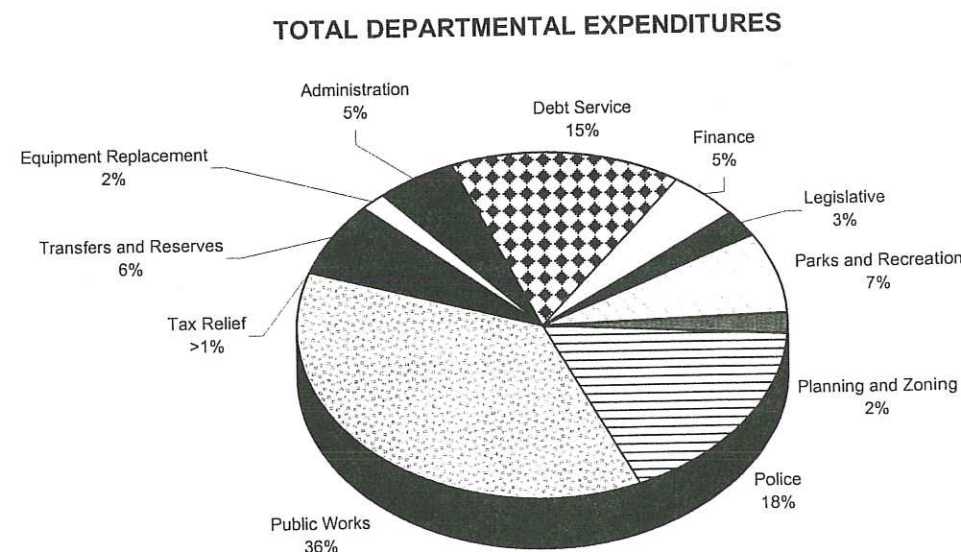
EXPENDITURES	
Operations & Maintenance	\$3,160,568
Meter Maintenance & Reading	275,020
Billing/Customer Service	127,091
Transfers	1,145,186
Equipment Replacement	28,117
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,735,982</b>

### DEBT SERVICE FUND

REVENUES	
Other Local Taxes	\$1,941,600
Use of Money	47,028
Reimbursement from Federal	1,133,489
Interfund Transfers	391,814
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,513,931</b>

EXPENDITURES	
Administrative Costs	\$ 850
Reserves	878,048
Debt Service	2,635,033
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,513,931</b>

## TOTAL BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS \$23,178,728



## Your Tax Dollars at Work — Budget Highlights

### PUBLIC WORKS

A ribbon-cutting and open house will be held next month at the Public Works Department's Northside Property Yard off Mill Street, N.E. The new facility will house all of the Town's Public Works operations — vehicle and equipment maintenance, street maintenance, general maintenance, sanitation, and water and sewer — which have been relocated from the property yard on Nutley Street.

To improve the efficiency of the Town's Special Pickup program, the proposed budget establishes a separate Special Pickup Division to be staffed by a total of nine employees. This new division will also collect the majority of leaves during normal working hours, thus significantly reducing overtime expenditures for evening and weekend leaf collection.

The department is continuing its aggressive program of street resurfacing and concrete replacement, with proposed expenditures set approximately at the current levels.

### POLICE

The proposed Police Department budget will decrease by almost 5%. The reduction is due in part to recent turnovers in the department, with the new officers' starting salaries and benefits at lower costs. Also, instead of planning for the installation of red-light cameras at six intersections, only three have been budgeted due to higher than expected compliance over the past year.

### FINANCE

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., is applied to credit card transactions. No part of this fee goes to the Town of Vienna. To pay online, log on to the Town's web site, [www.ci.vienna.va.us](http://www.ci.vienna.va.us) and click on "services." To pay 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.

### PARKS & RECREATION

New Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado will oversee construction of Phase I of the Northside Park Trail 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.

An off-leash dog exercise area at Moorefield Park is scheduled to open this summer. Moorefield Park is an undeveloped park located on Courthouse Road, S.W., just off Nutley Street and adjacent to Fairfax County's Nottoway Park. The park will be open during daylight hours.

The proposed budget includes funding for the Town's first-year payment for replacing the lights at Waters and Caffi Fields. Also, funding for the Club Phoenix Teen Center has been increased to provide more security at the center.

### DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT

Phase II of the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project is scheduled to begin the first week of May and should be completed this fall in time for the Halloween Parade. The project area, from Park Street to East Street, will include brick sidewalks, new curb and gutter, brick crosswalks at all intersections, new asphalt pavement surface, increased turning radii at intersections and driveway entrances, installation of left-turn arrows on traffic signals, 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.

The Town has acquired the property at the corner of Maple Avenue and Mill Street for the development and preservation of green space in the center of town. The purchase will be funded through an increase in the meals and lodging tax rate from 3% to 4%, which became effective January 1, 2002, and will continue through June 30, 2008, at which time the rate will revert to 3%.

The proposed Planning and Zoning Department budget includes funds for consulting services for the recently established Maple Avenue Vision Committee.

