

This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

SEPTEMBER 1992 – The Virginia Department of Transportation has notified the Town that the Cottage Street reconstruction project has been approved. Surveying for the project should begin soon, with construction tentatively scheduled for 1995. The Town Council requested VDOT to include Cottage Street in its urban construction program following a public hearing last February, when many citizens expressed concern about the deteriorating condition of the street.

SEPTEMBER 1982 – Mayor Charles Robinson, Fairfax County Board Chairman Jack Herrity and State Senator Charles Waddell were among the dignitaries who participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Vienna Metro Station on September 8. The station is scheduled to open in mid-1986 at the intersection of I-66 and Nutley Street.

SEPTEMBER 1972 – A second radar set has drastically increased the number of speeders apprehended in town. The Police Department's radar report for September lists 41 citations issued August 30 through September 7 and 71 citations September 8 through 13. This is the largest number of citations ever given for speeding. A word to the wise . . . watch that speedometer!

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

MAPLE AVENUE HOTLINE – 703-255-5756

TO ORDER A SPECIAL PICKUP – 703-255-5727

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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.

Recycle Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Batteries

The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze and car batteries will be Saturday, September 7, 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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Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, September 2, for Labor Day. Trash will be picked up as usual that day for residents on the Monday/Thursday collection route.

Halloween Parade Deadline Sept. 27

The 56th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 23, on Maple Avenue. Vienna area businesses, community organizations, school classes, athletic teams and other groups are invited to enter floats in the parade. This year's theme is "Land of the Free – A Tribute to America," and the Grand Marshals will be Cox Farm owners Eric Cox and Gina Richard, who are celebrating their 30th anniversary in business this year.

The parade entry deadline is Friday, September 27. For entry application forms and more information, call the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce at 703-281-1333.

Stop for School Buses

It's back-to-school time! The law requires drivers to stop for school buses taking on or discharging passengers and to remain stopped until the passengers are out of the street and the bus is again underway. This applies to drivers approaching from any direction. Children should be cautioned to look in all directions and make sure all vehicles are stopped before crossing the street to and from the bus.

NEWSLETTER

September 2002

Special Pickup Deadline Oct. 1

Tuesday, October 1, is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to call for a Special Trash Pickup this year. Because of fall leaf collection, no orders for Special Pickups are taken in October, November and December.

To dispose of unwanted furniture, appliances, building materials, brush and other debris not included in the regular trash collection, residents can order a Special Pickup. Place discards at the curbside, then call the Special Pickup recording promptly at 703-255-5727 and be prepared to leave the following information: your name, address, daytime phone number, amount of debris, and type of debris.

Each residence is entitled to receive two free Special Pickups per year, with a limit of one dump truck load per pickup (about the size of a Volkswagon "beetle"). Additional pickups cost \$75 per load for all items except brush. The fee for additional loads of brush is \$25 each.

*Before Calling for Your Special Pickup,
Please Review the Guidelines on Page 2*

Trash in Curbside Recycling Jeopardizes Program

The Town's curbside recycling program reduces disposal fees and saves tax dollars. Please check your recyclables carefully to make sure that they do not include unacceptable materials. When recyclables are contaminated, they may be rejected by recycling companies.

Each week, Town sanitation crews find many unacceptable materials mixed in with recyclables: mirrors; window and auto glass; light bulbs; ceramics; cooking pots and pans, including microwave trays; plastic containers other than those marked #1 or #2; plastic bags; coat hangers; paint cans; 5-gallon pails; and household items such as toasters. The following mixed materials *only* are acceptable for recycling: aluminum food and beverage cans such as soda and beer cans, pet food cans, soup and coffee cans; clear, brown or green glass bottles and jars; plastic milk, water and soda containers; and narrow-neck pigmented plastic containers marked #1 or #2 such as detergent, shampoo and bleach bottles. Remove caps from all containers.

Local recycling companies can only handle the materials listed above as acceptable. Inclusion of contaminants has caused entire loads of recyclables to be rejected, forcing them to be separated by hand. If you think an item might not be recyclable, leave it out. It is better to place fewer correct materials in a recycling container than a greater quantity of incorrect materials.

Special Pickup Guidelines

- Building materials — wood, broken concrete, building brick and block, fences, drywall and paneling — will be picked up. Masonry items such as concrete, brick, block, stone, rock, etc. are limited to 300 pounds per pickup (about two wheelbarrow loads). Building materials generated by contractors and/or persons employed by homeowners to renovate, repair and/or perform maintenance on their homes will not be picked up.

- Sod, small stumps, brush, trees and limbs of a diameter greater than 1½" and less than 6" and no more than 8' in length will be picked up. The Special Pickup crews do not collect any tree parts over 6" in diameter. Most logs are greater than 6" and, therefore, they are not acceptable. Logs, stumps and other large tree parts can be disposed of at the Fairfax County Transfer Station on West Ox Road or at the County Landfill in Lorton. Leaves are not picked up by Special Pickup crews.

- Discarded furniture, swing sets and playground equipment will be picked up.

- Up to 300 pounds of scrap metal and small automobile parts such as engine blocks, transmissions and tires will be picked up. Tires must be removed from the rim. Whole automobile bodies will not be picked up.

- Two major appliances per residence will be picked up. These include stoves, refrigerators, dishwashers, washers, dryers, hot water heaters, air conditioners and furnaces.

- Old heating oil tanks, gas tanks, and pressurized tanks such as propane, air or freon will not be picked up. Fuel tanks, paint cans, insecticides, fluorescent light tubes, and other hazardous wastes will not be picked up. For information about hazardous waste disposal, call 703-324-5068.

- Please separate brush, appliances, building materials, etc. from each other. This makes it easier for pickup crews to salvage recyclable items, reducing the amount of debris taken to the landfill.

- For the safety of Special Pickup crews, please separate large pieces of glass from other discards.

- Residents of corner lots are requested to place discards in front of the property, not on the side.

- Please keep Special Pickup items away from regular trash and recyclables, fire hydrants, water meters, gas valves, fences, utility poles, trees and shrubs, vehicles, etc. Place discards in an open area accessible to a crane truck.

TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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Send news and comments to *Vienna Newsletter* c/o Town Hall.
Deadline for October issue is Friday, September 13.

Nottoway Park to W&OD Connector Bike Route Back on Council Agenda

At its September 9 meeting, the Town Council will consider a proposal to designate an on-road bicycle route through the Town of Vienna to connect Nottoway Park with the W&OD Trail. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, and all interested citizens will be given the opportunity to speak on the proposal.

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority has proposed a signed bike route through Vienna to provide the missing link between the City of Fairfax Gateway Park near Fairfax Circle and the W&OD Trail. After much discussion and review of several route options, the Vienna Police, Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments continue to recommend the route presented at the June 4, 2001, Council meeting.

That route would direct bikers exiting Nottoway Park onto Tapawingo Road, across Nutley Street, left onto Meadow Lane, left onto Plum Street, and right onto Battle Street. Bikers would remain on Battle until it deadends at the gravel pathway that connects to Mill Street near the Vienna Community Center, at which point they could access the trail at its intersection with Park Street.

This route is not only suitable for commuters to the Metro Station, but also recreation/family oriented to provide access to Meadow Lane Park, the Community Center, Vienna Elementary School, Patrick Henry Library, and the central business district.

If approved by Council, the Town will work with the Regional Park Authority to place bike route directional signs and warning signs to motorists at intersection crossings along the route. There are no plans to establish bike lanes or otherwise restrict vehicular traffic or residential parking along the proposed route.

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.

September

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
	All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise	Labor Day Town Hall closed	Windover Heights Board of Review 7:30 p.m.				Rosh Hashanah Recycle oil, batteries, antifreeze at Nutley Street Property Yard, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
	Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	Town Council	Mayor's Advisory Committee	Planning Commission	Town/Business Liaison Committee 6:30 p.m.			
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
		Yom Kippur Town Council Work session	Transportation Safety Commission	Board of Zoning Appeals	Board of Architectural Review			
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
		Town Council		Planning Commission	Community Enhancement Commission 7:30 p.m.			
	29	30	COMING NEXT MONTH . . . Oct. 1 – Last day to call for a Special Pickup in 2002. Windover Heights Board of Review meeting. Oct. 3 – Police Chief's Advisory Committee meeting.					

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Citizen Comment

Ordinance Discriminates Against Singles

A Kingsley Road resident writes: "Concerning the information in the August Newsletter about limits on rentals — while I appreciate the Town's efforts to avoid having housing that is overcrowded, it seems to me that the rules discriminate against the single homeowner who wishes to rent rooms. It is unfair and illogical to say that a single person constitutes a family and can therefore have only two renters for a total of three, whereas a group of renters can have a total of four, or more if they are all 'cousins'.

"It is reasonable to assume that a resident homeowner will keep the property in better condition and will be more selective in renting to people who will be good neighbors than an absentee landlord who is primarily concerned about making a few dollars.

"I am aware that the Zoning Department enforces these limitations on the single landlord, and I would suggest that the ordinance be revised to define a family as two or more persons and to state that a single homeowner can rent to three people."

Comment from an Upham Place resident: "There has been a long debate titled Cats Versus Dogs. I think it's time to move on to a new subject. How about mosquitos? We have lived in Vienna for six years and each year we have had an increasing problem with mosquitos. They have gotten so bad that we do not even use our yard in the summertime, which is not terribly convenient given that we have four active children. On our three to four-step walk from the house to the car in the carport, we are all likely to get at least one bite. With the West Nile virus here to stay, I think it's time to encourage our Town and County to spray to control mosquitos. Simply eliminating the breeding places is not working in our backyard. Spraying bug spray all over the children every day cannot be that great for their health. I'd rather see controlled spraying that actually kills the mosquitos and can stop this epidemic."

From a Lawyers Road resident: "Leashing cats is cruel and unnatural. Let's turn our attention to unleashing dogs! Some of our local canines are chained up, 24 hours a day, year after year and deserve a better life. How about requiring owners to untether their dogs at least once a week for exercise, ball throwing or a little TLC?"

Citizens are invited to submit comments for use in the Town of Vienna Newsletter. Comments must be made in writing or via e-mail (pio@ci.vienna.va.us) and received by the 15th of the month to be included in the following month's newsletter. Your name, address and daytime phone number are required. This information will not be published.

Having Trouble Connecting With the Vienna Post Office?

Citizens who have tried phoning the Vienna Post Office recently have been greeted with a recorded message that the number has been changed to 1-800-275-8777. This number offers a recorded menu of several options such as zip code information, postal rates and tracking of mail. Although many people find this type of automated system annoying, it is a quick way to get answers to routine questions without taking postal workers away from their duties.

Sometimes, however, citizens feel the need to speak directly with another human being about their mail service. In those cases, you may call 703-242-1393 and be connected with one of the friendly folks at the Vienna Post Office.

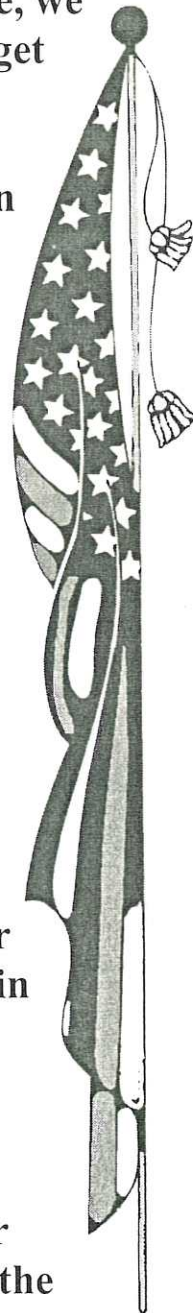
Residents are reminded that the quadrant designation is a very important part of your Vienna address. Not only does it show that you live within the town's corporate limits, it helps prevent lost deliveries and other mistakes for residents of streets that extend into two different quadrants such as Glyndon Street, John Marshall Drive and Tapawingo Road.

A Day to Remember

As a free people, we must never forget the innocent victims of last year's attack on America.

Please join the Town of Vienna and American Legion Post 180 for a ceremony on Wednesday, September 11, to remember those who died and to show our support for those engaged in the war on terrorism.

Watch local newspapers for details or visit the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us.



Comment from the Council Table

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Deserves Our Support

By Michael J. Polychrones
Town Councilman

It is good to have the opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns with you, the citizens of Vienna, in this column. Most of the time this column is reserved for the Council members to update you on various town events and issues. This is a great way to keep you informed of the different Council members' views and of the general business of the Town government. However, in this article I am going to go in a different direction and share with you a concern that I have for the safety of our community.

Since my last article our country and community have had to deal with the effects of the terrorist attacks at the Pentagon on September 11, 2001, and as the one-year anniversary approaches, I think it is important to mention that members of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, along with other volunteer fire companies from across the region, assisted the Ar-

lington County Fire and Rescue personnel in their efforts at the Pentagon. It is about this brave group of volunteers that I am writing today. The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department is facing a serious problem and they need the help and support of the entire Vienna community. The Vienna firehouse is in great need of renovation to meet the needs not only of the volunteer firefighters but the career firefighters as well. The cost of the complete renovation is somewhere between two and three million dollars. Vienna's facility is scheduled to receive 1.25 million dollars from the Public Safety Bond referendum, which we as Fairfax County residents will vote on this November. This money will go a long way to helping with the renovation but it still leaves them far short of the needed funds for completion. It should be noted that "volunteer" fire companies receive an annual funding from Fairfax County to

Donations Sustain VVFD Programs

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, located at 400 Center St., S., is a non-profit 501-3.c organization funded by citizen donations and departmental fund-raising activities. All donations are tax deductible. In 2002 the department will spend over \$400,000 to purchase a new fire engine and paramedic ambulance. It has also spent over \$200,000 renovating the front facade of the fire station to enlarge the apparatus bay doors.

The department is working towards renovating the rest of the fire station and is in need of donations to assist with this effort. This renovation will bring the station up to current codes, add a sprinkler system and improve living areas for the fire fighters. The current cost estimate for this project is \$2.2 million.

Bingo has always been one of the Fire Department's main fund raisers and is held every Sunday. Doors open at 4 p.m., sales begin at 5 p.m., and games start at 7 p.m. The minimum admission price is \$10 for 23 regular games, including a \$1,000 jackpot. Refreshments prepared by the VVFD Auxiliary may be purchased during the evening. All proceeds go to building maintenance and renovations as well as purchasing new fire and rescue vehicles. Those who do not play bingo may contribute to the department by sending checks to P.O. Box 1115, Vienna, VA 22183.

The Fire Department is always in need of volunteers, both as active firefighters and medics, and as support and fund-raising staff. Those interested in serving are asked to call 703-938-2678 and leave a message and someone will contact you.



Councilman Polychrones

support their daily operations; however, the amount does not come close to funding all of the operations and the rest of the money comes through the fund-raising efforts of the volunteers and auxiliaries themselves.

How can you help? Well, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department has an annual fund drive, so if you have donated before then please continue and if you have not, then please consider donating this year. Also, I would ask that every civic and community service organization in Vienna consider holding one fund-raising event over the course of the next year for the specific benefit of the Fire Department. It is only through these combined efforts that we can ensure the safety of our community. I have attended the fire company's annual awards ceremony for the past six years and I have been witness to the countless hours that these volunteers put in to protect and serve. These brave men and women donate their time and talents to protect our lives, our property and, most important, our town. They need and deserve our generous support. Thank you for supporting this effort and have a happy and safe September.

For more information about your Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, visit www.vvfd.org.

Welcome New Businesses

The following businesses licenses were issued in July:

Margaret L. Williams <i>childcare</i> 546 Orchard St., N.W. 703-281-6519	National Home Repair <i>handyman</i> 213 Patrick St., S.W. 703-919-4933	Golden Touch Jewelers <i>repairs — jewelry</i> 444 Maple Ave., E. 703-281-1888
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Nikaas Networks <i>business management consultant</i> 308 Branch Rd., S.E. 703-319-9440	Academy of Music for Young Children <i>music instructor</i> 124 Park St., S.E. #D 703-398-8054	Some Things Old — Some Things New <i>gift sales</i> 111 Park St., N.E. #A 703-242-7007
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Traffic Calming Guidelines Available

Do you wish there was something you could do to make your street safer from speeders and cut-through traffic? The Town's Transportation Safety Commission (TSC) has prepared "Guidelines to Traffic Calming in Vienna," available from the Public Information Office at Town Hall, 703-255-6330, and at the Town's web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us. This guide outlines the criteria for requesting traffic calming measures on eligible streets. Basically, the procedure is as follows:

First, circulate a petition requesting the form of traffic calming desired, i.e., speed hump, speed dip, stop sign, etc. This petition must be signed by 75% of the households on the street involved, and all affected residences must be contacted.

Second, present the completed petition to the TSC at its regular meeting the last Tuesday of the month, or submit it to the Public Information Office for the Commission's next agenda.

Third, the TSC will review the petition, request necessary data from the Police Department, evaluate all criteria, and make a recommendation.

Fourth, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Town Manager for his review and then placed on a Town Council agenda for final action.

Seniors Eligible for Taxicab Discounts

Seniors-on-the-Go! offers subsidized taxicab rides to Fairfax County senior citizens age 65 and older with an annual gross income of \$50,000 for singles and \$60,000 for married couples.

Seniors who qualify for the program may purchase up to 16 booklets of taxicab rides within a year of their entry into the program. Each booklet has a value of \$30 but costs the senior only \$10. Over the course of a year, the total value of the coupon booklets is \$480; the actual cost to the senior for the year is \$160. Once enrolled in the program, seniors make their trip arrangements directly with any of three Fairfax County taxicab vendors. There are no restrictions on where participants may travel.

For more information or to request an application, call the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-324-1172 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications are also available at the County web site, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/comm/trans/seniors.htm.

West Nile Virus Focus Shifts To Mosquito Control

The Fairfax County Health Department has suspended its collection of dead birds and is now focusing its attention on mosquito monitoring and control. A sufficient number of dead birds have been collected and tested to confirm the presence of West Nile virus in the county bird population, and thousands of storm sewer catch basins have been treated with a naturally occurring bacteria that is harmless to other insects and the environment. Personnel doing the treatments also are on the lookout for other sources of standing water and treat them when mosquito larvae are found.

Although the Health Department is no longer collecting dead birds, it is still interested in studying the effects of West Nile virus on the bird population and encourages citizens to call to report dead birds. Citizens who find a bird that appears to have died of natural causes on property that has a definite address can call the Health Department at 703-246-2300.

West Nile virus is spread to birds, humans, horses and other mammals through the bite of an infected mosquito. The risk of becoming ill from West Nile virus is extremely low and the majority of people bitten by an infected mosquito do not get sick. People who do get sick usually suffer a mild flu-like illness. People over age 50 are at greatest risk of serious illness, such as encephalitis or meningitis.

People should protect themselves from mosquito bites by making sure window and door screens are in good repair; wearing long, loose and light-colored clothing outdoors; and using insect repellent in accordance with the product instructions.

To reduce further chances of being bitten, residents should eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites in their yards. Mosquitoes can breed in as little as one teaspoonful of water and many species are poor flyers so they stay close to where they breed. Eliminate standing water by tipping containers and tossing water that has gathered in items like tires, tarps and other containers. Residents are also encouraged to change the water in birdbaths and wading pools once a week and clean roof gutters and downspout screens regularly.

\$45 for non-members. To register and for more information about this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657.

VIP Vienna is a support group for visually impaired persons and their families to exchange ideas, find resources and hear informed speakers. The group's next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 19, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Patrick Henry Library. To register and for more information, call the Fairfax County Access Services Office at 703-324-8380.

All-you-can-eat crab feast Saturday, September 28, at American Legion Dyer-Gunnell Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Tickets limited. For more information, call the Post at 703-938-9535.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, September 5, at International Country Club in Fairfax. Mary Ann Puglisi will present the program, "EduVacations." For reservations and more information, call 703-281-2236.

National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Vienna Chapter 1116, will meet at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, at the Vienna Community Center. The public is invited, and refreshments will be served.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, in the lecture hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane. Professional photographer Tony Sweet will speak and sign copies of his book, "Fine Art Nature Photography — Advanced Techniques & Creativity." For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

Scrapbooking Croptoberfest will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Sponsored by Creative Memories, a company specializing in acid-free albums and supplies. The fee of \$30 includes hands-on instruction with the "Variety Vellum Pages" Croptalk, refreshments and prizes. To register and for more information, call Paula Kellogg, 703-281-5532, or e-mail pjkr8v@aol.com. Registration deadline September 13.

Historic Vienna, Inc., Recruiting Volunteers

Historic Vienna, Inc., (HVI) is expanding its outreach programs and needs volunteers in several areas: storekeepers, tour guides, education programs, special events and library workers. Training provided. Working hours for volunteers vary with the position. For more information, call Margaret Kennedy at 703-938-5187 or e-mail kennedy@ci.vienna.va.us.

HVI is a non-profit corporation dedicated to preserving Vienna's heritage. Guided by an elected board of directors, the organization includes a voting membership of individuals, businesses and community organizations interested in protecting historic sites and collecting artifacts and memorabilia of Vienna's past.

One of Historic Vienna's major responsibilities is the operation of the Freeman House, which was restored under the group's guidance. Located at the corner of Church and Mill Streets, N.E., the house served at various times as a residence, store, Civil War hospital, railroad station, post office and fire department. Today, the house contains a museum and old-fashioned general store open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays.

The original Vienna Library, built in 1897 and now located on the Freeman House grounds, still contains hundreds of its original books and its first card catalog. It is open to visitors the first Sunday of each month.

Court volunteers needed: Language interpreters are needed to assist court staff and clients in civil cases in the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Fluency in English and another language is required plus a commitment to a weekly four-hour shift during business hours for at least six months. Training is scheduled for September 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the old courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Rd. in Fairfax City. For more information, call Gwen Robinson at 703-246-2697 or e-mail gwen.robinson@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Women Entrepreneurs' Expo will be held at the Sheraton Premier Tysons Corner on Friday, October 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 26, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The expo will include interactive business workshops; motivational keynote luncheon; trade fair; and "power networking" reception. The fee is \$100 for registrations received before September 13 and \$110 for registrations received after that date. For information, call 703-534-6220 or visit www.wbcnova.org/conference.html. Sponsored by the Women's Business Center of Northern Virginia in conjunction with the Community Business Partnership, U.S. Small Business Administration, Fairfax County Office for Women and George Mason University's Mason Enterprise Center.

American Legion 17th District Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 30, beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Osprey's Golf Club in Woodbridge. The cost of \$65 per person includes lunch and an after-tournament buffet. For more information, call Dan Dellinger or Bill Murphy at Vienna American Legion Post 180, 703-938-9535.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227, will celebrate its 17th anniversary at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 19, at Neighbor's Restaurant in the Cedar Lane Shopping Center. Guest speaker will be Alan Wallace, a Vietnam War veteran, chapter member and federal firefighter, who will describe his reaction and thoughts on responding to the Pentagon terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. For more information, call 703-255-0353 or visit www.geocities.com/vva227.

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, for athletes age 50 and older, will be held September 14-26. There are over 25 different athletic, recreational and social events ranging from tennis and horseshoes to line dancing and bridge. The registration fee is \$5 plus \$1 for each event. (Bowling, golf and miniature golf require additional fees.) To register and for more information, call 703-228-4403 or visit www.novaseniorolympics.com.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Cardinal Cloggers will give a free performance on Sunday, September 29, from 3 to 4 p.m. at the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E. The group will dance to a range of music styles, including bluegrass, country and 1950's pop and Broadway tunes. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., the town's non-profit organization for restoration and preservation. For more information, call 703-938-1734.

Used bike collection for Pedals for Progress will be held on Saturday, September 21, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bikes@Vienna, 128-A Church Street, N.W. Pedals for Progress reconditions used bicycles for people in developing countries, where they are put to work not only as basic transportation, but as ambulances, trash haulers, produce trucks, taxis and farm machinery. Get a tax deduction by donating your bike along with \$10 to defray shipping costs. Sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees. For more information, call John or Laura Scheib at 703-255-6865.

Wesley Preschool, an outreach program of Wesley United Methodist Church, 711 Spring St., S.E., still has space available for September classes. Children born in 1997, 1998 and 1999 are eligible to enroll. Toilet training required. Choose from morning or afternoon classes, two to five days a week, as well as a day of science. For more information, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

Annual fall yard sale will be held in the parking lot at Wesley Preschool, 711 Spring St., S.E., on Saturday, October 12. To reserve a sales spaces and for more information, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station on Saturday, September 14, 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.nvnr.org.

Your old magazines and paperback books (no hard covers) are welcomed by detainees at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center through the Literacy Project sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Fairfax County Chapter. For those who have donated in the past, please leave publications at the usual location on the third Tuesday of the month from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. *only*. (Be sure to remove mailing labels from magazines.) First-time donors may call project chairman Florence Roseborough at 703-281-2498 for information.

Antique postcard collector Tony Chavez will visit the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Sunday, September 15, from 1 to 5 p.m. His collection includes postcards with early views of the Washington suburbs of Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, Vienna and Herndon. Reproductions of a number of the cards are available. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. For more information, call 703-938-1734.

The Vienna Farmers' Market is open behind Vienna Town Hall every Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon offering a wide variety of farm-fresh produce, cut flowers, breads and pastries, mozzarella cheese, fresh-squeezed orange juice, and more. For additional information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

The Nottoway Park Farmers' Market is open each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the adjacent Plant Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to noon. For information, call Ed Bielecki at 703-281-3530.

International Children's Festival will be held at Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts Saturday and Sunday, September 14 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Emcee Bob McGrath from "Sesame Street" will welcome young entertainers from around the world, and the festival will also include craft workshops and interaction with the latest high-tech innovations. Tickets may be purchased in advance on the web at Tickets.com, in person at the Wolf Trap box office or by calling

703-218-6500. Tickets for children 3 to 12 and senior citizens 65 and older are \$8, adults and teens are \$10 and children under three are admitted free. The festival is held rain or shine and there will be no refunds.

Learning in Retirement Institute (LRI), an affiliate of George Mason University and member of the Elderhostel Institute Network, offers daytime courses, trips and special events for senior citizens. Registration is now underway for the fall term, which begins September 23. For more information, attend the September 3 open house at the LRI office, 4210 Roberts Rd. in Fairfax, or call 703-503-3384.

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, "Through the Eyes of an Artist" featuring watercolorist Janice Burns, runs through September 22. For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartsociety.org.

Jewish Tales, Old & New will be told by Barbara Effron at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E. The program is sponsored by the Shelley A. Marshall Foundation in memory of 9-11 Pentagon victim Shelley Marshall. To register and for more information, call the library at 703-938-0405.

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, September 8, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Rd. For information, call 301-946-3511 or visit www.nbc-dc.org.

Financial Planning for Separation and Divorce will be held on Thursday, September 19, from 7 to 10 p.m. at The Women's Center, 133 Park St., N.E. Financial consultant Aubrey Ann Smith will provide information on how to protect your income tax status, assets holdings and long-term financial security. The cost is \$35 for Women's Center members and

VIENNA CARNIVAL

September 5-8

at Nottoway Park

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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.

BUS TRIPS

Family rafting trip on the James River Saturday, October 5. Leave the Community Center at 11:30 a.m. and return by 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$70 for town residents, and participants must weigh at least 50 pounds.

Enjoy the casinos in Atlantic City on Thursday, September 19. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return about 11:30 p.m. The cost of \$30 per person includes transportation and casino package. Reservation deadline September 12.

Atlantic City overnight trip October 17 and 18. A charter bus will leave the Community Center at 10 a.m. Thursday and return about 7:30 p.m. Friday. The cost for town residents is \$135 per person single occupancy, \$105 double occupancy, and \$95 triple occupancy and includes transportation, casino package, overnight accommodations at the Holiday Inn on the boardwalk, and buffet dinner and breakfast. Registration deadline September 17.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

What to feed a living trust will be presented by attorney David Hoffman on Monday, September 9, 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, record keeping, trusts and the IRS, and more. Free of charge.

SPORTS & FITNESS

Adult Co-ed Softball League begins its fall season on September 9. All games will be played on weeknights 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.

MATURE ADULTS

Catch the "Spirit of America," featuring the U.S. Army Band and ceremonial units, at MCI Center. Two dates available: Friday evening, September 27, or Sunday afternoon, September 29. The only cost is \$10 (town residents) for transportation.

Bike trip along the C&O Canal to Harper's Ferry on Friday, September 20. Leave the Community Center at 9 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. The 18-mile bike ride will progress at an easygoing pace. The fee of \$55 for town residents includes transportation, snacks, and a picnic lunch beside the Potomac River. Rental bikes are available for an additional \$20 and helmets can be rented for \$3.

Tour Channel 10, the Fairfax County public access TV channel, on Thursday, September 26, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Get a behind-the-scenes view of the facilities and learn about a special six-week program for seniors interested in learning how to produce a TV show. Free of charge; transportation to Channel 10 headquarters in Fairfax is on your own.

Gentle Yoga is for those who have never tried yoga or those who have tried it and thought it was too difficult. This gentler form of yoga will help enhance flexibility, improve balance, increase cardiovascular endurance, relieve stress, and provide other benefits for mind, body and spirit. The class will be held on Tuesdays, September 10-October 29, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The cost for town residents is \$40.

Walking group will meet on Mondays and Fridays, September 9-November 15, from 10 to 11 a.m. Enjoy local trails, scenic paths and parks in the area. The fee of \$5 for town residents covers the cost of a guide and written materials related to walking tips, places to walk, trail maps and more.

Wednesday evening walkers will meet each Wednesday, September 11-November 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The three-mile walking route includes a short stretch of the W&OD Trail and the nature preserve behind Navy Federal Credit Union. Free of charge, but advance registration is required.

Introduction to Dynamic Walking Monday, September 30, 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 \$8 for town residents.

Personal History Class, for people interested in documenting their life stories for themselves and future generations to enjoy, will be held on Thursdays, Septem-

ber 19-February 27, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. No previous writing experience required! Memory stimulators and other activities will help you be creative. The \$15 fee includes coffee/tea at each class and a spiral-bound copy of your writings at the end of the session.

Free blood pressure check for senior citizens on Wednesday, September 11, from 10 to 11 a.m. by members of The Medical Team.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

GIRLSgroup, for grades 9-12, will meet on Monday, September 30, 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; to register, call Susanna Flint at 703-255-5721.

Will Smith Movie Festival Saturday, September 21, from 7 to 11:30 p.m. The movie marathon will include three of the most popular films starring Will Smith. Free of charge; popcorn and pizza will be provided by the Teen Center.

Babysitting fundamentals, for boys and girls age 12 and older, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, September 14. Learn how to care for infants and young children, including bathing, games/activities, basic first aid, diapering, and safety practices. The fee of \$30 per person includes a manual and certificate upon completion. Bring a bag lunch and a doll.

S.P.A.R.C. (Student Program of Arts and Recreation Combined), designed with the 6th grader in mind, will be held on Friday, September 20, 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 be held on Monday, September 23, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The group

Vienna Police Department COPS & KIDS RUN for Ages 6-14



10 a.m. Saturday, September 28
Police Headquarters, 215 Center St., S.

This annual event promotes good relations between the police and area children and encourages kids to find alternatives to using drugs

Refreshments provided
Free T-shirts for all kids who participate
Children ages 6-8 must be accompanied by an adult

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED
AT THE VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER

focuses on making new friends, learning team building, performing community service, and being involved with anti-drug and violence prevention programs. There is a one-time \$10 fee for refreshments and supplies, and registration is required.

Saturday concert dates for high school students are scheduled September 7, 14 and 28 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission \$5.

Middle school dance featuring a video DJ will be held on Friday, September 6, from 6-10 p.m. Admission \$3.

Tournaments and contests for middle school students are held on Fridays at 4 p.m. Here's what's coming up this month: September 6 — pool tournament; September 13 — Black Jack; September 20 — limbo contest; September 27 — ping pong tournament. Free of charge.

POTPOURRI

Personal Safety, the popular crime prevention class for women, will be held in four parts — September 9, 11, 16 and 18 — 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. The cost is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee; advance registration required.

Caring for Your Newborn, for expectant parents, will be held on Tuesday, September 10, from 6 to 8 p.m. Dr. Brenda Murphy of Advanced Pediatrics will discuss 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.



Thanks to Nick Abbott of Boy Scout Troop 976, who designed and built the obstacle course at Vienna's new Dog Park, and to Home Depot for donating the materials.