



**TOWN
OF
VIENNA**

NEWSLETTER

October 2003

Halloween Parade

The 57th annual Vienna Halloween Parade will step off at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 29, on Maple Avenue. See page 4 for parade information.

Holiday Closing

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, October 13, for Columbus Day. Trash will be collected as usual that day for residents on the Monday route.

Meet Your Supervisor

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins invites citizens to meet with her on Wednesday, October 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, call the Supervisor's office at 703-478-0283.

Personal Property Tax Due

October 5 is the deadline to pay Fairfax County personal property tax on motor vehicles. Town of Vienna residents pay the County personal property tax but purchase their windshield decals from the Town. Please see page 5 of this newsletter for more information.

NEW IN TOWN? Vienna's Public Information Office has a welcome packet especially for new residents. Stop by Town Hall & pick one up or call 703-255-6330 to have one mailed to you.

Leaf Pickup Begins This Month

Fall leaf collection will begin on October 20 in south Vienna and October 27 on the north side of town. The complete schedule is given below.

ALL LEAVES MUST BE AT THE CURBSIDE PRIOR TO THE FIRST SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY FOR EACH PASS THROUGH YOUR AREA. ONCE YOUR STREET HAS BEEN COVERED, CREWS WILL NOT DOUBLE BACK.

Department of Public Works crews using leaf vacuum machines will collect leaves that residents have raked to the curbside. If you miss your vacuum collection dates, the Public Works Department will still collect your leaves; however, the leaves must be bagged and placed at the curbside for pickup with your regular trash. Up to 20 bags of leaves will be picked up on any single refuse collection day throughout the year.

Please rake leaves just to the curbside, not into the street. Cars parked on leaf piles may catch on fire, and children playing in the leaves may be struck by a passing vehicle. Also, leaves may prevent rain water from reaching storm water inlets. Residents may wish to move vehicles off the street to avoid dust from the leaf vacuums when the weather is dry; the Town cannot be responsible for washing cars.

For more information about leaf collection, call the Public Works Department at 703-255-6381.

2003 FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaves must be at the curbside prior to the first scheduled collection day for each pass through your area

**SOUTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 20–25
NOVEMBER 3–15
DECEMBER 1–17**

**NORTH VIENNA — OCTOBER 27–NOVEMBER 1
NOVEMBER 17–29
DECEMBER 18–31**

No Special Pickups During Leaf Collection

Because of fall leaf collection, no Special Trash Pickups will be made in November and December. The last day to order a Special Pickup for this year is Wednesday, October 1. Call 703-255-5727.

TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.

JULY 7, 2003

- Conducted a closed session for the annual organizational meeting.
- Made the following appointments: Councilwoman Kelleher Mayor Pro Tempore; Councilman Boudreau to the Northern Virginia Regional Commission; Councilwoman Cole to the Administrative Committee of the Town's Employee Retirement Plan; Councilman Lovelace as liaison to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Councilwoman Kelleher to the Hunter Mill District Council and Hunter Mill Land Use Committee; Councilwoman Robinson to the Providence District Council; and Councilman Verinder as liaison to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.
- Denied a request to close Niblick Drive, S.E., at the entrance to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.
- Approved the final plat for the subdivision of the property at 306 Glyndon St., S.E. Waived installation of curb, gutter and sidewalk, with the sum of

\$6,421.60 to be placed in escrow for public improvements at other locations as determined by Council.

- Approved a 15-foot Town easement through Tyson's Estates Subdivision, located at Ashgrove Lane and Ashgrove Meadows Way.

- Adopted a proclamation honoring John J. Pickeral, Jr., on his retirement as Bandmaster of the Vienna Community Band.

- Adopted increased rental rates for the Vienna Community Center effective July 14.

- Approved the following bid awards and contract extensions: gas detectors awarded to Safeware of Largo, MD, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000; private landfill usage to Lorton Landfill at an estimated annual cost of \$59,000; stone for street work to Chantilly Crushed Stone at an estimated amount not to exceed \$34,000; and participating in a Fairfax County contract with District International Trucks, Fairfax Auto Parts, J.K. Distributors,

Northern Virginia Supply and Parts Central.

- Conducted a closed session to discuss matters of Town owned real estate.

AUGUST 18, 2003

- Recommended to the Fairfax County Circuit Court the reappointment of Nancy Oaks to the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals for a five-year term. Reappointed Fred Skaer to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.

- Conducted public hearings on proposed amendments to the zoning code concerning site plan control provisions.

- Approved the purchase of an emergency telephone notification system with high-speed broadcast fax option to Dialogic Communication Corp. in the total amount of \$24,625, funding to come from an emergency preparedness grant.

- Approved a change order to the Maple Avenue Enhancement Project in the amount of \$36,243.09 for removal and replacement of inlet top, additional driveway entrance and sidewalk, removal and replacement of brick sidewalk and additional header curb.

- Approved the emergency purchase of equipment for the Police Department's women's safety program to replace items damaged by flooding in the basement of the police building. The cost of \$7,500 is to be reimbursed by insurance.

- Approved a maintenance agreement for the Town's telecommunications and phone mail system with Siemens Enterprise Networks in the amount of \$10,823.

- Awarded engineering fees in the amount of \$16,352 to Whitman, Requardt & Associates to complete a site plan for the Nutley Street Property Yard.

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VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL

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

Comment from the Council Table

Rapid Notification System New Tool in Serving Public Safety

By Laurie Genevro Cole
Vienna Town Councilwoman

As we begin the month of October this year, we are bracketed by two terrible anniversaries of events that shook our nation's and our community's sense of safety. This September 11 marked two years since the terrorist attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center. Vienna's American Legion Post 180 held a moving commemoration ceremony on the Freeman House lawn, as it did last year. October brings the reminder that one year ago our community was living under the shadow of the sniper shootings. Concerns for public safety caused the Vienna Halloween Parade to be canceled for the first — and we hope only — time in its history. Plans for this year's parade are on track and we look forward to a great event from the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce and its partners and volunteers.

In its role as a guardian of public safety, the Town must also look forward and prepare to respond to the next challenge, whatever it may be. As part of that effort, in August the Council approved purchase of a "high-speed notification system" to enhance the Town's public safety services. This computer-based system can rapidly call residents to alert them to public safety emergencies. Funding for the purchase and installation of the system comes from a federal grant to help local governments with emergency preparedness.

Vienna Police Chief Col. Robert Carlisle brought the grant opportunity and emergency notification project to the Council last year. "After 9/11, I had several citizens call and ask how they would be notified of emergency information," Chief Carlisle says. "They wanted to know if there was a system in place to provide emergency alerts to them in a timely fashion. I realized that, in light of the world we live in today, we had a gap that technology could fill. The Council requested that we explore this technology."

The new system won't replace television or radio for area-wide emergency notices. For news about a tornado warning,

for example, residents should rely on Emergency Alert System announcements on radio and TV, or on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) broadcast service (available on specialized radio receivers). But for emergency information specific to the Town, or even a particular neighborhood, the new notification system can reach our residents quickly and directly.

Chief Carlisle cites several "less catastrophic" situations where the system will also serve public safety. If a neighborhood is experiencing a pattern of burglaries, or if scam operators are reported in Town, the Police Department can use it to disseminate information and warnings. In the past, a hazardous material spill sent the police door-to-door passing out information in the affected neighborhood. The new system would transmit that information directly by telephone. Other jurisdictions have used the technology to notify residents about missing children and Alzheimer patients. The Town will also be able to use the system to call in off-duty employees as necessary in emergency situations.



Councilwoman Cole

Residents do not have to sign up to be on the "call list" for the high-speed notification system. There will be a means to opt out if you do not want to be called.

Businesses will have the option of signing up to receive fax notices, which would give them printed wanted posters, lookout notices and scam alerts.

Chief Carlisle anticipates the system will be operational by the end of this year, following a period of training and testing.

We all hope and pray that this system will never need to be used for a catastrophic emergency. But the essence of preparedness is to be ready, just in case. For the sake of residents' safety, I think this is a worthy investment for the Town.

At-risk Residents Eligible for Special Notification During Emergencies

The Vienna Police Department and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department sponsor an "inclement weather program" for the elderly, disabled and those with severe medical conditions. In the event of inclement weather, widespread power outages, or hazardous road conditions, a "check on the welfare" telephone call list is activated and, if needed, a temporary emergency shelter will be opened.

The Vienna Police Department also maintains an emergency notification registry to facilitate prompt and proper contact with next-of-kin or other designated person in the event of an emergency.

Registration forms for both of these programs are available at police headquarters and can also be downloaded from the Town's Web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us. For more information or to receive a registration form by mail, call the Police Department at 703-255-6366.

These services are provided free-of-charge and are strictly voluntary. The information provided by residents will be used only in emergency situations.

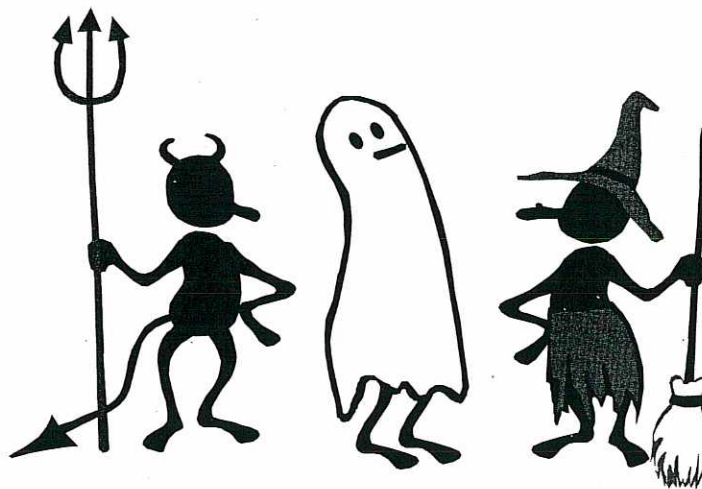
57th Annual
VIENNA HALLOWEEN PARADE

“Celebrating Our Volunteers”

in Honor of the 100th Anniversary of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 29th
on Maple Avenue

**Grand Marshals – Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept. Chief Don Burns
& Former Chiefs Bill Ellis, Scotty Allensworth, Charles Singleton**



**Kids are invited to walk in the parade in their Halloween costumes.
Meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank,
374 Maple Ave., E. (same place as last year).
Children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult.**

Parade Information 703-281-1333
Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce

Town Residents Pay County Personal Property Tax, But Don't Need Decal

Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals are renewed every year on April 15. Fairfax County personal property tax is due every year on October 5, and Fairfax County motor vehicle decals are also renewed at that time. If you live within the town limits you only need a Vienna decal, NOT a Fairfax County decal. So, if you have a valid 2003 Vienna decal, it is good until April 15, 2004.

This year, most Fairfax County residents received their decals in the mail along with their bills. Through a clerical error, some Vienna residents may also have received County decals; these may be discarded.

If you have recently moved to Vienna and need to register your vehicles, or if you have new vehicles to register, please note that Vienna vehicle decals are reduced to half price on October 1 each year, and further reduced to one-third price on January 15. The charges are:

	April 15-Sept. 30	Oct. 1-Jan. 14	Jan. 15-April 14
Cars and trucks 4,000 lbs. and under	\$20	\$10	\$6.67
Cars and trucks over 4,000 lbs.	\$25	\$12.50	\$8.33
Motorcycles	\$10.50	\$5.25	\$3.50

If you have questions about Town of Vienna motor vehicle decals, please call the Finance Department at 703-255-6323 or visit www.ci.vienna.va.us. For information about Fairfax County personal property tax on motor vehicles, call 703-222-8234 or visit www.co.fairfax.va.us/dta.

Voter Registration Deadline Oct. 6

Monday, October 6, is the last day to register to vote in the November 4 general election. Registration applications are available at various locations around the county, including the Town Clerk's Office at Town Hall, and may also be downloaded from the County Web site, www.co.fairfax.va.us/eb.

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, a Virginia resident, and at least 18 years old on or before election day. If you are already a registered voter, no additional registration is required for this election; however, you should check your voter registration card to be sure it lists your current address and update it if necessary.

For more information, call the General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776. Recorded information is available 24 hours a day at 703-324-4700.

Chief's Advisory Committee October 2

The Police Chief's Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 2, in the Council Chamber at Town Hall. 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.

For more information, call the Police Department at 703-255-6366.

Town Dining Guide Now Online

The 2003 Vienna Dining & Lodging Guide is now online at the Town's Web site, www.ci.vienna.va.us. Click on "Quick Facts" and then "Visitor Info."

The guide contains an alphabetical listing of eating establishments in town and also classifies them by type of cuisine. A locator map is provided as well as information about individual restaurants such as phone and fax numbers, hours of operation, price range, and take-out and catering services.

Council Action

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- Waived fixture connection fees in the amount of \$8,500 for renovations to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

- Authorized the purchase of equipment through a capital lease.

- Approved the establishment of multiple blanket purchase orders for the replacement of approximately 31 computers during the fiscal year at a cost not to exceed \$50,000.

- Renewed support services for the Town's central financial system from Sun-gard/Pentamation Enterprises in the estimated amount of \$30,400.

- Directed the delinquent real estate property tax list be transmitted to Fairfax County, and published in a newspaper and posted on the Town's Web site. Those properties delinquent for more than two years will have liens recorded against them.

- Conducted a closed session to discuss pending litigation against the Town, specifically *Covel v. Town of Vienna*.

Town Council agendas and minutes are available online.

Go to www.ci.vienna.va.us & click on "Government."

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

Fall Antiques Show and Sale October 10-12. Hours are noon-8 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. Dealers will show and sell a variety of furniture and collectibles. Admission is \$4.50 per person, and food will be sold by Vie de France.

Vienna Community Band, under the direction of Joseph C. Stynchula, will present a fall concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 2. Free admission.

Tickets go on sale October 1 for the Bob Brown Puppets' production of "Panda-Monium." Admission is \$3 per person for ages 1 and older. The show, scheduled for 2 p.m. Monday, November 3, brings to the stage the chills, thrills and excitement of a Chinese circus.

Quarterly coin and stamp show November 1 and 2. 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 TRIP

Visit historic Fredericksburg on Thursday, October 16. Leave the Community Center at 8:30 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. The cost of \$55 for town residents includes transportation; admission to the Belmont mansion, Rising Sun Tavern and the National Historic District; and a full lunch at Brocks Riverside Grill.

MANAGING YOUR MONEY & YOUR ESTATE

Investing basics will be presented on Monday, October 20, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Sean Sinclair of Edward Jones Investment will discuss how to examine your financial situation, control your taxes, and identify and manage risk tolerance. Free of charge; no advance registration required.

The 5-step Estate Plan will be presented on Monday, October 6, 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; no advance registration required.

AT THE TEEN CENTER

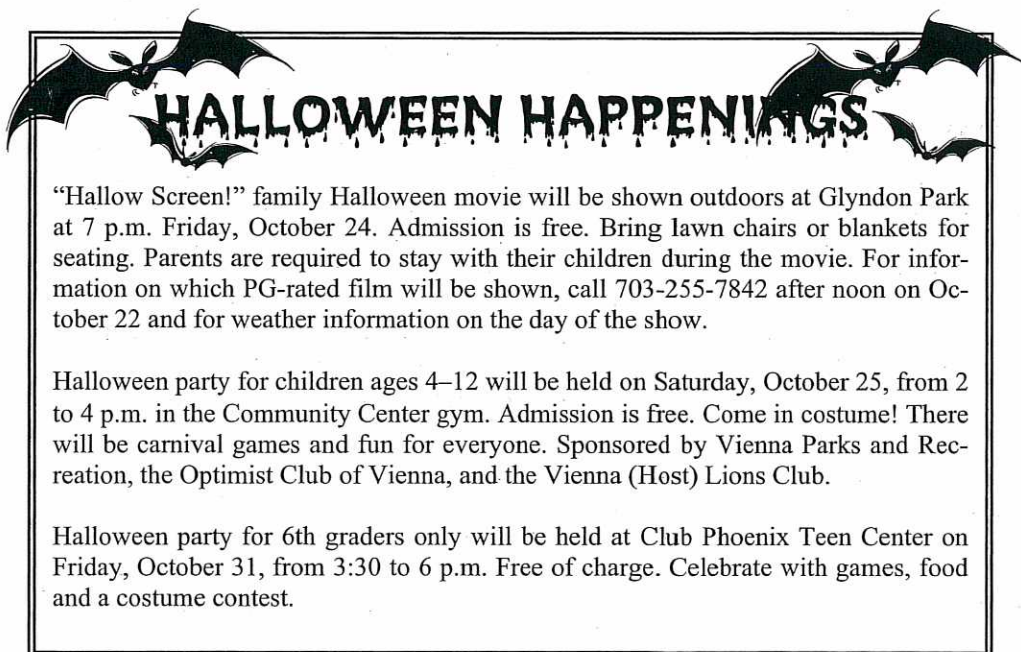
"Neighborhood College," a leadership program for grades 9-12, will be held each Wednesday, October 29-November 19, from 5:45 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our future community leaders will learn how to run effective meetings, make decisions within a group and work in a multicultural environment. There is no charge for the program and a light meal will be served at each session. For more information, call Robin Patton at 703-787-4998 or e-mail Robin.Patton@fairfaxcounty.gov. The program is sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services in partnership with the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department and the Vienna-Madison Community Coalition.

Karaoke Challenge for middle school students Friday, October 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free admission. Show off your talents and you may win a prize!

SPORTS & FITNESS

One-night Dynamic Walking Wednesday, October 8, from 6 to 8 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. Participants will also learn to use a pedometer. The cost is \$8 for town residents, and advance registration is required.

Dynamic Walking at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens October 3, 10 and 17 from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. Learn Dynamic Walking and Dynamic Body Exercises as well as how to use a pedometer to clock your steps and how to choose your walking shoes. The cost for town residents is \$15 for all three sessions and includes a pass to walk at the park each Friday through October. Advance registration required.



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

"Hallow Screen!" family Halloween movie will be shown outdoors at Glyndon Park at 7 p.m. Friday, October 24. Admission is free. Bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. Parents are required to stay with their children during the movie. For information on which PG-rated film will be shown, call 703-255-7842 after noon on October 22 and for weather information on the day of the show.

Halloween party for children ages 4-12 will be held on Saturday, October 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Community Center gym. Admission is free. Come in costume! There will be carnival games and fun for everyone. Sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation, the Optimist Club of Vienna, and the Vienna (Host) Lions Club.

Halloween party for 6th graders only will be held at Club Phoenix Teen Center on Friday, October 31, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Free of charge. Celebrate with games, food and a costume contest.

POTPOURRI

Teen Job Bank is now open! Vienna area teens are available to rake leaves, babysit, shovel snow, do computer work, and help with other odd jobs. The teen and the person needing the work decide on the amount to be paid for the service. Teens can sign up with the Job Bank at the Community Center, and residents can call 703-255-6360 to be matched with a young worker.

Personal Safety for Women will be held in four parts – October 27 and 29, and November 3 and 5 – from 7 to 10 p.m. (*All sessions must be attended.*) 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. Participants should expect to become more confident both physically and psychologically in an attack situation. The fee is \$5 for town residents plus a \$15 materials fee; registration required.

Get Ready for Town Cleanup Day

The Town's fall cleanup, sponsored by Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission, will be held rain or shine on Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. to noon. Individuals, families and community service groups are invited to participate in making Vienna a more beautiful community.

Clean up your own neighborhood, or be assigned an area of town that needs attention. Check in at the Vienna Community Center on cleanup day to receive garbage bags and gloves. Walk-ins are welcome; however, organizations are asked to complete the registration form below by October 31 and return it to the Community Center. For more information, call Cathy Salgado at 703-255-6356.

Organization Registration Form – Deadline October 31, 2003

Yes, our organization is interested in participating in the November 8 Town Cleanup Day. Please contact us to arrange participation.

No, but contact us regarding other community service projects.

Name of Organization _____ Contact person _____

Address _____

Home phone # _____ Work phone # _____

Number of volunteers _____ Age range _____ Area of interest _____

Our Town at Vienna Community Center



The Vienna Theatre Company will present Thornton Wilder's prize-winning drama, *Our Town*, at the Vienna Community Center October 17, 18, 24, 25, 31 and November 1 at 8 p.m. and October 26 at 2 p.m. (signed performance).

Our Town depicts life in the memorable New Hampshire village of Groves Corners. Artistic Director Suzanne Maloney (*To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Same Time Next Year*) directs this masterpiece of turn-of-the-century Americana, which won the 1938 Pulitzer Prize. Cast members include (clockwise from top of photo) Harriet Pilger, Fred Lash, Kevin Summers and Nancy Lyons.

Admission is \$8 general admission and \$7 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. Tickets are available at the Community Center.

HAPPENINGS AROUND OUR TOWN

Your old eyeglasses can give the gift of sight to those less fortunate. The Vienna Lions sponsor collection boxes at the following locations: Vienna Community Center; Patrick Henry Library; Vienna Optical, 301 Maple Ave., W., #A; Vienna Eye Care, 120 Beulah Rd., N.E.; Dr. Daniel Framm, 302 Maple Ave., W.; Kwik Kopy, 446 Maple Ave., E. (enter from East Street); and Alabaster Clock Shop, 101 Pleasant St., N.W.

Apple sale, sponsored by the Vienna Ayrhill Lions Club, will be held Friday and Saturday, October 17 and 18, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of Danor Plaza Shopping Center, Maple Avenue and Branch Road.

Farmers' Market behind Town Hall, sponsored by the Vienna Jaycees, is open each Saturday through October from 8 a.m. to noon, featuring local fruits and vegetables, including tomatoes, squash, zucchini, potatoes, apples and pumpkins, plus cut flowers, breads, soaps and potted plants. Everyone is invited to a pumpkin-carving contest at the market on October 25. For more information, call Karyn at 703-861-7784.

Historic Vienna Inc. will hold a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 14, at the Vienna Community Center. Guest speaker will be Susan Inskip Gray, Curator/Visitor Services Manager for the City of Fairfax Office of Historic Resources, who will tell the Civil War love story of Confederate spy Antonia Ford and Union officer Joseph Willard. The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia invites new residents to its luncheon meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday, October 2, at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Rd. The program will feature Jan Alten, owner of Opera House Gourmet. For reservations and information, call 703-242-7277.

Annual fall yard sale will be held in the parking lot at Wesley Preschool, 711 Spring St., S.E., on Saturday, October 11.

For more information or to reserve a sales space, call the preschool office at 703-938-3970.

Fall Craft Festival, featuring members of the Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild, will be held on Saturday, October 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, October 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Rd., Springfield. Admission is \$2 per person, and proceeds will go to Lee's 2004 graduation party. Dozens of juried artisans will sell gift items, home accessories, and collectibles.

Garage sale, to benefit Friends of Homeless Animals, will be held at the Vienna Community Center on Saturday, October 18, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.foha.org.

Louise Archer Elementary School is selling Sally Foster wrapping paper and Harry London chocolates to help pay for computers, playground equipment, library books, cultural activities and other school programs. For a catalog or to place an order, call the school at 703-937-6200 by October 10, or go directly to the Sally Foster online store at www.sallyfoster.com and select Louise Archer as the school to benefit. Products will be delivered in early November.

Vienna Photographic Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 1, in the Lecture Hall at Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Ln. *National Geographic* travel photographer Richard Nowitz will discuss lighting and the use of flash outdoors. For more information, call Mo at 703-816-2423 or visit www.safeport.com/vps.

Calling All Crafters! The Vienna Woman's Club is accepting applications for its 43rd annual Harvest Bazaar, which will be held November 8 at the Vienna Community Center. For information and an application, call 703-938-7716 or 703-573-3926.

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 October 18 is "Inspirations from the Southwest Desert Mountain Country," featuring artist Anne Leonard. Opening October 19 is Kay Flanagan's "Catching the Light." For information, call 703-319-3971 or visit www.viennaartssociety.org.

"Understanding Fibromyalgia: A Holistic Approach to Chronic Pain and Fatigue" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 20, at New Life Wellness Center, 301 Maple Ave., W. Free of charge. Learn about the causes of this syndrome, its effect on the body and non-drug treatment of symptoms. To register and for more information, call 703-242-7474 or visit www.newlifewellness.com.

2004 Entertainment Books are now available, with "two-for-one" offers and up to 50% discounts on local and national restaurants, hotels and resorts, entertainment venues and other merchants. Books cost \$35 each and are available from NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees), which donates all profits to Alzheimer's research. To order, call Shirley Martin at 703-938-6580.

"Totally Eccentric Adventurous Red Hatters" will host a luncheon and Victorian fashion show at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, October 25, at That's Amore, 150 Branch Rd., S.E. The Red Hat Society is a national organization for women over age 50 who just want to have fun. The cost for the luncheon is \$25 per person and the reservation deadline is October 16. RSVP to Shirley Jackson at 703-938-4747 or e-mail Supergram613@surfbest.net.

The MOMS Club (Moms Offering Moms Support) is an international non-profit organization specifically for at-home mothers. The group's activities include speakers and discussions, park playdays, playgroups for pre-schoolers, baby-sitting co-ops, book clubs, service projects benefiting needy children and a monthly MOMS Night Out. For information about the Vienna chapter, contact Shannon at ssieff@cox.net or call 703-281-7901.

Vienna Toastmasters will meet at the Vienna Community Center October 8 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in developing the skills of effective communication is welcome to attend. For information, call Jim Tompkins at 703-201-6555.

La Leche League of Vienna will meet at 10 a.m. October 1 and November 5. Pregnant and nursing women and their children are welcome to attend. The topic for this month is "The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties." For more information and meeting location, call 703-281-5801 or 703-716-4872, or e-mail abcgray@hotmail.com.

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. Regular donors may 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.

Northern Virginia Model Railroaders will hold an open house at the Vienna Railroad Station, corner of Dominion Road and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E., on Saturday, October 18, from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free; donations accepted. See the Western North Carolina operating HO scale model railroad layout, set in the 1950's, that is on permanent display at the station. For information, call 703-938-5157 or visit www.nvmr.org.

National Depression Screening Day is Thursday, October 9. This free and anonymous program provides an opportunity to complete a short questionnaire about yourself or a loved one and then speak with a professional therapist. Screening will be held at The Women's Center, 133 Park St., N.E. from 3 to 6 p.m. To register and for more information on this and other Women's Center programs, call 703-281-2657. Walk-in's also welcome.



2003 Vienna Christmas Ornament Available at the Freeman House

Again this year, Historic Vienna, Inc., is selling an original Christmas ornament depicting a historic site in town. The 2003 ornament is Vienna Elementary School, which is celebrating its 131st year of education and its 80th year in the existing building. The miniature wooden replica is designed and hand-painted by Rachael A. Peden of Virginia's Northern Neck and sells for \$17.50 exclusively at the Freeman House general store, 131 Church St., N.E. Store hours are noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Historic Vienna Christmas cards, and ornaments from past years – Freeman House, original library, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Vienna railroad station, Vienna Inn and the caboose – are also available. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

Stynchula New Community Bandmaster

Joseph C. Stynchula is the new Bandmaster of the Vienna Community Band, following the retirement of John J. Pickeral, Jr. He is a graduate of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA, with a degree in Music Education and is pursuing a Master of Arts, Education from the University of Phoenix.

In addition to his work with the Vienna band, Stynchula plays tuba with the National Concert Band of America, Falls Church Community Band, Kings Park Community Band and other musical groups in the area, and over the years he has performed as a vocalist and in a variety of ensembles from brass quintet to symphonic bands to swing/jazz bands. His primary instrument is the tuba, but he also plays trombone, euphonium, and French horn. Stynchula served in the military, both as a musician and as a sound/recording technician.

The new Bandmaster invites adults who play a musical instrument suitable for a concert band to join the Vienna Community Band. No audition is required. Especially needed are clarinet, bassoon, oboe, percussion and tuba players, but all are welcome. Rehearsals are held at the Vienna Community Center on Sunday evenings. For more information, visit the band's Web site, www.seas.gwu.edu/~carroll/vienna or e-mail Patricia O'Keeffe, pokeeffe2001@yahoo.com or Joe Stynchula, jcstynchula@copper.net.

The Vienna Community Band numbers about 80 volunteer musicians who live in Vienna and surrounding communities, have diverse musical and professional backgrounds, and are drawn together by a love of musical performance. The band plays a wide variety of music at free public concerts throughout the year and participates in major Town events such as the July 4th celebration, ViVa! Vienna! and Walk on the Hill.

Vienna Names in the News

Congratulations to the **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department**, which was recently awarded a \$53,325 grant for Fire Operations and Firefighter Safety by the U.S. Fire Administration. The award, part of \$750 million being distributed to over 7,000 fire departments this year, will be used to equip the station with a sprinkler system as well as for the purchase of a laptop computer and LCD projector for training. The sprinkler system will allow for expansion to accommodate any future renovations to the building.

Town Councilman **Al Boudreau** is the first president of the newly formed Virginia Local Government Finance Corp., jointly sponsored by the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Cities and Counties. The purpose of the group is to provide the lowest cost and most flexible financing options for capital projects and equipment purchases by local governments throughout the state. Through its Pooled Bond Program, projects from different localities can be combined, financing costs shared, and volume discounts received, thus saving money for all participants.

Welcome New Businesses

The following business licenses were issued in August:

Mulville Consulting Services
consultant – aerospace
200 Church St., N.E.
703-850-9053

Directions Service Corp.
contract service
402 Creek Crossing Rd., N.E.
703-938-4547

Shorehouse Homescapes
general contractor
370 Holmes Dr., N.W.
703-447-7142

Ensuring Security
Internet mail order service
515 Walker St., S.W.
703-242-1239

Stahl Exotic Animal
Veterinary
veterinarian
111 Center St., S. #A
703-281-3750

new ownership:
BBQ Country
118 Branch Rd., S.E.
703-319-8746

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Support Our Hometown Merchants

Congratulations to the following businesses, both commercial and home occupations, celebrating milestone anniversaries this month: *20 years* — Vienna Chiropractic Associates; *10 years* — Achikian Goldsmiths, Callaway and Payne, Coldwell Banker Stevens Realtors, Jeff Love & Associates, Kaybar Associates, Stratford Wayne & Associates, Tara Thai Restaurant, Terra Christa.

Halloween Safety Tips For Kids

Anytime a child has an accident, it's tragic. But the last thing that you want to happen is for a child to be hurt on a holiday because it would forever mar that day in the minds of the child and his family.

There are many ways to keep your children safe at Halloween, when they are more prone to accidents and injuries. The excitement of children and adults at this time of year sometimes makes them forget to be careful. Simple common sense can do a lot to stop any tragedies from happening.

- ▶ Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof, with eye holes large enough for good peripheral vision.
- ▶ If you set jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles in them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.
- ▶ Make sure that if your child is carrying a prop, such as a broom, wand or sword, that the tip is smooth and flexible enough not to cause injury if the child falls.
- ▶ Kids always want to help with the pumpkin carving. Small children shouldn't be allowed to use a sharp knife to cut the top or the face. There are many kits available that come with tiny saws that work better than knives and are safer, although you can be cut by them as well. It's best to let the kids clean out the pumpkin and draw a face on it, which you can carve for them.
- ▶ Treating your kids to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat the candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- ▶ Teaching your kids basic everyday safety, such as not getting into cars or talking to strangers and looking both ways before crossing streets, will help make them safer when they are out Trick-or-Treating.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Political Signs Require a Permit

With election season in full swing, it is appropriate to consider the Town's zoning regulations pertaining to political signs:

The Town Code requires all candidates for political office to obtain a permit to erect signs from the Department of Planning and Zoning. The cost is \$15 for the temporary sign permit and \$25 for a sign bond that is refundable once the election is over and all signs have been removed. The permit entitles the candidate to post not more than five signs not exceeding a total area of 20 square feet. Any such sign must be posted on private property and may be erected in that time period between 30 days prior to election day and five days after the election.

Property owners may erect signs for the candidates of their choice on their own property. Based on a ruling by the Town Attorney, citizens are not subject to the permit or time length requirements in the placement of signs on property that they own.

It is unlawful to place signs on street lights, utility poles, markers or other signs, or to place a sign within ten feet of the curb or edge of pavement.

For more information, please contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341.

Dog Owners Required To Clean Up After Pets

The Town of Vienna has a "pooper scooper" ordinance that requires dog owners to clean up after their pets when out for a walk. Please be a responsible pet owner and don't allow your dog to foul the lawns of neighbors. *Tip: The plastic sleeves used on newspapers make excellent pooper scoopers!*

Also, signs are posted in several Town parks to remind pet owners that dogs are not allowed on athletic fields, tennis and basketball courts, playgrounds, and picnic areas because of the nuisance and potential health hazard to park users. The Town Animal Warden is authorized to fine pet owners found in violation of these laws.

Dog owners are reminded that it is against the law to let dogs run at large on public or private property.

October

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
All meetings are held at Vienna Town Hall at 8 p.m. unless noted otherwise			1 Last day to call for Special Pickup in 2003	2 Police Chief's Advisory Committee, 7 p.m.	3	4
5 Trash pickup first collection day, curbside recycling second collection day each week	6 <i>Yom Kippur</i> Town Council	7 Windover Heights Board of Review, 7:30 p.m.	8 Planning Commission	9 Town/Business Liaison Committee, 6:30 p.m.	10	11
12	13 <i>Columbus Day</i> Town Hall closed	14	15 Board of Zoning Appeals	16 Board of Architectural Review	17	18
19	20 Leaf collection south side of town thru Oct. 25	21	22 Planning Commission	23 Community Enhancement Commission, 7:30 p.m.	24	25
26	27 Leaf collection north side of town thru Nov. 1 Town Council	28 Transportation Safety Commission	29 Halloween Parade on Maple Ave., 7 p.m.	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>	

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This Month in History

from the Vienna Newsletter archives

OCTOBER 1993 – Town Hall received a visit from two dozen local officials from Saitama Prefecture, located just north of metropolitan Tokyo, Japan. The delegation spent time with Vienna Town Council members and Town staff learning about financial and land use planning, and other aspects of local government in the U.S. They said Vienna had been recommended to them as an example of efficient and productive management.

OCTOBER 1983 – The Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed design of the I-66/Nutley Street interchange on October 24. The Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation held a hearing last month on the proposal to construct a full cloverleaf interchange and to widen Nutley from four to six lanes from the town boundary to Lee Highway in conjunction with the construction of the Vienna Metro Station.

OCTOBER 1973 – The Town Council passed a 90-day tree removal moratorium, effective October 2, in which time the Town staff plans to design a tree ordinance. The moratorium affects all tracts of land in Vienna. The only people exempt from the moratorium are homeowners wanting to remove diseased or dangerous trees. All other tree removal requests must go through Council.

OCTOBER 1963 – We are sure that Vienna citizens are anxiously awaiting the completion of the new Town Hall. The new wing has been completed sufficiently to permit the moving of the business offices; however, for perhaps 90 days the public is going to be inconvenienced by the absence of a front door.

CALL THESE NUMBERS 24 HOURS A DAY:

VIENNA NEWSLINE – 703-255-6333

POLICE INFO LINE – 703-255-6363

Visit the Town's web site at www.ci.vienna.va.us

Change Smoke Detector Batteries

Battery-powered smoke detectors need to have the batteries replaced annually or when the battery alarm activates. Start a life-saving habit by replacing your battery in the fall when you change your clock. On October 26, when you change your clocks back from Daylight Savings Time, also change your smoke detector batteries.

Over the years, smoke detectors have become a standard feature in nearly every home. Like other household appliances, they are often taken for granted. Little attention is paid to smoke detectors until tragedy strikes. But tragedy can be averted and lives saved with the help of properly installed and maintained smoke detectors.

Fairfax County law mandates that all dwellings must have smoke detectors installed outside the sleeping areas and in basements. However, it is recommended that residents install smoke detectors on all levels of the home.

Having a smoke detector in the house is not enough. Proper placement and maintenance are also important. Clean and test detectors monthly according to the manufacturer's instructions. And don't forget to change those batteries!

FIRE & RESCUE

911

(Voice & TDD)

VIENNA POLICE EMERGENCY

703-938-4900 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

NON-EMERGENCY

703-255-6366 (Voice)

703-255-5730 (TDD)

VIENNA TOWN HALL

703-255-6300 (Voice)

703-255-5735 (TDD)

COMMUNITY CENTER

703-255-6360 (Voice)

703-255-5739 (TDD)

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127 Center Street, South
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8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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